

DO OVER. "At the beginning of the year, I think I kind of lost my focus since everything was so new to me. I ended up failing my first government test because I blew off studying, and I was really disappointed in myself, so I re-took the test and ended up getting an A. You can't wing your way through life. You need to work hard to do great," Heather Wolf ('18) said.



Students made early picks for presidential prospects

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"Cruz is a proven conservative who has fought for the Constitution all his life."

—Brennan Kohls ('17)



"In this race, there's no perfect candidate. But I feel that Bernie Sanders is progressive, realistic and determined to make a difference. Feel the Bern folks!"

—Allie Taiber ('16)



"Trump is very personable. His hospitality is very warming. I like that about him. People don't understand what he's really like, and I'm sure they're sick of hearing that, but it's true!"

—Cam Grubic ('16)



FEELIN' THE BERN. On Dec. 12, Sen. Bernie Sanders spelled out his presidential plans at a rally at Waterloo West High School. According to a survey of students, it's a plan almost half of CFHS students also endorsed. Photo by Sierra Steen.

Sanders is clear favorite in December survey; Carson, Rubio tie for distant second

Breakdown by Candidate

Bernie Sanders: 49.16% (59)	Carly Fiorina: 0.83% (1)
Ben Carson: 10.8% (13)	Rand Paul: 0.83% (1)
Marco Rubio: 10.8% (13)	Rick Santorum: 0.83% (1)
Hillary Clinton: 8.3% (10)	Chris Christie: 0.83% (1)
Jeb Bush: 6.6% (8)	Mike Huckabee: 0%
Donald Trump: 6.6% (8)	John Kasich: 0%
Ted Cruz: 4.16% (5)	Martin O'Malley: 0%

Breakdown by Party

Republican Candidates: 42.54% **Democratic Candidates: 57.46%**

This poll represents 10 percent of all students in proportion to gender and the three grades at the high school. It was conducted by Jacob Jensen.

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Nine students camp out for IHOP grand opening

FROZEN FLAPJACKS

Instead of facing the routine cram session of procrastinated homework, on Sunday, Feb. 15, nine friends ignored the wrath of senioritis and decided to have a campout.

This was not your ordinary campout, though. Instead of sitting around a fire in the woods singing songs, they jammed into a tent in the new IHOP parking lot in Cedar Falls.

The idea came from the mind of **Eric Sesterhenn ('16)**, an IHOP enthusiast. Sesterhenn has consumed every variety of pancake that IHOP has on its menu.

"I'm a big fan of pancakes, and I've always loved IHOP. It started as kind of a joke, thinking that we were going to camp out at IHOP," Sesterhenn said.

The night began with the friends arriving in the parking lot at 11:30 Sunday night to set up camp. This proved to be a very difficult task in the cold. A few of them took a trip to the neighboring Walmart for last minute supplies since they forgot to bring pillows.

Once they got back, it was time to hit the hay. This was probably the most challenging part of the night since they had nine people to fit into an eight-person tent.

"It was like a can of sardines, but it did help keep all of us at least a little warmer," **Jason Rathjen ('16)** said.

After a nearly sleepless night, they awoke at 5 a.m. to start getting ready to be the first customers at the new IHOP. After the tent was torn down and thrown into the back of Rathjen's truck before anyone had arrived, the wait began for the little hand to strike 6.

"Walking into the restaurant was like discovering something that people have been searching for years to unearth," Rathjen said. "The warm, inviting environment was just what we needed after enduring the elements for seven hours."

After they finished their Cin-a-Stack pancakes, eggs and hash-browns, many decided it was time to head home to try and grab a few minutes of sleep before they had to get ready for school.

"If I learned one thing from this experience, it's that even though it was a school night, the memory was worth it," Rathjen said. "The



SWEET ON SYRUP. Enduring Feb. 15 temperatures, **Isaac Svoboda ('16)**, **Eric Sesterhenn ('16)**, **Caleb Burjes ('17)**, **Ben Hertz ('16)**, **Ethan Smith ('16)**, **Sam Schillinger ('17)**, **Andrew Nurse ('16)**, **Isaac Smith ('16)** and, taking the top photo, **Jason Rathjen ('16)** camped out for the grand opening of the IHOP restaurant. *Photos by Jason Rathjen.*

craziest part about the campout wasn't the idea itself, but that KWWL got word and came to make a story out of some high school boys camping out at IHOP."

Once the story was posted to social media, it ignited a firestorm of comments both positive and negative. People were calling the CFHS campers "stupid people" and complaining that they were taking up parking space for other customers.

However, they also received very positive feedback from others, applauding them for braving the cold weather just for some good food.

Nevertheless, all involved said they had a great time and wouldn't hesitate to do it again for the Chick-Fil-A grand opening on March 3. Gotta love those waffle fries.

by Jason Rathjen

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