

FLOATING in the courtyard

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Mr. Pribyl's 4th Period Physics students. Gathered in the LHS courtyard for the most exhilarating and interesting lab ever.

Selected students came prepared with swimming trunks and eye goggles. Others came ready to do the math armed with a calculator and a pencil.

According to Mr. Pribyl, "The objective of the assignment, 'To Float or Not to Float', is to determine whether each volunteer will float or sink in a body of water according to their density calculations. Each volunteer will go underwater three times, once to find the total volume of the water, once holding a bowling ball and once wearing only a life jacket, and swim apparel of course."

Earlier, the class had weighed three volunteers: Cayson Files, Aaron Brown and Tristan Fralick. The students then converted each one's body weight to mass and then added the mass weight of a bowling ball and a life jacket to determine whether the volunteer would sink or float.

To make the lab even more enjoyable, Mr. Pribyl formed the lab into a news story, naming Jimeria Williams the news reporter for the iPhone camera.

Students laughed hysterically when Mr. Pribyl surprisingly stepped onto the platform clothed in swim apparel and eye goggles instead of his usual casual attire and fun character ties. He took a dip in the body of water and ended the class with the physics students repeating after him, "If Mr. Pribyl can do this, I can learn science. I promise to study hard and to do my best."



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Professor Pribyl and Cayson Files assist Aaron Brown in his submersion experiment.



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"The Mad Scientist" Pribyl hands off the infamous hat before taking a dip!



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