

Needing a change: Case made for PE uniforms

by freshman Morgan Hansen.

People typically don't like to change, and that is especially true for PE students at Hudson.

"All we want is a different change of clothes than they wear to school, that's all we're asking for," said PE teacher Keith Harms.

"I understand that (some) kids don't work hard enough to sweat," Harms said, "but that's on them. It's their job to get the fitness in that they need."

One reason Harms wants student to dress out is it will affect their grades positively. Now when students refuse to dress out for a PE class, they lose one point each day. This may not seem like a big deduction, but it adds up over a semester, resulting in the lowering of GPA's.

Another reason Harms wants students to change out is body odor. Active students getting sweaty in school clothes then sitting in those clothes for classes can be overwhelming for those around them.

Principal Jeff Dieken supports the idea of PE uniforms for a different reason: equality.

"When students all look the same, they don't have to worry

about what they look like, and they feel more accepted," said Dieken.

A solution to this ongoing problem would be PE uniforms, something Harms fully supports. The uniforms Harms would

like to see students be mandated to wear to PE would be simply black, blue, or gray shorts with a white t-shirt, all that students currently own.

Dieken would prefer to go more formal- uniforms that have "Hudson" printed on them.

A drawback to Dieken's idea would be cost. If the board ever approved such a proposal, such uniforms would most likely be part of a student's registration fee. That also means students would be responsible for keeping

track of them and purchase replacements if needed.

For now, no official proposal for PE uniforms is being planned by Harms nor Dieken.

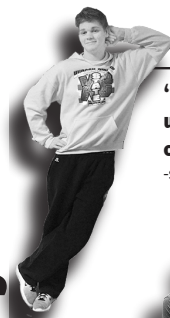
Harms, of course, still hopes for change.



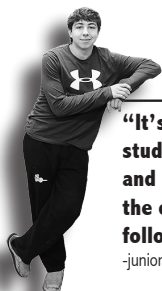
photos by junior Aubrey Gronoski

Pictured clockwise: Sophomore Randy Mafield although not dressed out, participates in class game. Eight hour P.E. students, most of them dressed out for P.E. run warm-up laps. Freshman Payton Stuart and sophomore Jacob Kuhn show what P.E. teacher Keith Harms sees daily, some students dressed out and others not.

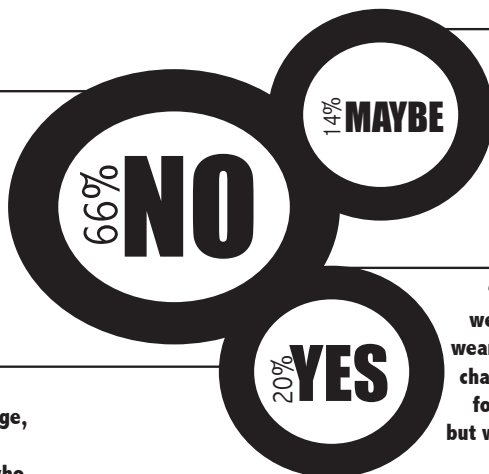
Should HHS get PE uniforms?



"People would lose uniforms too easily or forget them at home."
-sophomore Johnny Hartleip



"It's too easy for students to not change, and it is not fair for the other students who follow the rules."
-junior Jackson Reiser



"The students should not be forced to pay for something if they do not want it, but it does seem better than having students not dress out."
-senior Kayla Nunemaker



"(Those of us) who wear the right activity wear should not have to change. It makes sense for people who don't, but why us- what did we do wrong?"
-freshman Jenna Twait



Save the date

by sophomore Hannah Wheeler.

Each January the school board begins planning for the upcoming school year's calendar. Here are their decisions thus far.

Option A Having the calendar be the same as this 2016-2017 school year.

Option B Having the Wednesday off before Thanksgiving Break and having semester tests in January like the this school year.

Option C Having semester tests before Winter Break but not having the Wednesday off before Thanksgiving.

Option D Having semester tests before Winter Break and having the Wednesday off before Thanksgiving.

According to Dr. Tony Voss in a poll given to faculty, **59.3%** of the respondents agreed to **Option C**.

Option C has **same start and end date as this year** (August 23rd-May 25). A difference would be **First Semester** would be **done before Winter Break**, making January 3rd a work day for teachers to "close out the academic records on the first term." Students would return and **start Semester 2 January 4th**.

Spring Conferences would be moved to the week before Spring Break, which means **Spring Break would have six school days off** rather than this year's five.

Only 27% of students polled said they would prefer Option C.

Feb. 20 The 2017-2018 school calendar will be decided by vote at the February 20th board meeting.

Poll given to 105 HHS students.