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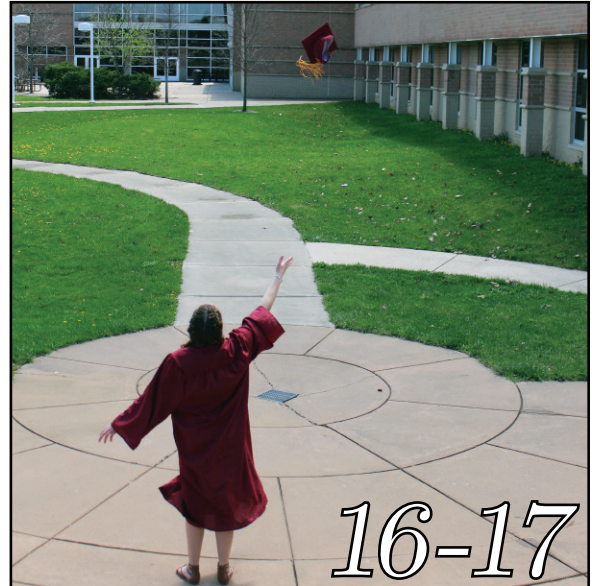
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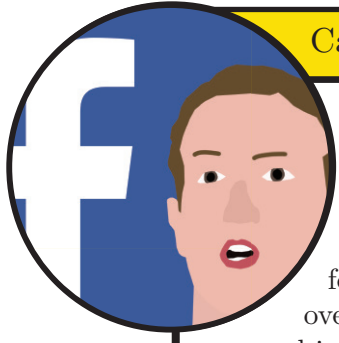
Saltwater Surprise Shocks Students

DHS students recently noticed something strange about the water in the drinking fountains: it was salty. On May 10, the school readjusted its water softener system. This readjustment left some salt in the plumbing, leading to the water in the drinking fountains and bottle refillers tasting awful and salty. While this surprise didn't last long, it certainly left a bad taste in many student's mouths.



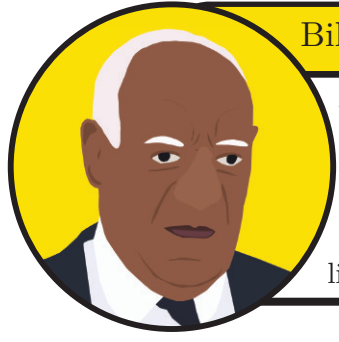
North and South Korea Seek Peace

For the first time in over six decades, a north Korean Leader has set foot in South Korea. This has come as part of new peace negotiations between the two nations. These negotiations are likely to see an official end to the Korean war, after a 60 year armistice. They would also involve both countries recognizing each other as legitimate nations for the first time, as opposed to both sides claiming ownership of both sides of the Korean peninsula.



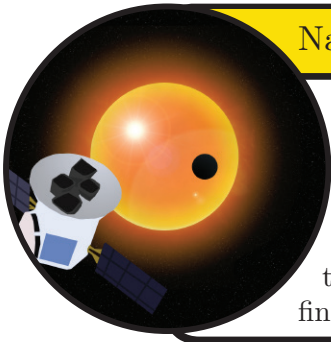
Cambridge Analytica Scandal

Facebook is in hot water after news broke that it allowed Cambridge Analytica, a data collecting firm, to access the personal information of over 50 million individuals using the social network. Cambridge Analytica, who at the time was working with the Trump Campaign, gathered information on potential voters all across the nation in order to make psychological profiles for the Trump campaign. This has spurred public outcry across the nation over what many view as Facebook violating their privacy, leading to boycotts and investigations of Facebook, which included the companies CEO Mark Zuckerberg testifying before Congress.



Bill Cosby Found Guilty

After a long and grueling legal battle, comedian Bill Cosby has been found guilty of 3 accounts of indecent aggravated assault after a jury convicted him on April 26. The conviction -- which has come after nearly 60 women have come forth and said Cosby sexually assaulted them -- will land him a minimum of 30 years in prison. As Cosby is already 80 years old, this is likely to be a life sentence.



Nasa Launches Planet Hunting Satellite

Coasting off of the recent momentum in the field of space flight, NASA has launched a new satellite aboard a Space-X rocket. Starting in June, the satellite, named TESS (Transiting Exoplanet Surveying Satellite), is designed to find planets orbiting around distant stars. It will do this by measuring the difference in lighting created when a planet passes between the star and the satellite. While limited in scope, this satellite is expected to find thousands of planets, some of which may be habitable.



Saskatchewan Bus Crash

Tragedy struck the Canadian town of Humboldt, Saskatchewan on April 6, when a semi-truck collided with a bus transporting a junior hockey team. The accident -- which occurred as the bus was on its way to the town of Nipawin for a hockey game -- left 15 dead and 14 more injured, when the bus collided with the side of the semi-truck at an intersection. There has been a public outpour of support for the small town after the tragedy, as numerous politicians and celebrities have made visits to the town, including a presentation of the Stanley Cup to the recovering survivors.

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Our View: Senior Pranks are in a Downward Spiral

Senior year: the grand conclusion to 13 grueling years of schooling. The once feeble freshman are now at the top of the food chain. Come senior year, many students seek to leave their mark on their high school, generally in unorthodox ways. Senior pranks have been a tradition in countless schools across America. They vary in degree and topic, but most end with a student being punished. While some administrations are more strict than others, there are certainly lines to be drawn for what is appropriate and inappropriate as a last hurrah.

The Dexter administration doesn't endorse senior pranks at all: they draw the line at any prank that hurts others, causes damage, disrupts the school, costs the school money, or violates the student code of conduct, this is how pranks should be done. The term "prank" refers to a practical joke or mischievous act. As of late, senior pranks have been vandalistic and harmful, raising the question: do senior pranks need to be reconsidered?

Throughout the years, Dexter has seen both great and not so great pranks. Among the greats were putting the school on Craigslist and painting the poop emoji on the school rock. These pranks were clever, and didn't cause any hassle or cleanup for the school to deal with. Another example of an excellent prank occurred when Mr. Moran was in high school. Some seniors from his school went to the local Big Boy and took the Big Boy statue from the restaurant, they then placed it on the roof of the high school for everyone to see. This prank caused some disarray for the administrators, but was in good fun, and gave everyone a laugh. These are the types of pranks that Dexter should bring to the table.

On the not so great side, some students chose to coat the center stairwell in baby oil, creating a huge hazard for students and an inconvenience for custodial staff to clean up. Endangering other students and creating a mess shouldn't be the way senior pranks are done. Another




*Photo courtesy of Uproxx
 The Class of 2015 had one of the all-time great pranks: painting the rock as the poop emoji.*

prank remembered in infamy was when someone pushed the school rock into a hole, causing several hours of labor and the tearing up of grass by heavy machinery to lift the rock back into place. Both pranks are vandalistic in nature, and can hardly be called pranks.


Our generation is running out of creative and witty ideas to cause mischief on school grounds, and we are resorting to damaging school property to get attention. Assistant Principal Ken Koenig recommended leaving a positive mark on the school through ways of donation such as a row of picnic tables to the courtyard accompanied by a plaque saying "Donated by Class of '18." In this way, the senior class leaves a lasting legacy of charitability and school pride for generations to come.

And to the the mischievous and the troublesome: think before you prank and weigh the risks and rewards of your actions. Be sure to run your ideas by more than one person, because making a juvenile mistake your senior year simply to be remembered as a vandal just isn't worth it.


Q: What is a senior prank that crosses the line?




"Cutting down all the trees in the parking lot and blocking all the exits."
 -Senior Connor Povenski



"Causing any destruction or something where people get hurt."
 -Senior Celia Bauman



"Vandalizing the principal's car."
 -Senior Mack Martin



"Hurting other people and destruction of property."
 -Senior Dani Waidley



Communicate, Don't Miss Out

Joe Ramey  Writer

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An informative farewell message from a three-year Squall staffer about the importance of communication in a high school setting

We've all heard the phrase "communication is key" in one context or another. Being a senior, ready to graduate, I can confidently say communication is one of, if not the most important, skills to practice and acquire in high school.

Communication in a high school setting works on various levels. It allows transparency between administration, staff, and students, it aids in consistency of class scheduling and time-budgeting inside and outside of class, and it helps in regards to making friends.

Communication provides students and teachers alike with tools to create an open and entirely transparent climate for kids to learn and teachers to instruct and converse.

In the past four years, I've observed kids who both excel and fail when it comes to communication with their teachers and peers. Some students utilize their time in class to ask teachers questions and receive help with assignments or lessons.

"If you communicate with your teachers formally, they'll see you as a serious student," senior Marin Waddington said. "That's always helped me."

On the other end, I've seen kids who've struggled with interpersonal skills and subsequently hurt themselves because they didn't want to reach out for the help they needed.

"At times, I felt intimidated by the environment my teacher created," senior Ellen See said. "That made it hard for me to reach out sometimes."

Furthermore, communication can also help you avoid frustration. Being left in the dark is something that a lot of students felt over their time here at DHS. Whether it was poor planning for an event, or a change of scenery, most people like to be pre-informed and then re-informed.

This poor communication does not outweigh the good examples though. There have been times where Dexter students wouldn't be able to operate if it weren't for the streamlining of information by electronic methods that are essential to a specific activity or happening.

"Often, the school's presence on social media is helpful with spreading information much faster than other forms of communication" senior Lucy Fuller said. "I know I, and a lot of other students, check Twitter more often than email or the schools website, so it is really helpful when different clubs, organizations, and even administrators tweet out important information."

Communication allows teenagers to bounce news

off one another, spreading the word and creating a well-informed climate. Communication in way of news and information is pivotal to developing a structured schedule and routine, especially for busy teenagers.

Furthermore, communication allows the presence of camaraderie. Camaraderie creates good friendships, which is a valuable thing in school and life in general. You have to communicate to get across to one another. You communicate your thoughts, interests, mood, successes, and struggles. Without communication, you wouldn't be able to ignite friendships, you wouldn't be able to identify successes to congratulate people on, and you wouldn't be able to identify hardships to aid in consoling someone. This camaraderie created by basic communication is not just essential in creating a positive school environment, it is required.

"Appropriate communication is one of the most impactful tools students and teachers have to enhance education but also to create strong bonds that can last a lifetime," senior Drew Golin said.

This skill doesn't just apply to students.

"Communication between student and teacher is pivotal not only from an academic standpoint, but in preparation for all future professional and personal experiences," DHS English teacher Zach Lindke said. "As an educator, I feel strongly that if we're going to task future generations with solving some of the most complicated and often contentious problems, adept communication is key. All too often, problems and disagreements fester, not because two parties can't come to a consensus, but because the lack of or poor communication. "

Without communication, I would not be able to be influenced. I would not be able to complete simple tasks. I would not be well informed. I would not be able to create friendships that carry weight. I would not be able to develop and excel as a student and as a working facet of society.

With communication, comes a form of success and success brings happiness. Communication is an incredibly, almost indescribably, important skill that demands to be heavily practiced and valued.

We are all human, we require specific things. Communication allows many opportunities and provides many advantages to you. Recognize your practice and reflect on all that communication has prepared you for and provided you with.

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IS UNIVERSITY

WORTH IT?



The future has a lot to hold but going to college doesn't have to be one of those things. In the society we live in today, however, it seems that everyone thinks you need a college degree to be successful.

That is a completely false statement. Attending a college like a community college is not only more financially responsible, but for many it's the best choice.



For many students, a university may be the best choice and I understand that. There are some career paths that require a university degree, such as engineering, nursing, business, or law. I realize that many also believe the "college experience" is the right next step. The parties, relationships, and moving out of your parents house are also among the appeals to college.

However, if you don't know exactly what you want to do for a career, why spend all the money just to possibly change majors halfway through college?

Americans cling to the concept that a four-year degree is necessary for everyone, and look down on those who don't have a college degree. I get it, college is cool, but debt isn't all that exciting. When you are ready to start a family, and looking into buying a house, student debt is a burden.

Community college is a great way to save money for the same education you would get at a university. Washtenaw Community College (WCC) offers several two-year degrees, and for many Dexter students that is a very enticing route to take. Senior Erika Halfacre will be attending WCC after graduating from DHS.

"I don't know exactly what I want to do yet," Hal-

facre said. "I'm saving so much more money going to WCC because I'm taking the same classes you are required to take as a freshman/sophomore anywhere else."

Attending WCC has benefits that many don't yet recognize. The most popular programs at WCC are Liberal Arts and Sciences, Health Professions, Business, Management, and Marketing. In 2011, WCC was nationally ranked, ninth in the top 50 colleges for its engineering and technology services program, according to Patch.com. WCC is a great alternative. Credits earned there are easily transferable to many other colleges and universities, if you decide to further your education in that way. Class sizes are small and class times are flexible.

Many think that going to WCC means you weren't able to get into any other college. I don't know where that idea came from, but it should be thrown out.

Even if college is not your thing, there are so many other options. Take a gap year, or maybe just a semester off. Experience life and travel while you are still able to. Another option is to just work. There are many jobs that don't require much more than on-the-job experience, and there are so many that also pay well. Vocational and Technical schools give you the option of earning a certificate that will allow you to enter the workforce prepared, without all the expenses of college.

"I'm going to Ann Arbor Electrical Union, and I'll be working and going to school while making roughly \$15 an hour," senior Sebastian Velliky said.

There is nothing wrong with going to a university, but there is also nothing wrong with not going at all. The world we've grown up in is changing and the future is unpredictable. Jobs are unpredictable. With major shifts in economic power, technology, and urbanization, who knows what the workforce will look like in 10 years.

There is so much out there to explore, and I'm sick of people being limited because of what others say.

Bailey Welshans



If We Could Do It Again

Rachel Wittenberg Designer

Our reflection on the past four years and the rest of life

Rachel Wittenberg Writer

Dear Underclassmen,

When you walk into those high school doors for the first time as a freshman, getting to senior year seems like it's going to take forever. When you're a senior with 46 days left at Dexter High School, four years feels like a blink of an eye. I'm sure the juniors are all very excited for senior year to come around and just can't wait to graduate. But let me tell you a few things you should probably know before wishing that.

It won't hit you when you wake up for your first last day of school. Or when you cheer at your last homecoming pep rally and attend your last football game. It won't hit you as you're getting ready for your last school dance. And when you're having the time of your life with your best friends on your last spring break. And it won't hit you on your [9th] senior skip day when everyone is around a big table eating breakfast. But it will hit you when you look around at graduation and see all of these kids around you who you've been going to school with for 15 years in a maroon cap and gown. It'll hit you when you walk across that stage as they say your name for the last time.

Four years can feel like a long time. Especially when you're up at 2AM trying to write a paper you were assigned 3 weeks ago. Or when you had school for 7 hours and have to try and find energy to practice for a soccer game. High school can be tricky on many different levels. But once you make it as a senior, everything you ever worried about makes it all worth it.

So cheer loud at pep assemblies, go to every single football game, even if it's an hour away, stay up late with your friends on a Friday night, dance at prom even if people are watching, and have the time of your life with some of the best people. Because I can promise you, the friends you make and the stories you share can make four years feel like a lifetime.

Sincerely,

Kira Perry Writer

Dear Underclassmen,

I am in awe at how quickly high school flew by for me, but also at how quickly the past 13 years went by. It is crazy to think that I have been in the Dexter Community School district for 13 out of my 18 years of life, and now I am being released and I am no longer expected to attend school. I am no longer required to do anything. I can do what I want. It is terrifying but also exhilarating.

I can remember my eager freshman self on my first day of high school. I remember exactly what I was wearing, who I sat by, and what classes I went to. There is a certain type of eagerness that comes with being a freshman. However, for me, this eagerness slowly faded over the years of high school. I found myself losing motivation and truthfully I started to lose myself.

Still, I am leaving DHS in hopes that I can regain that freshman eagerness I once had, but this time, I have high hopes to live my life with that eagerness and not let it fade like it has the past couple of years. I would also like to challenge all of you to try to live your entire life as though you were a freshman and approach every situation with an open mind and with immense determination and curiosity.

Even though it may not seem like it sometimes, there is a world outside of DHS, and it is a truly beautiful one.

Nathan Scott from One Tree Hill once said, "It's the oldest story in the world. One day you're seventeen and planning for someday. And then quietly and without you ever really noticing, someday is today. And that someday is yesterday. And this is your life."

That someday is going to come sooner rather than later. Be present in every situation and make the most of what you're experiencing.

Sincerely,



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Phone Off!

Phone use in the movie theater is out of control

You're sitting in the theater, as the lights dim down and the film starts. It cost \$10 to get into the show, but that's okay. The big screen, the atmosphere, and the surround sound makes it worth the price. Just when things are all set to begin, someone in the front row pulls out their phone and starts scrolling through their Facebook and Twitter feed, completely distracting you from what's being shown on the big screen.

In recent years, cell phone use in the theater has grown significantly, and it seems to still be rising. Whether before or during the show, you are almost always guaranteed to see a phone screen light up at one point or another.

The price of a night out at the movies has skyrocketed in recent years. The cost of tickets along with concessions can add up to about \$20-\$25 per person in some situations. This price alone has caused fewer and fewer people to go to the theater, and having someone make the movie unwatchable by using their phone makes people avoid the theater all together.

Theater attendance in 2017 was the lowest it's been in 25 years. To counteract this, some theater chains have tried to improve the theater experience by implementing reclining seats and gourmet food. However, this solution misses the root of the problem.

Some critics claim declining theater attendance to be an effect of the lower quality films that have been coming out in recent years, while others believe it is because of newer, better home video options. Both contribute to theater attendance, however, I believe the biggest reason is the inability of people to be able to stay off their phones for two hours. People go to the theater to get

the most immersive movie experience possible. Phones tamper with and downgrade this experience, causing people to be less likely to go to the show. That is why theaters should start focusing on ways to prevent phone use rather than better seating and food.


Some theater chains in London have talked about creating phone detecting devices that would shine a laser in the face of someone using their phone during the show. Others have talked about distorting cell phone connection inside the theater's premise. However, both methods have serious flaws such as eye damage and the inability to contact help in an emergency. Both are just in discussion and shouldn't be anticipated any time soon.

If cell phone use is to be stopped, it needs to be enforced by the movie-going public. Using your phone before the show and during the opening previews is acceptable, but once the lights dim and the logos appear, the phone needs to be silenced and put into the pocket. If you absolutely need to use your phone during the theater, walk out, do what you need to do, then re-enter the theater. If you see someone on their phone during the show, don't be afraid to tell them to turn it off. Everyone else in the theater will thank you for it.

Going to the movies is supposed to be fun. It's supposed to be two hours of pure escapism where you can laugh and/or cry at the story in front of you. Phones have ruined this experience. If you can't stay off your phone for two hours, then you have a serious addiction and should seek help immediately. It is up to us to stop this and make the theater an escape once again. Just sit back, relax, enjoy the film, and turn your phone off!




Q: What do you think of people who use their phones in the theater?




"I think it is very disrespectful and disappointing for those who sit around them."

-Freshman Samuel Sterlitz

"If you use your phone during the movie, there is a special place in hell for you."




-Junior Nathan Norris



"It's rude when there's a ton of people and it's obviously distracting, [but] okay when it's just you."

-Sophomore Anna Lehr

"People who use their phones during the show are being rude and disrespectful. You're distracting other theater goers from seeing something they're paying for."



- Senior Mary Baker

Out of School Suspension: More Harmful Than Helpful

This outdated disciplinary practice damages students' futures

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Imagine if the prize for winning Senior Survivor was a free week of excused absences from school. The number of people that would sign up to participate would skyrocket, and the amount of money fund-raised would double.

This would be a great incentive because this is something almost any student at Dexter High School would like to receive. So, why is this same “prize” commonly used as a means of discipline in schooling systems across America?

Out of school suspension should not be used as a means of punishment except for the most extreme cases in which students pose an imminent threat to their peers. Otherwise, it simply perpetuates a cycle of poor behavior in students who are already struggling. Suspension is not an effective means of correcting bad behavior. This is not new information. The U.S. Department of Education and the Michigan state legislature have weighed in on this very issue and come to the conclusion that out of school suspension should be a last resort punishment after trying all other forms of reformative practices.

They have called on schools to examine every other means of punishment before deciding on suspension because of its negative effects on graduation rates, the student's behavior, and attitude. Despite all of this, Dexter High School has maintained an average suspension rate of about 39 kids per year for 1-5 days from 2013-2017 (this is excluding the suspension data from the 17-18 school year since the school year is not yet complete and the data would be inaccurately low to include).

“Every year that I've been here [at Dexter Community Schools] we've had between 100-150 suspen-

sions of some sort under 10 days at the high school and Mill Creek,” superintendent Dr. Chris Timmis stated.

In the state of Michigan 100,000 students are suspended each year.

It is hard to believe that there are up to 150 students each year in our school system and 100,000 in our state whose behavior warranted no other solution besides removal from school.

You'd think that a punishment that takes a student out of school—putting them behind on days and days of classwork—would be a rare occurrence. This is not the case at our school and in our state. Taking students out of school worsens their relationship with the entire education system. A week of missed homework and lessons is more than enough to cause a struggling student to lose all motivation and give up on school and graduating completely.

Students who are suspended are much more likely to drop out. Suspended students are about 4 times as likely to be arrested and 8 times as likely to be incarcerated according to the Student Advocacy Center, a nonprofit organization whose mission is to keep students in school. This phenomenon is referred to as the School-to-Prison-Pipeline, a disturbing national trend wherein children are funneled out of public schools and into the juvenile and criminal justice systems because of overly harsh disciplinary policies.

Also, as stated earlier, suspension and time off school could even become an incentive for students, possibly encouraging them to continue their bad behavior in order to get even more excused time away from school. The most flawed part of this is that a student's punishment for skipping school could very

Dexter High School Suspension Data

Year	1-5 Day Suspension	6-10 Day Suspension	>10 Day Suspension	Expulsions	Detention or Saturday School	Other
13-14	31	<10	<10	0	49	<10
14-15	44	15	<10	0	59	11
15-16	47	<10	<10	0	28	<10
16-17	33	<10	0	0	44	<10
17-18	21	0	<10	0	23	<10

**This data was provided to *The Squall* by Dexter Community Schools on FOIA request with a \$393 fee. The data for the 17-18 school year is updated through April 12, 2018.

well be forcing them to skip more school with an out of school suspension. Not only is this ironic, but it also highlights the neglect our administration has shown towards updating their disciplinary policies.

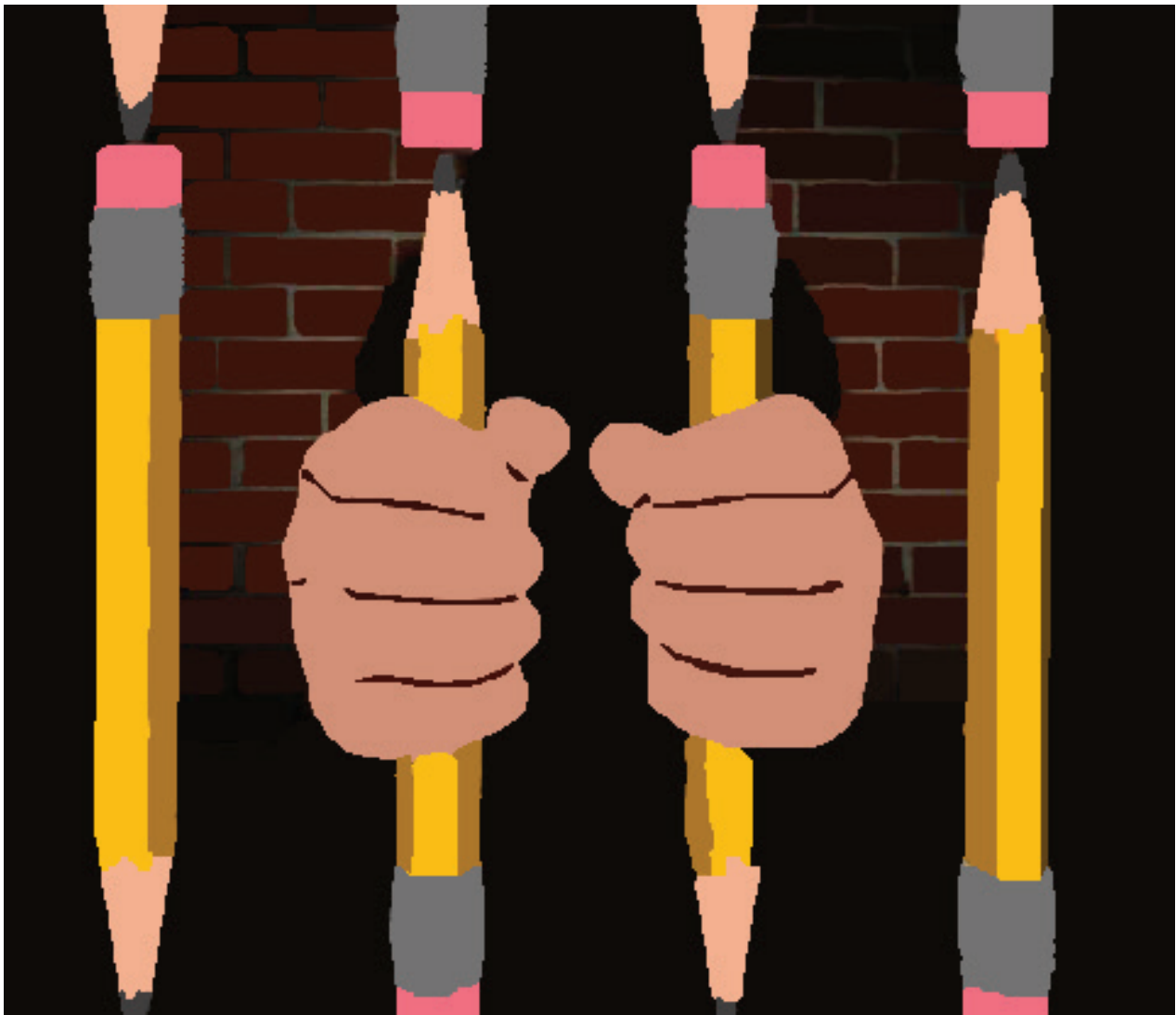
It would be untrue to say that Dexter Schools has totally ignored all forms of alternative punishment. Recently, the administration has been experimenting with alternative reformatory practices where the punishment “fits the crime,” such as cleaning the cafeteria every day for a week as a punishment for a food fight.

Dexter lists their “other” forms of punishments to include “community service, restorative practices, loss of privileges, restitution, warning, student plan/conference, parent contact, conflict management, alternative placement, juvenile court, and/or behavior plan.” However, these efforts are only minimal and have not made real changes to their behavioral practices or the number of suspensions annually. In fact, the amount of kids in which these alternative

forms of punishment have been used with has been an average of less than 10 kids annually since 2013 until now.

Other schools have implemented student justice boards, community service to correct behavior, and other major changes to their disciplinary processes. So what’s holding Dexter back? One cannot say for sure, but it is extremely important for our school to take note of the changing education world and examine other methods of behavioral reform. The current practices are out of date and are only hurting their students. It is time to start caring about our students’ futures and doing everything we can to get kids back on the right path instead of deciding that they no longer deserve to come to school.

Jordan Mairds



Town Hall for Our Lives

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In April, current and former DHS students organized a Town Hall over the hotly debated topic of gun control

For many, it may seem as though the March for Our Lives movement is dead, but this couldn't be any further from the truth. While there hasn't been any million-person marches lately, all across the country, the movement is alive and well in the form of town halls. These small, local events serve as platforms for members of communities to speak to their representatives. And as the 2018 midterm elections grow nearer, Town Halls are excellent opportunities for people to find out where candidates stand on issues such as gun control. One such town hall event took place here, in Dexter.

“For too long students have been kept out of political discussion. We have been told that we are too young, that we don't understand, but that's not true.”

- DHS Alumni Gianna Eisele

The Dexter Town Hall for Our Lives was hosted in the Dexter Public Library on April 8. The event -- which was organized by DHS alumni Julia Bell and Gianna Eisele -- had four planned speakers: 7th Congressional District Candidate Steven Friday, 7th Congressional District Candidate Gretchen Driskell, State Representative Donna Lasinski, and 7th District Congressman Tim

Walberg. However, of those four Walberg did not attend, and Driskell only had time to make opening remarks before having to leave. This was unfortunate, as Walberg was the only anti-gun-regulation planned to be there, leaving the event very one-sided.

The event started with short speeches from Bell and Eisele, focusing on the importance of students in the blossoming movement.

“The heart of the most powerful movement in the country are students no older than ourselves,” said Bell. “But while our generation is the soul of this movement, we can't accomplish any of our goals alone. We need our parents, we need our teachers, we need our neighbors”

“For too long students have been kept out of political discussion” said Eisele, “We have been told that we are too young, that we don't understand, but really that's not true.”

The majority of the event consisted of a traditional town hall format, with Friday and Lasinski answering questions. Lasinski focused on the importance of gun safety.

“Who remembers being shocked, saddened, surprised or horrified of the Columbine shooting. And who remembers being saddened or horrified by the Parkland shooting?”

-Senior Sabina Carty

“Responsible gun owners want other gun owners to be responsible as well,” Lasinski said.

Friday, meanwhile, devoted a large portion of his time to speaking against gun-lobbyist groups such as the NRA and lobbyist groups in general. The town hall also included speeches from DHS students, including Seniors Georgia Frost, Evelyn Hawley, and Sabina Carty. One of the most powerful moments of the event happened during Carty's speech.

“Who remembers being shocked, saddened, surprised or horrified of the Columbine shooting,” Carty asked and was met with almost every hand raised. “And who remembers being saddened or horrified by the Parkland shooting?” Almost no one raised their hand.

The town hall concluded with audience questions, and a plea to attendees to get out and vote this November.



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Loch and Order

Unbeknownst to most, a legal battle over the fate of one of Dexter's suburbs has been raging on since 2016



A rock sits at each entrance to Loch Alpine, the neighborhood's name carved into the face of it.

Loch Alpine is not your typical suburb. For the most part, it's completely surrounded by dense foliage, and in the parts where it's not, it has a lovely view of... an overgrown and abandoned golf course.

The golf course was once the main attraction of the neighborhood, having been modeled off of Barton Hills by Ward Blakely in 1928. When Blakely died in 1935, his son took over construction, adding the clubhouse to the original plan for the neighborhood. In 1954, however, the golf course and clubhouse were sold, and since 1961, the ownership has been transferred often.



The golf course in May of 2018, nearly 2 years after the club shut down.

In 2001, the membership prices increased in order to increase revenue and many members left AACC (Ann Arbor Country Club); however, the funds needed were met, and AACC owners opened a pool and a new clubhouse a year later.

Unfortunately, membership still continued to steadily decline until 2010, and faced foreclosure. A member persuaded Lewis Whaley to purchase it.

Under Whaley's watchful eye, the golf course and the country club's appearances improved greatly; however, there was not any marketing done, and Whaley lost large sums of money despite financial support from Loch Alpine residents from 2010 to when he closed the club in autumn of 2015.

In 2016, Whaley approached a realtor about developing on the land to build homes. However, he needs three-fourths of Loch Alpine residents to support his decision, and only a handful of residents were even remotely open to the plan Whaley brought to the table. The opinion of the residents doesn't seem to be heading towards any change in the future.

On the lawsuit, LAIA (Loch Alpine Improvement Association) board president, Peter Logan, said "Since December 2016, the LAIA has been in litigation with the A2C2 (Ann Arbor Country Club) Partnership ... In essence, the owner wants to sell the golf course property for residential development. The LAIA Restriction Agreement, which is legally binding on the golf course property, does not allow residential use of the golf course parcels."

Logan stated that "Because the Association is in litigation, the Board of Directors is not commenting on the situation to reporters and journalists." As of April 4th, the lawsuit continues, and there is no end in sight.



*Photo courtesy of Lily Campbell
 The clubhouse pool, once synonymous with warm weather and fun, now lies abandoned.*

Seniors 2018 Poll

Popular Majors

Engineering 10.4%



Undecided 9.8%



Nursing 7.9%



Psychology 4.9%



Business 3.7%



Favorite Memories

1. Football Games



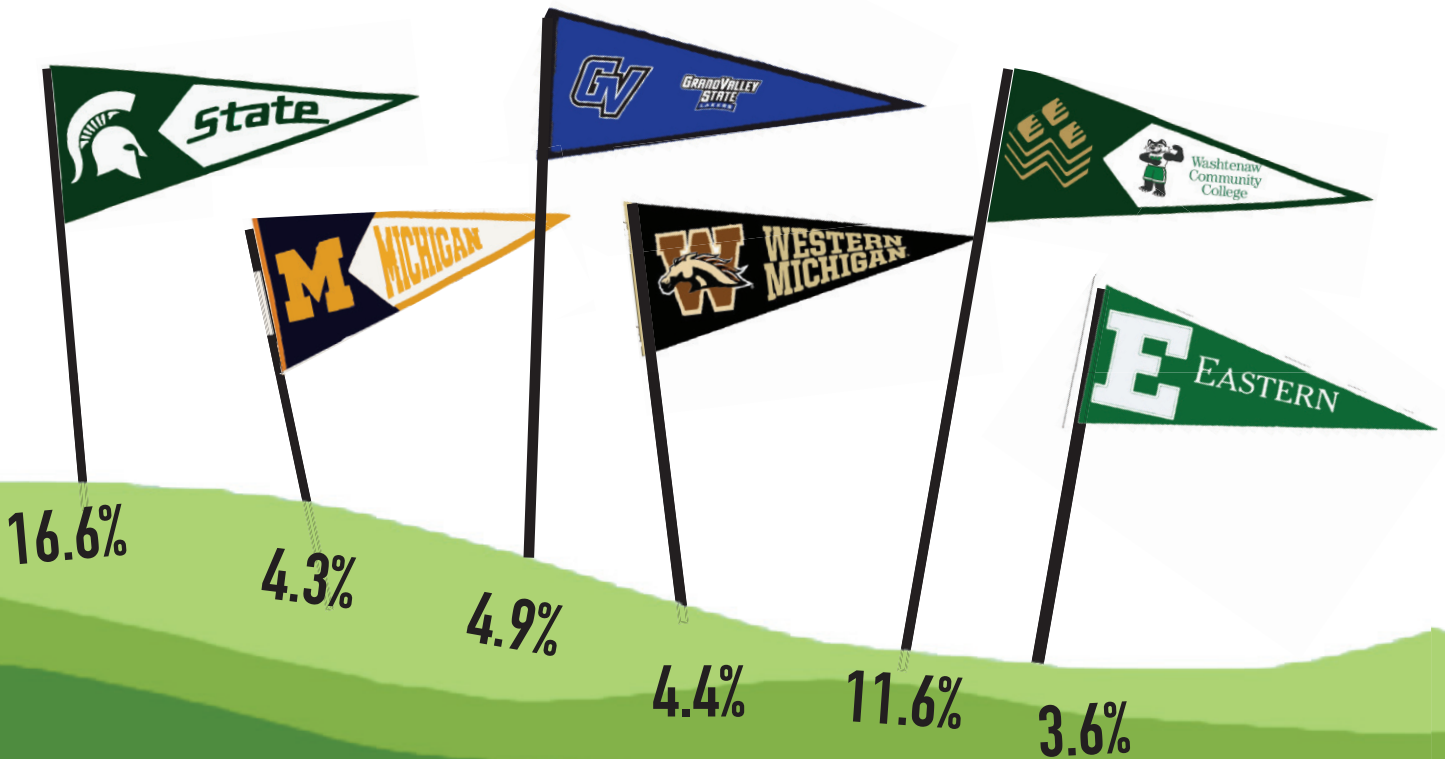
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3. Island Party



4. Prom at the Big House

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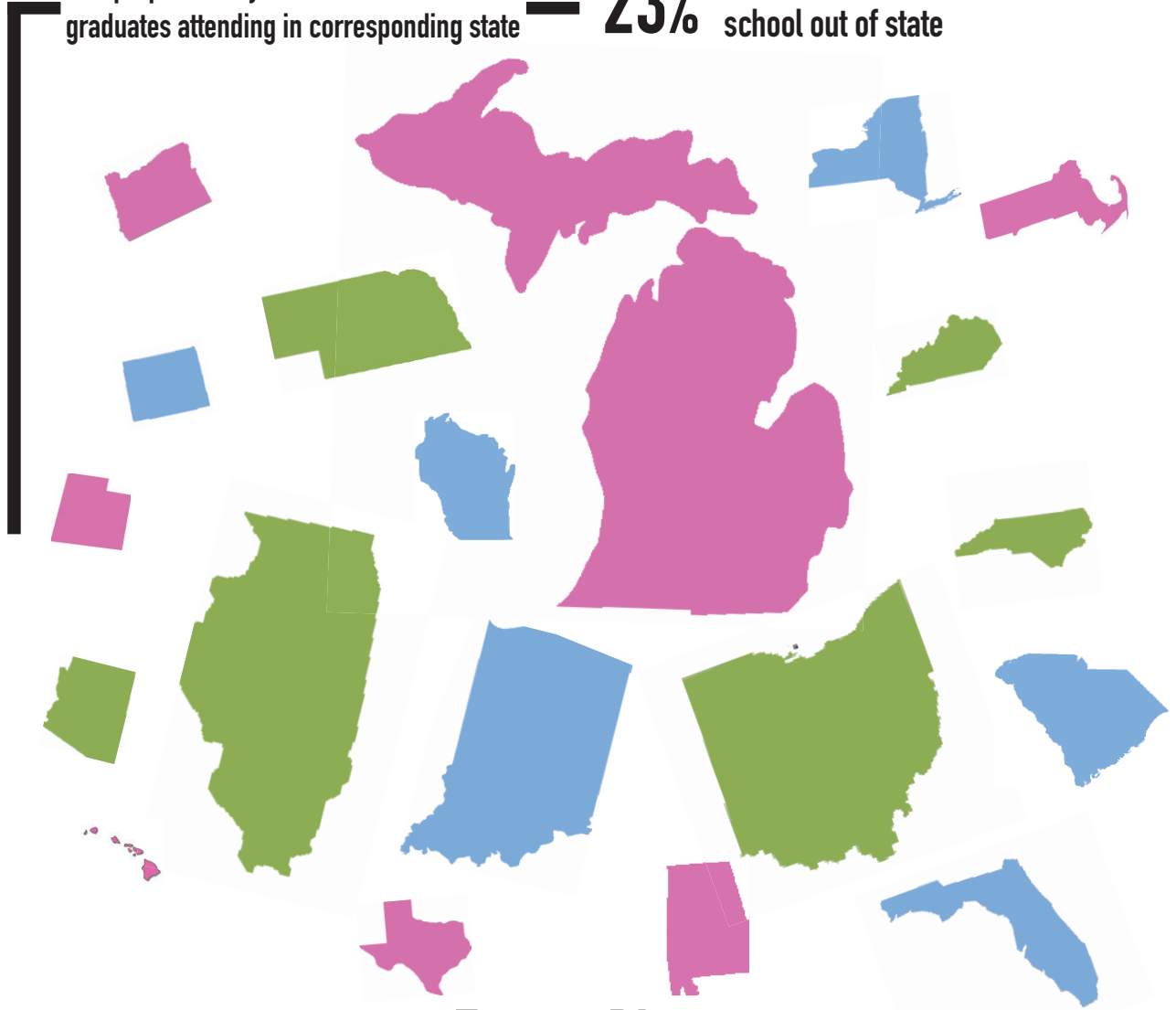
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The Next Chapter

185 seniors surveyed

size proportionally based on number of graduates attending in corresponding state

— **23%** of our graduating class is attending school out of state



Future Plans

Trade school

Gap year

Job

College



4%



6%






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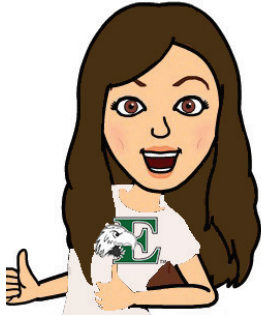


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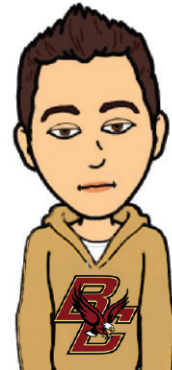
College Athletes

A look into where several seniors are attending college to pursue their sport

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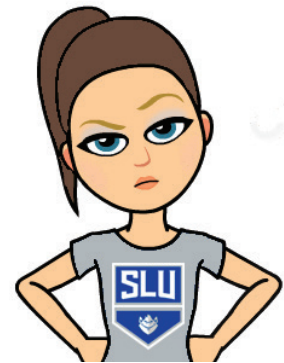
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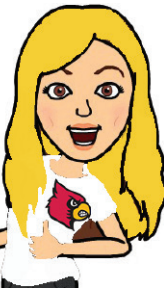
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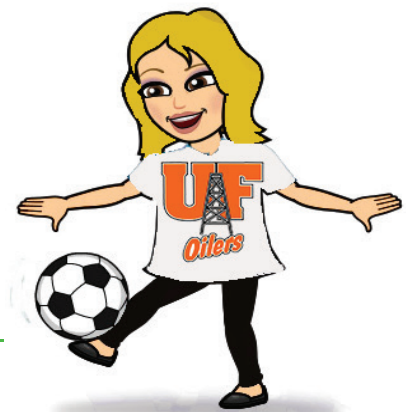
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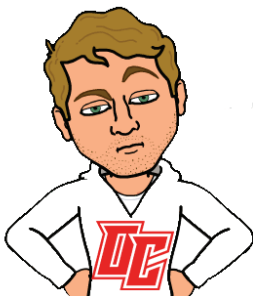
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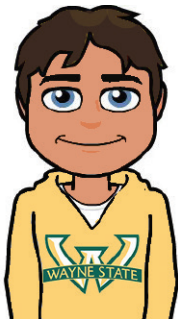
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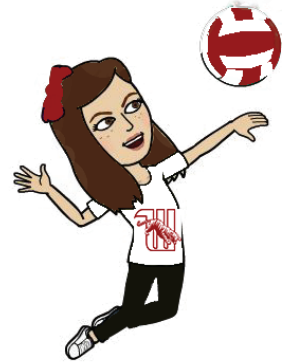
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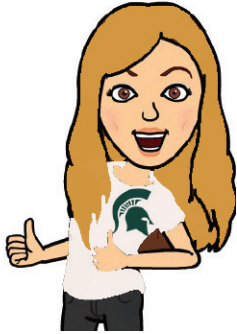
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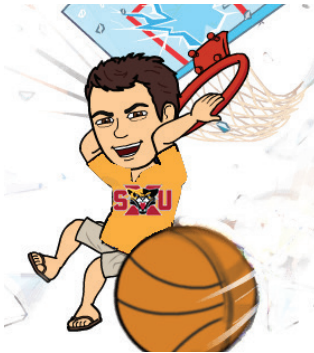
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Sarah Zofchak
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Connor Povenski
Adrian College
Football



Drew Bishop
Saint Xavier University
Basketball



Drake Doyle
Hope College
Baseball



Maddie Wright
Illinois State University
Track and Field



Sammi Corcoran
Ball State University
Soccer



Marin Waddington
Tufts University
Field Hockey



Grant Sprague
Wooster College
Cross Country

Speech and Acting, Not CSI

DHS's forensics team has quietly had another successful season this year with four of seven state participants advancing to state semifinals

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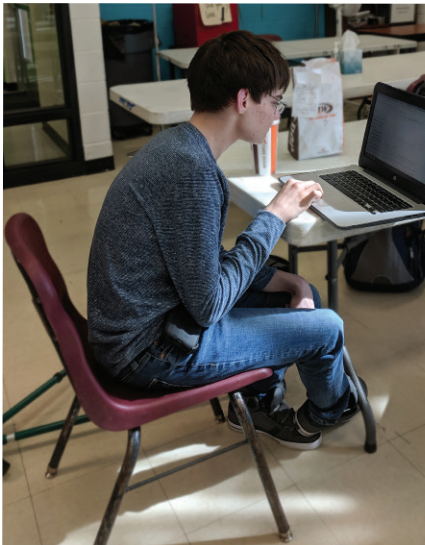
Anyone in the forensics club would tell you that they love being part of the team, however, it involves significantly fewer dead bodies than most people might think. None, in fact.

Forensics, in the context of high school clubs, refers to competitive public speaking and falls under the umbrella of “speech activities” along with debate.

“[Debate] is more of a sport, where it’s clear, defined competition with one team versus another team,” said forensics team member and debate captain Tate Evans. “In forensics ... you’re not necessarily competing against each other, you’re just trying to see how many points you can get.”

Unlike debate, forensics centers more around individual performances and acting rather than team performance and argument.

“This is my first season on the team,” said sophomore Kieran Grossman, who participated in prose interpretation. “It definitely broad-



Kieran Grossman works on his dramatic interpretation of The Theory of Everything for the May 18-20 Mackinac Island tournament.



Rose Reilly and Tate Evans work together in Mrs. Marsh's lab during forensics practice.

ens your horizons and what you can do if you’re a performer or if you’re a public speaker.”

Generally, each team member competes in three preliminary rounds with five other people in a specific event. About twelve people per event advance, or break, to semifinals and six break to finals.

“I did storytelling, which is where I basically tell a children’s story through acting and narration together,” senior team captain Annie Spidel said. “So, I portray all the characters in the book in a timespan of seven to eight minutes.”

Forensics is similar to track and field in that the team members are divided up into several events. There are two main categories of events: interpretation (or acting) and public address (giving speeches). Between these two categories, there are events ranging from performing poetry to informative speeches.

“[Broadcasting] is where I get a packet of news stories and then I have to cut them together into a five minute news report within a timespan of 30 minutes,” said sophomore Jay Richardson, who joined in freshman year.

So, how well has Dexter’s team performed this year? Every regional

participant advanced to states this year and eight out of ten team members broke to semi-finals or further at some point during the season. At state finals, four out of the seven state participants advanced to semifinals and sophomore Rose Reilly, who participated in impromptu 9/10, went on to become third in the state in her event.

“It’s such a wonderful experience, the people are lovely, practices are wild,” Reilly said. “We do do real things, but it’s with such an element of love and care for what we do that it doesn’t ever feel like work. I’m very impressed by how at practices I feel like we don’t do anything, we just have fun, and then we get to a tournament and we’re having fun, and then we do well!”

Reilly received an overflow of positivity and love from her teammates and coaches for her success at states this season. According to other members, this is a common



Jay Richardson looks at the schedule for preliminary broadcasting rounds during states.



Annie Spidel and Cassie Bergen hug enthusiastically when it is announced that Spidel broke to semi-finals during states. phenomenon in all successes throughout the season.

“Everyone is so supportive of each other that when somebody accomplishes something, it’s like everyone accomplishes something,” said junior Cassie Bergen, who participated in dramatic interpretation.

“It’s more like a family than it is anything else.”

-Sophomore Jay Richardson

Beyond the team’s success throughout the 2017-18 season and optimism for future seasons, forensics has had a more personal impact on the lives of several team members.

“I think I’ve gotten more comfortable with trying new things and I’ve gotten definitely more confident in my memorization skills,” Grossman said. “I would say definitely try it. It definitely enhances your social life.”



Annie Spidel practices her piece in front of Assistant Coach Kyle Doyle and former team member Sebastien Butler.

The sentiment that their speaking skills had improved from participating in forensics was echoed by Grossman’s fellow team members.

“I’m a lot more confident in approaching people and speaking in public just in general,” said Richardson. “It’s such a small team and, at this point, it’s more like a fam-

ily than it is anything else.”

For the upcoming 2018-19 season, the team is hoping to gain members and for at least two people to break to finals at states.

“One thing is, next season, I want to break finals at states,” Evans, who broke to state semi-finals this season, said.

Next year, the team will lose two seniors and hopes to welcome more members onto the team, since the team is still small and is open to anyone who wants to work on their performance or writing skills.

“I’m excited to apply everything that I’ve been learning and working towards in these final tournaments and competitions,” Bergen said about her upcoming fourth and final season.



Coach Mande Forrester, Cassie Bergen, and Rose Reilly, talk during lunch between rounds at states.

Any DHS student is eligible to join as long as they have an interest in speaking, regardless of past experience or skill.

“The thing is, I shouldn’t look forward to getting up at four in the morning and getting on a bus at six a.m., but I do,” said Spidel. “Because I know that every single time I get on that bus, it’s gonna be a full day of fun with people that I love and care for and that make me laugh.”



From left to right, Coach Mande Forrester, Assistant Coach Kyle Doyle, Kieran Grossman, Jay Richardson, Tate Evans, and Rose Reilly sit together on gym bleachers before states begins.

Recycling 2.0 at DCS

How Dexter Schools is coming back from near-disaster with new changes to its district wide recycling program

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A few little dumpsters, one little word, and one little miscommunication between the Dexter school district and its waste management provider is all it took for the recyclables of our school system to have ended up buried in landfills for the past 13 years. From the crumpled paper in classroom tubs to plastic bottles in the school cafeteria, the past few years at Dexter schools have seen our district praised for our recycling program, especially its student-led aspects with programs such as the National Honor Society (NHS). But underneath the surface of the program, all was not well: not much of anything was being recycled at all.

DCS has always been proud of its recycling program, and it's reasonable to say that large strides have been made in reducing waste district wide. And with plans on the way to even introduce recycling for the styrofoam trays used in school cafeterias, the district does not appear to be letting up in its drive to make our schools a more environmentally friendly system.

“I was really saddened, disappointed...annoyed by it, to be honest.”

-Mrs. Straub

The main waste of any school, however, is not plastic, styrofoam, or cardboard, but paper. Teachers hand out worksheets, administrators file paperwork, and students print essays every day at a typical school, and this school district is no different. In DCS, paper recycling is fairly simple: teachers have a plastic box, paper goes into box, box is taken to a dumpster, the contents of which are then carted off to a facility to be recycled. Or at least, that's how it was supposed to work.

For the past few years, almost all the paper that's ended up in the recycling tubs has ended up as trash, regardless of if the intent was for it to be recycled or not. While proper procedure was followed—the paper was picked up, put into dumpsters, and taken to the recycling facility—there was one problem: they were being tossed out into the wrong dumpsters.

Because of a simple miscommunication between the schools and the waste management company in control of them, the former thought they were for cardboard and paper while the latter recognized them only as for cardboard. Thus, these items were taken out



of the dumpster for cardboard recycling and placed in other, trash oriented dumpsters. As any recycling plant is an intricate ballet of large, specialized machinery, any foreign material not specifically meant for the line (ie: paper in a cardboard line) needs to be taken out as not to clog the machines. While this is an everyday occurrence for a recycling plant, who could find and discard from the line an entire alphabet of items in under an hour, the district had no idea this was happening.

In a timeframe spanning years at DCS, this kind of action went nearly unnoticed. While everyone thought the paper was being recycled, it went on being tossed in a landfill for over fifteen years. In the view of those who had been contributing to the recycling program while thinking they were making a difference the whole time, that revelation was disheartening in the least.

“I was really saddened, disappointed...annoyed by it, to be honest,” said Mrs. Straub, the supervisor of the high school NHS recycling program “Not only did everyone in the building think they were being environmentally-conscious, but my NHS kids had been giving up important class time for something that wasn't as meaningful as we thought it was.”

But while NHS members were certainly disappointed, DCS hasn't let go of their larger recycling vision. Even though recycling has certainly faltered in the past few years, they are already drawing up expansive and long term plans for the future.

In the past, there were many items in the district that simply could not be recycled under the prior service. From soda cans, styrofoam, plastics bags, and other types of various metals and waste, we simply couldn't recycle those materials as they recycler the district previously contracted didn't have the capacity to recycle them. Because of this, the district was fairly limited in the scope of what it could actually recycle, and was mainly limited to paper and paper-related products such as cardboard. In looking for a new recycling provider, however, the district has found someone who can recycle all of the paper waste and more: Recycle Ann Arbor.

Recycle Ann Arbor is a local non-profit that is leading an initiative towards more recycling. Started back in the '70's, it runs both local curbside trash pickups for the average consumer and also provides industrial pickups for larger organizations such as DCS. In both waste programs and recycling, its mission statement tells of a commitment to sustainability.

"Recycle Ann Arbor's mission is to develop and operate innovative reuse, recycling, and zero-waste programs that improve the environmental quality of our community" says the official website of the program.

Whether or not the school districts new contract of recycle Ann Arbor works with the Dexter School District and delivers on the promise of that mission statement in the long term is unknown, but results so far have been fairly promising to those on the ground who are closely watching the results.

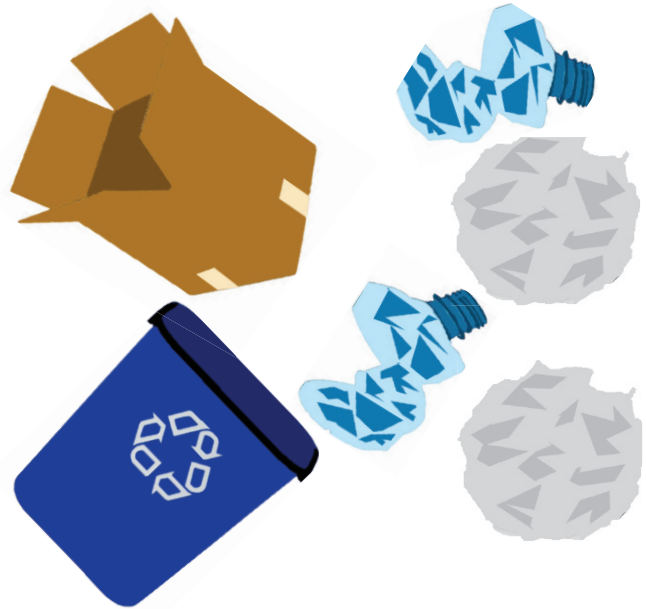
"I must say that I am tickled pink at what I [have] observed", said Jon Tulman, the Solid Waste Specialist of the Washtenaw County Solid Waste Division "One of the district employees was outside at Mill Creek, and he said it seems to him that the amount of garbage being generated by the school seems to be cut in half."

The reason for this uptick in recycling all goes back to the recycling services being offered by Recycle Ann Arbor. From paper to metal, recycling is now more expansive in the district than it has ever been. In fact, under the old recycling system, the offerings were so sparse some teachers and administrators felt they had to take matters into their own hands.

"I must say that I am tickled pink at what I [have] observed."

-Jon Tulman

"We knew that there wasn't recycling actually happening for everything that we had to recycle", said Sharon Rashke, Chief Financial Officer for the school



From plastics, metals, cardboards and more, different types of recyclables are now present in DCS

district "I know a lot of people just took that stuff home and then they just recycled it with their recycling at home or took their bags to Kroger".

With the new recycling contract with Ann Arbor Recycling, however, most of that previous take-home only recycling can now be taken care of by the district. And even better, there are plans in the works to recycle one of the most egregious waste offenders in the district: styrofoam lunch trays.

"We've now looked into that", said Mrs. Rashke of a styrofoam recycling system being rolled out district wide "and while we're going to get everything else going in and tweaked out first we will probably roll that out in the future near future, whether it be this school year next school year"

While details of such a program remain sparse, its likely to include some form of student cooperation, possibly requiring students to wash their tray of leftovers before adding it to the recycling bin. But whatever the result may be, the recycling of the hundreds of trays used district wide will certainly be a welcome addition by supporters of recycling within the district, and is a surefire way to make a much larger difference than before.

All in all, it's looking to be a much brighter future for the recycling program of DCS moving forward compared to the past few years of unknown recycling blunder. Plans are being laid, initiatives are being taken, and change is occurring. While the mistakes of the past cannot be fixed, bringing recycling to the forefront of the issues the Dexter school district is facing is a step forward in paving the way towards a more sustainable future.

National Sports Briefs

Top headlines from the sports world in the past month

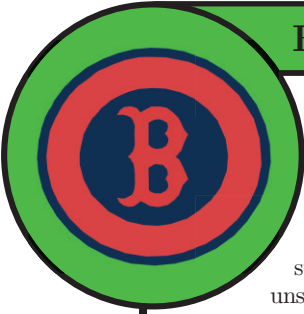
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2018 NFL Draft



The 2018 NFL draft has come and gone and now it's time to take a look at teams that are sitting the best after 256 picks. One of the teams that performed the best at the draft was the New York Giants. GM Dave Gettleman picked up Penn State RB Saquon Barkley who will have a major impact on the team along with G Will Hernandez and a OLB Lorenzo Carter. The Atlanta Falcons were looking to double down on an already-impressive roster with GM Thomas Dimitroff picking up WR Calvin Ridley and CB Isaiah Oliver. Both will have a significant impact on the team's future. The Chicago Bears picked up some talented players including possibly one of the draft's best linebackers in Georgia's Roquan Smith. The Beras also nabbed a great center, Iowa's James Daniels. All three of these teams are going to have great seasons next year and compete for a chance to play in Super Bowl LIII in Atlanta.

Boston Red Sox Record Season



The Boston Red Sox joined five other teams in the MLB since 1920 to win at least 17 of the first 19 games. Boston is the only team to do it within the last 30 plus years (the Milwaukee Brewers did it last in 1987). The Red Sox lost their first game of the season on Opening Day, but then went on to win 17 of the next 18 games, which ties their franchise record for an 18-game stretch. The team doesn't show any signs of slowing down with the highest winning percentage out of any team in the MLB and one of the top run differentials. The team's success can be pointed to multiple factors, such as their offensive leader Mookie Betts (.344 batting average). Their pitching is also seemingly unstoppable right now, lead by Rick Porcello with four wins and a 2.23 ERA. If the Red Sox keep their season going the way it is now, they will be a top contender to win their ninth World Series title.

PGA Players Championship



Even with a double bogey on the last hole, Webb Simpson took home the 2018 Players championship four strokes up on his closest opponent. The total payout for first place was \$1.98 million. Simpson had a great start to the weekend putting in the work and finishing with a 66-63-69 for the first three rounds. With a seven-shot lead going into the final on Sunday, Simpson cruised home to take home the win. This will be Simpson's second-biggest victory of his career with the first being his 2012 U.S. Open Championship.

NHL Playoffs



After a long and intense season, the final four teams have been decided. The Washington Capitals, Vegas Golden Knights, Tampa Bay Lightning, and Winnipeg Jets are all going to compete to play in the Stanley Cup Finals. On the Eastern conference side, there are the Washington Capitals who have not been this far in the playoffs with Alex Ovechkin and are hungry for their first ever Stanley Cup Championship. They are up against the Lightning, who have not made a Stanley Cup final appearance in the past three seasons. On the Western Conference side, there is possibly the biggest story of the year. The Golden Knights are looking to continue their amazing season and become the first expansion team to play for a championship. To get to the finals, the Knights will still have to get past the Jets which have also never won a Stanley Cup. All in all, many of the predictions made at the start did not have these teams in the final four which should make for an interesting run for the cup.

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Athletes in the Crowd

With the spring season nearing its end, Dexter athletes are looking to finish strong and transition into the postseason

Junior Nicole Bow



The dynamite Dreadnaught of Dexter, Nicole Bow, is a standout athlete on the Track and Field team, and has been a massive contributor to their success. This is her fifth season running track and she only plans on getting better. Bow is a participant in the hurdles, long jump, and sprint events of track and field in addition to being a team captain. As captain, she leads warmups, stretching, and workouts, while also instilling a positive attitude in her teammates. The Dreads are looking to finish off the season strong, with the women winning SEC's by 30 points, achieving their goal of beating Pinckney. The Dreadnaughts faced their rival, Chelsea earlier in the season. "It feels reassuring to beat them," Bow said. "Beating Chelsea felt great."



Junior Alex Mills



Alex Mills – the lead-off hitter for Dexter's Baseball team – is a rising star in the program and constantly looks to get runs on the board in any way possible. Mills has been playing baseball since the age of four and is putting his experience to work. The improvement is starting to show, as the Dreads are on track to beat their previous year's win loss record. A tall order for the team with a mix of juniors and seniors. The team's goal this year is to make it past the district final. The Dreadnaughts have clashed with their rival Chelsea three times this year, giving them opportunities to display their skill. "We definitely plan to beat them all three times," Mills said. "And earn a great spot to win SEC." Mills feels very confident about this season.



Sophomore Griffin Bartscht



Griffin Bartscht is no stranger to the sport of golf, possessing nine years of experience. Bartscht has goals of major self improvement, focusing on his entire game to contribute to the Dexter Men's Golf team. With several competitions to date, the Dreads are optimistic about their final tournaments. The Dreadnaughts have a goal to beat Chelsea, like most Dexter programs, and improve their skills on the course. With golf being a heavily individual sport, Bartscht focuses on self motivation and improvement as well as achieving his personal goal of two-putting all of his shots this season. "Beating Chelsea would be nice," Bartscht said.



Freshman Abby Tamer



Quick as Quicksilver, Freshman Abby Tamer is making waves on the Women's Soccer team. Some would consider Tamer a veteran to the sport, with seven years of experience, even though she is only a freshman. Tamer works to create opportunities and score when she can. She has additionally been a big contributor to the Dreads' 10-1 record, and looks to keep up this pace for the rest of the season. The Women's Soccer team hopes to win districts as well as regionals, and have the best season they can possibly have. A rival the Dreadnaughts have played and beat is Chelsea (6-0). "The bus ride home was very hype," Tamer said. "It felt great because we haven't killed them that badly in a long time."



Photos courtesy of the featured athletes

JV Strikes Out

Dexter softball starts the 2018 season with only a varsity team, making the program's future a bit murky

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Coaches Tim Kimball (left) and Amara Karapas (right) celebrate with the team after a good game. Photo courtesy of Taylor Wilson.

More than two months after tryouts and as the season is winding down, people are still talking about the controversy surrounding the softball team.

Based on a variety of factors, softball Head Coach Tim Kimball's decision to eliminate the junior varsity team for the 2018 season created quite the storm.

Having one softball team was not on the initial agenda, but as tryouts played out, it seemed that would end up being the result. Despite Athletic Director Mike Bavineau and Kimball's efforts to recruit new players -- even going as far as to ask students that play other spring sports to fill in if there was a player shortage -- they did not end up with the results they wished for.

"The overall goal was to have two teams, but the numbers just didn't work," Bavineau said.

The final team consists of 15 girls: seven freshmen, two sophomores, four juniors, and two seniors. Based on the number of girls that came out for tryouts (24), there seemed to be enough players to field two teams.

"Our job is to make the best varsity team we think we can make," Kimball said.

After choosing girls that would comprise the best team, the coaches talked with many juniors about playing on JV this year. However, some juniors declined to play on JV, meaning there would not be enough players to field two teams. In the end, nine cuts were made, including many upperclassmen.

"It wasn't really a decision [to have just one

team]," Kimball said. "After tryouts, we evaluated it and met for hours. We made what we thought was the best varsity team."

The cuts made hit hard as many underclassmen are thrilled to be on varsity but are heartbroken for their friends who were cut. The team is trying to make the best of a hard situation.

"Our job is to make the best varsity team we think we can make."

-Head Coach Tim Kimball



"It was hard at first because we lost a lot of good girls, but I think the season has a lot of potential," senior captain Maddy Stroia said.

For this season, harnessing the team's potential and getting to know one another has helped the girls work together.

"Our skills all combine with each other, and high school softball is supposed to be fun," freshman Olivia Mellifont said.

For the future, Bavineau has high hopes that the JV team will make its way back as soon as next year, but it depends on if enough players tryout.

Through games played on May 16, the Dreads are 11-9 on the field. While much will continue to be said about the controversy, one thing is clear: the varsity softball team has had a great season.

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Movie Reviews

The beginning of the summer movie season provides some big hits and catastrophic flops

BLOCKERS

While cheesy, this teen comedy provides laughs and a heartfelt story that many will enjoy. Blockers follows three parents as they try to prevent their teenage daughters from having sex on prom night. This plot is absolutely ridiculous and has you questioning the logic and the behavior of the characters from start to finish. However, the film's comedic elements and the stellar chemistry from the cast provide a very enjoyable experience. Most of the jokes were clever, and the non-stop pacing keeps you engaged throughout. Additionally, there are some very moving moments that both parents and students can relate to. The biggest surprise is the strong social commentary presented about how girls lose their virginity vs how guys do. John Cena proves to be a future star in Hollywood and is the film's crowning star. The biggest flaw is the choppy editing in some scenes. In the end, Blockers is a fun theater experience that will be enjoyed for years to come.



A QUIET PLACE

This unique sci-fi horror provides one of the most unique films of 2018 thus far. A Quiet Place follows the Abbott family, and the struggles they face while trying to hide from sound sensitive monsters in a post-apocalyptic rural landscape. John Krasinski does a fantastic job at building suspense in his directorial debut, as well as acting alongside his co-star and real life wife Emily Blunt. The child actors are great as well, and provide a great sense of family. The film is a non-stop thrill ride with very few breaks, and fits perfectly with the short runtime. The film's only flaw is its lack of development. There are only subtle hints as to how the world becomes this way and leaves a lot to the imagination. Overall, A Quiet Place is a scary, yet intriguing film that will go down as one of the best films of 2018.



AVENGERS INFINITY WAR

The 19th entry into the MCU (Marvel Cinematic Universe) is a change of form for the franchise and is its darkest film yet. Avengers: Infinity War follows the Avengers and their impossible task of defeating the powerful Thanos before he can conduct a universe wide genocide. The standout of the film is Josh Brolin's portrayal of Thanos, giving fans easily one of the best MCU villains to date. The action scenes are epic, and the set designs are mesmerizing. The characters work well with each other, and the chemistry built throughout the previous films become apparent. However, the big cast does not come without its flaws with many of the characters taking sideline roles rather than being front and center. The ending, while controversial, is a gamble that paid off for Marvel and will be talked about for years to come.

Infinity War is a great film, but should and will not receive an official rating until part two comes out next year.

RAMPAGE

Not even Dwayne Johnson can make this abysmal video game adaptation into a fun blockbuster hit. Rampage follows primatologist Davis Okoye (Dwayne Johnson), and his attempts at stopping three genetically mutated animals from destroying Chicago. Right off the bat, this film can barely be called an action film as the only action happens in the last 20 minutes of the film. The characters all act cartoonish and provide no sense of realism whatsoever. The plot is extremely predictable and relies too much on too many improbable results all happening perfectly. Dwayne Johnson is always enjoyable to watch and the final action scene does have some moments, but the film provides little more than that. Rampage is a B-rated monster film that is taking away valuable ticket sales from better low budget films.



Nice Tweets to Teachers



Instead of being rude (a la Jimmy Kimmel's "Mean Tweets"), seniors reflect on their favorite memories of teachers over the years

Writer  Elaina Dunn

Designer  Elaina Dunn



Ally LaVallee @AshleyB99

Thank you, Mrs. Bauer, for letting me sleep under your desk my freshman year. I love you and you're a great person. Don't ever change, you're perfect. Thank you for always supporting my relationship, you're the best, I love you!

 Replies  Retweets  Likes 



Elaina Dunn @kix_chik73

Mrs. Holland, thank you for not only supporting me academically, but for serving as the best mental and emotional support system for these last four years. You're a saint. Love you!

 Replies  Retweets  Likes 



Kira Perry @kperry330

Mr. Kimmey, thank you for telling me that there's a whole world outside of DHS and that there's more to life than what's hard right now.

 Replies  Retweets  Likes 



Alisha Birchmeier @alisha573

Thank you, Mr. Mergler, for teaching me that nothing is permanent, mostly grades, but also everything else.

 Replies  Retweets  Likes 



Jimmy Fortuna-Peak @J42naPeak

Math is the bane to my existence, but Mrs. Luxon made it a bearable experience. Thanks!!!

 Replies  Retweets  Likes 



Nick Jones @Jonesy_3

Ellen Doss, you are an angel!

 Replies  Retweets  Likes 



Madi Hofe @madihofe

When you see Mr. Heuser in the hallway... #daymade

 Replies  Retweets  Likes 



Josh Dobrei @JoshuaDobrei

Mrs. McDonnough, you taught me not to be afraid to talk to people anymore, and now I can speak gooder (;

 Replies  Retweets  Likes 

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Kellen's

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Senior Edition



Paul Malong

Emma Ripka

Matt Bellas

Jessica Stout

Mr. Lindke
(DHS Staff)

What was your favorite year of high school and why?

Freshman year, it was really laid back.	Senior year because it's super easy.	Senior year, it allowed me to be myself.	Freshman year because it's the least amount of work.	I love teaching the 13th graders, mainly because none of them attend this school.
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What's your most embarrassing moment in high school?

I fell asleep in class and the teacher had to wake me up.	At soccer practice I tripped on a net and ate it in front of everyone.	One time at diving practice I broke a record with nine smacks and the coach sent me home early.	I got hit in the face with a volleyball right in front of the student section.	I never really embarrassed a student, they kind of embarrassed themselves.
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If you could change one thing about your high school experience, what would it be?

Trying harder all four years.	Try harder as a freshman.	Care less about what others think.	Taking easier classes senior year.	I'd make school year round, just every day.
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If you could change your name, what would it be and why?

Michael Brown, it's a cool name.	I like my name, I wouldn't change it.	I'm pretty comfortable with my name.	Erin, I like the name.	Just Mr. That's it. Mr.
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What is the craziest thing one of your teachers has done?

Dr. Moore whipped and dabbed at band camp.	A teacher made our class leave because she was too stressed out.	5 teachers decided it was a good idea to spend the night during Senior Survivor.	We were watching a movie in class and the teacher froze it during a nude scene and it was up there for five minutes.	One time a student actually didn't complain, that was pretty crazy.
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**Questions have been modified for staff applicability.*

JOKES

Q: What do you call a boomerang that doesn't come back?

A: A stick.

Q: Did you hear about the Mexican train killer?

A: He had locomotives.

Q: What do you call a cow in an earthquake?

A: A milkshake.

Q: What is a pirate's favorite letter?

A: You think it's R but it be the C.

Q: What is Bruce lee's favorite drink?

A: Wataaaaah!

Q: Why are fish so easy to weigh?

A: Because they have their own scales.

Summer Playlist

A collection of songs for summer break listening, many of which were recommended by DHS Students

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Jillian Chesney  Designer

Take

On Me - a-ha ●

Kings of Summer - ayokay ●

Don't Take the Money - Bleachers

● **I Wanna Get Better** - Bleachers ● **Sun-**

flower Seeds - Bryce Vine ● **Safe and Sound**

- Capital Cities ● **Young** - Chainsmokers ● **Summer**

Friends - Chance the Rapper ● **California** - Child-

ish Gambino ● **Ice Melts** - Drake ● **Broccoli** - DRAM ●

September - Earth, Wind & Fire ● **Mr. Blue Sky** - Electric

Light Orchestra ● **Walking On a Dream** - Empire State of

Mind ● **Pumped Up Kicks** - Foster the People ● **Stacy's**

Mom - Fountains of Wayne ● **I Love It** - Icona Pop ● **Center-**

fold - The J. Geils Band ● **Good Life** - Kanye West ● **Touch**

the Sky - Kanye West ● **Walking on Sunshine** - Katrina &

The Waves ● **Money Trees** - Kendrick Lamar ● **Let's Go**

- Khalid ● **Cudi Zone** - Kid Cudi ● **Mr. Brightside** - The

Killers ● **Paper Planes** - M.I.A. ● **Midnight City** - M83

● **Tongue Tied** - Grouplove ● **Stolen Dance** - Milky

Chance ● **Sleeping With a Friend** - Neon Trees

● **Take a Walk** - Passion Pit ● **1901** - Phoe-

nix ● **Jesse's Girl** - Rick Springfield

● **Africa** - Toto

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"Summer!!" on
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@jillianchesney



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this playlist on Spotify.



Designer  Jimmy Fortuna-Peak

2018 Summer Entertainment Schedule



5/29

Post Malone & 21 Savage
@ Michigan Lottery Amphitheater

6/1

Khalid @ Meadow Brook Amphitheatre

6/3

Tech N9ne @ The Filmore

6/5

Russ @ Meadow Brook Amphitheatre

6/7

Tim McGraw & Faith Hill
@ Van Andel Arena

6/10

Paul Simon @ DTE Energy Music Theatre

6/10

Kendrick Lamar, SZA & Schoolboy Q @ DTE Energy Music Theatre

6/15

Shania Twain
@ Little Caesars Arena

6/21

Imagine Dragons @ DTE Energy Music Center

6/22

Sam Smith
@ Little Caesars Arena

6/27

Steven Tyler
@ Motorcity Casino Hotel

7/13

Journey
@ Comerica Park

8/4

Shakira
@ Little Caesars Arena



5/28

America's Got Talent (Season 13)

5/30

American Ninja Warrior (Season 10)

6/19

Drunk History (Season 5)

6/22

Luke Cage (Season 2)

7/31

Making It (Season 1)

8/18

The Defenders (Season 2)

8/31

Jack Ryan (Season 1)

Solo:
A Star Wars Story

5/25

Oceans 8

6/8

The Incredibles 2

6/15

Jurassic World:
Fallen Kingdom

6/22

Sicario:
Day of the Solado

6/29

Ant-Man and
The Wasp

7/6

The First Purge

7/6

Skyscraper

6/13

The Nun

6/13

Mamma Mia!
Here We Go Again

6/20

Mission Impossible:
Fallout

6/27

The Darkest Minds

7/3

Slender Man

7/24



THE ANCHOR

The band Gooding was welcomed back for the second-straight year to give a financial management presentation and perform many of their classic rock songs. Band members also answered questions from students about general finances and how to better prepare for the future.

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