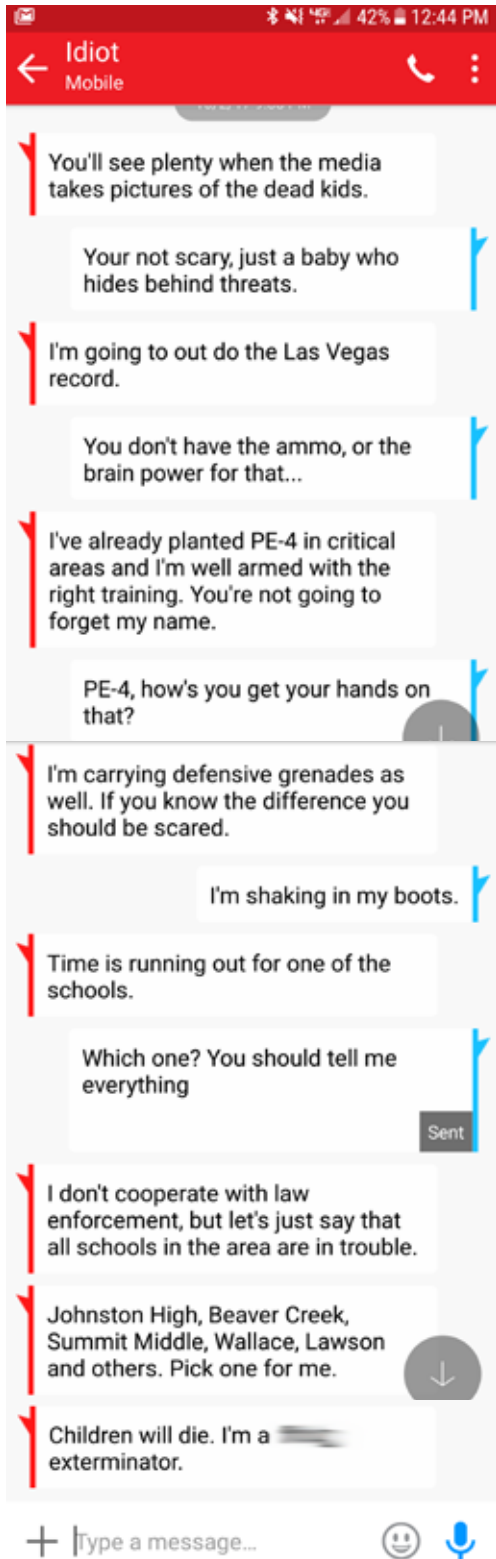


the Dark Overlord threatens



screenshots provided by senior Ryan

On the evening of Oct. 2, some students and their families received threatening texts and emails like the one on the left that senior Ryan Warrick received. As a result, school officials, with feedback from law enforcement and the FBI, canceled school Tuesday, Oct. 3. A group called the Dark Overlord claimed to be the culprit. The Dark Overlord hacked into what investigators believed to be a third-party source which allowed them to view information about students, such as their addresses and phone numbers. The first text from the Dark Overlord was sent to senior Zach Price's dad, Steve Price. After law enforcement swepted schools in the district Oct. 4, school resumed on a two-hour late start. The Dark Overlord was responsible for similar attacks in Montana, Texas and Alabama.

Students React to the Dark Overlord

Ryan Warrick
One of the students contacted by the Dark Overlord
"Well, at first I thought it must be a joke. A little screwed up, but a joke. I wasn't really scared even when I realized it wasn't."

"I was freaked out when I first saw the messages because of all the accurate information it had about Zach (Price). Once I processed what was happening I showed the messages to Mrs.(Hannah) Ryan and she handled it."

Hannah Mills
Knew some people who were contacted by the Dark Overlord

Will Reiher
One of the students that contacted the Dark Overlord
"After I DM'ed the Dark Overlord on Twitter the police thought I was somehow involved. I spent a little more than an hour in the office being aggressively questioned by authorities."

Parents React to the Dark Overlord

Steve Price
A parent that was contacted by the Dark Overlord
"My intial thought when the text first arrived was that it was a joke,a prank, or wrong number because the first message was very non-threatening as the person just made a general statement asking about my son. However, when I responded and asked "who is this, I don't recognize your number," the person immediately responded with threats of violence on my son and the school which scared me quite a bit so I immediately contacted Johnston PD and began forwading the mesages to an officer."

"My initial thoughts were shocked, feared for your safety. What is the school doing? What is the police doing? I had questions. It was frightening."

Dion Brockway
A parent of a student at the high the school



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1. Red, white and blue blankets the student section during a Friday night football game. Seniors Mallory Thielen, Carter Hovey and Noah Janssen were some of the many students to raise their phones and shine their flashlights. The football team went on to win against Waukee 31-18. (photo by Lennie Norris)
2. In a band practice room, junior Hannah Tufano records her songs for marching band to prove to her teachers that she had all four of the songs memorized. Tufano and the rest of the marching band played the songs, "Journey to the Lions Castle," "Out of Africa," "The Stampede," and "King of Pride Rock a Reprise." (Photo by Abby Watkins)



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3. Aiming the "boule" at the target, junior Cassidy Whitehead plays Pe'tanque during French class. Whitehead, along with other students, attempted to throw the "boule" or ball at the target. Whoever got closest got a point. "Turns out I'm like really good at it and my team is the undefeated "boules d'acier," Whitehead said. (Photo by Abby Watkins)
4. Gathering around the lifeless fire, seniors Kristin Kemp and Jordan DeRoos and junior Kelsey Hostetler all share a laugh as they attempt to bring the fire to life. The girls' swim team spent a Saturday night having fun at a team bonding. After finding out Geysler Farms was closed the swim team made their way to Kelsey and Kendall Hostetler's house for a bonfire. (Photo by Amber Yeuttsy)



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5. Clothed in camouflage, junior Rex Haugland hides amongst the trees that surround him. Haugland went on some family's land in Boone, Iowa, two weeks before shotgun season started for deer. He drew back his bow in hopes of shooting a deer. "I hunt about every season including deer, duck, geese, pheasant and turkey," Haugland said. (Photo by Kaylee Sly)
6. Ringing up items and placing them in bags, senior Cassie House spends her night working at Price Chopper. House worked at the register that night but sometimes cleaned the bathrooms, pulled items to the front and filled aisles with food. (Photo by Karten Theilen)



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7. Searching through numerous songs in his morning playlist, senior Drew Kingery drives to school energized for the day. Kingery drove sophomores Ana Kingery and Amber Yeuttsy to school on a cold October morning. The two girls were used to Kingery's usual morning juice box and the typical songs that he played. (Photo by Amber Yeuttsy)



Ethan Ung '20

Filling His Slate W/ Baking

"I was introduced to baking at a young age because my parents were chefs, and they dreamed of opening their own restaurant. I especially got into baking freshman year when I was in a bake off in culinary."

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