

MORGAN

A student that likes to keep herself busy

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Have you ever wondered what it's like to have so many high level classes? Well in Warren Township High School, there is a student that likes to keep herself busy. Morgan Herbst is a senior that is taking five AP(advanced placement) classes and three after school activities.

The five AP classes that Morgan is taking are: AP psych, AP calc., Ap Spanish, AP literature, and AP biology. She also participates in cheer, winter guard, and band, specifically sym. 2. Which are all after school activities, and are all year round.

Mr. Ringa, a counselor at Warren Township, stated that Morgan is "is a wonderful person, an

academic rock star and a valuable member of the Warren community." He also mentioned that "she is a joy in the classroom and often gives her time tutoring others.

Given her natural abilities and willingness to share them with others I think she is a great role-model for other students." making the Warren Township environment even more welcome to others and new students.

Finding time for everything is something everyone with school activities and a job has to manage and Morgan states that she manages her time with a planner, along with two study halls in the day. She also mentions that whatever she does

not finish she does either on the weekends, after her after school activities maybe she may stay up a little late. She also stated that, "...when I'm stressed or whatever I lean on my friends a little bit and they help me out," is another way she likes to keep on track and get some help when falling behind. Mr.Jenkins a band director and the winter guard coach said that "Morgan organizes her time intelligently to be sure she is prepared, on-time and communicates well with the coaches".

She joined cheer because she wanted to branch out and make new friends, along with trying to overcome how shy she can be. Her love for the saxophone is what

made her join band, even though she did lose some of the love for it, she never regretted continuing band. "She projects the mood and intensity of the various musical sections of the production," stated Mr. Jenkins.

Well you might be thinking that if it takes up so much of her time then why doesn't Morgan just quit? Well she said that "like say cheer for example on Friday night, instead of going to games and away games, using all my time for that, I could have been doing homework, I could have been going to a party, like I could have been hanging out with my friends, but then I think well a lot of my friends are in cheer do the same



The Warren Township High school mascot.

stuff so I think it'll be pretty boring work" then adds on "I don't have passion for my instrument anymore but I once again meet a lot of friends and when I play my instrument I feel really good about myself and just really excited."

Everyone has things that they regret doing and Morgan replied "I mean it depends on my mood. Like cheer I mean all the time, Oh my god I hate cheer, but I really don't regret it because I meet a lot of good friends and whatever I say is just kinda because I'm stressed at that moment. Long term I really enjoy it. Such as in cheer we joke around all the the time, but I meet some really great people."

Mr.Ringa said that Morgan "is a rare member of both

Warren's band and cheerleading squad. On football Fridays she goes from cheering on the sidelines to performing at halftime. The practice schedule to manage this double role is grueling. Further, she performs in the Color Guard and Winter Guard and is a member of FBLA, National Honor Society and National Spanish Honor Society. Morgan accomplishes all this with a smile and humility beyond her years as a seventeen-year-old student. Morgan is extremely gracious for the opportunities she has been allowed, taking little for granted."

This will help her get into the college she hopes to get into, Vanderbilt, because it helped her learn how to make more

friends and branch out. She believes that it will help her get out of her comfort zone and make new friends, especially since the friends she made in high school won't be going with her. The winter guard coach stated that "Morgan is a skilled performer who works hard to perfect the choreography and equipment work for the color guard." In order to get somewhere people have to push themselves and Mr.Ringa stated that "Morgan is certainly pushing herself. 5 AP classes senior year! That is an enormous challenge to take on. Plus cheerleading and band, 2 major activities that require a great deal of commitment outside the school day." He also later adds that, "she has all the skills to be an academic scholar at the college level.

She also has the drive and motivation to take on academic challenges with great probability of success. Academic skills should translate to employable skills that allow her access to well-paying careers.”

