

NEWS

Up in Smoke: Fire Sends CHS Students Home

by Niki Junker-White



Photo by Mary Hope Jackson

On Wednesday, a fire surprised students and staff just before 7:45 in the morning. As the kitchen staff was preparing breakfast, they smelled something electrical burning and then saw smoke. The ladies in the kitchen quickly alerted administration, Mrs. Dixon pulled the fire alarm, and students were safely evacuated from the building. Mr. Jay Meadows, head custodian, rushed to the basement where the fire had started and began to put it out with principal Mr. Steve Jewell close behind. The fire was under control before the fire department was on scene thanks to the quick reactions of everyone involved.

Students were then sent to the new Corbin Career Center building while information was filtered and directions were given. Once it was recognized that cleanup would take some time and meals could not be prepared for the students, school was canceled under an Emergency Day plan through Kentucky Department of Education. "This whole experience, 10/10," said Junior Josh Edwards.

No injuries were reported and students were in good spirits knowing they were safe and the situation was very well handled by teachers and administration. This allowed them a sense of calm in a potentially scary situation. Students also seemed to have a sense of humor about the unfortunate, but non-injury event.

"How many bagels were lost today? We need a moment of silence," said senior Libby Phipps. A student who wished to remain anonymous said, "The fire interrupted a very unpleasant conversation, so I'm grateful, honestly."

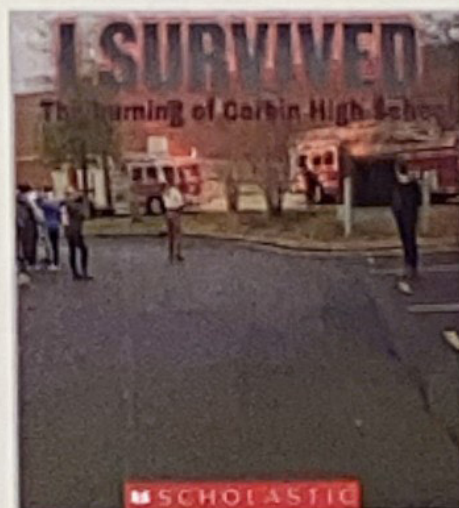


Photo by unknown witty student