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## Prom

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Prom has now come and gone, and I know for most, it was a wonderful and fun night! According to some students at DHS, it was relatively better than in previous years, I believe. At the venue, there was a wide selection of delicious food, desserts, and refreshments, plus a good rotation of music. Everyone looked amazing, and the annual extravagant party was quite indulgent in the theme of Enchanted Forest. Even though not everyone followed the theme, everything all looked put together and like a movie scene. I think a large part of some thinking this year's prom was better than last year's was because the few underclassmen in attendance were respectful, mature, and classy. Thank you to those amazing underclassmen and everyone who made the night magical. Furthermore, even though prom itself was a wondrous affair, after prom and going to places like Waffle House, Raising Cane's, McDonald's, or IHOP (like me) was the true highlight of the night. It's a rite of passage to go someplace like those mentioned above after a night of reformed frivolity. Everyone (to my knowledge) had lots of fun hanging out with friends, getting some very early breakfast, indulging in late-night coffee, and laughing a little too loudly. I hope your prom and after prom were as fun and carefree as mine was!

## Freaky Friday

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*Co-Editor-in-Chief*

Over the course of April 18th-20th, the DHS Theater Department put on four stupendous shows of the musical Freaky Friday, an adaptation of the 1972 book by Mary Rodgers, as well as the Disney movie, both by the same name. The show follows a mother and daughter after they've swapped bodies by way of a magical hourglass and their journey to switch back before the next day. Throughout the show, they learn to appreciate each other's perspectives a bit more. The cast includes Hollis Rutkoski and Aubrey Indorf as the mother-daughter duo Ellie and Katherine Blake. The show also features Mr. Kifer and Mrs. Shaughnessy, as well as many other wonderful actors. And of course, the production would not be possible without all the wonderful work on Mrs. Mullholand, Gabe O'Rielly, Julia Stertz, and the amazing orchestra and tech crew.

Stage manager, Addison Kenndey (11) shared, "I have seen so many people put their hearts and passion into this, and even if no one shows up, these kids would still perform". The cast and crew have put much effort and emotion into their production, and it certainly shows, in one of the freakiest of Freaky Friday productions!

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## Ghostbusters: Frozen Empire

Will Rettman

*Staff Writer*

A handful of movies have already come out this year, but some people might be wondering which ones are enjoyable or worth seeing. Last month, *Ghostbusters: Frozen Empire* (directed by Gil Kenan, rated PG-13) came out March 22nd. Unfortunately, according to the app Letterboxd, it currently stands at a 2.7 out of 5 for overall ratings. The most amount of stars that were logged was 3 stars, which was put in by 25.1k users as of now. However, seeing movies isn't just about how good the acting is or if the music is great; seeing movies is also about whether or not it was entertaining! *Ghostbusters: Frozen Empire* is a perfect example of that. This movie may have been one of the lowest-ranked films out of the franchise, but it was very fun to watch. There's humor, dramatic parts, and best of all, ghosts! All it needed was a little more Finn Wolfhard. Go visit your local theater to watch *Ghostbusters: Frozen Empire* before it's gone!

## Clara Bow

Ameyali Martinez-Peña

*Staff Writer*

Known as the "it girl" of the 1920s, Clara Bow was the one person people couldn't get enough of. Born on July 29, 1905, Clara Bow was a famous American Actress during the Roaring Twenties. Bow was described as having a troubling childhood, but soon after rising to fame, the country adored her and her beauty, changing her entire life. However, this stardom was short-lived, as she was overworked and overwhelmed by the film industry, causing her to emotionally break down and retire at age 28. Despite the luxuries her career gifted her, Bow's life took a turn when she was diagnosed with schizophrenia. She was enrolled into a psychiatric institution where she lived out the rest of her life, dying at age 60 on September 27, 1965. Nevertheless, her story and significance influenced many to begin understanding the importance of women in the film industry and women's mental health.

## Book List

Brinleigh Brittain

*Co-Editor-in-Chief*

1. *Hell Followed with Us* by Andrew Joseph White
2. *Sadie* by Courtney Summers
3. *Allegedly* by Tiffany D. Jackson
4. *Oxford Time Travel: The Doomsday Book* by Connie Willis
5. *The Genesis of Misery* by Neon Yang
6. *Certain Dark Things* by Silvia Moreno-Garcia
7. *Iron Widow* by Xiran Jay Zhao
8. *Barnstormers: A Ballad of Love and Murder* by Scott Snyder and Tula Lotay
9. *Before the Devil Know You're Here* by Autumn Krause
10. *The Radical Element: 12 Stories of Daredevils, Debutantes, and Other Dauntless Girls* by Jessica Spotswood

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## Summer Plans

Will Rettman  
*Staff Writer*

This year has felt like it has flown by quickly! Summer is basically right around the corner, and a question going through everyone's minds is most likely: "What am I going to do this summer?". To find an answer to this question, I asked around and got a few responses from people! From Willow Newman, a 9th grader, said, "I'm volunteering at the community center." Someone else had bigger plans though, and they said, "I'm going to change my identity and move out of Florida. I'd also like to get a job, and a good car." They asked to remain anonymous. Lastly, Zoey Nuxoll, another 9th grader, said "I have no plans.". DHS students may have different plans for summer, but they're all definitely excited for the school year to be over!

*This is the last newspaper edition  
for this school year.*



*Keep an eye out for next year's  
editions that we are hoping to print!*

## Summer Jobs

Samantha Baird  
*Head Technical Advisor*

Many high schoolers get jobs at this age, especially during the summer when they have more time to work. Having a job in high school can be very helpful for the future for many reasons. Although many students may simply view it as a paycheck, having a simple job can greatly help students improve their communication skills, customer service skills, and the ability to work with others. All of these skills are very useful for almost any career path that one can plan on taking in the future. Despite this, many challenges can also come with having a job. These challenges could include transportation, work hours, and more. However, a main challenge can be time management. Having a job requires putting time into work, which must be balanced with other activities. "Incredible time management is the key," says Skyler Gustavson (11), who manages to balance his job at Winn-Dixie along with football, track and field, NHS, Journalism, and NTHS. Having a job in high school can be difficult, but if you have good time management skills and are willing to put in the effort, it can come with many wonderful benefits.



Senior Zoey Vetter works about four days a week at Smoothie King while also managing school and clubs.

*Photo by: Zoey*

*Vetter*  
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## St. Patrick's Day

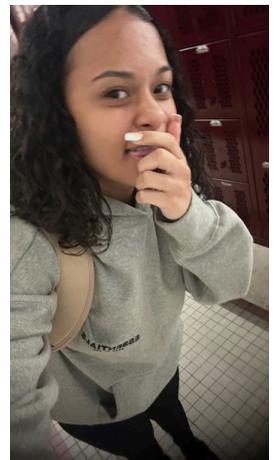
Sellylynn Albert  
*Staff Writer*

A holiday that occurs on the 17th of March is St. Patrick's Day. This holiday involves celebration of Irish culture with parades, special foods, music, dancing, and a whole lot of green. This day highlights the Irish culture and the history of Ireland. During these parades, you can walk around explore all the foods they offer, see everyone dressed head to toe in green, and watch Irish dancing. Irish dancing includes, but is not limited to, step dancing, jig dancing, Irish tap dancing, and much more. Moreover, parades are everywhere around the U.S., but in Chicago, they use an eco-friendly dye to color the river green and celebrate this day. Symbols of St. Patrick's Day are the shamrock, which is a green four-leaf clover, and leprechauns. Some history about this holiday includes Saint Patrick, who was the patron saint of Ireland. Saint Patrick was born in Roman Britain but was kidnapped and brought to Ireland as a slave at 16 but escaped and then returned home. St. Patrick is also credited with bringing Christianity to the people of Ireland. and while explaining it, he used the shamrock to visually explain the Christian's Holy Trinity. Make sure you wear your green (or else you'll get pinched) and have a fun and joyful St. Patrick's Day!

## April Fool's Day

Sellylynn Albert and Ava Johnny  
*Staff Writers*

April Fool's Day occurs every year on April 1st, and this day consists of practical jokes and hoaxes. Often on April Fool's Day, people tend to plan a lot of pranks and jokes to play on their friends to get a laugh. After they prank their friends, they say "April Fools" to remind them of the day. The history of April Fool's Day started way back in the early 1580s when France decided to change their calendar from Julian to Gregorian. The difference between the Julian Calendar and the Gregorian calendar is the time when they celebrated New Year's. On the Julian calendar, they celebrated New Year near the end of March, close to April 1st and on the Gregorian calendar, which is the calendar we use today, we celebrate the New Year on January 1st. However, despite the switch, not everyone knew about it, so they would still celebrate New Year's Day near April 1st. These people were called "poussin d'Avril" which means April fish. April fish symbolizes a young, easily caught fish or a gullible person. Many other countries also celebrate this holiday like Britain. Britain has a two-day event where they hunt down the gawk, where people were sent on phony errors. The next day is "tailie day" which involves pranks played on people who were pinning fake tails or "kick me" on their back. We hope you had a fun, lighthearted April Fool's Day, and start planning what prank you will pull next year!



POV: Ava pranked  
Sellylynn.  
*Photo By: Ava  
Johnny*

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## Cosmo Mardi Gras

Ameyali Martinez-Peña  
*Staff Writer*

Mardi Gras is here and alive! To celebrate, the Cosmetology program at Dunedin decided to enter the first county competition with Mardi Gras as its theme. On March 6, students in Cosmetology got the opportunity to showcase their talents by entering a competition where they could decorate, design, and create a unique hairdo! When asked about the process, Cosmetology student Olivia Santoro (11) said, "Color took me like 10 hours to complete!". When asked about her inspiration for her manikin, another student, Ryann Knox (12), stated, "The parade part of Mardi Gras and just letting my creativity flow." The number of competitors was around 55-61 people and consisted of high schoolers and adults taking the program, many students from other schools such as Hollins, etc. The subcategories for this competition were nails, hair, facials, and barbering. The judging time lasted from 9:30-10:30, where visitors and judges could vote on the most impressive manikin! After the voting, it was time for the award ceremony, where our own Dunedin cosmetologist Leticia Mazy (12) won 2nd Place for the High School Cosmetology Industry Award. The winners were awarded a bag full of beauty supplies and a certificate; those who competed also received a participation award. However, it wouldn't be possible without Mrs. Hawkins for giving the students in Cosmetology the opportunity to enter such a fun event. Congratulations to Leticia and everyone who participated!

## NTHS Spring Giveaway

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*Staff Writer*

To celebrate Easter and the beginning of Spring, the National Technical Honor Society gave away gift baskets to two lucky students at DHS! To enter the drawing, students had to scan a QR code posted on a flyer around campus, and from there, the two names that were randomly drawn got to bring home goodies! The items inside the gift baskets were all provided by NTHS members, and included things such as chocolate bunnies, candies, mini candles, and much more! All students, no matter the grade level, were welcome to enter, and a total of thirty kids submitted their names to win the prize. In the end, however, the winners of the gift baskets ended up being sophomores Isabella Morrison and Sophie Thompson. The giveaway lasted from March 25th to March 27th, and the winners picked up their baskets from Mrs. Kershaw's room on March 28th. When asked why they held such an event, members of NTHS stated they wanted to get their name out there and take action to become a widely recognized club at Dunedin. "We had a lot of fun doing this activity" stated senior Campbell Hudson in an interview. Hudson is currently president of NTHS, and this is her second year as a part of the club. "It was fairly inexpensive and easy to put on, and the winners were pretty happy with the stuff they got. Hopefully, we can do a similar activity next year also!"

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## Upcoming Fall Sports

Campbell Hudson  
*Co-Editor-in-Chief*

### 1. Boys/Girls Cross Country

Head coach: Mrs. Morrison

Start time: late July or early August

Contact [morrisonma@pcsb.org](mailto:morrisonma@pcsb.org) for more information.

### 2. Boys JV/V Football

Head coach: Coach Disney

Start time: late summer

Contact [disneym@pcsb.org](mailto:disneym@pcsb.org) for more information.

### 3. Boys/Girls Golf

Coaches: Mr. Zachar (girls) and Mr. Hanks (boys)

Start time: early August

Contact [zacharc@pcsb.org](mailto:zacharc@pcsb.org) or [hanksb@pcsb.org](mailto:hanksb@pcsb.org) for more information.

### 4. Boys/Girls Swim and Dive

Head coach: Coach Rayel

Start time: late July or early August

Contact [rayelt@pcsb.org](mailto:rayelt@pcsb.org) for more information.

### 5. Girls JV/V Volleyball

Head coach: Jenn Hauskey

Start time: early August

Contact [jhauskey1@gmail.com](mailto:jhauskey1@gmail.com) for more information.

### 6. Boys/Girls JV/V Bowling

Head coach: Mr. Kifer

Start time: early August

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## Tennis

Campbell Hudson  
*Co-Editor-in-Chief*

Though spring sports has almost come to an end, the DHS Tennis team has made huge accomplishments this year and is ready to finish the season off strong!

Conditioning for the Boys and Girls Tennis team began in January, with the first match of the season taking place on February 6th. Districts, one of the biggest matches of the year, will be held in mid-April, and if the team performs well, they could advance to Regionals and States. Usually at matches, the DHS team only has to go up against one other school. However, Districts will host multiple schools, and athletes will advance based on whether or not they beat their individual opponents. Despite the heightened stakes, the team is excited and confident that they can pull off a win. Tennis practices are held every day after school, except for Fridays, and last from 2:00 pm to about 3:30 pm.

One member of the team is junior Dakota Graff, a third-year athlete in varsity tennis. Graff states her favorite part of playing for DHS is how supportive and caring the team is, saying she believes sports are the most fun when you have great people around you. Finally, when asked if she had any advice for her fellow teammates, Graff said: "Whenever you're playing a game, just remember everything is for fun!"

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## Athlete's Corner

Campbell Hudson  
*Co-Editor-in-Chief*

Brayton Ross is a Junior at Dunedin High School, and he is number 11 and 21 on the Boy's Baseball team. Ross has been playing baseball for almost 11 years now, and this is his second year as a part of the DHS Varsity team. Ross's favorite thing about playing baseball is how rewarding the sport is, saying you fail far more times than you succeed, making your wins more fulfilling.

Furthermore, Ross's favorite thing about playing for Dunedin is how the team acts like a big family, with everyone close and working extremely well together. Ross states his favorite and proudest moment so far this season was beating Parkview High School, a huge win not just for the team but the entire school as well. Besides baseball, Ross also runs for Cross Country in the fall and Track and plans to continue to playing baseball recreationally after high school. Finally, when asked if he had any advice for his fellow teammates, Ross stated: "Put everything behind you when you fail and focus on what's next."



Brayton Ross  
poses for his DHS  
Baseball photos.

*Photo By: Alex  
Zadorozny*

## Senior Spotlight

Serenity McRorey  
*Staff Writer*

Campbell Hudson is a dedicated senior at Dunedin High who has gone above and beyond within her years at this school. Campbell embodies passion and energy for learning, and it shows in her everyday life at school as she tackles her studies with determination, fueled by the sense of accomplishment it brings to her, knowing she did the absolute best she could do. As college creeps around the corner, Campbell has had the honor of being accepted into the University of Florida, where she intends to major in Health sciences with the end goal of becoming a Physician's Assistant. As her time nears an end at Dunedin High School, Campbell reflects fondly on the friendships she has created and the guidance that has helped her from both peers and teachers. One teacher in specific Campbell is grateful for is Mrs. Morrison; her inspiring former science teacher, Campbell credits Morrison for motivating her every step of the way, saying that will stay in her heart as she starts the new chapter of her academic journey. The advice that Campbell wants to leave for any students who attend Dunedin is to get involved in extracurriculars, stay committed to your academic responsibilities, and never take your time here for granted. On top of all this, Campbell is involved in track, swim, Student Government, NTHS, NHS, the Science National Honor Society, and much more. Furthermore, she takes great pride in her acceptance into multiple great colleges and being in the top ten of her class. Campbell's dedication to both her studies and her community exemplifies the spirit of excellence that Dunedin High School fosters. As she looks ahead to the future, she does so with gratitude for the opportunities she has been afforded and excitement for the adventures that lie ahead!

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## Prom Fashion Show

Ava Johnny  
*Staff Writer*

It is prom season! Prom is usually held toward the end of the spring semester for juniors, seniors, and anyone they would like to take as a plus one. Every year, there is a Prom Fashion Show held in the auditorium at least a few days before prom. This year, the Prom Fashion Show occurred on April 2nd during 7th period. For the show, Victoria Kabamba was the host and Campbell Hudson was one of the main coordinators, along with the rest of SGA. All grade levels were welcome to attend, and the Prom Fashion Show features seniors modeling in prom dresses and suits. This year's prom theme is Enchanted Forest, so the models coordinated by wearing the colors green, black, and white plus accessorizing with flowers and vines. In addition, some students who plan to go to prom cannot figure out what they will be wearing, so the fashion show also helps them with ideas for their formal wear that fits within the dress code. Most students took their phones out and started taking pictures of the outfits they favored. Although there were some rules that students had to follow, everyone thoroughly enjoyed the show! Now, students at DHS cannot wait to see what the Prom Fashion Show will look like next year!

## Study Hacks

Samantha Baird  
*Head Technical Advisor*

With the end of the year coming up, everyone is beginning to think about the end-of-the-year exams. These exams can be stressful, whether it's an EOC (End Of Course) exam, a unit test, or an AP exam. Whether your goal is to beat a personal record or simply just pass the test, it is very important to study. A lot of students struggle at the end of the year to find an effective way to study so that they can perform their best. Because of that, here are some great studying hacks to follow!

- Chew gum.
- Block out distractions.
- Use study apps.
- YouTube videos.
- Add color to your notes.
- Flash cards/quiz yourself.
- Mnemonic devices.
- Rewrite your notes.
- Listen to music.
- Switch settings.
- Teach someone else.
- Chunk it into smaller sections.
- Lots of small study sessions.



The models of the Prom Fashion Show take a final bow after their production.

Photo by: Eli Tuttle **Page 8**

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## Opinion: Underclassmen at Prom

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Staff Writer

Another prom season is upon us at Dunedin High School, and this year, there's a new hot topic circulating on campus: underclassmen attending prom.

This year, for the first time, the Student Government Assembly has limited the amount of tickets upperclassmen can purchase for their underclassmen guests. Rather than having the full three to two weeks to buy tickets like juniors and seniors, underclassmen will only have one week. When asked about this, SGA stated this was done due to issues with underclassmen's behavior and actions at prom in the past.

Many students at DHS have voiced their concerns about freshmen and sophomores attending prom, saying the behavior of some in attendance has sullied what is supposed to be a classy, sophisticated event. Others have also said that allowing underclassmen to come at all is disappointing, and turns prom into a sort of "second homecoming". "I feel like most of them [the underclassmen] haven't reached the maturity level for a nice, exclusive event," said senior Serenity McRory. This is McRory's second year attending the prom, and she claims that the presence of some of the underclassmen last year created a less-than-enjoyable experience. "They can potentially bring a multitude of drama, and when they buy tickets, they could be taking one away from a junior or senior who wanted to attend, since there is a limited amount".

Here at the DHS press, this is what we think: if you are a freshman or sophomore attending prom as a guest and you are polite, have etiquette, and do not cause any trouble, we thank you greatly and hope you have an amazing time. However, if you think you cannot go to prom without causing some sort of disturbance, maybe you should hold off this year and save your ticket for another upperclassman. Your time, like everyone else, will eventually come.



This year, more underclassmen attended prom than any time before at DHS.

*Photo by: Maria Morrison*

*If you want to make a difference in the events at DHS, join SGA (student government) to start planning events!*



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## Looking Forward to Next Year

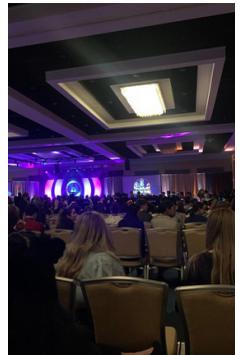
Anonymous  
*Staff Writer*

As summer is rapidly approaching, everyone is excited for vacation and the soon-coming school year. Many people have big plans for the fall, and many people simply have nothing to do for summer (just how it should be). Some people are planning a road trip for their holiday though, and that's got me wondering: what are you most excited about in the coming summer and autumn? I have recently asked a few people what they are most eager for next year and this is what they said. One freshman, who requested to remain anonymous, said "Don't ask me, I am not excited for next year at all." You can always count on at least one person to not be excited, especially as opposed to the soon-leaving seniors, who couldn't be more thrilled to leave and start their independent lives. One senior, who also asked to remain anonymous, said, "I cannot wait to graduate, move to another state, and go to college!" Anticipation for summer, and later the fall, is certainly in the air. Plus I know all the teachers, administrators, and staff members are looking forward to the summer holiday as well! What are you most excited about in the coming summer and new school year?

## FBLA

Brinleigh Brittain  
*Co-Editor-in-Chief*

Founded in 1937, Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) encourages Dunedin High School students to grow their business skills and build confidence for their careers post-high school. Run by Mrs. Kershaw, FBLA meets every Tuesday during lunch, and there are no requirements to join. This club also provides many amazing and enriching opportunities for its members, such as statewide networking with other members and business leaders. FBLA has over 150 competitions for students to choose from; this includes a test and presentation on entrepreneurship, constructing business plans, and, most difficult of all, solving a business-related prom in under twenty minutes and presenting the solution to a panel of judges. In order to attend a state conference, members must participate in the district competition and choose at least one competition to partake in. "My favorite thing about being club advisor for FBLA is watching the students grow their skills and offering many incredible opportunities for them" said Mrs. Kershaw in an interview. Finally, when asked if she had advice for anyone interested in joining FBLA, Mrs. Kershaw simply said: "show up and be committed!"



The FBLA State Competition was held in Orlando in March, and a total of eight students from DHS advanced to this level.

*Photo by: Cyniah Greene*