A Message From the EIC’s (Editor in Chief):

What’s it like to be a Yerd [yearbook nerd]? Being a Yerd entails lots of responsibility, talent, camaraderie and passion. This year each and every staff member possessed these qualities. And to lead it all, we had Mrs. Demeter. My first year on staff had been a dream, but I never imagined how much more my second year would mean. I made incredible friends, learned life-long skills, and found a family that provided a sanctuary from the stress of AP and college-credit classes. Just as Harry felt at home at Hogwarts, so did I come to look forward to my times in room 223. We made an incredible yearbook this year and I know that it was only the fantastic staff as a whole that made this possible. I thank each and every staff-member for their hard work and positive attitudes. Amongst us, we had writers, photographers, designers, and business leaders. Together, we were able to complete a book filled with amazing memories. But the memories we made while carving out our book will always mean the world to me. We shared many laughs, like when Destiny and John wrote a short story featuring Courtney; and then in response, Courtney posted wanted posters with their names on it all over the classroom—or when the 7th-hour staff began mocking my grammatical skills. Chloe and Destiny even accused me of devouring bunnies and puppies in my free time. I remember laughing my hardest in Yearbook class. Often, Mrs. Demeter was there to laugh along with us, which made all the more funny. I thank Sofia Caito, the entire staff and excellent editors for not only helping to create South’s yearbook, but also for giving me my own memories. I wish the best of luck to the staff next year, and hope the graduating staff finds success in college. And I encourage everyone to join yearbook; it contains anything and everything that might interest you. From designing to photography to writing, there is something for everyone. And the fabulous Mrs. Demeter will teach you how to be a pro at any of the areas you haven’t tried. Yearbook changes lives, let it change yours. -Nicole Draper, Yearbook

When I signed to hop on the yearbook train for my second year, I had no idea of the journey ahead. With 30 staff members on board in two different classes, communication was an issue at times. But we pulled through and made sure that it was a smooth ride for the most part. Yearbook class was our ‘sanctuary’ as Mrs. Demeter called it, but at times, it felt like we were drowning in estrogen, as my class was all girls. We all had our ups and downs, but deadline was definitely the days when the most memories were made. Although these were the most stressful days in yearbook, I had my lovely co-EIC Nicole there to provide food and she never failed to take a load off my shoulders when I got freaked out by everyone repeatedly asking, “Sofia... can you help me with something?” every 30 seconds. I’d like to thank Chloe; my partner in yearbook crime for the second year in a row. Editing all the designs was not easy work, but we came together and got it done, even if it took us all night. I’d also like to thank Mrs. Demeter for all the extensions on deadlines, and for being so understanding of my busy schedule. Without her daily checklists, my ADD would have taken a toll for the worse. She kept us all on track this year and it’s been a fun ride. I can’t decide what is better; the memories poured into this book or the memories made while creating the book. Either way it was an unforgettable time and definitely helped me to make the most of my years here at South. I’d recommend yearbook to any creative, motivated, and hardworking student. It will challenge you in design aspects and your journalism skills will be developed into that of a professional. You won’t regret your decision to join the staff. -Sofia Caito, Yearbook