

Coffee critiques

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Every morning, students are bound to see a peer carrying a cup of coffee, so the Black & White set out to find the best coffee in Johnston.

Java Joe's

While at the newest Java Joe's location on Douglas Avenue I purchased a small vanilla latte for \$3.50 which had a great taste to it, not too bitter but not an overpowering amount of sugar. The coffee also had a perfect amount of milk foam at the surface. What really stood out was the fact that they personally dropped off my coffee to where I was sitting. That gained them some brownie points.

My favorite part was the amount of room the cafe had inside. I am not a huge fan of small crowded areas so this was a huge plus. There is no background music and nice-sized tables give you enough workspace so if you are looking for a quiet location to get some work done while getting your caffeine fix this is definitely the place for you.



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12 minutes from the high school

Rich's Brew

The morning I went to Rich's Brew, I was immediately greeted outside by Rich himself taking a smoke break. He said good morning and opened the door for me, and when I entered, I was greeted again by the woman behind the counter who made small talk with me as I looked over the menu. I chose a 20 oz. Americano with coffee, usually made with just water, priced at \$3.18. She placed a cute little mitten sticker over the hole in the cup to keep it hot for my way to school.

After I paid, she directed me to the cream and sugar and told me to have a good day as I left. The staff made me feel welcome and almost like I had known them for a long time. The coffee tasted good, I only added one packet of sugar because I prefer black coffee, so it was pretty bitter, but had some good flavor. The atmosphere was cozy, with soft yellow lighting and wooden furniture that made it feel like home.



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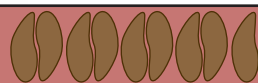
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Grounds for Celebration

The size of this coffee shop on Beaver Avenue was the first thing I noticed. The place was very spacious with a plethora of tables as well as a nice area with couches in front of the fireplace.

When first entering I was right away greeted and asked if I was ready to order. The amount of options they had was incredible ranging from lattes all the way up to lunch specials. I went for a small iced vanilla latte for \$3.75. The size for the small was a lot smaller than I anticipated for the price.

The beverage was stronger than other iced vanilla lattes I have gotten before. It is perfect for those who like an extra boost of energy or kick, but certainly not for someone who likes weak drinks. Grounds for Celebration is an overall well-rounded location that is ideal for a quick lunch break or a place to catch up with friends.



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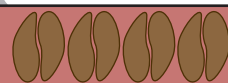
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Friedrichs Coffee

When a friend and I went to Friedrichs coffee on 86th Street, we ordered a turtle mocha and a snickeroo mocha, both grandes priced at \$4.61. The atmosphere here is homey with a warm color palette and cute fireplace to keep you cozy.

The turtle mocha was a nice flavored coffee for someone who usually drinks coffee black. The flavoring syrups did not overpower the coffee flavor. It was not overly sweetened, and the coffee flavor was still apparent. The caramel flavor and the coffee balanced each other out well.

The snickeroo mocha is listed as having sweet hazelnut and spicy cinnamon flavors, but just tasted like a melted Snickers bar with the slightest bit of coffee. It's nice if you are in the mood for a hot chocolate and still want some caffeine, but you definitely could not taste either of the listed flavors.



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