



Dear Friends and Family,

Another year gone already? How did that happen? Matt is a sophomore at the Schreyer Honors College of Penn State University, currently majoring in Geography. Minors under consideration: Geographic Information Systems and Political Science. College life seems to agree with him, except for the nasty respiratory virus that has plagued him this fall. He worked an internship this summer with the Greater Valley Forge Transportation Management Association and really enjoyed it.

Sarah is a high school sophomore now. She worked in the summer as a swimming instructor for the township Park and Recreation Department. She still plays the saxophone, and is taking the advanced band class that starts before school at 7am. She still loves the Marching Vikings; this year their field show was based on music from Earth, Wind, & Fire. She also expects to make Jazz Band this year, and will compete with them beginning in February. Then there's the Sign Language Club and the Debate team; sometimes it's hard to get all the homework done. She is taking her first AP level course this year; Modern European History.

We are still piling on the theatrical experiences. Last Christmas we caught *Le Miz* at the National Theater in Washington D.C. and *Shear Madness* at the Kennedy Center. For Matt's spring break we went to Broadway to see *Rent*, then Sarah and Barbara went back to see *Spamalot* with the High School Music Department in April. Last month after Thanksgiving we went up to see *The Drowsy Chaperone*, which is the most engaging musical comedy that no one has ever heard of. So far for 2007 we have plans for two more Broadway trips; *Tarzan* (with the Music Department), and *High Fidelity*.

We traveled this summer to Ocean City, both in Maryland and our old favorite in New Jersey. We also re-visited Key West for several days at the end of the summer, with a stop in Key Largo to snorkel in John Pennekamp Park.

We hope you are well and happy and look forward to hearing your news. Email will get the fastest response. Write to us at: **b.popek@gmail.com**.

**We wish you
peace, health, and joy
for the holiday season!**

