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Hollywood Sexual Assault Allegations



Harvey Weinstein and other public figures, such as Bill O'Reilly, Louis C.K., George Takei, and Kevin Spacey, have come under fire due to many accusations of sexual assault recently. An equal, if not larger, number of celebrities, including Jennifer Lawrence, Gwyneth Paltrow, Terry Crews, and Anthony Rapp, have publicly opened up about their personal experience with sexual harassment and abuse. A movement called “#MeToo” has sprung up across social media as a platform for assault victims to share their stories and show how common these horrible experiences may be.

Amazon Announces New Service



Amazon has announced a new service called “Amazon Key,” in which customers may sign up to allow Amazon mail couriers to come into their homes to drop off packages. The concept is intended to reduce the number of packages stolen outside homes, but Amazon buyers are concerned about the irony of the product; allowing a stranger into your home so you can avoid theft has raised many questions about this product. In addition, many customers have brought up safety concerns about Amazon Key.

Catalonia Separates from Spain



Catalonia, a region of Spain whose capital is Barcelona, has declared independence from the country of Spain by an illegal referendum from the Catalan people. The parliament in Catalonia passed a motion to officially declare independence on October 27. The Catalan government and people believe that they deserve to be their own country as they are financially independent from Spain, culturally separate from Spain, and speak Catalan, an entirely different language than the majority of Spain speaks. The Spanish government is not letting Catalonia go without a fight, bringing police forces to keep protests for Catalan independence at bay.

Shield Road Re-Opens



Shield Road, which has been closed since June 12 of this year, re-opened on October 31, 2017 for public use. Between Parker Road and Baker Road, the road had a very high amount of daily traffic by students coming to and from Dexter High School, along with Dexter residents who live nearby who use it to cut through town. The road's closure resulted in an inconvenience for many people due to traffic backups and having to take detours through town, so the bridge's upgrade and re-opening has been a source of relief for Dexter's residents.



Vehicular Attack in Lower Manhattan

There was a violent attack in Manhattan by a 29-year-old man on October 31, 2017. The attacker, Sayfullo Saipov, drove his pickup truck on a Hudson River bike path, killing eight people and injuring 11 more. Of the victims who died, five were Argentine tourists celebrating a school reunion, and another victim was identified as Belgian. Saipov was shot by police when he left his car after crashing into a school bus. He is currently alive in custody.



Michigan Considers Bill for Concealed Carry in Schools

On November 8, Michigan's Senate passed a bill that allows concealed carry of firearms in former gun-free zones, such as schools, churches, hospitals, and daycares. Gun owners who take 8 hours of extra training will be allowed to carry concealed pistols in these areas. The bill still needs to go through the House of Representatives to determine if it will be enacted, which will happen after Thanksgiving. Many people were shocked and upset by the Senate's decision, as the bill's approval came only three days after a mass shooting in a Texas church that left 26 dead.

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Our View: Parents-Teacher Conferences Need Fixing

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Once every fall, parents of Dexter students visit the high school for an hour or more of conversations with teachers they don't know and about classes they probably aren't familiar with at parent-teacher conferences. By the second semester, the information isn't relevant anymore, due to the fact their students' classes, teachers, and overall performance are likely all different.

Since many parents may forget what they learn at conferences and get no point of reference for the next semester, one conference isn't enough to inform them of how their students are doing. Often, just looking at a student's grades isn't enough to understand the big picture of that student's performance, since social factors and behavior also play a role in education. As such, parents need a far more reliable and consistent mode of communication than one conference a year.

The concept of parent-teacher conferences isn't inherently flawed—it's important for parents and school faculty to have a dialogue in order to help their students succeed in school, and conferences are a great way to accomplish that. The issue lies in the only official, scheduled form of communication that parents and teachers have during the school year being once-a-year conferences. Not only that, but also having the conference at the beginning of the year means that parents don't see the change, or lack thereof, in their students' performances. By second semester, classes have changed and students themselves have changed.

Even if parents could realistically get the full scope of school performance from one meeting, they might not go to conferences. Most parents have to work, run errands, and care for other children every weekday; therefore, they don't have time to visit the school on a normal evening. The school does try to remedy this by making it half day and running conferences from 1-4 p.m. and 5:30-8 p.m., but this still doesn't mean that every parent will be able to attend. Other parents may not attend simply out of

laziness or lack of care, which is unfair to the student. Parents need more than one official opportunity to meet with teachers throughout the year.

"First semester needs more time, because freshmen are coming in, and if a student's having trouble you want to catch it early in the year," English teacher John Heuser said. "But I think having something second semester would be valuable."

Teachers of semester-long classes are also put at a disadvantage by the lack of a second semester conference.

"I teach semester-long courses, so when I switch students I don't get to meet their parents," Heuser said. "I like what we do, but I don't think touching base with parents second semester is a bad idea."

Some may argue that curriculum night and open house are opportunities for teachers and parents to meet, but these aren't useful for anything but meeting a teacher and the understanding general goals of a course. At the beginning of the year, teachers don't know students' personalities or abilities, and parents can't gain any information about how a student is doing from these meetings.

"There's not enough time to distinguish between teachers," psychology and sociology teacher Tracy Stahl said. "Parents might feel good about knowing who's going to be in front of their students every day, but beyond that I don't think it has any greater significance."

Hosting a conference once each semester would be a great step toward involving parents in education and helping students receive the support that they need. In addition, guardians could be allowed to sign up for classroom notifications to see what work their student needs to be doing. Teachers need to further establish a connection with their students' parents in order to keep them up-to-date.

Parent-teacher conferences aren't a lost cause or useless—far from it—but work needs to be done before they can truly be beneficial to everyone.

Students' thoughts on parent-teacher conferences

"They are not sufficient due to the fact we now have Powerschool and you can check grades in there. There's no way parents can help due to the fact that this is high school and this is kind of a time for students to find themselves.

-Freshman Jackson Helmholtz



"You know how there are Remind messages? Parent should be able to sign up for those. If teachers and parents were more involved in mobile devices it would be easier for information to get passed."

-Sophomore Rose Waymann



"If someone's failing [their teacher] should contact their parents, and don't be rude about it, and tell them things they can improve upon... sometimes it's not that students don't understand the content."

-Junior Amber Haley



"I think how it's dated, how it's planned, it's not in the middle of the year or anything, so it doesn't give an accurate mid-point summary of what you do. It only gives you half of the first semester and doesn't account for second semester."

-Senior Mary Baker



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Social Media's Flaw

Unfortunately, social networking has begun to divide us more than unite us



It's everywhere. No matter where you go, what you do, or who you talk to, the craze of social media is there to follow you. Programs like Instagram, Facebook, and Snapchat were originally meant to help bring people closer together, but as these sites have grown, they have begun to tear their user's personal relationships apart.

People have an innate sense of wanting to be loved by those around them. Being around someone who shares a bond with you can provide a sense of physical belonging and happiness needed to live a healthy life. Social media creates the misconception that interaction through the internet is just as good as authentic interaction.

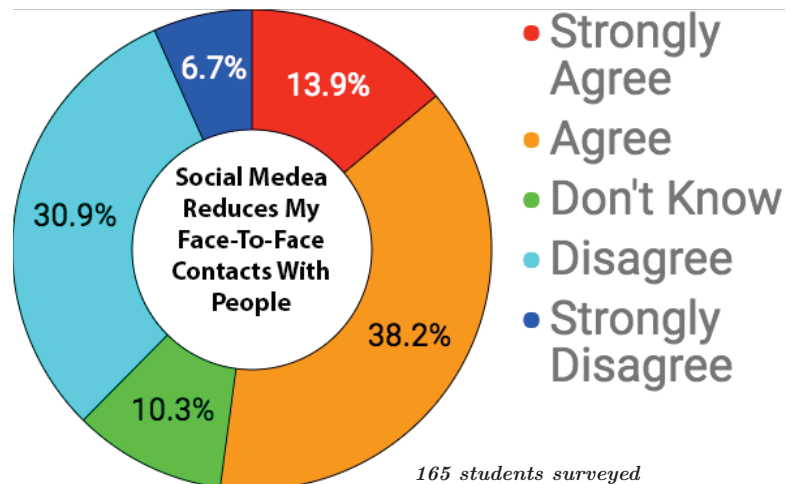
Texting or snapchatting someone can be a great way to get to know someone, but it is nothing compared to actually doing physical activity with someone else. Talking to someone face-to-face makes the relationship more personal and meaningful. You get to see the person for who they truly are, rather than how they portray themselves through their phones. Getting to know the unique qualities and mannerisms that makes that special someone special and amazing is impossible to do without physical interaction. Also, some people feel more comfortable when they communicate through a screen. This can lead to people intentionally avoiding human interaction since they are not comfortable with actually talking to someone else.

This has caused problems in how people perceive each other through social media compared to real life. When seeing someone's profile for the first time, all they are subjected to is the pictures and posts that person wishes to share about themselves to the world. It completely hides their flaws, presenting an idealized form of themselves. This creates a false sense of

who a person is, and makes them seem better than they actually are. Everyone has their little quirks, but because social media accounts can hide them, it has become the new standard to try and look as perfect and happy as possible. When meeting someone new for the first time, initially you can't help but feel disappointed when they are inevitably not as good as their online account made them out to be.

It should also be noted that people are able to use social media as an escape from their regular lives. If a date is not going well, or if there is nothing to do at a friend's house, all you have to do is open up your phone and escape into your own little world. When it's that easy to avoid a problem, people will rarely ever face conflict. Working out a difficulty with a partner is a great way to build your relationship with them. Social media takes away this bonding experience and makes problems even harder to solve. Interpersonal communication isn't just important for romantic relationships, but is important for all aspects of life.

Even though social media creates false expectations and takes away physical interaction, it does have some redeeming factors. It is a great way for businesses to market themselves to the world. This has allowed smaller businesses to have access to a larger audience base and speak to their customers on a more personal level. Also, it makes it easier for people who live far away from each other to keep in touch and stay connected. However, in the end, social media creates more problems than it solves.





School Safety Concerns

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In today's toxic culture, doing something is certainly better than doing nothing when it comes to keeping kids safe

On a cold, snowy day twenty kids waved goodbye to their parents, for the last time. On December 14, 2012, twenty kids and six adults heartbreakingly died at Sandy Hook Elementary in the small town of Newtown, Connecticut. No one will argue this isn't an ominously disturbing event. There have been over 200 school shootings since the Sandy Hook massacre. Could these have been prevented?

School shootings are, fortunately, rare events. But when they do occur, they often do so in otherwise peaceful, small towns. Of course, the quaint city of Dexter is all in all an extremely safe town. But that doesn't mean that the safety of our students should be valued any less than a school in downtown Chicago.

At DHS we have 15 entry and exit doors. The most concerning issue of it all are not the doors in the back or the sides of the building, but the main door at the front of the school. The front doors are not locked, and are open to everyone. Anyone who has any business to be done at the high school could come in through the front door and pass the main office without one head turning for examination. Our door leads straight to the catwalk which leads into the rest of our three-story building, not to mention a cafeteria full of 300-plus students.

Of course, there is no specific way to fix a universal issue like this. However, there are some things we could do as a nation and a city other than leave it alone. It wouldn't require much money to invest in a buzzing system for our front door. This means the office staff must be able to look at you through a camera and ask for your name and your business being there before letting

you into the building.

This would be a lot more beneficial than letting a free for all upon our school. Some may argue that this system makes your school look

penitentiary like, but it's the sign

of the times. While Principal Kit Moran said, "In Dexter, we don't need that kind of security," that is the same thinking that has left many other schools

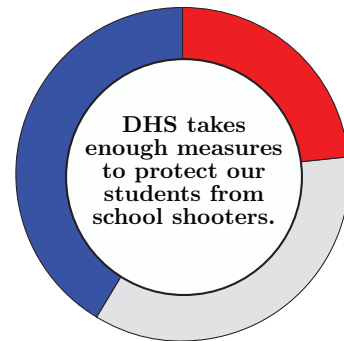
unprepared. But having schools in the US, covered with fences and buzzing systems are a lot better than acting like there is nothing to worry about when there clearly is.

Unfortunately, we must adapt our school's security instead of turning a blind eye. Doing something is better than doing nothing.




"In Dexter, we don't need that kind of security."


-Principal Kit Moran on adding a buzz-in system and cameras outside the main entrance




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Q: Do you feel our school takes enough measures to keep us safe from school shooters?

 "There should be more ways for us to safely get out. Having us walk down a stairwell for 5 minutes won't work."
-Freshman Sean Paul

"Since the office isn't right next to the front door, you should have to be buzzed in."
-Sophomore Jackquellnn TerBush 

 "I think our school is mostly safe since we have a cop, but it is too easy to get in."
-Junior Henry Gatino

"It definitely takes enough measures but none of them are effective."
-Senior Kate Fazioli 

What Is Free Speech?

Despite being one of the most talked about topics in the news today, free speech is only being used as a buzzword

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“You also had some very fine people on both sides,” said President Trump on August 15.

Though it may sound like he’s discussing the results of a close football game, he’s discussing Charlottesville protesters who chanted Neo-Nazi phrases such as “blood and soil” and “Jews will not replace us” while carrying torches. Why wouldn’t joining a group of Neo-Nazis disqualify you as a very fine person, or even an acceptable American? How is Neo-Nazi speech okay in the United States?

Free speech is an incessantly discussed topic in the news, but the discussion never progresses. The phrase “free speech” has been thrown around so much that it’s become a useless buzzword to raise attention and alarm. In reality, the definition of free speech is fairly convoluted.

The first amendment was created to allow citizens to speak against the government with no punishment. This is called political speech, and it’s the only fully protected type of speech. The congressional definition of speech includes symbolic speech, such as physical actions and displaying symbols.

The amendment doesn’t protect all forms of speech, however. Speech is prohibited and can be regulated if it’s considered defamation, fighting words, threats, or similar. Anything that isn’t unprotected speech or political speech is a gray area. Generally, as long as it isn’t unprotected speech, anything goes.

Now, that doesn’t always apply. Students are legally subject to their school’s rules. If school policy bans a type of speech and it disrupts school, then the school can shut it down. The same goes for platforms such as radio stations or ads, and private organizations; the government or organization may shut down what it deems offensive.

DHS’s code of conduct says that students cannot disrespect the civil rights of others, cause a disruption, display things intended to be offensive, be discriminatory, and must obey the law at all times. For an example of how this applies, if you were here last year the day after Trump was elected president, you might remember kids chanting “repeal the 19th amendment” (women’s voting rights) in the halls, along with making otherwise stupid comments. While they may have been joking, it heavily violates DHS policy. Free speech doesn’t protect being

an asshole.

So, what does the Constitution have to say about arguments involving free speech?

One dead horse that the media continues to beat is NFL players kneeling for the anthem. Kaepernick’s choice to kneel is the embodiment of symbolic political speech. He couldn’t be in a more respectful position, especially considering that army veteran Nate Boyer originally suggested that position to respect fallen soldiers. The flag code doesn’t say you have to stand, and it wouldn’t override freedom of speech even if it did. People need to either focus on the significance of kneeling or stop talking about it, because nothing is being accomplished.

Something that doesn’t fall so neatly into protected speech is Trump’s constant flow of insults. One of many cases of this defamation is him accusing women suing him for assault of lying. His attorney is defending him by saying that calling them liars is political speech. If “political speech” means “any comment on anything that involves the law,” then sure. Otherwise, this was just a characteristically ineloquent and non-political ad hominem attack.

This brings us back to the idea that Neo-Nazis have fine people among them. They went on a liberal campus, shouting inflammatory phrases to cause tension, anger, fear, and, ultimately, violence: the exact definition of fighting words. Their actions shouldn’t be supported by any American who believes in the Constitution’s establishment of our rights. Yet, people still choose to focus on some NFL players rather than real issues.

America is, at least in concept, founded on respect and liberty. Freedom of expression was established so that anyone could safely practice whichever religion they wanted, fight for whichever causes they believed in, and more; it wasn’t established so that people could denigrate others for their own gain. Americans have yet to live up to the potential for equality and unity that our government set up for us.

How can Americans call people exercising their right to free speech to peacefully protest un-American while arguing in favor for giving people as disgusting and un-American as Neo-Nazis a platform?



Shocking Upset

Dexter's record-setting season ended abruptly in a 2-0 loss to Coldwater in the Regional semifinals

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"I dropped to the ground in tears feeling devastated, mad, and depressed," senior Jordan Laski said. "My head was throbbing and it was hard to comprehend that my high school career was over."

The emotions were high when Dexter soccer got eliminated from regionals. It wasn't the ending the team was looking for despite it being a season to remember.

The Dreads were undefeated and ranked number one in the SEC at the end of the regular season. One of the biggest accomplishments the team achieved this year, was allowing only four goals in all of their games, setting a record for all divisions in men's high school soccer in Michigan. Heading into districts as the favorite, Dexter did what it was supposed to do. The Dreads defeated both Tecumseh and Adrian by a score of 3-0.

"Winning districts was a great accomplishment," head coach Scott Forrester said. "This team has set high goals and worked hard to accomplish them"

The SEC district champions went into the regional semifinal game against No. 7 Coldwater with high hopes. Their success in the regular season and districts made them a favorite for winning the Division II State Championship.

"My head was throbbing and it was hard to comprehend that my high school career was over."

-Senior Jordan Laski

But in a stunning outcome, Coldwater won the game. After a hard-fought and scoreless first half by both teams, Coldwater was first to strike with a goal shortly into the second.

"When they scored the first goal, reality hit and my emotions started to build up," senior Jaylen Bonilla said.

After the second goal was scored late in the game, Dexter's hopes were diminished. The clock ticked down and the game was over. Coldwater had won, 2-0.

One of the biggest upsets of the season - and Dexter's only loss - could not have come at a worse time for the Dexter soccer team. Although it came to an end sooner than anticipated (and without a desired championship), the players and coaching staff said the 2017 soccer season was an overall success in continuing the great tradition this team has built over many years.



Senior Jordan Laski (22) catches a pass from senior Dominik Burmeister (20) as sophomore Sam Harshe looks on.

"I am most proud of how the team grew as individuals and how they all worked together to have the successful season they had," Forrester said.

There are nine seniors leaving the team this year, which will put a lot of pressure on the rest of team to step up and match the same competitive level that was showed this year.

When asked about next year's season, Forrester said one of the main focus will be giving them the tools they need to develop and succeed.

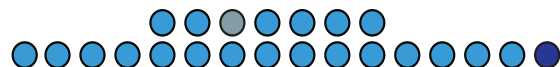
Dexter soccer ended the season with 21-1-1 record, a league championship, district championship, and a state record. Looking at the passion and hard work that this team has from top to bottom is a definite sign that the future of the Dexter soccer program will be in good hands for many seasons to come.

Dexter's 21-1-1 Season



game-by-game record

● Won ● Tied ● Lost

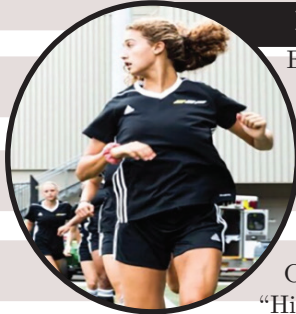


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Athletes in the Crowd

A look into the lives, motivations, and future plans of three star athletes

Freshman Eva Gaetino



Eva Gaetino is a freshman at DHS. She plays soccer for the Michigan Hawks. Gaetino loves soccer because it's her outlet from all the craziness going on in her life. She feels that her teammates are the "best people ever." Her motivation comes from her goals to play on the full national team (USWNT). This goal pushes her to play and work harder each day. Her coach and teammates also motivate her by continuing to push her and holding her accountable regarding soccer. Gaetino was trained by Damion Cook, a former lineman for the Detroit Lions as a lineman.



"His job was to get me stronger, and he just had so much joy in his heart that it his primary purpose of being a physical therapist didn't matter," said Gaetino. Sadly, Cook passed away from a heart attack two years ago.

"Whenever I get down, feel sorry for myself, or have an injury to overcome, I always think of him, and realize how blessed I am to have people in my life that believe in me." He was and still is the source of her motivation.

Gaetino plans to continue to play soccer in college. She has visited Princeton, the University of Michigan, Notre Dame, West Virginia, University of Virginia, and Penn State. She is currently unsure of where she wants to attend and will continue visiting other schools.

Junior Casey Dolen



Casey Dolen is a junior who is part of Dexter's boys swim and dive team. He also swims for Dexter Community Aquatic Club (DCAC). He's been part of the high school team ever since his freshman year. Dolen has been swimming for 12 years.

"I enjoy it because of how close it brings me to my friends and the dedication," Dolen said.

Dolen considers Coach McHugh to be one of his biggest supporters because he is always pushing him to improve, even after the high school season has finished.

"This year I want to be in the top 3 of the 200 free at the state meet, and also win one of my relays," Dolen said.

Dolen plans to continue swimming in college, but he hasn't decided where. He is an athlete to watch during this upcoming season.



Sophomore Kylie Cabana



Kylie Cabana is a sophomore who plays soccer and basketball for DHS. She plays soccer for the Michigan Hawks and DHS. Cabana plays basketball for the Dreads. In her past seasons, she played on JV as a small forward. She plays center mid in soccer. She was very successful her freshman year and plans to continue to excel in basketball and soccer these upcoming seasons. It is evident which sport Cabana is more passionate towards. Soccer.



"I've just always grown up playing my two sports, and I love playing because they're both so fun and I love the competitive atmosphere," Cabana said.

Cabana says that her family and teammates are her biggest supporters. Her goal has always been to play soccer in college. She would like to attend any big school that offers a good scholarship.

Photographs courtesy of the featured athletes.



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Stories Behind the Ribbon

The accounts of a DHS graduate, current students and staff

For Nathaniel Burrell, the signs that led to the diagnoses of the cancer were nothing particularly out of the order at first.

“It all started with some trouble going to the bathroom,” Burrell said.

As this trouble progressed, he started to become more worried.

“It came to a point where - it sounds weird to say - nothing was coming out,” Burrell said.

These troubles led to a trip to the University of Michigan hospital. Later, he was later diagnosed with the cancer.

“It was all really surreal,” Burrell said. “You know, the effect on me wasn’t nearly as heavy as what it was on my family. It really took a while to settle in.”

Burrell, a 2017 Dexter High School graduate, was diagnosed with a form of cancer called Alveolar Rhabdomyosarcoma, also known as ARMS. This type of cancer forms from cells that were originally intended for one’s skeletal muscles or the muscles that aid with voluntary movement. ARMS usually occurs in the muscles of the arms, legs, and torso.

It’s extremely rare: only .04% of cancer patients are diagnosed with ARMS. In addition to the tumors in Burrell’s body, the cancer has so far spread to his bones and lymph nodes.

Despite the devastating diagnosis, one neither he nor his family were expecting, Burrell is keep-

ing upbeat.

“I just tried my best to keep with my life,” Burrell said. “I wasn’t going to let this change who I am.”

Even though his life took a major turn, Burrell said he wouldn’t let the cancer stop him from living life to the fullest or his outlook on life. Even though it may be harder given his current circumstances, but just like before, it’s one day at a time.

“Cancer really takes the energy from you,” Burrell said, “but I know I’m getting better. I can feel that I’m getting better.”

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-Nathaniel Burrell

ing the time being. What he is able to do, he does. On an average day he’ll watch some TV, play some video games, and take trips or go out with his family.

“I love still going out. It’s nice to go out with my family and kinda take a break from it all,” Burrell said. “I don’t want it to feel like I’m living some different life.”

When asked about his outlook on this whole ordeal, his answer was overwhelmingly positive.

“You know, I know I’ll beat this, but it’s just one day at a time right now,” Burrell said.

GoFundMe: In addition to being on the sidelines cheering Burrell on, there is another way you can help. The Burrell family started a GoFundMe page to raise money for Nathaniel’s medical bills. They have surpassed the original goal of \$5,000, but that’s no reason to stop now. Costs are extremely high and, because of a leave of absence at work for Nathaniel’s parents, any money donated will help. Even the smallest of donations can be a great help to Nathaniel, his family, and his fight.

Photo collage courtesy of Burrell’s GoFundMe page.



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Know Your Colors



All Cancers
(Lavender)



Appendix
(Amber)



Bladder
(Marigold, Blue & Purple)



Brain
(Grey)



Breast
(Pink)



Carcinoid
(Zebra)



Cervical
(Teal & White)



Childhood
(Gold)



Colon
(Dark Blue)



Esophageal
(Periwinkle)



*Gallbladder/
Bile Duct*
(Kelly Green)



Head & Neck
(Burgundy & Ivory)



*Hodgkin's
Lymphoma*
(Violet)



Kidney
(Orange)



Leiomyosarcoma
(Purple)



Leukemia
(Orange)



Liver
(Emerald Green)



Lung
(White)



Lymphoma
(Lime Green)



Melanoma
(Black)



Multiple Myeloma
(Burgundy)



Ovarian
(Teal)



Pancreatic
(Purple)



Prostate
(Light Blue)



Sarcoma/Bone
(Yellow)



Stomach
(Periwinkle)



Testicular
(Orchid)



Thyroid
(Teal, Pink & Blue)



Uterine
(Peach)



Caregivers
(Plum)

Gina Star

Cancer, whether we have firsthand experience with it or not, affects all of our lives, communities, and families. It may come as a surprise to some, but there are people close to all of us who have battled cancer. Just look at Gina Star, who you may know from the counseling office here at DHS and who celebrated her fifth anniversary of being cancer-free this October.

Star was diagnosed with breast cancer in 2012. She underwent a double mastectomy on October 22 of the same year.

“There are many different treatment plans out there, and theories about treatment, and I’ll just tell you it’s different for everybody,” Star said. “I decided I wanted to be very aggressive with my treatment, and that’s not always what everyone chooses.”

Her decision was prompted by a family history of cancer and the results of genetic testing, which showed that a double mastectomy would most effectively combat Star’s cancer.

Star’s case also emphasizes the importance of awareness and vigilance when it comes to cancer. The illness is so prevalent in Star’s family that her younger cousin was also diagnosed with breast cancer--on the same day, no less. They had similar surgeries and went through their treatment together, despite living in different states.

“Whether it’s just a phone call or a text, or a Facebook message - anything simple just really means a lot.”

- Gina Star

Now, Star is looking to the future. In the five years since she was diagnosed and treated, she has been closely monitored by her doctor.

“Every three months, I have a visit--it was just physical exams, keeping a close eye on it,” Star said. She only has one more appointment, after which she will be released by her surgeon with a clean bill of health.

However, Star remains mindful of the danger cancer still poses.

“I do have to watch closely for other types

of cancer, so there’s other screenings that I do once a year, for other things, just to make sure,” Star said. She emphasized the importance of taking responsibility and keeping up with her own health.

Star credits support from family and friends as what got her through the hardest times, and offers a word of advice for anybody who knows somebody dealing with cancer: “There’s not a lot that you can do, but just showing support in some way is so meaningful, whether it’s just a phone call, or a text, or a Facebook message--anything simple just really means a lot.”

Maddie Wright

Cancer significantly impacts its victims, as well as their loved ones. Maddie Wright, a current senior at DHS, was affected when her mother was diagnosed with breast cancer in 2012. Her mother, swamped with the tasks of recovery, received help from everyone in the family. Wright was juggling the task of being a student as well as a caregiver to her mother, helping with her appointments and around the house.

Following Wright’s mother’s successful recovery from breast cancer, the family became active soldiers against cancer by raising money and awareness. Several times a year, Wright participates in cancer walks on her mother’s team.

“There’s money that is raised for her team. This promotes awareness because those funds are donated to the American Cancer Society,” Wright said.

Although defeating cancer is an intimidating idea, there is a higher chance of wiping out the illness when there are people like Wright and her family, who fight cancer long after the threat to themselves is gone.



of students and staff surveyed have participated in a walk or run to fundraise for cancer

Clara Gauthier

As of March 2017, breast cancer has been fatal in over 40 thousand of the 3.1 million diagnosed cases. Breast cancer cannot be prevented, but a key component to surviving the disease is early detection. Breast cancer can be detected through mammograms, x-rays that allows specialists to examine for any suspicious areas in the breast tissue.

Clara Gauthier, a DHS freshman, is no stranger to the dangers of breast cancer, as they have affected her own grandmother. A mammogram was crucial to the detection of the cancer plaguing her grandmother; it allowed modern medicine to find and fight the cancer before it was too late.

For those who cannot afford mammograms, early detection is difficult. Saint Joseph Mercy Hospital recognizes this issue, and offers free mammograms to women over the age of 40 on specific dates throughout the year.

Gauthier assists her mother, a pathologist at Saint Joseph Mercy Hospital, with these screenings.

“My mom gives the screenings and I watch the kids while the mothers are being tested,” Gauthier said.

Since Gauthier isn't a medical professional capable of administering the screenings herself, she finds other ways to help. Gauthier is proof that all tasks are important when it comes to women's health.

Autumn Campbell

The importance of being cautious while in the sun has been reflected in one of every five Americans who has skin cancer. These people exhibit symptoms of changes in moles and skin lesions.

DHS art teacher, Autumn Campbell, saw these signs and decided to get tested. She is known as a kind and enthusiastic teacher, whose eagerness to lend a hand was affected when her body was attacked by melanoma. Surgery after surgery drained her of energy, and caused her to be in bed most of the time. Her selfless routines were halted.

“I am a person who takes care of a lot of people, but I wasn't able to help with my nieces, help

around the house, or help with my daughter,” Campbell said.

Cancer not only affects the body, but also alters the way life is lived. For Campbell, recovery time from her surgeries made it difficult to transition back into work. She noticed that she couldn't match the students' enthusiasm and she could not put forth the energy that she felt the students deserved.

To prevent others from having to go through what she went through, she actively douses her loved ones in sunscreen and shares her story with them. With her experience and knowledge of melanoma, Campbell was able to help a dear friend.

While out with her friends during the summer, she noticed a spot on her friend's torso. Sharing what the ins and outs of melanoma look like, she asked him to have it examined by a doctor. The doctor was not concerned by it, but Campbell encouraged him to get a second opinion.

“By the time he was able to get a second opinion, it was confirmed to be melanoma and it had spread through his body,” Campbell said.

Her knowledge and experience allowed her to help her friend before his melanoma was untreatable.

Debora Marsh

After taking a chemotherapy pill every night for the last four and a half years, Debora Marsh, DHS English teacher and IB coordinator, will be celebrating the end of her cancer treatments in June of 2018.

Marsh was diagnosed with breast cancer 5 years ago. Since her diagnosis, she has had a lumpectomy and two tamoxifen treatments. While the treatments saved her life they also took their toll on her day to day life.

“I wanted kids to know that when a person gets cancer they are still themselves.”

- Debora Marsh

“I feel like it has made it a lot harder,” Marsh said. “I lose words, I can't remember things like

I used to, I write lists and then lose the lists, stuff like that.”

The American Cancer Society estimates that 252,710 new cases of breast cancer will be diagnosed in 2017. Furthermore, according to the National Cancer Institute 40,610 women will die of breast cancer in 2017. While death rates due to breast cancer have decreased significantly in the last 25 years, this number is still high enough to terrify breast cancer patients and their families.

“[My cancer] affected my husband a lot too,” Marsh said. “He was so afraid I was going to die.”

Breast cancer is caused by mutations in DNA that can be hereditary, a result of lifestyle-related risk factors, and hormones. Marsh’s cancer was specifically an estrogen based form. Since this form is not hereditary, Marsh’s daughters don’t have to worry about a higher chance of cancer due to their genetics, but they have to think about what their reaction is to increased estrogen in their daily lives.

“Mine was estrogen-based,” Marsh said. “Because of that, they can’t take birth control pills. They don’t want to increase the amounts of estrogen in their bodies in case they have a similar reaction to what happened in my body.”

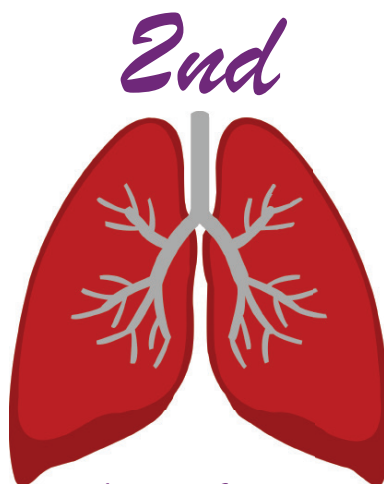
Since her diagnosis, Marsh tried to be a more active in raising awareness about cancer. Throughout her treatment, Marsh has been an example to her students and coworkers.

Most common cancers that have affected DHS



1st

Breast Cancer



2nd

Lung Cancer



3rd

Brain Cancer

259 people surveyed

“I made an effort to work throughout my treatment,” Marsh said. “I had to miss some days of course, but I tried to come at least three days every week. I wanted kids to know that when a person gets cancer they still are themselves. And they might be more sensitive or more tired, but they still are themselves.”

Dexter’s annual Relay for Life event will be held on June 23, 2018, very close to the time Marsh will be reaching the end of her tamoxifen treatment. Marsh plans on taking this opportunity to help fundraise for the cancer community and celebrate.

“I’m going to try to get a really good Relay for Life team, and get a lot of donors and do that because it is probably going to be my last hurrah,” Marsh said. “I want to kind of have a party and celebrate the fact that I am done with it.”

While Marsh is concluding her treatment, thousands more women around the country and the world are just being diagnosed. It is a hard battle that many do not win, but with support from friends, family, and community, many are given a fighting chance.

“Accept the gifts of friends and family,” Marsh said. “Accept that it is hard sometimes. We are proud. Americans don’t like to show weakness, especially I don’t think women like to. And so it’s important to let them help because it makes them feel better, but it’s also important to accept the help to help you open up and feel better.”

Digging Into Dig Pink

What started as a coach honoring her mother has turned into a partnership between two rivals

Writer  Alisha Birchmeier
 Photographer  Alisha Birchmeier

In 1600, the first case of breast cancer was recognized in Edwin Smith Papyrus. Four centuries later, in 2007, Jean Atkinson was diagnosed with breast cancer. To most, this seems insignificant, but for Dexter and Chelsea's high school volleyball teams, this started a new tradition.

Laura Cleveland, Chelsea's varsity volleyball coach, started Dig Pink in honor of her mother, Jean Atkinson.

"I wanted to be able to recognize her battle and so many others."

-Laura Cleveland

"When I first found out about Laura doing Dig Pink in my honor, I could've cried right there, but I knew I couldn't," Atkinson said.

Cleveland initially got the idea while looking online at different schools, when she came upon several schools in Ohio that ran a similar event. She then talked to the parents of the Chelsea volleyball team and the Dexter volleyball coach. Cleveland started a streamlined approach to provide a foundation for the program. She did this based on what she saw from the teams in Ohio.



The Dexter JV volleyball team huddles together to celebrate their point.



Members of the Dexter JV volleyball team wait to receive the serve from the Chelsea team.



The combined total of funds raised by Dexter and Chelsea for the Side Out Foundation.

"I love the idea that a sporting event can take rivals and they collectively work together for a greater cause," Cleveland said.

After Cleveland discovered this foundation, the parents of Chelsea volleyball players started fundraising for Dig Pink. The first part of fundraising was to produce t-shirts. This involved coming up with the design and getting them printed was the start. After that, the parents took off with other ways to fundraise such as bake sales, drawings, and small awareness knick knacks.

The first game was the birth of a tradition for the small town rivals. While Cleveland started this for her mother, she also started it for both Dexter and Chelsea.

Both towns are dear to Cleveland. Although she graduated from Dexter, she became a Chelsea Bulldog as a teacher and volleyball coach.

Cleveland found the Side Out Foundation, which allowed all of the proceeds to go out to others in the community fighting breast cancer. While all of this is near and dear to both Cleveland and Atkinson's hearts, the first event was the most emotional.

"At the first one it was announced that the Dig Pink games were started for me," Atkinson said. "While my name wasn't said, it was still very special to me."



After 11 years of Dig Pink, Atkinson has only missed one game. In 2017, there was a twist on this event. Even though this event has always been about breast cancer, Chelsea was battling cancer on their own team. One of Chelsea's freshman players was diagnosed with ovarian cancer. When Dexter hosted this year, along with having pink everywhere, there were also accents of teal covering the gym as well.

"The girls felt more connected by supporting her, because it was a girl their own age battling cancer," Dexter varsity volleyball coach D'Ann Dunn said.

Chelsea's teams also had tints of teal in their hair. Teal is the color of the ribbon representing ovarian cancer, and by accenting the gym with teal both teams demonstrated support for Chelsea's freshman. By doing small things like this, it shows that both Dexter and Chelsea have come together as one community through a strong rivalry for two tremendous causes.

"It makes the girls think outside themselves," Dunn said. "It makes them think about what does the pink stand for and how many people are truly affected by breast cancer."

"It gets them to think about, 'yes, we get to play volleyball, but there are so many people suffering in this world.'"



Mikayla Tucker, Taylor Venuto, Brooklyn Brown and teammates celebrate after Dexter's varsity team won a hard-earned point.



Elizabeth Gallagher and other members of the varsity team celebrates a point from the bench.



Dexter's varsity team walks toward the bench after a Chelsea time out.



Quinn LaFontaine (6) tosses a mini volleyball into the student section before the game.



The freshman volleyball team huddles before its game.



Eleanor King sets up Kaylee Mattice for an attack during the JV game.



Dexter's varsity volleyball team locks pinkies during the playing of the National Anthem.



Taylor Venuto jumps during a back row attack.



The Dexter student section shows their support for the teams during a timeout.

Dig Pink

Dexter vs. Chelsea

Varsity Game Scores

- Game 1: 25-21
- Game 2: 25-14
- Game 3: 18-25
- Game 4: 25-12



Eleanor King and Ashley Haralson await a serve during the JV game.

RACHEL, MICHAEL & KIRA'S

5x5

				
Michael Bauman (Freshman)	Sam Dorian (Sophomore)	Alexis Haley (Junior)	Owen Vaughn (Senior)	Dee Braden (Staff)
Do you know the original purpose of Thanksgiving?				
When the pilgrims came over and discovered America.	Give thanks to people... I don't know.	Uh, to be thankful.	Nope. Wish I did.	To celebrate people coming over and celebrating religious freedom.
What do you put your gravy on?				
Turkey and mashed potatoes.	Just my mashed potatoes.	Mashed potatoes and chicken.	Mashy potatoes.	Oh, I don't use gravy.
What are YOU most thankful for?				
My family and friends.	My family.	My dogs and family.	Family and Friends.	Being alive and my health. Hey, working here is great too!
Do you think Thanksgiving break is long enough?				
No, it needs to be two weeks.	No, we need a full week.	Nope. Need a full week.	Nah, should be longer; Miss more school.	It's always been that way.
Would you eat the gizzard? Why or why not?				
No, I've no idea what that is.	What is that? Oh. No!	<i>*looking confused*</i> What?	Only out of curiosity.	No, it takes away from the purities of the chicken.

THANKSGIVING JOKES



Q: WHY DID THE SCARECROW WIN THE NOBEL PRIZE?

A: HE WAS OUTSTANDING IN HIS FIELD



Q: WHAT HAPPENED WHEN THE TURKEY GOT INTO A FIGHT?

A: HE GOT THE STUFFING KNOCKED OUT OF HIM.



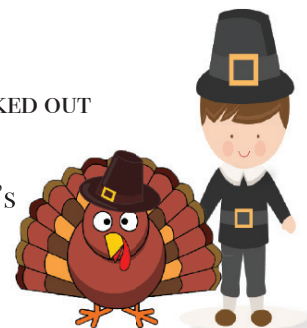
Q: WHY DID THE TURKEY SIT ON THE TOMAHAWK?



A: TO HATCHET



Q: WHAT NOISE DOES A TURKEY'S PHONE MAKE?

A: WING, WING!



Writer  Jimmy Fortuna-Peak
 Designer  Jimmy Fortuna-Peak

THE SNOWMAN

This murder mystery adaptation of the popular Norwegian novel, *The Snowman*, starts off with an intriguing and suspenseful first act, but fails to keep its excitement and credibility throughout the runtime of the film. *The Snowman* follows Oslo Police homicide detective, Harry Hole, and his investigations into the mysterious murders and disappearances plaguing the city. The film, overall, has decent pacing, and there are great scenes of suspense that will keep you at the edge of your seat. However, the movie confuses the audience on what it wanted its tone to be. The film's tone is a mix between a modern day crime thriller and a neo-noir, but it never fully commits to one side. The acting is very bland, and Michael Fassbender, who is usually one of the better actors in the business, gives a rare honed in performance as Harry Hole. There are many plotlines that don't seem relevant to the overall story arch, and the ending is unsatisfying and, quite honestly, uncomfortable. *The Snowman* is an extremely disappointing adaptation that fails to give a fluid and coherent story.



THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE

The effects of war on the human spirit are portrayed honestly in this adaptation of a true story. *Thank You for Your Service* follows three Iraqi war veterans and their struggles with PTSD as they adjust back to their lives away from the war. This is not your typical war film. There are only a few battle scenes, and even those are only glossed over. The film is a very personal story that focuses on dialogue rather than flashy imagery, making *Thank You for Your Service* feel unique and a breath of fresh air in the war film genre. The acting is average at best, but doesn't take away from the brutal effects that war has on the characters. Since the film mainly consist of dialogue, there are a few slower paced scenes that can be a little hard to get through. Overall, *Thank You for Your Service* gives insight to an overlooked social issue facing the many veterans of America today.



Movie Reviews

October and November prove to be bland for filmgoers everywhere

THOR RAGNAROK

The seventeenth entry into the MCU (Marvel Cinematic Universe) provides a great adventure and finale to the Thor trilogy. *Thor: Ragnarok* follows Thor and his quest to save Asgard from the goddess of death, Hela. Taika Waititi's directing style can truly be shown as the film is filled with improved and witty humor. There are some fantastic battle scenes involving Thor, and the visual effects are great, as always. Jeff Goldblum gives a loveable performance as the Grandmaster, and is one of the rare good villains in the MCU. The film falters, like most MCU movies, in that the main villain, Hela, is very weak and forgettable. Some character disappearances and deaths that occur are only glossed over and leave the audience without any closure to their storylines. There are so many ties to other MCU films that *Ragnarok* feels more as if it is a preview for what is to come, rather than a stand-alone movie. While *Thor: Ragnarok* is the weakest of the Thor films, it still provides a compelling and comedic story that will keep you on the edge of your seat until the credits roll.



A BAD MOMS CHRISTMAS


This raunchy sequel brings the laughs, but fails to provide a compelling story. *A Bad Moms Christmas* is a sequel to the 2016 sleeper hit, *Bad Moms*, and continues on with their story. The film follows the three moms and the struggles they face while trying to create the perfect Christmas for their families while dealing with their own moms who have come to visit. Mila Kunis, Kathryn Hahn, and Kristen Bell all give comedic performances as the three main leads. The supporting cast does a decent job in their roles, but nothing that stands out. The film's tone is very sloppy, in that it tries to be a family christmas film in some scenes, and in others, tries to be replicate the gaudy humor of the first film. The switch between tones made *A Bad Moms Christmas* feel incoherent and confusing. It provides some enjoyment for all, but the girls are the ones who will most likely have fun with the experience.



THE ANCHOR



Murfasa (Stanley Misevich) saves Simba (A.J. Gray), Nala (Eliza Colby) and Zazu (Olivia Kemp) from the hyenas (Jim Rodgers, Reid Snider, and Amber Jablonski) and proceeds to threaten them. The DHS Drama Club performed *The Lion King Jr.*, from October 20-22 in the CPA.

Photographer  Kira Perry

