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Fun Fall Festivities

By Anna Clair and Joselyn Hernandez

With autumn just around the corner, cozy season and fall activities are also approaching. Colder weather, falling leaves, late night bonfires, and watching our favorite movies snuggled underneath a warm blanket are all part of fall fun. What more could you ask for? Bring your family, friends, or even pets along with you to some of these fall activities coming up.

Current events include:

Swing by **Pearces** before Oct 31 for apple cider, sweet treats, hay bales, a corn maze, and fresh fruits and veggies.

Visit the **Apple Barn Orchard** in Elkhorn for a fun way to spend time with family or friends while enjoying some fall treats and drinks along with some live music.

Enjoy the **Walk of Terror at Alpine Valley Resort** every Friday and Saturday, for a terrific adventure.

Oct 27, 31: **Pumpkin drop & Annual Fall Festival at Lake Geneva's Ziplines and Adventures.** Zipline while trying to drop a pumpkin on the target.

Oct 13-31: **Boney Manor in Genoa City** is a spooky adventure that is a drive-by Halloween experience.

Sep 29- October 28: Stop at **Wisconsin Fear Grounds** for a Haunted House experience in Waukesha.

Oct 13-28: **Dan Patch Stables Haunted Hayride and Barn at Grand Geneva Resort.** They have kid friendly rides, and separate rides from the kid friendly variety for anyone who desires more excitement.

October 31: **Trick or Treating from 4-7 PM in Williams Bay.** Take along friends, family, or friendly pets; dress up; and get candy.

*****Look online for further dates, times, and prices *****



History of Sandwiches

By Jose Pilo and Dylan Karcher

In a hidden valley, deep within a mythical land, known as Delicium, sandwich-making elves, named the Sandwichkins, held a guarded secret. It was whispered among the elders that the very first sandwich was conceived in their realm. The talk began when a mischievous forest gnome named Gobblegrin accidentally dropped a slice of celestial cheese, a slice of honey-glazed ham, and a handful of crisp lettuce leaves between two enchanted mushroom caps. To everyone's amazement, the ingredients didn't fall apart; they melded together harmoniously. The sandwichkins, recognizing the potential, decided to infuse this creation with their own brand of magic. With a sprinkle of stardust and a whisper of ancient spells, they brought this mystical snack to life. Word of the magical sandwich soon spread beyond Delicium's borders. Brave explorers and curious travelers from distant realms came to the hidden valley, eager to experience the ethereal flavors of the creation of the Sandwichkins. As they savored each bite, they felt a sense of delight that transcended mere nourishment. These enchanted sandwiches, infused with the Sandwichkins' magic, became legendary. They were praised in legends throughout the land. Adventurous cooks and chefs from all corners of the world wanted to recreate the sandwich's enchantment, experimenting with various ingredients and combinations, each adding their own touch of magic. Over time, the concept of the sandwich evolved into a global food. From the exotic bánh mì of Vietnam to the towering club sandwiches of America, each culture embraced the magic of the sandwich and made it their own. And so, the infamous sandwich, born from a mischievous gnome's accident and blessed by the enchantment of Sandwichkins, became a beloved and enduring symbol of culinary creativity, uniting people across borders and generations in the magic of good food and shared stories.



2023 Homecoming Court

Homecoming 2023

By Lacey Silverman and Lydia Olson

The 2023 Homecoming week was FULL of competition. The dress up days were Pajamas, Surfers vs Bikers, Country vs Country Club, Class Color, and School Spirit. Most of the intense competition was between the seniors and juniors. The classes broke the school record with the most socks donated for Socktember with 7,700 socks!! The competition continued in the lunch time games as well as Powderpuff. Sadly, for the seniors, the juniors came up with the win. The spirit points were as follows...

Girls Powderpuff

1. Juniors
2. Seniors
3. Sophomores
4. Freshman

Boys Powderpuff

1. Sophomores
2. Freshman
3. Juniors
4. Seniors

Tug of War

1. Juniors
2. Seniors
3. Sophomores
4. Freshman

Hallway Decorating

1. Juniors
2. Seniors
3. Sophomores
4. Freshman

Socktember

1. Juniors
2. Seniors
3. Freshman
4. Sophomores

Overall Results

1. Juniors (906)
2. Seniors (834)
3. Sophomores (692)
4. Freshman (643)



Freshman during their very first tug-of-war
Photo Credit: Ms. Durkin

Group of sophomores cheering on their class
Photo Credit: Ms. Durkin



Teachers attempting a new ski race game!

Photo Credit: Ms. Durkin

Seniors Jake Bradbury and Sofia Normington-Slay during the frozen T-shirt game

Photo Credit: Ms. Durkin



Juniors winning Girls Powderpuff!
Photo Credit: Mr. McKean



Juniors Lydia Olson and Lacey Silverman
Photo Credit: Gabe Olson



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Meeting Mr Morrison

By Lacey Silverman and Lydia Olson

Q: What are you looking forward to this school year? (not basketball related)

A: Knowing more about the culture/community.

Q: What is your favorite school subject?

A: Math and/or stats.

Q: Why did you choose Williams Bay?

A: It was an available position to be able to coach and to teach at the same school.

Q: What sports did you play?

A: Football, basketball, cross-country, track.

Q: Where have you coached before?

A: Maranatha College, Assistant Coach for two years under my dad.

Varsity girls at a school in Minnesota for two years

Q: What are your goals for the basketball season?

A: I'm not focused on wins/loses; I am more focused on seeing how excited the girls are to get better.

Fall Q&A with Ms. Anderson

By Emily Monroe

Q: What is your favorite fall activity?

A: Every year I go with my buddies to a pumpkin patch and we each pick out a pumpkin and get apple cider.

Q: Fun! What is your favorite fall holiday?

A: Halloween.

Q: I totally agree! What is your favorite rainy day activity during fall?

A: Making myself a cup of coffee and writing or playing video games.

Q: Great! What is your favorite fall scent?

A: Cinnamon.

Q: Yum! What is your fondest fall memory from your childhood?

A: I didn't care for it back then, but I love when my mother would make my siblings and I take pictures during the fall every year and it would take so long, but looking back, it was really special to me.

Q: That's so sweet. What is your favorite fall dish?

A: My dad's stuffing with kielbasa.

Q: That actually sounds so good! What is your favorite movie/ TV show to watch during fall?

A: "The Haunting of Hill House."

Q: I watch that show on repeat constantly. What is your favorite thing to eat on Thanksgiving?

A: My dad's homemade rolls.

Q: On the topic of Thanksgiving, what are you thankful for this fall?

A: I'm thankful that my family is safe and that they have been there for me after everything that has happened over these past few years.

Q: Family is so important especially during the holidays. And finally, what's one thing that you would recommend people do this fall?

A: Get a group of your friends together and go to a corn maze.

Interview with Chef N8 Weirick

By Parker Ensminger and Destiny Perez

Q: What's for dinner tonight?

A: We are having flat bread.

Q: What is your favorite season and why?

A: Winter is always my favorite season. I used to play hockey a lot growing up so that's why and I just like the snow.

Q: What is your favorite musical artist?

A: Ben Folds.

Q: Why did you choose to teach band class? Do you ever regret it?

A: I just kind of always liked playing. No, I never regret it.

Q: If you were to teach anything other than band, what would it be?

A: I was good at chemistry, but I would never go into that. Probably something techy.

Q: Who is your favorite student in your high school band?

A: I am not answering that.

Q: What is your opinion on Taylor Swift?

A: My wife loves her. I think she's fine, but I would never go home and play some T Swift. "Out of the Woods" is my jam.

Q: What's your favorite instrument to play?

A: Piano definitely!

The Dark Knight Movie Review

By Vanessa Thompson

The Dark Knight (2008) is an action/adventure movie following the main characters Batman, Lieutenant James Gordon, and District Attorney Harvey Dent as they try to hunt down the man behind the chaos in Gotham City. Their plans, however, are frequently ruined by the Joker who causes the city to go into distress. Throughout the movie, we see Batman, Lieutenant James Gordon, and Harvey Dent all work together to try to stop the Joker; however, the Joker thinks ahead to stop Batman and goes on destroying more of the city. The Joker's main goal is to see how far Batman will go to try and save the city from crime. He tests Batman many times throughout the movie, along with testing the police force and citizens of Gotham.

I think this movie is a great action-packed movie with a great storyline and characters that really bring the movie to life. The actor who plays the Joker does a phenomenal job of showing how crazy the Joker actually is, and how far he's willing to go to cause distress to Gotham. Many times during the movie we see the Joker and Batman go up against each other, causing the viewers to be at the edge of their seats to see what will happen next. I would definitely recommend this movie to anyone who enjoys DC, Marvel, Superhero movies, or just action-packed movies in general.

Overall, I would rate this movie a 9/10. I wasn't so fond of some of the characters because of how bland they were, but overall, this is a great movie with lots of action and plot twists.



Student Section Interviews

By Bayleigh Kozak

I interviewed current students, alumni, and teachers to determine their thoughts about the student section at sporting events.

Within the high school...

Q: What is your favorite dress up theme? Why?

A: I like USA because people always go all out - Katelyn Mckean

Q: What is your favorite chant? Why?

A: OLAY because it gets everyone hyped. - Annmarie Cates

Q: Do you prefer volleyball, football, or basketball student sections? Why?

A: Basketball. I feel like the games are more intense and the student section just comes alive. - Zach Malisow

Q: What is your opinion about the size of our student sections?

A: We need to increase the numbers at games. BE LOUD! - Jose Pilo

Q: How do you think we can improve the amount of people that show up?

A: I think that people should be more prideful and come to support. -Diego Valadez

Q: How do you feel about boys and girls basketball games landing on the same day?

A: I feel like those games should be shifted to a new date, just like how the Delavan game always lands on the same day as the girls.

- Ricky Rojas

Q: Who do you think are our rivals for each sport?

A: Out of conference is Delavan for girls and boys basketball as well as volleyball, Faith Christian also, for football I would say Abundant Life. - Antonio Perez

From our graduates...

Q: What is one student section tradition that you wish continued?

A: It was always fun when we did the roller coaster because everyone had fun, they were all laughing, and the crowd loved it. - Bridget Higgins

Q: What is your favorite student section memory?

A: Probably when I was a middle schooler/underclassmen and we had the worst reputation for being mean to other schools. - Evelyn Hamberg

Teacher POV...

Q: What is one thing you dislike about chaperoning the student section?

A: When students start swearing or saying inappropriate things that they don't think us old people understand, also when they step on the court. - Anonymous

Q: As a supervisor, what is something that stands out to you within the student section?

A: I like seeing all the middle schoolers and high schoolers coming together to cheer for their school. - Mrs. Gauger



Thank God It's....Thursday?

By Blake Reynolds

The auto workers union (UAW) has been striking for things like better salaries, end of employment tiers, and most of all, the four-day work week. This would be one of the most significant changes for the auto industry and would probably be adopted by lots of other businesses and even schools. The shortened week for the union would mean that they would have four eight-hour days, but I think a four day, ten-hour day schedule would work much better for schools. It would give us more time to learn and apply what we learned in class rather than at home. This elimination of homework gives loads of extra free time to students and teachers, especially with sports and other club activities after school.

With the current eight-hour school day, some students and teachers find it difficult to get everything done. Some students that agree with this idea say things like "I don't never got no time to do nothing." (Mr. Karcher), or "Homework is overbearing on my schedule." (Mr. Edwards)

On the other hand, there is the argument of over-saturation. Mrs. Terrill said, "I don't know if I could cover as much material."

As a final note, it would cut down on transportation costs, which are very expensive currently. If the UAW does end up getting its four-day work week, it could be much more efficient and beneficial for not only the workers of America, but also schools everywhere.

Starbies Review!

By Elliana Pape and Charlotte Zaukas

We ordered two Iced Pumpkin Cream Chai Tea Lattes and two chocolate croissants. We got our croissants in less than a minute, and they were very fresh and warm. We gave them a 10/10. The drinks took a little longer but were very refreshing and they topped it off with cinnamon which added to the fall aesthetic. The music was a little too loud for those who come to study or work. Not a lot of comfortable seating and the overall atmosphere was geared to a specific group of people who might not care about their surroundings. However, it is good for people who have quick walk-ins. Pricing tends to be very high. We personally think they get enough business to decrease their prices, but we also think it is worth it because the quality and the aesthetics are top-tier. The cleanliness of the coffee shop was good, but I'm waiting for it to be great. One thing we strongly dislike is the poor Wi-Fi connection. Their menu is very diverse for all types of caffeine and beverage drinkers including full-on coffee connoisseurs, the matcha girlies, light and cool refreshers, or if you have more of a sweet tooth, they have frappuccinos. If you like to switch it up a lot, you can always count on their seasonal drinks.

On a scale of 1-10, 10 being a slay, and 1 being an ick, we would rate it a 9/10. Thank you Starbies! You're a slay!

Teachers' Music Taste

By Anna Clair and Joselyn Hernandez

Teacher	Favorite Genre	Favorite Artist/Band	Favorite Song
Ms. Majercik	Pop	Taylor Swift	"Style" by Taylor Swift
Ms. Soskich	Rock	Bishop Briggs	"Why, Why, Why" by Mr. Wise
Ms. Evans	Pop	Taylor Swift	"New Years Day" by Taylor Swift
Mrs. Schicantek	Rock	Halestorm	"Love Myself" by Beartooth
Mrs. Soplada	Classical	Beethoven	"Perfect" by Ed Sheeran
Ms. Torres	Country	Taylor Swift	"Enchanted" by Taylor Swift
Mr. Weirick	Pop	Gorillaz	"Caroline" by The 1975
Ms. Miles	Rock	Rush	"Cruel Summer" by Taylor Swift
Ms. Anderson	Rock	Poor Man's Poison	"Feed the Machine"

WBHS Esports Q&A

By Max Robertson

Coach: Mr. White

Q: Why do you think our room has gotten so much attention lately?

A: One of the Esports room design features was to grab attention. When the door is open, try walking past and not be compelled to check out what's going on inside. The development was three years in the making, and we still are adding some finishing touches.

Q: Do you think Esports is beneficial?

A: Absolutely! We have many players/members who are in other extracurricular activities, but we also have a collection of individuals who are only in Esports and would not be in any other extracurriculars otherwise. This helps get everyone involved. Some students are physically unable to participate in other sports, so Esports gives a great alternative for players to still get into the competition and represent their school. Esports is a big deal at the college level, and we have had players scouted and interviewed to play at the college level with scholarships.

Q: How is gaming at school different than at home?

A: Depending on what players have at home, we have awesome equipment to play with. Honestly, it is more than just gaming. Students are coaching, practicing, designing multimedia platforms, streaming, shoutcasting, and improving the organization. That is why I do not mind calling it a club. It can be defined as a club and a sport depending on the circumstance and the individual's involvement. Having a school-run organization like Esports, students are supervised and encouraged to use proper communication with respect and empathy for the person on the other end.

Q: What are all of the games we provide at WBHS?

A: Anyone in the Esports "club" gets access to our exclusive *Minecraft* Realm. In the fall, we play *Super Smash Bros.* and *Smite*. In winter, we play *Fortnite* and *Rocket League*. In spring, we play *Valorant* and *League of Legends*. Several month-long tournament games are offered throughout the year as well including *FIFA*, *Rainbow 6*, *Clash Royale*, *Chess*, and *Mario Kart*.

Q: Who can all participate in Esports?

A: Anyone from 7th-12th grade, as well as community members that do not attend our school that are in the same age group of 7th-12th grade. Last year we had a home school student join who lived in the district and was a leading part of taking us to state and winning our first trophy.

Students: Aaron Robertson and Koen Weigel

Q: Why did you join Esports?

A1: I heard about it from a lot of the promotional material; it sounded like fun. - Aaron

A2: I like gaming, they had games I liked, so I gave it a try. - Koen

Q: How does Esports affect your life?

A1: It's a fun activity that just lets you relax and forget about life for a bit. - Aaron

A2: I made lots of friends through it and I get to hang out with them after school. - Koen

Q: What is your opinion on the looks of the Esports room?

A1: It's an amazing room. The atmosphere is relaxed and looks appealing. - Aaron

A2: Looks awesome, way better than what you'd think a small school would have. - Koen

Who's Your Favorite Rapper/Singer?

By Charlotte Zaukas and Elliana Pape

Caleigh Gamble: Kanye West

Kara Rees: Noah Kahan

Kylee Amstutz: Luke Combs

Emily Monroe: Taylor Swift

Katelyn Mckean: Rihanna

Allison Glauser: Beyoncé

Sam Lange: Kanye West

Jose Pilo: R. Kelly

Derrick Benitez: Tay-K

Dylan Karcher: R. Kelly

Noah Lamster: 6ix9ine

Timothy Neiger: Juice WRLD

Carter Griffin: Kanye West

Samuel Normington-Slay: Kanye West

Keegan Wehrwein: Kanye West

Wyatt Turner: Kanye West

Michael Janko: Yuno Miles

Ricky Rojas: Kendrick Lamar

Jack Schultz: Drake

Emily Koltz: Frank Ocean

Vanessa Thompson: Tyler, the Creator

Oli Sinapoa: Bruno Mars

Drey Toro: Nicki Minaj

Parker Ensminger: NBA YoungBoy

Destiny Perez: Melanie Martinez

The Barbie Movie Review

By Parker Ensminger and Destiny Perez

Barbie is a movie that is particularly controversial for some reason. Some believe the movie was used to promote feminism, while others say it was used to demote it. Originally released in July, this movie is about stereotypical Barbie living in this perfect world with Kens and other Barbies. However, things start to become not so perfect. The movie takes Barbie and Ken on an adventure to the 'real world.'

Throughout the movie, we see Barbie go through many different trials and errors, such as having to make her "owner" happy and trying to get Ken to see that women should be in control over Barbie world, rather than men, because that is how it is in the real world. Though it might seem like a kid's movie, which would make sense because it is very visually compelling, this movie definitely addresses real-world problems like those involving women's empowerment in the world and the struggles of womanhood. The songs are great and the set design is incredible. It's filled with nostalgia and has a good message that men and women should hear, and that is that there should be more women's empowerment, and that women deserve more credit that they have been given over the decades.

What's Going On In the Middle School?

By Libby Anhold and Drey Toro

It's a new year, which means a new crew of middle schoolers are in the building. If you're not in the Middle School wing, it's hard to know exactly what they're like. So we took the liberty of sending out a survey to our 6th, 7th, and 8th graders with some hard-hitting questions to see their opinions. Here's how they responded.

Q: Favorite Subject?

Gym: 42 students (43.3%)
Math: 19 students (19.6%)
Art: 8 students (8.2%)
Tech ED: 7 Students (7.2%)
Band: 7 students (7.2%)

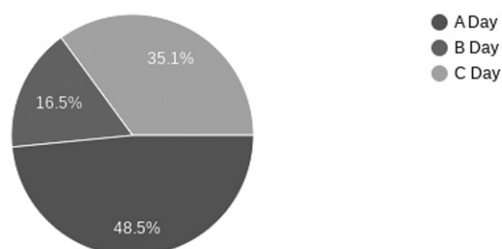
Q: Favorite Book You've Read For School?

"*The Summer I Turned Pretty*" by Jenny Han
"*Hatchet*" by Gary Paulsen
"*Ghost*" by Jason Reynolds
"I don't read"
"*STAR WARS!!!*."
"*Save Me a Seat*" By Gita Varadarajan and Sarah Weeks
"*Diary of a Wimpy Kid*" by Jeff Kinney
"*The War That Saved My Life*" by Kimberly Brubaker Bradley
"*Dumplin*" by Julie Murphy
"*Hunger Games*" by Suzanne Collins

Q: What Clubs/Sports Are You In?

"Basketball"
"Cross Country And Esports"
"D and D"
"Hope Squad"
"BASEBALL"
"Basketball, softball, volleyball, band, [and] Student Council"
"???"
"Tennis and horseback riding"
"I am in art club!"

Q: What Do You Like Best, A Days, B Days, or C Days?



Q: Best School Lunch?

Pizza: 32 students (33%)
Max Sticks: 29 students (29.9%)
Nachos: 14 students (14.4%)
Cheeseburger: 6 students (6.2%)
Flatbread: 2 students (2.1%)

Q: Pick your Favorite

Gimkit: 84 students (86.6%)
Kahoot: 9 students (9.3%)
Quizizz: 3 students (3.1%)
Quizlet Live: 1 student (1%)

Q: Any Hobbies?

"Soccer"
"Taking pictures, riding horses, making stuff, and building things"
"Card collecting and videogames and model vehicles"
"I like swimming"
"Animating, gaming"
"Playing *Roblox*"
"I like to ride around on my e scooter and search for what people throw out"
"Art."
"LEGOS!!!."
"chicken pigs turkeys meat birds"

Q: Favorite TV Show?

"idk"
"Cobra Kai"
"Stranger Things"
"Pokemon Indigo"
"Everybody Hates Chris"
"Survivor"
"STAR WARS!!!."
"Don't watch anything besides YT"
"Winnie the Pooh"

Q: Favorite Movie?

"*Sandlot*"
"*Uncharted*"
"*Karate Kid*"
"*Halloween* and all of the Halloween movies"
"*13 Going On 30*"
"*STAR WARS!!!*"
"There are too many good ones"
"*Good Luck Charlie: It's Christmas!*"
"*The Emoji Movie*"
"*Fast and the Furious 7*"
"*Frozen* lol"

Middle School (continued)

Q: Favorite Restaurant?

“Culvers” (the most popular answer)

“Olive Garden”

“Sabi Sabi”

“MCCCCDONALDS”

“Bdubs”

“Pier 290”

“Tropical Smoothie Cafe”

“Sammy’s On the Square”

Q: Favorite Celebrity?

“The Rock”

“Kyrie Irving”

“Anders Carlson”

“Ronald Acuna Jr”

“Billie Eilish

“I don't know?”

“ice spice.”

“Joe Burrow”

“Mr. Beast”

“no”

Q: Favorite Taylor Swift Era?

Lover: 15 students (15.5%)

1989: 12 students (12.4%)

Reputation: 4 students (4.1%)

Midnights: 4 students (4.1%)

Folklore: 3 students (3.1%)

“which ever one has bleachers in it cause its Mr. Ohm’s favorite”

NOTE: A lot of students said they do not enjoy any of Taylor’s Eras

Q: How Do You Feel About Middle School?

“Good”

“I like it.”

“I think it is great because we have a new Mr. and his name is Mr. Servin”

“It is great, it is better than elementary school”

“I like it and the teachers are nice”

“Okay. It's kinda hard sometimes”

“happy and sad and mad”

“FINE!!!.”

“it's mid”

The Job of Your Dreams

By Jose Pilo and Dylan Karcher

Come down to the lakefront for a bite at Pier 290!

Looking for a summer job? Maybe looking to work during the school year?

Come work at Pier 290! It is a blast to work there. There are many positions open, such as dishwasher, hostess, but especially bussers! The summers as a busser are incredible. Sure, the hours are long, but the spirit you gain from working with fun coworkers and from being in an interesting environment is definitely worth it. You get to form beneficial connections with experienced people. This job teaches you to communicate, be efficient, and to endure. These skills can prepare for plenty of future jobs. We decided to interview students who currently work or used to work at Pier 290 and asked them, “What do you think about your bussing position at Pier 290?”

Kaylee Perez (current hostess): I miss my bussing days.

Dylan Karcher (current busser): It’s a dream job.

Henry Kwiatkoski (current seasonal employee): Bussers are the ‘swiss army knife’ of 290. We are Pier 290’s elite fighting force. Just look at us, we have Quinn Peyer...Honestly I miss working over seventy hours a week.

Lacey Silverman (current hostess): I think it’s very time-consuming, but I love the atmosphere.

Derrick Benitez (ex busser): I quit ‘cause... I wouldn’t get enough sleep; I would get home late, then go back to work in the morning. It also interfered with football.

Antonio Perez (current busser): It’s pretty good... you know, lotta good friends...um yeah I like working with Jose a lot of the time...

Jose: Now be honest.

Antonio: No comment.

Quinn Peyer (current busser): Um... Honestly, bussing is fine, I’d rather do anything but bus. But yeah, it's fine I guess.

Brooke Peyer (current busser/hostess): I love it, I enjoy working.

Cole Birkett’s interview went a little different and gave us a lesson about what it truly takes to be a good employee. His dedication, his motivation, and his ability to guide turned this interview into more of an inspiration. He showed the amount of skill the job demands. He went in depth about his experiences and showed true passion for the job.

Cole Birkett (current seasonal server): Well, being a former head busser, I actually have to say it is a severely under appreciated position, especially with the current head bussers. You need strong leadership affinity that goes with the role. There still needs to be someone that can step up to the plate and lead by example, not someone who can tell people what to do but make someone do it just by doing it themselves. You know, “I do the work and then you guys see how hard I'm working and you start picking up your slack.”

There needs to be some leadership; to be good, there needs to be some strong leadership roles which is honestly a trait that is hard to come by nowadays, but I'm proud to say that I have it and I'm proud to say that I really let my wings spread; I really went into the role headstrong. You know, I even asked for the raise, like, I went in there. I came. I saw. I conquered. I knew what I was going to do and I did it. So that's what it takes man, that's what it takes.

For me, I did great things there, you know... there were definitely highs and a lot of lows, but going at it headstrong and just tackling my job you know... really is what life is all about. That kind of mindset when I’m bussing is what I’m talking about.

As you can see, in order to have a strong work ethic you have to get into the correct mindset. This is what makes it worth working at Pier 290. The inspiration drawn from Cole motivates us all to accomplish our daily goals. He motivates us to get into the correct mindset and be able to achieve. He motivates us to conquer.

Checking in with Mrs. Deel and Mr. Landers

By Libby Anhold and Drey Toro

Q: What made you want to become a teacher?

D: I wanted to become a counselor, and then I realized counselors aren't always in the classroom and my high school health teacher was really cool and I love health, so I wanted to do what he did. I then went to school to become a teacher.

L: Mine's very similar. In high school I had a PE teacher and he was one of our football coaches, too. He was always happy and felt like he was living the dream, so I wanted to be similar to him.

Q: If I gave you 500k to start a business, what business would you start?

D: I would buy land somewhere in the mountains and my husband and I would build a big barn. I would have some kind of retreat where people would come to detox from life-we could do things like axe throwing, yoga, and horseback riding, and it would also have a gym.

L: I'd open up a gym, duh.

NOTE: The two are working on a name for their joint gym retreat. One of the outlying options was The Big Deel + Gains.

Q: What is your favorite Williams Bay memory so far?

D: Last year, during homecoming- I don't remember what the dress-up days were, but the whole middle school hallway dressed up in "fairies," so there were, "fairies," "dairies," and I was "marries" since I just got married that year. Mr. Landers dressed up as a "blueberry."

So one of my 6th graders came up and looked at me and was like, "Oh, what are you?" I was wearing a married bachelorette sash and he was like, "Are you married?" I was like, "Yeah! What do you think Landers is?" and he goes, "Single?"

NOTE: Apparently this occurred during 1st hour. Mrs. Deel said that she was cry-laughing after the exchange.

L: Probably dominating Mrs. Deel in all the sports we play

D: I beat you in pickleball!

L: No, I don't have a specific memory. I just always enjoy coming in and the kids being competitive and having fun in our class- there are not really specific things. Oh, what I really enjoy, too, is the homecoming festivities, where you guys all come together so quickly. In the middle of the year where it seems like everyone is so distant, but during homecoming, there's pride and passion here.

Q: If you could be best friends with any fictional character, who would it be?

L: Maui, yup, I'd have to pick him. The hair, the bod. He's dope, I love him.

D: Harvey Specter from Suits, always very smart, very rapid. That's my person.

Q: What's your favorite class to teach?

D: I love teaching high school Health; that's probably my favorite.

L: I'd probably say Strength and Conditioning right now, but also my Team Sports class is awesome. Strength is nice because it's a chosen class, you don't have to take it, so people go out of their way and push and want to do it. Especially this year, I have a really good class.

Q: Who has better taste in music?

L: This isn't even close. Deel uses MY playlist!

D: No I don't!

L: So it's obviously me.

D: I feel like I don't listen to too much popular music because it plays too much.

L: You have more of a variety, I'm more honed in, but mine's just better.

D: We can agree to disagree.

NOTE: We discussed a possible survey for who has the better music taste, more on this later.

Q: If you weren't a teacher, what would you be doing?

D: I would still be some sort of health coach. Or like a physical trainer, I don't know, I just like getting people healthy and finding passion in being active. So I would be some kind of coach.

L: I'd say, an athletic trainer or a personal trainer if I could find a gym that would support me full-time.

Q: If you could only watch one movie for the rest of your life, what would it be?

L: *Fury* (2014)

D: *Happy Gilmore* (1996)

Q: What were you like in high school? Are you still the same?

L: I kept to myself, focused on athletics (three-sport athlete) so I didn't have time for friends; they'd just disappoint me (jokingly). I just focused on being the best I could be.

D: I don't know if this is a good rep or not, but I was called "the mother of the school." I had one best friend but besides that, I was just friends with everyone. I was also in three sports... I was in Student Council, I was in an acapella group... I loved being involved with school; I actually really enjoyed high school. If I could teach myself as a student, I think I would like her.

Q: If you could have dinner with two famous people, dead or alive, who would they be?

D: Kathleen Madigan and Ryan Reynolds

L: Brad Pitt and Jennifer Aniston

Q. What advice would you give to the general population of WBHS?

L: Have fun while you're here, but remember that your life doesn't end when you graduate here. So always be thinking about your future, but also focus on your present. Have a plan. Even if you're a freshman, have an idea of where you kinda want to go in life. Obviously, that's going to change when you graduate, but understand that there is a future; try really hard here so it doesn't affect your future in a negative way.

D: I don't want to say it in a negative way, but Williams Bay is kind of like a small fish in a big pond. There's so much out there that life has to offer and I think Williams Bay is a great place to be and grow up. But enjoy high school now cause once you go through it, you'll never go through it again. Don't be afraid to go out and explore. Go explore big city life and go explore out west. Or go to a different country. The world is WAY bigger than Williams Bay.

A big thank you to Mr. Landers and Mrs. Deel for letting us interview them! We had a lot of fun, and we hope readers enjoy their answers, as well!