

# APP-dictions

by junior Jetta Colsch

My name is Jetta, and I have an addiction. It started when I was 10. Since then, it's progressed into a want, a need, an obsession.

There's nothing more addicting than being in the know. Over the years, the only thing that's changed is the mode by which we get the 4-1-1. It's the reason we're all so concerned with the current gossip. It's the reason we all secretly want to lean over someone's shoulder when they open a text message or view a snap story. It's also the reason we all feel the need to be scrolling through Instagram 24 hours a day. We have to be in the know. I have to be in the know.

That's why, with any free time that I have, I find myself mindlessly looking through social media. At any given moment, I have five applications open on my laptop, including Google Chrome, which has six different windows harboring 32 total tabs. Within an arm's reach, I have another 10+ apps running on my phone.

## Screen Kings and Queens



**7-8 hours** is how long sophomore Zander Larson spends on a day.



Around **8 hours** a day junior Daniel Petit is on talking with friends.



Junior Cassidy McCormick spends **6 hours** a day on .



Scrolling through for up to **2 hours** on the weekends is one of senior Natalie Poppe's hobbies.



Junior Rowan O'Brien-Carlstein likes to entertain herself by watching for almost **4 hours** a day.

But, at this point social media and technology is the most common way of doing anything. And for me, it's the only way. I'm always on Snapchat, always on Instagram, Twitter, Facebook, etc. It's gotten to the point where I couldn't even imagine my life without that little yellow square and white ghost (that's Snapchat, for those of you who wouldn't understand).

It's made me wonder what would happen if I deleted Snapchat and never went back. I have no doubts that I would go into withdrawal, just as any other addict would, the same headaches, decreased concentration, depression, and panic attacks. But really... What's so bad about the addiction?

In today's society, everyone uses their phones, tablets, laptops, etc. to stay connected with the world around them. I don't see how that's a bad thing. Within seconds, we can hear from anyone, anywhere, at any time. It's actually pretty cool.

So ya know what? People can persecute me all they want for being on my devices more often than they think is acceptable, but I've made my decision: I'm not going to let it bother me. So, yeah, maybe I do have an addiction, an addiction to being in the know. Maybe we all do. But, I see absolutely nothing wrong with that.

In 2008, when the first app was created, little did they know they would how it would effect the masses.

## HHS Top Apps



Snapchat and Youtube were voted as the top two apps HHS students could not

live without. **93%** of those polled

have and use while **90%**

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## What everybody is TOKING about



by senior Klaire Krapfl

TikTok, which has been downloaded over a billion times since it was launched in 2017 by a company based out of China, allows users to lip sync to its library of audios or audio users make of their own. Users can send their TikToks through Snapchat, text message, Instagram, Facebook, email, and Twitter. Like other social media apps, users can follow anyone to be updated on their posts or scroll through the "For You" page to see random viral TikTok videos. Of the 67% of TikTok app lovers at HHS, these students are leading the pack with top views.

illustrations by sophomore Mac Kelly



TikTok Queen

1

junior Brianna Lenton  
@\_bri\_1818  
1.2 m views  
1.37 k likes



TikTok King

2

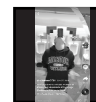
junior Jared King  
@jared.king9  
210.8 k views  
2,417 likes



Getting "TikTok famous" is something every TikTok user dreams of.

3

senior Connor Ham  
@hamboner2701  
5,197 views  
124 likes



For junior Jared King, this dream came true. King only made two TikToks before his third went viral.

4

sophomore Grace Carter  
@dontvapeitsbad  
740 views  
180 likes



The 6-second video had over 210.9k views and 2,418 likes.

5

sophomore Ella Engel  
@whoaitsella  
690 views  
116 likes



"I had like 51 views (when I first posted it) and thought that was pretty good," said King. "Then it just went off and I couldn't believe it."

6

freshman Ramiyah Everman  
@quitplayin  
318 views  
72 likes



From that TikTok alone, King gained about 100 new followers.

7

junior Mia McNeal  
@mia.mcneal  
1,358 views  
65 likes



8

junior Tony Trevino  
@trevino\_yayo2  
445 views  
56 likes



9

junior Felicity Devries  
@felicitydevries  
290 views  
60 likes



10

freshman Kaidence Luloff  
@crackhead.kaidence  
322 views  
40 likes



## Looking for that perfect holiday gift?

Check out junior Caitlyn O'Malley's ultimate Christmas wishlist.

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## #ThrowbackThursday: The Evolution of Apps

Just as our interest in Barbies and Beanie Babies have changed over the years, so have our "app-session" with technology.



5th grade

6th grade

8th grade

9th grade

