LESS HAIR, MORE CARE

STUDENTS SHAVE HEADS IN MEMORY OF DOUGANS (12) SISTER TO RAISE CANCER AWARENESS SEPT. 24

The last thing you might expect to hear when walking into the breezeway on a Friday afternoon is the sound of buzzing razors. However, for Aidan Dougans (12), this is just a part of an almost yearly routine to raise awareness for cancer.

“My sister’s the reason I’m shaving my head. When she was 7 years old, she was diagnosed with neuroblastoma. When a patient undergoes chemotherapy, it’s targeted radiation against the cancer cells to kill them. It also hits other parts like hair cells. Because of this, many cancer patients have no hair,” Dougans said.

Badgers shaving his head in honor of cancer patients going through.
Dougans’ sister also shaved his head to benefit other cancer patients.

“A foundation called St. Baldrick’s hosts events all over the country to raise money for childhood cancer research. They invite participants to shave their heads and raise money,” Dougans said.

In the past, Dougans’ shaving made little difference to his original hair style, but he decided to make a change for this year’s event.

“The first few times, my hair was much shorter, but the last four times, I have let it grow out over a two-year period to then donate,” Dougans said.

In his efforts to educate others on cancer awareness, Dougans gained the admiration of both teachers and fellow students, his support shining through alongside Dougans Sept. 24.

“I have done it (shaving my head) alone in the past. This time I won’t be, I have recruited some teachers and other students to shave with me,” Dougans said.

One of these students, Hannah Hiken (9), chose to support Dougans by more than just donating money and had her head shaved as well.

“I felt a little nervous when it was happening, but mainly excited,” Hiken said.

With many watching, Dougans started by having chunks of his hair cut off, followed by a final shave.

“The hair I donate goes to a different organization called Children with Hair Loss who takes the donated hair and turns it into wigs so those cancer patients can have hair,” Dougans said.

NOW THAT'S A COMEBACK

ADRIEL JACOBSON (10) MAKES HER VOICE HEARD IN TODAY’S CHALLENGE

WHAT SONG DID YOU SING AT CALLBACKS? THE SONG I SANG FOR CALLBACKS WAS “THINKING OUT LOUD” BY ED SHEERAN.

WHAT EMOJIONS WERE GOING THROUGH YOUR HEAD AS YOU AUDITIONED? I WAS NERVOUS AND ANXIETY RAN HIGH, BUT I CALMED MYSELF DOWN AND STUCK TO MY ROUTINE.

WHAT ARE YOU MOST EXCITED ABOUT FOR THIS YEAR? I AM MOST EXCITED TO BE A PART OF THE CHRISTMAS SHOW AND PREPARE FOR THE CHRISTMAS DINNER.

“IT FEELS GOOD TO BE A PART OF THE SHOW AND I CAN'T WAIT TO SEE THE END RESULT.”

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MORE THAN MEETS THE EYE

AP PROJECTS CRATES TO MAKE MODS LEAF COVERS SEPT. 20

1. MOLLY VANDERHOOKE (11) pulls the thread to create the leaf pattern.
2. HANNAH WEBER (11) creates the band to hold the leaf in place.
3. KELLY ABBOTT (11) adds the decorations to the leaf.

“WE HOPE TO MAKE 200 COVERS TO DONATE TO THE LOCAL HOSPITAL.”

“IT'S IMPORTANT TO SUPPORT OUR COMMUNITY AND HELP THOSE IN NEED.”

30 THE PULSE