

Student Views

We asked Trevians who they think is going to steal the show at Lollapalooza this year. This is what they said...



Joe Enright, Senior

“Chance... Definitely Chance. It depends on the day but in general Chance will.”



Wes Jenkins, Senior

“I would say Migos.”



Aiden Isaacson, Junior

“Chance is going to be there, so probably him.”



Annie Hoglund, Sophomore

“The Head and the Heart, they are my favorite band.”



James Ziener, Sophomore

“21 Savage, they’re a freakin’ beast.”

Balancing on the edge of effort



by *Sam Blanc*

This is really hard for me to admit, but I have a problem. I’ve been struggling for a while, but it’s really progressed in high school and, honestly, it’s scaring me a little.

Well, here goes: I’m addicted to...doing my homework.

Now it’s not so much doing the homework as much as it is getting the homework done, checking that box in my assignment notebook.

Studies have shown that checking something off of your list actually has palpable effects, and boy do I feel them.

Checking items off of a checklist releases small amounts of dopamine, a chemical in our brains connected to feelings of pleasure, learning and motivation. Basically, checklists are my cocaine.

**Let the record reflect that this is not meant to be disrespectful to anyone struggling with addiction.*

You’re facing a difficult struggle and I admire your courage and perseverance. You are brave; I am just a nerd. That is all.

Strangely enough, my homework obsession has not made me wildly popular among my peers. In my friend group, I am sometimes known as “the one who actually does her homework.”

It’s all in good fun, of course. No offense taken, but it always feels a little weird to me when doing your homework is something flippantly referred to as generally not done.

Maybe I’m just living in a bubble, but as annoying as homework can be, I’ve never had a

huge issue with it.

From what I’ve gathered from my years of living among teens, this stems from what I call “balancing on the edge of effort.”

See, failure is cool, but it’s only cool until you’re actually failing. Getting a bad grade on a test is funny.

This is good, I suppose, as it allows people to laugh at themselves. As someone who relies heavily on self deprecation, I understand the temptation.

But I’ve heard people brag about failing as if it’s a symbol that they’re more important than the test, that they have better things to do than associate with their school materials.

I don’t know what makes one a try hard, whether it’s genetic or trained or an infectious disease, but either way I seem to have it.

This coolness only lasts, however, as long as they can keep up their grades. Failing a test is cool, but failing a class makes you stupid. That is the line.

The goal as far as I can tell is to fail as much as you can while still succeeding. This is where I’m the odd man out. I’ve tried to not try. It doesn’t work.

There are so many ‘second semester senior’ jokes going around about how no one does anything anymore, how once you get into college there’s no point.

I laugh at those jokes. I make those jokes. I see those jokes ring true for people all the time.

But when it comes to slacking off myself, I can’t seem to get into the second semester senior spirit.

I don’t know what makes one a “try hard,” whether it’s genetic

or trained into you or an infectious disease, but either way I seem to have it.

Doing anything less than my absolute best feels sacrilegious.

It’s not that I like homework any more than the average student, either.

I’d much rather sleep or hang out with friends or marathon the seven seasons of Buffy the Vampire Slayer I bought last week (best \$40 I’ve spent in a while). But when I haven’t completed everything I have to for school, I just can’t concentrate.

I’m overwhelmed with the idea of being overwhelmed later, so scared of falling behind that I have trouble enjoying myself in the moment.

There’s something really satisfying to me about getting organized and getting stuff done. I’m going to college next year. COLLEGE!

I have to figure out what I’m gonna do, set myself up for what could be the rest of my life.

Those goals I have to set are so far ahead that I don’t even know where to start.

That’s what’s so comforting about homework. As annoying as it is, I know what the endgame is. I can see the finish line. I can check off that box on my to do list.

Homework helps give me the certainty that I can accomplish something and I’m going to cherish it while I can because I know I won’t have that kind of certainty forever.



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College is scary



by *Bella Geroulis*

This past Tuesday morning, the whole senior class gathered in the Gaffney to listen to attorney C.L. Lindsay speak about legal issues many college students face whilst away at school.

Lindsay covered a plethora of issues, ranging from drinking and smoking all the way to plagiarism and sexting.

However, the one topic that I think stuck in most people’s minds was the issue of sexual assault on college campuses.

He talked about cases that he’s covered involving date rape, lack of consent, and even statutory rape.

As New Trier has begun to prepare seniors for college, it’s unfortunate how many conversations are about sexual assault rather than being away from home or other challenges college life brings with it.

Reading the statistics about sexual assault on campuses, I’m sure many people would rather just stay inside for four years.

It’s frightening to think about just how often and how socially acceptable it is to objectify women.

As a young woman, I, along with most women, have experienced some level of sexual harassment, whether it be verbal or physical.

It’s degrading being objectified and the fear that I might get slipped something or served too much has at times stopped me from doing things I otherwise would have done.

Although those concerns are valid, shouldn’t we be learning about other aspects of college that we’re all bound to face?

I don’t know how my academics will change in college, or how to budget my time and money.

I wish these were the things we learned about before college too and not just spend the whole of four quarter on an issue that while is vitally important, may not affect everyone.

That’s not to belittle the efforts New Trier has made to bring the issue of sexual assault on college campuses to light.

Just by having this conversation we are already changing people’s views of what is and what is not okay.

It’s just when I think about college, I’m scared. But not because I’m afraid I’ll be victim to an act of sexual assault. I’m not going to college to drink every weekend and party all the time. I want to go to college and use my time there to my fullest advantage.

I want to do well in my classes and learn how to live on my own and make meaningful relationships, and as of right now I don’t feel like I’m ready to do any of that.

Of course that’s partly a personal journey, but if we could learn some of that instead of focusing just on the very severe dangers of college, I think we would all be much better off after we graduate.

Most people do not rape. Most people know how to respect women. Though the dangers of sexual assault are nothing to take lightly, there’s so much more to college that we should be excited and prepared for.

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