

## Deerfield Putting on 2nd Musical: *Manny!*

In a shocking announcement on the @Queenbkenyon Instagram, it has been confirmed that the DHS Theatre program will be putting on a newly written, all male reboot of the beloved musical Annie.

Manny, will premier this as the first musical ever to be performed by Deerfield with an all male cast. It stars Danny Brankin as he takes on the role of the show's main character, a poverty-stricken orphan who's on a search to find his parents. Brankin finds himself clogged into a crowded orphanage full of other teenage boys. This is evident in the show's second number, (can we put it here pretty please) where it is found that it certainly isn't a hard \*knock\* for these cooped up pubescent men. This was clearly observed in rehearsal on the @DHS\_Theatre page as the boys attempted a dance move referred to as the "floppy helicopter" by cast member Jackson Santi. When asked about the sudden Annie reboot, Technical Director Michael Clack told us that he's "Never seen a show this empowering in 30 years!"



Manny tries to work his way out of the orphanage and onto the streets of New York, however, before he can be reunited with his two fathers, he gets drawn back to the orphanage by the drunkenly evil Mr. Hannigan, played by senior Matthew Eshaya. In his disgruntlement, Eshaya makes creepy hand motions and erupts into song in the riveting musical number, "Little Boys".

Later on, we learn that a rich billionaire by the name of Oliver Warbucks at-

tempts to adopt Manny and bring him out of his hardships. This turns out to be a futile endeavor: what parent ever got along with a teenage boy

"If there's anything that this musical teaches us, it's that sometimes we don't get what we need, but we get what we deserve," said director Britnee Kenyon. "Just as the song 'I Don't Need Anything but Shoes' shows us, it's that the teenage male brain can travel to some magical places," she also added.

Overall, DHS Theatre's production of Manny will, without a doubt, impress audiences in the auditorium this weekend.

-Zach Stutland

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## The Real Meaning of Christmas

The jingle bells are ringing-ting-a-ling! Christmas is just around the corner. Everyone around town is putting up their lights, purchasing comically heavy turkeys, and memorizing the second and third verses of the lesser-known Christmas carols. So when The Flipside published an investigative report last Friday linking Christmas to the oppression of overworked high school students, the news was especially shocking.

It has long been established that Finals and Christmas are basically a wash. Pew Research Center published their findings in a 2021 study that the average number of hours of sleep debt incurred by juniors in high school before Finals Week has correlated exactly with the average amount of time they spend with family during the holidays for the past fifty years, since the data began being collected in 1971. But the District 113 administration has long held that this is a mere coincidence. Dr. Law, at a 2020 press conference, said "Show me one official rule or ordinance that can connect Christmas

to Finals Week, and then we can talk."

Since The Flipside released the incriminating transcripts of Christmas' original 336 A.D. planning in Rome, the School Board has been silent. These "North Pole Papers," as they've been dubbed, clearly demonstrate the intention of Christmas's inventors that it be used to prevent high school students from becoming "too miserable to function" before the big tests, which were meant to prevent them from becoming "cheerful enough to be independent."

Among other things, one of the biggest implications of the report is proof that Christmas is simply an invented incentive to study for Finals. Gary Sludge, a Freshman, is one of those students whose parents threaten to take away Christmas as punishment for bad performance. "If I don't maintain at least a 3.9 GPA, they said they would make me pay for all of the gifts," Sludge said, "and then they said that Santa would strangle me to death if I got a C." And indeed, this tactic is mentioned in the North Pole Papers: "Students may be threatened with strangulation by St. Nicholas to

discourage bad behavior."

A group of Seniors, calling themselves the "All-Alongs," claiming they "Knew it All-Along," are organizing a boycott of both Finals and Christmas. "The greatest gift God ever gave me was my freedom of thought—NOT patterned socks," one All-Along tweeted.

It is rumored that Dr. Law is planning to release a statement this week acknowledging the revelation—but refusing to apologize.

-Noah Meyerhoff

# The Flipside

**Alternate Universe Update:** Since Finals were too stressful, they've been scrapped and replaced with a round of tests known as the Prequels, which will occur at the start of the second semester. They are to cover all of second semester's content, and will be worth the same 20% of our grades. Oh, and there will not be a curve.

## This Week's Number

30-36

Adenosine Triphosphate

## Chirps

*We chirp the Grinch  
for putting finals right  
before Christmas*

*We chirp the secretive  
billionaire who bid  
\$400 for dinner with  
Mrs. Crowley*

*We chirp the song "12  
Days of Christmas" for  
not making any sense*

*We chirp our experi-  
ences for not being  
civically engaged*

*We chirp history  
teachers for taking  
four score and seven  
years to grade our  
FRQs*

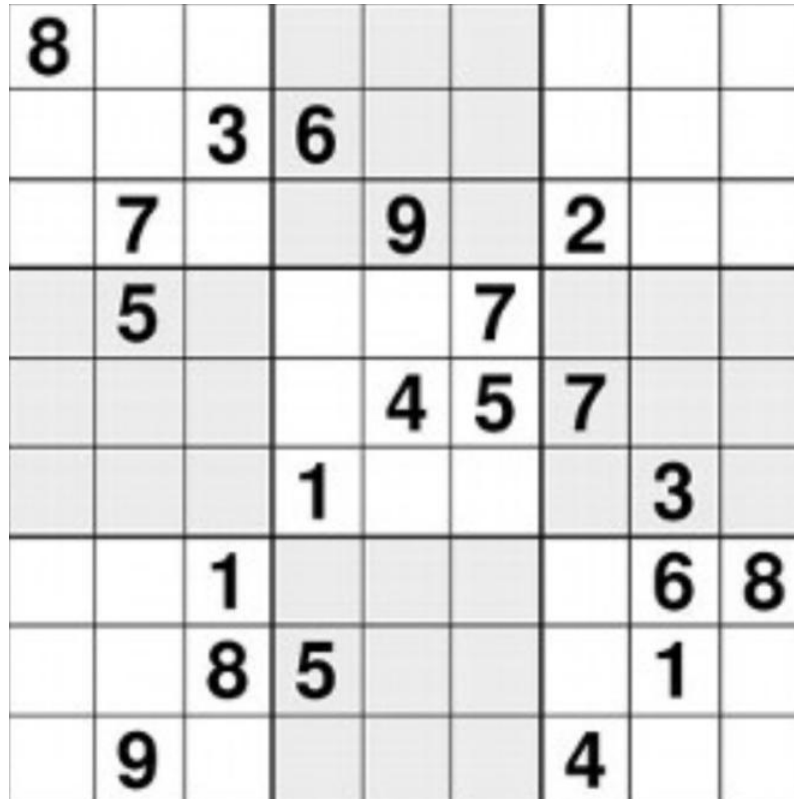
## Out-of-Context Quote of the Week

*"I inelastically de-  
formed the child with  
my truck"*

- Mr. Palmberg

## This Week's Puzzle

*"Only 1% of Students can figure this one out"*



## The Infographic

### Top Five Christmas Movies

#### Die Hard

*Christmas is really just  
an excuse to watch  
Die Hard, anyway.*

#### Home Alone 6: Kevin Goes to New Trier

*Featuring a cameo by  
Joe Biden!*

#### Jojo's Bizarre Chanu- kah Special

*There's a stand called  
"Menorah." Watch it.*

#### Elf: The Snyder Cut

*The original was really  
ruined by being so short,  
don't you think?*

#### Eyes Wide Shut

*You never knew what you  
were missing!*