

Katie Scheer

How this girl is taking the world by storm

Every day a 6th grade girl walks into school with a condition that others can immediately notice. Although this will never change, it has also never held her back. Her name is Katie Scheer. Scheer has dwarfism, but she is very much like many others at MMS. She comes to school, goes to her classes, hangs out with her friends and then goes home to her family. Dwarfism has never kept Katie from achieving her goals.

Most students have probably seen Scheer around the halls. And most likely a question or two has popped into mind. The most common question Scheer receives is, "So, what is dwarfism?"

According to Scheer, dwarfism is a condition where, "You're born and you ended up shorter than other people."

The science behind dwarfism says that random genetic anomalies occur resulting in shorter stature. Furthermore, there are about 300 different types of this condition, and approximately 30,000 people in the United States living with dwarfism.

But, just because Scheer has deviations in her genetic code,

it doesn't mean that she should be labeled or treated differently than other people. Her height is no more in her control than the color of her eyes - a message she would like others to hear.

"I would want to tell kids that you shouldn't make fun of people just because they are short," said Scheer.

Just like everyone else, Scheer wants to be treated with respect and be acknowledged for her individual gifts and talents which are not necessarily related to her height.

"I like to draw and read," said Scheer, "I also do gymnastics."

But, Scheer also has some challenges to face.

"It is hard not being able to reach high things," she said.

However, these challenges have never kept Scheer from taking the world by storm. Scheer will continue walking in the hallways hanging out with her friends, and she will continue life as a student at MMS. And, some kids may still look at her in wonder, but either way Katie never plans to let Dwarfism stop her. And she never will.

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