

time for a BOOST

by sophomore Jetta Colsch

Year after year, students participate in numerous fundraisers to benefit their personal passions and programs. We tire over various packets and order forms to try to raise as much money as we can to support the things that we love. But is there a better way?

Countless students participate in countless fundraisers throughout their 13 years in school. It's overwhelming to deal with school, extra-curriculars, work, and then come home, knowing you still have to awkwardly ask people to buy a fourth container of popcorn for yet another activity.

The amount of work that students put into these fundraisers - going door to door, making calls to family and friends, begging parents to make a purchase - is simply too much. And in a town as small as Hudson, we seem to sell the same things to the same people at the same time.

It gets to a point where no one wants to buy anything anymore. The students are tired, and the community is cashed out.

That's not the only problem. At Hudson, we have two main fundraising groups: the athletic boosters and music boosters (smaller subgroups, such as journalism and FFA, have to fend for themselves). But in a school as small as

this, does it make sense to divide and conquer? No. There are so many students who are in multiple activities that one person could end up selling three or four different things all at once. It's both overlapping and overloading.

I see only one solution. Create one group: The Hudson Boosters

Think about it. One school, one group, one goal: To give equal representation and funding to music, academics, and athletics. It would allow for more organized fundraising, preventing any overlap between both buyers and sellers alike. Different groups could still take part in different fundraisers, but they wouldn't be at the same time, and they wouldn't sell the same thing.

It would also encourage a more even distribution of the money raised. The football team doesn't need to buy new jerseys every year, but they have the money, so they buy

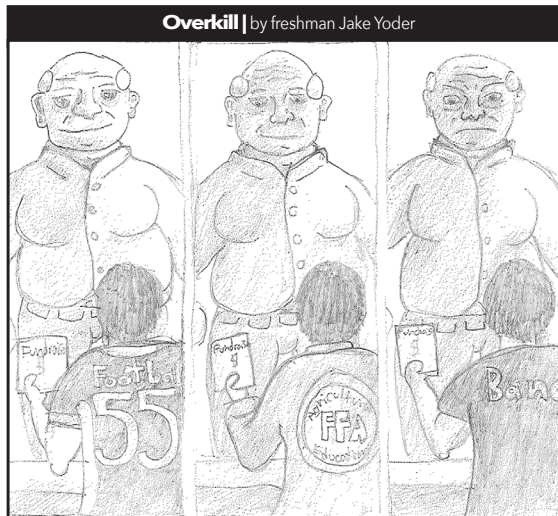
them. Band students do need an instrument to play every year, but the music program is often short on money. If the two were to become one, it would allow both programs to purchase the necessities and neither program to waste funding.

The Hudson Boosters need to consolidate into one united Pirate crew. A joint booster club would make for less stressed students and more willing customers. It's time we listen to the master innovator Henry Ford: "Coming together

is a beginning, staying together is progress, and working together is success."

Did you know?

Of the students polled, 21% said they had participated in 3 or more fundraisers during the 2018-2019 school year. Of that 21%, 13% said they had done 5 or more.



Do you see anything wrong with these pictures?

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Imperfect politics

by junior Brooke Busch

Here I am, sitting in my third period government class, listening to other students answering questions about political issues. My palms are sweating, my heart is beating out of my chest, my knee is bouncing, and my blood is pumping. I know I don't dare to answer any questions because if I do, a full on debate will break out. So I keep my mouth shut.

Here at Hudson High I'm a minority, not because of the color of my skin, but because I'm a liberal at a mainly conservative school.

Yup, that's right. I said it- I'm a pro-choice, gun control, anti-wall believing liberal. But why does that mean I should be treated differently? It doesn't.

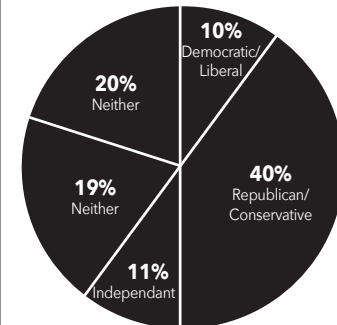
Tomorrow is Friday, and at HHS that means current events in government. Everyone will be talking about how Trump should build a wall, how there doesn't need to be gun control, and finally, my favorite, the Green New Deal, and how it's a plan to make the U.S. socialist. Unfortunately, I disagree with 99.9% of what they just said.

And if I finally muster up the courage to speak, I know what will happen- I'll be called a socialist. How do I know? Because it's happened before. So, I take a deep breath and just keep my mouth shut, yet again.

Now I'm not saying it's a problem that Hudson High School is mostly conservative. But, what I am saying is this: it's a problem that most of the conservatives seem to lack an open mind. It's a problem that in a FREE, democratic country, that contrary ideas are being silenced.

Are we really so entrenched in our own beliefs that we're afraid of others expressing theirs? To me, that doesn't sound like a free country, it sounds like a communist one. We should celebrate the land of the free by allowing each ot to be truly free to express their views without fear of condemnation or judgment.

HHS Political Views



“Anyone who speaks out will not be treated with equal respect on their views.”
- freshman Rylee Larson

“People don't know how to listen to someone's opinion. Most will just attack when they don't agree.”
- sophomore Olivia Jursik