

## **A Year of Great Progress for *The Eagle's Eye***

The 2007-2008 school year has been one of the most progressive years in the history of *The Eagle's Eye*. We have met unthinkable standards through great cooperation and dedication of our great staff and our advisor, Mr. Bracksieck.

In September we knew that we started off on the right foot when we published our largest issue ever in the first month of school: It was a solid, twenty-page paper with strong articles. We also managed to finish that issue ahead of deadlines – another feat.

As the year continued, we still met most deadlines week after week with the cooperation of our editors. We continued to publish strong twenty-page issues, only one sixteen-page, even one twenty-four page issue, and a color issue. We have not missed a month, even in the shortest months where our management was tested.

Our design improved as well with our new laptops and state-of-the-art technology. New software, Indesign CS3, allowed us to experiment creatively in order to create aesthetic centerfolds and professional layouts. We started using this software in the middle of one month, without much tutorial. We exercised a key quality in a newspaper staff by adapting quickly to the changes we faced.

Since then *The Eagle's Eye* has grown month by month not only in its quantity of pages, but quality as well. It has become a chief principle our ours to maintain credibility through our professionalism, cater to school interests, and uphold reputation for minimal grammar mistakes. Each month has gotten better, as our most recent issues won first place by the American Scholastic Press Association.

Another challenge with which we worked diligently to accommodate was an unusual influx of Journalism students this year. When a student takes the Journalism II course at Trumbull High, the student has the opportunity to lay-out and publish his or her page in *The Eagle's Eye* each month. Due to great interest in the paper this year, there were eleven students in Journalism II second semester, compared to a normal one or two per semester in the past. In order to coordinate eleven pages in the middle of the year with eleven extra students, and additionally perform our regular duties, this took a great deal of close organization and attention.

Our challenges have brought us to great heights this school year, and we hope to continue making *The Eagle's Eye* an accessible and highly useful news source for the Trumbull High School community.

*Presented by senior Ben Davis, the 2007-2008 Editor-in-Chief, at the ACE Foundation Celebration Banquet, May 27, 2008*