

# Falcon Print



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## Creepin' It Real

We chose to ask students and teachers both in the High school and Middle school as to why they chose the costumes for Halloween. This idea helps us embrace the ideas and minds of different students and teachers. Many of them gave good explanations as to why they chose their costumes, while some others had no explanation. Our journalism class rated some of the costumes and

determined a top three. We chose the best costumes and here are the ratings and their reasonings behind the costumes they wore.. In first place is Kai Jorgensen as a rodeo clown. Kai said "I chose this because this is my nightly gig." In second was Cade Listenberger as a Gangster. Cade said "I chose this because I'm a gangster." In third place we had our strength coach Mr Bergan. Coach Bergan said "I chose this because,



# Creepin' It Real Continued

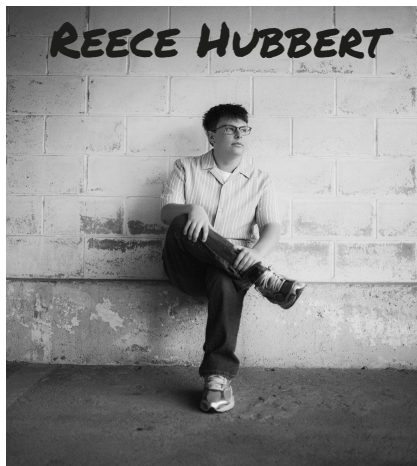
".. my son views me as superman and this costume helps me bring it to life." At DC West students are encouraged to dress up for Halloween. This Halloween was perfect because it fell on a Friday. A lot of students dressed up and it was really cool to see the students and the staff show off their costumes and express themselves on such a great holiday.

We also interviewed a few students about what they did on Halloween. Here is what some students and teachers had to say. Junior Trent Alexander said he went trick or treating with his little sister and he had a great time. Spanish teacher, Sr. Joh said he was tired after a long day of work so he went home and didn't do anything. Senior Benji Oien carved pumpkins and went to a donut shop in Boys Town to cure some late night cravings. Sophomore Cole Bridges II said he watched halloween movies with his family and handed out candy. Lastly we asked Freshman Beckett Zahourek and he said that he hung out with friends and got lots of candy. That's a wrap on Halloween this year, Falcons!



## Senior Spotlight

*Written by Melanie Little, Benji Oien*



Midway through 7th Grade Reece graced DC West with his presence. He works at Rocket Car Wash and in his free time could work on cars for hours. He also occasionally volunteers at a pumpkin patch. He would like to go to Pittsburg State University where he will go through schooling to become a Finance manager at a dealership.

His advice is, "Time you enjoy wasting is not time wasted"



Tucker Neilson has been going to DC West almost all his life. In his free time he loves working at Lifetime Fitness and occasionally climbing a crane or two. After Highschool he is planning to go to the Airforce. After serving, he's planning to pursue the career of a Mental health Technician. His words of advice are "Do good on your tests Yo".

Kai Jorgensen has been going to Dc West all his life and has loads of school spirit. He works as a plumber and is hoping to be a DH in baseball this spring. He is a leading member of FCA showing up to every meeting and activity. He plans to be a general plumber after going to trade school. His advice is, "Sit tall in the saddle, hold your head up high keep your eyes fixed where the trail meets the sky and live like you ain't afraid to die And don't be scared. Just enjoy your ride."



This is Brook Coyle's first and last year here at DC West. She loves to do nails and even stole her grandma's kitchen aid to pursue baking. She works at Scooters but hopes to become a Nail Tech after going to cosmetology school. Her words of advice are "Focus on yourself when people get in your way, don't let others ruin your day"

# Falcon Fuel



## Fall Sports

Written by Tucker Korb

**Mr. Travis** - "I would say that we had a competitive fall with all of our teams. Volleyball finishing (19-12) and as the conference tournament and regular season champions, Softball finishing (19-11) and as conference tournament champions, Football finishing (3-6) and losing three games late in the game that would've changed the trajectory of their season, and Cross Country having a state qualifying runner and being competitive throughout the season. In regards to the upcoming winter, we are excited about the potential opportunities and the make-up of our teams. We believe that we are going to be competitive night in and night out and have to be performing at a high level as a team with the challenging schedules ahead. The focus needs to be on just getting better each and every day and focusing on doing the small things right over and over again so eventually those small things turn into something big for the teams."

### Football

The Falcons football season came to an end with a loss to Fort Calhoun in the final game of the regular season. The Falcons went 3-6 battling in close games against Mt. Micheal, Fort Calhoun, and Roncalli. Here is a quote from the head coach Mike Troy, "Although the results didn't always go our way, our team battled every practice, scrimmage, and game. They always regrouped and kept pushing forward. We were playing our best football at the end of the season. We had so many new faces in different positions and it was great to see how much we improved. Getting to coach these young men was the best part of my day."

### Softball

The softball season for the Falcons ended with their 4-0 loss to Lincoln Pius X. The Falcons still had a great year with a 19-10 record, while winning the G-A-C-C Tournament and the Conference tournament. Here is what Coach Watz had to say about the season, "This past season was such a great start to our time in the Class B world. Every game they got better and better, it was such an exciting thing to witness the growth from the beginning to the end of this season. It only makes me excited for next year!"

### Cross Country

The Falcons cross country teams final meet as a team was districts at Mt. Micheal. As a team the Falcons did great. We want to give a huge congratulations to Jack Steinbach for going to state. Here are Coach Hansen's thoughts, "Both boys' and girls' teams improved from last season, which is always a positive. We graduate a lot of seniors, but we have some good underclassmen on the boys' side to compete in the coming years. Our middle school team is also growing, which will help us grow as well."

### Volleyball

The Falcons volleyball team went 19-12 with their season ending with a loss to Platteview in sub districts. The Volleyball team has some great accomplishments like winning the Capital Conference Tournament, placing second in the Louisville tournament, and going 7-1 in their district. Now a quote from Coach Wald, "I thought we had a very successful season. Everyone made great improvements throughout the year and I am very proud of the effort and energy we had. They are a great group of girls and I am fortunate to get to coach them."

This week we asked teachers what advice they would give to students who are struggling with their grades.

## **Mr. Henderson's Advice**

"My advice would be to go to the teachers in the classes they are struggling with and take time before or after school to get caught up or be re-taught the lesson. Lots of good can happen if you just take time out of your day and get extra help."

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## **Mr. Pralle's Advice**

Mr. Pralle's advice is ask questions for clarification, ask your teacher for help before or after school, ask your parents for help, and get a study buddy, or a student tutor.

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## **Mr. Thomas's Advice**

"Students who are struggling with grades should utilize one of many resources we have at DC West to help make students successful. These resources include: Academic Support, Falcons Nest, and peer to peer tutoring. If a student needs any of these resources, they should ask their keystone teacher for more information!"

# **Teacher's Corner**



Ms. LaChapelle

This week, we decided to interview one of our beloved high school teachers here at DC West. We asked her why she wanted to become a teacher and why she chose to come to DC West

Her response was as follows, "I have always wanted to be a teacher since 3rd grade because I like the process of learning and being able to learn new things."

When she started, she taught at Marian after attending the University of Nebraska at Omaha for five years. She earned a double major and decided it was time for a change and wanted to move to a smaller high school and teach part time. When another teacher decided to move to the middle school at DCW, she decided that she would go full time and be more involved with the school. Recently, Ms. LaChapelle became an Assistant Activity Director and helps with all activities. Along with that, she is the chaperone for the extra curricular trips and is looking forward to planning future DC West travel.

*Written by Josue Lopez and Cole Bridges II*

# Hometown Highlights



Travis talks about disaster efforts with government during the 2019 floods that hit the Waterloo/Valley area.

Travis Harlow is a huge part of the Valley-Waterloo community. He has been in business for 25 years and owns multiple businesses. Travis is a graduate of Valley High School and has lived in the Waterloo Valley area his whole life. After being asked how he started doing business, he replied "Well, I started with a lawn business when I was younger, but my first real business was Betty B's convenience store" When asked what he could tell us about his different businesses, he replied "I have a bunch of businesses including convenience stores, restaurants, a construction business, and different developing businesses. The one that takes the most time out of my day is definitely the construction business." After being asked if he enjoys what he does,, he responded, "I enjoy doing business, but of course, there are days that are hard."

Travis is also the head of the Village of Waterloo Board and the chief of the volunteer fire department. He has been the head of the board for 7-8 years and has been in the fire department for 25 years, and has been the chief for 15 years. When asked what the biggest success with the board was, he replied that the infrastructure in the parks' improvements was wonderful to see. After being asked about his favorite memory of the fire department, he replied, "I don't necessarily have a favorite memory, but I love the end-of-year banquets and how it feels like a real community."

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