

Swimmer's Life Harder than Yours By George Minkowski



DEERFIELD, IL—Two-a-Day practices and difficult workouts do not make for an easy life. DHS Junior Varsity swimmer Sam Levine just wants to make sure you know that.

"I woke up at 5 o'clock AM this morning," Levine tells Flipside reporters. "What time did you wake up? That's right. You don't get to be tired."

Swimming for an average of 15 hours a week, DHS swimmers have little time to eat, do homework, or learn how to be social.

"It's actually more like 16 hours," Sam added.

Most swimmers describe swim season as working a

second job they don't have time for, except in this job, there is no such thing as quitting. Or pay. Or fun. So what keeps them going?

62% of swimmers said, "I don't know," 2% said, "Because I like to swim," and 36% we're unable to answer in their semi-comatose state. But no matter what their lives outside of school consist of, they still have the same stresses and pressures that any other Deerfield teenager has.

"Oh yea... We're just like you," Sam explains. "Except we have four hour practices over winter break while you go to Mexico. Really, there's not much of a difference."

"The weather was cold here by the way. Thanks for asking."

Sam's hostility towards normal people is not uncommon amongst DHS swimmers. English teacher Ms. Kelley retells her near tragic incident.

"I was collecting a take home essay when I saw that Chris [Davis, a senior on the

varsity team] didn't have his out. I asked him where it was and he responded by asking me if I had any idea how much homework he had the previous night and if I knew how much sleep he got."

Ms. Kelley ironically got no sleep that last night because her baby daughter couldn't fall asleep. Dealing with swimmers is always a slippery slope.

"Big whoop," Chris says. "It's not like she had to swim 10,000 yards before she came home to her sick family. She has nothing to complain about."

Chris was not done yet. "Guess what time I went to bed last night?"

Ms. Kelley didn't answer. Nobody really cares about swimmers anyway. Those goggled-eyed kids just go back and forth and back and forth. Just thinking about their water redundancy gets me angry. And don't get me started about water polo, those angry swimmer hybrids!

"That Did Not Turn Out Quite as Fun as it Sounded"

1. A third Chipotle burrito
2. Night time game of Marco Polo
3. That party
4. That movie
5. Water Polo Tournament
6. I don't even want to talk about it
7. Blind date
8. Square dancing haydown
9. Hanging out in Deerfield
10. TP'ing the silent but angry kid's house
11. Reenacting the civil war
12. Scrabble
13. Strip Scrabble
14. Not studying for that test
15. Putting my allowance on that "sure bet"
16. Streaking
17. Getting caught streaking
18. Going to the police office naked
19. Getting frostbite in really uncomfortable places
20. Naked blotter picture

Oh My G-d I Don't Feel Like Doing My Math Homework

Problems 11-26. Odds and even! Is my teacher out of his frickin mind? I don't have time for sixteen problems. Look. I just did math right there. 26-11, but I think you have to count the problem you start with too. Oh, this whole thing just sucks. I hate school.

Speaking of 16, that is how many Facebook messages I have. Gotta check that, ya know. Got some messages from my DT girls. What up, baby. I cannot believe she tagged me in that picture. Girl, I was not even

looking at the camera. Comment time: I can't believe you put that picture up, you backstabbing devil. See you tomorrow:)

Let's try the first problem. It's a proof! Proof, I forgot I needed to proof my new Facebook status profile. How can I come off as clever, funny, and a little bada###? Got it. I am "just chillin with my math homework, can't wait for the weekend ^..^" That makes no sense. How can I be on Facebook and say as my profile that I am currently doing

something else? If I am updating my profile that is always what I am doing at that moment. Whatever. Look an ad. Yes, I am interested in hitchhiking to Israel. I can't believe that person I am friends with is too.

Dinner time. Good thing I don't eat on Thursdays. Gotta get ready for HC 10. DT u no.

Phone is ringing. Sweet, I got a text. Luv u tyt! I got me some math hw. Response: we totally embarrassed palms today. ha lol rofl madeupacronym. I'll probs have to finish this convo



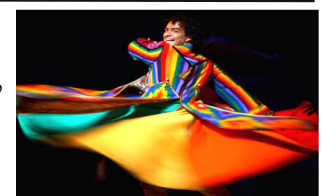
tomorrow during 5th in the bathroom. Too bad those stupid hand dryers are so loud.

This is unbelievable how much work they give me. It's nine o'clock and I haven't even had a chance to start my math homework.

Super Duper Mean Teacher Decides to Give Final That is Not a Project



Joseph, Owner of the Technicolor Dreamcoat, Finally Comes Out of the Closet

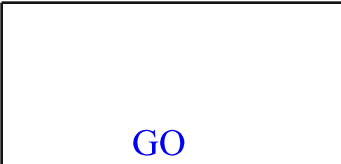
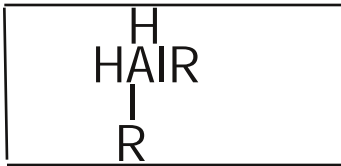


"It's too bad every day isn't Martin Luther King Day. Or Columbus Day. He was such a nice guy."

PICTURE THIS

HOMEMADE REBUS PUZZLE:

Can you guess the common word or phrase portrayed below?



Last week's answers: Andies, Ring Around the Rosie, Mission Impossible, Up in Smoke

NUMBERS: 2

Two more days of school until finals. Freshman, just understand that the three days of final testing will make or break your high school career. You cannot recover if you miss even a couple questions. No pressure. Also, enjoy your first finals as we seniors enjoy our last.

FACT:

If you flip a coin three times in a row and it lands on tails each time, then it is more likely to land on tail the fourth time you flip it. The momentum increases the probability of it landing on the same side after the power of three has been reached. We learn this stuff in stats.

LIE:

Florida is the best team in college football.

CRYPTOGRAM CHALLENGE

DIRECTIONS: This is a simple substitution code, each letter is replaced by a different letter. The first person to solve the cryptogram correctly will win a Flipside t-shirt! (first means first to see Sam Block to redeem shirt)

HINT: V = I

LAST WEEK'S WINNER: Jeffery C. Lerman that means, that if there is any of the first letter, replace it with the second letter

"MVIG VW KUGPPD WWSKMG: DAF ZA WASG WPFII. SAWP ICVMW. WASG

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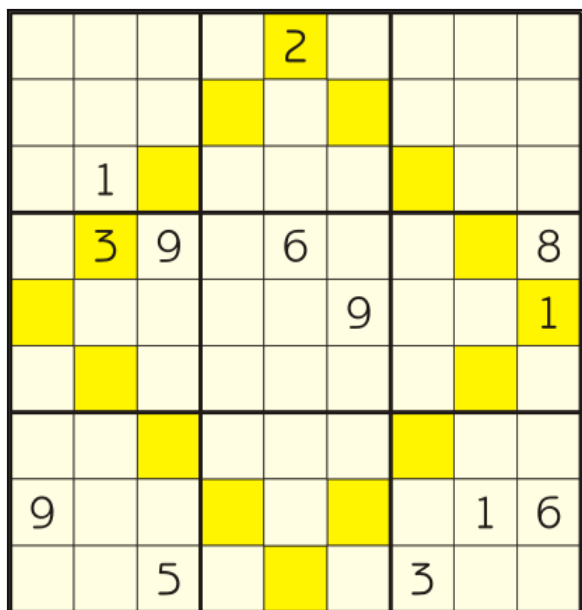
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I sort of understood that when I first started: that you shouldn't repeat a success. Very often you're going to, and maybe the first time you do, it works. And you love it. But then you're trapped." Jack Nicholson

SUDOKU

Level: Harder than your math final



DIRECTIONS: Unscramble these four ordinary jumbles, and use the letters in the circles to answer the final question.



What the conductor advised his fellow musicians

Make sure you stay



JUMBLE



last week: ORDER TANGY ENGULF AFFIRM What the desperate swim instructor told the bank Could you please FLOAT ME

Articles such as: **Erection! Bridge Construction Finally Complete**