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3-SPORT ATHLETE: A RAPID

The years of not caring about grades are over. In turn, the years of three sport athletes are over.

Being accepted into college has become so competitive that sports have began taking a back seat. Due to the rigor of many student's schedules, and the commitment required from playing a sport, students are forced to give up playing sports they love to make sure they get the best grades possible to stay competitive in the hunt for college.

Junior Rylee Kim, who used to play three sports but had to quit basketball to manage the workload of academics, is a prime example on how heavy the era of competitiveness has hit Dexter High School.

"Sometimes I had multiple sports going on at one time, so I had to drop a sport to spend more time on academics so I wouldn't feel as overwhelmed," Kim said.

In elementary school, when students didn't have to worry about the stress of college acceptance, almost all students involved in athletics played more than one sport. Back then, it wasn't abnormal to see a Dexter kid engaged in a multitude of different sports all year long. But now, in our era of specialization, it is considered rare to find a student that plays three sports throughout the school year. Even Dexter's athletic director, Michael Bavineau, had difficulty naming students who play three sports, and he has a good explanation of why this is.

"What happens is that students' coaches schedule things [practices and workouts] on top of one another," Bavineau said, "and this is where you start to see kids becoming overwhelmed with having to pick and choose what sport to participate in."

Over the years, school, athletics, and academics have become more competitive. As a result, students are forced to push themselves to the max academically by taking multiple AP or IB classes on top of two hours of daily practice.

Time isn't the only factor in the decline of threesport athletes. Some people have dropped sports to focus on only one to earn a scholarship in that sport. Many feel the competitiveness involved with college sports requires you to specify and master one sport and drop the rest, even though coaches may encourage otherwise.

"Being a coach, I suggest my players to play multiple sports to make sure they stay competitive," said Bavineau, who also coaches girls varsity basketball. "Colleges look to see if athletes play multiple sports, so dropping a sport may hurt a student when pursuing college."

Despite this suggestion, seniors who play three sports are rare at DHS; it is more common to see underclassmen play three sports. The combination of intermediate level courses and uncertainty about what sport they want to play in college leads to underclassmen playing three sports.

"I don't have a major clash with my academic life and my athletic life at the moment, and I don't see myself only playing one sport in the future," said freshman Andrew Durand, who plays football, basketball, and baseball.

Even though students like Durand can balance multiple sports and academics, it is still difficult to

make
time for
a social life.
Managing advanced classes, athletics, and visiting friends outside of school is nearly impossible due to the hectic schedule. In reality,
Bavineau said, the opposite maybe true.

"Playing multiple sports can help students have better interaction socially with their teammates, improving them as people and giving them better skills," Bavineau said.

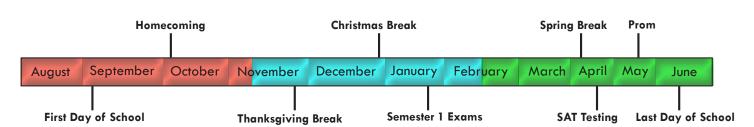
Not all students are like Durand. It is clear students begin to stop playing sports to pursue better grades to make it into a prestigious college. In fact, dropping sports may not be the answer to improve grades.

"Most students who participate in an organized activity tend to be more organized and self-aware," Bavineau said. "This leads to students doing better academically."

In all, the fall of the three sport athlete is due to growing importance of academics, and students wanting to improve their social life. However, dropping sports could lead to repercussions because playing three sports has the potential to change someone's life.

"Playing three sports has helped me managed my time between the different sports that I play," said senior Anna Love, who plays field hockey, basketball, and softball. "Playing three sports has also brought me closer to different types of people, which is part of the reason why I play three sports."





"WE ARE" DREADNAUGHT BASKETBALL

Women's varsity basketball team looks to relive 2013 run to the Breslin Center

basketball fought their way to the Breslin Center in East Lansing to compete in the state's Final Four.

has three years since this accomplishment and the Dreads have continued to be a formidable squad. This season, Dexter has an

impressive 18-1 record, turning the typical far-fetched goal of state championship into a realistic possibility.

Since freshman year, current seniors have made it a personal goal to go back to the Breslin Center. Being on that final four team, senior guard Taylor Olson knows what it takes to get back.

"This team has a different fire that the 2012 team did not," senior guard Taylor Olson said. "They [the rest of the team] are stronger, faster and all are trying to make a difference on the team."

Obviously there will be comparisons between the

two teams because the successful teams tend to have similar characteristics. Head Coach Mike Bavineau sees many similarities between both squads.

"Really, there is not a lot that is different," he said. "The one thing this group does better than any team we've had is defend. We can really guard people and that is going to give us a chance to win almost every game we play."

The team's only loss came in the first game of the season. Along with this, the Dreads are ranked No. 5 in the state according to State Champs Network. The 18-game winning streak which included eight blowout victories has helped earn this ranking. In order raise

the bar of competition, Bavineau makes sure the Dreads challenged themselves by playing higher-calibur nonconference teams such as Toledo Central Catholic and Warren Cousino.

To win districts the Dreads will have to play the team that has held them back for the past three years: Ann Arbor Huron.

Bavineau is thankful the Dreads have come a long way from where they were three years ago.

"We understand the situations we are in and we do not fall to the magnitude of the moment," he said. "You have a choice, you define the moment or the moment will define you."















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Dreads record a season-high score at Gibralter Carlson District, excited for future of the sport

This variation of cheer is a

lot more intense and takes way

more dedication, commitment,

For the first time in Dexter High School history there is a competitive cheerleading team.

Competitive cheer is a sport that is often overlooked, and although some may say that it looks easy, participants disagree.

"The variation of cheer is a lot more intense and takes way more dedication, commitment, and tireless hours of practice," sophomore Emily O'Keefe said.

The cheerleader's at DHS are very enthusiastic and persistent about what they do. With 2016 being the first year for the sport at the high school, many sideline cheerleaders finally had the opportunity to be apart of the new competitive cheer team.

Although competitive cheer shares a few similarities to sideline cheer, competitive cheer requires a different set of skills. While sideline cheerleaders attend football games and lead cheers to keep the team and fans motivated as well as performing stunts on the sidelines, junior Kaylee

Priest said competitive cheer involves "more difficult tumbling and stunting."

During a competitive competition, there are between seven and 25 teams competing against each other by

performing a series of cheers, stunts, and tumbling

There are three rounds at each competition. The first round consists of cheer with jumps mixed in. The second round ads tumbling to cheering and jumping while the third round consists of stunting. tumbling and occassional jumps during a cheer. Each round last approximately three minutes and is scored on voices, formations, stiff motions, the difficulty of those motions, and enthusiastic smiles.

Many of the team members have also been on sideline cheer for many years. That, multiple cheerleaders said, contributed to their success this

"I've always wanted to do competitive cheerleading," junior Ally Winkle said. "When I found out there was going to be a competitive cheer team for Dexter I got really excited."

Freshman Tara Nixon shared Winkle's excitement.

"The biggest reason why I started to do competitive cheer is I've always wanted to try it," Nixon said, "I've been cheering for a long time,"

The Dreads performed well in the first year of competition, placing in the top five in several competitions. Dexter's first competition was at Onsted Invitational where the team placed fifth, in its division. The Dreads followed that up by placing second at the Whitmore Lake competition, second at the Lincoln competition, and third at the Jackson Northwest competition.

"The strongest aspect of our team is our willingness to work hard and try new things despite being a new team," senior Kylie Busdeker said.

O'Keefe gareed, adding the team works together extremely well.

Team members all said they were satisfied with their effort in what they agreed was a successful first season.

"We got second and third a few time, which isn't bad since we started from ground zero," said Winkle, who broker her arm and dislocated her elbow during the season, "It wasn't (a success) for me because I wasn't in many competitions because of my injury, but as a whole team they did great."

Despite their success, the new team did face some challenges. These challenges were mainly because they didn't know exactly what to expect.

"Being new to the competition world was a major obstacle for us," O'Keefe said. "There's a

lot more tumbling involved and it's physically demanding. had to adapt to this and condition and tireless hours of practice. 77 our bodies better."

Junior Kara Vogel cited injuries -Emily O'Keefe as the biggest obstacle.

"We had back injuries, shoulder injuries, wrist injuries," Vogel

said. "Everyone who got hurt was a major player in one of the rounds. When they got taken out someone else had to step up. Sometimes it takes a long time to get those skills."

Team members agreed that there are considerably more of these required skills in competitive cheer compared to sideline cheer. They also agreed that tumbling and stunting are the most difficult parts of competitive cheerleading.

"We need to work on our tumbling and stunting," Nixon said.

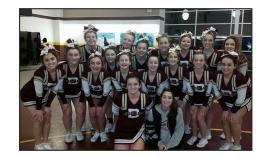
The Dreads learned a lot from their first season and now know what to expect for future seasons.

"This year we didn't know what to expect, so next year the team will be more prepared and will improve with time and effort," Busdeker said.

Senior Courtney Caesar sees the team improving well past next year.

"I hope that the competitive cheer team continues to grow and improve in the next few years," Caesar said. "I think that as the years go on the team will become more organized and it will be more enjoyable for the cheerleaders."









Photos courtesy of Kaylee Priest & Ally Winkle

Curling Club founders make most of obscure sport, hope to leave lasting legacy at DHS

Curling has an interesting history. The peculiar sport was initially conceived in medieval Scotland, and has only been an Olympic Winter Sport since 1998. Curling's obscurity and uniqueness has enabled it to develop a sort of cult following, particularly in Canada and Scandinavian countries. The distinct nature of Curling is also what inspired a group of inventive students to create the Dexter High School Curling Club (DHSCC).

"To me, curling is a very unique sport," said Seth Greenfield, one of the founders of the DHSCC. "It seemed very fun for us to get out there and do it, as well inform other people about it."

But what was once little more than an idea has transformed into something much bigger. The DHSCC, comprised of juniors Seth Greenfield, Chris Eakin, Michael Kivel, Toby Currie, and Joseph Moore, practices weekly in Ferndale and travels throughout the midwest to participate in tournaments.

Greenfield admits times were initially hard for the young club, but also declared that improvement has since been noticeable.

"We definitely lost a lot at the start because we were just starting out," he said. "However, recently, we are getting a lot better and winning a good amount of games. But before we really didn't win anythina."

Co-founder Chris Eakin claims that the DHSCC has even developed a rivalry in its briefyet-eventful existence.

"Right now our biggest rival is Notre Dame Prep, and lately we have been winning most of our matches against them," Eakin said. "However, it still sometimes goes back and forth."

It's safe to say the idea of a curling club has blossomed from a fertile seed, into a sturdy, young oak; however, achieving greater legitimacy isn't enough to satisfy the industrious curlers of Dexter High School. Greenfield, Eakin and Co. wish to ensure their young oak has the opportunity to grow old and sink its roots into DHS culture.

"We are going to talk to freshmen and sophomores about enlisting in the club so we can keep the tradition going strong," Greenfield said.

On a personal level, both Greenfield and Eakin admit that their appreciation for curling has blossomed, and is something they will likely do for the rest of their lives.

"I would love to keep playing, clearly not at an Olympic level or anything, because I'm not that good, but I will continue to play in my free time," said Greenfield.

Eakin added, "I think I could Curl as long as I want. Curlers curl their whole lives, there are very young and very old curlers. Once a curler, always a curler. It's a great community."







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Autumn's Fight Against Cancer

How keeping a strong mind and loving heart has helped her along the journey to surviving cancer

Autumn Campbell, beloved art teacher and staff member of DHS, has never touched a tanning bed in her life, nor has she been one of those people who laid out in the sun wearing baby oil.

However, in her mid-20's, Autumn was first diagnosed with skin cancer on her face. On November 5, 2015, she received a call as she was walking into DHS that her cancer had come back, and this time it was far more aggressive.

"Melanoma is like other cancers, it can get into your lymph nodes and it can be invasive into your organs and so you would need treatment for melanoma like any other cancer with chemotherapy, radiation, surgery," she said.

Over the past few months, she has been extremely tough and strong-willed during her battle with cancer. Describing her recovery after the extensive surgeries, Autumn said, "I have three layers of stitches and an anchor stitch holding the whole thing together. It'll take around six months for the last anchor stitching to dissolve. And it hurts everyday, I mean I've been in really terrible pain since December 2nd. Everyday, 24 hours a day, seven days a week, it never goes away.

"I don't do well on pain medication, even after this big major surgery, I only took pain medication for 2 days because it doesn't agree with me and there's only so much Tylenol and Advil will do. So I really just manage.'

Autumn has shown her true strength and selflessness by coming back to DHS in order to continue teaching shortly after her surgeries, and she still has one more left to complete later this month.

Over the summer, Autumn lost a friend to breast cancer, making her put things into perspective a lot more. She also has a 12-year old daughter at home impacting every deci-

"It has changed my whole life and I'm not going to say that it hasn't. We already ate a really healthy diet- I make

everything from scratch at home; everything is organic. But then I really looked at the body products that I put on myself. I threw away all my makeup, I changed all of my moisturizers, deodorants, everything that I

put on and in my body. We started to filter our water, not only that we drank, but in the shower, because I really never ever want to go through this again and I certainly never want my daughter to ever go through something like this. But it has also made me really grateful. So, it has also been a blessing and I have to remember that as well."

Rather than dwelling on the negatives of her journey, Autumn has decided to "live in a place of gratitude" and "not to live in a place of fear or anger."

Throughout everything, she has remained grateful for er friends, family and students.

"I have had the most amazing network of people and it



has really been a tremendous experience for me to really focus on my gifts, my gratitude, my blessings . . . I also just want to say the student body: you all have been so kind, so considerate, so generous, and have shown me so much grace. Because I feel like

> we've all been in this together. You've been patient with my exhaustion, you've been patient with the things that I need and I will never forget the student's kindness."

Autumn has made it clear throughout her career at DHS that her students mean the world to her. Not only

has she been strong throughout the entire process for herself, she's remained strong for her students and staff.

DHS Principal Kit Moran said, "Autumn is really the heart of the staff here at DHS. She cares about her students more than anything and makes them a priority. As Autumn says, it's not all glue and glitter; she teaches kids to advocate for themselves and to be independent. I agree with Autumn on most things politically, she supports kids to push the envelope."

"Over the past few months nothing has changed; although she's physically been absent, her attitude and positive spirit has remained at DHS. Autumn will always hold "a big chunk of the school's heart" Moran said.



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Illustrator - Ashley Sobczak

FELDKAMP ON THE BRINK OF WINNING STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

Junior wrestling captain Will Feldkamp joined an elite group of wrestlers from Dexter to have won 100 wrestling matches.

"It was a great accomplishment for me," Feldkamp said, "My dad [won 100 matches] and it was great to have that feeling...It amazed me to think about it."

Feldkamp's wrestling achievements in clude being named second team all conference twice in his freshman and junior year. He was also named first-team all conference as a sophomore. Feldkamp was a three-time regional qualifier and the district champ this year.

"Will isn't really worried about 100 wins," assistant coach Jeffery Oesch said. "He's got loftier goals than that, so the 100 wins was just another stepping stone to his other goals."

At the beginning of this season, Feldkamp suffered an ankle injury, but he was able to overcome the setback and win the Defiance Tri-State Border Wars Tournament in Ohio. It's safe to say that Feldkamp isn't letting his injury stop him from achieving his goals.

"I started the year off a bit shaky, with my ankle injury and having to deal with my first two losses," Feldkamp said.

According to the high school wrestling handbook, when an athlete can't compete for any reason the athlete must forfeit therefore losing the match. In Feldkamp's case he couldn't compete due to a faulty ankle, but both matches that he couldn't participate in were counted against his record.

After recovering from the injury, Feldkamp continued his streak of beating talented wrestlers from all over the state. That was until Feldkamp met 5th ranked Dylan Powers from Saline High School. After Feldkamp won their first meeting, Powers evened the series by winning their second meeting in

the conference finals. Even though his record is now 37-3 Feldkamp remains positive and hopeful for his future matches.

"I really think that if I work harder than the guy I'm wrestling I'll win every time," Feldkamp said. "I have no doubt I can beat the

best, I've done it before.'

Currently, with a 37-3 record this season, a district championship and a regional championship under his belt, Feldkamp only plans to get better as the year goes on.

"He's tough. I'd like to see him near the top of the podium if not the top of the podium at the state finals by his senior year," assistant coach Jeffrey Oesch said.

Feldkamp believes he is capable of topping the podium this year.

"I've had a great year, and I'm ready to have an even better districts and regionals," Feldkamp said. "I know I can win a state championship."

Feldkamp is one of three captains on the 2015-2016 wrestling team. His teammates and coaches believe his work ethic and leadership have set him up to be a successful team role model.

"He is a leader on the team and his teammates respond well to that because he is willing to step up and wrestle guys that are extremely tough... he wants to wrestle those guys," Oesch said. "Every time he beats a ranked or state ranked opponent it fires up the team."

Feldkamp combines a dedicated work ethic and a flawless technique to be a fierce competitor.

"He has been hitting the same move basically since he was born," Oesch said. "He is really good at the relatively few moves that he does...he hits the same moves all the time but he is so fluid with those moves...that he can hit them from anywhere."

Feldkamp hopes to continue his career in wrestling past high school and moving up to the college level. Currently Northern Illinois University is the top contender for college.

But until then, Feldkamp has unfinished business to take care of. "Will is very capable of going far in the state tournament," junior Nate Skinner said. "I believe his work ethic makes him almost unstoppable."



STATS:

Freshman Year: Districts: 2nd Regionals: DNP

Sophomore Year: Districts: 2nd Regionals: DNP

Junior year:
Districts: 1st
Regionals: 1st
States: TBD on
March 5th



Favorite Color: Blue

Favorite Movie: "Captain America"

Hobbies: Water skiing and playing Madden Mobile

Favorite Song: "Hello" (Adele)

Biggest Fear: Thunder Nickname: Big Willy

Favorite Animal: Megalodon

Favorite TV Show: "Grey's Anatomy"

Admired Athlete: Tom Brady

Julia Bell Makes a Difference One Country at a Time

It's a dream for many students to be able to travel the world. Some, like Junior Julia Bell, have aspirations to not only travel, but to also leave an impact.

Bell received inspiration to go on service trips from members of her family. One of her cousins lived in Haiti for several years and shared her stories and pictures from country with Bell, After hearing of her cousins excitina experiences abroad, Bell decided that she wanted to give

back to the world in a similar way. Last summer, Bell went on a trip with an organization called Global Leadership Adventures (GLA) to Ghana, Africa. The trip consisted of three weeks in the West African country with other students from across the United States.

During her sophomore year, Bell received a letter from GLA inviting her to volunteer across the globe. After saving money for the trip, Bell was ready and excited to head to Ghana the following Summer. She and the other GLA members were unsure as to exactly what they would be doing during their time in Ghana, but they knew that it would involve teaching.

When summer began and the group began their trip to the West African country, their tasks became more clear.

"We were each assigned a grade level to teach, and I was assigned to instruct kindergarteners," she said. Bell taught around 80 kindergarteners simple concepts such as shapes, colors, and basic math. Teaching, however, wasn't the only service part of the trip. Bell explained that every day began with an early morning where she and her new GLA friends would "make bricks which would be used to make new classrooms." In the afternoons, Bell went on adventures through the Ghanaian outdoors. On one of these adventures, Bell visited an outdoor monkey sanctuary where she held a small monkey. She described this experience as the "most terrifying part of the trip."

Bell's time in Ghana is paving the road for future service trips. This summer, she will be working in India for three weeks. At this point, she hasn't been given many details as to what she will be doing, but she is looking forward to stepping outside of her comfort zone once again.

a college that offers a plethora of study abroad programs so that she can continue to help others around the world. Bells plans on majoring in global health and development so that she can later travel and help others as a part of a career. All of her experience and goodwill will hopefully land her at her dream job as a member of the peace corps in the future.

After graduating high school, Bell plans on attending

Service trips offer important life

lessons as participants get to step outside of their comfort zones while also helping others, Dexter High School Principal Kit Moaran said. Regardless of the destination, service trips offer students a fantastic new global perspective as they learn things about the world that can't be taught in a classroom. By getting hands-on experience in a country, one is able to learn about the history and culture of that country, instead of merely reading about it in a textbook.

Moran encourages these trips, saying, "it's good when kids from Dexter get out and see the world physically."

In addition, these trips spread goodwill without a return to the students. Students take these trips based on their own will while also having positive interactions with individuals from other countries. Bell's trip to Ghana proves to be a prime example of a successful service trip as her experiences there encourage her to continue to make a difference across the globe.

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The tragedy started in Flint, but the effects are

When the average American opens their tap, the water which comes out can be described as clean, refreshing, or clear; ever since April of 2014, the water in Flint has been anything but.

The first thing citizens of Flint noticed was the color, ranging from blues to brown. The second thing they noticed was the pungent odor.

In the mid 1980s, Flint fell into a deep economic depression after the closing of a General Motors plant, still affecting the city's population today. In an attempt for the city to save money, Michigan Govenor Rick Snyder changed Flint's water source from treated Detroit Water and Sewerage (sourced from Lake Huron as well as the Detroit River) to the Flint River in order to save money. The corrosive river water caused lead from aging pipes to seep into the water supply - inducing extremely elevated levels of lead.

Since this change, between 6,000 and 12,000 children in Flint have reportedly having been exposed to drinking water with high levels of lead, and could potentially cause a range of serious life-long health problems and even death.

"We're America," Dexter High School history teacher Ryan Baase said. "We're a civilized society. We're the most industrialized. We cannot tolerate to treat our own citizens like this."

Experts believe the water change could be a cause for the recent outbreak of Legionnaires' Disease, a type of pneumonia caused by legionella bacteria, which has killed 10 residents and affected 77 more.

"Flint is a city that needs a lot of help, and to do this to those people is unconscionable," said DHS English teacher Mary Mattner, who used to live in Flint. "It's a national crisis what's happening in Flint. I think there should be a very thorough congressional investigation into Governor Snyder and the people at the state level who betrayed Flint so badly."

Flint residents are still being billed for their contaminated, unusable water. If pay is refused, the city of Flint can shut off their water completely, tax higher amounts, and even condemn their homes.

On January 5, 2016, Snyder declared the city to be in a state of emergency. Less than two weeks later, on January 16, 2016, President Barack Obama followed suit, declaring a state of emergency in Flint. With these declarations, the federal government directed \$5 million to the city to provide aid.

The disaster that sparked the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to act was not one from nature. This devastating catastrophe was allowed to happen by Governor Snyder's administration in its attempts to cut costs for the state.

"My godfather lives in Flint, so it's affected him," DHS senior Alex Sikora said. "It's affected the way they live; they can't bathe in the water because it's so unclean, and it's affected how much they rely on bottled water."

The water crisis in Flint, and the governmental failures that allowed for the poisoning of the second poorest city of its size in the entire United States, are arguably matched only by President George W. Bush's failure to act quicker following Hurricane Katrina.

Governor Snyder and his administration campaigned in 2010 on the principle that Snyder's background as a Certified Public Accountant would allow the government to run like a business. The fundamental purpose of a business is to make the most money possible. In order to make this a reality, businesses find ways to trim down their expenses. Sacrificing quality for extra profit is an extremely common practice. Government is not a business, however.

The purpose of government is to provide a stable base that, at the very least, can guarantee three things: access to clean air, food for people to eat, and clean, safe drinking water. Without any of these three essential pillars of life, society begins to break down, and can no longer function at a high level.

The Emergency Manager in control of advising Flint suggested the city switch its water source from Lake Huron, one of the largest bodies of freshwater in the world, to the Flint River. The Governor's administration, and its business-minded attitude saw an opportunity to save an additional \$9,000, so they took it. Normally, it wouldn't be a problem for the government, especially one in as dire of an economic state as those in the Metro Detroit area were at the time, to try and save money.

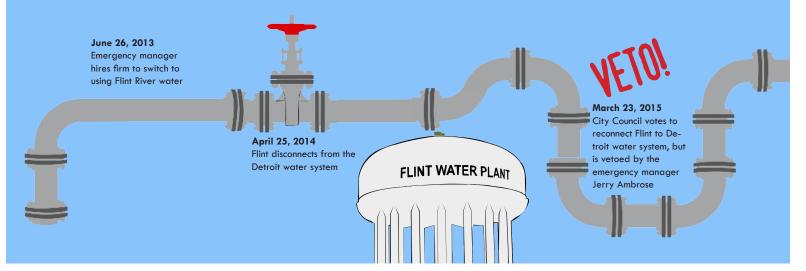
The Snyder Administration agreed that the city should switch its water source to the river, however; this is where they made the mistake that will go down as one of the most blatantly dangerous governing decisions in U.S. history. The water Flint had been receiving from Lake Huron was pretreated to ensure no leaching of lead from the pipes that the city had been using. Lead, especially in water, is one of the most commonly recognized neurotoxins and has been the demise of many civilizations in the past.

When the water was to be switched, water treatments costing \$100 a day for 90 days would be required to ensure that the water from the Flint River wouldn't leach lead from the pipes. Well, the businessmen turned bureaucrats in Lansing decided to roll the dice on potentially poisoning a city of 99,000 people, and any other person who drinks, bathes, or eats food prepared with that water. As you know by now, that is exactly what happened.

"It seems like the Synder administration has a lot of culpability in the crisis because it seems like decisions were made by either them or their appointed emergency managers that were solely financial," Baase said. "It basically cost people their lives and their health to save some money."

The outrage that has been sparked extends far past the Metro area. The entire state, and now the country, are calling for answers. How could this happen? Would this have happened in Grosse Pointe, Ann Arbor, or any other city not composed of predominantly poor African Americans? What do we do now? How can we help? Who is responsible? What is gonna happen to the people of Flint, all of whom have ingested the poisoned water?

No one knows. The Governor and his administration have seemingly pleaded the fifth when questioned, and have done little other than go on camera and say "Oops. We're sorry." The communities around the city have flooded the town with cases of water and monetary donations. Celebrities from around the country have donated incredible amounts too.



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being felt nationwide

Eddie Vedder and the rest of Pearl Jam donated \$300,000, and inspired friends and fans to donate massive sums as well. Ticketmaster, who is feuding with the band over ticket prices, pledged \$175,000 alongside the group. Detroit Lions defensive lineman Ziggy Ansah and his teammates donated 100,000 bottles of clean water to the city. Ansah, who hails from the west African country of Ghana, told the Detroit Free Press.

"Coming from Africa, I know exactly what it means not to have clean water or not to have water at all."

While the water and money being donated is no doubt helping to save lives, it isn't a permanent solution. Everyone is spending money on water bottles, but the problem goes beyond drinking. Showering still remains difficult. Worse yet, the citizens of Flint are still paying their water bills, despite their inability to use the poisoned liquid. Flint only has three landfills, and their only recycling program is voluntarily staffed, and is nowhere near capable of dealing with the volume of bottles they now have.

The environmental impact of the crisis is continuing to be realized. There are companies sanctioned by the military that they have technology capable of helping. With the implementation of a rapid deployment filtration system, similar to those used in war zones, it is believed that the water in Flint could be turned back on while the work started. The replacement cost of the equipment alone is expected to cost the state north of \$1.5 billion.

Concerns have risen all over the country about the safety of drinking water.

"I'm just as concerned with the fact we have water and enviornmental quality issues in Ann Arbor," Baase said. "There's a dioxin plume that's currently making its way towards the Huron River, which is a drinking water source for all the communities that are downstream from us. That's a huge deal."

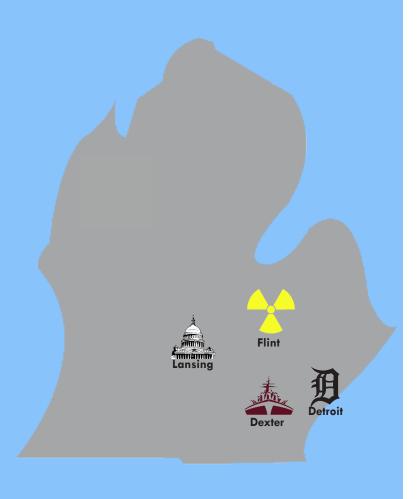
In Ann Arbor, residents began to question the safety of the pipes in the old city. While Ann Arbor has no records of the city owning any lead pipes connected to the water main, individual homeowners may still have galvanized iron pipes in houses built before the 1950s.

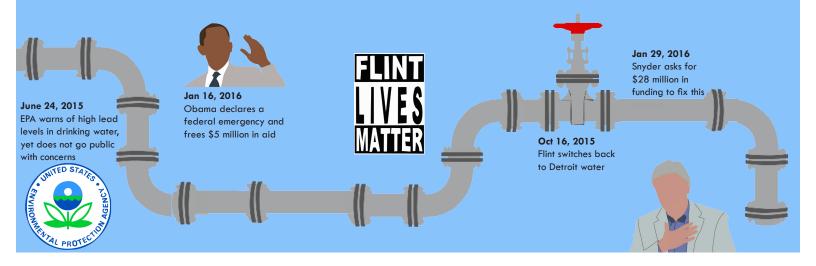
As time goes on, the zinc layer on the iron begins to corrode, allowing for a potential buildup of lead in the pipe itself. The city does, however, recognize there are 118 remaining lead connectors in the water system. The city has been removing these "gooseneck" pipes over the years as they repave streets and sidewalks.

"Fortunately, the city of Ann Arbor has an incredible track record when it comes to public necessities like providing clean water," Ann Arbor resident Takashi Gould said.

Although the damage done to the residents of Flint cannot be undone, measures can be taken to make sure the liklihood of this happening again decreases.

"When you seem to have an abundance [of water] it's really easy to go, 'oh, everything's fine. We're Michigan. We're surrounded by the Great Lakes. Water is not an issue here," Baase said. "But it is a big issue here. The big wakeup call will be when more cities, municipalities, local governments understand 'we don't want this to happen here."





A new link class where students assist other students will arrive a DHS next fall

An all-in-one class is hard to find nowadays. A class that provides help for both sets of students, help for others, training, performing and of course counts as a class credit.

This class was created with the intent to provide a possible moral boost and a morale builder, and has the possibility to provide multiple advantages reasons to join for all parties.

The class is Peer to Peer, a class where a student follows around another Dexter High School student with special needs for one class period. They will help them with all of their needs including physical, social and mental. The students taking the class are their mentor for the hour and guide them on the right path with whatever they're doing. They would be their "link." Link refers to the connection between the special education student and the class by the students of the class, It sounds similar to SNAP club that already exists at DHS, but it has many differences along with academic advantages.

"It's a very important class with many benefits for both sides," special education teacher Chantel Cunningham said.

Peer to peer is a typical class and will be implemented into the class selection beginning next fall. The class counts as an elective credit and a new opportunity for the "link" and the special education student for that class hour. The class provides free training on how to work with students that have special needs and how to handle their day to day activities as an actual para-professional would.

"This class looks great to colleges because they will know the students in the class have experience with leadership and teaching to the max because of the circumstances they have worked in," Cunningham said. "It also will teach you the importance of helping people that may not be able to do it independently otherwise."

The grade the students will receive will be based on their performance. They will be checked weekly by their supervisor and will be evaluated based on their work ethic and overall connection with the student. The grade received is merely on the performance set forth and the effort to make a strong connection with their student throughout the semester, "Links' will keep a daily journal and take note of anything special or notable. Having a better day than normal or creating conversation without help would be examples of something they would be suggested to write down. The supervisors want to make sure the "links" are paying attention to how the student interacts and performs during his or her class period.

Benefits for the students being helped will consist of increased social skills, help on class and homework from a peer, and just an overall great connection with his or her mentor. They will be helping them converse and ask questions if need be. The skills taught and learned in this class are intended to aid both students in any future endeavors.

Many advantages of the class includine great leadership skills, lots of exposure to colleges and jobs that look for this type of work, and a feeling of joy and overall goodness about yourself.

"The class (if taken) would definitely make me feel better," sophomore Mason Monroe said. "It would just be a reminder to me that others need help, and when you provide it, it makes them happy which in turn would make me happy."

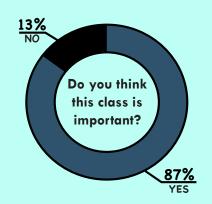
When asked about the future benefits of this class DJ Busdeker said, "I believe this class is important because of the clear benefits it serves. In my opinion, Peer to Peer will adequately prepare anyone who wants to further their career in this sort of work."

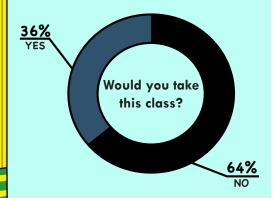
The class requires straight-edge students with their eye on the goal. The goal being to help the student as much as the Link possibly can in as many ways as possible. The class supervisor will check students previous records at the school to make sure they are a good fit for the class. Any suspensions or serious offenses will be taken as a sign that they would not work well in the class but do not feel discouraged to join

The class will be prominently juniors and seniors because of the more open schedules they tend to have. The class will not be available online when registering for classes. Interested students have to let their counselor know they're wanting to take the class to be enrolled.

"I believe the class will leave a lasting impact on the links and the special education students," Monroe said. "It's a great opportunity.

What do the "Links" think?





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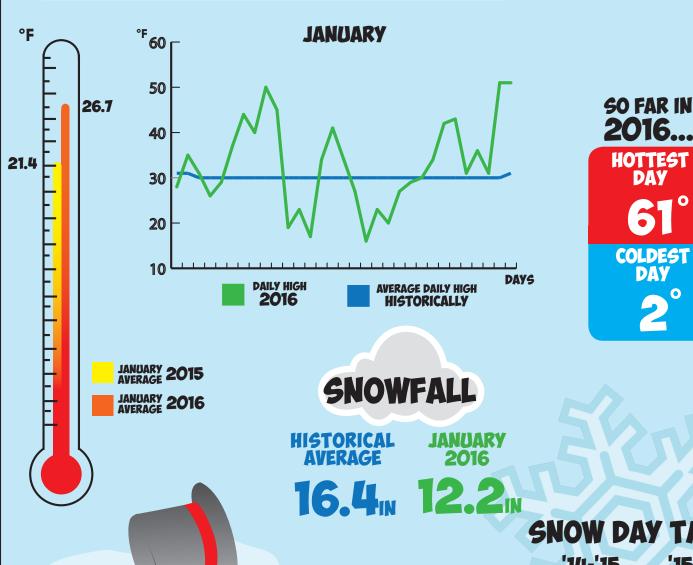
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Obviously, the goal of any date is for two crazy kids to fall in love. So many people stress over finding "The One," but what if it could be done for you? Our skilled matchmakers at *The Squall* have struck again, this time with a dancer and a lacrosse player. A match made in Heaven! Since Dexter is such a small town, it's not uncommon for someone to end up with their best friend's ex; but, the best way to end that streak is to get out of your comfort zone - something our two volunteers got a taste of last week.

Out from under the lights, and off the field, DHS students Alexis Dimo and Will Liskiewicz met for a day-date at Dexter's hub, Aubree's Pizzeria & Grill. We asked them questions before and after the date to test their compatibility, and the results were extremely promising. Will was sporting crutches this day, due to an athletic injury. His slight disability aside, the two may have found more on the menu than just pizza.

Pre-Date

10200	Alexis	Will
What do you look for in a person?	A sense of humor.	A sense of humor and maturity.
What's one thing that you'd be disappointed if you never got to do?	Travel.	Travel.
Unlimited love, or unlimited money?	Probably love.	Love.
What's the weirdest thing that you find attractive in a person?	Nice shoes.	Abs.
What fictional character reminds you most of yourself?	Pocahontas. We both have long hair.	Ash Ketchum from Poke- mon because deep down, we really care.
Do you believe in karma?	Yes.	Not really.

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Post-Date	Alexis	Will
	Alexis	
How many dates have you been on before this?	None!	Maybe 3?
On a scale of 1-10, how do you rate the date?	8	9
What was the most awkward part of the date?	When Andy [Dolen] was taking pictures.	There wasn' really one!



Photographer - Andy Dolen





The Squall's Ratings









GRILLCHEEZERIE



Grillcheezerie is a unique restaurant located in Ann Arbor. They have many different takes on an American childhood classic. The most signature item is the "S'mac N' Cheese," which is three cheese macaroni and cheese, between aged cheddar melted on italian white bread. They also have very different tastes such as the Honey Apple Grilled Cheese which is a grilled cheese with sliced green apple, red onion, and dijon mustard. If you're not feeling very daring the Grillcheezerie also offers classic tastes like the pizza sticks which

is a 3 cheese arilled cheese with pepperoni and pizza sauce. The Grillcheezerie had a very laid back environment with a rustic interior. On a Thursday night, we were the only one's there, and the service was fast and friendly. Overall, the Grillheezerie did not disappoint our high expectations and is definitely somewhere we would return.



Hunter House Burgers is a family owned business that has a retro diner interior complete with barstyle seating and pegboard menus. Hunter House also made a great first impression when "Get Low" by Lil Jon was playing when we walked in. At Hunter House, the signature is their sliderstyle hamburgers/cheeseburgers with the choice of up to three patties as well as lamb and vegetarian options. Each burger comes with onions and a choice of toppings ranging from jalapeños to a

fried egg. While the burgers are a bit smaller, the price reflects that as a triple cheeseburger is only \$4.10. Side options include fries, their wellknown tater tots, onion rings, and pickle fries. In our opinion Hunter House does not quite reach the high bar set by Blimpy Burger, but is definitely a great alternate option if you want to try something new.

Hunter House Hamburgers







Pizza Bob's was supposed to be an Ann Arbor classic with some of the best pizza in town; however, we disagreed. Looking around the place, it looked like it hadn't been cleaned since 1980, when it first opened. The seating wasn't great since it was such a small restaurant but luckily it wasn't busy which was surprising since we were there on a Saturday night. Although our first impression of Pizza Bob's wasn't great, the wellknown vanilla shake was the best thing there. Next, we ordered cheesy

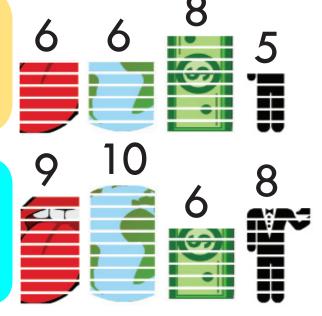
bread, a pepperoni and cheese pizza which we agreed was average at best. Each pizza was \$13. It's not a bad price, but given the quality of the pizza we didn't think it was worth it. Since there are so many cheaper and better pizza options especially in Dexter, Pizza Bob's isn't worth

JAMAICAN JERK PIT



Jamaican Jerk Pit is probably the most interesting restaurant in Ann Arbor, hidden below an apartment building right across the street from Hill Auditorium. You walk into the basement and the room is filled with authentic Jamaican posters and artifacts as Bob Marley's playing in the background. It wasn't too big of a restaurant but there was still plenty of seating and the service exceptional. Walking in we were skeptical about how good the food would be but after having our Jamaican Beef patty and coconut shrimp we were instantly impressed. Next we ordered the Jerk Chicken and Jerk Oxtail

special that came with rice and vegetables, followed by Jerk Cheese fries, a jamaican twist on chili cheese fries. Dessert consisted of slices of coconut cake and cheesecake, both some of the best cake we've had. Overall the Jamaican Jerk Pit was an Ann Arbor must, between the unique atmosphere, food or service, it was definitely our favorite restaurant.





S.P.Ä.C.E. Club

Student musicians put on stellar February show, look forward to May extravaganza

From covers of Panic! at the Disco and the Beastie Boys to originals by Matt Owen, Molly Wing and Colfox, the February 19th S.P.A.C.E concert was a dazzling portrayal of the diverse musical talents in Dexter High School. After attending a S.P.A.C.E show, one might have a difficult time believing the stereotype that describes the club as predominantly metal and country.

To those who have never heard of the club, much less the stereotypes: S.P.A.C.E has absolutely nothing to do astronomy, NASA, or Michael Jordan and Bugs Bunny. S.P.A.C.E (Student Produced Artistic Collaborative Events) is an opportunity for students and teachers to play whatever music they'd like to alongside their friends and other musicians.

"The club is about music, expression, creativity, and it's open to everyone," DHS English teacher and Supervisor Barry Mergler said. "My last years of high school would've been more enjoyable if I could've performed three times a year."

The reasons for attending the club are as widely ranged as the music played at each concert. Some students may join to further their musical career, while others may simply play music as a hobby or to gain experience with performing.

"I really enjoy playing music and writing it; especially writing it," senior Jacob Emrich said, "chicks love it."

Junior Matt Owen has been a foundational performer in S.P.A.C.E, but hasn't stopped there.

"I record some of my songs with my neighbor; he's a musician and also has a recording studio," Owen said. "After we record, we upload them to SoundCloud or ReverbNation."

Though the weekly meeting attendance had been suffering from a harsh decline over the last two years, a recent spike in interest has expanded the influence and created options for S.P.A.C.E.

"The next concert is going to be the biggest this year; we're working on a couple surprises for it," Mergler said, referring to the May 13th concert. Each performance has been, and will continue to cost only \$3, the "lowest price you'll find for this much talent."

S.P.A.C.E is always eager to gain more performers and no experience is necessary. To join, Mergler said, one only has to inform him of their interest and they can secure up to 30 minutes in an upcoming concert.











Photographer - Courtney Keiver

1 - Senior Kurtis Hansen sings "I Resigned from the Thought Police," an original song. 2 - Sophomore Molly Wing performs "15 Degrees," an original song. Wing also sang a mashup of Panic! at the Disco and Pink Floyd. 3 - Senior Jacob Emrich plays drums for Colfox as the band performs "Anesthesia," an original song. 4 - Matt Owen sings "Hit the Lights," which is an original song. 5 - Junior Megan Sarns plays the ukulele and sings "Holding On To You" by Twenty One Pilots with senior Sky Roperti.

OUR VIEW: DEXTER WIRELESS? MORE LIKE DEXTER WIFI-LESS

Slow. Broken. Unreliable. Down.

These are all words that come to mind when people mention school Wi-Fi. Wi-Fi shouldn't be a topic of conversation. Rather, it should just run smoothly without students having to even to think about it.

Many students consider the Wi-Fi at our school one of the biggest problems. Considering that Dexter Community Schools prides itself in its academics being an IB School and AP School with Distinction, it doesn't make sense that something seemingly so simple could have so many problems. In today's age of technology, properly functioning Wi-Fi should be a priority. The fact there have been continuous problems for several years makes it clear that it is not a priority.

Superintendent Dr. Chris Timmis believes the source of the problem is the lack of user space on the server. This in part to a new network being set up at the beginning of this school year.

"We tried to set up a third network (DexterBYOD)," Timmis said. "When we set that up what happened was everybody started getting on the Wi-Fi and we found that with all the devices in the district...our hub can only handle about 4,000 logins at one time. We have more than 4,000 logins at one time, so we have to replace that hub."

IT Director Rick Munir agrees there is not enough user space on the wireless network.

"The problem students are experiencing is with our core switch that routes all wired and wireless traffic for the district," Munir said. "We recently went 1:1 K-4 adding roughly

1,500 new devices onto our network. Couple that with staff and students connecting their personal devices to our wireless network and we have simply exhausted the limits of our core switch."

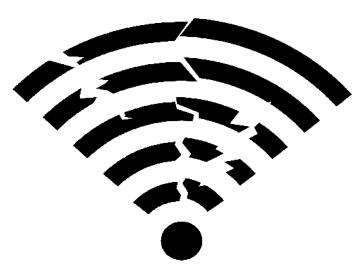
The former IT director, who has since been convicted on embezzlement charges, also delayed the process of fixing the Wi-Fi. To replace the hub, new IP addresses must replace the old ones. To do this, wiring in 80 different locations must be unplugged and restarted which temporarily takes down the network.

"The only reason we have to do that is because our former tech director wiped out our IP address file," Timmis said. "A lot of this is remenets from some of the damage he did on his way out."

With this being said, the school district is looking to fix the problem. This can be fixed with approximately \$30,000 not including labor. According to Timmis this project will be completed over spring break when students won't need to be using the network.

Is spring break too late though? For many seniors, the Wi-Fi has been a problem for their entire schooling career, and it can be frustrating to see that it is just now being made a priority. At school we use technology every day, and without properly functioning wifi and servers it hinders our learning.

Although the school district is taking steps in the right direction to fix the never-ending problem with Wi-Fi, it's coming too late for many students and teachers that have been frustrated for years.



If you had to describe DHS Wi-Fi in one word...



Grisha Griffiths Freshman

Atrocious, because you can't get connectivity anywhere in the school.

Kathryne Rojeck | Sophomore

Decent. I'm still logged in on the special password thing. I can still go on my apps and it works.



Emily Zeitunian Junior

Horrible, because it's really slow and it doesn't work half of the time.

Ryan McGinnis | Senior

Terrible. I can't use it for a whole lot, it's slow, and a lot of times I'll go to look up something important for a class and I can't. I have to use cellular data because it's faster.





Stress, Sophomores, and AP Classes

If the American Dream includes taking extremely advanced classes in 10th grade, I'll be happy with the choice to live my 'lazy' dream

The class of 2018 has an opportunity that we, the classes of '16 and '17, never had: The opportunity to bog down three years of their high school career with hours of homework, nervous breakdowns, and expensive tests.

Starting this year, sophomores have been allowed to take AP/IB classes that are offered at Dexter High School. AP/IB classes that before required pre-requisites earned through freshman- and sophomore-year classes.

But why?

"They have really given me a challenge," sophomore Ryan Schoch said, "and also a way to show my strengths in school by getting a better GPA."

Traditionally, AP/IB classes were offered exclusively to juniors and seniors to get some college credits out of the way. Now, sophomores by the dozens are jumping into these class for the same reason.

Although this isn't necessarily a bad thing, (I mean, everyone wants to save money on credit hours in college), why would you want to start creating more work for yourselves so early on?

Although we as a society like to applaud laziness ("You work too hard," "Why don't you just take a break?," "Living is easy with eyes closed"), there are certain cases where laziness should be considered.

When I was a sophomore, I looked at my class options and saw AP/IB options and most had pre-reqs listed under the title and I said; 'okay, I'll plan my sophomore year out so that I'll be able to take these classes.' I did, and it worked out perfectly. I didn't even think of testing out of classes because that





Illustrator - Tucker Swan

meant extra work that wasn't necessarily necessary.

Now, sophomores are similar to Snoop Dogg in the sense that both drop things like they're hot. For Snoop, it's the pimps in the crib, for sophomores it's classes they've tested out of.

And that's huge now. Sophomores and freshmen are testing out of classes in order to cram their schedule full of more upper-level classes.

I was doing some work in a classroom while a prospective student had an interview with a class coordinator. This person was an eighth grader and the first words out of their mouth, post-pleasantries, were, "I'd like to graduate by my junior year." Then they talked about testing out of this class, that class, and the other class.

What?

Sophomores more and more want to barrel their way through high school and then flop smack dab in the middle of the quad where they can "study" to their hearts content, get a degree that, in hindsight, was not a good idea, and then be 80K in debt faster than the generation before them.

Ah, the American dream.

But I can't be entirely cynical. There are some advantages to underclassmen being able to take AP classes.

Believe it or not, some people in previous graduating classes didn't get into colleges because they didn't take *enough* AP classes. So, any sophomores who are afraid of this happening, worry no more; you have the opportunity to avoid this tragedy.

But, I digress. If wanting to overload your schedule for three years of high school with advanced placement and international baccalaureate classes in order to pursue your American dream, that's your own choice.

So, shine on you crazy sophomore. Maybe someday you'll fulfill your ambitious academic dreams.

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The Newlywed's Game

Andy Durand & Mary Mendez Freshmen



Brian Kramer & Caroline Cole **Sophomores**



Tyler Woelfel & Kaylee Priest Juniors



Sam Bremmer & Josh Kimball



Kanye West & Kim Kardashian Celebrities



When did you guys start dating?

Andy: Umm ... October 3rd. Mary: October 3rd, 2015.

Brian: October 10th. Caroline: Umm October 10th. Tyler: September 27, 2012. Kaylee: September 27, 2012. Josh: June 20, 2014. Sam: June 10, 2014. Kanye: When I said so. Kim: Umm I don't know like 3 years ago.

What color are her eyes?

Andy: Brown. Mary: My eyes are brown. Brian: They're like green/ Caroline: Green.

Tyler: Blue. Kaylee: Blue. Josh- Blue Sam: Blue.

Kanye: A mixture of heaven and beauty, just like my albums. Kim: Umm... like brown?

What is her middle name?

Andy: Arlene. Mary: It's Arlene. Brian: Rose. Caroline: It's Rose. Tyler: Lynn. Kaylee: Lynn. Josh: Umm it starts with an M... Marie!

Kanye: Her middle name is irrelevant just like wiz khalifa. Kim: Umm ... it might be Noel.

When is her birthday?

Andy: I think it's June 22nd. Mary: June 22nd.

Brian: May 18th. Caroline: May 18th.

Tyler: October 5th. Kaylee: October 5th. Josh: May 25. Sam: May 25.

Sam: Marie.

Kanye: I am God, her birthday is when I want it to be. Kim: It literally might be like October 21st.

What's her favorite food

Andy: I have no clue, I'm gonna guess toast. Mary: Um Apples.

Brian: I think pear, but I'm going Tyler: Burgers. to go with flaming hot cheetos. Caroline: I like pears.

Kaylee: Burgers.

Josh: Pizza, it's pizza, Sam: Mac & cheese.

Kanye: Kim likes charred hot dogs.

Kim: Literally, I love a nice charred hot dog.

Staff Writer - Adam Theros Things Adam Hates

Hi, I'm Adam; you may know me. These are a couple of things I hate.

> •Hot flashes at school - There is nothing worse than having back-to-back classes where one is cold and the next is hot. First, I sweat, then I try to take all my clothes off, and as always, it doesn't help. There's no way to combat hot flashes. Awful.

- •Leaking water bottles If the top is leaking, I go to take a drink and get water on me. If the bottom is leaking, everything on my desk gets soaked. Nothing good comes from leaking water bottles.
- •3G I never realized how rough the iPhone 4 life was until the school kicked me off the Wi-Fi. Now I get 4G in ONE class and 3G for every other class. Nothing loads, nothing works. What am I supposed to do in class then? Awful.
- •Low battery I have to bring a charger to school every day. After 300 years of crappy cell phone batteries, you'd figure it would be a top priority for cell phone manufacturers. Well it ABSOLUTELY HAS NOT gotten better.
- •School bathrooms Ahh, the sweet smell of vape and urine. Perfect conditions for me to use the bathroom comfortably.



- •Speed limits 55 on Mast is stupid. 25 in town is stupid. 70 on the highway is stupid. There is nothing I can do about these either. Screw slow driving.
- •The walk from car to school In the winter specifically. It's early, cold, long, and scary. You never know when a sophomore with their shiny new graduated driver's licenses might run you over.
- •The cold hallway Who doesn't hate the cold hallway?
- •"We're having leftovers tonight" When I come home after a rough day and am really looking forward to dinner, not much crushes me more than my mom or dad saying, "We're having leftovers tonight."
- •When people don't turn right on red Why why why why WHY would anyone not turn on red (when it's legal). You shouldn't get your license if you can't turn right on red.































1 - Velma Kelly (senior Alexis Benson) singing "I Can't do it Alone." 2 - Roxy Hart (Senior Alaina Whidby) commiting the passionate murder of Fred Casley (senior Owen Telesco). 3 - Two of the six merry muderesses (junior Anna Mason and senior Meg Rittinger) performing "Cell Block Tango". 4 - Roxy Hart (senior Alaina Whidby) and Velma Kelly (senior Alexis Benson) performing the final song. 5 - Two of six merry murderesses (senior Sofia Sokansanj and freshman Olivia Kemp) performing "Cell Block Tango." 6 - Miss Sunshine (junior Bridgette Magnus) and two reporters (freshmen Cassie Bergen and Hannah Cohen) comforting Roxy Hart (senior Alaina Whidby). 7 - Mama Matron (junior Shiona Harvey) singing "When You're Good to Mama." 8 - Billy Flynn (senior Bennett Waymann) singing "All I Care About is Love" accompanied by the six merry murderesses.