

OPINION

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Ribbons.

I'm not too sure where this trend started, maybe the quick rise-to-fame of my favorite nepo baby Gracie Abrams or the Lana Del Rey-esque popularity of hyper-femininity, but ribbons are in. In your hair, replacing shoelaces, tied in bows around belt buckles, I love a good ribbon.

Maxi skirts.

When will longer skirts finally be socially acceptable? I've been asking myself that since my freshman year. I think they'll be in, in more of a cool-girl SoHo way, of course, and they're just so in dress code.



Leg warmers.

Personally, I thought the whole "ballet-core" trend that's been dominating social media was inherently tacky, but the leg warmers are just so cute! Can we as the GD collectively sport them this fall in this lovely transitional period from skirts to pants?

All comments and all, wear whatever you want. Be a trend-setter! Wear what makes you feel confident and beautiful (and in dress code). My opinions, while strikingly correct, are only opinions, and any of my personal "fashion-no's" can be "fashion-yeses" for someone else. Trends are fun, but like everything, they're temporary. Take from this what you want and nothing more.

See you in the winter!

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STAFF EDITORIAL

What were we made for? Billie Eilish posed this question in her latest single for this year's *Barbie* movie, a blockbuster that hit theaters and the patriarchy this past July. The film embraced hyperfemininity through its hot pink landscapes and dainty dresses which starkly juxtaposed the overarching theme of female empowerment, asserting that the two can coexist peacefully: women can be powerful without

assuming traits from their male counterparts.

With the founding of the girls' division in 2003, Regis Jesuit has harbored young women in a single-gender space to encourage their flourishing beneath the tight-knit blanket of sisterhood. By celebrating the 20th anniversary of founding of the Regis Jesuit girls' division this year, we strive to recognize the tremendous contributions

that a Jesuit education has had in fostering young women who perpetually contribute to the greater world around them — that's what the girls' division was made for.