

IDeology: Creek’s new ID policy

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The usual first-day excitement this school year was joined by something very different and very personal for Creek students. The new ID Policy stirred unrest from the student body after it was announced, on registration day, that all students, faculty, and staff are now required to wear their IDs from the beginning of the school day to the end.

Mostly, students quipped about the physical feel of IDs around their necks.

“I don’t like the way it feels around my neck,” junior Jaden Busnardo said. “I bend down it like dangles all over and gets on my homework and stuff”

Freshman William Nakasone agrees.

“I’m not used to something around my neck every-day,” he said.

Although students complained, many expressed their understanding of the IDs within our security system.

“I don’t mind them. I actually think they are very helpful,” sophomore Kate Hughes said. “If some random person comes without an ID we can stop it if they were to have a gun.”

In some ways, students believe that the ID policy is counter-productive.

“It doesn’t really change much if I see someone without an ID I’m like, ‘Oh you just forgot your ID.’” Busnardo said.

Although IDs are not fool proof, the IDs are nonetheless an extra layer of security.

“It’s not a groundbreaking thing, but I think if any tiny little measure can make our school a bit safer, I’m all for it.” Dean Craig Blaiser said.

The IDs are also creating a sense of unity between students, as they attempt to keep their friends accountable.

“I think it’s causing some or creating some community, where kids are calling eachother out.” Blaiser said.

Not only are students being affected, but so are the enforcers and the people in charge of issuing new IDs.

Assistant to the Activities Director Penny Malloy issues between 10-20 new IDs every morning before school.

“It actually takes up between 7:30am to the time school starts,” she said “That entire hour is usually spent making IDs.”

The deans who enforce the policy also must dedicate a lot of time to seeing to students, but it’s gone very smoothly so far.

“My office gets pretty busy with kids who don’t have their IDs on and referrals and things,” Blaiser said. “I’ve see a ton of kids this week, but I think enforcement has been going great.”

Creek is visibly transition to a more rigid security to insure safety in these turbulent times following shootings.

Social Studies teacher Virginia DeCesare has taught at Creek for 24 years and, only in the last three years, has been required to wear as ID.

“I have taught here for so long it is not a habit for me and I am a habit person so it was something really hard,” DeCesare said.

The security team has even added more guards to ensure the safety of our Creek community.

“Right now we have 11. But we were given 2 more positions. So we have 12 security guards on this campus from 7:30am to 4:00pm and we have one security guard that is considered our night security guard and they are on from 1:00pm to 9:00pm.” Uhlig said.

After the volatile year schools experienced last year, administration has responded with a another preliminary safety requirement.

“We felt like we had done, really just everything that we could do, but there are few things that we aren’t doing that we needed to consider and one of them was the idea of students wearing their IDs.” Silva said.

These seniors found creative ways to wear their IDs and here’s what they have to say:

Catalina Jafek



“The real issue of school violence or school safety really should be addressed by changing the way we approach things ideologically, like in changing the environment in which we learn.”

Chris Willams



“A lot of people are trying to project their own views - positive or negative on the rule - on the shirt, but at the end of the day, it’s just a shirt.”

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