

it's where YOU PARK

SENIORS BRING COLOR TO OUR LIBERTY LOT

On 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.

"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."



Parking Spot #2116 - Elly Eenhuis
All photos by Paige Miller

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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.



Paige Hollingsworth's Keychain

- 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



THE CAT'S IN THE trunk

[I have] X-rays and Cat Anatomy Posters [in my trunk]. I used them for my Robotics Exhibit. The cat posters are courtesy of Mr. Aufderheide.

- McKenna Barner 12



Walking through the parking lot, one might come across an odd sight: a 4-foot large duck in the back of a truck. This duck, a rejected mascot for the auto shop, now roams the trunks of cars.

"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 **Sheleigh Smith** ¹².

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 *truck*

BEST SPOTS WINNERS

The best parking spots as voted by Liberty Staff

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Sienna Pacella ¹²

2



Haley Holt ¹²
Kassidy Gallegos ¹²
Isabelle Courtright ¹²

3



Adam Lovell ¹²
Byam Lovell ¹²
Parker Lovell ¹²

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Evan Jones' Keychain

- 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.



Ashlyn Jenkins' Keychain

- 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.



I have my dogs collar hanging from my rear-view mirror because he passed away about a year ago and we grew up together.

- **Alexis Clark** ¹²

collar

THE HANGING