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## Homecoming Proposals

Posters, Chocolate, and Puns Oh My!

by Sierra Cleveland

“If you were a booger, I’d pick you first, will you boogie on down to Hoco with me?”. You would probably reject this proposal to homecoming and think it’s grotesque, which it is, and that’s why I am going to provide you with better proposals made by our very own barbs. It’s that time of the year when students rush to find a mate for the homecoming dance. Creativity comes to surface as barbs find unique ways to ask their friends/dates out for a night of dancing, fun and socialising. Here are some students that will be participating in the 2019 Homecoming event.

Erin Coulter had been planning a surprise hoco proposal for Alec Slowinski. Slowinski was spending time in the sophomore locker bay until a poster that read “Of all the fish in the sea, I’m so glad you swam to me! Whale you go to Homecoming with me?” This is the type of pun that swept Alec right off his feet because he said “YES” with all the excitement left in his lungs! Coulter said his reaction was the cutest thing ever!

Danny Curran with the help of a friend designed a poster for his beautiful girl Emma Collins. With the lack of knowledge on Collin’s exact location, he messaged Collin’s brother to

see where she was so he could give her the ultimate surprise. Emma and her friend were at a park, so that was where Curran’s next mission took place. Curran pulled up with his squad and walked up to her poster in hand citing, “I don’t dance but here I am asking you to teach me. Homecoming?” Emma gave Curran the biggest hug with happiness glowing in her eyes, and that couldn’t have made Danny anymore touched!

Claudie Miller, a junior, asked Chase Littlefield to homecoming with a poster that read “Will you bless my soul and

his favorite snacks as well. Littlefield said yes and gave her a hug!

Juan Castro had a surprise waiting in store for his girlfriend, Megan Kowalski. With a poster that read “You’re the only chick I wanna dance with” and a meal from Chick-fil-A, it was an automatic entry to a girls heart. (Kowalski is on crutches at the moment, but that shouldn’t stop her from getting her groove on.) Castro was standing outside of Kowalski’s bedroom



be my hot patootie at homecoming”. This is a reference from one of Miller’s favorite movie “Rocky Horror Picture Show”. She surprised Littlefield in his home with not only the poster but with



door with the poster and food in hand patiently awaiting his girlfriends presence to walk through the door. When Kowalski opened her door, she let out a sigh that said, “I knew this was coming”, and she hugged him.

# Hurricane Dorian

Hey Barbs, did you know?

by Tiana Tingling

damage and sank part of the island in Port Royal.

I was not conceived yet, to have gone through it, but I was told the story by many people who had survived the hurricane. It was the worst of the worst.

Through all of that, I can say that I was in Jamaica when Hurricane Matthew hit. I was around 13-14 years old at the time.

Hurricane Matthew was not the first and certainly not the last hurricane that I have been through, and I know, Matthew is nothing compared to Gilbert and Dorian.

Matthew did not hit Jamaica but it passed over us. It did not do any major damage, but it was not one of those Hurricanes that you could go outside when the eye of the hurricane is passing.

The Bahamas was not the only place that was hit by Hurricane Dorian, Florida had 3 death, Puerto Rico had 1 death.

There is a lot of countries helping the people for Bahamas, but there is still a lot of lack of help for them, they still need a lot of help to get things together, to find mission people and feed children.

Many famous people like Tiger Woods and Justin Timberlake, establish One Bahamas Fund to help raise money to give back to the people of the Bahamas.

So inconclusive if you can give help, help, hurricanes are not a nice thing especially a category 5 hurricane. Show a bit of kind an love in your heart for the people in the Bahamas, Florida and Puerto Rico, it will ease someone's pain.

Many people may not know that on August 24 2019, there was a hurricane in the Caribbean. Hurricane Dorian, a category 5 hurricane that had hit the Bahamas, really destroyed the island, it caused about \$7 billion worth of damage. Many lives had been lost, up to 50 dead, and many more unaccounted for.

They are struggling to get there life back on track, and make ends meet, but they know that the have the support of many of their neighboring island.

Like Jamaica, the people of Jamaica have created fundraisers to get money, food and shelter to send to the people in the Bahamas.

By sending food and other supply to the people of Bahamas, it would be a big deal, because it would be one less thing the have to worry about. Many have lost there homes, due to the hurricane destroying buildings, houses, hotels, and communities.

Losing a whole community is a lot because you live around people who you want to help raise your child.

Even if you don't want to accept it, we as Carib's "Caribbeans" know this is true. Many people think that it is just a saying, that it is not true, but for people in the Caribbean a village/community is what helps influence how your child is raised.

Hurricane Gilbert had hit Jamaica in 1988, it was the worst hurricane Jamaica had gone through. This was the hurricane that killed 200 hundreds people, it cause \$3 billion dollars in



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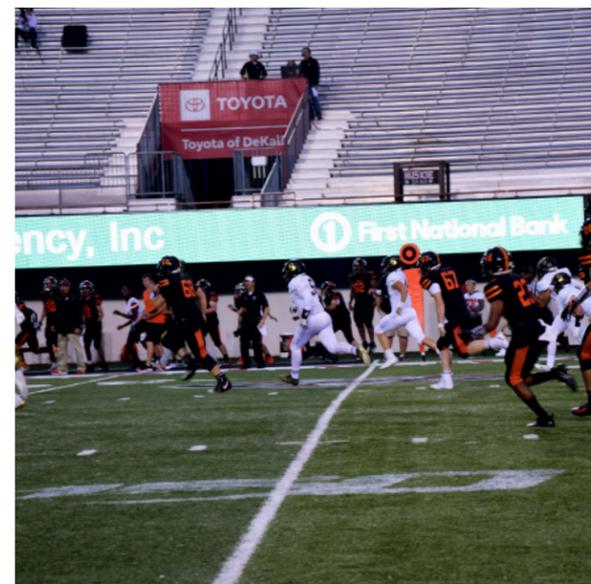
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Friday Night Lights! Photos taken by Emma Komes.

## First National Bank Challenge

### Barbs defeat Spartans

by Jasmin Garcia & Becca Shank



On Friday, September 6, 2019 DeKalb and Sycamore had their 20th annual First National Bank Challenge football game.

The Barbs defeated the Spartans 13-0. The Barbs shut out the Spartans to move to 2-0 on the season after two games.

The Barbs scored on a 15 yard pass caught by senior Avery Medina. The extra point was missed to make the score 6-0. Senior Jalon Redmond scored late in the game, and the extra point made the score 13-0.

Senior Donovan Lacey was interviewed before the big game. When asked how he feels playing on the football team at DHS, Lacey said "I get

to play football with my friends, and it's a sport that I enjoy being a part of."

When asked who he looks up to, Redmond, before the big game, replied with, "my dad because he's my role model."

Redmond also described his biggest success in high school sports as, "receiving scholarships and being D1."

Coach Green is an assistant coach for the football team. When asked what he feels the most rewarding part of coaching is, Green replied "just seeing the kids succeed, watching them grow in next four years,"

Green added that it's nice watching the freshman mature over their four

years. He said it's nice "watching so many senior kids who were freshmen and not very smart, growing to very intelligent young men and women to see them in college."

Green explained one of the expectations he has for his athletes. "I have one of those rules for my athletes that when they graduate and go to college that they bring me a college shirt. I can have my little collection as the years go past that's the rewards I can see, and the relationships I build with my athletes"

The Barbs did a thrilling job and took the victory on Friday. Congrats Barbs! You were amazing!



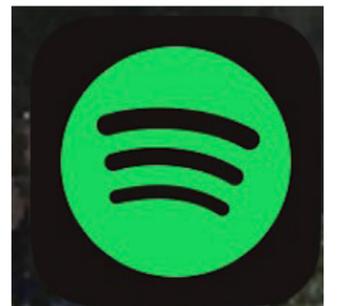
## A Playlist to Calm You Down

Here's some songs to help you slow down when everything else is too fast

by Khadija Nagi

High school can be pretty stressful. With demanding classes, busy social lives, and daily extra curriculars, it's hard to find an extra few minutes in a day to relax. Sometimes the best way to calm down is listening to just the right songs to ease all your troubles. Here's a playlist curated to help you slow down and destress:

- i'm so tired... - Lauv, Troye Sivan (Stripped version)
- Cut My Hair - Mounika., Cave-town
- I Will Be Okay - mimi bay
- To Build A Home - The Cinematic Orchestra, Patrick Watson
- Sweet Creature - Harry Styles
- The Sun Will Come up, The Seasons Will Change - Nina Nesbitt
- Sweet Pea - Amos Lee
- Make Me Cry - Jacob Collier
- As Time Goes By - Isabella Ivanova
- Love At First Sight - The Brobecks
- Cali - Matthew And The Atlas
- Golden Slumbers - The Beatles
- Nothing Special - tiffi
- Betsy - Billie Marten
- In The Mourning - Paramore
- Don't Go Home Without Me - Lights
- Clear Bridge - Ahron Kupner
- Arms Unfolding - dodie
- Lover - Luke Sital-Singh
- Esau - Billy Davis
- Plastic - Moses Sumney
- Forgiveness - Paramore
- With A Song In My Heart - Ella Fitzgerald
- Incomplete - James Bay
- Home Is Such A Lonely Place - blink-182
- February Air - Lights
- Hakuna Matata - The Lion King
- Pretty Birds - biosphere
- Godspeed - Frank Ocean
- Stars - Alessia Cara
- Birthday in Los Angeles - The Maine
- Nineteen - Hayley Williams
- Everything Stays - Olivia Olson
- Kicks (River Recording) - Lights
- Birds - Thomas Sanders
- Brand New Moves - Hey Violet
- Tokyo Narita (Freestyle) - Halsey, Lido
- (Un)Lost - The Maine
- I Heard You Singing - Jacob Collier, Becca Stevens, Chris Thile
- Misguided Ghosts - Paramore
- BLUE - Troye Sivan, Alex Hope
- Liability - Lorde
- Mind over Matter (Acoustic) - PVRIS
- Get Money - Madlib
- October - Eric Whitacre
- Drive - Oh Wonder
- Forrest Gump - Frank Ocean
- Studio 6 - Matt Maltese
- Cheers Darlin' Damien Rice
- Blue Flowers - Xinxin
- Taking Up Space - Mustard Service
- Blue Room - Wavy i.d
- Want U Back - Spencer.
- Time To Rest Your Weary Head - Jacob Collier
- Making Chit Chat with a Stranger at a Dinner Party - Michael Seyer
- Eat Some Snacks & Cry - Rock Band For Old Men
- Let's Stay Together - Al Green
- In The Curve - The Avett Brothers
- From The Morning - Nick Drake
- Upside Down - Jack Johnson
- Running for Cover - Ivan & Alyosha
- Laundry Room - The Avett Brothers
- Talk of The Town - Jack Johnson
- Place To Be - Nick Drake
- Patience - The Lumineers
- The Nearness Of You - Norah Johns
- Pale Blue Eyes - The Velvet Underground
- Grows Old - Thirdstory
- River - Leon Bridges
- Hold You in My Arms - Ray LaMontagne
- Here In My Arms - Leon Bridges
- Pink Moon - Nick Drake



Screenshot provided by Sydney McNett

## Apple Orchard Fun

*Apple orchards and apple donuts*

*by Anthony Burgess*

Apple Orchards, a hallmark of the fall season. I doubt I'm only speaking for myself here, thoughts of fall make me think of the nice weather, apple cider, and apple donuts. The DeKalb area has a number of apple orchards to choose from

First one everybody knows Jonomac. While Jonomac is well known for its apple products, (donuts, and cider) I think the best part about it is the scary maze they have each year.

Also the activities Jonomac offers are fun even if they are meant for kids. With all the good activities Jonomac has you'd think it is the best place to go, but one drawback to Jonomac is the crowds. It is often packed, the scary maze especially. Don't worry though I have more options for you to choose from.

Kuipers is also a great orchard for you to visit. They have great apple cider. Their apple donuts though smaller than Jonomacs still delectable. It also has a wide range of activities for you and your siblings to participate in like haybales, mazes, and tractor rides.

I like to pick the apples and throw them at Noah Baumbach. The only downside to Kuipers is that it is farther than Jonomac, Kuipers is definitely my preferred orchard even though it's where I broke my ankle.

By far one of the prettiest orchards I've been to is the Honey Hill Orchard near Waterman II. It provides great scenery but is lacking in the activity area. It has a petting zoo and haybales but the haybales are very lackluster

and boring, if you want good haybales for your siblings and or kids I'd go to Jonomac. If you're looking for a place to pick great pumpkins Honey Hill by far has the best and biggest out of these three.

All three of these orchards are great choices whether you're looking for some family fun or a place to hangout and get apple cider with some friends. Orchards make the fall season for me personally and these are my personal favorites.

When I asked a fellow student what their favorite orchard out of the three they said "Kuiper is my favorite because I like their apple cider but Jonomac is really fun too"- Emma Bergeson.



*Apple picking. Photo provided by Anthony Burgess*



*Photo Provided by Arianna Rodriguez*

## 7 Clubs For You To Check Out This Year

*Need something to do after school? Look no further!*

*by Khadija Nagi*

There's not much worse than being bored. Coming home from school with nothing to do and nobody to keep to keep you company gets old after a while. As high school students, there's an easy fix to this problem: join a club!

Dekalb High School offers many different clubs and activities to its students. The building is practically always in use by some group or another. If you're looking to join something new but don't know where to start, look no further. Here's six different clubs that might pique your interest:

### *Graphics Club*

The DHS Graphics Club does production jobs for the school and district. This group mixes community enrichment and technology into one activity. This includes things such as learning about the production of products, making t-shirts, or creating designs and art. This group meets every tuesday from 3 to 5 in room N116. For more information, talk to Mr. Bounds who advises and runs the club.

### *Students Against Destructive Decisions*

Students Against Destructive Decisions, or formerly known as Students Against Drunk Driving, is a nationwide program that aims to educate students in being safe and making smart choices. Two of the biggest events that this group partakes in are Dead Day and DUI Day which both aim to remind students to make safe choices. The Dekalb chapter of this organization meets on Thursdays at 7:15am before

school in room E108. If you have any questions, Ms. Jourdan or Ms. Powell, the overseers of the program, would happily answer them,

### *Sci-fi Club*

From Frankenstein to Star Wars to Lord of The Rings, the DHS Sci-fi Club is for lovers of all things science fiction and fantasy. This group watches and discusses films under these genres and also partakes in playing games that also have to do with the subjects. Mr. Gonzales advises this club and can answer any questions you might have. They meet on Mondays at 3 in room E208.

### *Gender and Sexuality Alliance (GSA)*

The Gender and Sexuality Alliance, formerly the the Gay Straight Alliance, is a group of people who want to celebrate individuality and acceptance especially regarding sexual orientation and gender identity. GSA aims to provide a safe space for students to support each other and talk to each other to create a strong sense of community of LGBTQ and straight ally teens. For more information you can contact Ms. Krone who advises and oversees the group. To attend a meeting you can find GSA at 3 on wednesdays in room W209.

### *Outdoor Adventure Club*

This last club is for those of you with a taste for nature and adventure. Under the direction of Mr. Petrov, the Outdoor Adventure Club partakes

recreational activities all based in the wilderness. The group meets every first Monday of each month and gets together on Sundays at 6 in room W109.

### *Spanish Club*

The DHS Spanish Club is one of Dekalb's most iconic clubs. This group participates in major events such as the Day of The Dead, a Christmas fiesta, Cinco de Mayo and other various things. To join, a student has to be in a spanish class or have been in one but they would not be required to speak spanish at the meetings. Meeting times for Spanish Club can be found written in the FTLA of the foreign language wing.

Clubs are a great way for students to create communities and build relationships. They're also a great and enriching way to spend the time that's usually spent at home watching Netflix. Hopefully your after school boredom can be cured by these unique groups.

### *Key Club*

Key club isn't exactly what it sounds like. If you want to get volunteer hours for colleges key club is down your alley. It has many opportunities to help out for our school and for other schools. Some of the things that key club does is they go to our elementary schools and help out with the book fairs. The meetings take place in flex and only lasts about 15 minutes. Check it out Barbs!

# Fall Fashion

Bring on the cold weather!

by Sydney McNett

As you walk through DeKalb High School you may start seeing some very cute outfits wandering the hallways. It's finally starting to get chilly! There are so many different outfit choices people wear, let's take a look at our fellow Barbs and their cute, fun and cozy fall outfits!



Senior Zoie Bicksler looking cute in her outfit this fall! love the color of your Shirt Zoie!



Photo provided by Sydney McNett  
Senior Allison Yohanan is rockin' her outfit! Cute belt Allison!



Photo taken by Sydney McNett  
Senior Arianna Rodriguez is looking very fall festive this year. Cute Sweater Aranna!



Photo taken by Sydney McNett

Junior Charles Vivirito is showing his "fall fashion" by wearing what appears to be a very comfy sweatshirt. Nice outfit Charles!

Photo provided by Sydney McNett



Photo taken by Sydney McNett  
Senior Benecio bolden showing his "fall Swag". Nice jeans Benecio.



Australian Couple Apple picking! Photo provided by Sydney McNett



Photo taken by Sydney McNett



Photo provided by Arianna Rodriguez



Photo provided by Arianna Rodriguez



Pony Ride! Photo provided by Arianna Rodriguez

## When They See Us

The sad reality

by Clare Corbin

When *They See Us*, a movie based on the harrowing events of the Central Park Five came out on Netflix in May of 2019. These innocent African-American teenage boys living in Harlem, New York City during the year of 1989 were wrongfully convicted of beating and raping a woman that was jogging through Central Park late at night. Some of them weren't even 16 years of age.

The boys had just been having fun at the park, when a group of gang members started fighting. The cops appeared, and like anyone else would do, they ran. These boys were taken in by the police and cruelly questioned

without a lawyer, or even a parent present. NYPD lied, and forced the boys to lie in order to turn on each other. They did this so that they could put together a story that seems evident, even if it means beating the boys until they break.

Since only a few of their stories align, when it comes to the trial, the boys are separated into smaller groups so that it would be easier to convict them. The prosecution proposes a deal with the boys, asking them to admit to a crime they didn't do, but they don't agree. After many trials, the jury finds these five boys guilty. They're directly sent to juvenile detention centers, except Korey Wise, the only one who is immediately sent to federal prison.

After spending 15 years in prison, the five men finally taste freedom again. They soon find out that it is much harder to live their lives the way they had planned, with all of the rules and restrictions put on them. Especially being forced to register as a sex offender. One of the hardest things the

men are still going through is people of the community continually harassing them about their wrongful conviction. After a few years of trying to figure out life again, the men are dismissed from all charges after the true criminal confesses. All of them are overwhelmed with happiness, and just glad to say it's finally over.

This series was one of the best Netflix originals that has been made. The show perfectly told the story of the Central Park Five. The actors that were chosen to play these roles were on point, they looked very much like, and really represented the actual victims. This series was an eye opener for most people, and showed many of the hardships African-American men go through when it comes to his own community, down to the police. This show was one that made your stomach turn, through the realistic portrayal of how these men were treated. Overall, these four episodes were four of the best representations of the hardships and injustice African-American men face in society.

## Caramel Apple Slices

A simple and sweet twist on the classic caramel apple.

by Asia Greer

This recipe is super simple and sweet! It was inspired by *justapinch.com*. These caramel apples are perfect for fall parties and tailgating. You can also make this for a twist on an after school snack.

Prep Time: 15 minutes  
Total Time: 2 hours

Ingredients:

- Granny Smith Apples
- Caramel

Directions:

1. Cut apples in half and remove the stems.
2. Hollow out each by coring and shaving away some of the inner apple. (Muffin tin can be used to help balance them).
3. Fill with warmed caramel (can make homemade caramel or use store-bought and microwave it in 15 second

4. Let the caramel cool and harden. Once completely cooled, cut apples into slices and serve.

Hopefully these simple yet delicious caramel apples are one for the books! Have a fantastic fall season folks.



Caramel Apples!! Photo taken by Emma Komes

## Book Review: The Hitchhiker's Guide To The Galaxy

Get your towels ready!

by Leah Sibley

*The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy* is a book for those who love an adventure with wacky characters and lots of humor.

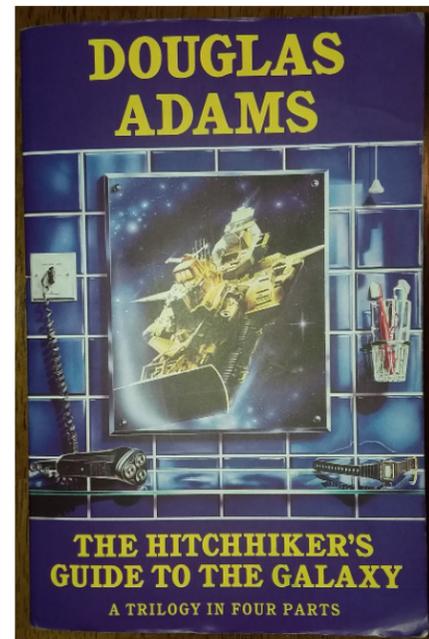
The Hitchhiker's Guide is told in the perspective of Arthur Dent, who is the last human being alive after Earth gets destroyed by a bureaucratic race of aliens called the Vogons. Arthur is accompanied by his alien friend Ford Prefect, who is writing the Hitchhiker's Guide.

After Earth is destroyed, Ford brings Arthur along on his wacky adventures across the Universe, during which they meet the President of the Galaxy, the only other human alive, and a Paranoid Android.

This book, though drawn out at times, is worth a read. Written by

Douglas Adams and published in 1979, the 208 page book is the first of six in the series, and it has been made into a movie, TV series, and radio show. You can no longer buy the book in separate copies, but you can buy the whole set for a reasonably good price.

Because of Adams' style of writing, this book is not for everyone. It is difficult to read for those that want hard hitting action and straightforward plot. However if you stick with it and read through the hard parts, it'll be worth your while. This book is not considered a classic, but it is famous enough that it should be. I think that this book is worth the read, and I highly recommend it!



*The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy, Douglas Adams, Published 1979*

## Fall craft

Cute and Easy!

by Alexa Schultz

This art is based off of autumn theme, the nature can go out and inspire people to go and make things for the fall. This inspiration is from my own ideas.

I decided to draw a regular leaf, this represents the fall leaves that come off of the trees. There are different types of designs and drawings within the leaf that is cut out and drawn. Pumpkins, they're a great decoration and a good way of thinking that Halloween is around the corner! The apples represent the delicious apple pies that people love to make and eat, they even love the classic cinnamon apples! The wind represents

that winter is just a near season away, the weather is growing colder and summer is finally coming to a near end. The corn represents that fall is when they're in season, a lot of people love corn for a classic part of their meals! We all love some yummy and fresh corn to have during this fall season! The little turkey represents thanksgiving, thanksgiving is fantastic and a lot of people enjoy having some

nice, crispy turkey during this season. I think that this idea was very fun and I think it will be fun for people that love the fall season! We are excited to see the beautiful nature go into the fall season! The humid, disgusting weather to the summer is coming to an end. This is a warming welcome to this fall season of 2019! Hello fall season! Goodbye Summer 2019!

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## Freshmen Check in

Checking in with the class of 2023

by Sara Collins

Transition to high school can be difficult. New teachers, new rules, new classmates, and a new building. Many people hear about how nervous and excited the freshmen are coming in to High School. However, only their closest friends and family hear how high school is really going.

High school can be hard sometimes. It's different than middle school with new challenges to go through. The only way to know how the current freshmen feel about high school is to ask them.

Freshman Taylor Hennessee talked about her favorite part of the day. "My favorite part about school is band and Spanish."

Before school started, she had a few concerns. Hennessee thought there would be more bullies around school.

Hennessee also thought "the school would be bigger and more challenging." As the weeks go on, however, she has found that the building is not so big and there aren't that many bullies.

Freshman Josiah Edwards thought "high school would be different. The teachers are building are way different."

Edwards feels school is decent. When asked what he thinks about the crowds in the hallway, Edwards replied, "the people move too slow in the hallways. They should walk faster and not block the hallway"

Another Freshman that was interviewed was Justin Hernandez. His freshman year is going "decent so far."

Hernandez had thought there

would be more homework, but it's less than he thought. He thinks it will get harder as his freshman year passes.

Hernandez thought "High school would be way harder than it is. It's not what I expected."

Jacob Garcia said his freshman year "is going good. As the year started, I thought it would be more work. So far it's not as bad as I thought."

After almost a quarter in high school, many freshmen have realized that high school is not as difficult or scary as they originally believed it would be. Other than complaints about the number of students in the hallway, the students interviewed feel comfortable at DHS.

While walking around the halls of DHS, the Barbwire went and asked some freshmen how they were feeling with the new school year and how they are feeling.

When being asked what their favorite thing about freshman year was so far, Freshman Javahn Smith said that "the passing periods" He really likes how much time he gets compared to his middle school.



Picture taken by Emma Komes

Oskar Boyce explained to us that "we have more time talking to friends and having conversation"



Taken by Emma Komes

Finally freshman Terrance Davis said that "He is excited about learning things and helping the future."



Photo taken by Emma Komes

We wish our best to the freshman class and their journey through high-school! Have fun, it goes by fast! Here's to class of 2023!

## Gamergirl Bath- water Sickers

Who is this Sticker Stinker?

by Emma Komes

Belle Delphine is a cos-player who has become internet famous by posting photos and videos with what's called an ahegao face. She even went so far as to sell her bathwater at one point. Ever since she got banned from Instagram, she has been silent. Now, there are stickers depicting Belle's infamous "Gamer Girl Bathwater" appearing around the school.

When asked about Belle Delphine and her influence with selling her bathwater, Dean of students Ty Carlson thinks that what Belle does is "more stupid than E-sports." Additionally, he feels bad for whoever "put time and money into" putting those stickers around the school.

Senior Cassidy Ferguson says that the stickers "don't bother me" but her first question was, "oh my god, who bought that bath water?!"

Ferguson says that she the random stickers are "definitely just a 'haha I think I'm funny.'"

When asked about vandalisms, Ferguson said that "I don't think that anyone sees a bath water sticker on an exit sign and thinks 'You know what I'm gonna do next? I'm gonna tag the school.'"

Humanities teacher Martin Eich said "I have no opinion towards her" when asked about Belle's impact on social media. When asked about the stickers, Eich replied with "I think that it is really crappy that a student is essentially putting graffiti in our building...I hate the thought of someone making our custodians work extra time on removing stickers that are stupid".

Carlson had said that whoever is putting these stickers around the

school would get in trouble, so it was surprising when the culprit said that they "didn't think much of it."

When asked if they thought about the consequences now, Bass Slapper 9000 replied with "no I don't really care."



Bass Slapper 9000 explained why they chose that alias. "I play bass in the jazz band."

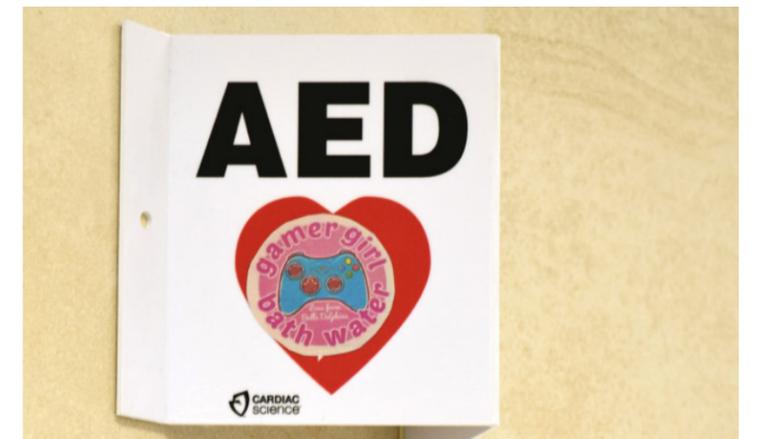
The reason Bass Slapper is putting these stickers around the school is be-



A photo of a Bathwater sticker on a window. Photo provided by Emma Komes

cause "I mostly thought it was funny but I tried to put them on things so that people wouldn't really notice them as much, as well as seeing what reaction I'd get from it. but mostly because I thought it was funny"

These stickers definitely are making quite an impact upon the school. It seems that even though Belle is not on social media anymore, she still has much influence.



A photo of a Bathwater sticker on an AED sign. Photo provided by Emma Komes

# DHS First Pep Assembly

*Let's get pepped up!*

*by Abby Jamison*

On Friday, September 6th, 2019, the Dekalb Barbs had their first pep assembly to get pumped up for the big game against Sycamore. The staff and students all came together to celebrate their barb pride. One of the Drum Majors, junior, Christina Ortega stated, "I loved...how everybody came together as one school to create an atmosphere that was perfect for castle challenge".

To begin, our varsity cheer and dance teams showcased their talents with their new routines. They both got the students excited for the rest of the activities to come.

To transition, the Crows Nest leaders, who were in charge of setting up the assembly, tossed t-shirts into the crowd. Students cheered, trying to direct the throw their direction.

The next event was the first spirit game. The spirit games are always crowd pleasers and are a great way to get students, from freshman to senior

year, involved. In this competition, students, and one pair of teachers, competed with a partner to pop balloons. From lying on the floor, to using a chair, many funny ways were found to pop them.

The most entertaining part of the assembly had to be the student vs staff tug of war. In the first round, the teachers had a quick win over the students. The students fought back in the second match overpowering the staff. The third and final round was to determine the winner of this competition. The teachers cleverly let go of the rope and the students all fell to the floor, shocked. Though the kids won, the teachers still got the last laugh.

Everyone already had high spirits, but Cindy Lofthouse coming out to give her motivational speech only raised them more. She reminded us all that at the end of the day Dekalb High School will always be united as one Barb.

To end the assembly, there was a friendly competition between all the classes to win the last t-shirt. The cheer team individually did their victory cheer for each class to see who was the loudest. The winner was too close to call. There was a tie between the freshmen and the seniors. Athletic Director Peter Goff had each section compete once more. They both cheered their loudest, but the freshmen came out victorious.

Here at DHS, we love our pep assemblies. According to Mr. Goff, our athletic director, "The best part of it... is that we come together as one...I get goosebumps everytime [the students] get loud...It's really a lot of fun." Our first pep assembly was a great way to start of our year, The Crows Nest leaders already have exciting ideas for the assemblies to come, and we can't wait to see what's in store



*DHS Staff Members! Photo taken by Emma Komes*

