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**Cheater! Cheater!**

*Student of Henry M. Jackson High School Encourages Others in Developing an Attitude of Integrity*

MILL CREEK, WA- Danielle Mills, a senior at Henry M. Jackson High School showed amazing honesty and integrity when she stopped students from cheating on a final math exam on Tuesday, January 26th .

 “Our teacher handed out our finals to us and said she would be right back,” Mills said. “As soon as the door shut, people started talking. More and more students got involved in discussing possible answers.”

 Other students in the room confirm that after about two or three minutes, Danielle stood up and confronted those who were cheating.

 “I told them it wasn’t right, and that they aren’t going to learn by cheating. Someday it would come back to bite them,” Mills said.

 “It’s hard to want to speak up when others are doing wrong,” Alex Gertman, a friend of Danielle’s said. “Usually in high school, there is so much pressure from your peers. You don’t want to be looked down upon as the one who ‘got others caught in the act’.”

 “I think people realized what they were actually doing, when Danielle made that statement,” said Amanda Francis, a student involved in the act. “It caused others to think about their values and beliefs. It sure made me think!”

 Mills was raised in a home where she was taught integrity in unethical situations from an early age. “I am glad my parents taught me to recognize the importance of being honest and ethical in all situations. It really helped me be able to stand up to others.”

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