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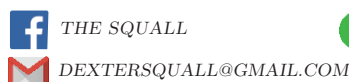
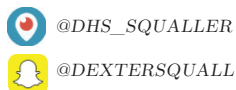
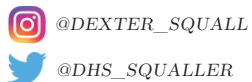
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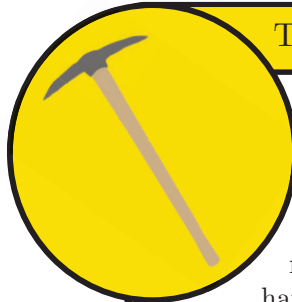
## Craig McCalla Named Outstanding Practicing Principal of 2017

Every year, Michigan Elementary and Middle School Principals Association, or MEMSPA, presents the Outstanding Practicing Principal award to only one principal in the state. The winner for 2017 was Craig McCalla, the principal of Cornerstone Elementary School. McCalla was chosen for his leadership capabilities and respect for all students, along with his awareness of issues among students. In his nomination for the award, DCS Executive Director of Instruction Mollie Sharrar wrote, “Mr. McCalla is an advocate for all students and is a leader in Michigan for transgender students and social justice awareness in schools.” Former MEMSPA president Tom DeGraaf described McCalla as someone who has not only contributed to Cornerstone, but to the education community at large.



## Four People Shot in Detroit During Noel Night

During Noel Night on December 2, a 45-year-old Detroit tradition in which many buildings open their doors to the public free of charge, four teenagers were shot, allegedly due to an argument that broke out between them and another teenager. The victims were wounded, but their wounds were not fatal. The incident occurred outside the Detroit Institute of Art, and the perpetrator was a 16-year-old boy with a handgun. Noel Night was ended early, and people were evacuated from the area after the attack. Detroit Police Chief James Craig is considering the addition of a curfew during Noel Nights, but organizers are considering canceling future Noel Nights altogether to avoid future issues.



## Two American Monuments Reduced in Size

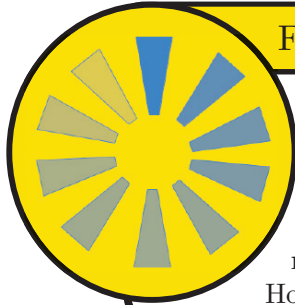
Two national monuments in southern Utah, Bears Ears and Grand Staircase-Escalante, are being decreased in size by a total of two million acres under President Trump’s orders. This has faced opposition from environmentalists and Native American advocates, as this would open the land to drilling and mining. The administration’s reason for downsizing the monuments is to give the local governments control over the land and what happens to it.



## Australia Legalizes Gay Marriage

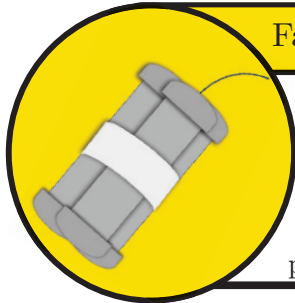
On December 7, 2017, the Australian Parliament voted to legalize same-sex marriage in the country. After many years of strong opposition from Australian politicians, such as Tony Abbott, the Parliament moved to legalize marriage equality with a surprisingly overwhelming majority: only four members of a 150-member parliament voted against the bill. Australian Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull, an avid supporter of same-sex marriage and social reform, referred to this vote as a win for all of Australia.





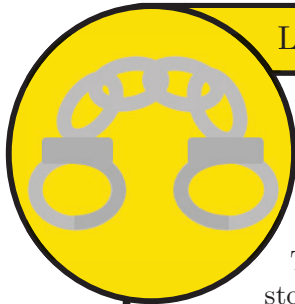
### FCC Votes to Repeal Net Neutrality

The Federal Communications Commission voted to repeal net neutrality—the idea that all data on the internet must be treated the same—on December 14. Without net neutrality, internet service providers will be able to charge certain sites more for faster service or block content. The FCC has faced opposition on this decision to remove net neutrality, as it may hurt small businesses and limit the flow of information on the internet. However, the decision must still go through Congress before it is fully enacted.



### Failed Pipe Bomb Attack In Manhattan

On December 11, an attack occurred near Times Square in Manhattan. The attacker, Akayed Ullah, strapped a pipe bomb to himself, but the bomb failed to fully detonate. The only person who was seriously injured was Ullah himself. Ullah claimed that he did this in support of the terrorist group ISIS. This is the second violent attack in Manhattan within the past month.



### Libyan Government Uncovers Active Slave Trade

The African country of Libya has been exposed as having an active, widespread slave trade of refugees. Undocumented refugees, often from West Africa, escape to Europe through Libya, making them a target for human traffickers. When the Libyan coast guard catches these refugees, they transport them back to Libya, stranding the vulnerable refugees in Libya. The UN has condemned the Libyan government for its failure to put a stop to the slave trade, prompting Libya's ambassador to the UN, Elmahdi Elmajerbi, to investigate the slave auctions. Some European countries and other African countries have also agreed to help the Libyan government stop the slave trade.

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## Our View: Cheating policies should be more meaningful

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Academic dishonesty and education go hand in hand, and never goes away. While this can range from copying homework to blatantly cheating off someone else's test, it has become even more complex and commonplace in recent years. Yet, the Dexter Community Schools' policy is vague and inconsistently enforced at DHS.

Like everything else, cheating has evolved with the times, especially since technology has skyrocketed. Students have the internet at their fingertips; all they have to do is figure out a way to keep it there during a test.

The current policy states that "All instances of cheating will result in a zero given on the assignment, test, quiz, project, or measurement tool, and all cheating will be considered a Level II Infraction at DHS."

However, this policy is not followed with consistently throughout DHS. Some teachers will give a student a zero on the assignment they are caught cheating on without notifying administration. Others will allow the student to redo the assignment for some points, while some teachers allow students to make up the assignment for full points. These different procedures stem from various philosophies on what grades should reflect.

"When you put a zero and average everything you are mixing behavior and skill, apples and oranges," Spanish teacher Señora Maria Vazquez said.

Administration is currently working on creating a new policy; however, there is a large deal of controversy over whether a grade should reflect a student's behavior or their skill.

"My opinion is that, to the greatest extent, we need to separate skill and behavior," Principal Kit Moran said.

While these two things are separate, students don't learn without consequences for their actions, and Saturday schools are one of the most ineffective forms of punishment. Students told *The Squall* they rarely care enough about losing part of their Saturday.

If a driver gets enough speeding tickets, a driver eventually gets their license taken away; the consequences for cheating should have similar ramifications.

While being a multifaceted problem, a policy that specifies what counts as cheating and a more meaningful progressive discipline would help reduce cheating.

Since there are various levels of cheating, there should be different punishments for different forms. For example, someone who copies a couple math problems from a friend doesn't deserve the same punishment as someone who plagiarizes an entire English paper. Furthermore, cheating on a test or paper covers up a person's skill and is a behavior that interferes with a student's grade more than copying homework.

The consequences for cheating should be both progressive and meaningful. A student who only cheats once deserves a consequence that teaches a lesson, but a serial cheater deserves a more severe punishment.

These consequences should be behavioral and academic due to the duality of the offense. On the first major offense, a student caught cheating should be given the opportunity to earn back half the points on the assignment along with having to call their parents and explain the situation. On the second offense, the student should be given the opportunity to earn back half the points on the assignment but is ineligible for sports and any other extracurricular activities for one week, and consequences escalate from there. In order to fulfil this policy, there would have to be greater communication between the world of academics and the world of extracurriculars.

Yet, this policy is important to teach students about the future. Those who fall back on cheating in high school are unlikely to stop in the future, which could lead to expulsion from college or even landed in court in the working world. And isn't the purpose of education to prepare kids for the future?

### Teacher's thoughts on cheating and the DCS policy

"People are always going to cheat. Some people get caught, and some people do not. Regardless of the consequences, people will cheat."

- Barry Mergler



"It is very limited and it doesn't encompass all the different situations that may arise. It is very vague, There is no procedure to deal with cheating occurrences."

- Maria Vazquez



"We need to find a healthy way to give kids the latitude to learn and how to navigate.... It's a teachable moment because you can't claim work that is not your own."

- Jaime Dudash



"As classes become bigger, [cheating] becomes more prevalent. Also, with classes getting harder, the stress is causing more and more due to the curriculum."

- Beau Kimmey

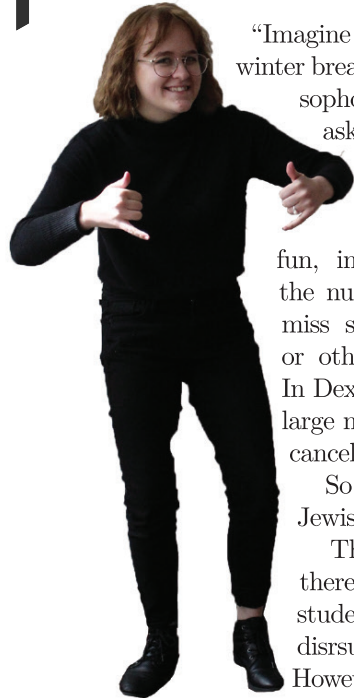




# Religious Holidays

Despite more than 60 percent of students practicing Christianity, DHS should consider minority religion's holidays

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"Imagine if Christmas didn't fall into winter break. People would be outraged," sophomore Aden Angus said when asked how not getting Jewish holidays off affects him.

It seems unrealistic (because it is), but, just for fun, imagine if it didn't. Imagine the number of students that would miss school on Christmas, Easter, or other major Christian holidays. In Dexter, it would be a ridiculously large number, easily large enough to cancel school.

So why is it not the same for Jewish and Muslim students?

The answer, of course, is that there isn't a large amount of those students, at least not enough to disrupt the overall school day. However, it disrupts the school day of those affected in a major way.

So, how do we fix that?

It seems easy: promote awareness of religious holidays amongst the staff and students. The problem lies in how the school would go about it.

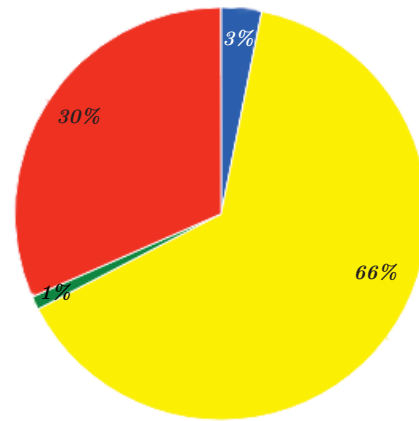
Schools in Ann Arbor utilise a three-star, two-star, one-star model, which dictates importance of the holiday in question.

Three stars denote a major holiday, and teachers may not schedule exams, reviews for exams, tryouts, or dances on those days. Two stars indicate other significant holidays, and students absent during these days are treated as if they had been out sick. One star holidays have no restrictions.

DHS Principal Kit Moran said he encourages his staff to be aware of non-Christian religious holidays, but since Dexter isn't religiously diverse, it is "fair and reasonable to not know [the holidays]. The star model used by Ann Arbor is admirable, and a good model, but not the right path for Dexter.

"I don't think there's been enough need to generate change, but if it were to become a big enough issue to disrupt the school day, we would have to tend to that."

English teacher Alexander Heidtke is in support of awareness and respect for religious holidays, and their observer's absence due to them.



■ Jewish ■ Christian ■ Muslim ■ Nonreligious

63 students surveyed

"Finding a way to incorporate the non-Christian religious holidays based on inclusiveness, respect, and, at least, awareness, it's the next step," he said. "If people know they exist and respect them, then we move forward, in terms of coexisting ... It's hard to bring anything up without offending someone, but sometimes it's so monumental that you have to offend someone in order to do the right thing."

It isn't only hard to move past the prejudice in the school. Another obstacle is the bureaucracy involved in setting up a policy of awareness and respect.

"It's hard, because religion isn't commonly brought up, and in Dexter, it isn't diverse," history teacher Kevin Cislo said. "It's easy enough on an individual basis, but a policy is hard because it requires administrative action."

Yasmin Segev, a DHS senior, is a student who has been negatively affected by the lack of awareness.

"Something I remember, I don't think it happened this year, but in previous years, was marching band rehearsal landing on the first eve of Rosh Hashanah," she said. "Rehearsals go from 7:30 to 9 p.m., so it took up the entire eve, and I didn't get to celebrate with my family."


When asked about her opinion on collisions between school and religious holiday observance, Segev had a few suggestions for the administration.

"I think that students should be allowed an extension on homework and to not go to after school events, without consequence, if there's a major holiday for a major religion besides Christianity, at the least," she said. "A better solution would be not allowing major events to be planned for major holidays in the first place, though."



# The Opiate Epidemic

The modern-day plague that no one is talking about needs to be addressed

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This subject is not for the faint of heart. It involves a lot of death and suffering. It's a subject that is heartbreakingly personal to some, and frightening to the rest.

This is opiates.

Last year, just about 64,000 people overdosed on some kind of opiate. Drug overdoses are now the leading cause of death of people under the age 50. Between 2015 and 2016, the amount of overdoses rose 19 percent according to CNN--the fastest spike in history--and opiates are the culprit. It's getting worse; all the evidence points to 2017 being the worst year to date.

According to the National Institute of Drug Abuse, 80 percent of people who used Heroin for the first time have misused prescribed opiates. All states have deaths from opiates, but Michigan is

among the worst.

Opiates are extremely easy to obtain. If you get moderately injured, the doctor may prescribe you a some kind of painkiller, whether it be Vicodin, Oxycodone, Percocet, Xanax, and anything in between. If you undergo surgery, you likely will be written a prescription for Oxycodone or Percocet.

Opiates work by flooding your brain with dopamine (the chemical that makes you happy). This is usually how the scenario goes: Someone gets injured and go to the doctor, and they prescribe some kind of opiate to help with the pain. Typically, first-time users stick to the prescribed dosage.

However, patients really like how this makes

them feel, so they decide to take one more pill this time. Now it's game over; the patient is hooked. They keep taking more and more. When the patient is denied the prescription refill, usually because they have exceeded their pill allotment over a certain period of time, there is a turn to heroin for a fix; that is one of the few things patients can do to fuel their physical dependence.

Now, they are ruining their body, ruining potential relationships, and much of their income is being spent on drugs. Their life continues until a probable overdose. Sometimes parents have to bury their children.

Many will be remembered for all the bad they did and none of the good. (This obviously is a worst-case scenario that seems to happen far too often.)

It's truly a heartbreaking thing to happen to anyone, and it happens to the best of people; 4.0 students and students with full ride scholarships are not excluded.

These star examples of society are shooting up in alleyways and dying. It's just getting worse now. The DEA now has less power to investigate pharmaceuticals companies. The pharmaceutical companies are now producing more dangerous drugs. Fentanyl, an opiate prescribed for pain, is 50 times stronger than morphine.

The famous line from Jurassic Park said it best: "Your scientists were so preoccupied with whether or not they could, they didn't stop to think if they should."

Why does the world need a drug that's 50 times stronger than Morphine? This is truly a sickness. A disease that's ruining tens of thousands of people's lives every year. It's backed up by the pharmaceutical companies because it makes them rich. Companies that develop a "medicine" that works with opiate treatment, but the "medicine" was addictive itself, and the patients got hooked on that instead.

Money is the main measure behind this. If it wasn't about money, no one would produce anything. But since it's a multi-billion dollar-a-year industry, it's creators are in it for the long haul. It's a literal mass death.

It's the new plague.

68.1%

*of students know someone who has taken an opiate*

\*167 students surveyed

*of the 92 students who knew of someone taking an opiate had seen at least one person negatively affected.*

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# Our Lives Over Fear

Governor Snyder must repeal legislation that would prioritize misplaced fear over the lives of Michiganders



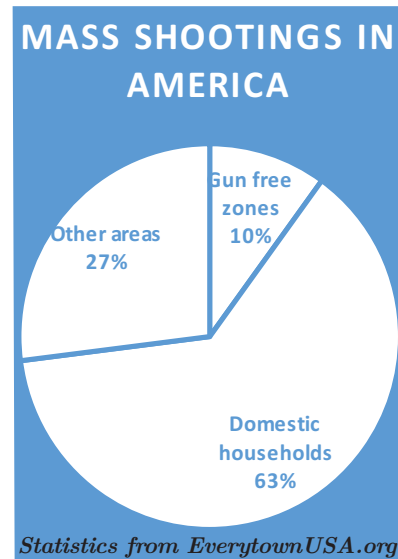
As 2017 draws to an end, Michigan's Republican legislators in Lansing have once again dug up the shallow grave of 2012's politics, bringing concealed carry reform back to the table. In the name of self defense, Senate Bill 584-586 would allow those with eight extra hours of additional training to carry concealed firearms into gun-free zones, which includes sporting arenas, hospitals, schools, and even day cares. Unfortunately, for the hundreds of thousands of us who spend time at these places every day, this does not equate to self defense, but to potential for tragedy.

For those who have forgotten, this is not the first battle for the expansion of concealed carry in Michigan. Back in 2012, a similar bill (on partisan lines) passed the Senate and the House on the same premise of allowing guns in gun free zones. Ultimately, it was vetoed by Governor Snyder, who was apprehensive due to inclusions that could have allowed domestic abusers easier access to firearms. Now, no such inclusions exist, and if the bill passes in the Republican-controlled house, as it's likely to, pistols in preschools is a likely reality for Michigan.

Before one can understand the ramifications of such a bill, an understanding on just what mass shootings are in America is needed. From 2009-2016, there have been 156 mass shootings in the US—incidents where four or more people were killed—according to Everytown USA. Overall, 848 people were killed and 339 people were injured. In more than half of those cases, roughly 54 percent, the shooting was related to family violence. As to where they occurred, only 10 percent of all mass shootings occur in gun-free zones, while the majority, 64 percent, took place in a private residence. In Everytown's database, they had not one instance where a mass shooter was stopped by an armed civilian, even when they were present (since those individuals recognized their gunfire might confuse law enforcement officials, they decided not to draw their weapons). Overall, the report paints a picture of mass shootings in the United States as a largely domestic problem, with the outliers—such as school shootings or terrorist attacks—being over-represented by the media.

To solve this misunderstood issue of mass shootings in gun-free zones, there are some who champion the expansion of the reach for concealed carry. Based on the principle good guys with guns could be there to stop the bad guys with guns, concealed carry laws allow citizens the option to have access of firearms for self defense in their daily lives. But is con-

cealed carry actually effective in stopping crime? In a study conducted by the Violence Policy Center—a gun safety group—it was found that out of 722 gun deaths in 36 states since 2007 relating to concealed carry cases, only 16 were ruled as lawful self defense. Even more, 17 law enforcement officers died from gun owners with concealed carry permits.



It is a sad reality that arming fellow citizens with weapons does not lead to die-hard criminal put-downs, but just because we have the desire to be that Bruce Willis in our fantasies does not justify public policy that interprets such a simplistic view of gun violence. Considering the likelihood of a mass shooting taking place—and pairing it with the decreased possibility of it occurring in a gun-free zone—the chance of a tragic accident taking place seems much more likely than the chance of true self defense. Guns serve a singular purpose: to do damage to a target. Doing damage and gun free zones simply do not mix. When we place guns into areas that both neither normally have events that would call for their use nor benefit in mass shooting situations when they are present, they equate to a recipe for disaster. Accidental firings, misfires, neglect, clumsiness, hot flashes of anger, and emotion all add up to a tragic death when paired with a gun. While we can trust law enforcement officers who have the training and accountability to avoid those factors with guns, trusting a wildcard that could ignite at any moment is simply unacceptable for any society.

Any educator, athlete, doctor or student who values the environment in which they live knows the expansion of concealed carry would only mean tragedy, so why not Governor Snyder? Our state government has the responsibility to put the quality of Michigan lives over any fantasy spun out of fear, and as governor, Snyder must once again take a stand and say no to a bill that would do just that. Because it's not the NRA or voices of fear mongers that should have the greatest value in Lansing's chambers, but Michigan's most vulnerable.



## What you need to know

“I vape whenever I feel like it, because it’s fun to do. I do it both socially and alone, it doesn’t really matter to me, but I prefer doing it when I’m with other people. Sometimes, depending on my mood, I’ll use some juice with higher nicotine content to give me a little buzz.”

These are the words from a junior who provided an insight into the Dexter High School sub-culture of vaping.

The use of e-cigarettes, commonly known as vaping, is a trend that has become part of the culture at DHS.



“I vape one or two times a day,” another student said. “I find time at the beginning of class by just asking the teacher if I can go to the bathroom. I meet up with another kid and we vape together just because we can. I vape mainly because it feels good, but there are some negative after-effects. I get lightheaded for a few minutes afterwards and I just feel out of it. I don’t want to do anything.”

However, just because it is a part of the school’s culture does not mean that it is legal on school

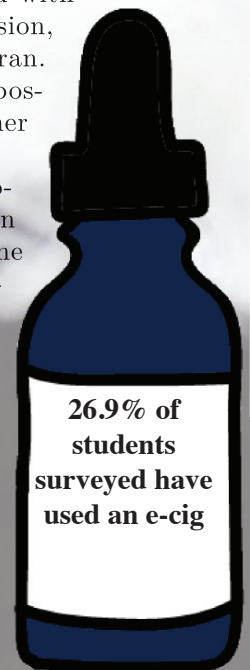
grounds. In fact, e-cigarettes are categorized as tobacco delivery devices in the school handbook, and students caught with them are reprimanded under this policy, regardless of whether the liquid has tobacco or nicotine content in it.

The punishment for the possession or use of any form of e-cigarette is enforced with a three day out-of-school suspension, according to Principal Kit Moran. This is the same punishment for possessing dip, cigarettes, or any other objects with tobacco content.

“We don’t go looking for problems, they just show up,” Moran said when asked about how the school detects and confiscates tobacco delivery devices.

If a student is subjected to a backpack search and a vape device is found, the student in question receives a punishment dictated by the rule book for their actions, Moran said.

Some may argue the method used by the administrators is unfair, because they don’t require a warrant or probable cause. This







## about e-cigs in student life

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is not to be confused with how the police handle search and seizure of illegal paraphernalia; while the police require either consent or a warrant for the search, Moran noted all that administrators require is a heads up from a teacher or multiple student sources.

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**“I meet up with another kid and we vape together.”**

**-Anonymous Student**

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“We really don’t like to go through students’ backpacks,” Moran said. “It’s a very personal thing and we don’t really want to go near it. We usually have the student go through every pocket and we watch while they do.”

Before the search, the administrators ask if there’s anything they’re going to find that shouldn’t be there.

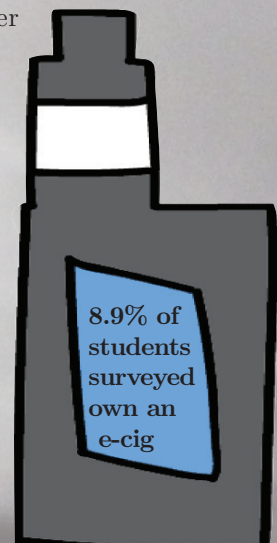
Usually, the student will confess and throw it away, if it’s something minor. But with big-ticket items like weapons or serious drugs, the student will be punished accordingly.

One aspect of vaping that is not mentioned in the rules, however, is that vaping without tobacco content in the juice is a much better alternative

to using actual cigarettes according to a study conducted by Boston College. It might be fair to assume the punishment for a healthier alternative to smoking would be smaller. According to Moran, the school doesn’t address this matter and hasn’t made moves to update the policy in any way.

This isn’t to say that vaping has no negative effects to the health of the user, but it is definitely not as bad as putting tar, carcinogens, and other toxins in one’s lungs according to Cancer Research UK, an organization formed to reduce the number of cancer related deaths every year. This shift from cigarettes in the 1990s to vaping today is a cultural evolution, and is a step in the right direction of consumer health in America.

*The Squall is keeping students used in this article anonymous.*



89 students surveyed

# Desk Job to Road Patrol

After break, Officer Visel and his K-9, Karn, will be taking Officer Hilobuk's place as Dexter's resource officer

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After five years of working in Dexter schools, an officer typically gets reassigned. The past two officers at Dexter High School have been here for longer with Officer Jeremy Hilobuk being here for eight years, and before him, Officer Paul Mobbs was here for 10.

"Things were going well in the district, and my kids were going through the schools," Officer Hilobuk said.

When he was in high school, Officer Hilobuk took interest in becoming a police officer. Hilobuk took business classes in college, and realized that wasn't what he wanted to do. He then changed his field of study to criminal justice.

After being accepted to the police department, Hilobuk worked 15 years with the sheriff's office and was on a SWAT team from 1998 to 2011. While on the SWAT team in 2009, Hilobuk was hired as school deputy. This allowed him to train the faculty in the school district for active shooters and school searches.

"The improvements that we have made to school safety, by training all staff on how to react to school shooters make this school a better place," Hilobuk said.

Training from his experience on the SWAT team, along with being a detective for seven years, gave him the knowledge to further the safety of the school. The ability to help train the faculty for any situation set him apart from the other seven candidates.

Hilobuk was prepared for the five years that he was assigned at DHS, but being here for an extra three years helped ease his initial worries of replacing Officer Mobbs. With Mobbs being here for ten years, Hilobuk thought it might be difficult to get to know the kids as well; the staff, along with Dexter families, was phenomenal at helping him through this, he said. Though he

had been living in Dexter, he never realized how tightly knit the community was until he started his work in the school system.

After getting to know students, faculty, and families, each event that happened on and off school grounds became more endearing to Hilobuk. The Dexter tornado clean-up is one of the best memories Hilobuk has.

"It was a fun and impressive time to see how the community came together," Hilobuk said.

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**-Officer Jeremy Hilobuk**

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Over the years, he's seen the emotional roller coasters from the women's basketball team making it to the Final Four, to the loss of students, to the excitement of football games, homecoming, and coming-home. The excitement that flows through the students during spirit weeks and big games is what Hilobuk said he will miss most.

Hilobuk has inspired many to do their best, and strive for the goals they want to achieve. Senior Hayden Walworth started by playing little league with Hilobuk as the coach when he was ten or eleven. From then on, Hilobuk inspired Walworth, and has helped him pursue his dreams.

"He sort of inspired me to go into the law enforcement field when I'm older," Walworth said. "Hilobuk told me about the explorers program to help me explore the different law enforcement opportunities."

Some students relationship is based off of coaching and inspiration, and for others it's more personal. Hilobuk impacted senior Brielle Chalou's life by always checking up on her and constantly caring about her well being and safety.

"My best memory with him is when he helped me through getting a ticket from a different police officer, and had talked to him about how well I've been doing and he canceled my ticket," Chalou said.

Friday, December 22, will be Hilobuk's final day with the students and faculty that he has been building strong relationships with over the years.

"If I had my choice, I'd stay here until I could retire,"



Officer Hilobuk stands next to his patrol car outside of DHS. Hilobuk's last day will be Friday, December 22.





Officer Visel poses with his K-9, Karn, in front of his patrol vehicle outside of DHS. Visel's first official day will be Monday, January 8.

Hilobuk said. "I don't want to leave because I like this job. I understand why I have to move; it's sad. It's something I would rather not do.

"The hardest thing will be not seeing everybody, everyday. I built a lot of relationships with everybody. I would like to thank the school district, school board, administration, staff, and students for letting me be here all these years and giving me this opportunity."



Hilobuk has made quite the impact on the lives of both the staff and students of DHS during his time here, but is now passing the torch to Officer Gerrod Visel and his four-legged K-9 partner, Karn.

Two other officers applied for the position, but ultimately Visel's experience set him apart from his peers. The fact he is a 1994 DHS graduate, coaches football and baseball, as well as him living here with his son, gave him an advantage in the selection process.

Visel, who has been with the sheriff's office for 18 years—15 of which were spent in the K-9-unit—is setting aside his previous work of locating runaway children and sniffing out drugs in other schools with his old canine partner Bady to join the Dreadnaughts with Karn.

Bady, who Visel has been working with since 2015, will not follow his partner to Dexter. He will stay at the department, and the officer who replaces Visel will have the pleasure of working with him. Karn is coming out of

retirement to join an officer he hadn't worked with since 2010. He will spend the majority of his time at DHS, but will divide his time away from the school between being in the car, being in the office, and taking the occasional nap at home.

Visel is here to do exactly what Hilobuk did: get to know the kids, faculty, and families of the Dexter community. While drug searches are part of the pair's responsibility, Visel is ultimately here to further the safety and well-being of the district.

"I am most excited about getting to know the kids and making them feel safe at school," Visel said.

Visel's son currently attends Mill Creek Middle School. Visel also has a niece, McKenna Augustine, who is a senior at DHS.


"I know everyone really liked Hilobuk, but I think that having my uncle here will be a good change, especially because he has Karn," Augustine said.

Visel has been training with Hilobuk to learn the ins and outs of the job, and Hilobuk is positive that Visel and Karn will do great tackling this position. As Hilobuk leaves Dexter, Hilobuk and Chalou supply Visel with a few words of wisdom to keep in mind while at DHS.

"Just take it day by day, and understand that kids will be kids," Hilobuk said.

"My advice for him is to try and build trust and a relationship with the students to show you actually care about their well being," Chalou said.

# The Students of

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## Emily O'Keefe (Senior)



## An inside look into the lives

Most people know Emily O'Keefe as one of the varsity sideline cheer captains, but what many don't know is that Emily competes in beauty pageants nationally. When Emily was 13 years old, she started participating in these pageants, and her love for them has increased over the years.

"A lot of people say [the pageants] are all about beauty and looks, but the ones that I do are about building character, confidence, and relationships," O'Keefe said.

O'Keefe has traveled all over the U.S. to compete in these pageants, and her family travels to Las Vegas every summer to watch the Miss USA pageant. These competitions have opened up opportunities for O'Keefe she would not have been exposed to otherwise.

"Modeling agencies have reached out to me. I'm actually going to New York soon to consider signing with one," O'Keefe said.

O'Keefe said she is very passionate about what she does. She has met many amazing people through traveling and competing, and wouldn't trade it for anything else.

During his Freshman year, Gerry McConville joined the DHS robotics team, also known as the Dreadbots. Hoping to follow in his dad's footsteps and become an engineer, when Gerry came to the high school, he knew joining the robotics team would be at the top of his priorities. Every fall, a team of approximately 30 students join together to complete a robot in a short 6-week time span. Throughout the week, each team member builds a part of a test bot, helping to create the best robot they can.

"If we win our statewide matches, we will go onto a National competition...last year we won overall design of our robot at a statewide match," McConville said.

McConville is heavily involved with the robotics team, dedicating long hours during his week to building an award-winning robot, and finding the ways it will drive best. He hopes to one day join the drive team, which is the team in charge of driving the robot at matches.

McConville stands out because of his enthusiasm toward engineering and his passion for electronics. When he graduates from DHS, he plans to work toward being an engineer, just like his father.

## Gerry McConville (Sophomore)





# Dexter High School

of students who do the unordinary

## Jackson Helmholtz (Freshman)



In 6th grade, Jackson Helmholtz became interested in playing the bass cello and has gotten better with the help of a private lesson teacher. Helmholtz plays in the Concert Orchestra. He started playing bass when his friends drew interest toward it. He is involved with the school orchestra, but does it as a fun hobby as well.

“My friends started playing it and I really liked it so I gave it a try,” Helmholtz said.

He is also heavily involved in the Drama program here at DHS. His talent in playing bass has helped him gain a better understanding of music, which has helped him sing better. His most recent appearance in a drama production was in 3-D series *Partners in Crime*.

Many people enjoy Helmholtz’s presence in drama, and agree that he is very talented.

“Jackson is the most interesting person you will ever meet... he’s really talented,” senior Masie Inman said.

With his wish to one day start his own band and travel playing shows, it is clear that Helmholtz is passionate for music and the art of it.

Growing up, Gracie Willis always loved animals. She has a deep passion for the agriculture community.

“I wouldn’t want to live any other way,” she said.

When Willis was five years old, her parents enrolled her into 4-H. 4-H is a youth development program, encouraging youth to explore their skills and interests in Agriculture among many other interest areas. Willis was able to grow and develop a market for her turkeys, rabbits, goats, and chickens. She also raises ornamental doves.

Willis does this to raise meat for her family so that they know where their food comes from.

“My parents decided when I was little that they wanted to raise their own meat, and not buy any from the store,” Willis said.

If Willis’ family doesn’t raise the food themselves, they buy it from another local 4-H member. Every year, they buy a hog and a steer at the Manchester Community Fair to put into their freezer.

Recently, Willis started showing dairy calves. This is something that started as just an idea, but for Willis, it became a very passionate aspect in her life. She doesn’t just show at the 4-H fair, but also at the Chelsea Community fair.

## Gracie Willis (Junior)

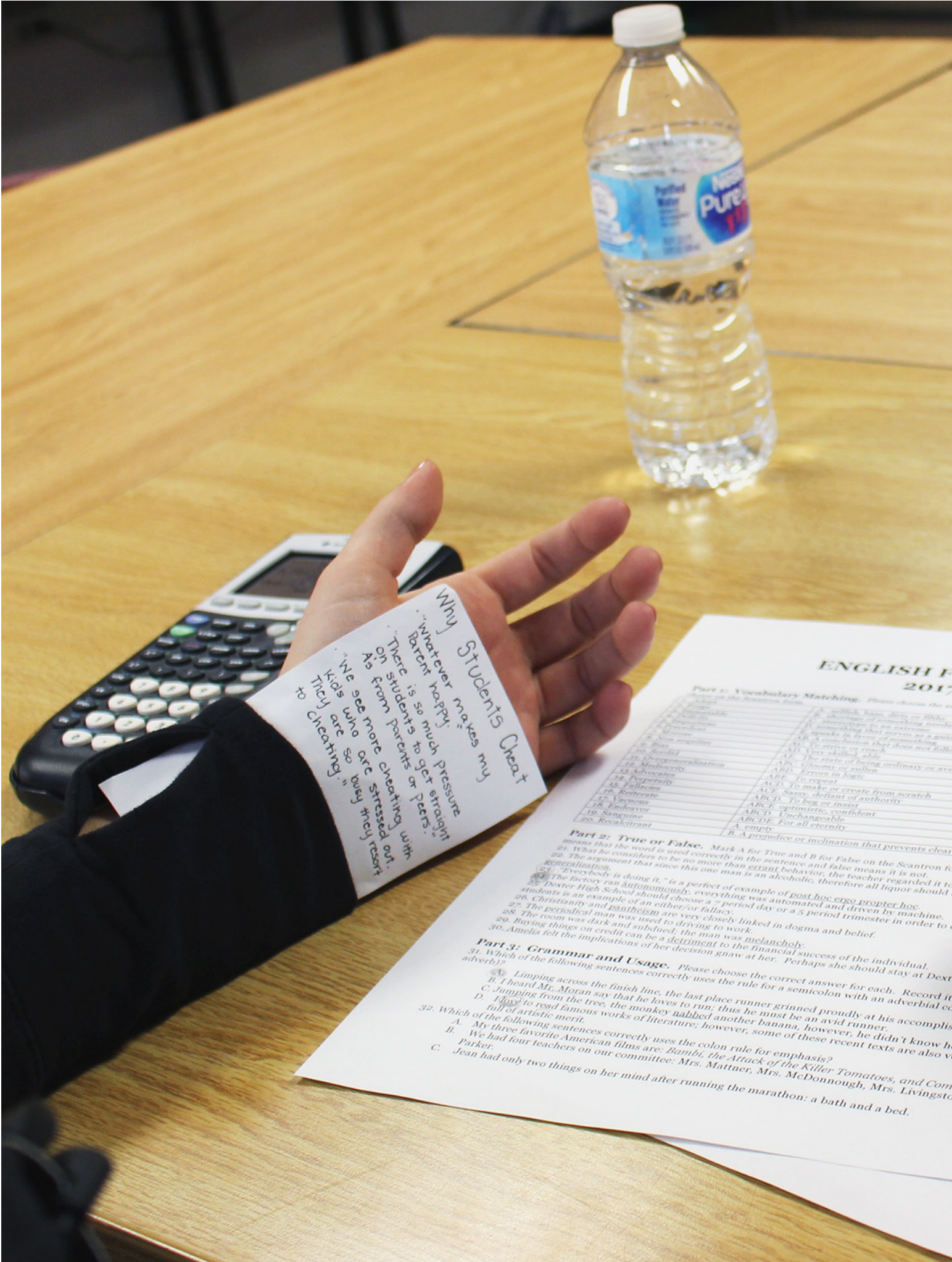


This past August, she won Grand Champion Meat Turkey, Reserve Champion Pen of Chickens, and Grand Champion Pair of Doves. She also won Reserve Best of Show with her dairy calf.

Willis said that this is something she hopes to do for the rest of her life, and with the enthusiasm she has, she will succeed.

*Photos courtesy of featured students*





Why Students Cheat  
 "Whatever makes my parent happy."  
 "There is so much pressure on students to get straight As from parents or peers."  
 "We see more cheating with kids who are stressed out. They are so busy they resort to cheating."

ENGLISH I  
 2017

Part 1: Vocabulary Matching. Please choose the correct answer for each word.

1. Aesthetics	A. To strive or reach
2. Axiomatic	B. A prejudice or inclination that prevents clear
3. Axiom	C. To repeat
4. Axiomatic	D. To beg or insist
5. Axiomatic	E. To repeat
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20. Axiomatic	T. To repeat

Part 2: True or False. Mark A for True and B for False on the Scantron form.

- 21. What he considers to be no more than extraneous behavior, the teacher regarded it to be essential.
- 22. The argument that since this one man is an alcoholic, therefore all liquor should be banned is an example of post hoc ergo propter hoc.
- 23. The factory ran autonomously; everything was automated and driven by machine.
- 24. Dexter High School should choose a 7-period day or a 5-period trimester in order to best serve its students is an example of an either/or fallacy.
- 25. Christianity and Pantheism are very closely linked in dogma and belief.
- 26. The room was dark and subdued, the man was melancholy.
- 27. Buying things on credit can be a detriment to the financial success of the individual.
- 28. Amelia felt the implications of her decision gnaw at her. Perhaps she should stay at Dexter High School.

Part 3: Grammar and Usage. Please choose the correct answer for each. Record it on the Scantron form.

- 29. Which of the following sentences correctly uses the rule for a semicolon with an adverbial clause?  
 A. Limping across the finish line, the last place runner grinned proudly at his accomplishment.  
 B. I heard Mr. Moran say that he loves to run, thus he must be an avid runner.  
 C. Jumping from the tree, the monkey nabbed another banana, however, he didn't know he was full of artistic merit.  
 D. I love to read famous works of literature; however, some of these recent texts are also very interesting.
- 30. Which of the following sentences correctly uses the colon rule for emphasis?  
 A. My three favorite American films are: *Bambi*, *the Attack of the Killer Tomatoes*, and *Comedies*.  
 B. We had four teachers on our committee: Mrs. Mattner, Mrs. McDonough, Mrs. Livingstone, and Mrs. Parker.  
 C. Jean had only two things on her mind after running the marathon: a bath and a bed.



# Cheating Gone

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Choose the answer that best defines the  
word in *italicized*.  
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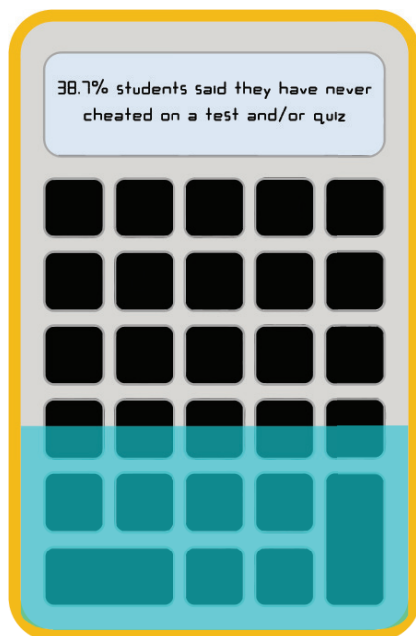


*The Squall talked with a variety of students about cheating, some of whom have been caught in the act and others who have been able to escape persecution. We have decided to leave these students anonymous to protect their identity and reputation amongst their teachers and their peers.*

It was Wednesday, the night before my nine-week IB Biology exam. I had gotten little sleep the night before because I had been working all night on my AP government outline. This week was the worst possible week to have this biology exam. All my classes are extremely busy. My AP government test was today, my English commentary was this past Monday, and my Pre-Calc test was this last Tuesday.

I had worked so hard to do well on all of these, but, for some reason, I pushed studying for biology until the night before the exam. My heart is racing. It is worth such a big part of my grade and I could not imagine what my parents would do if they found out I bombed it. If Michigan sees that I got a D in IB Biology, there is no way they would ever accept me.

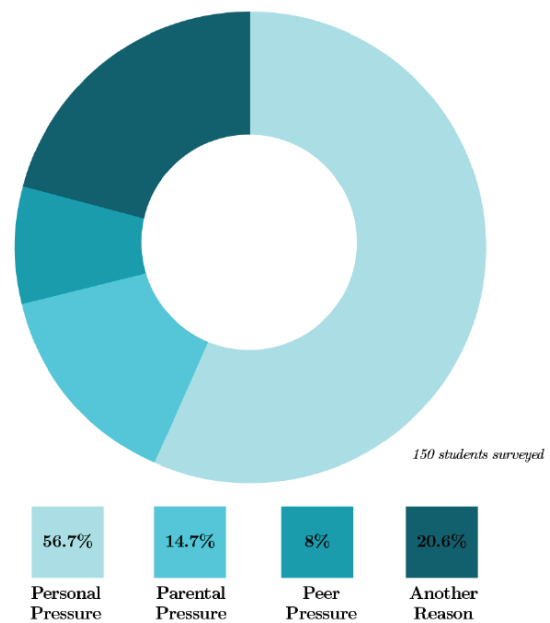
I quickly started to go through every unit, trying to absorb as much as I could, but it just was not cutting it. I laid down on my bed. If only I could use my notes during the exam, then I would for sure ace it. I studied so much for all my other tests, so why don't I just let myself off easy just this once? I started to think of different methods. I could put a cheat sheet in my clear water bottle or keep my notes next to me on the floor. Both are too obvious. I kept thinking and before I knew it, I was writing down the steps to mitosis and meiosis on my arm. Just this once, I told myself.



150 student surveyed

This is just one scenario that exemplifies why kids cheat. Through observation, data, and interviews, The Squall found that the pressure of parents, teachers, peers, and themselves pressure students into cheating. It has been found that a lot of students appear to care more about the grades that appear in PowerSchool than actually learning the information, like this student above.

The main reason students cheat



## Why do kids cheat?

“Whatever makes my parent happy,” one student said.

Parental expectations as the root of stress was consistent in conversation with both students and faculty. Additionally, peer pressure to get good grades was prevalent.

The curiosity about their peers’ grades makes students ask their friends how they did on the test. The fear of being judged or being looked down upon often causes students to lie about their grade in response, work harder, or in some cases, cheat.

“I think students cheat because of stress,” a math teacher said. “There is so much pressure on



## 92.7% of students admitted to cheating on homework



150 student surveyed

students to get straight A's from parents or peers. They have this idea that they need those grades."

Some of that stress, a student said, is because of the importance that colleges place on grades.

"[I cheat] so I can go to college and actually make money in life," a student said.

## Methods

It is obvious cheating has become synonymous with education. When there is so much pressure to earn high grades, it doesn't seem surprising that kids will do whatever it takes to have good grades.

With the advancement in technology, both students and teachers admitted that cheating has become easier.

"I've seen an increase in it the past few years," a math teacher said. "The methods are becoming more possible, and resources are more readily available."

One student told us all of their methods, including utilizing their technology.

"I've gotten answer keys on my phone, written formulas on pieces of paper in my pocket, [and] I've copied my neighbor's paper," they said. "[For] Google Classroom tests, I've Googled [the] answers. I've used a textbook during a test before, [too]."

One of the most common and easy ways to cheat is between classes. It can be something as simple as "on the last page, there's a lot on gas laws," "make sure to study Stalin," or "for number 9, I answered 'C'."

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**"I don't feel guilty when I cheat."**

**-Anonymous DHS Student**

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One student told us why they chose to tell their friends about the recent test they took.

"I see my friends getting really stressed out because of school," they said. "Tests shouldn't be something they are crying about and staying up all night [for]. I wanna help them."

# Punishment

The Dexter Community Schools Parent-Student Handbook states that all acts of cheating will result in a zero. The handbook also claims that appropriate consequences outside of receiving a zero on the assignment will be given. It then splits up the act of cheating into two categories: “suspicious behavior” and “blatant actions.” Suspicious behavior includes instances in which a student uses their phone during the exam or a prolonged period where one student is looking at another student’s exam. Blatant actions consist of possessing a cheat sheet during or prior to the exam and acts of forgery.

Foreign language classes appear to be the most common classes to cheat in, based on conversations with students. One student told us their experience of being caught cheating on a Spanish retake test.

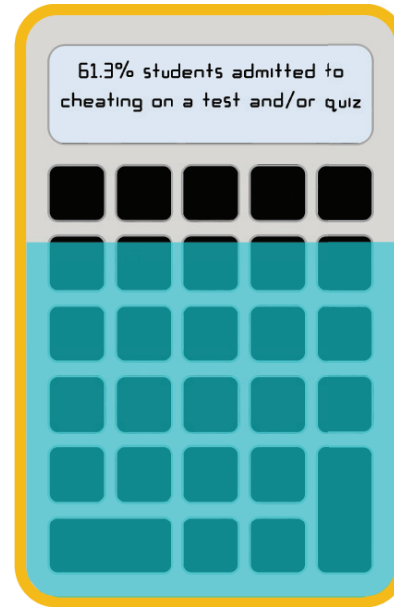
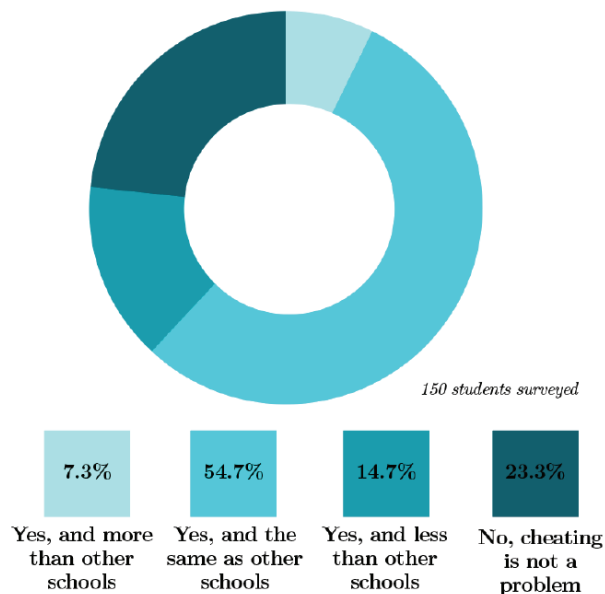
“[I was taking the retake and] I had a lunch on top of [my test review] and my Spanish teacher saw it, and said ‘We’re gonna have to talk about this,’” the student said. “A couple days later, [Assistant Principal] Koenig came down and he explained the situation. He explained my consequence. I got sent to Saturday school for it. It was a retake, so I didn’t get a new grade.”

Does the student still cheat?

“No. After that, I don’t cheat at all,” they said.

Despite all the instances of cheating that administrators are aware of and have punished, there are other instances in which teachers have witnessed cheating and did not act according to the student handbook.

## Do you think cheating is a problem at DHS?



150 student surveyed

“I was cheating straight from the class’s textbook during a test,” a student said. “The teacher saw me but didn’t do anything except for make me put it away.”

Another student referenced a specific class during their freshman year when asked if they have ever cheated.

“My whole freshman year history class consisted of someone taking a picture of the test and me looking at the picture,” a student said.

One student was caught cheating after an exam by sharing the answers.

“I got an A on the test. The school policy said I should’ve gotten a zero, but I went and talked to them [and] told them I took the test on my own, got an A on my own, and the students took a different test at a later time,” the student said. “I have a good rep, so I got less consequences than other kids would.”

Because this student was well-liked amongst teachers, they were not punished. Many teachers admitted to this favoritism.

“The issue is when you know the kid,” an English teacher said. “Having a relationship with your students makes punishing them more difficult.”



A science teacher echoed those thoughts.

“I think the biggest issues that comes up with these [situations] are students that are deemed as good kids or bad kids have different consequences,” they said. “So, it’s tough to enforce anything like this.”

Enforcement, regardless if it follows the handbook’s description or not, isn’t always a cure for cheating. Some students, despite knowing and experiencing the severity of consequences, didn’t see a true deterrent to cheating.

“Everyone cheats,” a student said. “I have learned nothing. I still cheat.”



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# Athletes in the Crowd

A look at some students excelling in their winter sports



## Jasper Howell

Sophomore Jasper Howell is a main asset to the wrestling team, bringing skill and determination to a dwindling varsity wrestling roster. Howell was taught the art of wrestling at the ripe age of five. Howell didn't start wrestling because he liked it; he started wrestling because it runs in the family.

"Everyone one in my family wrestled, so I decided to ," he said.

There was little expectation for Howell, then a freshman, joining wrestling, but attrition and the graduation of four seniors who participated in the state meet last year changed those expectations. The wrestling team is also having problems with kids in all grades staying dedicated.

"The kids that are committed go [to practice] everyday and are making the team better," Howell said. "There are only 16 kids on the team, and we have to fill 14 weight classes which will be tough for such a small team."

His goals for the year are to get at least 40 wins and make regional cuts. As a key piece to the team, Howell's success on the mat will determine the wrestling teams overall success this season.



## Michael Bauman

Coming into the swim season, freshman Michael Bauman had no idea the amount of dedication he would have to put into the team. But he is still getting used to things and is preparing to do well in the beginning of the season.

Bauman has been swimming for eight years. Bauman first started swimming in DCAC because it was interesting "But most importantly to meet chicks".

Bauman has added to the team chemistry by bringing hard work and determination to the pool, and a fun personality out of the pool.

"[The team] really make the practices fun," Bauman said,

"Henry Gaetino pushes me to be better, and Josh Bergolt makes me, laugh."

Putting aside the fun that comes at practice, Bauman has one big goal for the year: to make state cuts. As a freshman, that is difficult, but with the support from his team and advice from his coach, he just might be able to make it to Eastern Michigan (the location of the state meet) this year.



## Kylee Niswonger

Kylee Niswonger is a freshman who plays on the Women's varsity basketball team. She has been playing basketball since second grade.

"My older sisters played, so that's what got me into it," Niswonger said.

Although she is a grade under even some of the youngest girls on the team, she is having no problem fitting in.

"The team is already very close," Niswonger said.

With the already great chemistry within the team, it should make it an easy transition for Kylee in her first year playing varsity. All the players on the team are great motivators, but when asked who pushes her the most Kylee said her teammates Sammi Corcoran and Kyleigh Valentine, because of how hard they push to become better. Kylee's hard work, dedication, and team-first attitude will be a major asset to the basketball team's success this year.



# The Power of Iron Dread

The arrival of Coach Jacobs and Coach Whittaker breathes new life into Dexter athletics

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The beginning of the new football season brought two new faces to DHS, Head Coach Phil Jacobs and assistant coach Chris Whittaker, who took roles as coaches and DHS faculty members. Their initial goal was to rebuild the football program by getting the players in shape and making them physically stronger. Now, they're expanding this weight room mentality to the rest of Dexter athletics.

While Jacobs and Whittaker are both primarily football coaches, their goal is to create better athletes throughout the school with the Iron Dread program. The four main factors are strength, speed, size, and weight. Both coaches noticed an overall lack in strength when they first arrived at the school.

"I have been a member in the SEC conference for 20-plus years," Jacobs said. "Dexter has always had talent, but not in the department of strength."

Since the program's implementation, a growing amount of excitement has occurred around the school. Students are enjoying the intensity that Iron Dread brings, and already see results.

"I feel like it's been helping me get stronger," senior baseball player Andrew Spicer said. "I think it's a step in the right direction."

Each week, Whittaker posts lifting times for each team on social media. In-season teams have separate lifting times, while offseason teams lift together. There's no need to sign up for each lifting session—just come and be prepared to work, coaches said.

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**"I like [the coaches] a lot. I think they are encouraging and understanding of all skill levels."**

-senior Madi Hofe

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Athletes who are enrolled in the Strength and Conditioning for Performance class do activities every day during school and have been told there is no need to attend lifting sessions; therefore, both coaches highly encourage students to take the class.

While Iron Dread is off to a good start, there



Coach Chris Whittaker explains what the next set of lifts will be to the Dexter athletes.





Junior Vinny D'Oria performs a shoulder press during an Iron Dread workout on Tuesday, December 19

are still some obstacles to overcome. Many athletes have either minimal or no experience in the weight room, so time is needed to teach the proper lifting techniques and form to ensure that everyone is safe.

Since the program began, students feel no matter their experience level, they are getting the proper coaching to become athletes in the weight room.

"I like [the coaches] a lot," senior dancer Madi Hofe said. "I think they are encouraging and understanding of all different skill levels."

Both coaches agree more people need to attend daily for the program to work properly.

"We need to get numbers consistent," Whittaker said. "That is the only way this is going to work and make it enjoyable in the long run."

The coaches not only want to make athletes

stronger, but also make the process enjoyable. Whittaker created the Iron Dread Podcast in order to help spread word about the program. In the future, Whittaker wishes to have guest speakers appear on the podcast, as well as start an "Athletes of the Week" ceremony with a championship belt.

While Iron Dread is still in its early stages, Jacobs and Whittaker have long-term goals in mind. Eventually, they want every athlete to take part in the program. Furthermore, they want middle school athletes to start lifting to create good technique and form at an early age.

"Dexter High School is known for its academics," Whittaker said. "Now, we want to make this high school be put on the map for athletics as well."

While conference titles are the ultimate goal, Jacobs and Whittaker want to make a program that not only helps the team as a whole but each individual after their high school experience.

"We want to instill the values of the weight room and lifting technique," Jacobs said. "Each athlete can take with them these skills for the rest of their life."

The coaches encourage anyone interested to just come and witness the first-hand power of Iron Dread.

"It is a fun and enjoyable experience unlike any other," Whittaker said. "Just come in, try it out, and see what we're about."



Freshman Devyn O'Clair performs a deadlift while freshman Joey D'Oria spots him.

# Winter Sports Briefs

With high expectations for many teams, the Dreadnaughts have sights set on various titles

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The 2017-18 winter sports season is going to be something to watch for Dexter, with young star athletes in the sports, talented coaching staff looking to make improvements, and a men's swim program poised to make a consecutive state title run. All in all, the Dreads are something to be excited about in the coming months.

## Hockey

Following last year when they ended their season early by losing in the first rounds of playoffs. This was disappointing for the boys, but this motivates them to move even further this year. Starting off this season 6-2, with their only losses were against Skyline and Chelsea, the Dreads are looking more solid now than ever. Their success starts with their freshman goalie, Kris Eberly. Eberly is strong and able to bring a new level of confidence to the team because of his previous experience on high-level teams.

Senior Trevor Lotz also has a lot to bring to the team. He's the most confident player on the team.



*Photographer - Maddie Wright*  
 Freshman goalie Kris Eberly stands in net waiting his opportunity to stop a shot from the Pinckney offense. Dexter won the game 3-1.

Lotz recently re-injured his knee, but this hasn't slowed his energy or prevented him from being apart of the team.

"There are a lot of things I love about this team," Lotz said. "With Kris in net, Logan Eggleston playing with us, and such a close group of guys, I really like our chances."

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**"Showering as a team brings us together as a family."**

**-senior Trevor Lotz**

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The tight-knittedness of the team stems from one thing in particular, Lotz told *The Squall*: shower time. Yes, this may sound odd, but to the team it's a weirdly bonding factor.

"You know, showering as a team brings us together as a family," Lotz said. With new stars, showering hijinks, and high expectations, this team is hoping to turn heads this season.

The Men's Swim and Dive team is prepared to

## Men's Swimming

win SECs, and possibly states, this upcoming season. They have started this 2017-18 season at 1-0, beating Milan 155-52. The majority of the team has prepared by participating in Club Wolverine, DCAC, water polo, and many morning and afternoon practices. Considering all of the effort the team has put in, this season should be the best one yet.

"I think that we have a good chance of winning states if more kids get state cuts," junior Nik Eberly said.

Eberly plans to re-break the Dexter pool record for the 100 butterfly of 51 seconds. Also, he plans to break the varsity record for the 100 fly. Eberly's goals will help advance the team closer to winning states and achieving their goals.

## Wrestling

The wrestling team plans to rebuild their program this season by competing with mostly young players. They plan to begin this season by strengthening and



bettering their younger wrestlers. With 11 underclassmen on varsity, the Dreads plan to compete the best they can. Dexter is 2-2 after two dual meets.

One of the sophomore stars is Jasper Howell. He is expecting to have a successful season this year, considering his experience on varsity from his freshman year.

“We have the makings of something special in the coming years,” Howell said. “Just watch. Dexter in two years will be right there for a state title.”

The team’s goal is to win the SEC conference. Without a doubt, many people are excited to see the how well the Dreadnaught wrestling program performs in 2017-18.



*Photographer - Kalista Feight*  
Sophomore Kylie Cabana drives to the lane against Ann Arbor Pioneer. Dexter lost the game 23-21.

## Women’s Basketball

The Women’s Varsity Basketball team has a great season ahead of them. Last year, the team only had one senior and lost the first game in playoffs against Huron. This was an upset to the team, but also motivates them to go further this season. The Lady Dreads are off to a strong start at 3-2 on the year.

The team this year has many new varsity players, including some underclassmen. They see themselves having a successful season, considering all the effort

and hard work they have put in. One of the ways the team has put in work is their summer practices that were held four times a week.

“I see the team going farther than last season. We have a lot of skilled players and have done a lot to prepare,” junior Kendall Roosevelt said.

Also, the team got new Nike uniforms and Jordan practice jerseys. This is the first time they have had maroon jerseys in a while. As a way of showing their unity, the team always buys the same pair of shoes.

## Men’s Basketball

The men’s basketball team has similar plans to the women’s team. This senior-led group with lots of varsity experience looks to finally make a big jump this season. This team is well-motivated, which stems from the strong coaching staff. Hours of work have been dedicated towards tough, good basketball.

“Coach knows exactly how to push us the next level,” junior Jake Avery said.

The next level for this team is that toughness needed to move the team. Coach Tim Cain, now in his third year at Dexter, practices a style of basketball based all around hustle. The key for this basketball team is doing the little things, like hustle plays and diving in the court. The Dreads (0-3) are off to a rough start, but they have been competitive in all three games, losing a pair of games by two points.



*Photographer - Brooklyn Brown*  
Drake Doyle blocks a shot as teammates Drew Bishop (10), Brady Rosen (3) and Nick Filecia prepare to get the rebound in a game against Brighton on Friday, December 15. Brighton won 44-42.

# Green vs. Green

What is there to be done about the excessive lunch waste in Dexter schools?

For the past few years, the Dexter school district has stuck to a lunch policy of using styrofoam trays as the primary means of plating in the cafeteria. If conservative estimates are to be believed, it can be said that Dexter Community Schools has used tens of thousands of those trays in the district's history.

Due to a number of reasons, these trays can be difficult to recycle and are sent to landfills where the chemical compounds of styrofoam have almost no chance of biodegrading like a natural substance. However, the alternatives to these trays are costly in the face of a school budget already pushed to the limits by increasing transportation and athletic needs.

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**“We could definitely do better with recycling.”**

**-Principal Kit Moran**

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At DHS, the styrofoam lunch trays themselves are only a few cents apiece, but added all together, they mean considerable savings for the school.


Almost 1,150 students attend the school daily, and providing lunch for even half of them is no small feat. The entire cafeteria system is an assembly line of speed and efficiency where around 400 students need to eat in just a 30-minute time frame, necessitating cheap and time-effective methods to accomplish that task.

Many of these students pick up a lunch tray, and ultimately, they end up throwing it in the trash bin. Recycling something as simple as a lunch tray may seem easy, but in reality involves a time-consuming and expensive process when applied to a school level.

The first hurdle faced is the problem of residue and grime left on the trays from the food. Trays can't be recycled if covered in food waste, meaning every individual tray would need to be thoroughly cleaned to meet acceptable recycling standards. This process would require an investment into manpower in the kitchen for the school. Even after that was resolved, DHS would have to pay someone to actually get them to a recycling facility.

“We could definitely do better with recycling,” Principal Kit Moran said. “Unfortunately, we just simply don't have the manpower needed to do more.”

Because of those high difficulties of recycling, most

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## *Process of Degredation of Styrofoam*



*Styrofoam lasts for thousands of years, and only breaks down at the physical level in nature.*

trash will either end up in a landfill or incinerated. However, while other materials such as paper are biodegradable and eventually break down, styrofoam is incapable of biodegrading. As a man-made plastic polymer, styrofoam can't be broken down organically by bacteria and other organisms, and can only break down into consecutively smaller pieces physically.

Think of it like a Russian nesting doll: they can get smaller, but their appearance and characteristics never change. Styrofoam is estimated at having a visible lifespan of around 1000 years and is likely to linger in our air, soil, and water table for far longer than that. Due to its incredibly small nature when broken down, styrofoam will eventually work its way through the ecosystem, going through oceans, rivers, forests, beaches and lakes on the way.

Styrofoam trays are made from polystyrene, a common synthetic polymer created from refined oil used to create a vast number of goods. In the manufacturing process of polystyrene, several pollutants are released into the atmosphere, including the high-



ly potent hydrofluorocarbons (or HFC's) according to Washington University in St. Louis.

After being given off as air pollution, HFC's will often react with elements in our ozone layer and are one of the main pollutants that contribute to its decline. Besides the conventional liquid and solid waste produced by production, HFC's are the largest concern from Polystyrene production. For some, those environmental costs that come from styrofoam trays must outweigh monetary costs when it comes to their health.

"There's definitely a need for more environmentally friendly options," junior Francis Fifelski said. "Regardless of what we eat, the environment around us can impact our health, and we have to keep it in mind."

Alternatives to using these trays, however, are limited in their practicality for the school. In terms of choices, options for the school range from the long life of metal trays to biodegradable plastics and recyclable paper.

In fact, many colleges use metal trays in their own cafeterias, installing rotating conveyor belts for trays to be washed and reused for years. The cost factor of this expansion, however, is tremendous. While the average cost of a styrofoam tray is just a few cents each, going to reusable plastic or paper trays can send costs per student skyrocketing in how much more each individual tray costs.

In the case of metal trays, it's needless to say the initial investment would also be quite substantial, necessitating not just the trays but new facilities to clean them. While metal trays can be reused for years, they would require commercial scale dishwashing capability, an expensive feat that requires high amounts of energy and water.

"Increasing the usage of reusable trays would increase our consumption of electricity and water," Director of Food & Nutrition Services Jennifer Mattison said, who has looked into the particular option before.

Paper or biodegradable materials being used as trays are also a moot point if they cannot be recycled, as recycling



*Almost all students cafeteria waste ultimately ends in the same place: the trash.*

facilities almost never accept residue on recyclables. But without recycling waste, anything we throw into a landfill can't be truly defined as biodegradable.

Any biodegradable material, such as paper or corn-based plastics, rely on oxygen to biodegrade. If composted properly in an environment rich in water and oxygen, those materials would biodegrade just fine. Under a landfill or trapped in a plastic bag, oxygen is almost non-existent, halting the biodegrading process of anything inside.

With this in mind, tossing compostable waste will yield lifespans far longer than intended, negating the benefits a biodegradable tray would provide.

"So unfortunately, this option leaves us with, regrettably, a more expensive version of an item similar to our current option with the same landfill result," Mattison said.

Recycling of styrofoam, however, is not an abandoned possibility by the school. There are machines within feasible reach by the school that could heat trays to such high temperatures that they would both carbonize the food (rendering it sterile) on the trays and melt them into easily recyclable blocks. This kind of machine would go far to reduce both the transportation and cost difficulties of recycling, making it both convenient and more beneficial for the school. In terms of possibility, this kind of recycling is not far off in our future.


"The district is considering putting a machine of this type at one of the schools in the district as part of our newly-passed bond," Mattison said.

With this potential change in mind, there are so many different ways the issue of our waste could take us. For some, the usage of foam trays is reprehensible, an affront to future generations. For others, however, they represent a valid use in exchange for more focus and funds towards education and necessary services.

It's hard to judge what is right when dealing with the choices of cash or trees. It certainly goes without saying, however, that in debates over cash or trees, it's hard to beat green with green, no matter which side you're on.

# Underrated Movies

Here's our picks for some of the most under-watched and underappreciated films of the past two decades

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## *The Kings of Summer*

The *Kings of Summer* follows three unhappy high school friends who decide to run away from home and live out their high school summer in the middle of the woods. This 2013 coming-of-age comedy has a stellar cast, a creative and genuine script, witty humor, and is quite possibly one of the most underrated films from the past decade. While the film contains incredible leads such as Nick Offerman, Nick Robinson, and Moises Arias, the true star of the film is its comedic, yet heartfelt script.

Screenwriter Chris Galletta creates a story that will have you laugh in some scenes, and on the verge of tears in the next. The main protagonists Joe, Patrick, and Biagio are likable characters in that they are perfect representations of different high school archetypes.



While the film is unrealistic, it provides insight into many social problems people face today, covering topics like innocence lost, parental death, love, brotherhood, and growing up.

The score and soundtrack fit the film's comedic and dreamlike tone and provides some extra humorous moments throughout. A scene in which a guy tries to serenade his father-in-law is especially amusing. Director Jordan Vogt-Roberts utilizes a unique style that makes the film seem as if it is a dream rooted in reality. The lighting, camera angles, and quick editing all contribute to this beautiful effect.

*The Kings of Summer* had all the elements lined up to be this generation's *Stand By Me*; however, due to poor marketing and distribution, the film only grossed \$1.3 million at the box office.

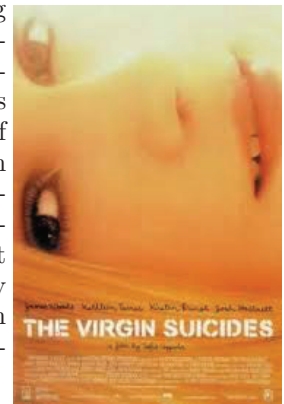
In the increasingly crowded coming-of-age genre, *The Kings of Summer* provides one of the best films in recent memory. It does everything that it needs to accomplish perfectly, knowing exactly what kind of film it wants to be. Rarely is a film ever able to accomplish this. *The Kings of Summer* is a must see, and is one of the most under-watched and underappreciated films of all time.

**Domestic Gross: \$1,315,590**

## THE VIRGIN SUICIDES

Sofia Coppola's *The Virgin Suicides* is based off of the best selling 1993 novel by Jeffrey Eugenidas. The film is a deliberate collision of both masterful and intriguing sights and sounds. The 1999 film revolves around five sisters in 70's Michigan, displaying a story of young relationships and turmoil. The story coincides beautifully with the film's use of lighting and cinematography techniques that gives it a pseudo-ghostly feel. The light colors and tones mixed with the strong acting and subject matter convey a mood of joy and apparent melancholy all at once.

The story follows five sisters: Therese, Mary, Bonnie, Lux, and Cecilia. They are from a strict family that shuns the idea of rebellion and off color interaction. The girls find themselves creating worlds for themselves, branching off from their innate tendencies and finding themselves through different mediums of social interaction. The sudden change in the girls' lives is observed by a group of neighborhood boys who childishly lust for the Lisbon sisters. They watch as the girls transform and approach the idea of finding themselves.





Beyond the cinematography, the acting of the young cast really separates this movie from others, in regards to the caliber and difficulty of the roles. With the likes of Kirsten Dunst and Josh Hartnett among the cast, the movie is full of (then) young talent.

The movie was well-received by critics and fans, however, that years box office was dominated by other blockbusters (*Star Wars: Episode 1*, *The Sixth Sense*, and *The Matrix*), earning the film only 10 million dollars to its 6.4 million dollar budget. This film was overshadowed, forgotten amongst titans of the film industry. It is a movie worth watching and studying because of its intricate and complex themes. It's many positive attributes allow it to stand out amongst other films in the drama genre. This movie is highly underrated but by no means a passover movie.

**Domestic Gross: \$4,906,229**



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# Movie Reviews

The end of 2017 provides excitement in an otherwise bland year for movies

## JUSTICE LEAGUE

The fifth entry into the DCEU (DC Extended Universe) provides fun action and witty humor, but fails to provide a memorable story. *Justice League* follows Batman, Wonder Woman, Cyborg, The Flash, Aquaman, and Superman as they team up to keep the evil Steppenwolf from destroying the world. In one word, this movie is a mess; however, there is a lot of fun to be had. Seeing all these iconic characters together on screen for the first time is an extremely satisfying feeling and the cast chemistry is, for the most part, solid. The film's original length was three hours, but was cut down to two hours for the theaters. Because of this, the film feels like it's constantly rushed, and lacks the proper development needed to give characters motivation. By the end of the film, there are many unresolved plot holes and loose ends. *Justice League* failed to live up to the hype, but its ending provides excitement for what the future of the DCEU has to hold.



## COCO

Disney Pixar's newest film is a beautiful and stunning experience that will hook you from beginning to end. *Coco* is the story of young musician, Miguel, challenged with his family's ban on music in their household, entering the afterlife in search of his great-great grandfather. First and foremost, this film is absolutely gorgeous. The story is unique and fascinating with the perfect balance of comedic and heartfelt moments. The pacing is perfect with no slow moments. Unlike some children films, *Coco* uses intelligent humor and its plot to allow itself to be enjoyed by both children and adults. The only downside to the film is the 22 minute *Frozen* short film before the movie begins. *Coco* is one of the best films to come out in 2017, and is arguably one of the best films Pixar has ever made.



## STAR WARS THE LAST JEDI

The next chapter in the *Star Wars* saga provides an epic and unpredictable theater experience unlike any other. *The Last Jedi* continues the story of Rey (Daisy Ridley), Poe (Oscar Isaac), Finn (John Boyega), Luke (Mark Hamill) and Leia (Carrie Fisher) directly after the events of *The Force Awakens*. Rian Johnson directs this entry into the franchise and provides one of the most unique *Star Wars* movies yet. The return of Luke Skywalker (Mark Hamill), while anticlimactic, is an absolute joy to watch. The cinematography is fantastic in every scene and has some of the best battle sequences to date in the franchise. The biggest flaw of the film is, unfortunately, its script. The opening crawl is one of the weakest of the franchise, and the dialogue felt wooden at times. There are a few scenes that take unique twist, but they don't always pay off. Overall, *The Last Jedi* is another fantastic entry into the *Star Wars* franchise that keeps the audience on its toes until the credits roll.



## THE DISASTER ARTIST

The comedic true story about the making of the worst film ever made, *The Room*, is a true testament to dreamers everywhere. *The Disaster Artist* follows Tommy Wiseau, Greg Sestero, and the events that follow after moving to Los Angeles to follow their dreams. The film contains an all star cast, with the Franco Brothers, Seth Rogen, Zac Efron, Josh Hutcherson, Nathan Fielder and more. The screenplay is fantastic, and provides not only a comedy, but also a great deal of depth for the characters. The biggest flaw of the film is that those who have not seen *The Room* will have a lot of the humor go over their head, and not fully understand the impact of what *The Room* did for cinema history. *The Disaster Artist* did everything it wanted to accomplish and provides one of the most entertaining films of 2017.



# Bailey and Evelyn's 5x5

				
Ben Vanhise (Freshman)	Mark Young (Sophomore)	Eliza Brown (Junior)	Nicole Tuzinowski (Senior)	Coach Whittaker (DHS Staff)
<b>How many Reindeer pull Santa's sleigh?</b>				
Eight?	Oh that's a tough one...I'm gonna go with 16.	I'm gonna ball-park it. Eight, give or take.	Nine, because Santa's fat!	*counts on fingers* Eight without Rudolph.
<b>What is your most coal-worthy offense?</b>				
Not knowing how many reindeer Santa has.	I stole a fake chicken from Daniel Troncalli in 5th grade.	I scratched a parked car and left without leaving a note.	I would wake up early to steal candy from my sister's stocking.	I hit my sister in the face with a baseball bat.
<b>Pick a holiday movie to star in...</b>				
<i>Christmas Vacation.</i>	<i>Home Alone</i> would be pretty cool.	<i>The Grinch Who Stole Christmas.</i>	Definitely <i>A Christmas Story.</i>	<i>Jingle All The Way.</i>
<b>What is your favorite thing about the holiday season?</b>				
Break.	The mistletoe... winky face.	Curving people under the mistletoe.	The really good food and not having school.	Spending time with my family and eating food.
<b>What holiday character would you take on a date?</b>				
Buddy the Elf.	Mrs. Claus.	Jack Frost because he's got that ice on his wrist.	Buddy the Elf is the best person ever.	Martha May Whovier. The one the Grinch had a crush on.

## Can you guess the teacher?



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## Casey's Tavern: Ann Arbor's local favorite since 1986



Tucked away between townhouses and old buildings in Ann Arbor stands Casey's Tavern, an easy-to-miss restaurant, since the sign is raised so high on the building. Casey's is known for its authentic, home-style food and, more specifically, their Reuben. When we visited the restaurant we were greeted by a manager who told us there was a booth in the back we could sit in. Having to scoot through people, we felt very uncomfortable and claustrophobic. We didn't like that we could easily hear the conversation of the people not even two feet away from us.



We decided to order onion rings, even though neither of us are quite big fans of them, just to try them out. After about fifteen minutes, we received our drinks and our appetizer. The onion rings were by far the best either of us has ever had!

Taking suggestions from family members who have been to Casey's in the past, we ordered what we thought would be the best choice: a shrimp and chicken caesar salad and a cheeseburger, dressed

with pepper jack cheese, guacamole, lettuce, and onions. By the time we got our food, we were incredibly hungry. The main meal tasted better than we thought, based off of the service we got. Definitely out of all the pubs and taverns either of us have been to, it was better than most. The burger was cooked to expectations, and the salad was seasoned and had good proportions of lettuce and meat. While we never got drink refills during our meal, and realized halfway through our meal that there were only two waiters in the entire restaurant.

Our overall review of Casey's Tavern is that it isn't all that bad. Although the service was rather poor, the food definitely made up for it. We think it is a great weekday restaurant and ideal for families. Also, it's not too expensive for the portions you get!





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Dexter players are defending Ann Arbor Pioneer's point guard from getting to the basket in a December 12 game. Senior Ryleigh Bavineau is pressuring the ball handler while freshman Kylee Niswonger is fighting her way through a screen to help set up a double team. Pioneer won the hard-fought game 23-21.

Photographer  Kalista Feight

