

Student Views

We asked Trevians what they thought about banning plastic water bottles at New Trier. Here's what they said...



Jayce Taylor, senior

"I am an advocate for banning the non reusable water bottles. At Wilmette Jr. High they have a water pitcher and plastic cups. We should do that here. If we're responsible enough to have ipads, we are responsible enough for cups."



Zach Lerner, senior

"People would only drink juice and soda if New Trier stopped selling water bottles and that would be horrible."



Tor Camorlinga, Senior

"I wish water bottles were banned from New Trier. I know it's super inconvenient, but ten years from now our oceans will be so polluted you will barely be able to go to the beach."



Mariah Lee, junior

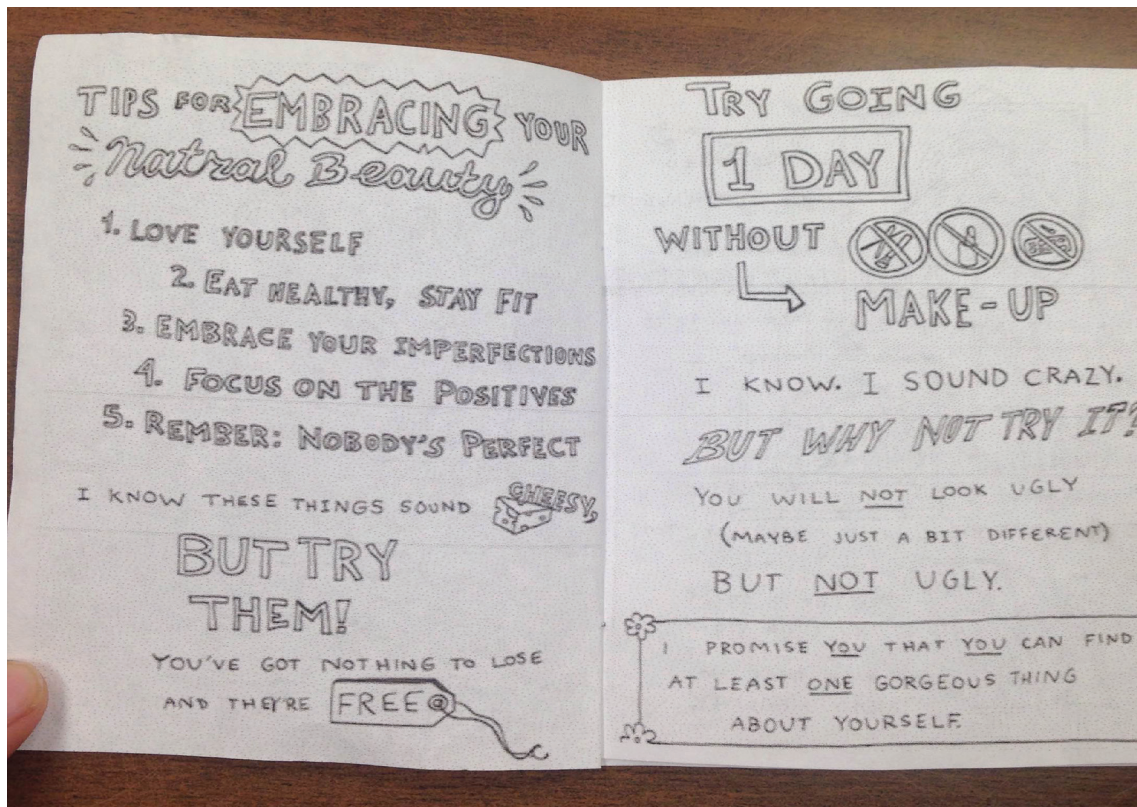
"I would be mad [if plastic bottles were banned] because it's inconvenient and not everyone uses the reusable ones. After gym if I was tired and forgot my reusable one I'd be annoyed."



Connor Josellis, sophomore

"I think it's the right thing to do. But, it is hard to find an easy, accessible alternative. I don't think people are willing to use reusable water bottles because there are always lines to fill them up, and we don't have that many water fountains, either."

The faults in our stalls



"The Little Book of Realizing Your Natural Beauty" is one of the treasures found in a bathroom | Carly Travis

by Carly Travis

I've never been one to refuse to use the school bathrooms. In fact, I probably frequent the bathroom three times a day.

But, if you're unlike me and don't drink four bottles of water on an average school day, maybe you go to check yourself out in the mirror or fix your hair. The bathrooms are unavoidable.

Many say that the situation in our school is gross. This is unarguable. You walk into any given washroom on any floor and your nose is bound to breathe in the sensational combination of sweat and urine. So it makes sense why some people choose to use them sparingly.

Besides the bathrooms' unfortunate smell, there is also something quite entertaining about using the bathroom. I'm speaking of the posters that adorn the tiled walls we know and love.

We have the Tinkle Times, of course, but there seems to be a new specimen of posters popping up in the girls' bathroom, specifically.

Signs that read "You are beautiful" or "Smile" or "Love yourself" hang across the mirrors and

walls. Most of the posters are typed, some are hand written, but all are anonymous.

This proclamation of positive self-image was even turned into a small book! Yes, at one point there were limited copies of a small, eight paged, paper book titled "The Little Book of Realizing Your Natural Beauty."

The book was tucked neatly in a folder that was taped onto the mirror in the third floor girls' bathroom. I grabbed one out of curiosity and flipped through it.

The text read, "Messy hair? Work it girl! Show it off. Remember if you believe, others will too" or "Got acne? We all have it. This is high school, the good thing is, it's not permanent."

Each page includes a crafty drawing and immaculate hand writing. Nonetheless, I found the content absolutely hilarious. Not just because I read it in a sarcastic, satirical tone, but because it was kind of comical. The funny drawings, misspelled words, and an "inspiring" Coco Chanel quote made me laugh out loud.

Maybe I'm just cynical, but I find these "self-help" posters for lack of a

better word, superficial. The boys' bathrooms don't reek with desperate quotes and posters.

After conducting several interviews, I learned that the boys' restroom is filled with inappropriate words written across the walls and at one point, a detailed Jesus sketch.

Does anyone else even care to notice the bathroom walls? Posters are the least of it. Occasionally, one will find signage from the years past.

Some stalls even have full conversations written on them. Someone will write something totally ignorant on the wall and then the next person will add to it or "comment" as though it was Facebook post.

Once, someone had written a verse of a song which led the next person to complete the song and so on. Sure, we spend ample time in the bathroom, but save the corny lyrics and dull conversations for your tumblr wall.

So next time you're in the lavatory checking yourself out in the mirror (or whatever it is you're doing in there), take a moment to amuse yourself with the frequent posters and mindless messages. You never know what you may find.

Letter to the editor:

Dear New Trier News,

I write in response to your Tinkle Times article (Friday April 17).

The one sided nature of the article, and the take away message from it were disappointing and undermine my efforts as a health teacher. Using the Youth Risk Behavior Survey data is a crucial method that I use to inform students of the prevalence of certain choices taken by our students.

YRBS data enables me to address the issue of perceptions v actual behavior.

It allows me to identify ways in which our population is more and less healthy than the Illinois teen

population.

The data allows us to target our efforts and support services to those students that are most in need of help.

Over time, my questioning of students suggests that the message IS getting through. Our students are better informed, and better equipped to make healthier choices.

For more information regarding the value of YRBS data in my classroom please check out my latest blog post: <https://tools2engage.wordpress.com/2015/04/10/using-yrbs-statistics-in-health-education/>

Thank you for your time.
Mr. Andrew Milne

Forever 21 – the fashionista's friend

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and silk blends, all of which are awesome finds among a store of less desirable pieces.

Other things you may want to check for are seams. If you take two sides of the seam and slightly pull them apart from each other, you should not see threads moving. If you do, this garment will likely last three cycles of a wash at most.

Buttons could be another area for concern; Forever 21 buttons have a tendency to pop off. Make sure they are either all attached already, or also highly secured for continuous wear.

Additionally, you must be ready to really search for the things you want. Once I was looking for a simple slip dress to go under a sheer one I already had. It took me 30 minutes to find.

Positive in the negative: if you search Forever 21 for a long enough period of time, you are bound to find some cute items.

Relating this to me as a high school student: Yes, I wasted four months dating a jerk, but at least I got a bunch of split frozen yogurt trips out of him.

Second, you can't buy style with money alone. You need an artistic eye and good taste, these two things cannot be taught.

I see girls walking around with their really expensive clothing. I see them wearing their jeans, their sweaters, their Aritzia, their Estreet,

their Topshop. But that doesn't mean anything.

I am not a hater, I am just pointing out that girls who can just buy these things don't necessarily know how to wear them, and that buying an outfit of a model in a look book is not style. It is fraud.

I think it says something about someone if they can create looks on their own from pieces that aren't necessarily expensive or designer.

Third, Creating clothing is an art form.

Once you finally pick up an item at Forever 21 you will go through their sizing and quickly notice that half the clothing is either made for a preadolescent or a linebacker. The sizes don't make sense, and what's worse is that once you do find a size that will work, the clothing is so poorly made that it may not flow on your body correctly.

Buying from this store will make you recognize and appreciate the craftsmanship of quality clothing.

Now, obviously if my wallet was unlimited, I would skip the hassle of dealing with a Forever 21. But, for now I am a teenage girl who spills too often to own a completely nice wardrobe.

And although I do not wear what I would love, I know that one day, if I continue to shoot for my goals, I will be able to fill my wardrobe with designers.