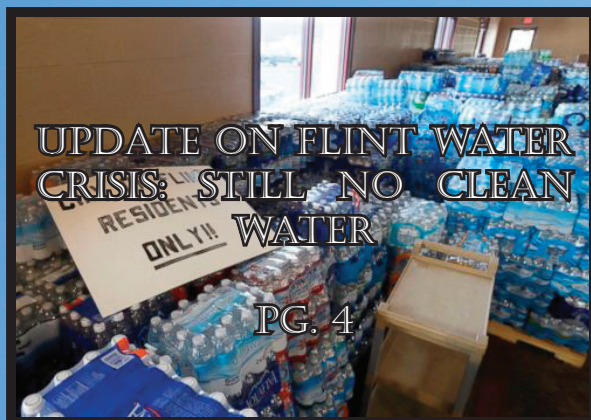


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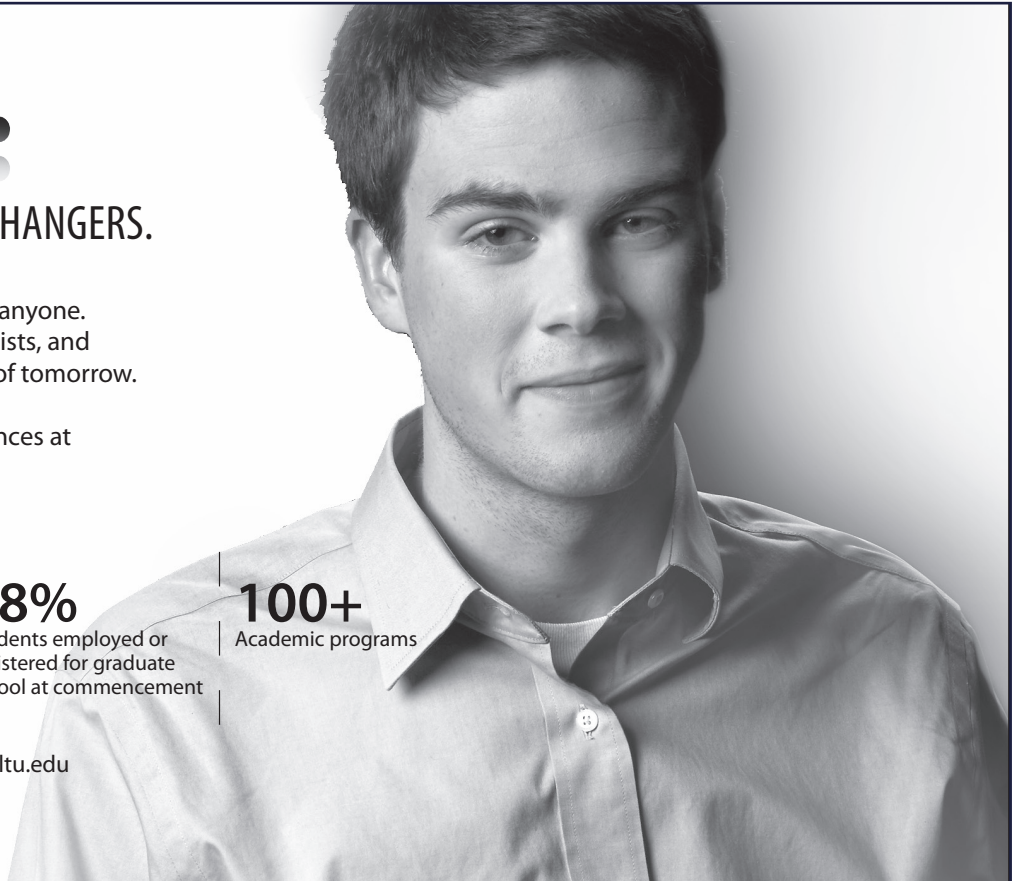
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Brexit vote and Trump carry economic uncertainty into 2017 and beyond

Jared Perttunen '17, Managing Editor

Following the highly controversial Brexit vote in 2016, the United Kingdom faced economic uncertainty. The vote was over whether or not the United Kingdom would exit the European Union, widely known as a Brexit. Britain is a strong economic power and many concerns were raised regarding the nation's economic future after its decision to leave the European Union. Back in 2016, the United Kingdom government tried its best to relieve many of those fears, promising to strike a beneficial deal during EU negotiations.

Unfortunately, those fears have not been subsided, and in fact, even more have been raised as the country draws closer to enacting Article 50, the first action necessary to leave the EU. The nation's currency in particular has been a source of great concern. The pound still has not recovered from its fall in 2016, when its worth had fallen to 15 percent lower than the United States dollar. Interest rates are not likely to rise anytime either, especially since the vote convinced the Bank of England to lower its interests rates even further from 0.5 percent to 0.25 percent.

The bank's rates have not changed since 2009, which is an indication that little economic growth is expected in the years to come. Statistics like this have led to a fear of economic uncertainty, and investors hate unpredictability. According to the Office of National Statistics, the United Kingdom government's source of economic statistics, business investment has decreased 1 percent since September. Many economists predict that business investment will continue to fall in the United Kingdom, leading to an uptick in investment in what is considered to be safer economies such as the US and Japan.

This leaves the question; what does this mean for Americans? The devaluation of the pound means that vacations to the United Kingdom will be cheaper for American citizens, and increased investments mean more business growth in the United States; however, these are only short term benefits in the grand scheme of things. A full British divorce from the EU could prove messy and economically unstable.

The World Bank has reported a disappointing lack of growth in 2016 and warns that the political uncertainty brought by Brexit and the election of Donald Trump puts further growth at risk. According to the findings of their Global Economic Prospects (GEP) program, the world economy only grew by 2.3 percent, far shy of their earlier estimate of 2.7 percent.

Citing the uncertain future for trade following Trump's promise to rearrange the global trade balance, the GEP said, "This and other risks – particularly financial market disruptions amid tighter global financing conditions – may be amplified over time by mounting protectionist tendencies, slower potential growth and elevated vulnerabilities in some emerging markets and developing countries."

Seeing as how President Trump has already dropped out of the Trans Pacific Partnership and is considering renegotiating NAFTA, Trump seems comfortable with disrupting the world trade balance. With this, and Brexit, it is clear that economic uncertainty is likely to be the theme of 2017.

Flint water crisis still a problem

Jake Stowers '17, Opinion Editor

In 2014, the Flint River became the source of water for Flint, Michigan. Later in 2016, it had become known that the lead levels in the water became too dangerous for people to use to drink or even bathe in, and they would have to switch to using bottled water as a substitute.

This quickly became national news, and many people in surrounding communities and even across the nation tried to help them in this time of need by donating or going door to door to distribute bottled water. News regarding this issue has been less prominent. Most assume it means that the issue has been fixed, but even now, as of April of 2017, residents of Flint, Michigan, a city with a population of just under 100,000, still do not have clean water to drink.

The issues with the water started before the water crisis even began. Originally, the city of Flint switched over to the Flint River for a drinking source as a way to save money. Flint had changed to the Detroit Water and Sewage Department in the 1960s, but was then swapped back to the Flint River in 2013. The water had not been treated immediately as the water began to be used, and as a result, the pipes started to corrode.

Later on, there was E. Coli discovered in the water, and the city urged its users to boil before using. Later in the year, General Motors stopped the use of this water altogether. "Because of all the metal...you don't want the higher chlorine water (to result in) corrosion," GM spokesman Tom Wickham told MLive media group. This is when it came to most people's attention that there was a serious problem. Later in September, the lead levels were tested, where it was then shown that they were unsafely high, and there were elevated lead levels in the children that lived within the city. A month following, the water source was switched back to Detroit water supply.

Recently, President Trump granted the state of Michigan \$100 million to fix the water issue. This is the biggest step that has been made so far towards fixing the water it will assist with fixing the pipes, and it has likely helped soothe the anxious residents of Flint.

As time progresses, eventually the Flint River will once again become a usable source of water for the city, but while they wait they must continue to use bottled water for all their needs. Organizations like Covoy of Hope, the Flint Water Fund, Save the Children, and the Flint Child Health and Development Fund are all working to assist. Many are accepting donations monetarily or in the form of bottled water and other personal hygiene products.



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Flint mayor Karen Weaver states during a news conference with federal, state and local officials that switch of water source would be 'too risky and expensive'. Weaver had previously suggested the city would switch to the Karegnondi Water Authority but reevaluated after receiving \$100 million in federal funding to address the disaster.

Russian society dials back on domestic abuse charges, law reduces punishment

Michael Martinez '17, Photo Editor

On Tuesday, Feb. 7, President Vladimir Putin of Russia signed a law reducing punishment for domestic battery. This law decriminalizes a first offense of domestic violence that does not seriously injure the person. As some say the world is becoming more progressive, this law acts as a potential major setback for the Russian people. Putin, who sits at the highest position of authority, supports traditional family values, yet certain traditional roles may allow for, and not incriminate acts of domestic violence.

This law makes it so that if it is a first offense on domestic abuse, and there is no serious medical harm, it is no longer considered a criminal offense. According to CNN, this law had a great deal of support by Russia's Duma (a legislative body in the ruling assembly of Russia and of some other republics of the former Soviet Union), and it was approved by more than 85 percent of legislators.

The Russian Orthodox Church also supports the law, stating that traditional family rules should be implemented.



Russian Parliament, known in Russia as the Duma, debates the passage of domestic abuse legislation.

This includes the "domostroi", which is a manual of strict rules and behaviors that gives absolute submission to the head of the family.

Organizations like the Human Rights Watch fought for the prevention of this law saying that it went against Russia's international human rights obligations. State-run news agencies in Russia reported that 40 percent of serious crimes are committed within one's family. They included that thirty-six thousand women are beaten by their husbands daily, and 12,000 women die yearly due to domestic violence.

Photo courtesy of CNN

Women already feel that they cannot speak out against domestic violence, and this law likely puts them in even greater danger than before. Regardless of the Russian Parliament and Orthodox Church's arguments defending the law, Russian society will hopefully try to continue to grow in education and tolerance.

MEMORIES...DO NOT OPEN PROVIDES A FUN, BRAINLESS FORTY MINUTES OF DANCE-POP

Alec Mair, Freelance Writer

The Chainsmokers have had a bit of an identity crisis since their inception in 2012. They went from a novelty comedy act with their first hit single, “#Selfie”, to instrumental EDM duo with “Don’t Let Me Down” in 2016, to singer-producer band with “Closer” that same year. That is a lot of style changes in such a short amount of time, but with their most recent record, *Memories...Do Not Open* (their debut full-length album), all these crises come together in a confusing, wonderful mess.

I have a hard time nailing down my feelings on this record. On one hand, it is awful, and I mean terrible. Every song starts out with seemingly the same piano riff, the same bland vocals from all-too-similar featured artists (or from Andrew Taggart, one half of The Chainsmokers, but we’ll get to that), and a songwriting formula so predictable and derivative that I started checking my phone to see if the same song was playing on repeat. On the other hand, this repetitive formula works, and it works well, if you want it to. If you can turn your brain off and start treating this LP less like a piece of serious art and more like a grindhouse film, you are going to really enjoy yourself. The Chainsmokers craft some really catchy beats, and while they all start and end the same, they never cease to be entertaining.

Starting with the first track, “The One”, you are introduced to the largest flaw in the record: Andrew Taggart. I mentioned him briefly before, but his presence on this album warrants deeper discussion. Taggart cannot sing. He is physically unable to sing. He can carry a tune, sure, but a whole song? If it was not for the production backing him up (and the carefully executed autotune applied to his voice) this would be Biz Markie levels of yelping and moaning, but minus any of the charm or silliness of the aforementioned rapper. While I greatly enjoyed his song with singer Halsey on “Closer”, a single featured on their previous EP *Collage*, it was not because of him, and judging the public’s reaction to his performance, nobody else did either. I have no idea where he got the impression that he should sing, but thankfully, the middle third of the 12-song tracklist does not feature his vocals, and instead has forgettable Lorde-wannabes filling in his place. Also, Coldplay makes an appearance, and Florida Georgia Line. I have no idea why, but they were involved in this record. Was there a mix-up in the studio? Who thought that was a good idea? Probably the same person who told Taggart to sing.

In any case, all of the vocalist’s contributions to *Memories* add nothing, but they take nothing, either. They are nondescript by every sense of the word.

When The Chainsmokers are not pretending that people want to hear how they sound when they sing in the shower, they actually provide a fantastic dance record, on the production side of things. It is hard to judge EDM and club-pop fairly, seeing as it is not meant to be listened to anywhere else but a house party or a rave, but if I were to be in one of these situations, I would definitely tell the DJ to spin a couple of these tracks. While they are mostly dreamy and down-tempo, they provide great, heart-thumping basslines, expertly put-together drops, and interestingly remixed sounds. For example, who would have thought a distorted klaxon could make you want to dance? Andrew Taggart, I guess. Again, if you listen to music at home, or want something more involved or deep, this is not for you. But if you like to dance, or want to hype up your friends at a gathering, this will do the trick, and it will do it admirably.

Memories... Do Not Open is a mixed bag. It will make you move, but it will also make you cringe. I laughed a couple times while listening to this, and while it was partly out of hysterical befuddlement, it was also about fifty percent genuine joy and positivity. I cannot say this record is bad, not by a long shot. I recommend you at least try these guys out, listen with a grain of salt, and tweet at Taggart to shut his mumbly gob for the follow-up release.

Final Score: 7/10 “It’s complicated!”

THE CHAINSMOKERS MEMORIES DO NOT OPEN

Ed Sheeran dominates charts around the world

Yana van Vlerken '17, Design Manager/Layout Director

After his last album *x* in 2014 came out, singer/songwriter Ed Sheeran’s name spread rapidly around the world. People began to realize that this amazing redhead from overseas really has something special—a talent to write lyrics, play instruments and sing with a voice so pure and heartfelt it can provoke tears. There is no denying that Sheeran’s music makes listeners go on an emotional rollercoaster. He has a gift to make words and notes fit perfectly together, song after song. This year he finally returned with another hit album called *Divide*.

Sheeran’s album names may seem a bit strange; however, he definitely has a theme going with his naming process. Starting off with +, or *plus* in 2011, with songs like, “*The A Team*” and “*Lego House*.” This album was followed by *x*, or *Multiply* in 2014, containing hit songs like “*Thinking Out Loud*,” “*Sing*,” “*Photograph*” and “*Don’t*.” Third in line, his new album ÷, better known as *Divide*, is his masterpiece of 2017.

This theme seems to be expandable. There is a high chance there will be an album somewhere in the future named -, *Minus* or *Subtract*? Knowing there is at least one great name left for this theme keeps his fans hopeful that this will not be his last album.

With his third studio album, *Divide*, just recently released, he has no time for to sit still. Currently, Sheeran is touring through Europe. In March, Sheeran started his tour off in Switzerland, and plans to end the European tour back in England, while also performing in a variety of countries along the way. He will enchant America and Canada with his breathtaking voice at the end of June until the end of October, going through almost all the states.

The new album’s lead single, “*Shape of You*” debuted as No. 1 in 23 different countries and was on the Billboard 200 for multiple weeks in a row. On Spotify, *Divide* broke the highest one-day streams record and surpassed previous record holder, The Weeknd, who had 29 million streams within the first 24 hours of releasing *Starboy*.

Sheeran almost doubled that amount with 56,727,861 streams the first day his album came out on Spotify.

The songs on his new album range from catchy pop to Irish country songs, mixed up with some emotional love ballads in between. It is a perfect combination, which accurately represents Sheeran himself. Songs to listen to are “*Castle on the Hill*,” “*Happier*,” and “*Perfect*.”

In “*Castle on the Hill*,” Sheeran takes us through a journey showing the beautiful land of his home, filled with memories. In the video clip on Youtube, you can see a typical English country landscape, the place where he spent most of his childhood and teenage years. “I really like the vibe of ‘*Castle on the Hill*.’ It is a great song,” senior Danielle Hanselman said.

“*Happier*” is both an amazing yet heartbreaking song.

Somehow, with the magical powers of his voice, Sheeran makes you miss the long lost, divorced husband/wife you have never had. On the contrary, “*Perfect*” instantly makes you want to walk down the aisle, with no other notes than the ones coming from this song flowing through the air. Senior Miranda Birt said, “I declared ‘*Thinking out Loud*’ to be my wedding song, but now I have to change it to ‘*Perfect*.’”

The world will hear more from Ed Sheeran, and my guess is that few people will have a problem with that. I mean, who does not love Sheeran’s incredible sound?

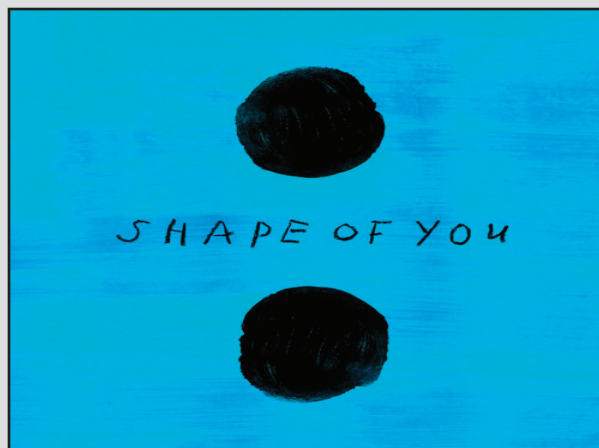


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FISHING CLUB REELS IN RECRUITS

Dawson Moll '17, Entertainment Editor

Students have introduced an awesome new club to the atmosphere of South Lyon High School. Starting as soon as the weather allows, some of our students will be out on the lakes representing the new Fishing Club. Senior Jared Paugh is the one who started up the new club with the help of math teacher Mr. Gary Moyski. "We are all looking forward to getting the boats out on the water soon," Paugh said.

This club is open to all students here at SLHS and one is highly encouraged to join if he or she loves the art of fishing. Every week the students will be going out on several bass boats and competing with each other to see who can catch not only the most, but also the largest fish. Some of their common spots in the surrounding area will be Island Lake and Nichawah Lake.

Senior Stone Ruffin is looking forward to being a part of this brand new group. "There is no better feeling than having something fighting you on the other end of the line," He said. Ruffin has been fishing since he was about four years old. His favorite memory of fishing is very similar to many other fishermen. It was when he caught his very first fish. It was a white bass on the Detroit River. He is looking forward to making even more great memories with some of his pals in the near future.

Senior Austin McGuire agreed that his favorite part of fishing was "reeling in the hogs." He loves to spend as much time as he can fishing because he believes it is one of the greatest pastimes there are. You can often find McGuire out on many of the surrounding lakes in the area, kicking it back with a cooler of ice cold soda by his side. When asked where some of his 'hot' fishing spots were, he mentioned that his favorite place to go is Nichawah Lake, which can be seen from Nine Mile Road between Ruston and Dixboro.

This new group is intended to create long-lasting relationships while also learning a great skill and pastime. If any part of you is wanting to give the fishing club a try, you should definitely go for it. If you have any questions, talk to Moyski, Paugh or any other members. Meetings are every Thursday right after school in Moyski's classroom, located in lower A wing, A113.

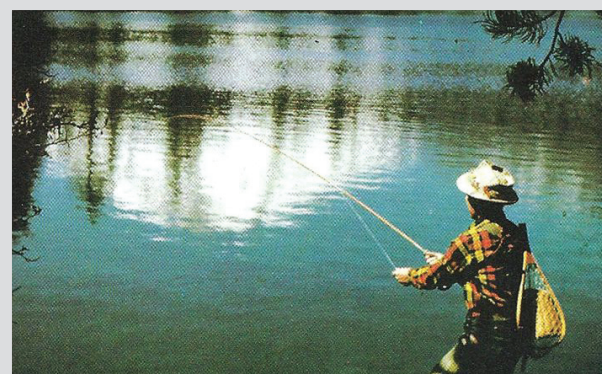


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Everyone enjoys the nice weather when fishing by a lake.

SUMMER BUCKET LIST

Alexandria Lane '17, Copy Editor

Summer is a time to be outside and enjoy the warm weather; however, everyone usually ends up sitting inside complaining about being bored. Rather than laying at home all day, here are some fun things you can do this summer to make it more interesting, and hopefully, have a lot of fun.

- 1. Live Music:** Whether you go to DTE to jam out to your favorite artists, or just keep it local and visit some unique music concerts at McHattie Park or even at Java House, going to listen to live music is a great way to have fun.
- 2. Cooking:** Take a cooking class or buy a cookbook! Take the free time you have over the summer to further develop your cooking skills and learn new things. This could make you a better host and inspire something like a 4th of July party. There are lots of interesting cooking shows like Rachael Ray or Chopped that you could find inspiration from.
- 3. Protest:** Take something you are passionate about, and take a stand. Do some research on events going on in the area and be a part of a change. Attend a march for something you are passionate about, such as a women's march or an environmental protest.
- 4. Bonfire/Beach bonfire:** Circle around the bonfire, make s'mores, listen to music and spend some quality time with friends and family. There is nothing better than huddling around a cozy fire, telling stories and enjoying the company of your loved ones.
- 5. Paddle Boarding:** If paddle boarding is something you have never tried before, you definitely want to this summer. "I went for the first time last summer, and it was amazing! I cannot wait to do it more this summer," junior Holly Holt said. You can visit Island Lake and rent paddle boards for various amounts of time. You can rent them for \$30 at TreeTown Boards for eight hours.
- 6. Take a Day Trip:** Get some friends together and go somewhere you have never been, like Grand Haven or Mackinac Island. Make a day out of exploring a new city! Go to unique shops, dine in at a popular restaurant or grab a snack from a local cafe.
- 7. Star Gaze:** Spend a night just laying outside with friends looking at the pretty stars. Bring some blankets, a mini stereo for some relaxing tunes and grab some yummy snacks.
- 8. Camping:** It is good to get out of town and enjoy some fresh air. "This summer my friends and I have plans to go camping for a weekend up north and I can't wait," junior Logan Chapel said. Kamping of America (KOA) has many campgrounds all across the country that are lots of fun and are located in areas with popular attractions.
- 9. Drive in Movies:** Spend the night with some friends in a car watching movies on a large screen. This is a fun and affordable thing to do when you find yourself bored on a summer night. The nearest one is at Compuware arena in Plymouth and they are very affordable.
- 10. Amusement Park:** Venture out to Cedar Point with friends for a day of fun while riding roller coasters.

Do not stay bored on the couch all summer. It is too nice outside to waste your time indoors. Go outside and enjoy your summer before we will have to be stuck inside again through another brutal Michigan winter.

inspired everyone to start their own YouTube channel. While the fact that everyone making videos is good for the company, the majority of them are just doing it for the money, rather than making videos for enjoyment.

The majority of the YouTube 'staff' includes amateur video creators ranging from the video makers, a large majority who are making no money, to some who are making millions of dollars annually. In order to attract more advertisers, YouTube is constantly making changes to the website. Because there are millions of content creators, it is difficult for YouTube to inform their 'staff' of these changes. This has made video creators frustrated because it is causing their views to go down, and their salaries are going down as a result. Some YouTubers, like PewDiePie have mentioned how they are going to stop making videos simply for this reason once they reach a certain number of followers. "YouTube can be a bit of a treadmill," Derek Muller, a YouTuber, said when doing an interview with The Verge. "Once you have some success you feel compelled to stay on it, churning out videos. But this doesn't necessarily mean they are creatively fulfilling, especially when you have clear time constraints."

YouTube has over one billion users, which is almost one-third of the people on the internet. The majority of

these users do not even make videos. The fact that YouTube is such a big money maker causes some issues for these viewers. Whenever something goes viral on YouTube, it is easy to notice from the number of views that it becomes a trend and everyone starts to follow. Content creators take part in trends for two reasons: views and money. Because of the fact that YouTubers are all making very similar content, viewers begin to lose interest. "I used to go on YouTube everyday. Now, I barely go on it because I simply get bored of watching the same content over and over again," freshman Lilliana Vangelov said.

It is simple. The more money that is being brought into YouTube, the more people are trying to get big so they can also make money, causing content creators to all make very similar videos. This makes the majority of YouTube videos based on trends, which becomes repetitive. YouTube has shown us everything and has, and continues, to entertain the majority of the world. Hopefully, there is more excitement to come.

HAVING HOPE IS THE BEST ATTRIBUTE: MY EXPERIENCE

Abigail Tobis '20, Feature Editor

There are some things in life that you do not understand at first; there are many unexpected twists that can happen. You may think that what you're dealing with is the worst thing that could happen to you. Many students, especially teenagers, dramatize many situations like a fight with a friend and say that they want to die over pointless reasons. The thing many do not understand is that some people are in worse situations that could be catastrophic and that they cannot change. Many need to look at the whole story and realize that not everything is the absolute worst. Even though everyone is going through something, it is important to consider that people actually have been through, and that some people are going through hard situations you may not realize. Here is my story.

When I was in the first grade, I started to develop headaches that caused me agonizing pain, and this occurred for a long time. I told my mother and father about what was happening, and they both decided to take action and take me to the hospital. They gave me what is called a CAT scan, which is an X-ray image made using computerized scans. It would take a few days to get the results, so we had to wait.

A couple days later, my grandpa was picking me up from school, and I saw my mother. I was confused because she was supposed to be working. She ran up to me and gave me a hug. When she took me home, my mother and father both explained to me that I had a 'scratch on my head.' I would later find out that I had a brain tumor, which is a mass of abnormal cells on the brain. The tumor was identified as benign, which means that it was not cancerous, but still dangerous. I needed surgery right away because when you have a growth in such a restricted space, major problems can appear.

As a little kid, I heard this, and I knew that what was going on was serious, but it was not until later in my life that I realized how potentially fatal the situation really was. I was taken to surgery and had to miss a lot of components from my, what should be 'normal', first grade life. However, there are some things I remember vaguely, that made the experience easier. Before I had to go to surgery, they put a mask on my face to put me to sleep and they gave me a choice of what flavor to smell. I chose bubble gum. After, I remember the nurses were very nice to me, and all the students from my first grade class gave me a cards that I still have to this day.

My mother went to my first grade class every day and got my work for me, and then taught it to me at home until I was fully ready to go back to school. I do not know how I would have gotten through what I did without her. She was, and continues to be, the biggest supporter and the person I look up to most in my life.

Nobody gave up on me. Even as a first grader, I learned a lot from this situation, like that my family was and always will be there for me. People are constantly going through situations where they need someone to support them. Being aware of this fact and understanding that you should support others, knowing that not everyone has it easy can build character. In the hardest of situations, your family is going to be there. If you or a loved one is in a situation, medical or not, the most important thing to do is to stay positive. Never give up on yourself, or anybody else, because it is the ones that stick by you and that you stick by that mean the most.



Photo by Abigail Tobis

YouTube MAY BE COMING TO AN END

Emily Aiken '20, Feature Editor

Ever since it made its debut on Feb. 14, 2005, YouTube has had a major effect on many people's lives. The ability to create and share videos was, and still is, revolutionary. Over time, YouTube has brought fans of the website many videos that have put large smiles on the faces of all kinds of people. Videos with everything from puppies napping together, babies laughing hysterically from the sound of paper ripping, to makeup tutorials, we have seen it all. But now, what is left?

Over time, YouTube has become a major money maker with millions of people making a variety of videos. In fact, every minute, more than 100 hours of videos are uploaded to YouTube. Most people who make these videos know they could potentially make money. When you monetize a video, companies/advertisers bid on space to put an ad on the video. Every time someone clicks on the ad, the YouTuber gets a certain amount of money. This amount differs for each person depending on their popularity.

The person who is making the most money is a YouTuber named Felix Kjellberg, or PewDiePie as his viewers call him. He primarily makes gaming videos. He makes over \$12 million dollars annually. This major success has

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A WISH COME TRUE COULD MAKE A GREAT CHANGE

Dylan Thieleman '17, News Editor

Schools all across the country have both positives and negatives. Sometimes, however, the negatives are more obvious, such as inadequate parking lots, ridiculous dress code and short lunch periods. But what if all students were granted one wish to make a change to their school? What improvements would they make? So many opinions are out there, and it is important to take them into consideration. If one were to get to change one thing that he or she really dislikes about the school there are several things the students of SLHS believe would make their daily experience better.

Senior Ty Morgan said that he would wish to have a larger school parking lot in order to maintain traffic flow and get to and from school easier. In addition to a larger parking lot, he said more entrances to the school would be a great advantage. This would allow for students to make it to class on time instead of getting stuck in traffic and being tardy. "If there was a bigger parking lot I would save countless wasted hours by sitting in Saturday detention because of tardies," Morgan said. This might provide students with the extra minute that is much needed.

Senior Olivia Hewitt's wish was that students should be able to leave class after finishing a test (especially tests in sixth hour). With this wish, students would be able to socialize and freely do other work after and not get into trouble while tests are still out. It will help students who do take longer not to feel rushed while others are done and

waiting. "I personally believe it is unfair for students who finish early that have to sit in class and watch everyone else finish their test," Hewitt stated. It would allow for students to get a little breather and finish any other things they had to do with the extra time.

Junior Kyle Rutterbush wished to change the no hat rule policy because it is a pointless rule and everybody enjoys wearing hats. Hats are a very big part of today's fashion and cause no harm to others, so there is not a valid reason for students not to be able to wear hats in school. If this rule were abolished, many students would save money on hats because they had to buy another one after all the teachers take theirs and do not return it to the end of the year. Another advantage about hats is that they come in handy on a bad hair day when all you have to do is slip one on. The lights in the classrooms are super bright, so with the help of hats, they can block the lights from hurting our eyes and giving us headaches. "Hats are convenient, fashionable, and I enjoy wearing them with my outfits," Rutterbush said.

Sophomore Ian Goins wished to have longer lunches; Goins thinks it will be very suitable and favorable on both sides. A benefit to having longer lunches would be having more time to socialize with your friends or to get help from your teachers if needed. If students were to have longer lunches, it will give them the opportunity to sit down and enjoy their food instead of scarfing it down quickly and

feeling rushed. Goins added, "It will allow students to do any homework that they did not get a chance to complete the night before if they were busy." Extended lunches would give students the break that is desperately needed halfway through the day.

The final wish is for all students to get a lion hour. A lion hour is one hour each week where you get a choice to go to any class to get help with anything you were confused on or simply just to catch up. This will allow for students to stay ahead and get a better understanding of the topics that are being taught. As a result from this wish, students test scores would likely increase because students would have time to master the learning goals and then receive good grades. Freshman Jenna Stanfield said, "A lion hour would benefit me substantially and better my grades. I think if we had a lion hour we would see an increase in our grade point averages, and it would take a load off of our backs." Assistant Principal Mr. James Brennan added, "I was very against the idea 10 years ago, but I very much support it now. It is very hard for students to stay after with their busy schedules, and also for assemblies, we would not have to take time out of our normal school day."

If everyone's wishes were to come true, this would benefit the school greatly and allow for our voices to be heard throughout the school. If all these wishes were to be granted, it would be more appealing to all students because our wants and needs would be met.



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SOUTH LYON FIRE DEPARTMENT FIRED UP TO GET NEW CADET RECRUITS

Austin Vliet '17, Student Life Editor

The fire service is all about companionship, camaraderie, brotherhood, and bravery and the South Lyon Fire Department exhibits all of these characteristics and more.

The fire department offers a special cadet program to high school students who are 16 years or older. This program allows students to get the full fire department experience without spending the thousands of dollars to acquire all of the certifications to become a firefighter. While in the cadet program, you will go through training called on the job training (OJT). OJT prepares the members of the department with the essential training they need to be able to operate as a fully functioning firefighter.

If you decide to become a member, it is a rather rigorous and time consuming process that requires complete dedication. There are nine different modules that will test you on how well you know a specific section. You will, however, also be assigned an experienced firefighter to guide and help you through this process.

It is expected that you give the fire department approximately six hours of your time a week as well as an average of one module per week. After just three modules, you can start responding to calls just as a normal firefighter would. Being given this opportunity allows you to have both your fire academy class and EMT class paid for; that is approximately \$6,100 of schooling that the fire department will pay for.

South Lyon High School alumni Brittany Tooman has been on the fire department for three years now and has gone through the cadet program. When asked what was so great about the program, Tooman said, "It teaches you life lessons and shows you how to do things not every average 16 year old girl knows how to do like running a chainsaw or using hydraulic equipment." Not only will you learn how to operate a chainsaw or hydraulic tools,

you will also learn how a fire hydrant works, how to operate and talk over the radio, and how to use the air packs that firefighters use to breath.

Senior Zach Dobrick is also a member of the fire department and has gone through this program. Regarding what Dobrick thought his favorite part about being on the department was, he said, "Being able to be a part of a team like this and contributing to a bigger picture is a great feeling."

All in all, the cadet program gets those who join onto the fast track to making a difference in thier community and leads to a life long career.

If you are interested, applications can be picked up at the fire station or found at www.southlyonfire.com under "Join our Team". If there are any questions, email Lt. Carlington at rcarlington@southlyonmi.org.



South Lyon Fire Department shows its Ladder 1 to the public.

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9 LIONS' ROAR

Working out for free made possible by Jazzercise

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Have you heard the term Jazzercise before? If you haven't, Jazzercise is a combination of dance and exercise. It is a really fun way to improve your physical health while gaining muscles mass and jamming to encouragement music. Well, where on earth can you do this amazing workout? Right in downtown in South Lyon on Pontiac Trail! And on top of it being nearby, your workout is free.

This year, the Jazzercise department of South Lyon Fitness Center offers a special deal called Girl Power. This is a wonderful opportunity where girls between 16 - 21 years old get a free subscription for the year 2017. There are no strings attached. For example, you are not forced to join again next year, but if you are really motivated and want to keep going, do it.

You might be thinking, why on earth would such great workouts be offered for free? Well, jazzercise is not the first form of working out that pops up in your mind. It is not widely known, nor widely practiced. The South Lyon Fitness Center's idea behind the Girl Power promotion stunt is to introduce Jazzercise into the lives of young girls and to promote a healthy balanced life. So, if you try it out this year, maybe you will love it so much that you want to continue doing it for the rest of your life.

This promotion has proven itself to be working. "I started going to jazzercise with my friends almost as a joke, but I quickly became obsessed. I go every day, and my friends and I have all the routines memorized. Junior Chloe McCarthy said, "Jazzercise is the only form of working out I have enjoyed, and I honestly can't recommend it enough," More and more teenage girls are trying this new form of working out and seem to enjoy it a lot.



Jazzercise is located at 9 Mile and Pontiac Trail next to Powerhouse Gym.

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So, how does it go into work? There are over 10 different classes that target different parts of your body in each workout. One of the best classes to do is Strength 45. In Strength 45, participants work on every muscle in their body and tone it out. It is so much fun dancing and getting to know a lot of the people who go there on a regular basis.

For your first class, the main thing you need is a water bottle and your determination. You also need a parent or guardian to sign for you the first time. Then they will give you a card and you can walk in any time after. The studio can provide you with some weights, a yoga mat and they will also make sure that there is some pumped up music to get you motivated and energy flowing through your body.

After working out, the most important thing to do is stretching. You definitely do not want to wake up the next morning being in a lot of pain. So, after working out, make sure to drink lots of water, eat lots of protein, and stretch.

The studio offers about nine classes a day, and you can find their schedule online at www.jazzercise.com or on the Jazzercise app. You work every muscle in your body during the 45-minute to one hour classes the fitness center offers.

There are no reasons why you should not try out jazzercise. It is a fun, well-instructed exercise, right downtown, and it is free. Grab your water bottle, put on some snazzy workout clothes, and go do some jazzercise!

Help your fellow peers, become a PEER mentor

Zayne George '17, Business and Ad Manager

Helping other people is a reward in and of itself. Knowing you are doing something for someone who may not be able to do it themselves is what keeps the world spinning. Here at South Lyon High School, there is a program dedicated to helping other students, and it is called Positively Encouraging and Empowering our Students (PEERS for short). It is a program that has been around for years, and it is where students have the opportunity to help and assist with special education students in their everyday classes.

Sophomores, juniors, and seniors can all be a part of this great experience provided at SLHS. It teaches you patience and gives you better social skills. "It's so fun. You have to be caring but harsh, like firm," senior Colleen Barba said. She also stated that it is a great program and a good way to get all the students to mix and blend together.

This is a class you can take and receive credit for. There are different class selections for PEERS. In post secondary, you are usually in a whole class with the students who already graduated, but come back to learn more social skills. You could also be a PEER in a general education class. This means you go into a regular education class with your peer and help them to succeed in that class. All the students have different reasons for becoming a PEER. Senior Stone Ruffin said he was influenced by Mrs. Lindsay Sitarski, the PEERS teacher. He said that she reached out to him after finding out that she had his brother. "My brother was highly liked by everyone involved in PEERS, same with me, all the kids love me," Ruffin stated. All of the students involved have great relationships, and have developed exceptional friendships with their assigned peers.

Being involved in something like PEERS can really change a person. "Talking to people like them can make you see the world through a different lens. It makes you want



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to talk to other people more," Ruffin added. More people should join this program because everyone who does enjoys it.

Senior Callie Harper said, "My experience in peers has been very awesome, and I always enjoy going to that hour and seeing the students because they are always very happy and enjoy seeing me, and I always enjoy seeing them. And it makes my day that I get to make their day."

"During my experience in PEERS, it has been really fun, and I started learning more about myself, and more about the students," senior Emily Hudgens said.

Taking this course is a great way to meet new people, and learn more about yourself. When I first started taking this class, I was really nervous and did not know much of what to expect. Since I am in postsecondary, all of the teachers were very open and accepting. The students warmed up to me really fast, and now they are some of my favorite people. "The experience I have had in PEERS has been really rewarding. It has been a lot of fun, you get to meet a lot of new people and make so many new friends; it is just really cool," senior Rachel Debrincat said. "I really like talking to my peers, and getting to know them and becoming friends with them. I also really like to help others, so being a peer is the perfect place for me to do that," senior Emmy Meadows added.

Everyone should try and take a semester of PEERS, because you never know what effect you could have on somebody's life. Reaching out to people is a great thing. It's an unforgettable experience for not only the PEER mentors, but also the teachers and the mentees.

The absolutely true diary of a waitress who relies on tips...and tips alone

McKenzi Roe '17, Editor-In-Chief

I have seen first-hand the awkward encounter of a blind date between two people. I have seen four different people fight over the bill of an army veteran. I have seen a young couple anxiously plan the details of their wedding. And I have heard countless one-of-a-kind stories from people of all ages. No, I have not traveled the world, and no, I am not a shrink - although some shifts I feel like it. Instead, I am a waitress at a Coney Island about five minutes from my house, and it is a job where I have learned to love people, but at the same time, despise them.

After working as a waitress for almost two years, I have seen the harsh truth regarding a majority of the people in this small town and how they go about tipping and thus treating their wait staff. While I understand that there will be times where people are faced with some pretty awful service, it is extremely important that whenever you go out to eat you always leave 20 percent of the total bill.

Why is this the protocol one might ask? Well, for starters, these workers are doing you a service. Rather than just bringing you your drinks and food, waiters are constantly asking what else you need. Whether that is refilling your soda or bringing you more napkins and silverware, or a side of dressing or extra fries, or filling up your coffee cup and taking dishes away when you are done eating. Not only that, but many servers might help you decide what to order or recommend a tasty dish if you are unsure of all of what is offered on the menu, and I have met multiple people in my time of waitressing, especially elderly men and women, who enjoy dining out specifically for the company of a waiter or waitress. With all this in mind, a waiter or waitress does quite a bit more work than one twenty or thirty years ago, especially with the growing standards of our ever changing world. People nowadays will have you running back and forth to

get them more food or more dressing for their salad, they expect you to constantly fill up their drink glasses, and for even some of the most minor mistakes, people in today's society tend to complain way more than a customer twenty years ago. As a result, you would think that most people



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would understand and realize the importance of tipping their server 20 percent; however, in my experience, this does not seem to be the case.

As a high school student who works to save up money for a car, college, gas and fun activities to do on the side,

sometimes I am able to just let it roll off my shoulder when someone stiffes me a dollar or two. However, it is the women at my job who are working to support their family and keep a roof over their heads for whom I feel badly. While some people may say that they do not tip 20 percent because they do not have enough cash in their wallet, or enough extra money period to do so, well, my response to that is: do not go out to eat, or, buy some cheap groceries and make dinner at home. Taking away from one person's income just because you are too cheap or perhaps not overly flush with cash is just downright wrong and immoral, and it is especially not fair to that man or woman who just busted their butt trying to give you a pleasant dining experience. In addition, some people might argue, "Well they still get paid an hourly wage, so why should I tip?" To those people, I would say talk to me when you are making \$3.10 an hour and let me know how it feels to never see a weekly check over \$50 or \$60.

There are an endless amount of factors that play a role in the importance of tipping a server 20%. While I can get very heated when someone is short on tipping me the money I deserve, I can only hope that sooner rather than later people will understand that they are threatening the income of a broke college student or even a single mother or father.

How would you feel if there were days where your boss took out \$20 or \$30 from your paycheck just because he or she did not have enough cash that week to pay you? Tipping your server 20 percent is simply the moral and kind way to treat someone who provided you with a service. And, if you do not like this simple task of tipping a waiter/waitress? Well, you can move to Europe, a place that expects no tips, so long as you expect below average service!

South Lyon students clamour for a new school store

Jared Perttunen '17, Managing Editor

Lately, South Lyon seniors have begun to look back at their years in high school and reflect on the good and bad times. One common regret many of these seniors have is never getting the sort of school spiritwear that they thought would be readily available going into their freshmen year. Items like SL sweatshirts, hats, or even supplies like pencils and notebooks are unavailable to students.

Throughout my years in high school, I lamented at the lack of access to decent school supplies in our area. The nearest proper supply store would be in Brighton or Novi, which leads me to wonder why such a store is not provided in our own school. A school store would provide several benefits if it were introduced to SLHS, with the most obvious being it would be an easy way for the school to earn money.

If our school had a readily available store it would be far easier to gain access to school merchandise and spirit wear. During my freshmen year of high school, I made an effort to purchase a South Lyon sweatshirt, in an attempt to show more school pride. However, the wild goose chase that

ensued made the whole effort entirely worthless. I was sent from person to person with each new teacher telling me to ask someone else. It was utterly inefficient, and to this day, I still do not have any spiritwear besides my varsity jacket.

The uptick in school spiritwear would lead to increased morale across the student body. Not having access to the supplies they need to perform well on a day to day basis is often demoralizing. Being able to conveniently access supplies like notebooks, binders and writing utensils would make it much easier to be prepared for class, especially at the beginning of the year.

Having students run this school store would also help get the student body more involved in the goings on in our community and teach them valuable skills. They would learn important abilities like organization, accountability, general business skills and responsibility. Working at the store would also provide many students with much needed job experience before officially getting their first job.

Junior and SLC3 member Dana Reynolds has expressed interest in the school store as well. She agrees that having

a store would be beneficial to our school community and has offered an idea as to who would run it. In response to the question of who would run the school store, Reynolds suggested, "Probably the South Lyon Connect Community Change program (SLC3), since one of our goals is to brighten school spirit and get kids involved." The addition of readily available spirit wear would certainly be something SLC3 would be eager to manage.

As many are aware, South Lyon East High School has its own built-in school store, and has been well received by students. SLEHS senior Carter Reeds described it as, "an interesting and fun place to get extra items for school." Adding on that, the school has a nice selection of school spirit wear and good treats to purchase like cookies.

Though many of the seniors in our school recognize that they would no longer get to benefit from such a store, they also want to leave something behind for future high schoolers to enjoy. A school store would certainly be a beloved addition to our school community.



Constantly waiting for our generation to start dating

Kiana Buchanczenko '18, Sports Editor

There is a sound of a car pulling into the driveway. The engine quiets down to a silence as the vehicle is parked. Footsteps come closer and the smell of freshly picked roses from the flower shop down the street become easy to smell. The doorbell rings and the handshake and meeting of the parents occurs as your dad gives the set time for you to be home.

We have all heard the love stories from our parents and grandparents that make our heart warm. So why is dating not a thing of the past?

Snapchatting and DMing have somehow become acceptable ways of flirting. "I'll pick you up at seven" has turned into arriving at 7:30 with an "I'm here" text rather than coming to the door with flowers and meeting the parents. Dinner and bowling dates have slowly vanished and have been replaced with hanging out in large groups, going to parties, or watching Netflix.

Our generation has turned dating into something rare. Nowadays everyone is just 'talking' or is single. Nobody wants the commitment of a relationship, but nobody wants to be alone; however, real, healthy relationships do exist. Even though we are still young, it is not impossible to be in a happy, healthy, committed, and thoughtful relationship.

"Relationships are the best because you become each other's best friend. You always have someone to rely on and who won't give up on you," junior McKenzie Naber said. She also went on to add, "Having a thing is not sincere because that person won't commit to being there for you like in a relationship where your significant other is constantly your number one fan in everything you do."

Falling in love is truly a beautiful thing. Maybe dating is not for everyone, and I am not saying that we should force dating or undergo the exact same date night experiences as our parents, but it should not be normal to only have a "thing" with someone where you like each other, but choose not to date. If you like someone, you should ask them out. Don't snapchat them with lame compliments and call it flirting.

Being in a relationship can be a scary thing, but we will never know if we do not try. Everyone loves to hear about the stories from the 50s that make our hearts flutter with excitement and make us want that type of love. Stop fantasizing and make it happen. Dating should not be rare. Love is a beautiful thing, and we should embrace it rather than shame it.



Chivalry is not dead. There is still time for us to go back to the romanticized type of dating our parents were able to experience without the distractions of Netflix and cell phones.



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Students should remain open to others' opinions

Jake Stowers '17, Opinion Editor

Everyone is entitled to their own opinion. The way your opinion could differ from others, however, could be drastic. There are many heated topics that have a multitude of supporters on each side, some polarizing examples being gay marriage or abortion. These are two very prominent topics that are matters of discussion and argument because they are so controversial, and both sides have extremely strong opinions. Although it is normal to be passionate about your opinions on certain topics, it is still important to remember that the opposing opinions come from people, just like you, and whether someone agrees or disagrees with you, their opinions deserve to be respected and heard.

The recent election was a perfect example of how people should learn to respect people's opinions. This school shows how split a community can be when such a controversial topic becomes relevant or newsworthy. Someone could be raised in a liberal household and taught at a young age that anyone who has an opposing opinion is a terrible person. This can feel extremely degrading, especially when you are looked at a certain way just because of your opinions on certain issues. For example, kids could hear that their parents are huge Hillary Clinton supporters, so when they hear one of their friends is not a fan of Hillary, they may not want to be friends with them anymore, even though they could not even know who Clinton is.

Senior Andy Mattison agrees with the idea of respecting the views of others. He said, "I don't think there has [ever] been so much tension in this school [as there has been] since the

presidential election. Most of these people have never even considered being interested in politics and now they want everyone to know that anyone who disagrees with their opinions is dumb." He said that just because someone has a different view on something does not mean anyone has the right to tell someone they are wrong for what they believe. "I have

conservative opinions, but I would not think someone who has liberal beliefs is lesser of a person," Mattison added.

Senior Kirsten Seely has opposite opinions when it comes to political leanings, but agrees with the idea of being open to opinions. "Even if someone has an opinion you don't agree with doesn't mean you have the right to berate them for it," Seely said. Running the GSA can definitely put her under some heat at times, but she does not hold grudges against people who do not support it. "I can see how someone wouldn't agree with the GSA, it really depends on what they were taught when they were growing up," Seely said.

Everyone wants their voice to be heard, so you should not be surprised to hear something you do not agree with. Some people will believe in ideas that may seem unacceptable to you, but in reality, they may have a valid reason to have this opinion, and that does not make them an immoral person.

It is important to keep in mind that although someone's ideas may not align with everything you believe in, one is still a person behind his or her opinions, and everyone deserves to be respected.

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TARDY POLICY LENIENCY ESSENTIAL TO MANY STUDENTS AROUND SLHS

Lizzy Farnsworth '17, Sports Editor

For every student that arrives abruptly at 7:20 a.m. or a few minutes after, there is the consequence of “signing in with Carol” in the commons. Once the school doors lock, there is no way for a student to get in without their ID and being buzzed in. When students are late and flustered trying to find their card, the administration and secretaries seem a bit disgruntled. I mean, I get it; it’s the morning. Then, once you actually get into the building you have to stand in a line with 15 other people just to get a little slip that proves you were late, as if it were not already made apparent.

If the tardy policy was changed so that the doors would not lock as soon as the bell rings, but instead locked after 10 to 15 minutes, then you just go to class it avoids standing in line. If there is no long line to wait in, then students would be able to get to class quicker and it would not be as awkward walking into class a couple minutes late. Although, it may not be ideal to the staff of SLHS, it would make everyone else’s morning way less stressful.

Senior Ireland Somers explained, “Every time I walk into class late, my teacher gets really annoyed because she’s in the middle of explaining something, and I interrupt her, so if I didn’t have to wait in line I could get to class quicker.” Making the tardy times later would only help to avoid this issue that many students and staff undergo on a daily basis.

Someone could say just do not be late, but it is easier said than done due to the very early start time and morning traffic caused by an overpopulated town. I understand that the policy is implemented to teach students how to be responsible and on time, but it could definitely be a little more lenient. An anonymous staff member said, “The tardy policy does need some overhauling.” There are many mornings where parents immediately call the school to find out if their child is attending, which is why the doors lock when class starts.

In the mornings, there is not much time to do things, such as getting ready, eating, or preparing a plan for the day. Rushing to school, so that you do not get locked out

is very stressful and is hard to do because there is so much traffic, and the school is a long walk from the parking lot.

If the policy were even changed to only punish students with more than three tardies per card-marking instead of a later tardy time, it would be helpful because it would cause less detentions and trouble for the staff. Principal Chad Scaling explained, “Adjusting the tardy policy so that it coincides with marking periods would be something that is more manageable for both students and administration.”

Overall, the tardy policy could have a little more tweaks or changes to it, only to benefit the well-being of staff and students. Time management is not something that can be learned quickly, so having a bit more leniency regarding the amount of tardies would not be taken advantage of. It would help out the school by creating less paperwork for the staff and will keep students in class instead of calling them down to the office to receive a detention.

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