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SENIORS BRING COLOR TO OUR LIBERTY LOT

n the beautiful morning of Aug. 12, seniors flocked to their parking lot to paint and pick their parking spots – a new annual tradition that started last year. Many students chose to arrive early, like **Sydney Sumner** ¹², who arrived at 6:30 a.m., only to still sit in a long line waiting to choose her spot. The new tradition, started by Principal **Matthew Sisson**, generated excitement for senior and underclassmen alike.

"I think it's cool because, I mean, it's seniors," Sienna Pacella

12 said. "It's our last year here and we get to personalize our own parking spot... We're always guaranteed a spot whenever we get to school. It's really nice."

Sisson decided last year to follow in the steps of his former high school and allow students to paint their spots senior year. Sisson wanted the parking lot to be more inclusive, instead of being a reward for a good

SAT score, like it was at his old school.

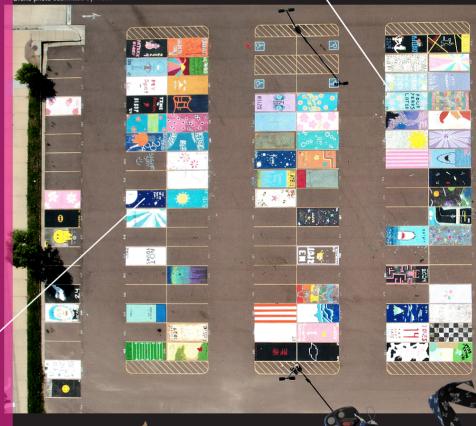


Parking Spot #216 - Elly Eenhuis All photo s by Paige Miller

"For me, it was one of those pieces where I felt like it needed to be more about our school culture and our seniors having a great experience and not about a test score," Sisson said. "I really felt like once I had the chance to have my own building I wanted that to become a part of just our culture as a community. Like senior year just needs to feel different for kids and our students."



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Mia De Klerk's Keychain

-The IVP waiver she got at beach volleyball. -The chicken legs to represent her favorite shorts brand.

-A lego piece for her and her boyfriend to create a heart.

-A giraffe to represent her family's South African heritage.



-The squishmallow is something she got from target, and she has a matching one with her friends. The paint all over it is from glow dance.

- She painted nail polish on her keys because she thought they were too boring

"There was a duck store in Manitou and... the boys saw the duck and decided they wanted it, and so they loaded it up into my truck and we took it down to auto," said Sheileigh Smith

After Ashton Clifford 11 purchased the duck, he decided it would make a great sled for when the Colorado roads are a little too icy. It also worked great as a mascot.

Though the possible mascot was rejected by the Automotive teacher, Robin Savage, it found a new purpose in the parking lot, moving from truck to truck.

This not-so-little duckling has a not-so-small internet following. Look up #manitouduck on Instagram, to have countless pictures of this famous ducky bombard the screen.



DUCK IN THE

BEST SPOTS WINNERS

The best parking spots as voted by Liberty Staff



Sienna Pacella



Haley Holt

Kassidy Gallegos 12 Isabelle

Courtright

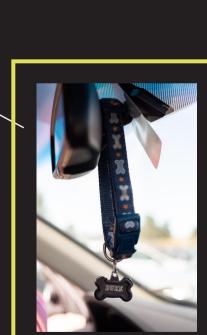


Adam Lovell

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Parker

SPREAD BY PAIGE MILLER and KATHERINE GEORGE



-Alexis Clark 12

THE HANGING





- A single red bow tie to remember Coach Chaz Woodson because he always held "Bow tie Tuesdays'

- A strap from his first bow tie which his late coach gave him. Coach Woodson was the soccer coach.



- A beaded Orca from her family's trip to Africa - A puppy paw that she made in Jewelry class, in order to remember her dog who had passed away last year.