

# WDHS CHRONICLES

## WDHS Shows Their Spirit

By Cloe Mitchell and Claire Procnier

Many WDHS students came out and showed their love for their school during Spirit Week by dressing up according to each day's theme. On Monday, WDHS was seeing double during twin day! Sets of twins and triplets were all around the school.

Tuesday was all about WDHS. Students dressed in their warrior wear and in the school's colours. Participants showed their true love for our school with hues of red and black.

Wednesday offered sports fans an opportunity to come to school decked out in their favourite jerseys. Students showed up in anything from football to baseball jerseys. An array of different jerseys showed the pride and excitement that our students have for their favourite teams.

On Thursday, students had the opportunity to dress as tourists visiting their favourite vacation spot! Some students were ready for a tropical vacation by wearing floral patterns, while other students went for more of a Parisian look.

Friday was the last day of Spirit Week, and it was tie-dye day. This was simple for many students who have made or purchased tie-dye clothing in the past. It was hilarious to see anything from the most subtle to the most outrageous forms of tie-dye!



Overall, Spirit Week was a success in bringing different students together in warrior pride. We hope to see even more participation next year to make it the best Spirit Week yet!

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# Tips and Hacks

## Almost There!

By Alexandra Nicu and Morgan Andrews

Summer is almost here, Warriors! July and August go by very quickly which is why it is important that you make the most of them. We want to help you have the best summer ever! Power through those exams and then enjoy those days in the sun! Here are some fun summer ideas:

- Have a picnic
- Go camping
- Campfire
- Star gazing
- Berry picking
- Go to a drive in
- Water balloon fight
- Feed the ducks
- Make ice-cream
- Bake cookies
- Spa day
- Get a summer job
- Watch the sun set
- Spend the day swimming
- Go to Canada's Wonderland
- Roadtrip!
- Go on a hike
- Lemonade stand
- Start a garden
- Go to the zoo
- Watch a circus performance
- Jedi training in the yard
- Use hair chalk
- Read
- Volunteer
- Day trip
- Have a carwash
- Get a henna tattoo
- Colour run
- Roller blading
- Beach volleyball
- Do fireworks
- Go golfing
- Tie dye
- Carnivals!



## The Bulletin Board

### Quiet Weeks Begins June 13th

No school trips; events; practices, etc, for the rest of the year.

Get prepped for those exams, Waterdown.

### Grade 12 Exams Begin June 17<sup>th</sup>

Good luck!

### Grade 9, 10, and 11 Exams Begin June 22<sup>nd</sup>

Good luck!

### Grade 12 Graduation June 29<sup>th</sup>

4:00 pm at Hamilton Place. We wish our senior Warriors a heartfelt good luck and goodbye.

### Report Cards/Portfolios! July 11<sup>th</sup>

Report cards & Grade 12 portfolios can be picked up in the main office from 8:30am-1:30pm



## Girls Run the World!

By Sidney Honrath

WATERDOWN - April 19th was WDHS's first annual Women's Day Breakfast.

The cafeteria was filled with women and girls from all over our community. Judi Partridge, Lexi Miles, Lynda Wigood, and WDHS's very own, Mrs. Visca, were just a few of the wonderful women who came to talk about their experiences and achieving their goals.

Waterdown was also very lucky to have our cafeteria staff working hard to prepare enough food for everyone. Mrs. Mulligan, a supervisor of Waterdown's Girl's Respect Group, said "This event was a sensational success. The girls were very interested and the speakers were very inspiring. I hope this continues on for the next few years."

Our principal, Mrs. Visca, said "I am very proud as a principal to have witnessed and been a part of this event. It was a classy, well-organized, and well-timed event." The Women's Day Breakfast was amazing, and will hopefully continue for many more years to come!



## Warriors from Germany

By Jenna Bavota and Samantha McGregor

WATERDOWN - Recently, some of the WDHS Chronicles writers sat down with a few of the German exchange students to ask them about their experiences in Canada.

The first question given to the exchange students was about why they chose to participate in the exchange. Many of them answered that they wanted to visit a new place and learn more about our culture, our school system, and to practice speaking English.

The German students were also asked what they most liked about Canada so far, the Chronicles team was very surprised by their answers. They all agreed that they enjoyed the relaxed and friendly lifestyle Canadians have and the way you can just start a conversation with anybody. They also said they enjoyed the way our school and landscape is different than in Germany.

The next question received a quick and easy answer. They were asked what they were most excited to do or see while in Canada. They all agreed that they wanted to see Niagara Falls and visit Toronto.

The students were also asked what they hope to learn in Canada and what they have already learned from the program. Some said that they have enjoyed the opportunity to be self-sufficient. Others said they enjoyed experiencing the different culture and getting the chance to understand different views on life.

Lastly, the German students were asked about their first impressions of Canada. One of the biggest things that they mentioned was that they were surprised by the lack of public transport. In Germany, lots of people travel around on bikes, whereas in Canada, we rely on cars. They also commented on the fact that Canadian youth rely on their parents more than they would in Germany.

Thanks to Paul, Fiona, Christoph, and Justin for taking the time to sit with the Chronicles and answer some questions!



## Run like the Wind

By Mitchell German

WINDSOR - Waterdown student, Alex Seguin, had an impressive showing during the June 2<sup>nd</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> Ontario Federation of School Athletic Associations track and field meet at the University of Windsor Alumni Field. With 2313 student athletes all determined for a top finish at OFSAA, the competition was tight.

Alex represented Waterdown at various track and field meets throughout the season to qualify for such a prestigious event as OFSAA. The Waterdown student left fellow competitors in the dust with his reputable race times in the 3000m event:

- Hamilton City Championships - First Place - 10:11.15.
- Southern Ontario Secondary School.
- Athletics Meet - Fourth Place - 9:43.35.
- South Regionals - Fourth Place - Finished Top 4 and Qualified for OFSAA.
- OFSAA Track and Field Meet - Sixteenth Place - 9:43.73.

Despite not having a competitive running background, Alex was a solid competitor amongst the other athletes in the 3000m event. Through dedication to the track team, Alex's running times improved dramatically over the season with approximately a 20 second time difference between the first and last meet.

This was not Alex's first OFSAA event. The Waterdown student competed in the OFSAA cross-country champions in Duntroon during the month of November. Here, he achieved outstanding results.

"OFSAA was an amazing experience. I was honoured to get the chance to run amongst so many great athletes." mentioned Alex



## Athletic Highlights and Updates:

The Junior Boys Football Team have finished their season. Great work, boys!

Waterdown hosted their annual Beach Mayhem Volleyball Tournament.

The Athletic Banquet was a huge success, congratulations to all of Waterdown's athletes!

Have an excellent summer athletes, see you on the courts, fields, and track in September!

# JackChat

By Jack Lamont



**How can I motivate myself to study for exams? Honestly, I am done with studying.**

The best way to motivate yourself is to give yourself some goals. Write them down and keep them near you in order to continually remind you of your commitment. Keep working towards your goal and try and only take very small breaks, if any. You could even try looking at inspirational quotes online if that helps you! Just keep in mind that exams are not something to fear, but something to challenge yourself with, so try and prepare yourself as best you can! Good luck!

**I am going to be in grade 12 next year and I am really worried about graduating and University. How do I make the best out of my senior year?**

Well the first thing I can recommend is to try and not procrastinate. Do homework and projects as soon as you can so you know you can have more time to do fun things. As much as it might be tempting to avoid the work and join in with a lot of the activities that ramp up in Grade 12, try and do some memorable things while it lasts. Join a team or a club, go to school events, and remain optimistic. One important thing to do is to balance your foresight and hindsight. Try and live in the moment but remember to prepare yourself for University and post-secondary schooling. When you have time off make sure to tour some schools but also get together with friends as frequently as you can (assuming it doesn't interfere with homework or schoolwork in general).

Jackchat will be returning next year! Please feel free to send in questions now or over the summer, all of them will be saved for the next season of Jackchat.



**SPORTS**  
with the highest  
concussion rates:



- 1. Football
- 2. Girl's Ice Hockey
- 3. Boy's Ice Hockey

- 4. Boy's and Girl's Rugby
- 5. Boy's Lacrosse
- 6. Girl's Soccer
- 7. Girl's Lacrosse

- 8. Boy's Soccer
- 9. Boy's Wrestling

(Castile et al., 2011; Daneshvar et al., 2011; Tommasone et al., 2006; CDC)



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# Editorial

## Donald Trump is No Accident

By Aleksa Kenjic

“‘This Will Be the End of Trump’s Campaign,’ Says Increasingly Nervous Man for Seventh Time This Year”. This headline in The Onion, a satirical newspaper, probably brought some giggles and nervous looks alike to many people around the world following the American election. Trump’s brash, upfront, and reckless style of speeches and politics have not destroyed his chances at winning elected office, as so many have predicted, but rather have boosted them. Trump now looks to be a lock for the Republican nomination, and could have a real shot at winning the presidential election later this year. Pundits, writers, celebrities and comedians have all taken shots at Trump, and yet cannot make a dent in his poll numbers. This is, sadly, no coincidence.

One can sense that the general public has long clamored for a politician that speaks their mind. Establishment candidates that simply lie and promise outlandish things for votes are all over the political scene, but it seems like their days are numbered. Many “establishment” candidates, such as Jeb Bush, Marco Rubio, and Scott Walker, have fallen by the wayside as voters have gotten fed up with politics as it has been. The end result is people like Donald Trump, whose country is completely polarized about him. One cannot help but wonder why he is not being lauded for speaking his mind and being honest. It is almost as if the most of the public is scared to admit that he represents what they want.

If one inspects the funding for a major candidate, i.e. who their major donors are, one can expect a variety of big banks, corporations and wealthy. This fact rubs many people the wrong way. For instance, cries of puppetry and bribery get thrown around. Bernie Sanders, for example, has made it a core tenet of his campaign to remove big money from politics. This policy would remove “vote-buying”, supposedly, and give candidates equal footing in a race for office. Donald Trump, strangely enough, is maybe the only candidate who explicitly turned away campaign donations. A candidate that isn’t funded by corporations - is this not what politicians should be?

Voters tend to vote for more electable candidates when election day rolls around, research says. This all but locks in Hillary Clinton for the next president. However, any future politician should take lessons from this year’s set of primaries, and realize that the political era of moderateness and big money may be over.

## May Day!

By: Alexandra Nicu

WATERDOWN - The WDHS students enjoyed their time in the sun and time off of school with the annual May Day. Fun events that were run by Student Parliament took place outside of Waterdown District High School on Friday, May 27th, starting at 11 am.

Throughout the day there was a variety of events and food to try. The main event was the student vs teacher soccer-baseball match, which the students won. May Day also had face painting and tie dying shirts, along with carnival games on the football field. The carnival games included basketball and shooting, which topped last years.

There was tasty food all day long that included a barbecue, cotton candy, snow cones, popcorn, and ice cream from an ice cream truck. WDHS student Jenny Fu exclaimed, "The weather was amazing, which made the day even better, and the music created a more enthusiastic atmosphere."

One of the May Day coordinator's, Miss Turner said, "Thanks to all the staff and students who came out and enjoyed May Day 2016! I can't even decide on a highlight from the day: the cotton candy, face paint, carnival games or maybe the student-teacher soccer baseball game? It was all great!"

The cost of May Day events were kept low and the funding of this anticipated day was earned from school events throughout the year.

With exams coming up May Day was the perfect way for the students to relax and have fun. The May Day tradition at WDHS will continue to grow each year and remain a day that the warriors look forward to participating in.



## The Beauty of Community

By Jenna Bavota

HAMILTON - Like the great California redwoods, communities thrive when everyone is supported by one other. On Tuesday May 3, Mr. Smith, Mrs. North, and a few WDHS students attended the 41st annual Hamilton commUNITY prayer breakfast.

The Waterdown representatives were thoroughly entertained by the wonderful food, speeches, poems, and dance. Most of all they were left with a feeling of connection to the great community we live in.

The breakfast opened with some beautiful Latin guitar music, followed by a wonderful breakfast and many inspiring speeches.

The St. Jean de Brébeuf Catholic Secondary School Dance Team shared a beautiful dance about unity, and the Westdale Secondary School Spoken Word Club presented a beautiful spoken word about growing up in Hamilton. The highlight of the morning was the spoken word/beatbox combo presented by the keynote speaker, Lishai Peel.

The students in attendance learned a very valuable lesson about the importance of community and friendship, and all left feeling lighter, and closer to the entire Hamilton community.

## Wonderland!

By Sophia Lavalle

VAUGHAN - May 30th, 2016, members of the junior and senior bands eagerly waited for their bus to arrive. Once all the instruments were packed away, the group was ready to go. Off to Wonderland!

After a long ride and some front gate confusion, the bands arrived at Canada's Wonderland, they bands were ready for a day of fun and excitement. Once the tickets were handed out, the students parted ways to enjoy the park.

At 1:00, the groups meet to unload all the instruments. After all the instruments were set up, the bands began to play in the beautiful outdoor theatre. Nearing the end of the second and last song, the wind picked up. Student's music went flying off the stands and around the stage. Thankfully, the band managed to finish the song!

After the performance, the whole group rode both the Leviathan and the Behemoth roller coasters together. Overall, Canada's Wonderland was an amazing, fun, and bonding trip that the bands were lucky enough to share. We hope they'll have just as much fun next year!



# GAMES



## Sudoku

By Ben Sun

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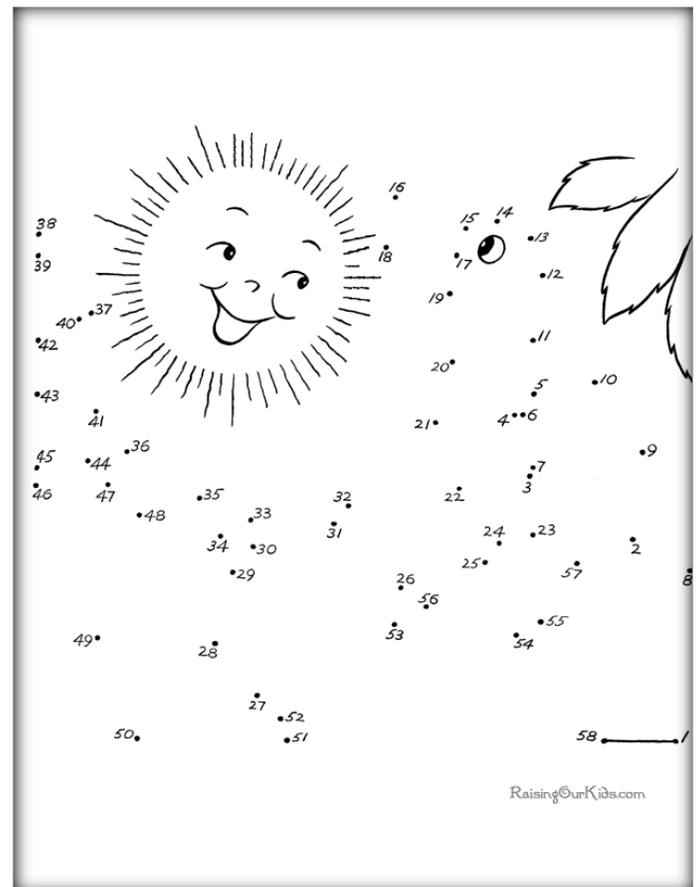
## Riddle of the Month

By Saskia Wharton

Be the first person to solve the riddle, find your editor in person, and you will receive a \$5 Tim Hortons Card!

**“What can travel around the world while staying in a corner?”**

## Connect the Dots



## X's and O's

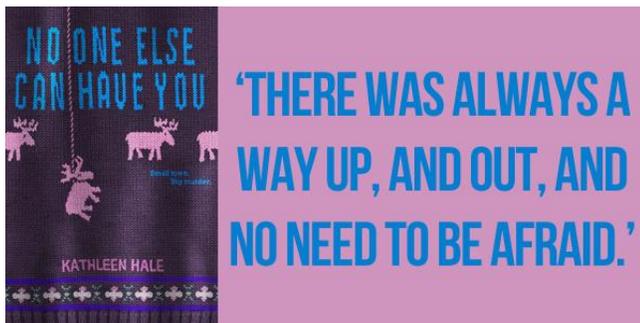
By Elizabeth Goguen


# Reviews

## No One Else Can Have You

By Elizabeth Goguen

Kippy Bushman best friend Ruth Fried has been murdered. Everyone in Friendship, Wisconsin goes into panic mode because no one knows who or when the killer will strike next. Kippy believes that some people in her town are not as innocent as they seem and she sets off to find out who really killed Ruth. This book is truly amazing. I highly recommend *No one Else Can Have You*, by Kathleen Hale.



## The Division Review

By Nelson Shaw

The game, *Destiny*, might as well be dead. What else is there to play? How about *The Division*? This game takes place in a post-apocalyptic New York City after a massive pandemic takes place. It is up to you, in *The Division* group, to proceed with Operation Dark Winter and restore everything you can in the society of the USA. This game was intended to compete with *Destiny*. Does it really?

Like any Tom Clancy game, the narrative in this game is strong. The gunplay is very smooth and contains very complex RPG elements such as stability and maximum DPS. The streets of New York are stunning to explore around in this game and it is surely better than walking on the actual, real, streets of New York. *The Division's* Dark Zone is definitely the highlight of this game since you

can earn good loot by not only facing against the AI but also against other players who can go rogue. It is pretty intense! I honestly can't believe this, but this game is more repetitive than *Destiny*! What?! You only have 7 types of guns in this game. All that really matters are the damage numbers. If they really wanted numbers to matter then they should have made it more with lottery cards instead of guns. The Dark Zone is the only PvP aspect of the game which is sad to see. You cannot change the cosmetics of your character and you cannot even have fancy clothes show up on them. Everyone playing this game looks the same. However, it certainly explains why most people in New York are considered nobodies.

So, if you are looking for a game that is extremely repetitive, but has a very well written story, you might be looking to invest in *The Division*. This game is another shooter game with a very tedious but addicting structure. This game talks about how a disease spreads across New York and how society falls into chaos, but the very fact that this game is considered addicting shows that *The Division* is more of a disease rather than an actual game.





# Classifieds

Wishing our Warriors a Wonderful Birthday!



Emily Carson  
April 27, 2000



Colin Schotsman  
June 12, 2001



Abby Clarke  
April 19, 2001



Megan Andrew  
June 12, 2001



Ashley Schotsman  
June 12, 2001



Olivia Thorne  
April 5, 2000



Kennedy Glover  
May 5, 2000



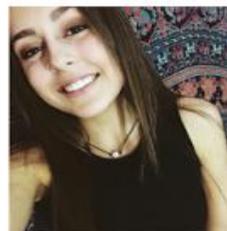
Mitch German  
March 30, 2000



Selah Bishop  
August 15, 2000



Lauren Hackel  
April 26, 2000



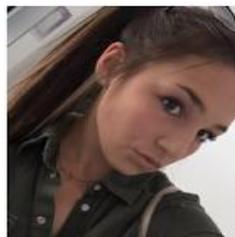
Micah China  
May 16, 2000



Lauren Fitzgerald  
April 12, 2001



Emma Calcutt  
May 31, 2000



Rachel Brown  
April 14, 2000



Quinlan Grimbleby  
June 5, 1999



Danielle Erb  
June 6, 1999

## Taking the Windy City by Storm

By Samantha McGregor

On the morning of Friday May 13th WDH's Jr. and Sr. band and vocals class set off to the Windy City, AKA Chicago, Illinois. From shopping on the Magnificent Mile Friday evening to touring the home of the Chicago Cubs, Wrigley Field, on Monday morning before departure the trip was full of fun and excitement. After a ten hour bus ride the students arrived in Chicago and had a few hours to browse the store on the Mile that no one could truly afford, like Tiffany & Co. and Saks Fifth Avenue. Saturday consisted of a guided sightseeing tour of the city in the morning, then free time to explore Chicago's Navy Pier for the afternoon, dinner at Andy's Jazz club and the world famous Sky Deck at the Willis/Sears tower to end the day. Sunday morning started with another tour of the city but this time hosted by Untouchable Tours, Chicago's Original Gangster Tour, and brunch at the House of Blues, where a few of the students

were invited to sing on stage with the gospel choir, and free time in Millennium Park. For dinner they had original Chicago deep dish and after dinner they saw a performance by the Blue Man Group. One of the chaperones and one of the students were used on stage as volunteers.

Monday morning was a tour of The United States of America second oldest baseball field, Wrigley stadium, and then a ten hour bus ride home. The trip was an overall success and a great send off for WDHS's retiring music teacher, Mr. Robson.



## History Comes Alive

By Selah Bishop

WATERDOWN - "Welcome to the trench," exclaimed WDHS history students while they excitedly beckoned community members, middle school students, and teachers, into an educational experience. "Welcome to the Museum!"

May 4th marked the opening of Waterdown's 2016 History Museum and the grand opening of Waterdown's first ever trench. The museum stayed open for three weeks and included informational posters and artifacts from historical events throughout history, including two authentic Nazi flags, sword bayonets, and the shelling of a bomb from WWI. Visitors were able to pass through a completely to-scale WWI trench in order to better understand WWI conditions. The plank-lined trench, complete with sandbags, helmets, weapons, and a sleeping soldier, was truly the highlight of the museum.

Mr. Flosman, his grade 10 Civics, History, and grade 11 Genocide class all worked hard since February of this year in order to put all of the pieces of the museum together. "The process was a bit nerve racking. Always money issues and deadlines. I knew it had to be ready for May 4th.

Starting in February made me think I had lots of time, but there were times of self-doubt and a feeling I may not get it all done. There were a couple of times where I thought What if it doesn't turn out the way it should? But people thought it was really cool especially when a soldier under a blanket talked to them..." explained Mr. Flosman.

Five separate schools around the Flamborough area came to experience history through the museum. The WDHS history students acted as their guides throughout their visit. The students explained events, propaganda, and highlighted interesting facts. "The museum was an amazing learning experience. It gave students an interesting insight into lives that they were not around to experience," commented Morgan Andrews, a WDHS student involved in creating the museum.

WDHS hopes that everyone who came to walk through the history was able to learn something "The reason for the museum is to give students an authentic history experience. Something interactive that a textbook cannot teach," says Mr. Flosman. "I think it helps students grasp what history is important by walking in the shoes of those who went before us and to allow students to interact with history."

# June

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5	6 Library Books Due	7	8	9	10	11
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26	27 Gr. 9, 10, and 11 P5 EXAM - 9:00am	28 Alternative EXAM Day	29 P.D. Day  Graduation Day!	30 P.D. Day		