

Friendships form across class lines

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"It won't be the same without them," said Christopher Schmitt, '24. The senior class will soon be leaving our school, causing sadness in many friendships

Schmitt is not the only one who is sad. "Some of my closest friends are Bryce Rudiger, Seamus Crahan, Patrick Fitzgerald, Ryan Brosius, Jack Walsh, and Quinn Walsh, '23," said Carson Cummer, '22. None of those people are in the same grade as he is.

There are many friendships throughout the grades. Sports and other extracurricular activities often bring students together.

"I met most of my friends through dance. Before coming to Wahlert, I knew who they were, so



Friendships form on the dance floor

Lizzie Kann, '22, Lilly Bonnet, '24, and Lily Morarend, '23.

once I came to Wahlert, I grew even closer with them," says Lilly Bonnet, '24.

Many underclassmen view their upperclassmen friends as mentors.

Brielle Berning, '25, said, "I like having upper-

classmen friends because they can teach you a lot of stuff. They taught us a lot about winter formal and gave us advice about the stuff we were not familiar with."

Schmitt, '24, also noted, "Having friends

from other grades is really fun because it gets you out of your comfort zone and lets you meet new people."

Since upperclassmen have been at Wahlert longer, they have experienced more and are able to connect and guide the under-

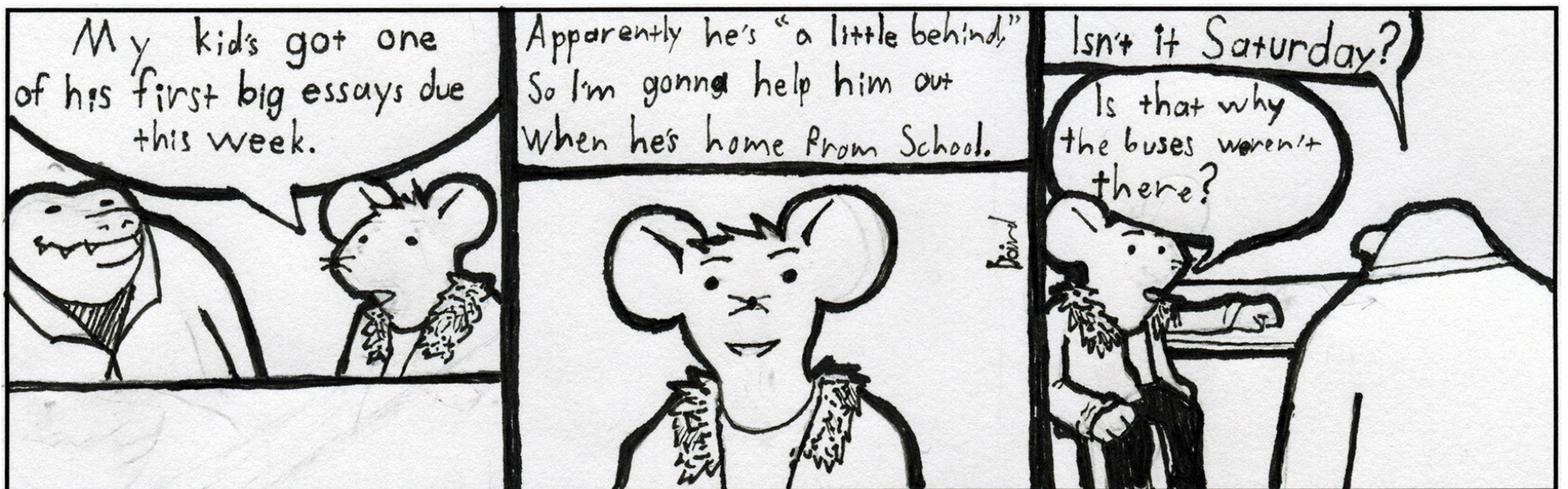
classmen in an important way. Upperclassmen also enjoy the company of the underclassmen.

"I met a lot of my underclassmen friends through sports because not a lot of seniors go out for the sports that I play, so I kinda just connected with them," said Cummer.

Having friends in different grades has many positives, including meeting new peers. However, there are some negatives to these types of friendships.

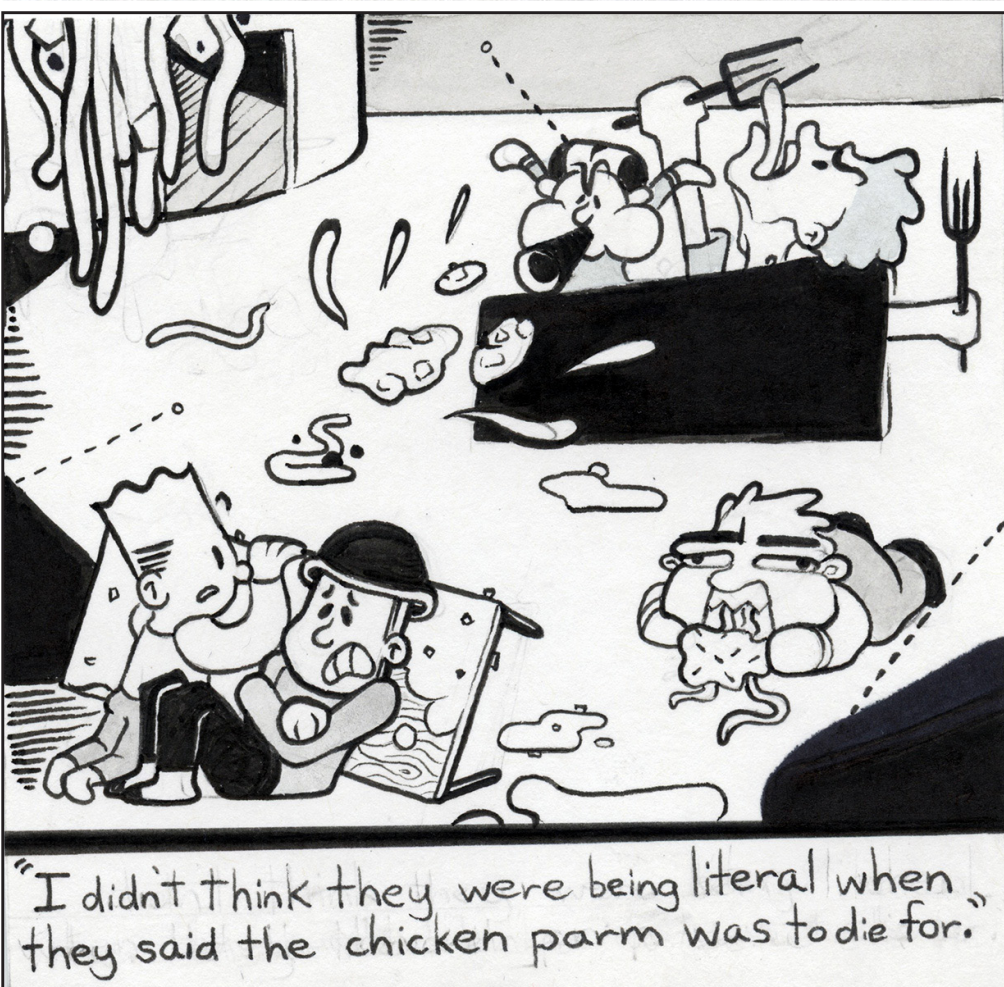
Bonnet said, "Some negatives are that I don't get to see them during the day because we have different schedules, and they will also graduate before me."

In all, it is important to branch out and meet people in different grades because you can create lifelong friendships with people you might not normally talk to.



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