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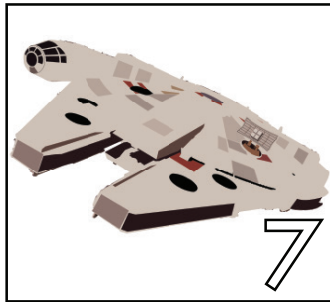
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Local and National News Briefs

Here are some of the more major events from the past month and a look at the newest fad sweeping the nation

Jed Howell Writer

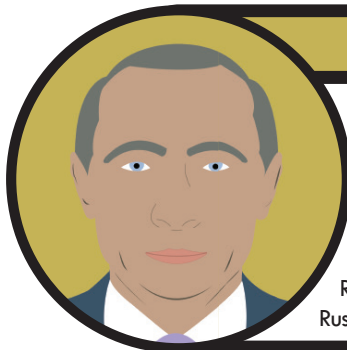
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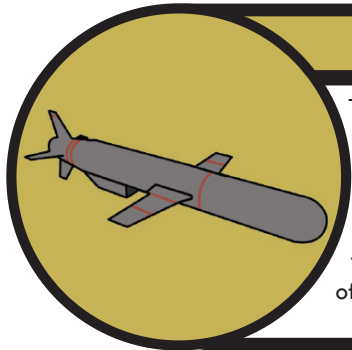
Las Vegas Sports

Over the next few years the professional sports world will welcome Las Vegas to the long list of cities hosting sports teams. During the 2017-2018 NHL season, the Golden Knights will play out of T-Mobile Arena located on the Las Vegas Strip. They will bring the number of teams in the NHL up to 31. Vegas will also host the Raiders football team in the coming years. The Raiders have been approved to move from Oakland to the desert as early as 2019 and will build a new stadium to accommodate the team. "I think it is a good idea to have teams in Las Vegas," senior Carson Howatt said. "I think it will bring a lot of money to both the NFL and the NHL."



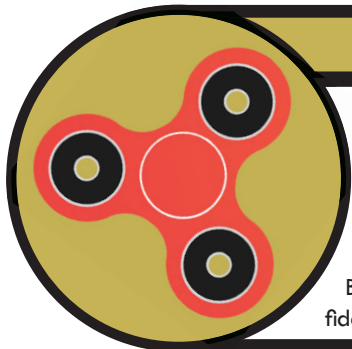
U.S. and Russian Relations

Since the election, U.S. President Donald Trump has been surrounded by media speculation. Most headlines surround him and his relationship with Russia and the possible involvement and influence on the 2016 election. New investigations seem to be uncovered everyday with some new story revealing new information. Recently, the Washington Post reported more than 18 people involved with Trump's campaign have ties to Russia. The growing tension between countries is only detrimental to the already shaky relationship that had previously been established with Russia. On April 7, the U.S. launched missiles over a Syrian airstrip, killing 6 Russians. Syria's ally Russia understood the situation as an "act of aggression." -Caden Koenig



Syrian Airstrike





The U.S. fired 59 Tomahawk cruise missiles at a Syrian airfield on April 6. The missiles were fired from two Navy destroyers in the Mediterranean Sea. Each Tomahawk missile costs about one million dollars and has a range of a thousand miles. This attack was in response to the Syrian government's chemical attack on its own people. The airfield bombed was suspected to have been where the planes that launched the chemical attack had originated. This strike has shaken up tensions between the U.S. and Russia, one of Syria's allies. - Alex Strang



Fidget Spinners

Due to ADHD, inventors have created an array of toys and gadgets to help quell the effects and prevent people from constantly fidgeting to stay focused. Recently, ADHD toys have become incredibly popular for people with and without ADHD. The fidget spinner has become infamous for its ability to cause a distraction rather than prevent it. According to CBS News, 32 percent of the U.S.'s largest schools have banned the use of fidget spinners. "Fidget spinners are distracting when someone else is using them, but not when you're using one," freshman Drew Biggert said. It's hard to tell whether people with ADHD would agree with Biggert, but for now, fidget spinners seem to cause more heads to spin than to steady. - Nick Elliott

SPINNING OUT OF CONTROL

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Fidget spinners are all the rage at DHS and local schools. Here's everything you need to know about the new gadgets, including the thoughts of 100 students.

The Inventor

Although fidget spinners have become an international phenomenon in recent months, the inventor of the popular toy, Catherine Hettinger, came up with the idea in the 1990s.

- Hettinger, who suffers from an autoimmune disorder with muscle weakness as a primary symptom, invented the toy as a way to engage with her young daughter. However, Hettinger makes no profit off of sales.
- According to a report by the Guardian, Hettinger's patent was approved in 1997, but she was unable to afford renewal fees in 2005. Now, fidget spinners are free game for several companies to produce and sell.

The Research

According to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention, more than 6.4 million children between the ages of four and 17 have been diagnosed with ADHD. Parents searching for treatment for their children have become the target of the fidget spinner marketing.

- The companies producing these gadgets advertise stress reduction, anxiety relief, and improved focus. However, many psychologists argue that fidget spinners are a toy, not a treatment. There are no scientific studies behind the fidget spinner that prove effectiveness in managing the symptoms of ADHD.
- Without further research, it is unlikely that doctors will be turning to fidget spinners as a treatment for the disorder.



77% of students believe fidget spinners have a positive effect on grades.

3% of students believe fidget spinners have no effect on grades.

20% of students believe fidget spinners have a negative effect on grades.

Though some teachers have enacted policies regarding fidget spinners within their classrooms, the DHS administration has no official position in support or in opposition to the toys.

- Assistant Principal Ken Koenig said "people have nervous energy, or energy that they need to get rid of," and that fidget spinners seemed like "the perfect thing, instead of clicking a pen, to use" to expend that energy in an unobtrusive way.
- However, like many educational professionals, Koenig thinks that while the "initial idea" of fidget spinners is "fantastic," increased usage among students without concentration problems leads to the toys being utilized "beyond their intended use," ultimately becoming "more of a distraction."

72% of students do not like fidget spinners.

13% of students surveyed have at least one fidget spinner

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Survey data courtesy of senior Steven Brown and sophomore Khalid Dimo

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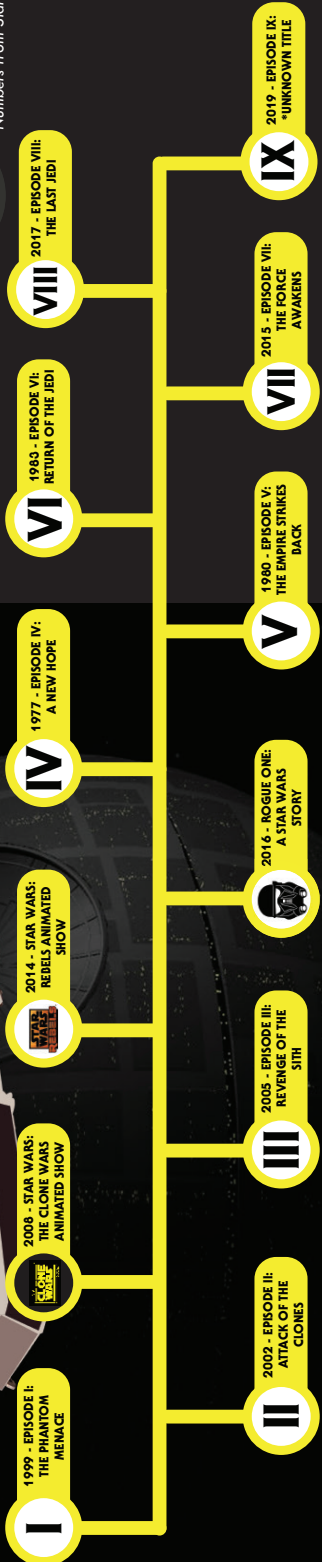
256,000 DROIDS DESTROYED

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OUR VIEW: If You're Old Enough to Fight, You're Old Enough to Drink

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In the United States, turning 18 comes with many new privileges: fighting for your country, buying tobacco products, adopting a child, voting, getting married and more. With all of these many new entitlements and being considered a legal adult, these freedoms seemingly end at buying and consuming alcohol.

By lowering the MLDA (Minimum Legal Drinking Age) to 18, the United States would be rewarded with several benefits. With the current MLDA of 21, many people travel to other places like Canada and European countries to be able to legally consume alcohol.

Out of the 190 countries, 61 percent of them have a drinking age of 18 or 19 years old and only 6 percent are at 21. The rest range from age 10 to never being legal.

With such a high MLDA, this creates a 'forbidden fruit theory'. The theory implies that if something, such as alcohol, is forbidden, it causes a potential rebellious feeling to have in possession. This causes it to be consumed in an unsafe manner.

If 18 year olds are allowed to buy and consume alcohol, they would not consider breaking the law just to be able to drink. This could potentially lower the concerning high rate of unfortunate non-compliance with MLDA 21. Teens work to create loopholes in the system so that they can buy, such as making fake ID's, which can earn young adults a misdemeanor.

However, repealing MLDA 21 would come with some consequences. Many people against lowering the age argue that drinking will become increasingly common and dangerous among the 18-20 year old demographic in the United States. Since setting MLDA 21, drunk driving deaths have decreased over the last three decades in America so many fear that lowering the



legal age would cause an increase. Although these beliefs have legitimate arguments, getting rid of MLDA 21 has far more benefits than disadvantages.

Fortunately, all of the problems expressed by those who are against repealing it can easily be fixed and avoided. If parents increase their children's education about alcohol, their child will be more informed on safe drinking. Also, young adults would be drinking in safer environments because they will be legally able to drink in bars, rather than hiding in houses and dorms. While drinking in public, they will be able to drink while being monitored. It is evident that with higher parental involvement and public drinking, the benefits of lowering the drinking age overrule the potential costs.

Today, we live in a society where at 18, you are considered a legal adult that can buy tobacco, vote, and fight for the country; yet you aren't considered old enough to drink. With such a high MLDA, it doesn't stop teens from drinking, it stops them from doing it safely and legally. To prevent illegal and unsafe drinking, the first step would be getting rid of MLDA 21 and lower-

ing the drinking age to 18.

By lowering the MLDA to 18, the United States would be rewarded with several benefits.



"No, because at 18 you're still irresponsible and they'd probably abuse it."
- Freshman Dylan Lorincz



"Yes, because that's when you go to college and a lot of people drink in college."
- Sophomore Taylor Wilson

Q: Should the drinking age be lowered to 18?



"Yes. If you can be in the Army, then you should be allowed to drink."
- Junior Ed Lewis



"Yes. In my country the drinking age at 18 isn't abused."
-Senior Emma Wuorehimo

angry liberal FEMINIST KILLJOY OWN UP TO IT.

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IT IS TIME TO STOP GETTING UPSET AT HUMAN RIGHTS, AND START FIGHTING FOR THEM.

My last article discussing the Black Lives Matter movement and racism towards the African American community, received quite a bit of backlash. People threw my article in urinals (for aiming practice, I believe - but I hope if you're in high school you don't need help with that anymore), balled them up and threw them at my younger sister, tossed them on the ground, and broke out into "All Lives Matter" chants in their classrooms. Honestly, I find this very interesting. Why is it so hard for Dexter High School to hear it has a race problem? We say it all the time; Dexter's lack of diversity has become a long running joke. So, why does such a large problem arise when it's in print?

Hearing things that call out unknown, or unacknowledged, privileges can make us uncomfortable or angry. We like to believe that we're all good people, doing the best we can. Or, at least, that we aren't disregarding entire groups of people. So, when some dumb 18-year-old girl comes in and tells you you're ignoring serious social issues, we tend to get upset. This anger can be justified by one simple line: "When you're accustomed to privilege, equality feels like oppression."

When others ask us to acknowledge privilege, we start to feel guilty. The word "privilege" has connotations of guilt in our society. People feel as though they are being blamed for the privilege they have. The truth is, we can't control privilege. We can't control having it, or being a part of a privileged group or community. There shouldn't be blame behind it. Yet, there is, and we still tend to feel this way.

Why exactly do we feel this way? Why does privilege sound synonymous to guilt? A lot of it has to do with age-old stigma. Classical conditioning has led us to associate privilege with the upper-class royalty who treated people poorly (think Marie Antoinette). But, privilege is more than just being born into the uppermost class. This feel is outdated, and something we need to surpass as a whole society.

But the backlash towards my BLM article wasn't just about privilege. It was also about an inability to deal with the idea that we may not be as good of humans as we think we are.

Many of us believe that we aren't doing any bad, that we stay out of other drama, and don't contribute to the troubles of others. Here's the thing: doing nothing is exactly that. You

aren't helping or hurting anyone, so you aren't doing anything. Desmond Tutu said, "If you are neutral in situations of injustice, you have chosen the side of the oppressor," and it explains things pretty well. I said that we have a race problem in our country; the incarcerated population is almost half black, while only 13 percent of the American population is black, and people got upset. Because how could you have anything to do with putting people in jail? We're just high school students completely separated from these situations.

Here's a question for you: is the race problem in Dexter a reflection of the race problem in the US? The way we address race here is similar to the rest of the country: dismissal. Racist comments are said every day, but instead of addressing them we brush them off and ignore the fact that people here joke about being black (when we are so white). Our race problem isn't just a race problem, it's a social injustice problem that stretches across such a wide range of topics that is not limited to race or gender.

We don't really make an attempt to fight against the injustice. We just sit on the outside, choosing to ignore the many faces of police brutality, or women in the global sex trade, or the biggest starvation crisis since 1945 going on in Yemen, South Sudan, Somalia, and northeast Nigeria.




So, when some dumb high school feminist tells us we're adding to the problem, we get upset. We stand isolated in our little community, watching as outsiders who may think they can't do anything. Or, maybe you just really don't care about it and listening to someone who does care annoys you. Or, maybe you do feel this guilt in knowing you have privilege, and you'd rather ignore that rather than face it (if not guilt, then maybe white fragility). The fact is it doesn't matter how you feel. I won't stop fighting for what I believe, and it's time other people take a stand for themselves, too. We, as a society, can't stop this feeling of guilt alone, nor can we stop child labor, rape culture, or violence against the LGBTQ+ community.

It's time to stop the little pity parties of 'Oh my god, she's so annoying. No one cares about this. This is bull. She hates police, and BLM is a terrorist movement' (it's not). It's time to step up, acknowledge problems facing our world, and start working in aid towards them.



Just Dance

Be in the spotlight, bust out the worm, or ask her if she wants to slow dance with you. Who cares? You do you.

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What happened to Footloose and Grease Lightening where dancing was the highlight of the night? Where the girl is waiting for the blue eyed boy in the bow tie and suspenders to ask her to dance.

I know there are many reasons why youngins don't get down and boogie at school dances nowadays. For some, it is the teachers staring down at their every move waiting to pounce at the first sign of dry humping on a gym floor. Or maybe it's the fact that the lights are brighter than they are on a normal school day. Or, the music isn't "club" like, enough.

Get dressed up, take some pictures, shake what your Mama gave you, and try not to worry about what people think of you.

Personally, I believe kids of this generation are too afraid of looking "uncool" or being judged by their classmates. For some odd reason we think that we have to be under the influence of alcohol or drugs to let loose and have a good time and be yourself. But that shouldn't be the reason people don't want to dance at a school DANCE. Kids shouldn't feel like they have to look cool and change who they are. In the end, it will put their chances of having a good night at risk. Of course, it is easier said than done.



High school is a scary place where everyone feels like they need to fit in with the cool crowd. To be completely honest, there shouldn't be such thing as a cool crowd. Make your own path, and only dance to have a good time. Disregard the unfortunate circumstances because the reason you came is

to dance the night away and make it memorable.

That's what a school dance is for. So get dressed up, take some pictures, shake what your Mama gave you, and try not to worry about what people think of you.

Footloose vs. Modern Dancing

"If you could make modern day dancing how it used to be during the footloose era, would you change it or keep the modern era dance?"

*50 juniors and seniors surveyed



Why do you love to dance at school dances?

“ I like to be with friends and express myself through music. I used to care what people thought but I realized, I have a lot more fun when I worry about myself.”


-junior Reid Snider



REMEMBER AVATAR?

The majority of DHS students barely remember the highest-grossing film of all time

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As far as movies go, it's the age of the blockbuster. These high budget and highly anticipated films seldom make an appearance on Academy Award rosters, but they rake in millions of dollars and take the cinema world by storm. Franchises like Star Wars and the Marvel Cinematic Universe (i.e. The Avengers and Captain America) lead the pack with several of the highest grossing films in history.

But the highest grossing film of all time doesn't feature superheroes or an intergalactic battle against the Dark Side or Vin Diesel street racing through Los Angeles — because even those movies are still making money somehow. Raking in approximately \$2.8 billion at the box office, Avatar is the most successful movie of all time.

Remember Avatar? That movie about the blue people

But, seriously, what was that movie about? Before I started researching for this article and familiarized myself with the story line, all I could remember were the blue alien people.

living on an alien planet? According to a survey of 100 DHS students, their answer would be a resounding “huh?” with 48 percent admitting they've seen it only once or not at all.

Avatar did something unprecedented. Released in December 2009, the film earned nine Oscar nominations (winning three of them) and was regaled as the pinnacle of motion capture technology before retreating into almost obscurity, similarly to how the film's director, James Cameron of Titanic and The Terminator, retreated back into the Mariana Trench or wherever it is that he comes from to conceptualize the franchise sequels.

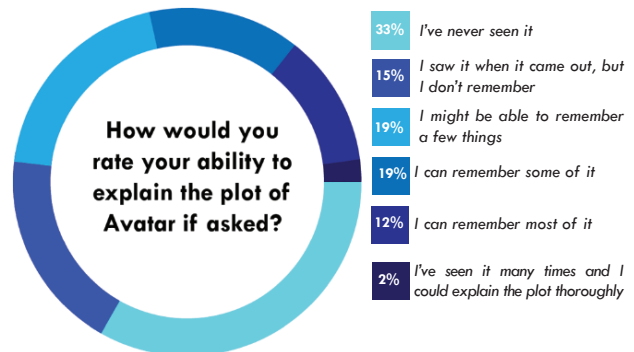
Cameron has confirmed four sequels, the first of which was supposed to be released in December 2018, nine years since its predecessor's theatrical release, but has since been delayed to 2020. Maybe. According to Cameron, Avatar 2 is taking this long because they're working on all of the sequels simultaneously. Considering the

first film took 10 years from pre-production to release, we can all look forward to taking our grandchildren out to see Avatar 5, directed by James Cameron's cryogenically preserved head.

But, seriously, what was that movie about? Before I started researching for this article and familiarized myself with the story line, all I could remember were the blue alien people. The more I read, the more I thought: “Oh, right. That's what happened.”

Maybe it's because the whole point of the movie was its special effects. Clearly, there was little regard for much else, considering they hired Zoe Saldana to play the female lead only to CGI her beyond recognition. In addition to the film's plot, I asked DHS students to name the film's main character and only 15 people could do so correctly. I Googled it, and his name was Jake Sully, by the way. He was a paraplegic former Marine...his twin brother died... is this ringing any bells?

It'll be interesting to see whether Avatar 2 can replicate the hype of the first and break its own records. My guess is that it probably will; after all, everyone loves a jump-started franchise (you can ask the Star Wars and Jurassic Park people once they've finished counting their millions). In the meantime, if you're interested in watching a tribe of blue people frolick around in some sort of magical forest, there's a new Smurfs movie out now.



*100 DHS students surveyed

Censorship at Dexter

A look back on school dances and how they are an example of over-the-top censorship at DHS

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Reminiscing on the past four years at DHS, I am happy with how my high school career turned out; however, the high school experience at Dexter is noticeably different than in your average high school.

Unfortunately, we live in a bubble where we are not always impacted by things that are happening around us. This impacts the way students and their parents think a normal high school should function.

Many Dexter students have parents who are DHS alumni or have had family who have been apart of the Dexter community for some time. One of the most prominent complaints by students in the past four years has been the lack of quality during our school dances.

School dances have been a high school tradition for a long time and they are something many students look forward to during the school year as an entertaining event. It's suppose to be a time where we can enjoy time with friends and let loose; however, this has become less of the case at DHS.

Now as I mentioned earlier, many parents involved with their students at DHS can tend to be over conservative or in other words "helicopter parents." School dances at Dexter have become more about limiting "bad PR" for the school and administration rather than providing a time away from complete authority as they would be if it was during school hours.

Now, I understand rules are rules, and the event is still being held at a public school, but it easily could be argued that Dexter is one of the most conservative and well-behaved public schools in the area. Throughout the years, fewer students have been showing up for schools dances.

Many turned toward the administration for answers, including myself. The administration does not have complete power over the taxpayers and parents as you might think.

In talking with Assistant Principal Ken Koenig about how parents can be involved in school policy and a recent history of school dances at Dexter, he mentioned that "there hasn't been many cases where a single parent has been directly involved in changing school policy." Nevertheless, many of the changes that have occurred at school dances have been due to issues with having parent chaperones. In the past, there have been conflicts with parents attempting to break up inappropriate dancing. Many students chose not to listen most likely because they were not noticeable faces or apart of the school administration.

The administration then decided it would oversee the school dances rather than having parent chaperones that may create issues, although there is not enough staff to support multiple dances throughout the school year. That help explain the amount of dances has become limited. The administration has also had reason to crack down on some events where things got out of hand, but that has not happened often. But it is not difficult to say that parent involvement in school dances has made a major impact on how they are run and the correlating effect of lack of attendance.

Koenig also mentioned how there is a constant debate between what is accepted as appropriate in an educational institu-

tion, which is part of the disconnect between parents, the administration, and the student body.

It may seem that this is be a common complaint from the average high school student, but not all schools are having this same problem, or at least to the same extent.

I asked a student from Ann Arbor Huron High School who has attended multiple Dexter dances if he could offer some insight on the differences.

"The lights are completely off during at our school dances," said the Huron student, referencing how Dexter's lights are kept on during the entire dance. "Most everybody" attends the Huron dances, the student added. He also gave Huron's dances an 8.5/10 rating.

"Your dances kinda sucked," he said about Dexter dances.

Our school does differ from the others: it's simply not as fun. Another reason may be for the school board. Multiple members of the school board have or have had kids who went to Dexter schools, and some of these parents may be the reason for the sucky dances.

One good example of something a group of parents have done was create a website called "Clean up DHS" while seniors of 2017 were still in middle school. This blog is a place where parents can go comment, vent and attempt to exploit the "horrible" things that go on at DHS. This includes when *The Squall* mentioned the word "tequila" in the past, apparently promoting alcoholism by doing so.

Most of the comments are from the username "working towards a better Dexter." The person is believed to be a school board trustee, but they have chosen not to reveal who they are. The parents might fear their children would be victimized in school by some of the things they have said, which probably isn't false; it would just suck to have a parent like that.

Even though the last post was in 2011, many of the posts on this site came from current board members parents whose kids are still in dexter schools.

This is a good example of how the administration has been impacted to change the ways our dances are run.

It may seem like I am saying all of our high school memories could have been made at these dances, but I am not. It is the impact they have had and how they are a good example of the extreme censorship that exists here.

Profits from school dances are important for having the opportunity to throw more events at our school such as Prom. This year, the budget for prom was minimal and many were skeptical they were even going to have enough money to support the event.

Student council, along with many other seniors, spent a lot of time fundraising to find enough money to have a decent final Prom for the seniors.

In shedding some light on the culture that has let this happen, my hope is this will save future DHS students from the parents that attempt to control everyone, including the *young adults* that attend DHS.

Hopefully, you all can have a good Homecoming dance for once and maybe, just maybe, there will be enough interest to finally bring back a Coming Home dance.



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Dear Freshman Me,

After four years of reflection at DHS, here is a letter of things no one mentioned before ninth grade

I've got some things to say to you, so listen closely. For starters, high school won't always be the nicest to you; I'll be honest. 9th grade especially is going to be your least favorite year. The overwhelming dramatic changes will take you by storm. When you walk into the new school, you're basically walking into a building of confusion. To top it off, there's going to be boys and books, along with new and old friendships to deal with.

So this one goes out to you, 9th-grade self. Here I am, a completely different version of the insecure 14 year old sitting in science, wondering why I have to know about the biologic carbon cycle and the ocean conveyor belt. Here I am, on the edge of graduating, and as I look back one last time before walking out of these high school doors, I've got some good news for you: You're going to make it out and everything will be just fine.

Although it may be nice to hear that you'll make it, unfortunately, I can't promise it will be an easy journey to graduation. I know that some days your little world seems like it's falling apart and it feels like you always have that one friend who's mad at you for something (even though you swear you didn't do whatever they think you did.) I know you can't wait to be out of high school and that you just want to be DONE. Trust me. I know how you feel.

Keep in mind when I tell you these things that four years ago, I was where you were. I was dealing with everything you're going through now, and the good news is that it is all going to work out. You're probably going to lose some friends along the way, you're going to hate it, but let me tell you a secret: You're going to be so happy when it's all done.

You'll swear you'll be friends with some people forever. Unfortunately, one day turns into another and you'll find yourself avoiding eye contact in the halls. You'll probably fail a few tests too, but once again, it's going to be okay. Lost friends and a failed test won't mean your future is over and you won't go anywhere. It just means you're human.

I mean, come on. You aren't the only 14 year old girl who has lost friendships or failed a math test (even though you stayed up until 1 a.m. studying.) All the little things going on in your life now, they seem so tragic and huge.

As I look back at who I was when I was you, versus the person I am now, I laugh at the things that I thought were the biggest, most dramatic situations that I would nev-

er forget. What was that girl's names who kicked you out of your friend group last year? The biggest drama at the time is now something I don't even remember. If I could remember her name, I'd probably thank her. Just remember it won't matter in a few years.

Looking forward through the next few years of your life, everything is going to start changing. You'll wake up one morning and realize the world you knew is being turned upside down and staying up late to watch your favorite Netflix series will seem like a distant memory. You'll wake up and the world you have lived in will be replaced by new responsibilities, hours of homework, two jobs, and not getting enough sleep to function no matter how hard you try; but try to enjoy it now. I know that sounds weird, but trust me.

Throughout high school, everything changes, which can be a good or a bad thing. Make sure you hang out with your grandma more often, she's not going to be around forever and you're going to regret not spending more time with her when the time comes. Also make sure you hang out with your friends, your family, and smile at old friends in the hallways. One day will turn into another and you'll be here: Ready to graduate.

Don't hate yourself because you make mistakes, embarrass yourself, or even when you can't stand to be around yourself; there's honestly absolutely nothing worth hating yourself over. You're going to have to live your high school life and fully experience every little thing that happens in your life. The good, the bad, and the ugly.

Don't forget to thank the people who stuck around through it all and thank your favorite teachers along the way who make you question how you lived without their kind words, support, and help. Most of all, just don't give up. I promise giving up would not be worth it considering where you.. me.. WE are now.

Life's hard sometimes, and high school can suck, but you really do just have to keep your head up and push through. There is so much more in store for you other than the things you are going through at 14. You're going to find people who truly care about you, you're going to graduate, and have a chance at being a part of this crazy world. I can see it now, four years later, laughing at the silly mistakes I made along the way: You're going to make it.

*Sincerely,
Senior me*



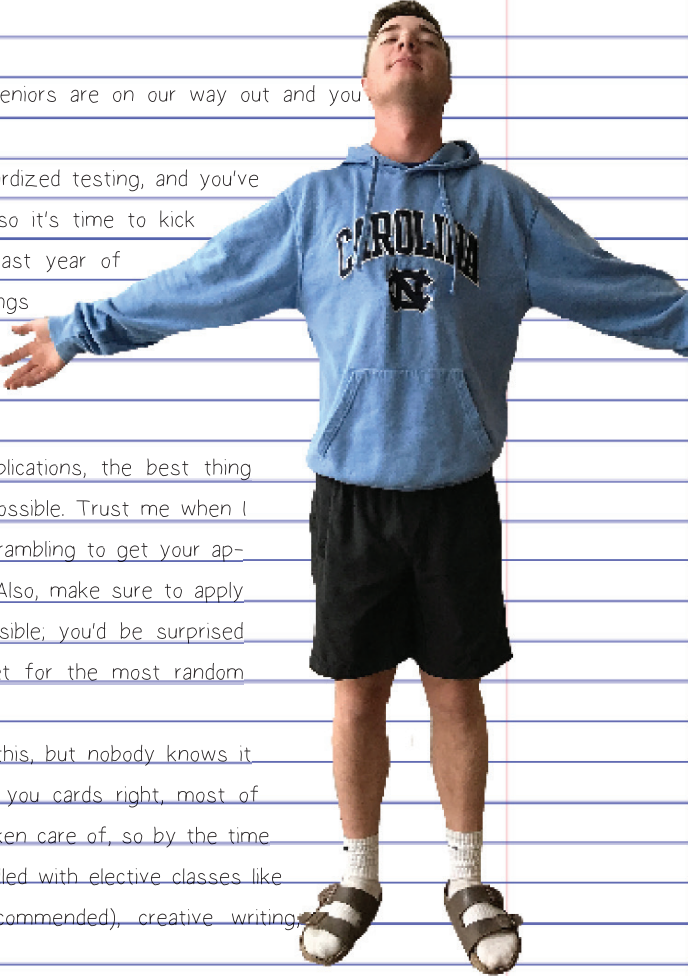
Dear Class of 2018

Enjoy your last year of high school, but plan for a potential crash landing

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	Dear Juniors,	
○	The time is finally here. Us seniors are on our way out and you are in charge.	
	You're done with all the standardized testing, and you've already taken many AP classes, so it's time to kick your shoes off and enjoy your last year of high school. There are a few things you need to know if you want to make your senior year a success.	
	When it comes to college applications, the best thing you can do is apply as early as possible. Trust me when I say that you don't want to be scrambling to get your applications in the day they're due. Also, make sure to apply for as many scholarships as possible, you'd be surprised at how much money you can get for the most random things.	
○	School is boring. We all know this, but nobody knows it more than seniors. If you played your cards right, most of your required credits should be taken care of, so by the time you're a senior your schedule is filled with elective classes like financial management (highly recommended), creative writing, and business math.	
	Lastly, the most important piece of advice I have is to plan for the crash landing. What I mean is to keep your second semester grades high, and give yourself a nice cushion going into the last month of school.	
	I don't care who you are, there is no way you will still have motivation to be doing busy work with only a month left in high school. By that point you already know your plans for next year, as well as who you're rooming with, and busy work is the last thing on your mind.	
○	Enjoy all the lasts: the last football game, last homecoming, and last prom. It all goes quick, and before you know it, you're starting your last week of high school wondering where all the time went.	
	Good luck, and enjoy your senior year, Class of 2018.	

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Letters From the Editors

Opinions of two teenagers who may or may not be qualified to offer life advice but are going to do it anyway

We made it. Thirteen years in the Dexter system. Same faces and places. Most likely, at least for me, my friends have been the same since I went to Bates.

I have gained and lost a few along the way, but the main core of friends I have known for majority of my life. That might be the hardest part for me; Thinking about leaving seems so appealing at some point, but then the next minute you are unsure how you will make it without the family and friends that have been there with you.

Now, I know some just can't wait to get away from everything and everyone. The new adventure is nothing but exciting for them. I think part of me wishes I could be like this, but I'm not. That's okay with me though because I believe that means I made my time in Dexter worth it.

The memories of walking to DQ on the last day of middle school to getting dropped off by my parents to go to the movies or hang out with friend... I hope those don't ever go away. I hope I am excited to come home during breaks.

I just do not want to forget our one-street downtown that always seemed lively on the sunny Saturday mornings. I know I'm reminiscing. I also know that some couldn't care less about Dexter; however, the fact is we have seen a lot together through our 13(?) years attending the same schools.

The biggest moment that stands out to me is the tornado.

We were only seventh graders, but that didn't stop most of us from going out and helping people. I think that is what makes our 2017 class different.

We are all willing to help people out. That only makes it that much harder for some of us to leave. Growing up, I couldn't even remember my "graduating class year," yet for the past four years all I have looked forward to is 2017.

It seems surreal that it's finally here. Although Dexter will be tough to leave, I think that all of us will be successful in most aspects of life wherever we go.

June 11th will be the last day where all of us will be in the same room, and most likely the last time some of us see each other.

Take this how you may, good or bad, but don't forget it: We have had a great 13 years together, and it is worth a memory or two.

It's been 17 years at Dexter, 12 in Dexter schools, four in highschool, and three on The Squall staff.

High School has been a wild ride. As cliché as it might sound, DHS has provided all of us with ups and downs throughout our four year journey. We've made everlasting friendships and memories, and at the same time, met people we would rather forget.

As we walk across that stage, the fact that we are finally done with high school will set in. It's a new chapter. We will remain close with some, but the hard truth is we will lose touch with many people who were friends during our stay at Dexter Community Schools.

No matter how insignificant the people might seem, the goodbye is going to be harder than it may seem. To the kid that you sat next to in third hour, to the person you hung out with a couple times, to the person who you say exchange a friendly "hi" with, they will all be gone.

These last few weeks will be the defining moments of your memories of high school, make the most of it. Do daring things. Take risks with these people as you may never see them again. Go make memories with people that you'll never forget because at the end of the day, you don't want to look back on high school and your senior year and say, "dang, I wish I would've kept in touch with so and so or spent more time with them."

Instead, strive to say, "I made the most out of those friendships that I possibly could, and I had some good times with those people and I'm glad I used to know them."

Because while friendships may go sour after a while and people may start to split apart (which is natural), the memories made with those people never will and you'll be able to look back and say you enjoyed them. You won't remember the assignment, you won't remember the project, and you won't remember the test, but you'll remember the people who you grew up with and helped mold you as a person. So, go out and make as many memories as possible so you'll love those people everyday of your life for years to come.

Whether you make-up or break-up after that final step is taken inside Dexter High School is up to you; just remember the people you've spent time with here during the past four years may actually be more important to your life than you think. As always, make today a good day. Or not. The choice is yours.



An Editor's High School Journey

Here's some free life advice if you want it



If we think of the starting line as our first day of freshman year, then the finish line is only one step away for the class of 2017. It was a four-year marathon, and at times it felt like it would never end. We kept going, often thinking about this exact moment.

Throughout my time in high school, there is one question that I've wondered about the most: How will I feel as high school is coming to a close? It's a simple question, but I believe its answer will define my experience at DHS.

The path to where I am today started four years ago as I took my first steps into the main hallway. I knew how important this time was as I began to acclimate to a new lifestyle with actual homework and steeper consequences. I knew my future was going to involve going to college, so I did what I could to prepare. I took rigorous classes and worked for good grades. On top of this, I played sports and joined clubs.

During most of my time in high school, though, I was scared of the future. Many of my friends knew exactly what they wanted to do after graduation as early as freshman year, and it seemed like nearly everyone else knew by the time they were a junior. For some, the biggest worry was that they would discover a different subject to study in college and would change their mind.

I had no idea where I wanted to go or what I wanted to do until college applications started being written by my friends. While others were picking and choosing, I felt I was the sole senior who didn't know what to do.

That ended up being a theme for me throughout high school -- not knowing what my future would hold and wondering if every activity I was involved in was worthwhile. With no clear goals in mind, it was hard for me to justify everything I did.

When I played football, some days I would ask myself why I didn't quit. Instead of having an answer, all I had was a feeling that I couldn't. I had this same feeling at some point for nearly every sport I played, club I joined, and difficult class I took. When I didn't have that feeling, I quit.

Without having specific plans for the future, I had to rely on this feeling to get by.

If there is one lesson I would pass on to any high school student, it's that you listen to your feelings in the same way that I did, no matter what you think you're preparing yourself for. As I look back, I believe that each sport, club, and class I stuck with was valuable in its own way. Though it was disheartening to be surrounded by people molding their curriculum and extracurricular activities for a desired outcome, I'm no longer worried that I wasn't, in some ways, doing the same.

To answer my question from the beginning about how I feel now that high school is almost over, I'm happy to say that I feel fulfilled. It's hard for me to look back and point out important choices I would have made differently if I had to do them over again. Looking forward, I'm no longer worried about uncertainty. I now know that there's no reason to worry about not having a solid plan for yourself as long as you make what you do now significant.

Letter from the Editor

After a year of cramming to meet deadlines and proof-reading countless articles, this liberal feminist is moving away from DHS, and from being *The Squall's* Editor-in-Chief.



This may be the most anticipated and most hated article I've ever written. Oh well, here goes.

I've spent nine months as Editor-in-Chief of *The Squall*, and man has it been a wild ride. From people telling me I'm trying to push my liberal agenda on the school, to having a good portion of the freshman male population hate me because I'm "bossy" and talk about periods.

It's been fun.

Now, this school finally gets a break from my feminist rants and corrective terminology. No more having to read articles about how white privilege is a big issue in this school, or that dress codes are sexist.

There's one last thing I have to do before I leave, though.

This one goes out to everyone who read my articles and agreed with them. Who was grateful someone was finally saying there's nothing wrong with menstruation, who liked it when someone wasn't afraid to call out others for ignoring the Black Lives Matter protests and deaths of protesters.

To everyone who is glad I wasn't afraid to stand up to my own beliefs; this article is for you.

Feminism isn't an odd concept. It isn't hard to agree with (yet many people still struggle to agree), nor is it impossible to achieve. Equality of all people in terms of social, political, and economic factors is a reasonable request. For some reason, we have to fight for it. And that's what we need to continue doing, fighting.

People may not agree with me on all topics, but I think everyone can agree with me on one thing: I've sparked conversation here at Dexter High School. Whether good or bad, people have been talking about my articles and topics I've discussed. A feminist fire has been lit, and it's up to everyone staying in this school to keep it that way.

All you feminists out there, stand up for your beliefs. Don't be afraid to tell someone they've got an idea wrong, or that the comment they made was inaccurate or harmful.

All you who don't want to label yourself as feminist, whether because there's a stigma around the word or because a few people

have soiled the word for you, stand up for your beliefs. Don't let the fear of repercussions hold yourself back from actively vocalizing for equality of others.

All you who don't label yourself as a feminist because you don't believe in feminism, keep doing what you're doing. There's just one thing I encourage you to do: look into why others are fighting. Explore reasons behind why feminism is a relevant need in our society. Open yourself up to other viewpoints, and reconsider your own.

So, that's it. After nine months as active Editor-in-Chief, I leave knowing I've left a lasting mark on our school and a good portion in it. It's up to everyone else to keeping acting on it and make sure it resonates for a long time.

Claire
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Rock 'n Roll Making Cents

DHS Students enjoyed a concert from Gooding that mixed in financial tips with head-banging music



When senior Brad Larson thinks of rock and roll, many things come to mind: Stage-crawling fans, smashing guitars, roaring crowds, and radical solos. What happens when you switch out the rush smashing guitars to something dull like balancing a checkbook?

On Friday, April 21, the rock and roll band Gooding came to DHS to answer that question for Larson and the rest of the students.

Mixing finance and rock might come off as a rather unattractive combination. Yet Gooding was able to make something that is inherently boring into an interesting experience for more than 150 students who ventured to the CPA to take in the concert.

Starting out with a brief video introduction, the band quickly jumped into the music. Gooding played several songs that got some students to stand up, clap, and sing along to the beat.

"I went to get out of second and third hour, and I was expecting some knockoff, third-rate local band, but I got a pretty well-traveled and respected group that I hadn't heard of," junior Connor Povenski said. "It was a really good concert. For such a big-name band to take the time to come to a local high school, that was really important. It really impacted me."

After the approximately 45-minute concert ended, the majority of the band receded backstage. The lead singer, Gooding, stayed on stage to talk about important financial issues.

No stranger to financial woes, Gooding reflected on his per-

sonal financial troubles before talking about money myths and how many of the "rich" people students see on TV are broke and bankrupt.

Growing up, he had no knowledge of money. He came out of high school knowing more about geometry than how to balance a checkbook, and he only learned about a credit score long after he ruined his.

By looked into mistakes he had made, he wanted to use his passion for music to help others avoid the same mistakes.

"As long as you're willing to work, everyone should have the same shot," Gooding said.

When Gooding finished sharing his financial expertise, a Q&A session was held. Students in the crowd asked their own questions about finance, eager to hear the replies.

To conclude the event, the band came out and played one last song. Gooding then took time to sign autographs and talked to several students.

Gooding brought music and learning to DHS, but they were not alone in their efforts. Through the charity Funding the Future, the efforts Andrea Duda with Raymond James, and the Michigan Council on Economic Education (MCEE), the tour was made possible.

Financial management teacher Paige Lumpiesz felt Gooding had a "great message about personal finance" that can help people avoid financial "pitfalls."

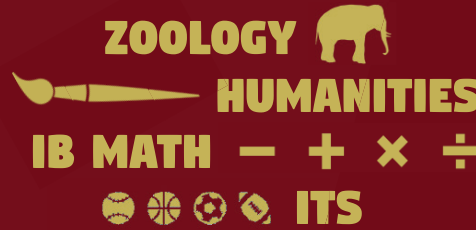


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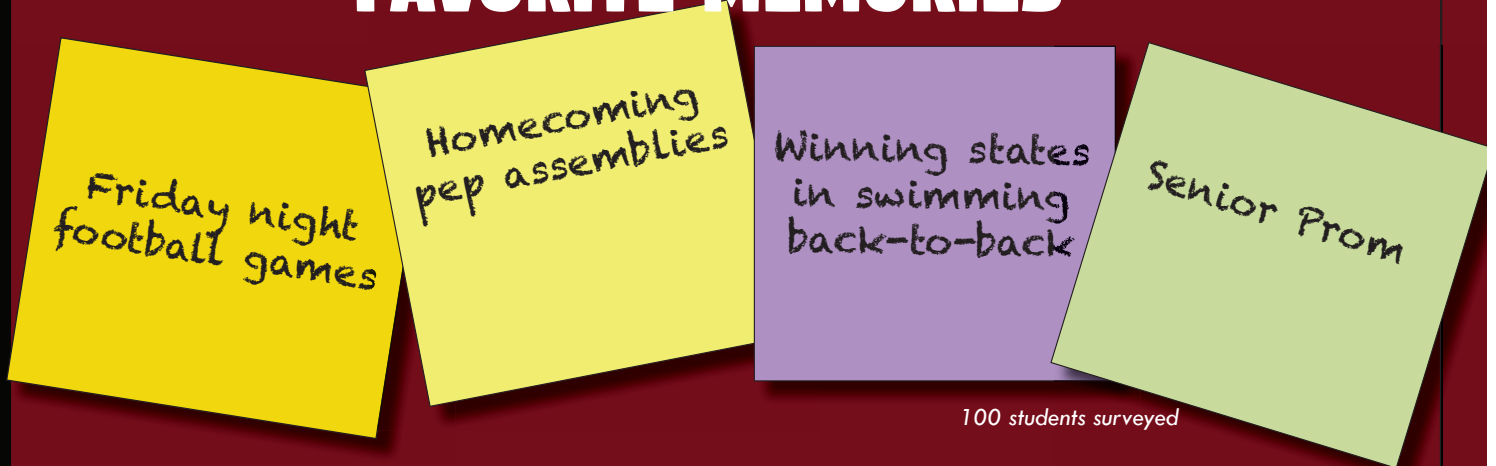
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 MR. MACK
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 MR. LINDKE

"FAVORITE" SCHOOL LUNCHES

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 2. POPCORN CHICKEN BOWL
 3. CALZONE
 4. NONE OF THE ABOVE

FAVORITE MEMORIES



100 students surveyed

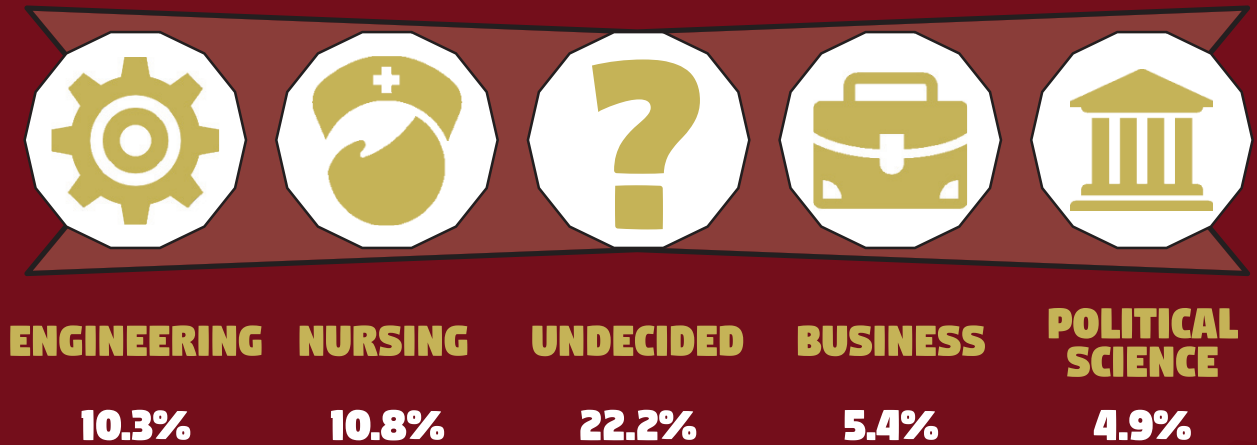
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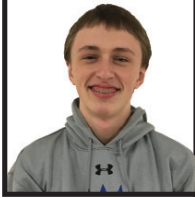


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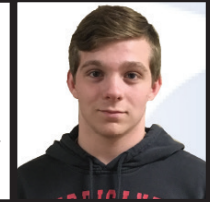
203 seniors surveyed

Dexter Athletes Tackle



Senior Tony Seidl, after excelling on the hardwood at DHS, is taking his basketball talents to the University of Michigan-Dearborn. After his four years, he has one memory that stands out from the rest. "One thing that I will always remember is the buzzer-beater three that I made to win the game on senior night," he said. "Having people rush the court is something I will never forget."

Ryan Clements started wrestling in seventh grade in which he continued throughout his time at DHS. Clements will be attending Muskegon Community College where he's eager to continue his career as a wrestler. Clements said one of the memories he'll never forget was being the final match dictating the winner of the duel and of course winning for the team. "Making it to States and going to the Palace [this year] was pretty exciting," Clements said.



After a successful water polo and swimming career at DHS, Janosi plans on pursuing both sports at the California Institute of Technology. Janosi was a key swimmer in helping the Dreads win the state championship two years in a row (2015-16 and 2016-17). "The best feeling at high school was winning states two years in a row," Janosi said, "but I also will remember being the captain of the water polo team."

Seamus McCurren has suited up for the Dreads varsity team since his sophomore year and has played football since sixth grade. His impact on the game is seen by all who has watched him play and has earned much respect from his teammates to his peers. He will be continuing to play football at Kenyon College. "My favorite memory is scoring a 65-yard touchdown against Ypsilanti," McCurren said. "Next year I'm really excited to play with guys across the country and actually win games."



Will Feldkamp has had a successful high school wrestling career his senior year placing second in the state finals. The wrestling team captain and state runner-up is committed to wrestle at Northern Illinois University. Winning the SEC title against an opponent who had beat him earlier his sophomore year is Feldkamp's favorite wrestling memory. Feldkamp amassed more than 100 victories and looks forward to the future. "I'm looking forward to being challenged, and pushing my limits at the next level."

Mary Gallagher, a senior on the varsity volleyball team, plans on attending Northwood University and continuing her volleyball career. She has been playing volleyball for 7 years, and throughout those years, her most memorable memory is winning the SEC. "I'm really looking forward to just being a college athlete and taking my game to the next level."



The Next Level

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Megan Niswonger has committed to playing field hockey with Wittenberg University. She has been playing with Dexter since she was in fourth grade. Niswonger's favorite memory is winning the Division II State Championship against Grosse Pointe Woods University Liggett her sophomore year. "I'm most looking forward to being apart of a new team and continuing what I love to do," Niswonger said.



Emma Tamer is going to the University of Michigan to continue her field hockey career next year. She started her career in fifth grade and is excited to keep playing for the next four years. Looking back at her career in Dexter, she mentioned the state semifinals game, this year, as one of her favorites. "Playing at the next level is something I'm definitely looking forward to and excited about," she said.

Emily Zeitunian is continuing her soccer career at Michigan Tech. She's been playing since she was four when she started on the Hamburg rec-ed team. Her best memory was during regionals her junior year when the Lady Dreads crushed the three-time state champs, Richland Gull Lake, 3-0. "I'm really looking forward to playing against my old teammates who also used to play at Dexter," she said.



Joey Hiser is continuing his football career at Eastern Michigan University. Hiser is excited to play at the next level and has been playing football since first grade. He is looking forward to playing Division I football, which has been a goal of his since he was young. He is excited to make new friends and many more memories. Looking back at his football career he said, "Scoring a 99-yard touchdown against Chelsea is something I'll never forget."

The Hope College baseball team gained another young athlete from DHS as Caden Koenig has committed to play baseball at Hope College. Koenig started off playing t-ball when he was four years old. His favorite memory during his 14 years was his junior year when the Dreads won the SEC and also beat Saline, the then-No. 1 team in the state. "I'm excited to play with a bunch of guys I used to play with growing up," Koenig said.

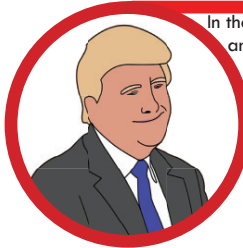


Katelyn Niswonger is excited to play softball at Wittenberg University as well as working on becoming a nurse. She has played softball for eight years. "One of my most memorable moments from softball was during a district game," she said. "We got delayed and everyone was sliding in the mud and enjoying themselves. I will never forget that." She is looking forward to the great experiences she will have from getting the opportunity to play at the next level.

4 Years in Review

News:

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In the fall of 2016 the United States elected businessman and television star, Donald Trump, as the 45th president. Trump won the electoral vote 304-227 over the democratic nominee Hillary Clinton. Trump was met with plenty of backlash as he entered the white house mostly rooted in his past comments and bold personality.



In 2015 the US supreme court found that the state-level bans on same sex marriage were unconstitutional. This made marriage legal between all sexes in every state. Just one year after the ruling the number of adults in same sex marriages rose 33% and included nearly one million citizens.



The Flint water crisis began in 2014 when it was discovered that the main water source for city residents, the Flint River, contained high levels of lead. A federal state of emergency was declared in early 2016 and Flint residents can't use water for virtually anything. The city has been instructed to continue to use bottle water until 2020.

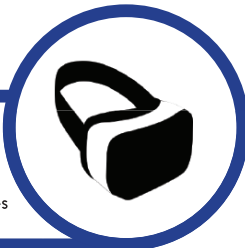


Although the first state to legalize recreational use of marijuana came in 2012 we have seen a rise in the acceptance of the drug in the past four years. There are now eight legal states plus Washington D.C. Other states have made medical use legal, and some cities have even decriminalized the use. The widespread legalization will continue to progress into the future.

Technology:



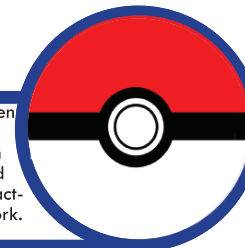
In the past four years, Apple has made drastic changes. Our freshman year, the iPhone 5s came out with the Touch ID feature. Now the iPhone 8 is expected to not have a home button at all. Today they are producing "plus" sized phones that are way more technologically advanced.



Virtually reality came about during our sophomore year (2014-15) but didn't become as popular until last year. VR swept the nation, some playing it with their phones and others shelling out \$100s for the full experience immersing themselves in virtual worlds.



Self-lacing shoes used to be a science fiction idea seen in Back to the Future, but as of March 2016 they're real. Nike brought this model to life naming them the Nike Air Mags. Designed by Tinker Hatfield, the Air Mags only were released for auction while the HyperAdapts will retail for \$720.



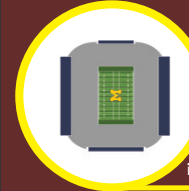
Seniors, throughout our four years we were taken by many apps that swept the U.S. Games such as Flappy Bird, Clash of Clans, Trivia Crack, Madden Mobile, Pokemon Go and many more were played endlessly. These apps captivated us students distracting us from the seemingly less-important school work.

DHS



Over our four years we won four state championships, two in hockey, two from one from the water polo. Many Dexter sports teams are prominent teams over the years.

Freshman year we gained a new school superintendent. Dr. Timmis joined us here replacing Mary Marshall. Timmis is well versed on Twitter satisfying Dexter students when it comes to snow days. So far Timmis has made Dexter better including being present when Dexter High School was awarded for being in the 95th percentile in Michigan public schools.



All the way until our senior year Prom was hosted in the Big House. It was deemed a fire hazard by the fire department. Pictures of the event are in the suites.

As sad as it is to think about, our seniors were the last people to experience the beloved cookies. The cookies that were stripped away from us by new legislation controlling the foods we eat at school. But once we leave so does the legacy of the cookies. Now, all there is are the whole wheat excuse for a cookie that is bought every once in awhile.



The last time our team won a game we remember the excitement. Not only win we had our four years, but Friday night.

When we came into the school freshman year there was something new about the high school. We had ditched the old cartoon Dreadnaught logo for a new modern Dreadnaught. This came along with a new mural of the logo in the gym. The new logo arrived when we did and will stay after for years to come.

HS:

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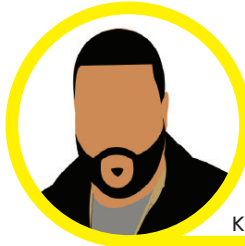
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Social Media:

In late 2016 Twitter announced that they would be discontinuing the Vine app after just three years of service. The website and old vines remained on the internet, but users no longer had the ability to create new videos.



In late 2015, the hip hop superstar DJ Khaled took over the popular social media app Snapchat. Khaled shared videos of his luxurious life while promoting products like Ciroc and his own albums. He also coined the phrases "Bless Up" and "Major Key Alert."

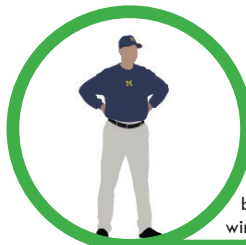
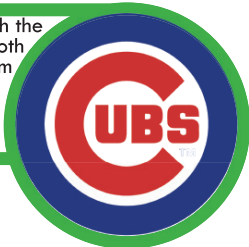
In the beginning of junior year, we all witnessed the emergence of the After School app. Students could share anonymous confessions on the app for all to see. The app was fuel for school-wide rumors and discussion about who posted what.



Over the past four years we have seen the rise of many popular rappers through social media. Rappers like Lil Yachty and Ugly God gained popularity after their songs appeared in the background of viral videos. SoundCloud as a whole has also legitimized itself as a music streaming app.

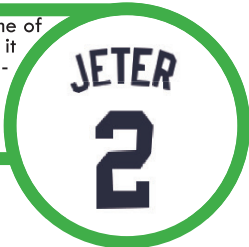
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2016 was the year of breaking curses. Both the Chicago Cubs and the Cleveland Cavaliers both won in unbelievable fashion, coming back from 3-1 deficits. The Cubs ended a 108-year drought while Cleveland brought home their city's first trophy in 50 years.



In our junior year, Jim Harbaugh joined his alma mater, the University of Michigan, once again. Harbaugh has led Michigan football as their head coach through two successful seasons so far. Harbaugh has compiled a 26-6 record along with a bowl win. He has and will continue to make Michigan better.

Over the past four years we have seen some of the best athletes to ever play their sports call it quits. We have seen people as in Peyton Manning, Abby Wambach, Kobe Bryant, Michael Phelps, Derek Jeter, and Usain Bolt retire from their respective sports.



One of Detroit's most beloved landmarks, Joe Louis Arena, also known as "The Joe," was decommissioned in 2017. It coincided with the new Little Caesars Arena being built. The new arena will be home to both the Detroit Red Wings and the Detroit Pistons. The Joe was home of the Red Wings for four Stanley Cup championship as well as many other playoff appearances and will always be remembered.

Rated **R**

The Dexter community makes an effort to eliminate a harmful word through the Spread the Word to End the Word campaign

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"I used to use it - the word retard. It was just normal," explains a Dexter High School student. "It was just a social saying. Older kids said it, so I had some influences." a disabled person is different and not necessarily as cognizant as others.

When this student used the term retard, he was not only using someone's disability as a comparative adjective to something else, he was desensitizing the word, allowing for it to become popularized and a working facet of people's vocabulary.

The hurtful term has become synonymous with today's slang, a formality for anything stupid or weird.

"At the time I didn't think I was hurting anyone," he said.

For a progressive and generally conscious school system, one would think such a word would be obsolete and looked at as barbaric and crude; however, it is not. The slur is still thrown around like it's nothing.

The now-hurtful slur has become a target for advocates in an effort to end its use altogether. The "spread the word to end the word" campaign has been in service for eight years, garnering more than 700,000 pledges to refrain from using the word and to speak up about its harmful repercussions.

Though it is still heard within Dexter, schools efforts and participation in the campaign has proven prosperous.

"I think it's fantastic," said special education teacher and SNAP club advisor Megan LaBarre. "It's a big campaign. Very wide spread. It's great."

These strides have noticeably progressed a word from a hurtful slur to a shunned put down.

"We actually had a student walk up to us and ask what the 'R-word' was when we initially started," LaBarre said.

Like all high schools, Dexter has a population of students who partake in special education programs, and yet the term is still heard, ringing throughout the halls and within conversations.

"I find it offensive," LaBarre said. "There are a ton of other words that can be used rather than that word. I think it's a lazy term."

When someone uses the term, they are comparing the target to a disability another person has no control over, neglecting the fact

The use of the word is inaccurate, as well as wrong socially. The word's original use has been outdated for several decades, but the echoes it caused has stuck throughout the years and still made an impact on both the users and the people who live with these disabilities. Though it may not be the intent to compare, the use of the word along with its connotations can only be looked at as harmful and an absence of respect.

The term "retard" comes from the latin roots, "re" for back and "tardus" for slow while it was originally used prior to the 1960's as an actual term for people with disabilities. It then quickly became a facet of people's slang vocabulary, replacing words like idiot or moron.

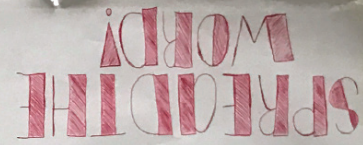
In more modern times, the word is used for people or situations where someone faults him or herself, deeming it or themselves "retarded."

The immaturity that comes along with the use of the term also comes with the disregard for the tribulations of the affected. Usually heard in youth, the term has held its part throughout Dexter teens life as well, but has been on an exponential decrease and is looking to become completely wiped everyone's vocabulary in the near future.

"I don't think kids at Dexter use it to harm kids with disabilities," senior Sabrina Rentenbach said. "I think they use it because it's a part of their vocabulary, not as an insult. I don't feel affected by [the word retard], but I like to make sure that no one around is sensitive to it rather than letting it go."

When people hear someone using the word, rather than allowing it to happen, let the person know that they are using someone's disability as a comparative adjective despite having books full of synonyms for the word they can't quite conjure, LaBarre added. Allow them to know they are being wildly disrespectful and completely disregarding the unwillful difficulties in others life.

Said LaBarre: "There are other words."



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Dreads Joining the Military

These seniors are doing more than going to college classes next year; they'll be representing Dexter in the armed forces

The majority of students at DHS upon graduation will attend a four-year college and then either go get further education or enter the civilian workforce. A few seniors from the class of 2017 feel a greater calling. Whether they want free college, a more exciting job, or to serve their country, these three seniors felt a calling to join the military.



Jeff Zeichner is enlisting in the Marine Corps, and he will leave Dexter for Parris Island in early 2018. "I want to be in for around eight years and make the rank of sergeant," said Zeichner, whose step-father was a marine for eight years. He plans to be a combat engineer which consists of providing support for infantry, doing construction, and demolishing buildings, bridges, and other objects. Part of Zeichner's job in the Marines will involve welding, a trade that Zeichner plans to pursue

when he gets out of the military. "I was going to be a welder, but I want to be in combat, so I know I am doing my part. And I've always wanted to serve our country." He wants to eventually get deployed to a combat zone.

Jordan McGinnis will be attending the United States Naval Academy. McGinnis will have less than one month of summer vacation because she leaves for Induction Day on June 29th. Induction Day will mark McGinnis's first day in the military and the beginning of plebe summer, where she will surrender her belongings for 6 weeks of training. There, she will be transformed from a civilian into a midshipman. She is majoring in political science with an international focus, and she hopes to learn Mandarin as well. "I've wanted to attend a service academy since middle school, and it's been a goal of mine to fly since then too," McGinnis said. Her father was a pilot in the Marine Corps before becoming



an airline pilot. The selection for pilots in the military is rigorous, but McGinnis has been getting a head start. She already has her pilot's license and more than 65 hours of flight time. McGinnis has a bright future as a naval officer and aviator ahead of her.

Max Kleinhez is going to the University of Cincinnati on an Air Force ROTC scholarship and will be majoring in aerospace engineering. Kleinhez hopes to become a pilot or an engineer in the Air Force. "When I visited Cincinnati, the people in the ROTC program seemed really cool, and it will be good to be in a community of like-minded people," Kleinhez said. He wants to go into the Air Force because he will get to experience cool things, have his college tuition paid for, and serve his country. "It'll be way more exciting than what I'd be doing in the private sector, he said. "When I have a job after college I want to be doing something meaningful." Kleinhez's ultimate goal is one day to be deployed at an Air Force base somewhere outside of the United States.



A note from the writer

I will be going to Michigan State University on an Army ROTC scholarship. I am majoring in finance and minoring in Arabic. My goal is to become an infantry officer and go on active duty for four to eight years. My father, grandfather and great-grandfather were all in the military which piqued my interest at a young age.

I really like everything about Michigan State and Spartan Battalion which is why I chose the school. I am joining the military because I want to serve my country and have a sense of purpose with what I do after college. The army has always sounded fun to me and I think there's experiences you can get in the military that you can't get anywhere else.

The Dexter High School Class of 2017 will have students representing the Army, Navy, Air Force, and Marines. One day, these Dreadnaughts will be pilots and engineers stationed all over the world protecting our freedom. I am happy to be among this group.



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Athletes in the Crowd

Here are some of the top performers at the midway point this spring in their respective sports



Freshman Liam Baird has been a standout sprinter this year. He is a dominant factor in the 400 meter dash, 4x200 meter relay, and 4x400 meter relay. Baird won the 400 meter dash in all seven meets last year in middle school. Currently he is ranked as the fourth fastest freshman in the state at 400 meters. "High school track is harder than middle school, but it's also more fun," Baird said. He hopes to qualify for the Freshman 400 meter dash at Nationals this season.

Freshman Liam Baird



Junior Morgan Esch is one of the leading scorers on the women's soccer team with eight goals so far this season. She has been on varsity all three years of her high school career. She tore her ACL freshman year and was out for nine months, but it is safe to say she is fully recovered. As a sophomore, she earned All-State Honorable Mention and hopes to earn first team All-State this year. Although she gets plenty of individual attention she still holds team goals. "Our team hopes to make it to the state finals this year," Esch said.

Junior Morgan Esch



Sophomore Nicole Bow has been a standout athlete on the women's track and field team. Placing eighth in the state as a freshman, she established herself as one of the top athletes in Michigan. She has placed first in every dual meet so far in pole vault and long jump. In the 100 meter hurdles, she has placed in every dual meet as well, including two first-place finishes. She is currently the No. 1 ranked sophomore pole vaulter in the state. "I hope to qualify for nationals in pole vault this year," Bow said.

Sophomore Nicole Bow



Freshman whole set Anna Lehr is an up-and-coming water polo star. As a freshman on varsity competing against athletes up to four years older than her, she has to prove herself in a bowl of bigger fish. "I hope to make it through districts this year and onto regionals," Lehr said. She is not currently a starter, but is pushing to be a starter in the pool by later this season. "My goal is to start in a major game this season," she said.

Freshman Anna Lehr




The Football Odyssey

An in-depth look into the journey that has been Dexter football since the turn of the millennium

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In the past 16 seasons, six men have held the title as Dexter's varsity football Head Coach. When the 2017 season opens in August, Phil Jacobs will be the seventh.

Here is a look back at how Dexter football got where it is today, beginning in 2001.

The Barbieri Era

In 2001, Dexter hired then-PE teacher Tom Barbieri as head coach. He coached Dexter until 2010, going 30-60 in 10 seasons and making two playoff appearances.

He was fired in 2010 as former DHS Athletic Director Scott Lucas deemed him "not acceptable" in nine of fifteen evaluation categories, including planning and organization, enforcing individual and team discipline, and communicating with the athletic director.

Chaos before Koenig

Brian Baird stepped in as head coach the following season in 2011, leading Dexter to a 3-6 season. He resigned three games into the 2012 season due to health issues.

"My health was getting in the way, and it was affecting my ability to coach," Baird said at the time.

When Baird resigned midway through the season, Ryan Fisher took up the interim role for the last six games in 2012.

"The players needed someone they could go to and someone they could rely on," Athletic Director Mike Bavineau said at the time. "Since Coach Fisher is a teacher in the building, we felt like he would be the best person to step into that role."

Mike Glennie, a former head coach at Saline and offensive coordinator at Ann Arbor Pioneer, was hired in the off-season. Nearly two months later, he resigned after parties outside the athletic department strongly resisted any changes he was hoping to instill in the football program.

"We continued to face resistance to change from various parties from within the school district," Glennie said at the time. "The vision to make positive changes within the athletic department that [Bavineau] and I shared was not shared with various members of the community. It was not a light-hearted decision."

The Koenig Era

Only after this series of rapid change was Ken Koenig hired. He would bring relative stability to the program for a few years.



Ken Koenig huddles with his team on the sideline during the 2016 season.

In four years, Dexter went 1-35 with the lone victory being a 26-21 win vs. Adrian in Week 4 of the 2013 season.

"I mean, going 1-35 you can kind of expect [being asked to resign]," he said. "The thought is always in the back of your mind that this could be the last bus ride or that this could be the last time on the field." With that, on November 22nd 2016, Coach Ken Koenig resigned from the position of Dexter's head football coach.

After the Dreadnaughts' third straight 0-9 season, Superintendent Chris Timmis and Bavineau decided another change was necessary. The state of the program wasn't going in the direction they had anticipated, so they decided to take a new direction with a new coach. This meant the resignation of Coach Koenig who, despite not showing results on the field, created a value system that imparted great character on players throughout the program.

Chapel's 22 Days

On February 7, 2017, Garrett Chapel was hired as Dexter's next head coach. The administration searched for coaches of



Garrett Chapel talks to players on his team while coaching Cranbrook in 2015.

programs throughout the state that had had a turnaround program, meaning the football program had a losing record and then became successful.

The program that Chapel coached for - Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook - went to the playoffs for two years in a row after many unsuccessful seasons.

Chapel was regarded as an excellent coach and came into the program as both the head coach and strength and condition-

ing teacher. His goal was to increase athletic involvement in the weight room for all sports with the hope that, in a more competitive environment, all athletes would improve.

As good as it sounded, Chapel resigned on March 1, just 22 days after accepting the job.

Rumors swirled that Chapel was returning to Detroit Catholic Central High School. Chapel had taught at CC, and, coincidentally, days after he accepted the Dexter job, the Shamrocks' longtime coach Tom Mach retired after 41 years on the job.

However, "Garrett Chapel did not apply for the head football position at Detroit Catholic Central High School," CC Athletic

Director Aaron Babicz told *The Squall*.

On March 16, Catholic Central officially hired Dan Anderson, another longtime assistant on staff as its head coach.

The players were upset that the already struggling football program had to find yet another coach when Chapel showed all signs of investing into the program and working on improving Dexter football.

"He got our hopes up and crushed our dreams," sophomore football player Khalid Dimo said. "In his speech to the team, he said that we can win here and we won't quit. And then he quits."

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“BUILDING BRICK BY BRICK”

By focusing on conditioning, new Head Coach Phil Jacobs expects Dexter to be the 'strongest pound for pound' team in the SEC for years to come

Phil Jacobs, previously head coach of Adrian High school, has acquired the vacant position as the new DHS Head Football Coach for the 2017 season.

He will bring a philosophy to Dexter that has proven prosperous at different levels. His philosophy is one of strength and integrity. Literally.

His plan has always been to better a program in the weight room, ensuring his team is the "strongest pound for pound" in whatever league they play in. Along with his intense and established repertoire, his accolades speak words that couldn't otherwise be highlighted through his physical work with a team.

With a career record of 67-45, Jacobs intends on bringing a winning record to Dexter. His former positions included a head coach position at Adrian with five SEC titles and two district titles under his belt. Along with his head coaching position at Adrian is his past involvement in the Siena Heights program; 11 of his 25 years of



Jacobs surveys the field while coaching Adrian.

coaching came when he was coaching at the collegiate level, garnering praise nationwide.

His name was recognized as one of the top two turn-around coaches in the state, and in 2010 he was recognized and awarded as the National Strength and Conditioning Coach of the Year by American Football Monthly.

"I'm anticipating a more concrete football program," junior George Deljevic said.

His teammate, sophomore Evan Chapell, believes Jacobs will have "high expectations" for his players.

Players expect playing for Jacobs on the turf to be tough, but his job extends further. Jacobs was also hired for a teaching position at DHS. The position of Athletic Weight Training teacher had been vacant for some time, and Jacobs' knack for strength and conditioning made him the man for the job.

His teaching accolades also piled up, with his recognition in Adrian as the 2011 outstanding teacher of the year for his work with students and facilitating classroom effectiveness programs for fellow teachers.



Head Coach Phil Jacobs introduces himself to the football team, explaining his plans and goals for the program. "Losing is unacceptable," he said.

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Remember the 40's

Dexter icon Louie Ceriani is doing his best to help keep memories of Dexter's roaring past from being forgotten



Louie Ceriani, a diehard Dexter fan, stands in front of the field at Al Ritt Stadium as he reminisces about his time around Dexter football in the 1940s.

People remember Dexter for the tornado and maybe its involvement in the Civil War, but with time turning every recollection of the past hazier every day, it's important to keep strong memories alive before they're lost forever.

In the 1940s, Dexter had a population of around 800 people. Despite the downtown area being nearly the same size as it is today, filled with various shops and manufacturing facilities, it still felt cramped. From high school kids walking to the confectionary store to eat burgers, drink Cherry Coke, and listen to jukebox music, to having difficulty finding a parking spot on the weekends as the whole town went bar-hopping between each of the four-or-five locations, it was easy to run into a familiar face.

“For prom, we didn't go to Detroit or somewhere exotic like that. I don't even think we knew what a tuxedo was.”

-Louie Ceriani

It's no wonder news travelled fast back then. When the Dexter football team started having an unbelievable season in 1946, it didn't take long for the village to rally behind it. The biggest win that year was against Pinckney, a rival on par at the time with Chelsea. With little time left, Pinckney was able to reach a first

and goal set of downs. They were kept out of the endzone on the first three downs, much to the delight of the Dexter fans who had held a pep rally complete with music and a bonfire the night before. However, with one play remaining, Pinckney was determined to score from the one-yard line.

As Louie Ceriani, the team's manager at the time, remembered it, “They thought they were going to put in their best back and score... That didn't happen.”

Dexter celebrated the game that kept their winning streak alive, but more importantly, they celebrated yet another game in which they weren't scored on.

Dexter would later finish their final game that season against Brighton in a 0-0 tie to complete the infamously unblemished season. No tournament existed at the time to determine a decisive state champion, but Dexter's claim to that title was indisputable.

Ceriani remembers many great nights like these as a teenager back in the '40s, “For prom, we didn't go to Detroit or somewhere exotic like that. I don't even think we knew what a tuxedo was. We just had a guy come in and play records for us... We would run downtown, grab a burger and a coke, and then run back to dance some more. We would just have fun.”

Not many people still remember these moments, like playing softball in the park downtown before there was a gazebo or watching the weekly free movie down by the railroad tracks. Ceriani is hoping these memories of Dexter's past will continue to be passed on. Those memories and people, he said, are what molded the city we live in today.

The Senior Bucket List



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Marry
into wealth
- Owen
Wesolick

Become a
famous
artist
- ~~Kyle~~

Go Treasure
hunting
- ~~Mel~~
Kasick

Serve in
the
Peace Corps
- Julia Bell

Get away with
- Nate Probarcy

Save a
life.
- Megan
Niswonger

Travel the World
w/my best friends
- Emma Whorenheim

SCUBA
Diving
In Hawaii
- Taylor
Luesenardt

Live in a house
with a beautiful
garden in Montana
- Ryan Hermann

Fly a Fighter
jet.
- Wally Truener

Spend a year
traveling the
world
- Hunter Edwards

To go
skydiving
- Jonathan
Stevens

Go skydiving
Eat 5lbs of
meat
- Griffin
Fletcher

visit every
country as
possible
- Kiara W.

Make 6
figures by
21 - ~~Mur~~
Toby

rip
the U.S.
- ~~person~~

Become a
doctor
- Truman Small

Continue Making
Music and keep
doing things that
make me happy
- McKenna Sgroi

Travel
The
World
- ~~Kyle~~
Gilbert

Become a
Pro wrestler
- Ryan
Clements

Punch an
alligator
- Mike S

My parents
dream
- Wallace

Continue doing
things that
make me
happy 😊
- Kara Enoch

Be on
T.V.
- Kevin
Higman

Meet my
doppelgänger
- Mary
Gaugner

Move to the
mountains
- Andy D.

Buy an
Audi R8
- Kyle Harris

See the 7
Wonders of the
world
- Louisa Judge

Beat Floyd
Mayweather
in a boxing
match
- Kyle
Cawley

Make a
Citizen's
arrest
- Ryan Bellas

“LET WEEDOM”

Man enjoying the Hash Bash atmosphere as smoke rises around him.



Legalization advocate takes a hit before passing it off through the crowd.



Groups of people set down blankets and spending the day eating, smoking, and hanging out



Marijuana flag being waved above the crowd during speeches

On April 1, Ann Arbor was flooded with people celebrating the 46th annual Hash Bash. People from all over came together at the University of Michigan DIAG where several speeches, live music, and street vending took place. With the goal of reforming federal, state, and local marijuana laws in mind, several people spoke on the matter as others stood in the crowd and smoked together. Police reinforcement seemed at an all-time low as people celebrated.

Signs, flags, smoke, and arms raised above the crowd for hours on end.



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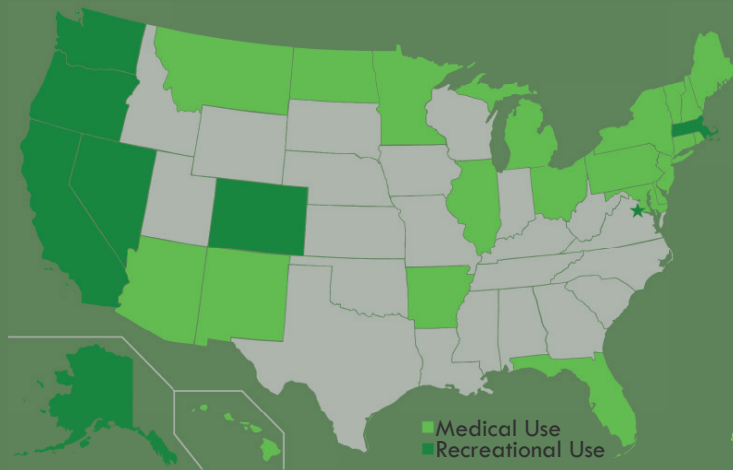
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Quick facts about marijuana and its rising popularity throughout Americans young and old



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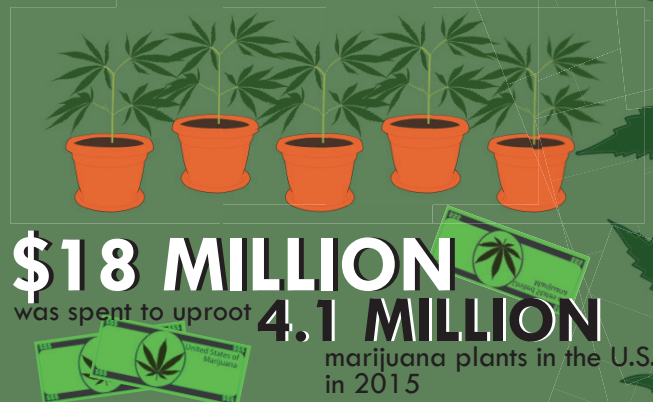
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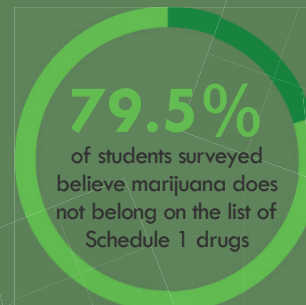
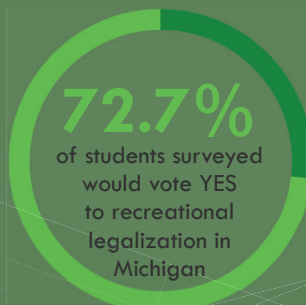
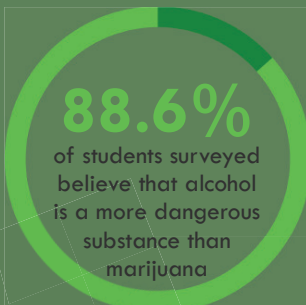
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Cocaine	_____	5,856
Methamphetamine	_____	3,728
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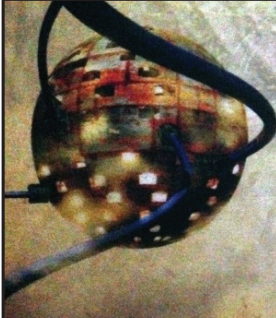
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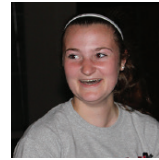
SENIOR SURVIVOR 2017 AND THE WINNER IS...

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Purple team, comprised of Chris Eakin and Kristen Young, had loads of confidence going into this year's rendition of senior survivor. Right as purple team walked through the front doors to Dexter High School their optimism was off the charts.

"I feel great," Eakin said. "We're going to kill it this week."

"We might be one of the most gifted teams here," Young said.

With an incredulous amount of optimism and two nights of competition under their belt, the 2017 Senior Survivors met in the gym for an assembly. With the entire student body watching in anticipation, the morning's challenges were concluded with the announcement of the elimination of the first team: The Purple Team.

In wake of her elimination, Young found a way to stay positive.

"It was fun," she said. "I'm not sad that we lost because it all goes to the same charity. I feel like I got the full experience in two nights."

While Young did not enjoy spending the night at the school, Eakin was surprised by the normalcy of the experience.

"The strange thing about it is that it wasn't as alien as I thought it would be," he said. "Somehow living in the school wasn't that weird, which may be a testament to how much time I spend here."

Purple



Team

Nevertheless, the first team to leave the competition can't help but wonder where they might have gone wrong.

"If I could do it again, I would probably try to get more outside sources [to raise money]," Eakin said. "There's only so much money in the school so if we would have gone out and gotten sponsors or something that would have helped."

While most teams take advantage of the mornings to raise money, the Purple Team could only utilize the time they had during school.

"I have a zero hour and Chris has band, so if we didn't have that we could've done stuff before school," Young said.

Similar to the Purple team, Caden Koenig and Lee Ramsey of Green Team expressed nothing but positivity in regards to their week as survivors. Both Koenig and Ramsey expressed how they were going to "beat everyone at every challenge this week"; however, their optimism fell short as the Purple Team wasn't the only team sent home Tuesday.

While the entire student body got to watch the first team get eliminated at the assembly, after school, it was announced that the Orange Team had raised \$3 more than the Green Team, leading to the elimination of Koenig and Ramsey.

Koenig was excited to return home to his family; however, he was still happy to be apart

Green



Team

of an event that was created with helping others in mind.

"For the time that I was here I was really busy with baseball and school work," Koenig said. "But I'm glad that I was able to part of such an event that was created to help people in need."

Despite their early elimination, Ramsey feels that she got to experience the most fulfilling parts of the competition.

"It was a good experience," Ramsey said. "I liked the camaraderie between the teams. It really felt like we were all in it together."

While levels of optimism were off the charts, the Green Team was one of the least successful in the production of sellable goods, leading to their downfall.

The Orange Team, Zane Brust and Tabea Tracksdorf, might have been one of the most social media savvy teams in this year's competition. Despite being eliminated Wednesday afternoon and not making the podium, Brust and Tracksdorf flaunted their personalities on Twitter through their Team Tangerine account. The duo expressed themselves so much in fact that they claimed to be located at "1st place on the podium" on their joint Twitter account. Fun and games aside, both Brust and Tracksdorf enjoyed the experience of Senior Survivor.

"I really enjoyed the challenges at night. They were really fun when I didn't get out first," Brust said.

"If I could do it again, I would bring in more goods to sell," Brust said. "Definitely more food."

Orange



Team

Tracksdorf is a foreign exchange student from Germany and is grateful to have had the opportunity to participate in Senior Survivor.

"I think [Senior Survivor] is a cool idea. I don't think many schools have it. In Germany no schools have a compliment so I applied because it's a unique experience."

Despite their positive experience, both Brust and Tracksdorf shared a common negative opinion on senior survivor.

"Sleeping on the ground was rough and it got really cold sometimes," Brust said.

"It was kind of hard to sleep on the floor and we went to bed super late. The challenges started around eight because people had sports so we didn't finish until like 10," Tracksdorf said.

Despite the lack of confidence at the beginning (Megan Friedman had a very "wait and see" approach), the Blue Team was one of the stronger teams as they were able to place third out of the six teams that participated. They even managed to win one of the most popular events during the assembly: limbo.

Even though they didn't win, Seth Greenfield and Friedman both were able to retain a positive attitude.

"I really enjoyed the bonding time and getting to know people that I don't normally talk to," Friedman said.

For Greenfield, participating in Senior Survivor was an opportunity for him to grow as an individual.

Blue



Team

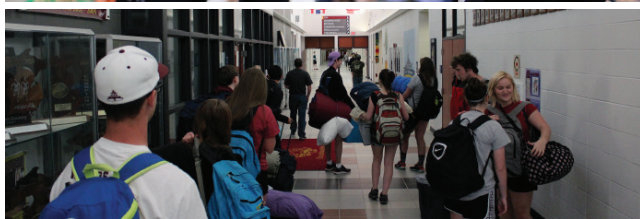
"It was a very unique experience," Greenfield said. "It was definitely out of my comfort zone."

Despite the benefits Senior Survivor proved, like the other teams, Blue Team had one issue: the sleeping situation

"The only bad part was sleeping on the floor and showering at the school," Friedman said.

Even with the suboptimal sleeping conditions, Greenfield believes they could have endured and make it further than third place.

"If I could do it again, I would place the sales towards the end instead of the beginning," Greenfield said. "I don't think we would've gotten out as early."



Just like all the other teams, Grey Team, Sam Latshaw and Emma Collins, started off the week with nothing but confidence.

"I feel like we are a strong team and we have a good chance at winning," Latshaw said.

"We're going to kick some butt so watch out throughout the week," Collins said. "We're definitely going to remain that confidence throughout."

On Friday, DHS students awaited the announcement of the final elimination. At the end of sixth hour, it was announced that while both the grey and the maroon team had accomplished great feats during the competition, in regards to money raising and challenge performance, only one team could reign victorious, making Grey Team the runners up.

Grey



Team

Latshaw had only positive things to say about the experience. "Our team had a lot of fun," he said. "We raised a bunch of money and tried to have fun with the challenges."

Even with the positivity, Latshaw believes they could have beat the maroon team if they had started a donation page on the GoFundMe website earlier in the week as a way to encourage "outside sources" (parents and other members of the community) to donate.

With that said, Collins has no regrets about their performance.

"I think we were always selling things and always very positive so I don't think we could've done anything differently," she said. "I think we did our best."

After all the blood, sweat, and tears from all twelve contestants, the winner of the annual senior survivor competition is Maroon Team. Made up of Gregory Su and Taryn Damm, Maroon team was one of the most interesting teams from the start. At the beginning of the competition Damm radiated confidence.

"Greg and I are confident and we're going to kill it this week," Damm said.

Immediately after that, Su stated some uncertainty.

"Define confident," Su said.

Confident or not, when only two teams remained, Grey Team and Maroon Team, Maroon Team came out victorious. After the competition ended, Damm had a feeling of relief after the

Maroon



Team

Senior Survivor was very rewarding," Damm said. "I learned how to work well with others during the week."

On Maroon Teams' virtual donation website, operated through GoFundMe, Su and Damm raised \$1,060. This accomplishment was especially rewarding for Damm.

"Our hard work payed off and it was a good way to help out charity," Damm said.

Whether win or lose, all teams partook in an event for a good cause. While the games and challenges were rewarding, raising money for the less fortunate was deemed rewarding enough for the contestants. This is why Senior Survivor is conducted every year: for others.





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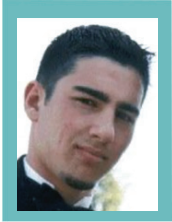
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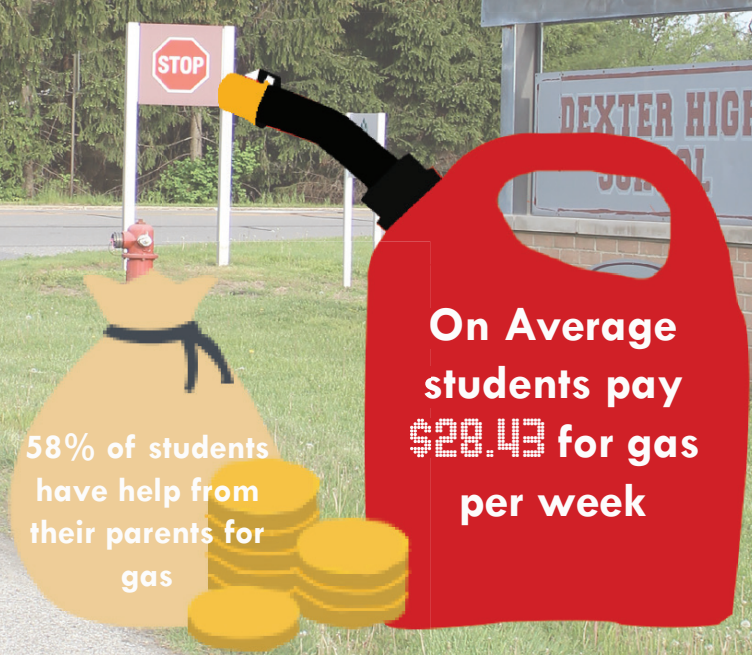


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Age's Surveyed:
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Seventeen: 46%
Eighteen: 9%

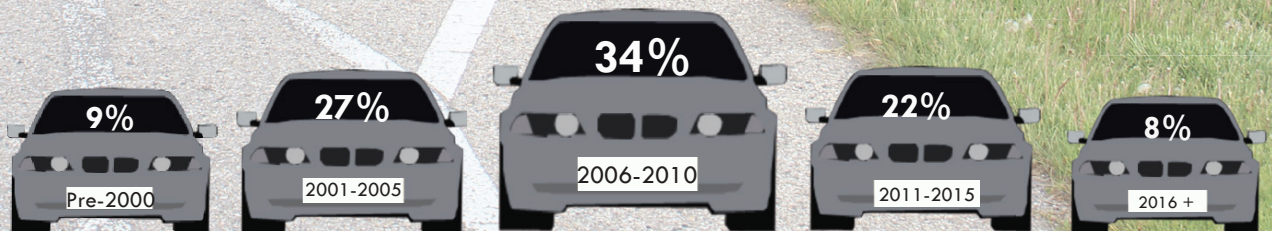
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WHAT YEARS DO DHS STUDENTS DRIVE CARS FROM?


RACHEL AND JOE'S 5x5


				
Kylie Cabana (Freshman)	Shelly Judit (Sophomore)	Zach Condron (Junior)	Merritt Stimac (Senior)	Mr. Heidtke (DHS Staff)
What is your favorite part of summer?				
Not being in school.	Getting to sleep in.	Not having to be in this [place].	Not going to school.	Not having to work as much.
If you could go anywhere for summer vacation, where would you go?				
Lake Michigan, because it's pretty.	Colorado, because of the mountains.	Uhh, the moon.	Egypt, because it's awesome.	Probably Harry Potter land, because it's magical.
Would you rather have no one show up to your wedding or your funeral?				
Funeral, because I wouldn't be there to see it.	Funeral, because I'll be dead.	Doesn't matter. Just as long as Andy Sharp is present.	Wedding, because I don't care if anyone sees me get married.	Funeral. I'm dead. DUH!
If you could have one super power, what would it be?				
Read minds, because I could find out what people are hiding.	Invisibility, so I could pick on people.	Telaportation sounds nice.	Teleportation, it saves money.	The ability to stop everyone from having a superpower.
What do you miss most about your (early) childhood?				
Not being stressed.	Not having any responsibility.	I don't know man.	Not much.	Awesome toys like Legos.


SUMMER SCHOOL JOKES 101


 Q: Why should you make sure you sun-screen your banana's?
A: Because they peel!

 Q: How can you get straight A's this semester?
A: By using a ruler!

 Q: What do you call a fish with no eyes?
A: A fsh... (that's my personal favorite)

 Q: Why should you study in an airplane and not DHS?
A: To get a higher education!

 Q: When should you always go to the beach?
A: On a SUNDAY!

 Q: What object is the king of the classroom...besides Mr. Mack?
A: The ruler, of course!

Designer  Claire Ward



your summer entertainment schedule



- 6/1** Jason Aldean & Kane Brown @ Soaring Eagle Casino and Resort
- 6/8** Zac Brown Band @ DTE Energy Music Center
- 6/9** Blackbear @ The Filmore Detroit
- 6/15** B.o.B. @ Wild Bull - Kalamazoo
- 7/19** OneRepublic & Fitz and the Tantrums @ DTE Energy Music Center
- 7/21** Vans Warped Tour @ the Palace of Auburn Hills
- 7/21** Faster Horses Festival @ MI International Speedway
- 7/23** J. Cole @ the Palace of Auburn Hills
- 7/26** Kendrick Lamar, Travis Scott, & DRAM @ the Palace of Auburn Hills
- 8/3** Lollapalooza @ Grant Park, Chicago
- 8/12** Bruno Mars @ the Palace of Auburn Hills
- 8/28** Lil Yachty @ Royal Oak Music Theater
- 9/1** John Mayer @ DTE Energy Music Center


TV shows returning

- 6/9** Orange is the New Black (Season 5)
- 7/16** Game of Thrones (Season 7)
- 7/23** Shark Week (Season 29)

- 6/2** Wonder Woman
- 6/9** The Mummy
- 6/16** Pixar's Cars 3
- 6/30** Amityville: The Awakening
- 6/30** Despicable Me 3
- 7/7** Spider-Man: Homecoming
- 7/14** War for the Planet of the Apes
- 7/21** Dunkirk
- 8/4** The Dark Tower
- 8/4** Detroit
- 8/11** Annabelle: The Creation
- 8/25** Polaroid
- 8/25** Terminator 2 in 3D



One of many rallies for world conservation and global warming enlightenment took place in downtown Detroit on Saturday, April 29, circling city blocks and passing by Detroit's emission plant. The rally ranged from protesters advocating for clean air and clean water, to the "Save the Bees" movement. It even included an anti-nationalism protest. Chants rang through the air, proclaiming fact in the realm of climate change and demanding cleaner conditions for patrons around the world, and for our Mother Earth.

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