

The Word of The People

SOPHOMORE STUDENTS WRITE ARGUMENTS CONCERNING DRESS CODES IN SCHOOL

Throughout the month of January, sophomore English students had multiple discussions about dress codes within schools. The purpose of these discussions was to ascertain how to write a synthesis essay, but it turned into a heated debate about whether or not schools should have dress codes.

"I felt like the conversations were kind of all over the place, and brought up randomly and there was nothing really leading into it but it's a conversation to have," **Annie Ozuna (10)** said.

"I think they went well but there were also a lot of different opinions... some people feel more comfortable talking about issues like that and others don't so it kind of depends on who you are," **sophomore Liam Szarka** said. Some major opinions that came up during these discussions were the idea of double standards throughout dress codes in America.

"I believe that the dress codes for majority of public schools in America is very hypocritical in regards to girls and boys. I feel like the dress is exploiting girls' bodies for the sake of distraction of other peers, as if others peers are going to be focusing on there bodies for a major time," **sophomore Habiba Samir** said. While many students had similar views to Habiba, the point was also brought up that there does need to be some restriction on what students can and cannot wear to school.

"Like if a guy is wearing a shirt...with gang violence on it, just change. I think kids should just wear what they want and if they get asked to change they just change without making a huge deal out of it," **Tony Crow (10)** said. However, compared to many other schools that were discussed, Grandview was seen as a place where clothes can be freely worn without fear of repercussions.

"I think the dress code here is pretty lax compared to other things and really other schools which I really enjoy. I enjoy the lack of sexist dress code such as tank tops or crop tops or shorts to a certain length or some schools that wouldn't even allow certain shoes or certain colors. I appreciate that we don't have that here so I'm just glad that the dress code is very lax here so we can express ourselves freely," **Jane Schmidt (10)** said.

Mr. Eggleston, English

"THE DRESS CODE IS NOW, I THINK, A MATTER OF PROTECTING MODESTY AND ENSURING STUDENTS TO HAVE THE ABILITY TO EXPRESS THEMSELVES WHILE ALSO NOT FEELING AFRAID OF BEING WHO THEY ARE," EGGLESTON SAID.



Mrs. Russo, English

"THE POINTS THE STUDENTS MADE WERE GREAT, AND IT'S JUST HOW STUDENTS CAN'T LEAVE THEIR FIRST AMENDMENT RIGHTS WHEN THEY WALK THROUGH THE SCHOOL DOORS IS JUST VERY INSIGHTFUL FOR KIDS WHEN THEY WROTE ABOUT IT," RUSSO SAID.



Mrs. Lauer, English

"IT WAS ILLUMINATING. THE VAST MAJORITY OF THEM TENDED TOWARDS THAT SCHOOLS SHOULD NOT HAVE ANY RESTRICTIONS ON DRESS CODE. I HAD A COUPLE OUTLIERS THAT WERE LIKE UNIFORMS WERE THE WAY TO GO WHICH WAS REALLY SHOCKING TO ME TO HEAR FROM A TEENAGER, BUT OVERALL IT WAS REALLY INTERESTING," LAUER SAID.



Teacher Thoughts



Jennifer Funnell, Painting

"I think it's good to have some sort of expectation in a school, but also allowing students to express their individual creativity through what they choose to wear. Dress code should be addressed, but only if teacher's were more aware of what it represents" Funnell said.



William Baird, Business

"I feel as a male, it is a very sexist policy to tell females how to present their bodies. I struggle with that tremendously as a male who has a daughter because I feel like dress codes are just a way of saying males can't handle being around females in a public space...I feel like it's more of a us problem than a them problem," Baird said.



Brian Timberman, PE

"My thoughts are, by the time kids are high school age, they know what is appropriate or not. For the most part, it hasn't been an issue, but for my class, students change so I rarely see kids that are in the clothes that they wear during the day," Timberman said.



Rob Graham, Science

"I think that kids have been going too long without dress codes that it would really be up to them to express themselves, but at the same time we should be expressing our individuality at school...I'm not in favor in them but I'm not against them either, so I think it could definitely work and it could definitely be a benefit. ... I don't think it could work here," Graham said.



Tara Smith, Spanish

"In my opinion, it's important to have dress code... dress can be a form of gender expression or individual expression and that's really important, however, we are here to set students and individuals up for success for later in life, so I think that to an extent, what students wear in school needs to be appropriate," Smith said.



Wesley Smock, Athletics Director

"My thought on dress code is that dress codes exist if there put in place to make sure students are dressing appropriately for school... to insure that everybody is comfortable," Smock said.

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The Day of A King



On January 17th, teachers and students recognized Martin Luther King Jr Day. Martin Luther King Jr Day is a day to pay homage to the civil rights hero on his birthday, which is on January 15th.

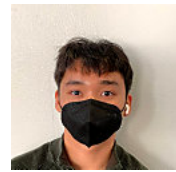
"It celebrates an amazing figure in civil rights and I love it. He was just a great figure. He did a lot for human and civil rights," sophomore Julian Dobrski said. However, many people do not actively remember Martin Luther King Jr on the day dedicated to him.

"I think we kinda just gloss over him and use it as a three day weekend," Dobrski said.

In the future, people will "have to recognize and celebrate a figure in civil rights," Julian said.

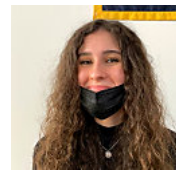
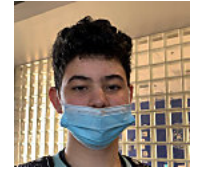


New Year New Me



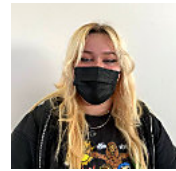
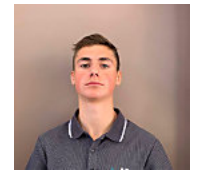
"Get better grades for this semester," **Nikolas Teng (10)** said.

"To do better than I did last year mentally," **Ramy Bailey (9)** said.



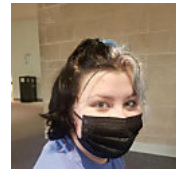
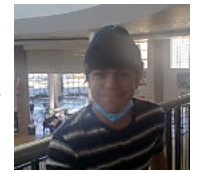
"Do better in chemistry," **Varinia Wakeham (9)** said.

"Workout and actually stick to my workout plan," **Eero Siimer (9)** said.



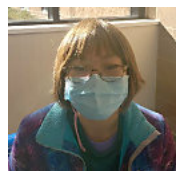
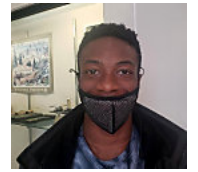
"Cut off my toxic habits that I have," **Paetyn Allerton (9)** said.

"My New Year's resolution was to work out more and become stronger so I can endure my sports like basketball and football," **Juan Ceccato (10)** said.



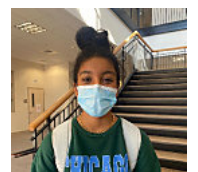
"To work harder, I don't have a strong work ethic," **Addison Denni (9)** said.

"Just to do better in school, go to classes more often," **Anthony Riddick (12)** said.



"To take care of myself more," **Rebecca Olsen (9)** said.

"[My new years resolution is] to not be lazy and stop procrastinating," **Sydney McClain (11)** said.



A Senior's Discipline

Senior **Jessica Marks** thinks online school has benefits for some people, but she thinks that online school is for people who are disciplined and willing to do the work. Online school makes a big impact on both the school and the people in it.

"I think that if everybody had to go online, it would not go well. I think I chose to do part time elevation just because it works best for me, but I know that some people need the interaction...in person, and I think that going online might not be the best thing for all of us," Marks said.



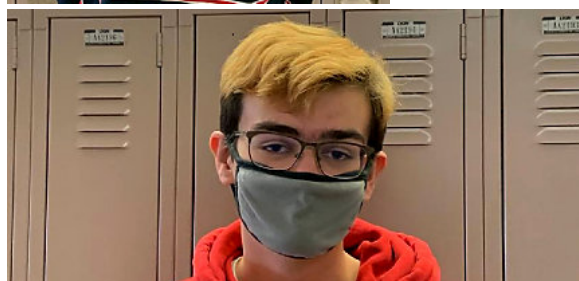
"It was such an amazing experience. Some of my favorite memories was in choir rehearsals because I loved my director. I was kind of skeptical that I would get in but it was very affirming of my skills," **Maya Nelson (11)** said.



State Singers
All State Choir



"It was so exciting to be chosen because All State means you're one of the best singers in the state. Thinking about how I fit in that category is mind blowing. My favorite memory was the balcony scene where we sang," **Ethan Ricks (11)** said.



"Being chosen for the All State Choir was a really special moment because it really specified my talent and ability to sing. One of my favorite memories was getting to meet all these incredible people in the choir," **Nathan Pack (11)** said.