



take a peek



The Marching Barb’s Home Competition

Solo un barb!
by Abby Jamison

On Saturday September 28th, the Marching Barbs had its first competition of the season right here at Dekalb High School. This is the second year DHS has hosted a competition. Senior Drum Major, Taylor Dirks, explained how it has improved, “It was a lot more organized in regard to volunteers, it was more systematic. Last year there were only three bands and this year there were over 10 so you had to have a designated time slot for each band.”

The bands, who came from all over Northern Illinois, were split into four different classes based on their band and school size. Mr. Lundin, DHS band director, hired professional judges to work this competition to ensure the most accurate results. Some judges came all the way from out of state just to be there!

It was a rainy day, not the best conditions for the competition, but each band was prepared to do there best regardless. A little rain never hurt anybody.

The first band, Grant Community, began its practice slot at 12:10 p.m. to

prepare for their performance. As soon as the clock struck 1:00, the band was warm and ready to go. For the next few hours this process continued as all the bands got their chance to shine.

The marching band community is all very encouraging and upbeat. Everyone, no matter where they were from, cheered for the bands as they showcased their 2019 shows. These high spirits made this competition such a happy, inviting place to be. Each band wanted to do well, but no one would bring down anyone else.

Color Guard Section Leader, senior Abbey Brookes commented, “My favorite part about the competition was seeing all the alumni, parents, and students coming together before hand, during, and after to volunteer our time and efforts. And how everyone was so positive even though we were all cold and wet.”

After each band had its time in the spotlight, our very own Marching Barbs performed their exhibition of their Uncaged show. This was the first time the band would be performing the full four movements for an audience. The barbs have been working hard since July 31st to put together a stellar field show. Their work is paying off. With a full month left in the season, they are only going to improve more!

The Marching Barbs were not allowed to place at their own competition since it would be seen as unfair, so instead, the drum majors

handed out the awards! The first place awards went to Sandwich(1A), Grant Community(2A), Kaneland(3A), and Plainfield South(4A).

The competition as a whole was very successful. The Marching Barbs were very proud to host a competition here at Dekalb High School and can’t wait to see this tradition continued.



Marching Barb members Ivan, Billy, Sarah, Megan, and Anna!
Abby Jamison



Marching Barbs performing Uncaged!
Jeannine Szostak

Over-Pricing Of The Entertaniment Industry

Do you ever want to go somewhere, but it’s too expensive? Let’s talk about it

By Sara Collins

Have you ever wondered why prices are so high at entertainment industries. I’ve always wondered why did they do this? If you had lower prices then maybe you would have more people buying your product or attending.

The Broadway in Chicago tickets can cost a lot. The range is \$50-500 each , what if there was more than one person wanting to go? A Family? There could be 2 or more people in your family. When going to a place they don’t even talk about the prices of staying in hotels and other expenses, Plus the plane if the customer flying or gas money. The price can go very high for a trip.

For one day at Six Flags, it cost \$47.99 for one person. It doesn’t include parking so that will be another \$30. You can bring your own food but not into the park. Six Flags does have food you can purchase in the park. It’s a little bit more expensive.

If you want a drink you would either have to drink from a water fountain that they have or they also have seasons cups to buy. The cups cost \$14.99 for a one day. You can get unlimited refills for the rest of the day, but after that day it would cost \$0.99 for refills. They also have vending machines but the water is \$5 and that is outrageous for a small bottle of water. Plus the food prices can also be a little too much.

To be honest, I would not buy a lunch or dinner from there without a food pass. You can get a season pass that will let you have unlimited times to go to Six Flags during the season and you could go to any Six Flags in

the country.

When your a member you can have more items. If you are a member or season pass holder I would buy a food pass. They’re really worth it and you only have to pay once. Food passes come with Lunch, dinner, and a snack. If you have one person getting food it’s not too bad. It’s a little too much to pay for what you actually get. For a family it probably will be cheaper to just pack some food. I dont get why they do this. They should at least keep it a reasonable price so more people would go. In DeKalb, the media house-hold funds are \$41.000. That isn’t a ton of money. Families who want to go places but have money issues would have more of a challenge. The families may not be able to experience some things other people will do.

As we all know Dekalb has corn-fest. Have you ever went to the rides and look at the prices they have? During this year I only got to ride one ride because the tickets alone were so much money. The water is also very expensive but luckily the Gaming Goat gave out free water. I could see why they may be more expensive, because kids want to ride the rides and they probably cost a lot. . If they had food cheaper than way more people can buy uague.

For example if they wanted more food and still have ticket money, it would be easier to do. But then again this is just my opinion on high prices. I hope better changes in the near future for the good and not for the worse. If entertainment Industry keep raising the prices on stuff then no one will be able to go anywhere and that is differently not fun.



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Homecoming Game

Barbs with the W!!

by Jasmin Garcia & Becca Shank

Prior to kickoff, the DHS Football team was ranked 41 with their opponent Waubonsie ranked 89. The Barbs were shown to be the dominant team by going on to win 34-7.

Senior Alex Siebens scored a touchdown as well Senior Donovan Lacey, Junior Trenton Kyler. Siebens made the score 6- 0 with a PAT from Ethan Tierney, Kyler’s pass to Trenton McCollum gained the Barbs 51 yards to a touchdown with another PAT from Tierney. Making the score 14-0. Avery Medina with a 17 yard touchdown also with a PAT from Tierney with the score now 21-0. Lacey ran a 56 yard pick 6 with a PAT again by Tierney. At this point, the Barbs were shutting out Waubonsie 34-0.

Waubonsie manages to get through the Barbs defence and scored with 1:47 left in the game.

The score was left with 34-7 Barbs!

Siebens was interviewed after the game. He explained how he felt winning the homecoming game. “Felt pretty good after coming off of two losses. Felt as if we came together as a team and got the job done.”

Siebens said how the Barbs went into the game with high expectations “I feel as if we had more prepreation that week, more competition in practice, more contact, and more fun.”

Barbs now holding a 4-2 record. Good Job Barbs with the big W.



Photos provided by Jasmin Garcia and Becca Shank

Halloween Playlist!

Bewitched, bothered, and bewildering songs

by Khadija Nagi

It’s the season of frightful costumes, sickening candy, and unsettling jack o’lanterns. Maybe you’re having a little bit of trouble getting into the spooky, frightful mood though. Here’s some Halloween music to set the tone and keep you a little fearful!

- Spooky, Scary Skeletons - Andrew Gold
- Time Warp - Rocky Horror Picture Show
- Trick Or Treat - Andrew Gold
- Monster Mash - Bobby “Boris” Pickett, The Crypt-Kickers
- Bewitched, Bothered, and Bewildered - Ella Fitzgerald
- Thriller - Michael Jackson
- Zombie - The Cranberries
- Creep - Radiohead
- Witchy Woman - Eagles
- I Put A Spell On You - Marilyn Manson
- Corps of Corpses - Hawthorne Heights
- Living Dead Girl - Rob Zombie
- Sympathy For The Devil - The Rolling Stones
- Blood - In This Moment
- Superstition - Stevie Wonder
- Creeping Death - Metallica
- Monster - Lady Gaga
- I Want Candy - Bow Wow Wow
- Evil Woman - Electric Light Orchestra
- Bark at the Moon - Ozzy Osbourne
- Frankenstein - The Edgar Winter Group
- People Are Strange - The Doors
- Welcome to My Nightmare - Alice Cooper
- I Put a Spell on You - Screamin’ Jay Hawkins
- Spooky - Dusty Springfield
- Pet Sematary - Ramones

- I’m Your Boogie Man - KC & The Sunshine Band
- Halloween - Misfits
- Zombie Zoo - Tom Petty
- Season of the Witch - Donocan
- Scary Monsters (And Super Creeps) - David Bowie
- Dracula’s Wedding - Outkast, Kelis
- Abracadabra - Steve Miller Band
- Ghost Town - The Specials
- Weird Science - Oing Boingo
- Boris The Spider - The Who
- Witchcraft - Frank Sinatra
- Voodoo Child (Slight Return) - Jimi Hendrix
- Batman, Wolfman, Frankenstein Or Dracula - The Diamonds
- Spellbound - Siouxsie and the Banshees
- Scarecrow - Beck
- Spooks - Louis Armstrong
- The Graveyard Shift - The Ghouls
- Night Of The Living Dead - Misfits
- Werewolf - The Frantics
- Spiderwebs - No Doubt
- Kookie, Kookie, Lend Me Your Comb (Spooky, Spooky, Lend Me Your Tomb) - Spike Jones
- Happy Halloween - John Zach-erle
- The Skeleton In The Closet - Louis Armstrong
- Rattlin’ Bones - Preservation Hall Jazz Band
- The Ghost Of Smokey Joe - Cab Calloway
- Demon Woman - Flight of the Conchords
- Zombie Jamboree (Back To Back) - Harry Belafonte
- Killer Klowns - The Dickies
- Robbin’ Graves - Don Hinson &

- The Rigamorticians
- Over at The Frankenstein Place - Rocky Horror Picture Show
- Coolest Little Monster - Zachrley
- Whistlin’ Past The Graveyard - Tom Waits
- Vampire Blues - Neil Young
- Frankenstein Twist - The Crystals
- Beware - Bill Buchanan
- Haunted House Blues - Bessie Smith
- Found Love In A Graveyard - Veronica Falls
- Ghastly Stomp - The Ghastly Ones
- Jeepers Creepers - Louis Armstrong
- Hungry Like The Wolf - Duran Duran
- Dead in the Water - SPELLES
- Two Ghosts - Harry Styles
- My Bloody Valentine - Good Charlotte
- Love Song For A Vampire - Annie Lennox
- Die, Die My Darling - Misfits
- Necromancer - Gnarl’s Barkley
- This is Halloween - The Nightmare Before Christmas
- The Shock - Libra
- Down The Pipe - David Julyan
- A Nightmare on Elm Street - Spooky Orchestra
- Castin’ My Spell - Johnny Otis, Marci Lee
- Sombebodys Watching Me - Rockwell
- Hearse With A Curse - The Weirdos and the voice of Mr. Gasser
- The Boogie Man - Todd Rollins & His Orchestra, Chick Bullock
- Zombie Dance - The Cramps
- The Purple People Eater - Sheb Wooley

Netflix Show of the Month: *Unbelievable*

You won’t belive it until you see it.

by Leah Sibley

Netflix’s new limited series *Unbelievable* has been one of the best shows on there yet. Following the events of the 2008-2011 serial rape cases in Washington and Colorado, the audience is shown what it is like to experience pressure and unfair treatment by law enforcement and how it can escalate.

Marie Adler, played by Katilyn Dever, is an 18 year old girl who lives on her own in an apartment in Lynnwood, Washington, Adler is raped in the early morning by a man, and when she reports it, she is questioned many times by many male officers and detectives.

When they investigate the evidence and background of the case, they find minor inconsistencies in her story. Instead of continuing in a calm manner and let Adler take in all that has happened to her, the two male detectives pressure and convince Adler that she is an attention-seeking teenager, and that she made the rape up.

After years of being in the foster care system and going through traumatic events in those homes, Adler has a hard time trusting people. With this case and the detectives making her look like this is her fault, Adler loses trust in everyone and everything in her life. She falls into a depression.

She is almost kicked out of her apartment, she loses her job, and she loses any and all friends she’s made. It is devastating to watch Adler spiral down into the darkest parts of herself and shut everyone out, all while her rapist goes on to rape five more women.

One more in Washington and four in Colorado are raped in 2011, and those cases are investigated by Golden’s Detective Karen Duvall, played by Merritt Wever, and Westminster’s Detective Grace Rasmussen, played by Toni Collette. Instead of taking a rash and rushed approach with the victims, both detectives are calm and empathetic with each woman. They give her time to recount the story and the events that happened.

Wever and Collette played the roles of the two detectives fantastically, sticking to the events that happened in real time, and giving the audience confidence that the rapist would be caught.

As the investigation goes on, Adler is charged with a gross misdemeanor and has to pay a \$500 fine and take mandatory counselling. She does this all on her own with little to no help from her former foster parents or the people she called friends. The case had been closed by the police department, so no one knew about the “made up” rape until two years later.

Duvall and Rasmussen eventually find and catch the rapist and put him away for life. This story begins with sadness and unfair treatment, and ends with justice and closure for all involved.

This show is one of the best ones I’ve seen. It captures so much emotion within the audience, and even if you don’t know what it’s like to go through this, you still empathize with Adler and the five other women involved.

The acting in the show was raw and

real, and it made you feel like it was happening right in front of your face. It captures your attention and draws you in until a few hours pass and you’ve finished the show without even realizing it.

With a true story like this one, you wonder how much was changed to fit the vision that the directors wanted, and with *Unbelievable*, it was very accurate. Some names were changed for protection and some small details were altered, but overall it was to the T.

Altogether, this show is amazing. If you want to watch something thrilling and with a good story, this show is definitely for you. But you better hurry, this show will be on Netflix for a limited amount of time!



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GSA's New Management

New Year, New Leaders, New Management!

by Emma Komes

Last year, science teacher Ann Shult retired and left the GSA advisor role to another staff memeber. As well as Shult's retirement, the majority of the officers, save the current GSA president, graduated or left.

Now all of the officers and the advi- sor, Linda Krone, are working together to put posters of important LGBT+ vo- cabulary around the school.

The point of these posters is "to ed- ucate the school on LGBT+ terms and to create awareness to these terms to also make a better environment in DHS" said GSA president Rebekah Lar- son, a senoir at DHS.

She also is "excited and nervous as

well because it's hard to know what to do sometimes, so I'm just going with the flow" when asked how she feels about being president this year.

GSA Officer Betsy Benisek, a junior at DHS, says "its actually really nice, because we're all friends and we all work well together."

Benisek also said they like being an officer because "its just nice having the responsibility and being able to contrib- ute to meetings."

Krone described her vision for this year. "I want to bring GSA to the fore- front; I want people to know about GSA what it is and what we stand for."

Krone added that "the beginning

was kinda slow, but I think this year is gonna go pretty well." Krone also adds that "our administration is very sup- portive about these vocabulary words."

Krone also said that she is working with a committee on a gender policy. Krone also says that it should be ready by the 2020-21 school year. It seems that GSA has a lot slated for this and next year, its going to be exciting to see what they will and plan to accomplish.



A photo of some GSA members & Linda Krone
Photo by Emma K

The Joker

Is the controversy justified

by Anthony Burgess

The Joker just recently released and it's already recieving awards from high profile movie festivals such as the Venice Golden Lion film festival. With all this great appraisal, there is also a lot of criticism.

Critics claim the movie is too violent and are afraid it might cause a rise in mass shootings and violent crimes. The critcs are worried that this movie will cause people that already have sociopathic tendencies to take action against civilians. *IndieWire* labeled it as "a toxic rallying cry for self-pitying incels" as well as "good enough to be dangerous".

The question on many minds is whether this controversy is justified.

Are movies obligated to send certain messages or should people know the difference between right and wrong. The concern is understandable, but is it the movies problem or the viewers ignorance of what the movie is really trying to potray.

As Joaquin Pheonix stated in an in- terview with IGN "People misinterpret lyrics from songs. They misinterpret passages from books. I think that if you have someone with that level of emotional disturbance, they can find fuel amywhere".

While Pheonix makes a great point the concern is if a movie that sympa- thizes with the character Joker will coerce people with these ideas to act. As evidence they bring up the Aurora shooter who allegedly claimed to be acting as the Joker when he shot peo- ple during a viewing of the *Dark Knight Rises*. This claim was never proven, and the evidence isn't substantial enough to prove their point.

Recently the FBI has put out a warning to law enforcement about the viewings of this movie. They stated that they have found "disturbing and

very specific chatter on the dark web" according to Gizmodo.

You have to wonder if all this hys- teria is going to up the chance of a shooter trying to make a name for himself. These people are trying to get attention and with all the publicity around this movie they'll see it as an oppurtunity. This controversy is putting people at risk, the shooters cannot be inspired by a movie they have not seen.



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There’s No Place Like Home(coming)!

“Toto I’ve got a feeling we’re not in DHS anymore!”

by Khadija Nagi

After a week of festivities including dressing as memes and watching boys dance the dance is the cherry on top of Homecoming week.

This year’s theme was based off of the classic film and novel: The Wizard of Oz. The decorations included a yellow “brick” road for everyone to skip on like Dorothy and Toto, an emerald city mural for pictures, and other sorts of things that turned the DHS we know and love right into Oz itself.

The 2019 homecoming court was as follows:

- Freshmen - Rylee Bobo and Giovanni Lopez
- Sophomores - Jenavieve Davila and Brick Schiola-Williams
- Juniors - Natavia Graham and Ashton Lottes
- King and queen candidates - Inga Collin and Zach Russell, Isaiah Youngquist and Alondra Gamez, Yaya Ross and Emmet Brei, and Lexi Langston and Fabian Lopez
- King and queen winners - Nina Mitchell and Junior Tate

Student Council shined with this year’s dance. Without them, their advisors, and all their hard work, there would be no event at all.

Whether it was spent dancing in ruby slippers or singing brightly like Glinda the Good, the night was so filled with fun, even the Wicked Witch of The West would have enjoyed it.



Jamaican Jerk Chicken

Directions

Sweet and delicious just for you.

By Tiana Tingling

Having regular chicken is fine, but why have it all the time? The jerk chicken is recipe simple to make. It can be sweet, hot, or even chewy Jerk chicken is a dish that is easy to make and will satisfy your appetite, and the Ingredients that are used to make this recipe are really easy to find.

Ingredients:

- One chicken
- Vinegar
- 2 large containers
- Walkers wood Traditional Jamaica jerk seasoning hot & spicy.
- Stone mill Seasoned salt
- Water
- Spoon/ fork/ knife.
- 1 container

Festival ingredients:

- 2 cups of flour
- Large Bowl
- One table spoon
- Large Pot
- Oil 1/2 a bottle of the small oil
- 2 teaspoon of Baking powder
- 2 tablespoon sugar
- ½ Salt
- ½ cup Cornmeal
- 1 cup Water
- 1 plate

Sauce:

- Ketchup
- Barbecue

How to preparing the chicken:

1. Wash hands.
2. Purchase a large or small chicken, Take off any fat or hair that was left on the chicken. Then Remove

the inside of the chicken. DO NOT REMOVE THE SKIN off the chicken. Then cut it up into large pieces.

3. Cut the chicken into 4 pieces,
 - First half is cut vertical, cutting it directly down the spine, so it will give you 2 pieces of halves.
 - After getting these 2 halves pieces now, cut them into 2 halves. Note cut it horizontally so you have the leg on one piece, and the wing on the other piece.
 - Now you should have 4 pieces of chicken.

4. 4. Place the large pieces of chicken into a large container. Add water and a small amount of viginer into the container, proceed to wash the chicken once.
5. After washing the chicken, drain the water out of the container of chicken. Remove the chicken out of that container and proceed to put it in another container.
6. After placing the chicken into another container, apply the seasons to it.
7. Add a spoon of the Jamaican seasoning “hot & spicy”. Not a fan of spice? Limit the amount of spice.
8. Add 3-4 hand shakes of the stone mill season salt.
9. Use your hand to rub the seasoning into every piece of the chicken.
10. Cover the container and leave the chicken pieces to soak in the seasoning for at least 30 minutes or overnight.
11. When ready to cook, precede to cook on grill on 350 degrees
12. Place the chicken on the grill. DO NOT STACK THEN ON TOP OF EACH OTHER. Must have some space in between them.
13. Give at least 30 minutes then flip the chicken over.
14. The sauce that you used to marinate the chicken add a LITTLE water to it then use that the rub over the surface of the chicken each time you turn it.

15. Lower the temperature of the grill, so that the chicken will be able to cook properly.
16. While turning the chicken using a fork to pierce the chicken and once the juice that runs out is clear then it is good to go.
17. Your chicken is finished cooking.

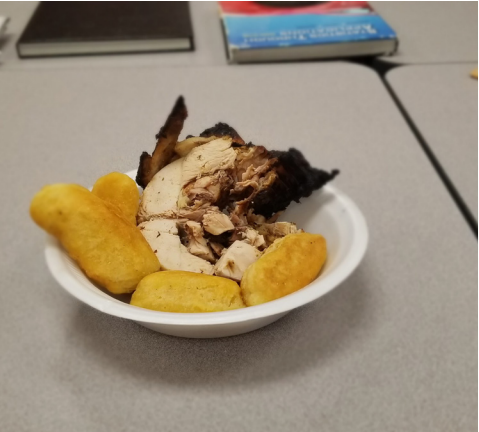
Introducing for the festival: Vegetarians? Are able to eat this.

1. Wash hands
2. Add 2 cup Flour, ½ caramel, ½ teaspoon of salt, 2 teaspoons of baking powder and 2 tablespoon sugar in a container.
3. Mix them together then add 1 cup of water.
4. After adding the water mix it around with your hand or a spoon until you have a texture that you can roll long dumplings.
5. Get a pot and oil, place 1/2 a bottle of it in the pot. it on the heated stove, let the oil get hot while you are rolling up the dumplings.
6. Make the dumplings, and add it into the hot oil.
7. Turn while frying until brown on both sides, then remove from pot!

Finish product:

1. Place on plates and add ketchup or barbecue as a sauce.

Enjoy.



The finished recipe! Photo taken Emma Komes

The Herd of 18 Democrats

It's raining politics and diversity

by Sierra Cleveland

Eighteen Democrats and one race. One democrat is openly gay, another is half Indian and African American. With a diverse group of candidates, imagine the obstacles that these 18 democrats will need to face when a world has such diverse views.

When you hear the topic “18 Democrats” you probably hear a large quantity of people who wear the color blue and are from the same political group just trying to win the office. What should be heard are the words “change” and “opportunities.” A lot of these Deomcrats have those words riddled all over them.

Kamala Harris was elected to the US senate as a Democrat in 2016. She is the first Indian American to serve as U.S Senate as well as the second African American female. She is also the first African American female to hold the longest post for being elected attorney general of California.

Pete Buttigieg, if elected, would be the youngest and first openly gay American President. He is married o a man named Chasten Buttigieg. He is very opposed to discrimination and believes we should work in an equal environment.

A 53 year old politician, Steve Bullock plans to win over Trump sup-



Kamala Harris beaming with a smile from ear to ear
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porters with his intellegiance and relevance. He plans to expand Medicaid, supports gay marriage and expunge dark money from the state politics.

Michael Bennet, born in India, is now an American businessman, lawyer and politician who represents Colorado. He has served in the Senate since 2009 but was forced to hold off on entering the race following a diagnosis and subsequent treatment of prostate cancer in April.

We all ready know how Barack Obama and Joe Biden are rocking, two besties were chilling in the white house. Now Biden is running for office, Biden’s reputation may be applauded due to his adored friendship with Obama, but it is also boo’d at due to his public response to making some females uncomfortable (unwanted touching to be exact).

If you ever get caught in a snow-storm, don’t fear, Cory Booker is here. Booker is not only acknowledged for his Twitter following of more than 4 million people, but he is also known for his heroic act upon shoveling residents out after major snowstorms.

Amongst all of the diversity lies only one Latino in the 2020 field. Julian Castro began a campaign that will look to turn his uniquely American immigrant story into a direct repudiation of President Donald Trump. He also worked for Obama.

John Delany used to be the youngest CEO on the New York Stock Exchange, but he is now working to gain more recognition. He may be more popular than he thinks as he was Trump’s first 2020 challenger.

Elizabeth Warren is one of the front runners in this election. Prior to politics, she was a school teacher, law professor, and a lawyer. She was once a registered Republican but left



Pete Buttigieg depicted in an artistic form
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the party when she felt it was becoming too pro-Wall street. She plans on financing Medicare for all, securing LGBT+ rights and equality, ending private prisons, fighting for justice as we combat the climate crisis, ensuring every student has access to a high quality public education, and much more.

Free college, legalized marijuana, expanded healthcare, and broadened social safety are all of the ideologies being dispersed by one man, and his name is Bernie Sanders. They are very progressive proposals, but it seems many other Democrats propose the same ideas.

Although this man ran unsuccessfully for a Senate seat in 2018, Beto O’Rourke gained national attention for his comment on the civil rights movement portrayed by Colin Kaepernick.O’Rourke defended this movement as he called it “nonviolent and peaceful”.



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Big Sis Lil Sis

Continuing the tradition

by Clare Corbin

On the Tuesday of Homecoming week, a large group of senior girls took out their freshmen “lil sis” for a very early breakfast at The Junction after dressing them up in crazy costumes and ridiculous hair do’s. Before everyone entered the school, the freshman and senior girls created a walkway into the school, then clapped and cheered when a senior walked through. The seniors were allowed to dress their lil sis’ any way they would like, as long as it is was school appropriate. The freshmen were supposed to stay in their outfit for the whole school day, unless complications arise.

After being outside, everyone walked through the front doors and thoughtout the school as a group chanting “seniors, seniors we love you, seniors, seniors are better than you!” The whole school’s eyes were glued to the group of girls and their crazy outfits. Throughout the school day, whenever a senior yelled “seniors” in the hallway, the freshen lil sis’ had to yell back “go crazy” and hit the woah.

Many of the girls agreed they had a good time. Freshman Maddy McNeil stated, “It was fun to dress up crazy at school, and it was a super fun morning even though it was crazy.”

Freshman Hannah Squires said,“getting dressed up was super fun, and it was awesome seeing everyone’s costumes that were just as crazy as yours. It wasn’t too embarassing.”

Big sis lil sis has been a on going tradition for many years, although not led by the school. In the past, senior girls had taken things too far, and it started to become a problem with administration. With that being said, the seniors knew they had to do things more appropriately this year, so that the tradition, and the fun that came

along could continue on.

We asked a few of the girls why they wanted to be a lil sis and when we asked, freshman Hannah Squires replied,“I heard it was a super fun experience, and it was a good way to make new friends, as well as always having someone to ask for advice during your first year.”

Another lil sis stated, “High school

was going to be new and it was nice to know I had someone who’s had a lot of experience in their four years, I also wanted to make new friends” freshman Jisela Marquez added.

This tradition is meant to be a bonding experience between freshman and senior girls. Hopefully this is a tradition that DHS will have for many years to come.



Halloween Spirit

Welcome to spooky season!

by Alexa Schultz

There are many fall activities that can be considered staples of the season or new trends. Many students and adults alike want to start getting ready for all the Fall Vibes as soon as pumpkin products hit the shelves. Fall is also the time for spooky decor and scary costumes.

Halloween is the most exciting holiday of the fall season. Everyone gathers around during the fall season to go out and do some spooky/fun activities before the weather gets colder.

Going to a haunted cornmaze or haunted houses is a wonderful Halloween/fall tradition. There are many fun and spooky corn mazes to visit.

Locally, Jonamac Orchard has many fun fall activities. They have two separate corn mazes, one that is scary and one that is not. Also, visitors to Jonamac can buy yummy donuts, soft drinks, or other treats after completing the maze!

Haunted houses are fun, but sometimes deciding which one to go to can be tricky. One solid haunted house franchise is Halloween Town located throughout the Chicago suburbs. This haunted house was very fun to go to, and they have a lot of scary decorations. It gives off the spooky vibe for this spooky season!

As there are different activities, there are also a lot of good ideas for costumes. It can be difficult to decide on a costume, so here are a few ideas to help in the process.

Dressing up for Halloween is another popular activity this time of year. There are many trendy costumes that teenagers in high school like to wear. These will probably give you some ideas on some things on what to wear and some overall ideas on if you decide to get these

costumes, or even if you might want to go and make your own costume. Some people like getting creative with their things and decide to just make the costumes by hand.

Some of the more trendy costumes that people like to make by hand are costumes like Harley Quinn and the Joker from *Batman/Suicide Squad*. How they can make these costumes is getting the materials needed to make it. How it is made is people get cloth



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and a wig, and the weave and sew the clothing together and produce a costume in their own creative style. They sew and they make other detailing/designs to combine to make the costume.

One thing people(mostly girl teens) like to dress up the most as is a cat, especially because it is easy and a cute simple costume that can be easily put together.

A common costume for guys is Batman or some type of character from their game of interest. The second most common costuming is cosplaying.

Cosplaying is like an overall exact look-a-like to a character that you choose to dress as. People that cosplay more design their own clothes/costumes, they love producing their own content into their own costume and they do quite a bit get creative with the ideas that they come up with.

If you don’t like designing your own costume, it is okay! There are a few stores that sell some pretty decent costumes online and around your local store. The best idea to go for the costumes is Spirit Halloween in Dekalb. They have a wide variety of choices, and they do have a lot of costumes and ones that you can mix if you ever feel like getting fun and creative with what you want to do with your costume! When all else fails, Target and Walmart always have a few costumes in stock.

Waiting until the last minute can be stressful, but Amazon has a solution for that! Many items can be purchased on a budget and delivered the next day with Prime.

An even more budget friendly option is Goodwill. Goodwill has a lot of variety of cute costumes and fall decorations on a budget.

Whatever you do this Halloween season, have fun and be safe! Happy trick-or-treating!



Homecoming Spirit Week 2019-2020

Spirit Week included goofy dress up themes and lots of fun!

by Asia Greer

Monday's dress-up theme was decades. The themes were 60's for freshmen, 70's for sophomores, 80's for juniors, and 90's for seniors. Many more upperclassmen dressed up than the underclassmen, but there were still some many different styles displayed in the halls.

Tuesday's theme, a less popular theme for the week was college gear. Junior Daijana Hill told the Barbed Wire that this was her favorite day because she "has a lot of college wear" and wants to "represent the colleges [she] wants to go to in the future."

Wednesday's theme was meme day. Many students dressed up as the new aesthetic, the "VSCO girl.". Others dressed up as the classic Angry Arthur, Kermit the Frog, and other pop culture references. Freshman Unique Omaydayo told the Barbed Wire that meme day was her favorite day because she "got to be an E-girl." Senior Kayla Webb said "It was the only day that seemed like everybody tried [to dress up] and it was entertaining to see everyone interact."

Thursday's theme was generation day. This consisted of each class dressing like a certain age group of people. The freshmen dressed like babies, the sophomores dressed as toddlers, the juniors dressed as adults, and the seniors dressed as old people. Freshman Illiana Riguard said that generation day was her favorite because she "got to wear a onesie."

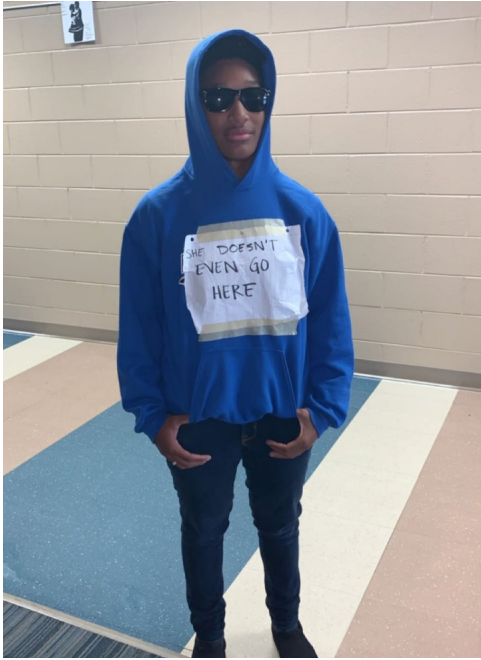
Friday's theme was Barb gear and many staff and students were caught wearing our oh so sacred school colors in the hallways and at our pep assembly.



Pictured from the left, Seniors Iyanla Ross, Sierra Cleveland, Abby Jamison, and Asia Greer dressed as senior citizens. Photo courtesy of Emma Komes.



Underclassmen girls dressed as "vSCO" girls. Photo courtesy of Nina Mitchell.



Kayla Webb dressed as Damian Leigh, from the popular chick flick "Mean Girls". Her hoodie reads the popular phrase "She doesn't even go here" Photo courtesy of Sanaa Finner.



Senior Powderpuff coaches (pictured left to right) Jalon Redmond and Alex Siebens standing alongside players Nadia Timm, Kayla Webb, Devon Sweeten, and Brianna Jackson at our schoolwide assembly on Friday. Photo courtesy of Emma Komes.



Junior Powderpuff players lining up on the field next to their coach Michael Clayton. Photo Courtesy of Emma Komes.



DeKalb Hip Hop Club performing during the powderpuff halftime show! Photo courtesy of Emma Komes.



Senior Nina Mitchell sporting her freshest Harvard gear.



Senior Alex Rangel is dressed as the vine "I ain't gonna sleep cause of y'all." Photo Courtesy of Florence Omaydayo



Senior Bella Gentile as the Messy Bun Bratz meme. Photo Courtesy of Bella Gentile.