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### CHS STUDENTS AND STAFF TALK ABOUT BODY MODIFICATION IN THE WORKPLACE

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CHS has a variety of people of different personalities and backgrounds, and some people express themselves through their body modifications.

"Body mods" have become popular over the 21st century and many people today consider them part of the norm.

Many people have tattoos all over their bodies and some have holes that are larger than 1" in diameter. But there are still some people who are against tattooed skin, facial piercings, and stretched piercings (gauges). Some wonder if it's possible to get a professional career with visible, possibly irreversible body modifications.

"My tattoos represent my faith and my family." said CHS chem-

istry teacher Mathew Fassbinder "The thing I tell people is that there's a limit to employability. If you plan on joining the Marines, you can't have any tattoos below your elbows."

"Make sure you know what you want to do before you get a tattoo." added Fassbinder "Since my tattoo isn't visible, it didn't affect my hunt for a job."

"I have a bleeding heart rose on my ankle, and on my forearm I have a Type 1 diabetes ribbon and a lupus ribbon." said CHS Librarian Liz Blubaugh "The one on my arm represents my daughter, [CHS sophomore] Jordan [Blubaugh] and I because we are both type 1 diabetics. I don't feel you should be judged by employers on your choice of body art. I never had any issues on finding a job with my tattoos."

"If I'm being honest, three of my four tattoos were tribal...and they were mistakes." said Nic Dau, CHS Alternative Program Director. "I was young and thought they were cool. I regret those three. My tattoo that means the most to me that I get made fun of for is my Simpson College tattoo because it's where I came from and I played football there. I never had a problem finding a job, but they're all covered, too." said Dau "I think getting hired should be about abilities, not how you look. My brother-in-law has full arm sleeves and a neck tattoo and he has a professional job in business. If you were a convict with a neck tattoo, you wouldn't be able to find a job as easy but that's not because of tattoos." added Dau.

### Senior Bryce Exline Talks About Tattoos

**Q:** How does it feel getting a tattoo?  
**A:** "It feels like a bunch of little needles poking you."

**Q:** Why did you decide to get a tattoo?  
**A:** "Because I like them, and I wanted to have one."

**Q:** How much did it cost?  
**A:** "\$125"

**Q:** Would you recommend getting a tattoo to anyone and why?  
**A:** "If you want to get one then get one, it's your decision."

**Q:** Is it better to get a big tattoo or small tattoo?  
**A:** "You should get a small tattoo for your first one."

**Q:** What do your tattoos mean to you?  
**A:** "The one that I have means my core values."



#### INK AND PIERCINGS

Photos of CHS staff or students with piercings and/or tattoos. Photo collage by Mark Ilyenko

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