



DANVILLE HIGH SCHOOL

Maroon & White

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VIKINGS UNITE FOR HOMECOMING 2023 CELEBRATION



2023 DHS Homecoming Court: FRONT: Serenity Reed, Bailee Easton, Presence Reed, Nevaeh Smith, Anna Houpt, JhaKira Harris, Aleeya Rudy; MIDDLE: Miles Littlepaige, Anna Gonzalez, Laine Devors, Gavin Baugh; BACK: Tim Long, Keiper Engel, Curtis Beasley IV, Davari Boyd, Isaiah Easton, Victor Jones, Tayvion Diltz

ANNA HOUPT & ALEEYA RUDY

Danville High School hosted the annual Homecoming celebration September 25-30. Planning and preparation for the week started back in May. The Student Council wanted something different for this year's theme and were inspired by our local Balloons Over Vermilion event here in Danville. After lots of discussion they settled on "Up, Up, and Away" which featured hot air balloons and butterflies. The student body was able to get involved in creating this year's Spirit Week Themed Dress Days by submitting their suggestions to a Google Form. The days selected this year were:

- **Monday:** Maroon and White day
- **Tuesday:** Barbie and Ken day
- **Wednesday:** Class Spirit day
- **Thursday:** Generation Day
- **Friday:** Pajama Day

Monday, we kicked off the festivities with the Homecoming pep assembly, which took place on Ned Whitesell Field at the end of the school day. Each pair of homecoming court attendees were recognized. For the parade, the local Corvette Club provided classic Corvettes that wrapped around the field carrying the attendants. Performances were also made by the Band of Vikings and the DHS Cheer and Pompettes Teams. At the end of the

assembly, the king and queen were crowned: Curtis Beasley IV and Nevaeh Smith.

Students enjoyed Wednesday's Spirit Night, featuring the traditional Powder Puff Game, Diva Dash, and a few class competition Minute-to-Win-It games. The Freshmen and Senior Team dominated the Powder Puff Game, and the Seniors won the Diva Dash; a competition where the Senior boys race across the field dressed up in fancy attire. The night ended with an outdoor movie night.

Friday, September 29th the Vikings Football Team hosted the Normal Community Ironmen on Ned Whitesell Field. Unfortunately the outcome of the game was not in our favor, however the boys played their hardest and made the game enjoyable to watch. Junior, Javaughn Robinson, despite the loss, had a great performance and scored a spectacular 70 yard touchdown for the Vikings.

The dance was held on Saturday in the Danville High School Field House. Students arrived dressed in their homecoming attire ready for the night. Our very own Mr. Simmons (aka Mr. Long Hair Don't Care) kindly offered to DJ and did an amazing job selecting music and keeping everyone entertained during the dance. Later that evening the Homecoming Court Attendants were recognized one final time on stage. The dance was filled with decorations and cute pop up backgrounds for friends to take pictures in front of. It was a



wonderful night and the end of a great week!

Homecoming Week obviously takes quite a bit of time to plan and put together, so we want to thank the Student Council team and their advisors for another successful event. The Student Council officers in particular take on a lot of extra responsibilities which they should be recognized for. One individual being the Vice President of Events, Maya Hale. For the Homecoming dance, she was the one gathering all the input and ideas, and organized the decorating. Another shout out has to be given to all the secretaries and support staff who assist with running reports for attendance and discipline, and those who assist with selling the tickets. The job could not be done without the incredible staff we have here at DHS. Thank you all for your support in making this year's Homecoming a success!





Who's Who? @ DANVILLE HIGH SCHOOL



ELIZABETH COSAT
DHS ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL
SARAH KAGELS

Years in Education: 25 years

Family Life: 2 kids and a husband, one is a senior at DHS and another is an 8th grader at NR.

What is the most rewarding part of your job? Seeing students set goals and meet their goals.

Who has had the biggest influence on you or your career path? My grandmother was my 5th grade teacher and she inspired me to become a teacher.

What is something most people don't know about you, that you are willing to share? I coached volleyball for 8 years when I first started teaching.

What are your favorite activities or interests outside of school? I love the sun and being outside.

Do you have any advice for DHS students? Get involved in something - sports, music, organizations, club - It makes high school fun and you make great friends.



KELLY YOHNKA
DHS MATH TEACHER
CAMERON FEUERBORN

Years in Education: 22 years teaching, 10 at DHS

Family Life: Married for 20 years with 2 boys, Owen is a senior at DHS and Declan is a freshman at SJO.

What is the most rewarding part of your job? Watching the lightbulb go on over someone's head when they get it, and keeping up with kids after they graduate.

Who has had the biggest influence on you or your career path? Mrs. Newman was my 4th grade teacher and is the sole reason that I am a teacher today.

What is something most people don't know about you, that you are willing to share? I married an identical twin, and I've grown 2 inches since 8th grade.

What are your favorite activities or interests outside of school? Reading and hanging with the family and concerts

Do you have any advice for DHS students? When in doubt, ask for help! Pay attention in class and you just might learn something useful.



DAYLEN DAVIS WILLIAMS
DHS TEACHING ASSISTANT/HALL MONITOR
KALEAH BELLIK

Education: 1 year at Indiana State and 3 years at DACC playing basketball where I became an All-American.

Family Life: I AM BECOMING A FATHER!!! (Very soon)

What is the most rewarding part of your job? Watching highschoolers live the most important days of their lives, and also having the opportunity to interact with the students.

Who has had the biggest influence on you or your career path? GOD!!! Because of Him I wouldn't be guided down these paths I've been taking. Also, my beloved mother, can't forget her.

What is something most people don't know about you, that you are willing to share? That I can blow a tune or two. (singing)

What are your favorite activities or interests outside of school? Mostly sport activities or gaming. I'm a boring guy!

Do you have any advice for DHS students? Enjoy high school while you can because once it is over you will be wishing you could go back and re-live the good ole days.



Hello Vikings,

As we finish the first quarter of the school year there are so many things on my mind. As I think about the most important things to say, I can't get past how impressed I am by the students of Danville High School.

Our sports teams have fought courageously and even if they aren't always finding success in the traditional sense, I get reports from coaches each week about how hard and dedicated our athletes are and the personal records they are setting each week. Our Band of Vikings impresses me every time I see them, they have one of the more unique shows I've seen in my 17 years here. The dedication of our JROTC members has been admirable, showing up at 6:30am each day for drill. Our Future Problem Solvers are a top three finalist for a Silver Dome Award from the Illinois Broadcasters Association for their Project LENS Podcast. Our theater students rocked the stage this summer at the DLO Teen Musical and as I write this will be taking the stage tonight for opening night of the fall play. We have four students who earned commendation from the College Board and National Merit Scholarship Program. These are just a few of the many impressive accomplishments by our students so far this school year.

With all of that said, what has amazed me most is the genuine, kind, and caring spirit of Viking students. On my first day as principal I walked into the office to a card on the desk from my dear friend and mentor Ms. Cherry. In the card she wrote, "nobody told me how hard this job would be." She definitely was right. This has been one of the hardest stretches of my life, not in a bad way, it's just been challenging. Every time I feel down on myself, disappointed, or inadequate a student picked me up with a kind word, a nice email, or a genuine hello in the hallway. Like clock work, a student came through for me when I needed it most. The students of Danville High School have truly carried me through this first quarter and I could not be more grateful.

So let's remember to keep taking care of each other Vikings. You are seen. You are heard. You matter. You can do it.

—Mr. Bretz

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VIKING COLLEGE & CAREER LAB



MAYA GAGNON

Danville High School now hosts a College & Career Lab for Juniors and Seniors, located in Room #110, right by the Circle Drive Doors. Currently, the College & Career Lab space is being used for college representative visits and college prep presentations being put on by the School Counselors. Ms. Woods is hoping the use of the lab grows as the year moves forward, "We plan for the lab to be used to build resources for DHS to prepare for SAT testing, help students study for AP testing or entrance exams, complete college applications, resumes and scholarships."

The DHS Future Problem Solvers came up with the idea for the College & Career Lab last school year. They have already raised and spent over \$2,400 to



renovate the space, formerly used as a classroom. Going forward, FPS students will be helping recruit students in need of support and will be working to create materials that students will have access to. The space itself has already been showcased this fall when it was used to host the first event, Gun Violence Panel, with Congresswoman Kelly. FPS has spent countless hours designing and decorating the space. The School Counselors and Ms. Woods are incredibly thankful for their dedication, as it has been a dream in the making for some time now.

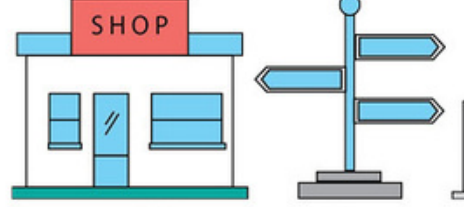
The College and Career Seminar course will be taught by Ms. Woods and will include support, guidance, and assistance with things such as completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), completing college applications and



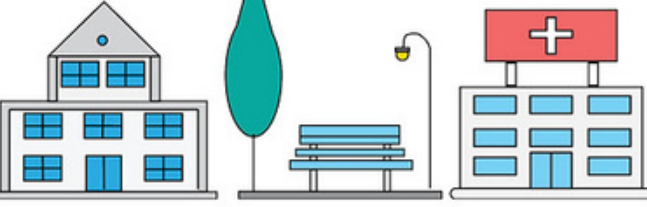
scholarship essays, career exploration, and more. The first set of classes begin second quarter. The course is being taught as an independent study and will be offered during 3rd and 4th periods. It will feature "working lunches," so students who are assigned to a 3rd or 4th period lunch/homeroom can instead come into the lab space to work on preparing for college. Woods also commented that they will be looking to schedule after school help for students who have 5th hour lunch.

It is never too early to begin working on your college application, even as a Junior! If you are interested in getting help, consider signing up for The College and Career Seminar. See your school counselor or Ms. Woods to register.

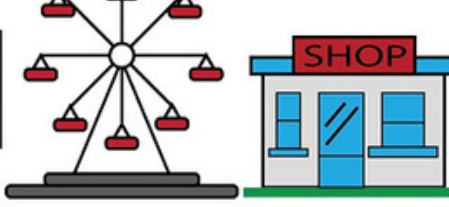
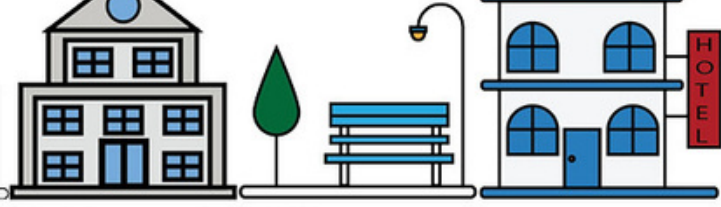
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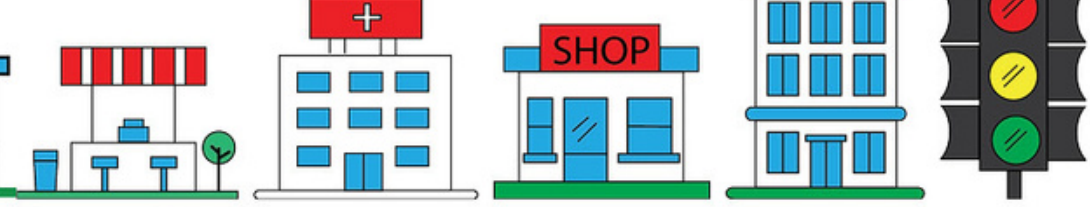
Janya Allensworth



Kahjeemah Williams



Tyrese White



NEW FACES AT DHS

NOLAN SPANGLER & JENNIKA KUPCIK



Tamara Switzer Teacher

Hobbies & Interests: Singing, sign language, diamond painting, scrapbooking

What courses do you teach? Learning Strategies and Environmental Science

What have you enjoyed most at DHS? The supportive staff - always ready to help.

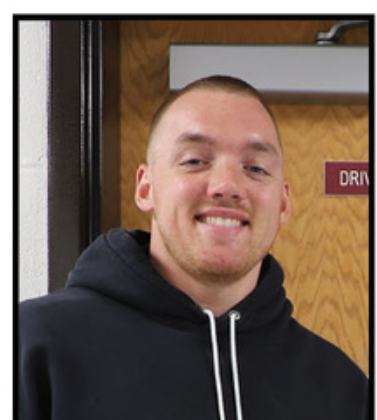


Lori Lane Teacher

Hobbies & Interests: Cats, crafts, spending time with family, and true crime shows

What courses do you teach? LPN & TA Life Skills

What have you enjoyed most at DHS? Co-workers, students, and school spirit.



Brandt Williamson

Auto Safety Teacher

Hobbies & Interests: I enjoy working out and watching the Chicago Bears get beat each and every Sunday.

What have you enjoyed most at DHS? I have enjoyed getting to know all of my new students. I like to talk with students to build great student-teacher bonds.



Betsy Porter

Assistant Principal

Hobbies & Interests: Spending time with my husband and two daughters, spending time outside

What have you enjoyed most at DHS? I really enjoy working

with my admin team and Mrs. Mauk. I have enjoyed coming back to work with the DHS staff. I also enjoy getting to know the students and building relationships with all of them.



Tabatha Cohorst

Dean of Students

Hobbies & Interests: Being a mom, Jeeping, and camping

What have you enjoyed most at DHS? I have loved meeting

all the students and being a part of the student support team at DHS. Everyone here is so friendly and I have felt very welcomed!



Jeffery Hampton

Teaching Assistant

Hobbies & Interests: Hobby electronics, I am in the process of building an electronics lab in my basement. I also enjoy documentaries.



Adam Boyd

Building Trades/
Woodshop Teacher

Hobbies & Interests: Making things and learning new skills

What courses do you teach? Geometry in Construction,

Building Trades, and Intro to Careers

What have you enjoyed most at DHS? Meeting such a diverse group and sharing my passion for building and making things.



Amanda Krabbe

Family & Consumer
Science Teacher

Hobbies & Interests: Farming, plants, agriculture, and cooking

What courses do you teach? Cooking - baking, culinary arts,

and I also teach the Family Sciences - adult living, and human and child development

What have you enjoyed most at DHS? Getting to know the students.

LIBRARY & SCIENCE LABS RENOVATION UPDATES



REESE RUNDLE & LILIANA DOWERS

In the winter of 2022, renovations of the Danville High School library began, which created an excitement for students and staff alike. The \$8.3 million project was part of a larger renovation which included the 1972 Addition and DHS Science Laboratory spaces. DHS Students are now able to fully enjoy these newly designed spaces, featuring state of the art technology, furniture, and equipment used to enhance student learning.

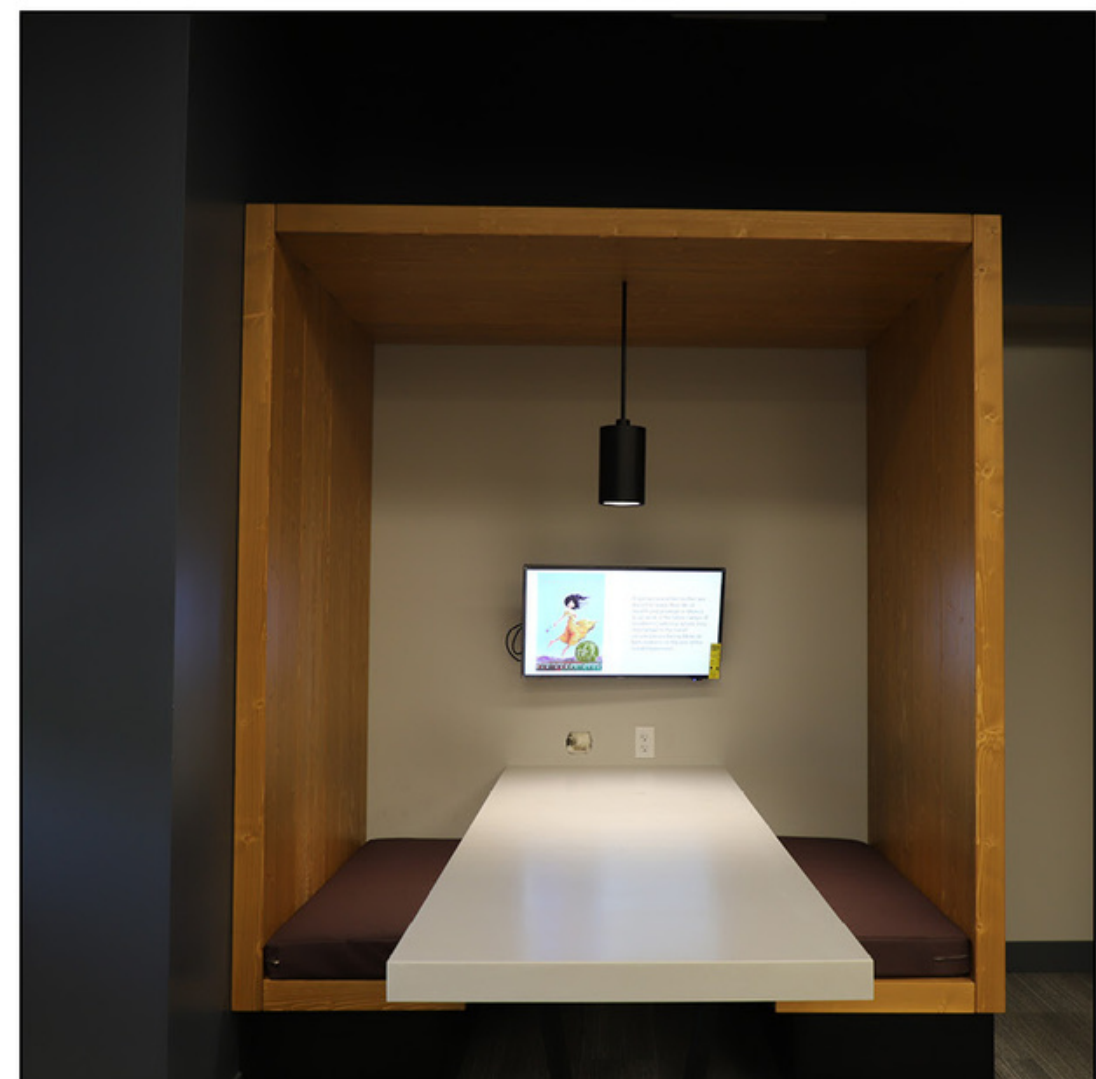
Mr. Truex, District #118 Director of Buildings and Grounds, first prioritized the renovations of the library in 2015 when he began working for District #118. He and Mrs. Mary Ellen Bunton, Director of Curriculum, began researching the design for a modernized library in 2018. Mr. Truex acknowledged that, "The actual drawings, renderings, engineering, and architectural design of that project were started two years prior to the beginning of the project itself." Lots of planning and preparation went into making the space what it is today.

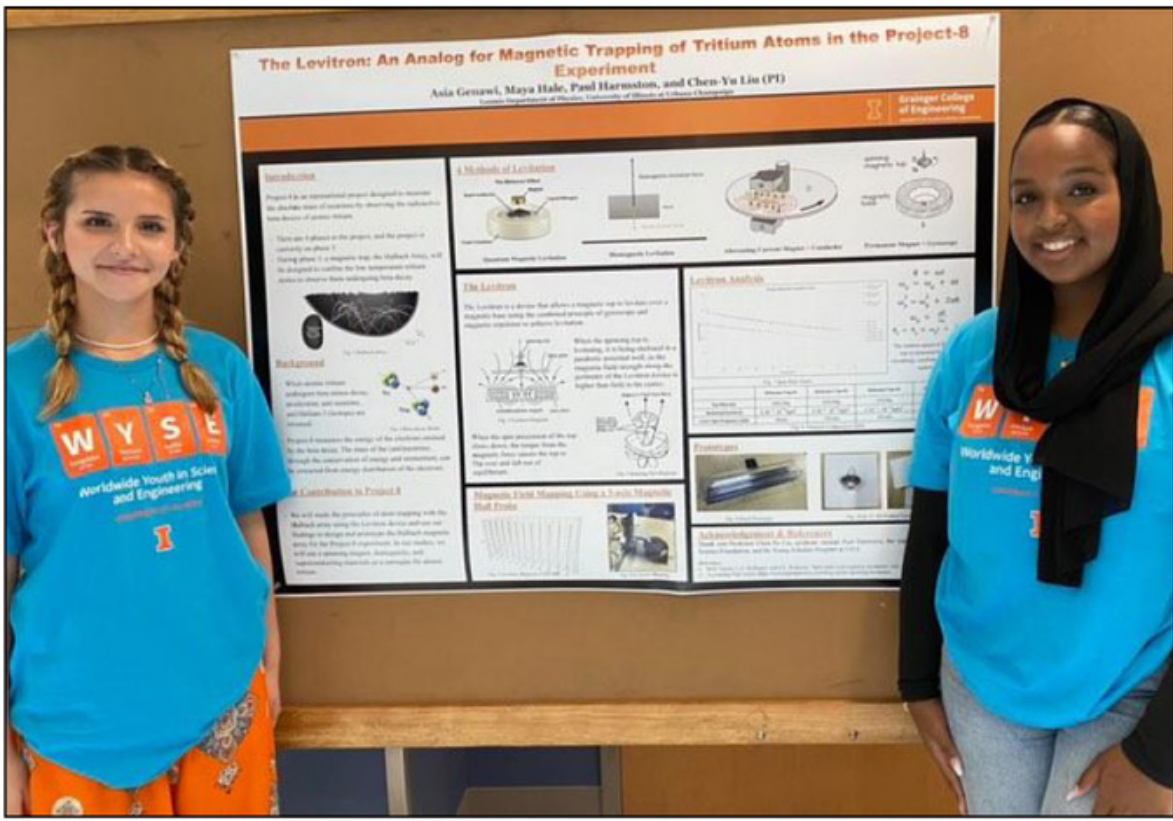
The renovated library is more than just a library, as expressed by Mr. Truex, "We don't really call it a library, we call it a media center." These new improvements include an E-Sports gaming room, several collaboration rooms that can be used by staff and students, multiple study areas, a podcast room, a broadcast room, an interview room, and a green screen room. Mrs. Bunton stated that the renovation provides collaborative spaces for innovative thinking but could also be a quiet environment for studying or reading, so it really is

multi-purposed. She included, "We really tried hard to think about not only what we needed for now, but what everyone would need 20 to 30 years from now."

Danville High School Librarian, Mr. Roskovensky, expressed the pros and cons of the new library as being a "new clean space." He continued by mentioning the comfortable seating and more private areas but stated that he "missed the openness of the original library." Danville High School Senior, Curtis Beasley IV, shared his perspective of the new renovations as being, "An environment that is very calm and serene, so it allows me to focus on what I need to get done." Additionally, he admires the renovated library for providing no outward distractions.

Mrs. Bunton states, "The goals we wanted to accomplish are complete but I think that we should also be forward thinking." She believes that the spaces are always evolving as education does in Danville High School. Staff and students are grateful for the thoughtful planning that went into this great modern learning space. If you have not already, make it a point to stop in and visit Mr. Roskovensky and Mr. Davis and see what the new Library/Media Center has to offer you.





U OF I SUMMER INTERNSHIP FOR JUNIOR MAYA HALE

MAYA HALE

My name is Maya Hale and I am currently a Junior at DHS. Last summer, I got into a competitive paid research internship at the University of Illinois - Champaign Urbana. Through this experience, I learned many valuable skills and met many wonderful people.

The program was a six-week residential opportunity where students stayed at the same dorm together and worked in multiple labs across the STEM part of campus. My lab was in the Loomis Laboratory of Physics under the Project 8 lab. Project 8 is an international project to measure the mass of a neutrino. Professor Chen-Yu Liu runs the UIUC sector of the lab and is working to create a magnetic trap that will enclose tritium atoms throughout beta minus decay to find the mass of a neutrino. My lab partner and I spent six weeks learning about the different methods of magnetic trapping and creating different prototypes, one representing the method used in the Halbach Array (magnetic trap). We worked with the graduate student working in the lab, Paul Harmston.

The experience I gained from the program was unique and valuable. However, I believe the people I met were an even more valuable part of my experience. I met about twenty students with interests similar to mine, along with multiple UIUC students and faculty. Paul, the graduate student I worked with, was a fantastic mentor. For example, Paul worked with my lab partner and me while contacting other labs we were interested in working with after the program. His guidance helped me get my current internship in a different UIUC lab. Overall, this program was an irreplaceable opportunity that I am so grateful for, and I recommend it to anyone interested in STEM!

DHS CLASS HIGHLIGHT WELDING WITH WERNERT

ETHAN FOX & CHRISTIAN DAVIS

Danville High School offers a welding class that has courses for beginners, intermediate, and advanced students. The class offers all the equipment needed to start welding and personal protective equipment. The class helps students find a new hobby in welding and opens many career paths for their future. The class is taught by Mr. Joe Wernert, who has a passion for welding and loves teaching kids the safe way to weld.



After working at Watchfire for 7 years, Mr. Wernert decided he wanted to help the younger generation get into welding. While working at Watchfire he realized not many young people were interested in welding. He knew he needed to do something about it because we need the next generation of welders.

Welding is a process that joins materials, usually metals or thermoplastics by using high heat to melt the parts together and then allowing them to cool, causing fusion. Welding is distinct from lower-temperature metal-joining techniques such as brazing and soldering which do not melt the base metal. There are many different techniques and types of welding that the class offers, all taught by Mr. Wernert.

There are many opportunities for welding, especially for young people, there is lots of room for growth in the industry. Plus, there is always a need for welders, not only in construction but in so many different industries. Many welding careers will pay really well for your skill and experience.

Lots of students enjoy the class and are learning useful skills that will actually help them with their futures. Many students who want to go into welding career paths can use the class as a way to get started. The class is not only fun and creative but also the start of many student's welding career paths.

Interview with AJ Skovran (welding student):

Why did you join this class?

Because I wanted to try welding and now, I like it. It's more of a hobby for me now I guess.

Would you recommend this class to other students?

Yes, I would recommend this class to other students because it's fun and interesting, and there are a lot of jobs you can get for welding.

What is your favorite project or thing you have done in this class?

The dice project because they look nice. There are 6 of them.

In general, what have you learned while in welding?

I learned how to cut metal and put it together with a blowtorch.



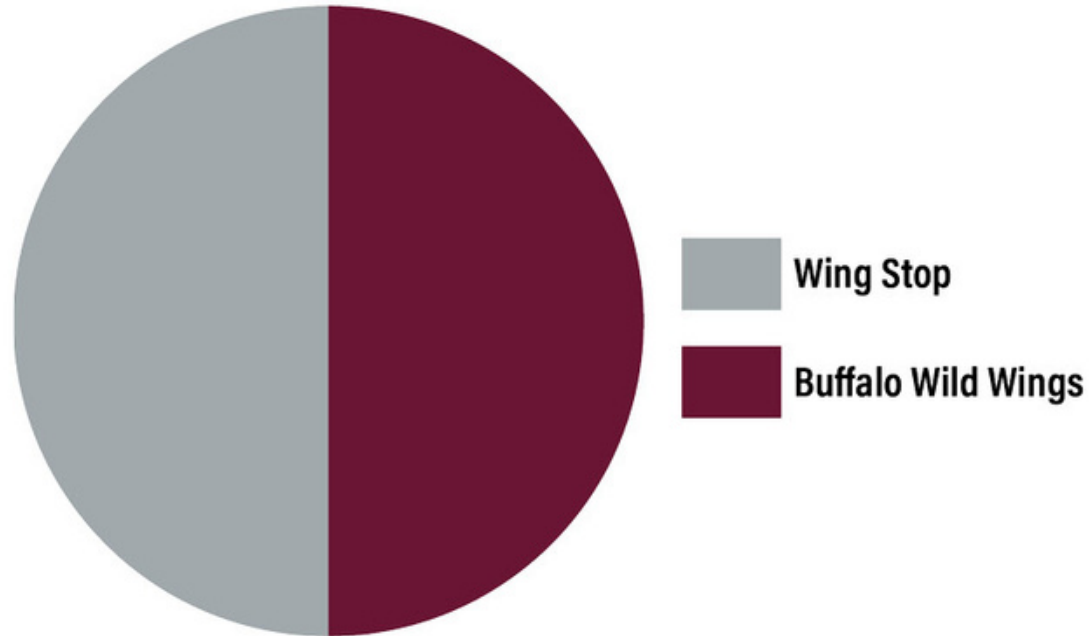
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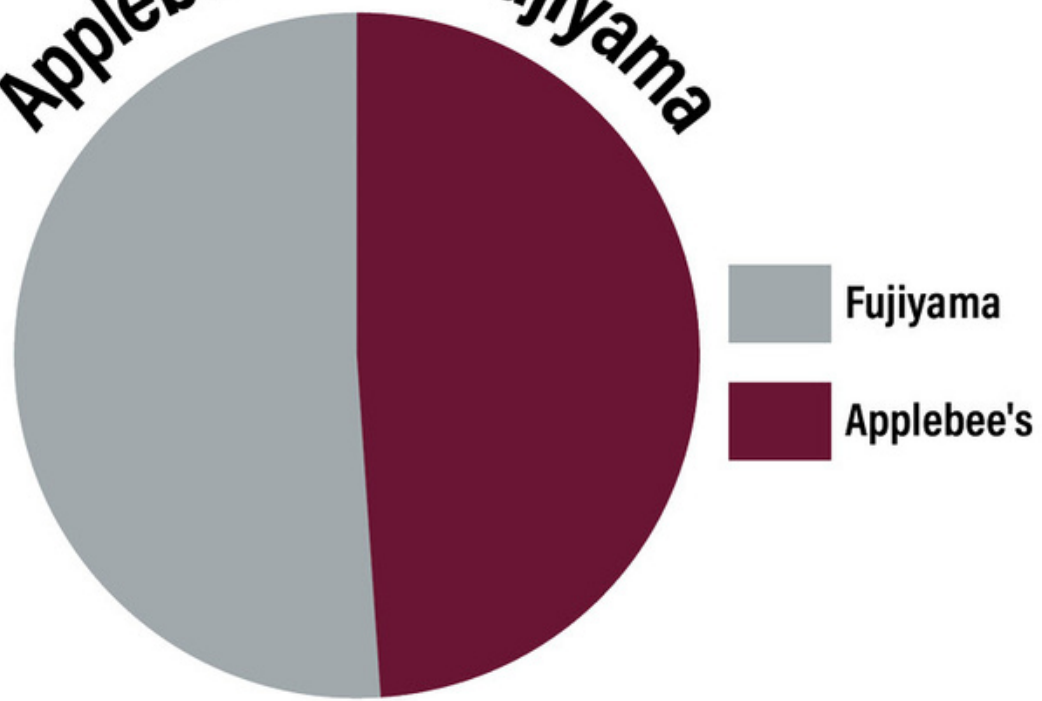
100 students surveyed about their favorite restaurants here in town.

Here are the results:

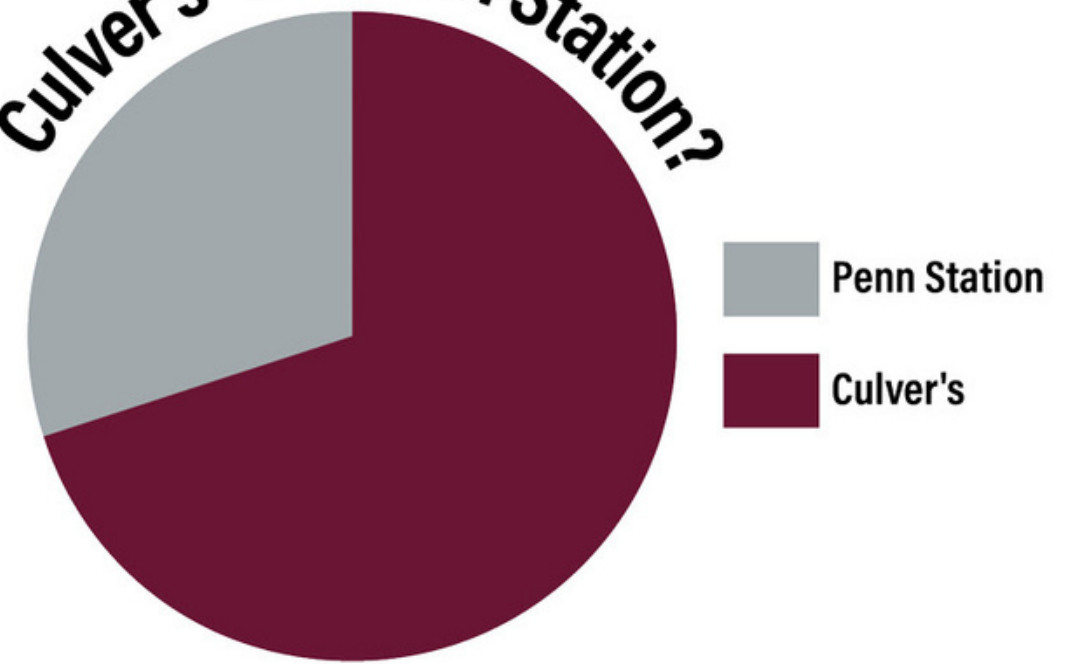
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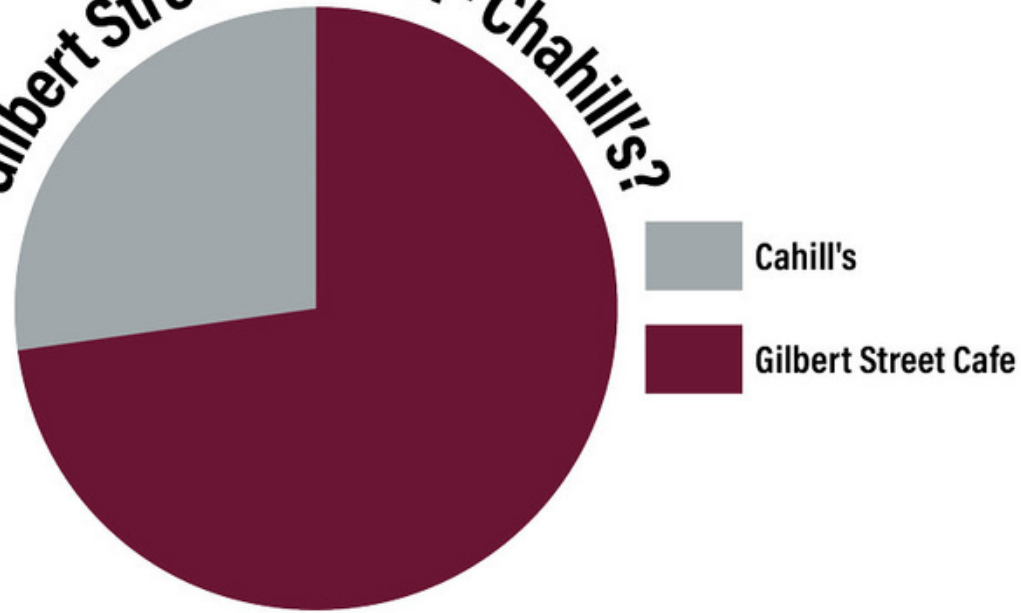
Applebee's -or- Fujiyama



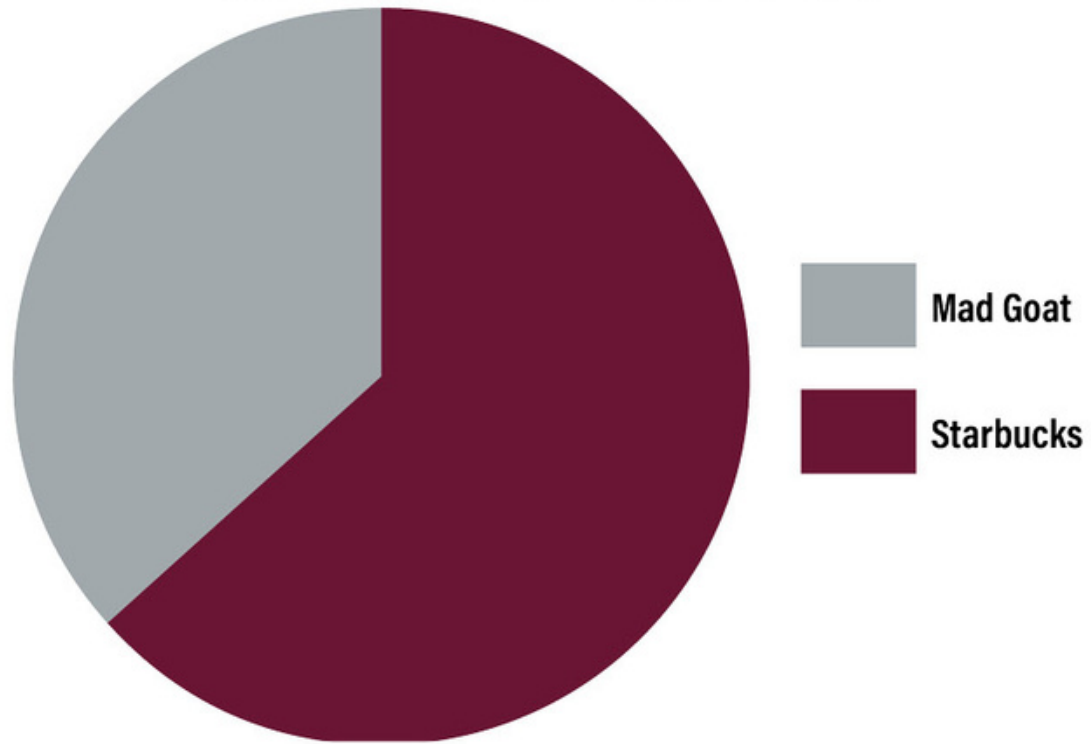
Culver's -or- Penn Station?



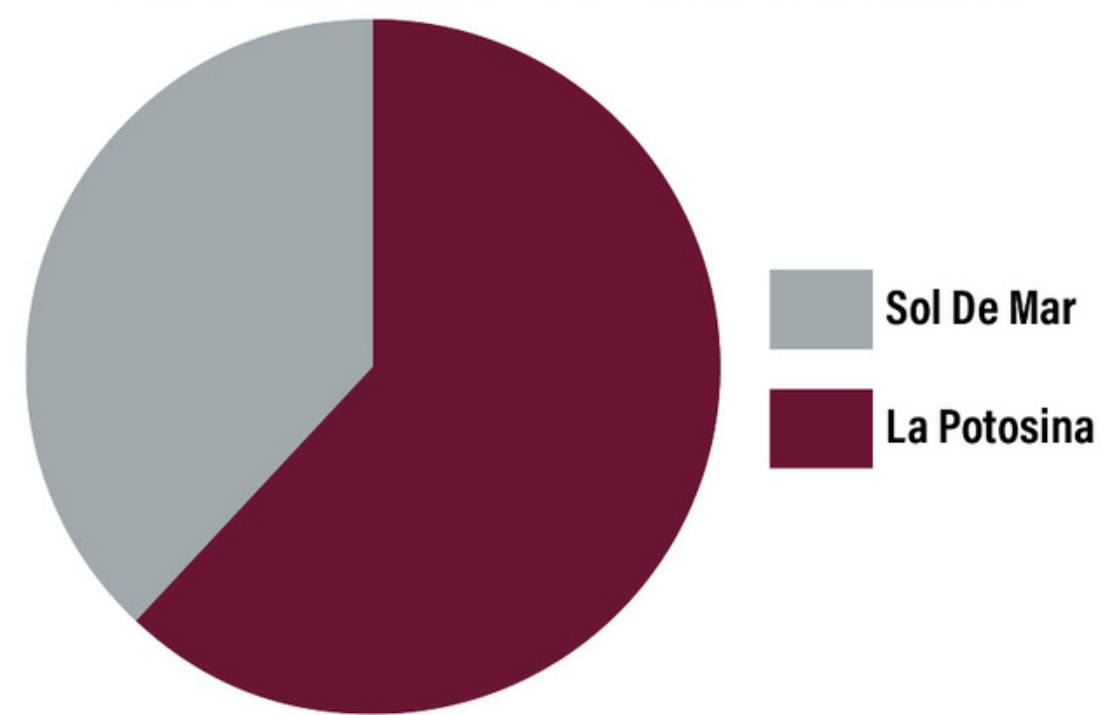
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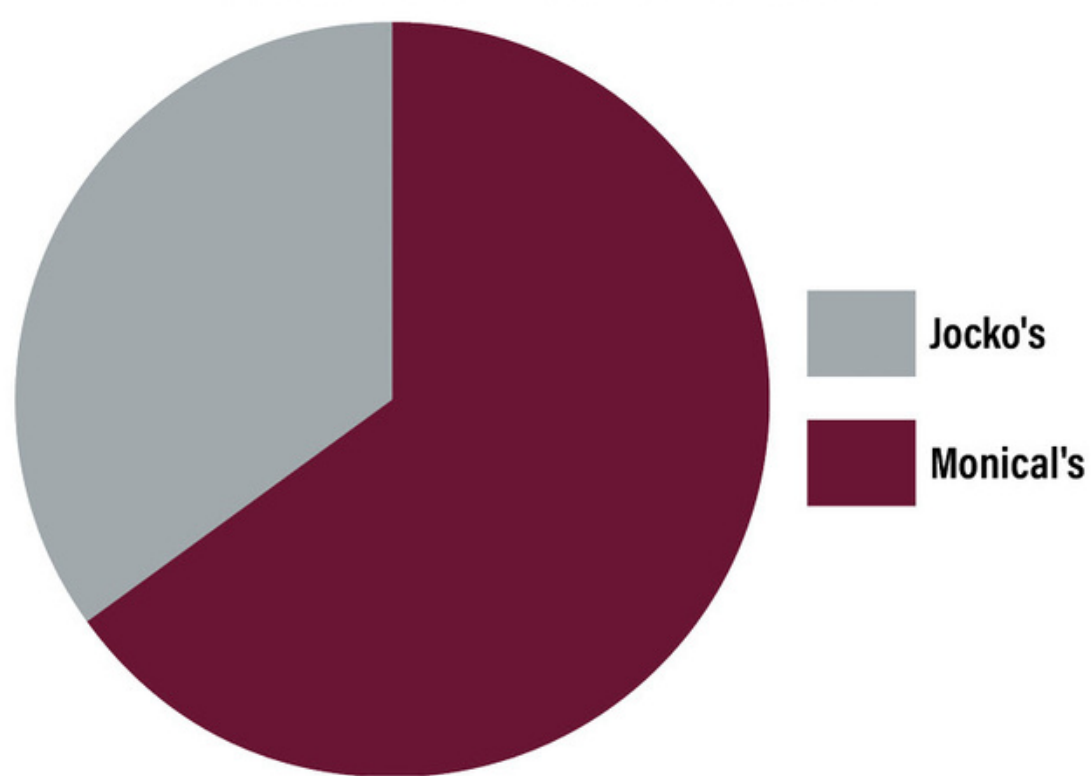
Starbucks -or- Mad Goat ?



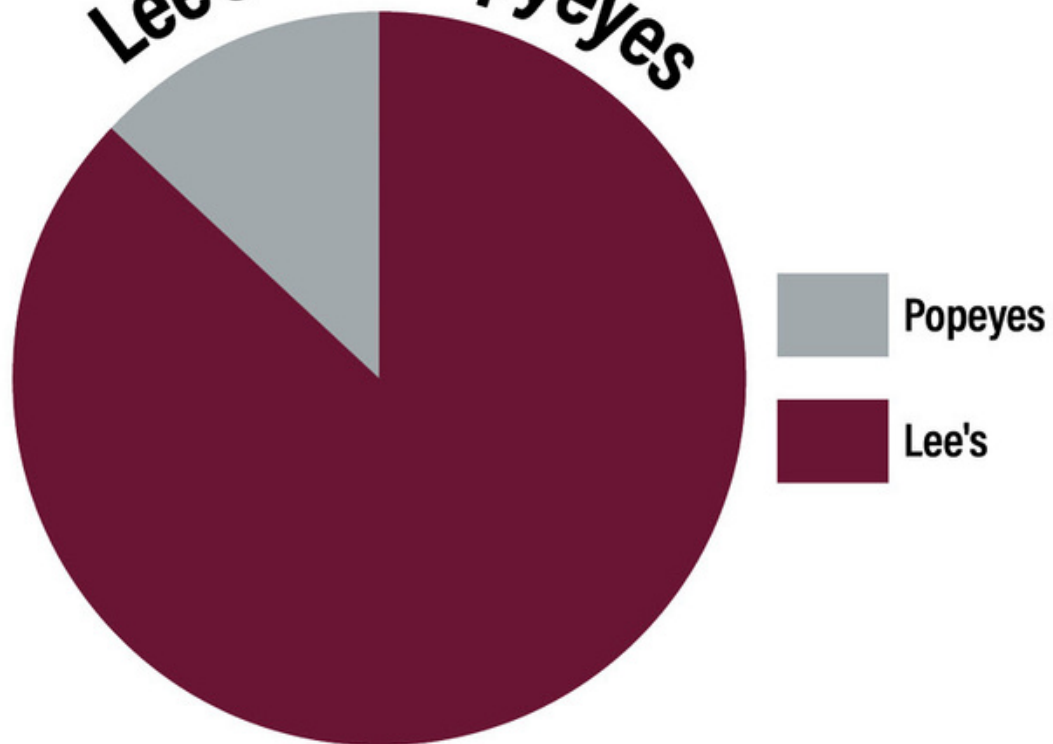
La Potosina -or- Sol De Mar?



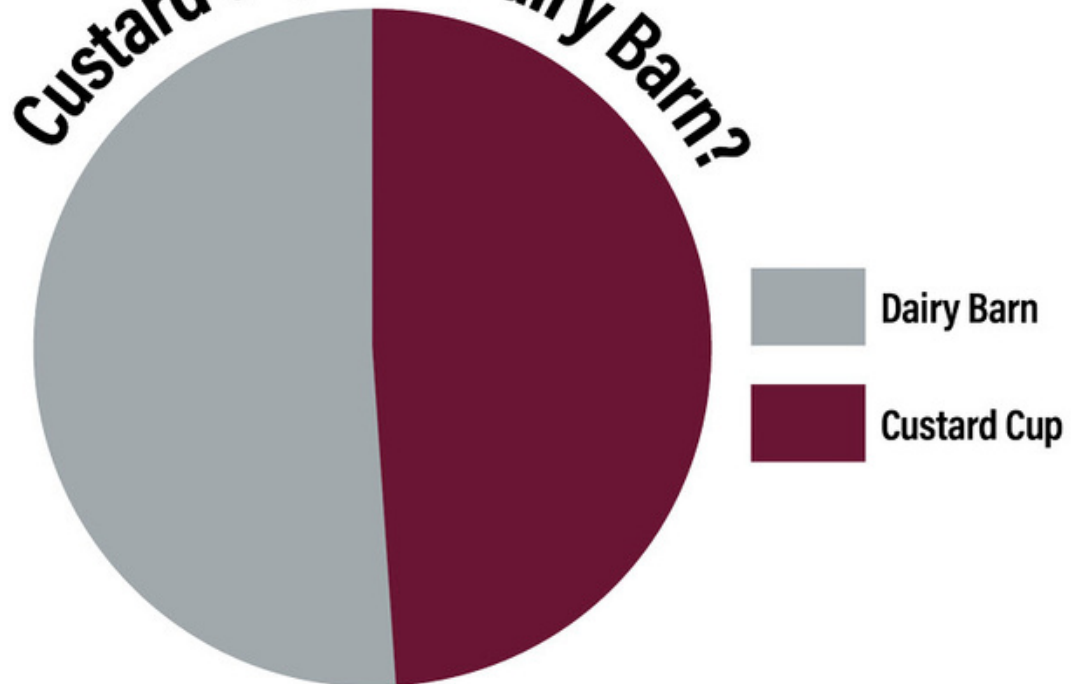
Monical's -or- Jocko's?



Lee's -or- Popyeyes



Custard Cup -or- Dairy Barn?



Subway -or- Jimmy John's?

