

Connected



What does it mean to be a "Brickie?"

Five Years ago, if asked what it meant to be a Brickie, I would have said, "You live in Hobart." Now, if asked I would say it is nearly the highest honor one could be granted. I believe the Brickie spirit embodies what every community wishes to be, but I also believe this privilege comes with immense responsibility. Because of this I try to represent Hobart to the best of my ability at all times, especially during athletics, clubs, and volunteer activities.

My junior year I was lucky enough to be given the honor of embodying Yohan. This tow year experience has shown me how powerful the Brickie spirit is as I get the opportunity to lead it and am thankful for it everyday. Although there is no dictionary definition of what it means to be a Brickie, I believe it could be best defined as a mixture of integrity, honesty, responsibility, sportsmanship and most importantly, pride in who you are and where you come from.

--Cade Brumley
Class of 2018

Special thanks to the students in the yearbook class for helping put together this publication. We made it!! I know it was stressful, but it is very worth while! This year we transitioned to making students primarily responsible for taking pictures. Thanks to Kathleen Belk for helping with this transition and providing basic instruction in this art! I also thank Tom Ling of Classic Photo and Sarah Ramos for allowing us to use some of their terrific photos. Thanks to our publishing representative Valerie for her encouragement and help along the way.

I thank Cade Brumley for allowing us to print his words at the top of this page. It is a wonderful student view of what it truly means to be a Brickie. Formerly a Mater Dei Wildcat, I moved to Hobart to take a job 19 years ago. One of the things that has kept me teaching at this school corporation is how much of a community this school system is. I love how students and staff work together and care for one another. It doesn't matter what "position" one holds.

Our theme this year is "connected," and that can mean many different things. In this day and age, technology may come to mind. There are so any different ways that inhabitants of the world can be connected today. Our theme, however, goes much deeper than that. When we speak of being connected, we talk about all the many parts or our school community that "connect" together to form Hobart High School. If even one person, one "link" in that chain is missing, we lose something and aren't as special: from students to teachers to custodial crew to secretaries to lunch ladies and bus drivers. All are vital. All are treasured. All are celebrated. We are **connected**.

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