

# SHS ST. BALDRICK'S SUCCESS

Upon hearing the sound of hair clippers pressed to her head, sophomore Krystal Vezzetti excitedly clutched a sign that read \$1,293, the amount she personally fundraised as she smiled and laughed in disbelief while [cheap jerseys](#) locks of [Интерьер](#) her hair fell to the ground and were placed in a bag, culminating to nothing but skin.

And she wasn't alone.

More than 170 students and faculty at Schaumburg High School participated in the annual St. Baldrick's event by raising funds for children's cancer [cheap nba jerseys](#) research [presents](#) and shaving their heads at a pep assembly on March 22. SHS raised more than \$103,000 for the organization this year.



"I did this event because my grandpa died of cancer before I was born, and I never got to meet him," Vezzetti said. "I just really wanted to make a difference in children's lives. If I can make one little girl feel pretty with my hair, then that makes all of this worthwhile."

Students who raised more than \$500, and faculty members more than \$1,000, had their heads shaved during the pep assembly, and were introduced to the packed auditorium during the event. All participants that raised more than \$25 had their heads shaved during lunch hours.

*Superintendent of Schools Nancy Robb poses with Associate Superintendent for Administrative Services Dan Cates after he participated in the event.*



The St. Baldrick's event started at SHS in 2010 after SHS graduate John Knudson, a student who battled cancer since the age of 13, became involved in the organization and helped start the first St. Baldrick's event at the school. On his St. Baldrick's profile page, he said: "With little to look forward to, my friends, our school social worker Mrs. Haas and [Beitrag](#) I decided to start a St. Baldrick's event at SHS. As soon as everything was approved, the event took off and before anyone could realize it, the entire school had an energy that I don't think anyone could explain. For the first time for me, SHS felt like a real community of people who cared about each other."

And the tradition [Hello](#) continues even after he's left SHS. Knudson, who is in remission, is a student at the University of Illinois and is studying to become a doctor. He also was at this year's event, and humbly stood up in the crowd when introduced during the assembly.

The event, which brought the [cheap jerseys](#) entire community together for one cause, kept everyone's spirits high. One student, freshman and participant Amber Frost, said she did it for all the [cheap nfl jerseys](#) people [wholesale mlb jerseys](#) who are fighting cancer through her church.

"I thought it was a really great idea to help the kids out with my hair. I'm not doing anything with it, and mine will grow back, but theirs won't. I feel pretty awesome right now, and the breeze feels nice, too," she laughed.

Although this year's successful event is over, participants continue to look toward the future.

"I wanted to do it in my grandpa's honor, and the honor of all the children in the world," said senior and St. Baldrick's participant [gesundes](#) Ben Brito after shaving his head. "For all the children out there, I hope you are doing well and that you are fighting. Keep fighting and never give up, let's beat cancer together."

For more information on the St. Baldrick's organization, [click here](#).



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