

In the news . . .

Find the Fun

by Austin Wiskus

High school is a time in your life for you learn more about yourself than at school. During the four years, you learn who your friends are, what you want to be, what classes you love, and who you truly are. You learn so much experience in a short amount of time.

There are a few ways to make high school memorable and fun. Be yourself; don't be scared to let your true colors show. Being yourself will find you the real friends that you want. Get your work done if you don't want to have an overwhelming supply of work outside of your classes, and do the work right away. Try your best, you don't have to have a perfect GPA student to be successful. As long as you do the work to the best of your abilities, teachers will appreciate it.

Do what you're told. I know we teenagers don't like to listen sometimes, but if you do what teachers tell you, it's so much easier. You won't get in trouble. You'll save arguments. The day will go by so much faster. All underclassmen, if you follow this, I promise you high school will be the best 4 years of your young life. So get that work done and find the fun.

For the Lazy student

by Aspen Ellis and Myk Schoop

High school goes by fast. It seriously does and as a freshman, it seems impossible with the endless days ahead of you, but before you know it, graduation is just around the corner. Do not waste your high school days. You will soon learn people are mean, especially girls are mean, but who really cares?

Stay out of drama at all costs and let them be miserable. Get good grades. Don't play the "get by and do assignments the class before you have class" game. Think of it this way: you have to go to school; why? Mostly it's because your parents and the state makes you. You're already at school, so use it. Invest in yourself; take a wide range of classes. This is the time to find out what you like and enjoy. Why would you take a class and not try to do your very best in it?

The time you put in everything you do whether it is in class or out of school will pay off. You truly do get out what you put in. In high school, you just have to try, try everything, and you will be happy with who you are, and the people around you will respect you.

Try Everything

by Cade Carstens

No matter what happens, life will always go on. Don't get angry over something little. There are 86,400 seconds in a day; don't let someone ruin your day just because they made fun of you for 10 seconds. Also during your high school career, find yourself a teacher who always be there for you. Always try hard in class because GPA actually means something. Always make friends and go to all the dances, even the FFA one. Also, always be outgoing and try sports, even if you aren't any good. This is so you can make a lot of friends and have a second family.

Stay Ahead

By Caleb Reiss

To all upcoming freshman, don't be dumb. Stay focused on school. Don't treat school like it's a joke. If you don't, you'll end up with a low GPA. Trust me, you're going to want a high GPA.

When you apply for scholarships, it will look really good. Most scholarships require a higher GPA. Don't fall behind in any classes. It's hard to catch up. If you take online classes, don't fall behind, like I did. You'll end up having to write nine papers.

Upcoming Events . . .

- 5-15 GIRLS REGIONAL GOLF @ EAGLE GROVE
- 5-15 SCHOOL BOARD MEETING @ LAKE CITY 7:00 PM
- 5-16 JAZZ BAND CONCERT @ LC BANDSTAND
- 5-18 STATE TRACK
- 5-19 STATE TRACK
- 5-20 STATE TRACK
- 5-21 GRADUATION @ HS GYM 1:30 PM
- 5-22 SOFTBALL @ STORM LAKE 5:30 PM
- 5-23 SOFTBALL VS. GLIDDEN-RALSTON @ LYTTON 5:30 PM
- 5-24 SOFTBALL & BASEBALL VS. WEST BEND-MALLARD @ LYTTON 5:30 PM
- 5-26 BASEBALL & SOFTBALL VS. PAC/LM @ LYTTON 5:30 PM
- 5-27 BASEBALL @ WATERLOO BUCKS TOURNAMENT 1:00 PM

You'll also have to take 20 tests. All of this will be due in a week. This is not fun. You will hate your life.

Make better choices, do your work on time, and don't wait until the last minute to try to earn a good grade.

To the Incoming Freshman

by Sydnie Schultz

Welcome to your home for the next four years of your life. This is what you've all been waiting for, high school. This may be the best four years of your life or the worst four years of your life. It is all up to you.

People might often compare high school to prison. They tell you that you will not have any friends, and that you will hate it. That is not entirely true. Even though it may be rough sometimes, you will get through it. You'll make friends, and you will enjoy it. High school will fly by. You may think four years is a long time, but it is not. At one moment, you were walking into school on the first day of freshman year, and before you know it, you are walking across the stage at graduation.

For the next four years, make a lot of friends and create a lot of memories, because it will all be over before you know it. Just last year you were on the top being the big 8th graders, and now you drop to the bottom again. Always remember, you are freshmen. You are not on top, the seniors are. Let them have their glory days of being the oldest students in the school. Your time will come. We were all freshmen once, and in four short years, you will be seniors, too.

As a freshman, you might wish to be a senior right now, but trust me, once you are a senior, you will wish you were a freshman again. We may look like we're having a great time and have our whole lives figured out, but we don't. As a senior, you will feel very overwhelmed with the idea of having to figure out what you will do for the rest of your life. Some of you will realize that you have no idea

what you will do. You will feel nervous and excited for what the next year holds. For now, you will have four years to figure all this out for yourself. Just remember, it will be fun. You will survive; I promise .

For the Love of Peer Pressure

By Anastasia Sackfield

My senior year has been my most memorable up by far, mostly because of the bands I've experienced and the lessons I've learned from all my friends.

Lately, I've learned that some of my friends peer pressure me into stupid decisions, and what's worse is that I accept and thrive off of it. I ate the hottest pepper in the world, sat with my mouth open for the entire period, and sweat my butt off. As a prize for eating a piece of fire, I got two stickers, a dollar, a crisp high five, and a lot of props for saying in my seat and not sprinting to the bathroom. I also got a donut from the cooks.

Once I thought it was safe to drink water, the hot pepper I practically swallowed whole was still in my stomach and reacted with the water. I lasted 5 minutes before I was on the football field for marching band puking up the hot pepper, donut, and water. It was miserable; the nasty body odor taste was on my mouth again, the burning returned to my lips, and it was in front of the entire band.

A fellow student tried to get the teacher's attention, but instead was forced to awkwardly help me while I was hunched over dying. While I was better after 15 minutes or so, lesson of the story is that you should try to get more money for eating a really hot pepper. Also, friends can be horrible.

An Alternative (A Parody)

by Jordan Ludwig

High school isn't scary or impossible or intimidating like some people try to make it out to be. What it really is, is a bunch of maladjusted high functioning neurotics who have successfully convinced themselves they can get that diploma.

Running on caffeine, desperation, and 5 hours of sleep, these adolescents power through day after day chasing a piece of paper. And for what? To get a job? What job? Most of them don't know yet. In fact, 70% of college students will change their major. I ask you this: what's the point of it all? We have a random amount of days to live on a rock in space, and we're sitting in some school?

We should be outside, exploring. I should be out climbing mountains, meeting animals, and foraging for berries, not learning the parts of a microscope. The prime of my life is sweating out into the superfluous pages of a college textbook. When I die someday, will I be thankful that I learned how to divide polynomials? No. Brothers, sisters, and friends, my explicit point is this: we should abandon all societal duties and responsibilities and live in a self-serving manner.



Dear Freshman Me

by Cody Schumacher

Many things have changed in such a short time that I never imagined would happen. I want so much more in my future than I thought I did. When I was a freshman, I was stupid and naïve, like almost every freshman is.

I wish I would have known then that I wanted to be a nurse. I could have been so much better prepared leaving high school than I am now. I would have taken more science classes and done less goofing around. I could have saved myself a semester at college.

I would also like to tell you to develop better study habits as a freshman because I still don't have them now. I need them before college, so I better change now. The last thing I would recommend is get a better GPA, because it matters, and that would come with the better study habits. If I could restart high school, I would, even though I'm so ready to be done with it. I could save myself a lot of money and time.

Earn the Slack

by Trevor Dettman

To people that who benefit from reading this, make sure in high school that you don't slack too much. Have fun, but make sure not to have too much fun. Always do your homework. Keep organized, and don't be messy. Don't talk back to teachers or people that make high school fun. Make sure to help the teacher out so if you get into trouble, you might get some slack. Don't be dumb and do stupid things.

Do the things you like to do, but don't be disrespectful. Listen to the teachers and make the most of each day.

Congratulations to the Class of 2017



