



Staying Hydrated

Freshman Tucker Dickson shows off the popular Blender Bottle water bottles.



Social Activities

Above: Olive Fitzgerald shows metallic nail polish at prom, posing with Kyli Orr.

Above Right: Wearing crazy cat shirts is a trend started by Mrs. Willems and loyal supported by sophomore Jack Edaburn.

Right: Junior Ethan Wenz and Trenton Baty pose with hip-hop artist Lecrae at a concert in Cedar Rapids.



New Styles

Above: Sophomore Ben McGuire wears suspenders and a bow tie to confirmation while Kate Liberko wears a classic mid-thigh black dress.

Above Right: Sophomore Blaise Anton shows off his new haircut. *Right:* Girls show off their trendy braids.



Rise and Run

Liam Conroy, David Wolfe and Jack Young enjoy getting the color thrown on them for the Rise and Run Color Run, sponsored by the Key Club. Photo by Barney Conroy.



Unforgettable Memories

Above: Students show off their Fitbits during class.

Above Left: Freshman Althea Anderson shows off her braided hair.

Left: Freshman Emma Klinkhammer models a Scunci, which is coming back in style.

Tracing Trends in Fashion and Technology

Face Swap Fun

Below: Tristan Wirfs, junior, and math teacher, Richard Searce use the face swap app on Snapchat.



By Abby Davidson and Ethan Wenz

In today's society, most teenagers spend a lot of time on their phones. Teens spend their time on any app they can get their hands on for the time being. Some apps are more popular than others. While some last longer than others.

At Mount Vernon High School, there's one ultimate app. Thanks to senior, Mickey Hines, every student knows what that app is. After numerous polls held on Twitter in a bracket competition during March Madness, Trivia Crack was voted the top phone game. It beat out other game apps such as Clash of Clans, Candy Crush, Flappy Bird, Solitaire, and Injustice. The winner was decided by popular opinion. Even though some may disagree that Trivia Crack is the number one app.

Whether or not Trivia Crack was the anticipated winner, it came out on top. Hines suspected another game, Clash of Clans, "because it was more known but the upset happened."

This may have surprised many, since Trivia Crack came up with the championship win from being the 15th seed. Even Hines was shocked, "I was surprised because I did not know Trivia Crack was still a thing, plus Clash of Clans is like the game among everyone." It was truly the Cinderella Story of phone games.

But when it comes to photo-manipulation apps, the one seen most often on Snapchat has been Face Swap. Students have been swapping mugs with posters, pets, and even other photos of themselves. But mostly faces are swapped with best friends.

Snapchat and Instagram are still blocked by our school's Wi-Fi, but students with data on their phones often use these popular apps. The main feature of Snapchat is a picture message that is visible for 1-10 second before disappearing. Snapchat stories can be seen by anyone who knows the username. Juniors Ryan Williams, Gabe Golberg, Ian Bootsmiller and Jack Bootsmiller used a combination of lenses and filters to create lipsync videos and posted them in widely-imitated Snapchat stories.

Instagram is still popular to post artistic photos with the use of filters.



Puppy Filters

Above: At lunch, freshmen Haley Hepker and Abby Davidson mess with the double filter on Snapchat. Photo by Abby Davidson.



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"That's a Code"

Seniors pose with Mr. Brand while wearing their "That's a Code" shirts on May 18.

What's been your favorite trend this year?

"I love Chacos because they are cute and comfortable. They go with everything I wear, even my dresses."

- Kelsey Shady '17



"I wanted to try something new, and dying my hair seemed right."

- Payton Schiebert '19



"The Color Run was my favorite trend this year. It was a blast, and it was all for a good cause."

- Alyssa Maddocks '17



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