

GETTING it TOGETHER

Flooding from Hurricane Ian disrupted everyone's living situation

"It started becoming serious, so we all evacuated from my sister's house, and came to my house."

-Michaelya Montique, 12



"I had a lot of people in my house and i didn't get the chance to take a hot shower because all the water was taken."

-Cassie Parrot, 12



PICK IT UP Senior Anthony Ruberto and freshman Amanda Ruberto pick up debris in their yard after Hurricane Ian. Like most people who did not live near a river, the Rubertos only suffered minor damage.
photo by Brit Taylor



WAVE RIDER Senior Mason Towne floats his aunt down their street on a mattress. "We live on the riverside and my house flooded, so we sent her out on a mattress. The water was almost waist deep and she can't swim," Towne said. Towne's Riverside neighborhood was one of the hardest hit from hurricane flooding.
photo provided by Savannah Towne



WATER WORKS

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Twin Rivers neighborhood and Lockwood Boulevard

PREP CHECK

Junior Carter Raymond stocks up at the store on a lot of water to prepare for losing power during hurricane Ian. "Water, that's all I really bought. We had a generator hooked up to our fridge, so we didn't lose anything in there," Raymond said.

photo by Levi Cal Rivera



"A guy brought his whole truck full of sandbags. The neighborhood congregated together."

Mckenzie English, 12

Unexpected flooding from Hurricane Ian leads to devastating impacts for residents near the water

Andrew Broome said. Canoeing down the highway in waist deep water with her little brother, junior Kaileigh Nusbaum attempted to reach her car after being trapped in her house for almost a week. Living in Mims, they parked their cars a couple miles out on higher ground.

"The water was waist deep, so the only way out was by my dad's tractor or canoe. After about a week, I was finally able to get to my car and to school," Nusbaum said.

Though extreme, Nusbaum's story was not a standalone. Hurricane Ian hit Oviedo on Thursday, Sept. 30, but the real damage came after, as the 20+ inches of rain flooded creeks, lakes and local rivers.

"We found out our septic tank flooded. We were just bucketing water out of our pool to try and find a way to get all the water out. We tried evacuating but [State Road] 46 was flooded so we were stuck," senior

But the damage did not stop there. In senior Mason Towne's case, an intervention was needed for his Riverside neighborhood's serious flooding. Wading his great aunt down the street through the waist-deep water, Towne and his family staged an impromptu emergency evacuation.

"She's old and if the water got any higher, she's not going to swim across the pond. We waded on the mattress through the water down the street to the car so we could drive her out of the neighborhood," Towne said.

Several students and staff members lost entire homes to flood damage, having to find rental homes or move in with friends or family.

Even though the flooding was extreme, but students managed to make the best of a difficult situation.

"We're out of the house till January, but we're in an RV and it's like camping everyday," Broome said.

Statistics from FACING FACTS Hurricane Ian

- **1000** homes flooded
Over 1000 homes in Seminole county suffered flood damage
- **category 4**
Making landfall at 150 mph, Ian caused more than 100 hurricane-related deaths in Florida
- **175** rescues
175 people were rescued from flooding and evacuated in Seminole County



Collapsed street, Winter Springs

IMPACTS OF IAN

247 students shared their impact from Ian

HOMES FLOODED **18%**

LOST POWER **44%**

EVACUATED **5%**

WENT TO WORK **18%**



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