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Dunedin Alumni: 40 years later

*Samantha Baird
Co-Editor in Chief*

Dunedin High School has always had some successful alumni. This year, the DHS Press has found one of our very own and she has come back to tell us her story. She was a co-editor in chief of the school newspaper in 1984. Her name is Jennifer Orsi. Now, Orsi works for the Poynter Institute, a non-profit news organization that own the Tampa Bay times, as the vice president of publishing and local news initiatives. Before joining Poynter, Orsi worked for the Tampa Bay Times, and later the Sarasota Herald-Tribune. When asked if she always wanted to be a journalist, Orsi explained how she's had a love for writing since 7th grade, and once she discovered journalism, knew it was the path she wanted to take. Orsi later attended Indiana University to pursue journalism, and during her time there took many internships with the

Tampa Bay Times, and later began to work there. When asked about journalism Orsi stated "it is such a cool job because you learn something new every day, you meet all kinds of interesting people, and you get to tell their stories." Orsi also offered some advice to aspiring journalists in that you should find something that you love and keep doing it. It's truly amazing to see where a DHS graduate is now.

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Successful journalism alumni
returns to DHS

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Devistating Event Brings Unity

Sellylynn Albert
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The history of this day brings back a lot of bad memories to those who were alive and witnessed the whole event but also to those who lost loved ones in this event. So, 9/11 occurred on the eleventh of September in 2001. They say nineteen terrorists from the al-Qaeda extremist group hijacked four commercial aircrafts. Two of them being crashed into the North and South towers of the World Trade Center, the third crashing into the Pentagon in Arlington, Virginia, and the fourth fighting back and then ending up crashing into an empty field in Pennsylvania which then led to the Twin Towers collapsing due to the fires and other impacts. These despicable acts of terror caused a

lot of pain and suffering to the citizens of America and were predominantly meant to tear our nation down, but our nation stood strong and fought back despite all the chaos that the al-Qaeda group has created. This attack was seen as malicious because even other world leaders offered their assistance and condolences after being distraught by all those innocent lives taken away from them. The impact and the remembrance of this day is crucial to the American Society but we're here now to embrace our unity and disregarding all of the violence.

Celebrity Birthdays

Christopher Lounders
Staff Writer

Obama (aug 4, 66 years old)
Former president

Dua Lipa (aug 22, 29 years old)
Music artist

Charlie XCX (aug 2, 32 years old)
Music artist

Lil Yachty (aug 23, 26 years old)
Music artist

Steff curry (aug 23, 33 years old)
Basketball player

Zendaya (sept 1, 27 years old)
Movie actor

Donald Glover (sept 25, 40 years old)
Music Artist

Will Smith (sept 25, 55 years old)
movie actor/Music artist

Mark Hamill (sept 25, 72 years old)
Movie actor

Playboi Carti (sept 13, 29 years old)
music artist



Random National Holidays

Gregory Wittenburg
Staff Writer

1. August 1 st – Spider-Man Day
2. August 4 th – National Chocolate Chip Cookie Day
3. August 13 th – Lefthanders Day
4. August 20 th – National Bacon Lovers Day
5. August 27 th – National “Just Because” Day
6. September 4 th – National Wildlife Day
7. September 6 th – National Read A Book Day
8. September 13 th – National Peanut Day
9. September 21 st – Bat-Man Day
10. September 29 th - National Coffee Day



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The North and South towers on fire due to the planes crashing into them

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New School Year, New Rules

Sellylynn Albert
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Students here at Dunedin High School came back into the new school year adjusting to all the new changes that have occurred, the biggest one being that the State of Florida has enforced a new law where all buildings MUST stay locked for safety reasons. The building doors being locked instills students to constantly ask faculty to unlock doors with their special key to get into their classrooms. So, every time a student is late or they're using the bathroom they would have to go to the front office, get a staff member, and ask them to unlock any building they're going to.

The *New* School Rules

Some may say the inconvenience of this new policy is infuriating, but with this new doorbell system the inconvenience is all ending. A student in the 11th grade named Isabella Joseph says "After attending Dunedin High school, for 2 years this being my 3rd year this new policy about the doors being locked all the time was a definitely huge adjustment not just for me but for all my peers. The first day of school I had to wait awhile until I got a hold of a staff member to open the door for me but luckily that hasn't

been happening as often because of this new doorbell system." All this talk about the doorbell system let me break it down for you in simple terms. Each classroom has a bathroom pass and in the pass is a little "ringer" to ring the doorbell and to hear the doorbell "ringing" they plug in the outlet this mini box that makes a noise every time a student touches the button to "ring" the doorbell, this signals the teacher to go open the building door to let the student in. This is more efficient and convenient which makes everyone happy!

Don't vape, it
will make you
feel worse
than you
think

Freshmen, Fresh Start

Brinleigh Brittain
Co-Editor in Chief

High School is a formative time in one's life, with plenty of memories from pep rallies to Senior Prom. This year many eager freshmen flood the halls ready to start their final years of schooling. They face AP courses, clubs and sports, as well as finding their place in a new environment. This year Freshmen take like fish to water. "I love all my classes, especially biology," says Ninth grader Angelique Kross. Many students look forward to the privileges and expectations that come with growing up. Joanna Tejamanil states: "I like high school because I'm more responsible and have better classes." Others are in it for the after-school activities. "I like sports because there's good people to play with and a more competitive edge." Newcomer Lisardo Rondon responded. The DHS press welcomes our new classmates and wishes them a successful high school career.

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Dunedin High School Kicks off A New School Year

Brinleigh Brittain
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On the first day of the 2024-2025 School Year, many Dunedin High School students were met with a surprise. News vans belonging to Fox 13 and MSNBC were parked in the car circle. The newscasters were there to report on "Our celebration of the school grade of an A," says Principal Kiplinger. "I thought everyone was outstanding. We had a great event, great coverage." Reporter Reginia Gonzalez for Fox covered the event. Cameras gathered footage of the Dunedin Highland Band performing Scotland the Brave in the car circle, as the cheerleaders waved their pom poms to the tune. Superintendent Kevin Hendrick

also partook in the event. "You know, the community wants great public schools and we delivered that with an 'A' school grade for the first time in 20 years of the state issuing grades and so we're really proud of that." Kiplinger was happy for his students. "Students and parents were excited. I was so pleased by the school spirit by our band, athletes and club members."



Photo by: Fox 13 Tampa

DHS Students put on Performance as an A school!

School Spirit

Gregory Wittenburg
Staff Writer

It's back to school time Falcons, and that means getting back into the school spirit! But you might be wondering, what is school spirit? It's not just about going to school or getting good grades (though you should still do both of those), it's about being proud of the school you go to and supporting it in any way you can. So, make sure to try and show your school spirit whenever you can! But recently, there's been some reports of a real school spirit wandering around here at Dunedin High, and haunting those who aren't showing their school spirit.



Photo by: Gregory Wittenburg
Show your school spirit!



Buckle up,
make it click



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Cross Country

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The Dunedin High School Cross Country team is coached by Mr. Jones (boys track), and Mrs. Morrison (girls track). Over Memorial Day weekend, cross country held the "Todd Howsare Invitational". Todd Howsare was a Clearwater teacher who has shown his own dedication to this county for many years. The number of participants greatly exceeded expectations with 34 high schools, and 15 middle schools all participating. Which brought a total of 956 runners, from all over the county showing their support for Mr. Howsare! "It's what we do" says Maria Morrison, the Meet Director for the event. While Mrs. Morrison was enrolled in Highschool and college (Sienna Heights University), she found her own love of Cross Country and running and wanted to share that love with others. Currently, her training is going very well with her team. They have doubled the number of members since last year, making it the largest Dunedin team in a decade. With more members, that makes each individual member want to improve their own times through friendly competition between members. It's looking to be a good year for Cross Country with an already incredible start to it, and with only a month in so far!



Runners lining up at the 1st annual Todd Howsare Falcon X Invitational



Todd Howsare

Brinleigh Brittain
Co-Editor in Chief

Late in the summer, Dunedin High School hosted the first ever 1st Annual Todd Howsare Falcon X-C Invitational. Dunedin High School teachers, Ms. Morrison and Mr. Jones were present at the event. Amongst the staff, students, and parents, there were thirty-four teams. Over eight hundred runners competed in five different races to celebrate beloved coach Todd Howsare. Howsare will be entering hospice soon. Hospice is designed to be a peaceful retreat for terminally ill patients designed to help them as they near the end of life. Dunedin High School continues to celebrate Coach Howsare and the wonderful things he has done for his community.



In a Splash

Ava Johnny
Staff Writer

Dunedin High School's swim team kicked it off without fail by attending competitions striving to win for the falcons at the beginning of the school year. With Coach Rayel and Coach Cummings's guidance, the swim team meets at the Highlander Pool to practice their techniques. Such as the breathing technique and working on their motion under water are two important skills useful for their competitions. "Dedicate yourself to what you are good at" stated by Dunedin High School's senior swim captain Seth Demirtas. His inspiration statement can encourage his team members and the falcons to keep their heads up and stay determined.

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One Spirit, One Team, One Win

Ava Johnny
Staff Writer

Here at Dunedin High School, we have a cheer team led by Coach Stacy with two senior captains; Sydney Hall and Leah Tokar. The cheer team show their support for the football and basketball teams by topping off astonishing tricks and utilizing colorful pompoms to engage people's attention to the game. They enjoy cheering for both sports, but most cheerleaders take joy in cheering for the football team because of the adrenaline in the crowd.



Photo by: David Reyes
Cheer team discussing their next cheer to support the team.

On top of that cheerleaders have more cheers when cheering for Dunedin Highschool's football team. Half of the cheer team prefer doing dances instead of cheers because they claim that it is more fun and exciting. A pep rally is arranged in Dunedin Highschool's courtyard during Homecoming Week. The cheer team pull off one of their cheers and introduce the football team; this hypes up the students for the 1st football game of the season. In addition, there is a section for students to also support and cheer

at games which is known as Red Zone. In any case scenario, winning or losing the cheerleaders will perform their astonishing tricks and moves to support the teams. The cheerleaders enjoy cheering because they get to show off their skills and support the football and basketball teams.

Falcon Football

David Reyes
Staff Writer

A new football season has started for the Falcons in Dunedin, the tension for a good result is as high as always but so is the excitement. The support and trust in the team from the Dunedin students also seem to be growing this year for the team, although the first three matches have yielded mixed results, the team is facing this new season with a better mood and willing to give their all for the team. Before the start of the first game, Defensive Tackle AJ Zuzek remarked on the growth of the team compared to last year 'this team feels like a family.' he also pointed out 'Our defense is one the best ones out there, and our offense is only going to get better.'

"Yesterday is not ours
to recover, but
tomorrow is ours to win
or lose."

LYNDON B.
JOHNSON

This was demonstrated by a win in the first match of the season. One of the highlights of the dawn of the season was WR Isaac Oster, who helped the team in the first match with 134 receiving yards helping the Falcons get the win, later, in the next two games he contributed greatly to the game despite the defeat in both games.



Photo by: David Reyes
Football team chasing the victory

Hoco spirit week

Monday, 16th- Class Color War | Freshman - Green,
Sophomore - Purple, Junior - Blue, Senior - Pink

Tuesday, 17th- Twin Day

Wednesday, 18th- Tacky Tourist

Thursday, 19th- Generations | Freshman - Babies,
Sophomore - College Students, Junior - Working Class,
Senior - Senior Citizens

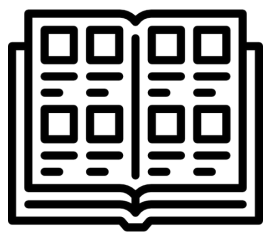
Friday, 20th- Falcon Spirit Day | Red Out

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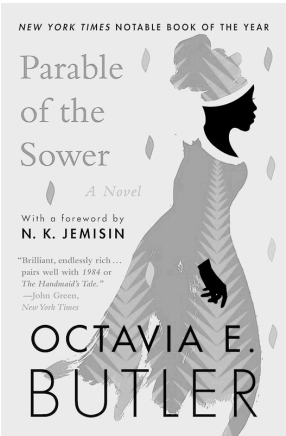
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- 1. *Blackbirds* by Chuck Wendig
- 2. *Who is Vera Kelly* by Rosalie Knecht
- 3. *The Deep* by Alma Katsu
- 4. *Upright Women Wanted* by Sarah Gailey
- 5. *The Outsiders* by S.E. Hilton
- 6. *The Book of Speculation* by Erika Swyler
- 7. *Weyward* by Emilia Hart
- 8. *Parable of the Sower* by Octavia E. Butler
- 9. *We Mostly Come Out at Night* edited by Rob Costello
- 10. *Allegedly* by Tiffany D. Jackson



Deadpool Wolverine

Will Rettman
Staff Writer

Most times, summer is a huge time for movie theaters due to all of the new films being released. Last year, we had the iconic crossover between Barbie, directed by Greta Gerwig, and Oppenheimer, directed by Christopher Nolan, which were both released on the same day! Though, this summer, there weren't many films that stood out, but there was one. Deadpool & Wolverine, directed by Shawn Levy, came out July 26, 2024. On the app Letterboxd, it has an average rating of 3.6 stars out of 5, and the highest amount of stars given was 4, from 314.4k users. The film is now the third installment of the Deadpool franchise, but it seemed to have touched many hearts of the viewers. The movie features a tribute to the old 20th Century

Fox Marvel films, such as X-Men by Bryan Singer. Despite the emotional tribute, Deadpool & Wolverine is a hilarious and action packed movie, with a run time of 128 minutes. The film was definitely recognized as the movie of this year's summer.



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Olympics

David Reyes
Staff Writer

In 2024, many unique and special events came about, but one of them is like no other. The summer Olympics, which rebooted better than ever after years marked by the pandemic, came back with a spectacle of entertainment and an open ceremony with a performance in the Grand Palais of Paris.



Photo by: AP News

Simone Biles posing for a photo with her medals

The event is more alive than ever, with 329 medals distributed among all competing countries, and with team USA taking first place with the most medals won, and second place China. As a journalist, it's easy to point out the number of medals won by the USA, or the broken records, but what really matters, and what really stands out, is the men and women that took the chance to

jump in the uncertain abyss of pain and failure only to find a sea of glory and grace. Like Michael Phelps, (the now retired gold medalist record holder) whose fate was to swim against the waves, and not because it was written in the stars, but because it was written in his heart. No amount of blood and tears or far away laughter could change what he was destined to be.



Photo by: Readers Digest

Movie List

Will Rettman
Staff Writer

1. Beetlejuice (1988, PG) by Tim Burton
2. A Quiet Place: Day One (2024, PG-13) by Michael Sarnoski
3. Little Miss Sunshine (2006, R) by Valerie Faris, Jonathan Dayton
4. I Saw the TV Glow (2024, PG-13) by Jane Schoenbrun
5. The Hunger Games (2012, PG-13) by Gary Ross
6. The Lego Movie (2014, PG) by Phil Lord, Christopher Miller
7. Deadpool & Wolverine (2024, R) by Shawn Levy
8. Scream (1996, R) by Wes Craven
9. It (2017, R) by Andy Muschietti
10. Wonka (2023, PG) Paul King

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