

Breaking News

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Seniors Paint their Parking Spots

Christopher Lounders
Staff Writer

Paint the lots! Paint the lots! This year, seniors got to customize their parking spots however they like! Of course, they were appropriate, but besides that, they did deliver! With all the color that was put into the parking spots, why not stop by the student parking lot to see all the effort and care each of the seniors put into their works. Each showing a part of who they are by the design or themed creations they did to really personalize themselves. And who knows! You may find something you know, be it a movie, tv shows, or even game reference to something you like! This tradition will hopefully stay since most did enjoy creative freedom. Asking one senior who did do this, she said to me when asked what she thought about it, "It was like, really hot out, but I think it was a good idea for the seniors to do it this year, especially like the first time we did it at Dunedin high school. It was really enjoyable, but I do wish we did it more in summer. Not a lot of seniors painted theirs, but overall, it was like, really fun." Catherine Collman (12). Maybe next year if this sticks, we will get yet another amazing batch of creativity for next year's seniors. Lots of painting! Lots of paint!



Photo by: Samantha Baird

The DHS parking lot is painted brightly with many unique designs.

Schedule Changes Cause Chaos

Samantha Baird
Editor

Schedule changes are inevitable every year. However, this year, counselors seemed completely overwhelmed by the sheer number of schedule change requests. Was it because requests were easier to submit due to the new Forms process? Or was it because students simply didn't put much thought into their class requests at the end of the previous year? Or maybe it was caused by some other reason unbeknownst to us students? No matter what the cause, schedule

changes have caused much chaos this year among students and admin alike. Counselors worked for weeks to complete all the requests; however, they had been using a reliable and understandable system. With all the requests, they had to choose who to prioritize, not only in timeliness but also in chances of getting the requested classes. However, the multitude of requests was not the only obstacle the counselors were facing. This year our school's student population grew by approximately 100 students. Due to this, we, as a school, were receiving pushbacks from the district as to the allowed class size, drawing the line at 32 students per classroom. Through all this adversity, schedules were eventually resolved, and everyone was able to fully begin this great school year.

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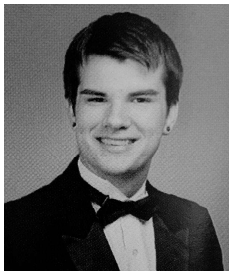
Successful Alumni: 20 Years Later

Samantha Baird
Editor

Dunedin High School is quite well known for its successful alumni. We may only think of 3 or 4 graduates of DHS, however, there have been hundreds of students who have created a very successful career for themselves. Dustin Holton is one of those people. Graduating in 2005, Dustin Holton now lives in New York City creating masterpieces of photography and cinematography for a living. After extensive research, I was able to get an interview with him to ask about his inspiring career. After graduating, Dustin Holton got his associates degree from SPC, then pursued a film degree at UCF. He then eventually decided to move to New York. However, in high school, this was never his plan. In the 2005 yearbook senior superlatives, he was voted most likely to be famous. Although he had dreamed of becoming a big-name musician, he said that he now loves his job and the city and couldn't imagine his life any other way. One of his first works was a very moving essay film titled *I Grew Up Near the Sea* (2019). This piece encompasses extremely touching poetic narration, overlaying black and white scenes from Coney Island and the NY subway. He shared with me that this is one of his favorite pieces and means a lot to him, as it's about being homesick. Dustin Holton has a truly inspiring story.

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Rettmann

Dustin Holton's
senior photo from
the 2005 yearbook.



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Setting the Stage

S. Rettmann
Editor

In case you haven't noticed, the whole school has been under reconstruction since we came back from summer break. Though, one of the major renovations going on is in building 19. The auditorium is undergoing a huge remodeling, the main thing being the stage. The whole auditorium has been closed, students being unable to attend their classes that are set in the theater. As a place holder, students have been going backstage for their classes instead. The stage is still being revamped today. When asked about how he feels about the renovation of the stage, the theatre and tech theatre teacher, Mr. Gabe said, "I'm proud of the students still being productive in class despite these unique circumstances, and I'm sure that it'll be worth the weight." Mr. Gabe, Tech Theatre and Theatre teacher. Another huge change was in the chorus room, occupied by Ms. Mulholland. The carpets had been replaced due to a mold problem. Now, her carpets are brand new and fixed. If you have any classes in building 19, you'll definitely know the difference when you walk into either the theater or the chorus room.

What a Night!

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Each year our school kicks off the school year with a dance. The dance is called homecoming. The week of homecoming we have what we call a spirit week where each day of the week there is a theme. This year 25-26 the student government came up with the following, Monday – Color Wars, Tuesday – Twin Day, Wednesday – Country club vs. Country, Thursday – Generations Day, and Friday – Spirit Day/ HOCO Game. This year's Homecoming theme was "Roaring 20's" with a beautiful new venue at Kapok Special Events. This venue fit into the theme so well, setting the scenery of the 1920's. Great music, the DJ had students sent song requests in trying to get in as many as possible before the night ended and he did a great job with keeping us entertain and dancing. Great food, our very own schools' culinary program provided us with drinks and little snacks at the dance fulfilling our thirst and hunger. Last but certainly not least, great company! Students getting along, enjoying themselves with their friends, dancing, singing, taking videos and pictures together at the photo booth. It was a phenomenal atmosphere the whole entire night, and WHAT A NIGHT to be remembered!



Photo provided by: Mr. Kiblinger
Photo of the gorgeous venue for the homecoming dance.

Clubs

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Performing Arts Creates Community

Angelina Gaito
Staff Writer

One way our school embraces its creativity is through its Performing Arts programs. Some of these programs include band, theatre and chorus! These classes have been available at Dunedin High School for over 50 years, meaning students have been able to express themselves for decades. These amazing programs include after school rehearsals, letting the students perfect their art and socialize with classmates. Diving deeper into these art programs, there are levels and different options for partaking in them. For example, there's beginners chorus all the way to advanced chorus. Same thing with theatre, there is tech theatre, music theatre, and even performing theatre! What's great about these programs is the inclusivity of these choice. They also come with great people who share the same interest as other students when participating. Quoting Samantha Baird, a senior who has been involved in theatre

for four years, says her favorite thing about it has been "the community." This school wants nothing more than being able to bring a welcoming community together. Not only does this allow students to know their classmates better, but it also allows them to rehearse their arts with ease! Quoting S. Rettmann, a junior whose been involved in theatre for three years says, "If you're familiar with a few people it's a lot easier." Performing arts has little to no limits and a broad amount of amazing choices.



Photo by: Sofia Manninen
Skills USA team at the Skills Opening Ceremony.

Skills USA

Lean Green
Staff Writer

SkillsUSA is a national organization that helps students prepare for careers in trade, technical, and skilled service fields. It combines classroom learning with hands-on training, leadership opportunities, and competitions in more than 150 skill areas. Members gain technical expertise along with teamwork, communication, and problem-solving skills. Many compete at local, state, and national levels, earning recognition and valuable experience for future careers and education. SkillsUSA also partners with industries and businesses, giving students access to real-world tools, mentorship, and professional networking. Members can earn certifications, scholarships, and awards that help them stand out. The program also emphasizes leadership through officer roles, event planning, and community service. At Dunedin High, SkillsUSA turns skills into superpowers. Whether cutting hair, wiring circuits, building robots, or designing the future, members show off their talents and grow their potential. Students can compete, travel, connect with industry leaders, and earn scholarships. The club also offers friendships, teamwork, and confidence-building opportunities. See Ms. Hawkins to join SkillsUSA today.

Come see our
DHS Theatre
program
perform in the
fall shows!

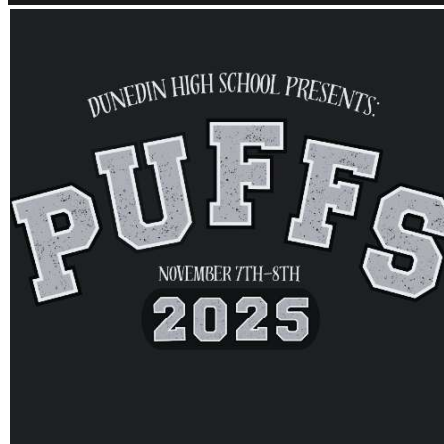


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Performing Arts Website
Students from Dunedin Highschool performing their art.

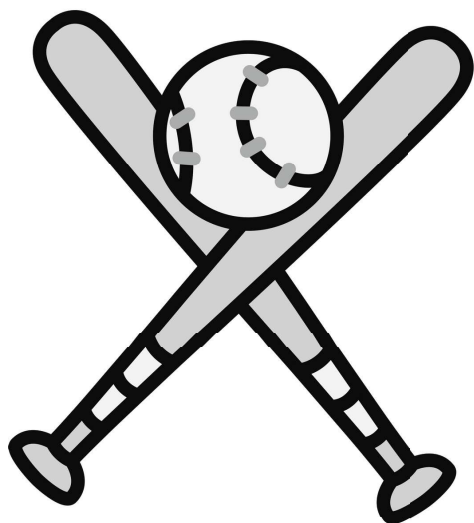
DHS Talks

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Coaches Corner: Coach Kanehl

Coach Kanehl
Guest Writer

I'm incredibly excited to be returning to Dunedin High School as the head baseball coach. Having also attended Dunedin Elementary and Dunedin Middle School, this community has always held a special place in my heart. Dunedin High has a rich tradition of excellence in baseball, and I'm honored to be part of continuing that legacy. I look forward to reconnecting with our amazing community and Dunedin alumni as we build a strong, supportive baseball program. I'm a firm believer in playing the game the right way - through hard work,



respect, and perseverance - values that were instilled in me during my playing days under Coach Greg Nichols. When I'm not on the field coaching, I cherish spending quality time with my wife and children. This opportunity means a lot to me, and I'm ready to give my best to our team, school, and community.

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behind the scenes
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Senior Interview Column

Christopher Lounders
Staff Writer

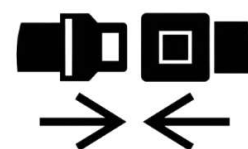
A new school year has come and with it is a new set of students for each grade, being newcomers from middle school or returning for another year here at Dunedin! Going around, I went and asked a senior about their thoughts in general about their new role as a senior, she said, "I do not feel the feeling yet about, like missing the feeling of being in high school yet. I'm just experiencing the time I have with my friends as well, doing everything I can before graduation." Andrea Mejia, 12. Lastly, the next senior I asked was Isaiah Najera, 12, he told me in the interview, "For freshman, I would say. Focus on, like, your studies more than anything else, because I feel like your freshman year is going to be one of your most important years, it sets you up for the rest of your time in high school."

Teacher Talk! With Mr. Spera

S. Rettmann
Editor

Have you ever wondered what the teachers talk about when you're not in their class? Has the thought ever crossed your mind that maybe teachers don't only talk about the subject they teach? Some people may say yes, and they may be curious about what the answer to that question is. The teacher that will be answering those questions is Mr. Spera, who teaches in the English building. He teaches English 4, as well as the SPC (Saint Petersburg College) Composition 1 and 2 classes. He mainly educates seniors. When asked what his favorite period of the day is, he replied with lunch. Another question that he was asked is how he felt about the construction going on around the school, to which he said that he couldn't care less. The way he disciplines his students that are being disrespectful is that he gives them zeros. The last question he was asked is if he thinks he is one of the more strict or relaxed teachers, to which he said, "I'm somewhere in the middle. When they make me mad, then I'm strict, if they don't make me mad, then I'm relaxed." Mr. Spera, English teacher. If you've ever wondered how a teacher feels about something or what they do outside of teaching, don't be afraid to ask!

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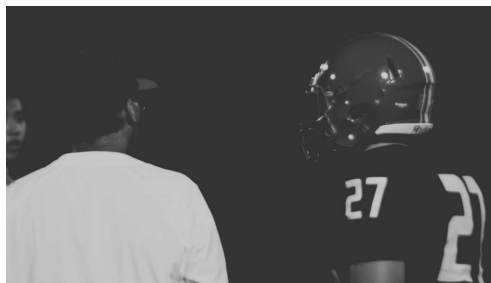


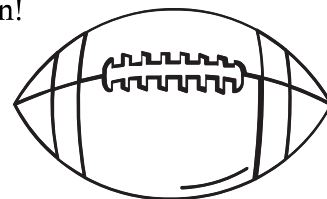
Photo by: Kamron Shillingford
Coach Climan encouraging one of his players.

New Football Coach

*Leah Green
Staff Writer*

If you're looking for Dunedin's head football coach, you can find Mr. Climan in Building 3 behind the science rooms—or in the gym, where he's usually working with the team. He's a great resource not only for players but for any student interested in teamwork, leadership, or athletics. Mr. Climan has been a football coach and shaping the players since high school years. He's been promoting good sportsmanship and team building, saying that the team has specific rules with clear consequences. They practice these skills in everything they do, whether it be the weight room, games, or practice. He does not

tolerate misbehavior or bad mouthing. When asked what the best piece of advice he's ever received, he responded with, "Everybody's different. As a team, you want to treat everyone fairly and equally, but not everybody is the same. I've learned that you have to adjust how you deal with people while still being fair and consistent. When I first started coaching, I thought everything had to be exactly how I wanted it—but over the years, I've realized that treating people differently when needed, while staying fair, is the key." Coach Climan, (Head Football Coach/English Teacher). If you ever need a helping hand or a good piece of advice, make sure to find Coach Climan!



October Sports Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
			1 JV Football: vs Countryside	2 Volleyball: vs Lakewood	3	4
5	6 Bowling: vs SLAM Volleyball: vs Boca Ciega	7 Volleyball: vs Tarpon Springs	8 Swimming: vs Tarpon Springs	9 Bowling: vs Lakewood	10 Varsity Football: vs NCT End of First Quarter	11
12	13 No School	14	15	16	17 Varsity Football: vs Tarpon Springs	18
19	20	21	22	23	24 Varsity Football: vs Anclote	25
26	27	28	29	30 Varsity Football: vs PHUHS	31 Halloween	

Sports

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Cross Country

Paityn Corliss
Staff Writer

Cross country is a sport in which people or teams run a race on open-air courses over natural terrain. For example, large landforms, like mountains, plains, and plateaus. As well as smaller features like valleys, canyons, and hills. Our school's cross country team has great runners and one of them is Jayda Tucker, who is a senior. Dunedin High School Cross Country is a dedicated and welcoming team that combines hard work, school spirit, and a love for running. Both the boys' and girls' teams train throughout the year, preparing for 5K races during the fall season.



Photo by: Miami Hall

Senior Jayda Tucker participating on the slip and slide at cross country's senior night.

Led by supportive coaches, such as Maria Morrison and Donovan Jones, the team competes in local meets, district championships, and often advances to regional competitions. Beyond racing, the program emphasizes teamwork, personal growth, and academic success. Whether you're a seasoned runner or just starting out, Dunedin Cross Country offers a place to push your limits, build friendships, and be part of something meaningful. "For anyone wanting to try cross country for the first time, just give it your best shot and have fun with it." Jayda Tucker, 12. If you'd like to know more information, you can find either the coaches or some of the members for more details.

Swimming Towards Success

Sellylynn Albert
Staff Writer

Our schools, Dunedin High School Swim and Dive team have been having a fantastic season so far. Big victory for the boys against Seminole High 85-68! These are the boys that took first place in their events, Collin Stebick (JR) in Diving and Jackson Bews (SR) in the 50 Free. Our Swim and Dive team is a good diverse team, allowing you to learn more about the sport but also make relationships within this great team. Lily Nichols, a senior, has been on the team since her junior year, and her experience has been going great! She emphasizes that the coaching staff is great at making sure you can do stuff that helps you to improve as an individual as a member of the team and a player of the sport. Her favorite strokes are "Breaststrokes and Freestyle". For anyone interested or just wanting to do something with their free time she encourages you to "just come and join if you are interested! Even if you have never swam before, the coaches will help you learn all the different strokes and teach you what to do!". Overall, the Swim and Dive team is a great team, if you want to join get in contact or talk with Coach Rayel or Assistant Coach Cummings.



Photo by: Justyce Hendrix
The swim team diving headfirst into the deep end.



Homecoming Game

Samantha Baird
Editor

The homecoming football game at Dunedin High was definitely one of the highlights of the year. Not only was it our first win of the season, where we won 34 to 13 against Hollins High, but there were also many exciting homecoming events going on. The DHS cheerleaders had several amazingly fun chants, many of which got the crowd involved as well. These chants definitely became crowd favorites, as everyone was able to cheer along. And of course, our beloved Freddie the Falcon made an appearance during the game, joining the cheerleaders down on the sidelines in some fun dances and cheers. If you didn't see him, keep an eye out at the next game and watch his hilariously fun Freddie shenanigans. But Freddie and the cheerleaders weren't the only DHS showing their school pride. The Dunedin High Band was blasting out our celebratory tunes as our team raced to success. With the winners for duke, duchess, prince, and princess having been announced earlier in the day at the courtyard pep rally, everyone was left on the edge of their seats to learn that the winners for king and queen were Landan Roessler and Jayda Tucker. But the fun of the DHS Homecoming game doesn't stop there. We also had a massive group of students show up for Red Zone, every single one of them going all out for the theme of the game; Bling It On! All of these exciting things from our DHS Homecoming game display just how much school spirit we have. Go Falcons!

Entertainment

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Survival Games Galore!

S. Rettmann
Editor

Over the summer, many people want to find that one show you're able to binge watch in one night, cuddled up with a few blankets and maybe some snacks. One of those shows may be Squid Game, since the third and final season was released June 27 of this year. It was highly anticipated, fans all around the world being excited for the conclusion of this insane thriller.



Photo by: Netflix

Caption: Squid Game season three promotion.

Squid Game is very popular due to the stakes of the games, where if you lose, you get killed. It premiered in 2021, and the show was an immediate hit. Squid Game soon became one of the most watched shows in the world, and one of Netflix's biggest originals. Based on what the official Netflix website says, when added up together, Squid Game as a whole has a total of 602.6 million viewers. Though, when it comes to death games, Squid Game isn't the only competitor. Alice in Borderland is another Netflix original with a similar premise. This series premiered in 2020, at the height of COVID-19. It was originally a manga series. The third season came out September 25, adding another installment to the series. It had been said that the third season would be the final season for this show as well, but there was a hint at a potential spin-off. Many fans look forward to what may happen with the future of Alice in Borderland.



Photo by: IMDB.com
The movie poster for the new Superman movie!

Movie List

Angelina Gaito
Staff Writer

1. Superman (2025, PG)
Directed by James Gunn
2. The Fantastic Four: First Steps (2025, PG)
Directed by Matt Shakman
3. How to Train Your Dragon (2025, PG)
Directed by Dean DeBlois
4. Freakier Friday (2025, PG)
Directed by Nisha Ganatra
5. F1 (2025, PG)
Directed by Joseph Kosinski
6. Jurassic World Rebirth (2025, PG)
Directed by Gareth Edwards
7. Sinners (2025, R)
Directed by Ryan Coolger
8. Happy Gilmore 2 (2025, PG)
Directed by Kyle Newacheck
9. Opus (2025, R)
Directed by Mark Anthony Green
10. Thunderbolts* (2025, PG)
Directed by Jake Schreier



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Book List

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Staff Writer

1. To Kill a Mockingbird – Harper Lee
2. Pride and Prejudice – Jane Austen
3. 1984 – George Orwell
4. The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy – Douglas Adams
5. The Princess Bride – William Goldman
6. The Women – Kristin Hannah
7. Heartburn – Nora Ephron
8. Funny in Farsi – Firoozeh Dumas
9. The Goldfinch - Donna Tartt
10. My Friends – Hisham Matar

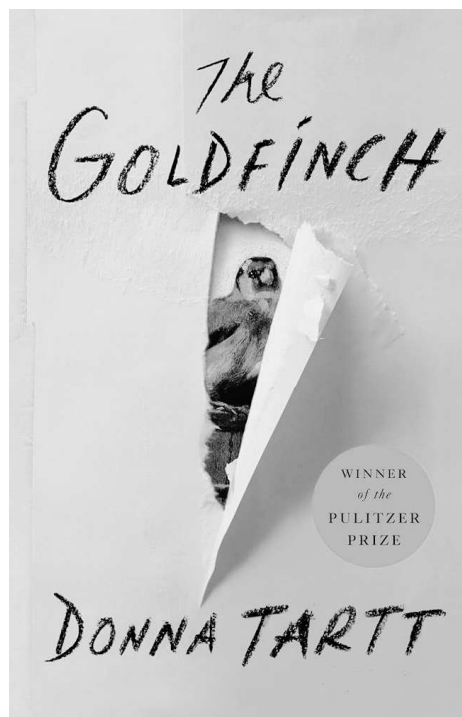


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National Holidays

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1. Vegetarian Day - October 1
2. Smile Day - October 4
3. Teachers Day - October 5
4. Cheese Day - October 9
5. Mental Health Day - October 10
6. Silly Sock Day - October 12
7. Columbus Day - October 13
8. Food Day - October 16
9. Boston Creme Pie Day - October 23
10. Pumpkin Day - October 26



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