

# 10s Trends Of The

## And How Things Have Changed Over The Years...



This generation has grown up in the most technologically advanced decade. With smartphones and social media, our world has greatly expanded. These pages are dedicated to displaying all the opportunities allowed to students in light of these advancements.



### Reinvented Icons

Mainstream media has made it easier and easier for young kids to become famous. With different trends everyday, apps and social media have created platforms for many influencers. Mobile phones and tablets have made apps the new playground with Tik Tok, Instagram, Youtube, Netflix, etc. While past icons were rare and only remembered from seasonal movies and music, This decade has welcomed the quick and creative content from any viewed creator. PV students have used this access to their own use by producing content on TikTok.

TikTok has taken lipsyncing to a whole new level with users making up their dances, like Paris Fietsam. People also create content like Vine once had where there will be a short joke or an activity with friends: Allie Simpson, Kael Amerine, Roshni Patel, and Nathan Lokenvitz. While these platforms require more creativity and individual style than ever, all users are individual and are able to more freely express themselves. The large access to applications which allow mainstream media has given the public a new appreciation for natural talent and entertainment. Pleasant Valley students carry that message with them as they continue to express their creativity in the growing online atmosphere.



Paris Fietsam '21

"Online platforms have always been a fun place with interesting trends and with friends it's really exciting to have a big following."



Evin Ersan '20

"Becoming a well-known presence on social media takes a lot of hard work. I'm very grateful to those who have helped me achieved my following from being a positivity influencer."



Roshni Patel '21

"I made a joke account on TikTok and had no intention of fame. After a couple of funny 15 second videos I had 40K views and no idea on how I got them."



Kael Amerine '22

"I post funny videos and current trends for TikTok. I love this new app because it is so easy to blow up and i like how people blow up randomly for the simplest things."



Allie Simpson '21

"Technology has made having fun with friends an even bigger experience. For example, I got two million views when I was just doing a singing challenge with my best friends."



Nathan Lokenvitz '21

"TikTok is a platform that I can just go on to make some people laugh. I got twenty thousand views and gained a following after I posted one joke I had been thinking about all day."





# Cutting-Edge Education

Discoveries and advancements have made progress online and in our society. Schools have led to accepting the constantly increasing apps and use of devices in the classroom. This also helps to increase opportunities for students in extra curriculums, for example, robotics. Gaining popularity among Pleasant Valley students, people are becoming more accustomed to the rising involvement of students competing in robotics. 3 of the 4 robotics teams affiliated with PV advanced to Super Regionals and all 3 teams advanced to the State Championship. These 3 teams competed against other robots across the state and 2 teams (Robo Minions and Winter Soldiers) were chosen to advance to the World Championship. Senior Sara Hoskins was on a robotics team that performed well this season, and she attributes part of her team's success to the knowledge she gained from STEM classes offered at the school. "Learning how to use CAD in these engineering classes has brought a new angle that my robotics team is able to use." Hoskins continues, "I have also learned how to use the engineering design process and how to apply it with almost every situation I have come across in robotics."



## CHASING DOWN THE Dream

PV students dream big, knowing hard work and determination can get them anywhere. Here's how these Spartans are chasing their dreams.



**Carson Knebel '22**  
"I want to be somebody that others enjoy being around. I want to be this type of person, because it can allow me to directly have a positive effect on others."



**Blake Sherman '20**  
"I dream to have a job as a doctor helping people overseas."

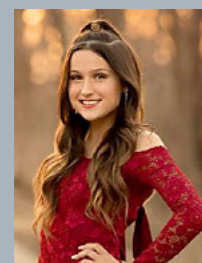
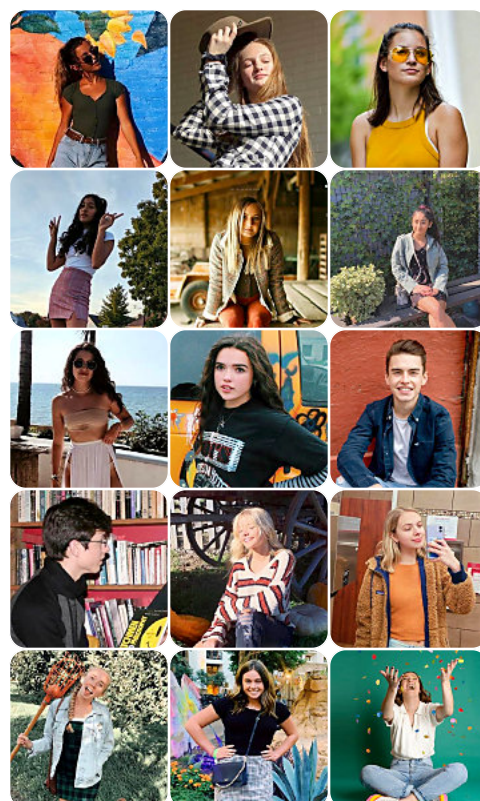
## Big Issues, Student Involvement

Technology has greatly benefitted the knowledge of citizens in America over this decade. Mainstream media is a big factor in bringing up issues to future generations. This awareness gives opportunity to caucus and support the candidates who stand for issues which those people who may be voting for the first time deem important. Students also feel that mainstream media is brings up issues that had not yet been discussed by politicians, for example, climate change, gun safety and the bias of media. These became the main topics for discussion among both adults and younger generations. These conversations continue in clubs like Model UN, Girls Learning International and Environmental club. "In recent years, there has been more online discourse and attention brought to environmental issues that we have touched on in meetings," explained Margaret Huang, a senior and leader of the Environmental club. As a school, there has been more discussion overall to benefit student knowledge on sensitivity of worldly issues. The online access has made and will continue to give students opportunities to take action in American and worldly events.



## Threads of The Decade

The rapidly increasing content and creative outlets of this decade have given new forms of art expression for youth. Self expression has always been a common concept for youth because they are figuring out their individual style and purpose. Some have taken on expanding styles and aesthetics. Now, more than ever fashion is expanding because of the ease in cost and the variety of options. Social media has taken a large role in providing options in aesthetics including grunge, preppy and hippie looks. "I would definitely say that social media has allowed me to express my own style. I also wear a lot of things I have seen others wear and it helps me develop my style even more."(Naomi Hains '21) (pictured bottom left).



**Jordan Geerts '22**  
"My goal in life is to work with special needs children and be a helping hand in their life."