

Hallways Now Closed in Order to Open Minds

By Trixie McGuff

The start of second semester is upon us and for most it is a time of celebration. Seniors embark on their final semester of high school, freshmen are just starting to realize what high school is, and sophomores and juniors continue to care about their grades too much. But the second semester parties were forced to end early when members of the student body received one fateful email declaring the closure-but-not-closed hallway procedure to be implemented at Deerfield High School this semester.

This past semester there has been an increase in complaints about hallway activity. Teacher and fig-lover Mary Carpenter said, "One day last semester, I could hear a boy in the hallway breaking up with his girlfriend. That was obviously more interesting than what I was teaching, so none of my students paid any attention to my lecture on economics in back-country China."

It is complaints such as Ms. Sharpe's that have caused for this new policy change. However, what goes unnoticed by many administrators is that it displaces some of DHS's most loved and least known clubs. Clumping Addicts Anonymous holds meetings in the hallways every second of every day, and with nearly 1000 members at Deerfield

High School and 1003 members worldwide, the news of the closed-but-not-actually-closed hallways means that CAA will have to meet at the used-to-be-blocks, or worse—an E-Hall lecture room. Other clubs, such as Vent Talkers USA, who are responsible for all of those half-heard conversations that filter into the classroom through the locker vent, to the Tumbleweed Association of Deerfield High School and the Pacific Northwest, will all have to adapt to the new hallway policy, trying to accomplish their usual tasks while having a destination in mind.

When asked for clarification as to what a destination was, Dean James responded, "It can be a locker, but not if you plan to hang out at it. But if you go to

the WERCS, then you can hang out there. It's a fine line really. Like, a destination might be M-Hall. Wait, no, a destination can't just be a hallway. Can it? ...Put your cell phone away! Oh, now we allow those. There is nothing to see here!"

On the plus side, this will promote learning. So...that's always cool.



OPINION: SOPA and PIPA

Maybe the Apocalypse is Coming a Little Sooner Than We Expected

By Pip Wootergotten

If SOPA passes, we are all going to die. Like literally, die. It is quite possibly the worst thing that has happened to our country in centuries and I refuse to stop posting/tweeting/complaining like I actually understand politics/talking about it until the government starts listening to me. Or anyone else, for that matter.

For those unfamiliar with SOPA and who have not been on Wikipedia or Google...or Facebook...or Twitter...or been conscious for the past week, it is the government's way of saying, "Well, we can't do anything about the recession so we might as well do something else to pass the time." And don't forget about PIPA, SOPA's less known but cuter sister, that was created just because we want to show Pippa Middleton how much we wish we could be her.

But either way, it's gaining momentum, and the end is near. If SOPA passes, the internet will start becoming a giant black hole of censorship. Before we know it, freedom of speech will cease to exist. And finally, all human happiness will be stomped out

because we all know that a world without torrenting and pirated Youtube videos is a dark and lonely world. That will leave us crying in corners wondering why we didn't email our Congress representatives when Wikipedia told us to. If you haven't learned that Wikipedia is always right yet, you probably never will.

So who cares about December 21st? What we should really be worrying about is the government passing SOPA. In fact, it's probably going to get here before we know it. And if it does, who knows how everything is going to work out with a government that thinks that removing all pirated information is going to be fine. Just because the government is "representing the people," it does not mean it is our friend. Chupacabras do exist.

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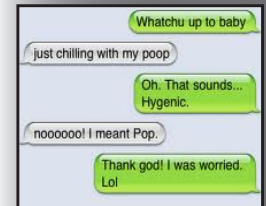
Second semester means a totally new and improved me! Oh, who am I kidding...

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QUOTE "Omg I stayed up soo late last night grading your papers."
 -Your English teacher, soon to be followed by eye rolls from the whole class

REBUS PUZZLES

Can you guess the common word or phrase portrayed below?

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Last issue's answers: EASY COME EASY GO, PARALYZE, TIME CAPSULE, LESS IS MORE

NUMB3RS

125

Approximate number of students who forget to bring their IDs to the cafeteria every day.

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Number of days until the administration starts handing out detentions for not bringing your ID.

125

Enough people to carry the detention supervisor out of the school and have a party instead.

CRYPTOGRAM CHALLENGE

This is a simple substitution code. Each letter is replaced by a different letter. Try to decode the message or quote below. HINT: C=H
 Congratulations to last issue's winner: Happy Birthday Matt Dlugie

"QNV VPWPFBIKFP HS FQB SQ ENKC VPLVPB TQV BCP HDD UP CIYP GQFP IS TPIV QT BCP HDD BCIB
 EIO CIWWPF BQ NS HF KQFSPANPKF." ~TVIFKQHS GP DI VQKCPTQNKINDG

Last issue's answer: BUT SERIOUSLY, I THINK OVERALL IN THE SCHEME OF THINGS WINNING AN EMMY IS NOT IMPORTANT. LET'S GET OUR PRIORITIES STRAIGHT. I THINK WE ALL KNOW WHAT'S REALLY IMPORTANT IN LIFE - WINNING AN OSCAR." ~ELLEN DEGENERES

SUDOKU

LEVEL: Writing your final paper during the Wikipedia blackout

Fill in the grid so each column, row, and 3x3 box has the numbers 1 through 9.

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



WHAT TYPE OF CAT LIVES IN THE OCEAN?

UTHOC

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Last issue's answers: KNOWS, ENJOY, SNARKY, AWAKE
 What the meteorologist said about the strange weather: IT'S SNOW JOKE

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