

Cyber Bullying at Willows High School Seniors Be Prepared

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Cyber bullying is a situation in which a person is verbally abused or threatened via electronic media such as social websites, email, or even text messaging. The text can include derogatory remarks, insults, threats, or harmful rumors. Cyber bullying can have a greater impact than bullying in the real world because what is written on the Internet is almost impossible to erase and can be posted anonymously. Cyber bullying emerged as online technology

became more accessible to teens.

According to Christian Science Monitor, "After the school shooting at Columbine High School in 1999, many schools began looking at bullying as a serious problem, and some instituted zero-bullying policies. But cyberspace is a new territory, and schools aren't sure how far to extend their jurisdiction." (Ehow.com)

At Willows High School we have a high rate of cyber bullying. Dwelling in a small town, everyone have the access to know everyone else's business quite easily, especially with our media resources. As of June ten,

they are 239,893,600 Internet users, which is 77.3 percent of the population.

Most households, especially nowadays with our technological advances, contain a computer with Internet. Even cell phones now are coming out with Internet, if you are willing to pay for it. More and more social networking websites are being constructed and brought to the populations' attention.

Almost half of all teenagers in the United States are affected by cyber bullying. We can win the battle against cyber bullying, but the battle begins with taking a stand against cyber bullying.

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It's a new year here at Willows High School and we have a whole new group of seniors for the 2011-2012 year. Now is the time to make some serious decisions about the future. Seniors must decide on what they are going to do for the rest of their lives. Whether the student wants to go right into the work force or expand his/her education and go to college. There are a lot of decisions when planning for a successful future.

Planning is not an easy decision because the choices a person makes now will impact the way their life goes on in the future. So it is always a good thing to be prepared. Students that plan on going to college have to figure out what they want to study, experience, and very impor-

tant how they will pay for the educational instruction. A lot of students apply for scholarships, grants, and financial aid. Others work part time and get help from their parents. Some students even have a special occupation that they want to enter into and have to apply for special schools and work training.

Everybody has the potential to amount to anything, but to use this potential is the task everybody must face. There are some people that feel that everything will be provided in their future but the truth is that everything must be worked for. Even if you try one thing and it does not work out, there is a whole world of possibilities you just have to try a new one. A person can never really fail unless he/she stops trying, because that is the only real failure.

Out Loud a local store that has today's trends

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Out Loud, the new clothing store, located on 920 West Wood Street, Willows, Ca, had a grand opening on Monday, October 3 from 12 noon to 3 pm. Store owner Mrs. Shyla Allen protruded hot dogs and a raffle for prizes, discounts and fun games for kids.

Allen grew up in the state of Washington. Before meeting her husband, Josh Allen, she moved to California. Ever since she was a little girl, Allen has always wanted to be a fashion designer is New York. Allen said she enjoys being a store owner and

is hoping to expand her business in the future. She enjoys being a store owner and operator to her own business.

"Yes I do" Allen said, "I enjoy it very much and plan to expand my business in the future."

Out Loud has many varieties of women's clothing in all sizes as well as accessories to make a perfect outfit. She carries a wide variety of shirts, pants, sunglasses, necklaces, earrings, flip-flops and other accessories. Allen says for this being her first business and taking only two months to open, it has been great so far.

Allen said if she could change

anything about Willows, it would be to have more places for kids to go. "Having more things for teens: an arcade, movies, or a bowling alley, anything for kids would work," Allen said. Willows does not have many places for teenagers to go for entertainment. She felt that having more options, teens would interact more with other teens. Other than that Allen loves raising her kids here.

Out loud is open Tuesday through Friday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. She looks forward to meeting new costumers and providing them with a stylist local boutique.

Junior and senior lives to busy to handle all of commitments and responsibilities.

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Between the mandates of school, after school sports or work, studying for Butte College courses, home chores, and upcoming PSAT/SAT tests, students are stressed and find it difficult to balance their daily routines. Can high school students find a happy medium between all of these responsibilities?

Students with such a schedule during their high school years helps in developing a responsible, mature person. It increases their readiness for the days after graduation when taking on a new form of career, whether it be college or working workforce.

Somewhere in all the busyness of the high school student's schedules, they need to find time to enjoy their last years of being a teenager.

Balancing of school work, sports, and family is essential, but within their schedule their needs to be some "me" time.

Finding down time or leisure time is crucial.

Activities such as listing to music in a quiet room; taking a drive out of the city or to the nearest lake; anything that allows them time to unwind from daily stress.

Making time for relaxation should be just as much a priority as is everything else on their agenda. It should never come to them saying, "I do not have enough time to relax."

If this is the case, they are taking on too many obligations and need to drop off a few of their activities to make time for their brain to rest and recover.

The positive effects of a well balanced teenage lifestyle is that it helps build professional time management skills, and an after school job increases money management skills, especially if they are saving up for a new vehicle or to help with college costs.

The negative effects on students are the amount of stress that can come with all of the new responsibilities. Typically, with their work schedule and due dates, they try to finish in one day, but there just are not enough hours to do everything.

Parents also play a big

part in teenager's fast paced schedule, whether it is a ride to their after school jobs, sports, or clubs; or their advice on workplace skills, managing their money, and schoolwork.

Parent's support and consent in a busy teenager's life is a big confidence builder for the teenager, especially teenagers who are responsible enough to handle many activities and obligations at one time.

Active teenagers need to remember the importance to find time for rest and to compliment themselves for the hard work that they already accomplish.

On occasion it may seem as though no one appreciates or realizes all the commitments they are engaged in, but people do notice.

Some teachers, parents, friends, or fellow peers acknowledge and value the responsibility and leadership taken by the active teen, especially because many teenagers in this day and age are lazy, irresponsible and are paving a path of living in someone's basement until they turn thirty.

Will a desktop computer meet your needs or will choosing a laptop be better

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To make a decision whether to get a laptop or a desktop may be a hard choice because choosing between laptop or desktop depend on your life style. I think that a laptop is better than a desktop for the reason that it can do more than what a desktop can do, but both still have their downsides.

The laptop has some advantages, one of them is its portable which mean u can not take it with you wherever you go. It also gets Wi-Fi without using cables to plug in you're dsl. The Laptop also comes with different sizes.

The desktops also have some advantages, one of them is that it has more memory than a laptop. The desktop

is a also very hard to lose because it is so big and heavy. The desktop also has more reliable internet because it is directly connected to the internet, so u cannot lose connection of the internet.

The laptop also has some disadvantages, sense it is so light and portable it can easily be lost or they can steal it. The laptop also has a smaller hard drive, which means it has less memory than the desktop. Laptops are also difficult to repair, upgrade or modify due to their closed and integrated design. These jobs will usually require professional equipment and tools--or a hired professional technician

The desktop has some disadvantages, Desktop computers are large and designed to be set up in a

static location, making it impractical to move them around. They also use a lot of electricity, the power draw of desktop computers is greater than a laptop. Another drawback of desktops is that they require wires to hook up peripheral devices. Cables are often used to hook up monitors, routers, and external modems.

Both the desktop and laptop have disadvantages and advantages. The laptop is portable and the desktop is not. The desktop has more memory than the laptop, because the laptop has a smaller hard drive. I think the laptop is used for traveling and the desktop is to be used in one place because you cannot move the desktop.

Traditions at WHS

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There are many traditions at WHS which include class sitting locations during sports rallies, class yells, guardian angels, playing the Orland Trojans during Battle of the Axe football game, homecoming parade and closed campus activities, and Mourning Day.

Others not associated with the fall sports are the Sadie Hawkins dance, winter ball, the prom, and the senior trip.

Last year the Honker Jump was added during rallies and after the third quarter of each home football game. Many of these traditions have been around for a long time.

The Battle of the Axe is a traditional football game between rivals the Willows Honkers and the Orland Trojans. Both school communities get involved in the football game. WHS students decorates the hallway, cafeteria, and the foyer for the big event.

Mourning Day celebrates the death of an Orland Trojan player representing the loss of Orland's football team. During the rally, the Varsity football players gather in a dark gymnasium carrying the coffin of the Trojan

player inside to the audience of WHS students and staff at the rally. A player dressed as a priest leads a funeral with the assistance of the other players. This tradition was recently brought back after some years when Mourning Day was not experienced out of respect for various situations that presented themselves.

During this rally, Mr. DiGrande leads the teachers and the students in the "Give em the Axe" cheer. This has been a tradition for the last eight years.

Homecoming is the football game where alumni are invited to watch an intense or easily won game. To celebrate, the high school has a parade, decorations everywhere, and at the football game the homecoming king and queen announce is crowned. The parade passes Willows Intermediate School, Murdock, and other businesses throughout town. The WHS seniors nominate the king and queen candidates, then the student body votes for the official king and queen.

These are only a few of the traditions established at WHS. There are many more mentioned in *The Tattler* and known in the minds of the high schoolers.

Evanescence

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Evanescence, the amazing alternative rock band, has resumed making incredible music with the new single What You Want. Evanescence, known for its well known song "Bring Me to Life", has returned after taking a brief break from music. Originating in Little Rock, AR and the release of their first demo Origin and the album Fallen Evanescence instantly became international.

Evanescence was originally formed when Amy Lee and Ben Moody went to camp together. Moody stated in an interview that when he heard Lee play the piano and sing her was instantly blown away and never wanted to be away from her. Together they created a song called

Solitude and through their creative minds formed the band Evanescence.

Although Moody and Amy were tied at the hip, Moody left the band around the making of the second album The Open Door due to internal conflicts with a member. In turn Amy Lee wrote a song called The Last Song I'm Wasting On You, which was released as a bonus track on the second album.

Evanescence made a lot of music before they were well know all over the world, these pre-fame songs explode with emotion and can be heard on a number of websites. Now that Amy Lee and the band are back on top with the release of the new music video for What You Want, Evanescence will rock the world into a new age of alternative music.