

**DVMS**

# Warrior Times

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## DVMS Celebrates Red Ribbon Week By Jonathan Reome



Over the week of October 26 through the 30, DVMS celebrated Red Ribbon Week. Monday DVMS students made their own lanterns. They were invited after school in the cafeteria and made lanterns

out of paper. The lanterns were hung around school to show the reason why we choose a drug free life. Tuesday DVMS celebrated Brainiac day so we could "outsmart drugs". Wednesday we celebrated Formal Day where we became too classy for drugs. Thursday was throwback Thursday where DVMS dressed up



like people from the 60s and 70s to throw away the drugs. Finally, on Friday we wore warrior pride colors so we wore black and white.

## DVMS Drama Club Presents: **HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL!**

*By Jonathan Reome*

**What:** The DVMS Drama Club's annual performance

**When:** Friday, November 20, and Saturday, November 21 at 7pm. and Sunday November 22 at 2:00pm



## Student Council Halloween Dance By Julian Connaughton



On October 29, the DVMS student council hosted a costume dance. There were a lot of people there. You could wear a costume if you wanted. They sold pizza for \$2 a slice, water for \$1, and cookies and cupcakes for 50 cents. Admission was \$4, or \$3 if you brought a can for the Thanksgiving Food Drive. There was a DJ

and he played many popular songs.

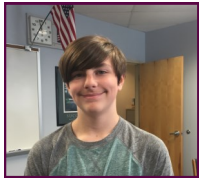
There was a dance off, and many people participated in it including me. I ended up losing. The winner was 7th grader Cindy Abella. The finalists were 7th Graders Miranda Murray, Angie Miller, and Taliyah Booker. It was really fun!

I went, and I hit the quan, did the wobble, danced to Gangnam Style, danced to Crank Dat (Soulja Boy), and I hit the whip and did the Nae Nae. This was really fun! I hope that there is one

of these dances again next year! Thank you Student Council!!!!



# Meet Your Newly Elected Student Council Officers!



**President:**  
**Ben Dispoto**  
Grade 8

"This year, I would like to give the student body the ability to carry and drink water before during and after class. I would like the student body to remember me by making this a good overall school year."

**Secretary:**  
**Michelle Andia**  
Grade 7

"This year, I want to raise money for the school and would like to come up with fun days and activities to get the students involved."

"At the end of this school year I want the student body to remember me as responsible, fun, and creative."



**Historians:**  
**Olivia Gandolfo**

Grade 8

"As historian, I hope to be remembered as funny and someone who was good at taking pictures. I want to get at least five pictures in the local newspaper."



**VP: Mark Cavallaro**

Grade 7

"This year my goal is to make an already outstanding school better."



**Treasurer: Sophia Capeci**

Grade 6

"I want to help charities this year, especially with cans for a food drive and other fundraisers."



**Allison Wintermute**

Grade 6

"This year, I want to facilitate events that are fun, but also help the community and others."

"At the end of this school year, I hope to be remembered as a person who made school fun, and took people's ideas and turned them into reality."



## Student Council Food Drive



This year, Student Council is hosting their annual food drive to support the local food pantry. This year's goal is to collect 3,001 cans! Wow! Our school has until November 20th. Bring in cans to your homeroom and help out to reach our goal and help the community!

## Pinterest "Pin of the Paper" By Emily Cruz



### T-Shirt Bracelets

Supplies: For this craft you will need old t-shirts, bangle bracelets (old or new), and scissors.

Step 1: Cut t-shirt in 1/2" to 1" wide strips. Depending on the thickness of the bangle – a thick bracelet will need thicker strips.

Step 2: Loosely tie one end of the t-shirt strip to the bangle and start wrapping fabric around bracelet – the tighter the better.

Step 3: Wrap fabric all the way around until you meet the first knot – untie the knot and tie both ends together to close. Make a double knot, pull it tight and make sure the knot is positioned on the inside of the bracelet. Trim ends with scissors.



## Teacher Feature: Mrs. Paczkowski By Emily Cruz

**Q:** When did you first decide to become a teacher? Why?

**A:** You may think I'm lucky when I say that I remember the exact moment when I decided to become a teacher. Unfortunately, it wasn't a good experience, but it did change my life.

As a seventh grade student I was too shy, too nice, had a speech impediment, and zero self-esteem or self-worth—which was a bad combination. I never spoke and never called on to read because of my speech problems. Unfortunately, the person who was to instruct me did the complete opposite. He was my seventh grade science teacher and he preyed on me. No, I

wasn't sexually or physically abused by him, but I was verbally and mentally abused. I was ridiculed by him during class. In his science class my name was "Dumb, Dumb Debbie". That was it and it was even written in his gradebook. He called me that every day and chuckled. He told me I was stupid, dumb, and would never amount to anything in life. When I took a test or quiz, he would joyfully search through all the papers, find mine, and then wave it up in the air. He'd announce to the class, "Let's see how Dumb, Dumb, Debbie did!" he then would read off each wrong response and after each one he'd get right in my face and exclaim, "You're so STUPID!" That was the experience that made me decide to become a teacher. I became a teacher so that no one would have to go through what I did. No one should have to go through that.

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**Q:** How many exciting experiences have you had?

**A:** I've had many exciting experiences. I love to travel and I'd love to see the world. You may think I've been to many places, but I really haven't. My family has traveled around the world for their careers, but I travel in my imagination. I love learning about other cultures and I hope to see some first hand. My dream is to do my ancestry and to go to all the places where my ancestors once loved. I'm Russian, Italian, English, and Slovakian. I'd love to have many more exciting experiences by traveling to these locations.

**Q:** How do you want your students to see you by the end of the year?

**A:** More importantly, how do I want students to see themselves by the end of the year. I want my students to see themselves

the way I see them each day. I want them to know how incredible they are in every single way. I'm in awe of them. Not just academically, but socially as well. I wish I could've been like them when I was their age. I'm making up for it now. I never stop talking!

**Q:** What do you want to accomplish as a teacher this year?

**A:** I want to accomplish having caring, compassionate, and brilliant students by the end of this year. I want all my students to learn academics, however, I also want them to learn about themselves and others in the process. I want them to understand that we are all part of the same planet and we are here to help one-another grow into awesome adults. It only takes one person to change the world for the better.



Pictured above: Mrs. Paczkowski in her classroom during an imaginative trip to Italy that she took her students on during a creative writing lesson.

**Q:** What would you describe yourself as when you were in middle school?

**A:** AWKWARD! I had very little confidence and never spoke, ever! I never got chosen to read in class because I was a very poor reader, and I also have a bad speech impediment. I had very few friends, but I was confident that I would have an amazing and happy life. It was the belief and positive thoughts that I credit for now having an incredible life. The best way advice I can give anyone is to never give up! Be who you are meant to become!

**Q:** What is one thing that the student body would be surprised to know about you?

**A:** I love good food. I believe food is the first part to a good conversation. I will travel to Philadelphia just

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to try their Cheesesteak hoagies. I will travel to Canada just to try their poutine. I will travel to restaurants that are featured on the Food Network, even if it means driving hundreds of miles. There is nothing like good food.

# Happy 30th Birthday, Super Mario!

**A commentary special by Julien Connaughton**



Hey DVMS! What's up? I haven't written an article since last year. I am now in 7th grade. I can't wait to start writing more articles for you guys again. Are you ready to start reading "Commentary By Connaughton"? Great! This first article will be about celebrating Super Mario's 30th Anniversary! Happy Birthday Super Mario!

The idea of Super Mario originated in Japan when Nintendo just became a new video game franchise and brand. A man named Shigeru Miyamoto thought of Super Mario when Nintendo needed a video game character that would make them rich and famous. Then Nintendo of Japan accepted the idea and Super Mario was released in Japan in 1983 (1985 for the

USA), and his first game, *Super Mario Bros.* came out on the same launch date as the Nintendo Entertainment System (NES). Super Mario's birthday in America is October 18, 1985. In Japan, it is July 9, 1981. Mario was originally known as Jump Man because all he did in *Donkey Kong* (the original) was jump. He was renamed Mario in 1982.

Super Mario then launched out in 2 other NES games, called *Super Mario Bros. 2* and *Super Mario Bros. 3*. He then became famous all across Japan and America.

On August 23, 1991, the Super Nintendo Entertainment System (SNES) was released, and Mario appears in his newest game, *Super Mario World*, and this is where Mario meets Yoshi. Mario then rides Yoshi and they take down enemies together.

On September 26, 1996, the Nintendo 64 (N64) comes out, and Mario enters the 3rd dimension in his newest game at the time, *Super Mario 64*. Mario now enters a 3D world in which he can go any-

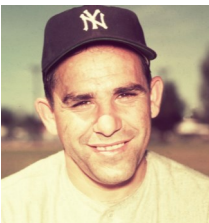
where on the game screen. Mario became a very big hit everywhere, not just Japan and the USA. It is now the 2nd millennium (year 2000) and so on, and Mario is now released on handhelds like the Nintendo DS and Nintendo 3DS. He is now featured in WAY MORE video games than just Mario Bros. He is featured in *Mario Party*, the *Mario and Luigi* series, *Mario Kart*, etc.

Mario has given us so much entertainment, laughs, fun, and so much more. His birthday is more than just "some game dude's launch date", it is the day when a great video game character came out. It is the day Miyamoto had an idea that made Nintendo and Mario famous and rich. Thank you Miyamoto!



## Remembering Yogi Berra

**By Lucas Helms**



September 22, 1946 would start one of the most successful baseball careers of all time. Yogi Berra would win

American League's Most Valuable Player Award three times. He was on 10 World Series teams. Also, he's was selected for the All-Star team 18 times. But before all that happened he was a Seaman

in the Navy, and then he went to the Minor league Cardinals. After a few years he was signed with the Yankees. After 1963, Yogi Berra became the manager to the New York Yankees. At the end of that season he was fired. But he wasn't fired for long—he was signed as a coach for the New York Mets. He stayed there for five years until his firing on August 5, 1975. In 1976 he was rehired by the Yankees again. There he remained until the 16th

game in the 1985 season. After that season he went to the Houston Astros. In 1999 he retired fully. He lived in a quiet New Jersey town until his death in September 22, 2015.

Keep trying. Stay humble, Trust your instincts. Most importantly, act. When you come to a fork in the road, take it.

— Yogi Berra —

## Op Ed: Cyberbullying

### By Michelle Andia

Some people don't think cyberbullying is a big deal. They think, "I'm not dumb enough to give some stranger my information!". Well, sometimes you can't help it. You may say or do the wrong thing on accident and that's it. The world knows your name and only remembers you as, "That girl or guy who was stalked on the internet". I use to think like you. I'd say to myself every time at my school's *Be smart online* presentations, "I'm not stupid. I can take care of myself. If some stranger contacts me I'll tell my parents and log off". Then one day, when I was browsing the internet, I saw a video that changed my perspective on cyberbullying forever.

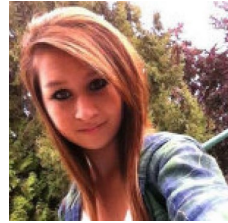
I was looking at kids, teens, and youtubers react videos, when I came across a video entitled *Teens react to Bullying (Amanda Todd)*. I watched it and I couldn't help my curiosity. I looked up more videos about Amanda Todd. Then I watched a video that was like one of those CNN

reports. The video was 40 minutes long, but I couldn't stop watching. Amanda made a mistake, the only problem was that someone else was watching her when she made that mistake. A girl with a bright future and wonderful singing talent, now destroyed in a matter of seconds. Things my parents used to tell me suddenly made sense. All along, I thought they were just overreacting. I wish not to get into too much

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detail, but I urge you to go on YouTube and watch the video. This way you will learn from Amanda's mistakes in case a situation like hers may happen to you. Or maybe you can find a way to prevent it.

Alright so let's see, she made mistake, some guy caught her in action, ruined her reputation, and then what? Well, Amanda couldn't help but feel depressed. She fought as much as she could, but the man online couldn't be caught. He kept bothering her the minute she logged on until she left, and he even created fake profiles on Facebook to get closer and closer each time. Then one day when Amanda was at home alone, she took her



own life. Now can you imagine that? Amanda would rather take her own life than try and live through the pain. Do you know what that meant? It meant that this wasn't

just some stalker. This man crossed the line too many times and the pain and depression was too much for Amanda.

Cyberbullying is a serious problem. In Amanda's case, because of what happened, no one would talk to her or take her seriously. She even had to move to a new school! Cyber bullying can happen in many different ways. What happened to Amanda is just one of the many things that can happen to you. Maybe it's a bully from your school cyberbullying you. Either way, it can be just as dangerous.

**STOP**  
cyberbullying

## A Series of Unfortunate Events: Part 1

### By Emily Cruz

It was just an average day in Milford PA. Kids were riding bikes on the streets and playing tag in the gardens. Although there was one child that never really was in a... Well some would call it a, "click".

Her name was Olive Kate. Her parents were never around to comfort her or encourage her to go have fun with the other kids. Believe it or not, Olive's parents were never around because they were very famous in Japan, so they were always away and never seemed to care much about

Olive. Olive thought of herself as the kid that was just, OK. Her initials even said so.

The other kids made fun of her name and said the she had some kind of deathly disease so people would keep away. To make everything even worse, Olive was mentally, physically, and cyberbullied!

Olive was young, and was already open to a situation as bad as being bullied in three different ways since she was three years old. Olive was only fifteen years old, yet she spent the last twelve years moving to different schools so she would

not get attached to anything, while also trying her best not to be made fun of. Olive had a hard life, although that was all about to change...

**Read Part II in the next edition of the DVMS Warrior Times!**





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Thanksgiving  
Veterans Day  
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Leaves  
Turkey

Cyberbullying  
Mario  
Yogi Berra  
Music  
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## DVMS Upcoming Events & Dates to Remember:

**November 10—Veteran's Day Assembly**

**November 10—Locker Clean out and Report Card Distribution**

**November 11—Veteran's Day Recess—No School**

**November 20—Food Drive Deadline!**

**November 20-22—DVMS Drama Production *High School Musical***

**November 24—Early Dismissal/Parent Teacher Conferences**

**November 25—Early Dismissal**

**November 26-30—Fall Recess**

**December 24-January 1—Winter Recess**