



Historic downtown draws residents to local businesses.

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Olde Town Arvada is the home of many stores, restaurants, and activities. Members of the student body enjoy many of these places ranging from the sugar-stocked ice cream and candy store Scrumptious to the quiet and peaceful public library. Sixth grader Rebecca Hamm described the library as "my favorite place in Olde Town because it's always quiet in there, which makes it easier to study."

Olde Town Arvada is home to 29 restaurants, many of them beloved by the students at Drake. Like many of his classmates, Ronan O'Leary (7) said, "I don't really go to Olde Town Arvada often, but I like to go to Fuzzy's Tacos for their nachos."

Olde Town marks the site where the townsite was first platted on December 1, 1870. It wasn't until August 14, 1904 that the town of Arvada was formally incorporated. Finally, Olde Town was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1998, but many students have found the district thanks to family

members. "My cousin-in-law introduced me to Olde Town when I was a wee child," said seventh grader Gage Levingston, "The first place she took me to was Scrumptious."

Citizens of Drake have also started traditions when visiting the 15.1 acre district. "I visit Vouna LLC twice a month because the rabbit in the store is cute," said eighth grader Sophia Wedlake. Many students say that they make traditional visits to a place in Olde Town Arvada either due to family or just for fun. "I would say that at least three fourths of my friends go to Olde Town because they live near the city," said Ahna Smith (6). A couple of new additions have helped: The new G-Line stop, which made Denver a quick trip and the new Harkins Theater, which is great for movies.

Members of the student body say that Olde Town Arvada is one of the destined spots for hangouts and family get-togethers, and it is an overall great place to have fun and make memories with others.



BIRTHDAY BASH! All soaking wet, Katherine Bucaro (8), Rebekah Gillespie (8), Maggie Hodson(8), and friends pose for a group pic during Maggie's birthday celebration in Olde Town. As part of the fun, they got milkshakes at Scrumptious and took a splash in the splash pad in Olde Town Square. "It was really fun. We ran through the water fountains and just messed around with each other," Bucaro said.

ICE CREAM, YOU SCREAM!

Scruptious Icecream is a local favorite. Here are some popular flavors.

"THE SNICKERS ICE CREAM IS MY FAVORITE BECAUSE I LIKE SNICKERS."

-ELIANA DIMANNA (7)



"Chocolate birthday cake. It goes well with a lot of things."

-Sienna Kittles (6)



"I enjoy Mint Chocolate Chip. You wouldn't expect it to taste that way because of the color."

-Garvin Callahan (8)

