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STUDENTS SHAVE HEADS IN MEMORY OF DOUGAN'S (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, period to then donate," Dougan for **Aidan Dougan (12)**, this is just a part said. of an almost yearly routine to raise awareness for cancer.

"My sister is the reason I am shaving my head. When she was 3 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," Dougan said.

Besides shaving his head in honor of cancer patients go through, Dougan also shaved his head to benefit other cancer patients.

"A foundation called St. Baldrick's Hiken said. hosts events all over the country to raise money for childhood cancer research. They invite participants to shave their heads and raise money," Dougan said.

In the past, Dougan's shaving made little difference to his original hairstyle, but he decided to make a cancer patients can have hair," 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

In his efforts to educate others on cancer awareness, Dougan gained the admiration of both teachers and friends, their support shining through alongside Dougan 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," Dougan said.

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

"I felt a little nervous when it was happening, but mainly excited,"

With many watching, Dougan 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 Dougan said.

