

Homecoming 2016

DHS turned into the Caribbean for a night of fun.

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A main senior group at the Ellwood House. Photo from Molly Stawinoga.

Another fabulous homecoming has passed here at DHS! The 2016 homecoming theme was “Caribbean Nights.” Student council decked out the athletic wing with streamers, balloons, backdrops, and more to fit the theme and make attendees feel like they were transported to the Caribbean. The DJ played today’s most popular hits along

with some throwback songs and songs to fit the theme. There was confetti, crazy lighting effects, glow sticks, and Hawaiian leis thrown around the dance floor. Not only did DHS students enjoy the amazing dance, but students could also bring dates from other schools, too! Some former DHS students came back to enjoy the night, too!

Before the dance is also a fun time for students. Most students go in groups with their dates and friends. Traditionally for pictures, seniors go to the Ellwood house and juniors go to the castle at NIU. Sophomores and freshmen are, of course welcome at those locations but they typically go to the lagoon at NIU or the Rivermist subdivision.

A popular place for pictures this year ap-

peared to be the hospital landscaping.

While some groups go out to dinner at fancy restaurants, such as Fanatico, other groups just stay at one person’s house and have a home cooked meal! Yum! After the dance students go to parties, bonfires, sleepovers, or straight to bed after a long night of dancing!

Although Student Council helps plan and set up homecoming, the main student council members in charge are Callie Borden and Addie Norman. On average, around a thousand students attend the homecoming dance. A lot of planning and funding goes into the dance in order to have a great night for all of those kids! Junior Addie Norman said, “Callie and I sat down and brainstormed about themes that we thought would be fun and something new that DHS hasn’t seen or at least hasn’t seen in more recent years. Callie and I started planning this in July! It’s a long process to say the least.”

Overall homecoming 2016 was a blast for students of all ages! “Homecoming was so much fun. I can’t wait for next year” junior Jessa Henry said. Next year should be even more fun!



A group of sophomore students before the dance. Photo from Mia Shultz.



A group of junior girls showing off their corsages. Photo from Hannah Oehlberg.