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Dear Editor,

I am a student at John Hopkins Middle Scholl. I've been coming to this school for three years and am now in the 8<sup>th</sup> grade. The School Board says that they need to grow a backbone but that's not going to work.

You say that you need to just kick out every student that is bad but then you might as well get rid of the whole school. There are plenty of kids who do their work but might get into a little bit of trouble once in a while. I've never met a student that didn't get in trouble once. If you kick out all those kids you won't have a school left.

You have to think about it: If you have no kids then you have no school. I'm not an angel either but you can't expect every student to be a little goody goody boy or girl.

I bet you weren't an angel either when you were in middle school. Just don't ruin it for good students.

Sincerely,

Quaddafee p. Seymour

Justin  
Mosher

JA

I think that it's about time that you've wrote about are troubles. We have had many stories about are school fights but I dont think they made a difference. You writing about are school has shocked everyone! It's been going around school and people are not very happy, it has given us a rude awakening. If you write more stories about this issue, it might just help. I'm always worried about someone beating me up or stealing my bike every day! I just think that writing this story on front page is the best part. Keep up the good work.

Justin

Mosher

grade 8

17th

3/2/10<sup>PM</sup>

Maria Guardado

Dear Editor,

Really? You know that doing a story about that only pushes them, and by them I mean those people who are behaving like they are. You make us look impossible. I'm not really patriotic to the school, but we have been promoting the whole 'Come to Our School' thing, and you sort of destroyed that. I know you're telling the truth, that you're not the national enquirer, that's fine. People have their opinion, I understand, we are in America, but you could have at least thrown in a few, 'they are improving' (because we are), 'Order is important to them' (cause it probably is). Both you and I know that everyone in this school, aren't saints. I know I've witnessed a few fights myself, that the kids aren't just taking 'curious George' actions, that they want to be part of it. You have researched enough to know what happens. You are telling the truth, and I'm not in fact trying to establish my alibi, but you seemed to have formed an opinion about us, and since others see this too, they must believe and form the same opinion as you. But hear us out, we don't want this, the trouble makers.

- Maria Guardado 7th Grade

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DEAR EDITOR,

17th

My thought of our school in the newspaper  
 is pathetic. How can a school be that  
 bad? Our students sometimes just don't  
 think about what they do before they do  
 it. Students fight for dumb reasons.  
 (Gangs, Names & more)

Dear, Editor <sup>7th</sup> Christian Grant -  
 Why do have to put John hopkin's Robin  
 out on blast. There are other son  
 schools in ~~the class~~ that have  
 problem's like Azlea or Bay Point  
 middle. This is creativity  
 thought's fo are student's. ~~the~~

~~the~~ at Azlea the story about  
 the muzeal girl, or the boy  
 that got beat up.

Sincerely, Christian Grant  
 Robinson, 7<sup>th</sup> grade at  
 John hopkin's

8<sup>th</sup>

3/2/10

Dear Editor,

Our school is usually enduring behavioral problems, but it's still a wonderful and opportunity full school.

Many bad things are written and said about our school. As an 8<sup>th</sup> grader it's my final year at this school.

I'm going to miss it and I'll always visit.

Also, over my 2 years here and along with the one I'm currently enduring, fights have broken out, and over insignificant reasons. Mostly because of gossip. But have you ever thought of trying to get to that student and resolve the issue before a

problem becomes something that will go on their permanent record.

Whether it's at home or at school, find out and we may be one of the bestest schools in the county. Remember St. Pete Times, it doesn't always have to be negative in the newspaper, positives are just as good, inspire, and encourage people to send their students to a school where they have opportunities.

-Rachelle Batista

JH

Dear editor,

My name is Julia Mendez, I am in 7<sup>th</sup> grade at John Hopkins Middle School, I understand that the number of arrest and fight are extremely high, and I understand why you wrote about it but John Hopkins has so much more than its reputation. Nobody wants to come to this school because of what they hear, writing this story is just putting our school down, it's not helping anybody. I think that this story is just egging on more students to perform negative behavior, because they feel really cool because their school is in the paper, they might think "oh I want to be in the paper". Your stories that you write about our school, actually have a big impact on our school, and most of the things you write are on how bad our school is, or what bad things are going on, but none of your readers see the positive things that go on in our school. What awards have been given and the interesting things that have been going on in our school. I just think next time don't be so negative, don't make your readers think that John Hopkins is a bad school, there are different ways of telling people what's going on in a positive outlook. Thank you for your time and I'm eager to see your possible improvements when writing about our school.

Sincerely,

Julia Mendez

7<sup>th</sup>

Dear Editor,

I feel the surge of uncontrollable behavior on the students. I feel that its ok to print negative things on our school but please do print positive thoughts about our school like teen Callanages that 7<sup>th</sup> graders learn if you wonder what it is. It really called "FACS" or Family and Consumer science but I like to say that it was great you printed this paper about our school. I hope the bad people at the school change their mind on their behavior.

Signed,  
Benjamin Ketmany

gth

Dear Editor,

I am a student journalist from John Hopkins Middle School, and this is in reaction to the stories the St. Petersburg Times has written about our school over the past year and a half—from former principal Ms. Thornton's leaving to her handling of money from our school to the story today about school fights. I think you should also focus on the positives of our school also, such as our journalism program or drama productions and our new principal.

If you are going to cover our school you need to have a well rounded story focusing on both the positives and negatives. I am not saying that we shouldn't recognize the fights that go on here because I understand it is a big problem in our community, and we do need to fix it, but what about the positive things we have done the awards we've won? The accomplishments. It just seems like every time J.Hop is in the news it's because we have done something negative again and it's getting old.

Thank You! For your time and please consider the points I have made for future references.

Sincerely, Treniece Green

Pd. 1-2 block

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Samuel DeLonay

03-02-10

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Dear Editor,

**I feel that being a student here is a choice that all of us here made, we know that middle school would be crazy, but not this crazy. When I first started here I never thought that it could've gotten this crazy. We did this we made our school scary, now there's no way of fixing what we've done. We just have to live and let live. School is privilege that we screwed completely up. Thinking about this story, I think it's more of a web only story but you guys could've put some teases up on the paper. Everyone at school is freaking out like they're proud of what they've done. I hate how these kids think they're cool for such an unreasonable crime. Some days I feel afraid of what the next day will be like, what will fill the day, I'm so lucky that I'm in my last year of John Hopkins, I'm so tired of this school and its crime.**