



"Over time, **Spotify** saves a lot of money because you don't have to buy individual songs and the price doesn't change."
—Katie Klopp '16



"**SoundCloud** is an easy access to a wide variety of artists both well known and upcoming."
—Ryan Smith '16



"**Shazam** is the perfect app. I use it to keep track of all the new songs I want to buy."
—Hiba Ibrahim '16



"The songs that play [on **Pandora**] are personalized for my specific music taste and it mixes new and old songs."
—Emily Hudachek '16

MUSIC APPS

Keeping up with all the pop culture can get expensive especially when you have to buy all of your songs and albums. "Song apps are really quick and accessible and suggests music similar to my taste," **Nate Barnes '16** said. Soundcloud, Shazam and Pandora radio are free apps that require Internet. But if you are looking for a more advanced app without wifi but costs a bit, Spotify is it.



The first step of an addiction is to admit that you have a problem. Some students accept the fact they are Netflix junkies. One of the 57.4 million subscribers, **Alex Walton '17** says, "Netflix is my life, I watch it every day."

BINGE WATCHING



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Many students go home, kick off their shoes and watch one or two episodes of a favorite show. But others indulge in an entire season in one day and call it normal. "I can easily watch three seasons in one week," **Alex Walton '17** said. Sophomore **Lily Lucas '17** admits her weaknesses are *American Horror Story* and *Gossip Girl*. "I binge watch until all the data is down on my phone and I can't watch anymore." All in all, kicking back to watch a whole season of your favorite shows is a great way to relax. "Binge watching is always a good way to spend time and also avoid any and all responsibilities," **Philip Payne '16** said.

THE BACHELOR BUFFS



<<**RYAN RUDEN '15 & EDIE SCHWICKERATH '16**
Why do you like to watch it together?
Most guys don't watch the Bach, but there's tons of girls so I don't know why you wouldn't watch it. It's just ridiculous, I just laugh at the stuff people do. —Ryan



<<**CAITLYN & BRIDGET MCKENNA '17**
Why do like the show so much?
Our Studio Manager at Nolte grew up with Chris so they know each other. It's really addicting to watch, it's cheesy but fun! —Caitlyn



<<**ABBIE MOORE '16**
How do you qualify to be Mrs. Prince Farming?
Because I don't have a job to give up to move to Arlington, Iowa, and I'm pretty decent at eating corn on the cob!



<<**JAYN HAMAD '18**
What keeps you watching the Bachelor/ Bachelorette?
I'm a hopeless romantic and the show has real love, not fake TV love.



SAM SMITH

Samuel Frederick "Sam" Smith rose to fame in October 2012 when he was featured on Disclosure's single "Latch," which rocketed to No. 11 on the UK Singles Chart. Nominated for six Grammys, he won four: Best New Artist, "Stay with Me" for Record of the Year, Song of the Year, and "In the Lonely Hour" for Best Pop Vocal Album. "He has such an amazing voice," **Madison Brenner '17** said. "I've heard he has an even better voice in concert than he does on the radio."
[from Wikipedia.com]

4 The number of tattoos Smith has—including an ice cream cone, a plane and two other symbols.

Sam Smith came out as gay in May 2014, '14 surprising many of his fans.

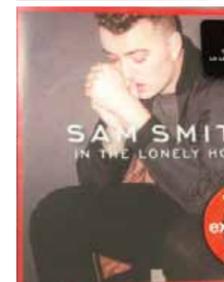
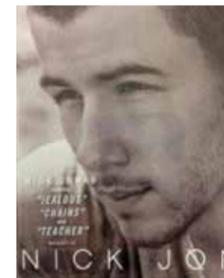
3 of Smith's singles that have hit #1 on the Top 100 charts, including "Stay With Me," "Not the Only One" and Naughty Boys collab "La La La"

The number of Grammy's that Smith has received in just **4** one year.

22 How old Smith was when his first album reached #1

The number of weeks that his songs spent on the charts **2196**

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TOP SONGS

Whether blasting it on car speakers or playing it on headphones during a study session, students enjoyed jamming to the top hits. And the year's top musical artists offered something for everyone.

"Uptown Funk' has a sweet beat and I can do body rolls to it," **Alex Gudenkauf '16** said.

Bruno Mars also got the nod from **Anaya McCutcheon '17** and Ab-Soul did from **Boni Mushalangwa '15**.

For **Sarah Franz '16**, it's Sam Smith. "Stay With Me' is relatable to my life," she said. "And [Smith] kills the vocals."

"I listen to Sam Smith," **Rayven Newson '17** said. His music is very touching and personal." **Alyson Kuennen '18** agreed. "His voice is so unique compared to so many other artists," Kuennen said.

"I like 'Anaconda,'" **Logan McNeal '17** said. "It shows how pop culture is evolving."

The versatility of Taylor Swift drew raves from **Bailey Speraw '16**. "Shake It Off' showed that she doesn't care what people think about her transition to pop music."

Barbara Nagueza '17 gave a thumbs up to Taylor Swift, especially her '1989' album.

Fall Out Boy got the nod from **Tessa Keenan '17**. "It's motivating and it's upbeat," she said.

"I really, really enjoy Ed Sheeran's X album," **Maggie Ross '18** said. "He is so talented, and his songs are really relatable."

It was Maroon 5 for **Cesar Dominguez '17**. "They have good songs and some are pretty catchy," he said.

Ariana Grande made the cut for **Safi Birindwa '17**. "I love to listen to 'Best Mistake.'"

It's country for **Alex Aguirre '17**. "I like Tim McGraw," he said. "Every once in awhile he has a good song."

CD 1. Ed Sheeran's single "Thinking Out Loud" was No. 2 on USA Today's Top 40 Airplay Chart on Feb. 24. CD 2. Megan Trainor's hit "Lips Are Moving" was No. 4. CD 3. Nick Jonas' song "Jealous" was No. 10 on USA Today's Airplay Charts for Rhythmic Music. CD 4. Taylor Swift's song "Blank Space" was No. 7 on USA Today's Top 40. CD 5. Sam Smith's "In the Lonely Hour" won the Grammy for Best Pop Vocal album.

