

Thrifting allows students to expand wardrobes and experiment with styles

Buying used clothing is not only cool nowadays, but affordable

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"I wear your grandpa's clothes, I look incredible."

Macklemore hits it spot on with the new single "Thrift Shop", just reaching five million sales in late March.

Although the song is new, thrift stores have been providing clothing and supplies for people looking for a bargain for many years.

Only now is it becoming a fad of some sort. It is no longer cool to wear the top brands and newest styles, but rather, to have a large variety of clothing and a distinct style that can't necessarily be obtained at new-clothing stores.

The warehouse setting, the stale smell of the elderly, and the interesting shoppers are all part of the thrifting experience. Thrift stores appeal to people

of all ages and income levels because they hold affordable, one-of-a-kind items. When it comes to thrift stores, one man's trash is another man's treasure.

Senior America Ramirez said she shops at thrift stores like Restyle and the Youth Ranch at least once a month.

"If you go to the right one, you can find vintage things that are in style now but much less expensive," Ramirez explained. "There's also a big chance no one will have the same thing."

The most appealing aspect of the thrift stores is how inexpensive their contents are. Prices for items fluctuate based on brand, condition, and rarity.

Many high school students are finding that they have to fund their own shopping habits, so the thrift stores are the best way to keep up a variety of fashionable clothing.

Senior Hannah Grange said, "Thrift

stores are cheap and I'm in high school... I ain't got no money for Prada!"

Thrift stores are like no other stores because shoppers can't predict what they'll find.

Inventory includes clothing, shoes, bags, furniture, electronics and appliances. One can also find wacky and weird items like clown suits, top hats, and snakeskin boots.

Senior Brittany Johnson said, aside from her love of affordable clothing, that she likes thrift stores because of the entertainment aspect.

"It's fun to try on funky outfits with friends," Johnson said.

Junior Haleigh Gregory said she visits the thrift stores at least once a week to look around.

"I don't always go for something specific. Sometimes I go because I have money and want to spend it."

District dress code policy is challenged by springtime clothing: bro tanks, bra straps

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As the heat is on the rise, students are ready to unbundle after the cold winter. However, modesty is often overlooked as a virtue, and instead replaced with carelessness.

The Boise School District's dress code policy describes in detail that female students are not allowed to wear anything that reveals bra straps and gives specific dimensions for the appropriate length of shorts (where your fingertips fall on your thigh).

Females are not the only culprits in the matter. "Bro tanks" or "muscle shirts" are also on administration's radar for inappropriate clothing. While male students seem to show "skin" it is not perceived in the same way as females.

For most people, a male showing skin shows confidence, while a girl showing skin connotes something much more se-

vere, an opinion that no student wants to be held to.

Students are called down to the office for inappropriate clothing, but it seems as if more students--both male and female--are able to get away with revealing outfits.

What's at question is the fine line between appropriate and inappropriate, or rather, between what meets and doesn't meet dress code here at school.

Assistant Principal Kelly Fossceco shed light on why there is a dress code policy.

"It's important to follow the dress code because this is education and you need to dress appropriately," she explained. "This is a different social area than a night on the town. You're here to learn." She added that spring is officially here and the administration would appreciate if students followed expectations.

Students also shared their opinion on the topic of dress code. Senior Willow

Jarvis said she believes that being comfy is different than not caring.

"I was born in China, where we would always have to wear a belt," she said. "It was a culture shock when I saw some students here in sweatpants and showing their underwear. I wondered if they were even students."

Jarvis said she believes students don't dress appropriately because they either don't care or they are trying to get attention.

"It doesn't show something positive about them, though."

Senior Mallory Sosa described the more conservative style she uses at school than on a night out.

"I think it's fine to show skin, but it's annoying when girls are wearing the same short shorts even in winter."

She said that ultimately it's a decision about how one wants to be viewed.

Jarvis said that she doesn't judge how other people dress because people are free to express themselves this way.

Coffee helps social status

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Dear Diary,

I attempted to become a popular kid again. This time, instead of wearing the latest styles or partaking in cool events, I got coffee.

I know this sounds so simple. You must be wondering, "How could you possibly think that would make you cool?!" But what you don't know is coffee is now cool.

During my observations of the in crowd, I noticed getting Dutch Bros before school or even at lunch would earn you an enthusiastic high five from your buddies.

After seeing this, I decided to give it a go. Knowing that coffee is indeed a stimulant and my sensitive system might not be able to handle it, I did a complete research paper on it.

This paper outlined the side effects, types, and uses. Empowered with knowledge, I set out to the nearest Dutch Bros one morning before school.

I ordered the Er911. As soon as I tasted it, I knew it was not for me. However, I didn't want the coffee to go to waste, so I chugged it, and then ordered a mocha to show off at school.

The mocha was more my speed. When I walked in the school, it brought me a couple of "good choice" head nods but no enthusiastic high-five yet.

The rest of the morning zoomed by. I was able to type 60 words per minute with my feet, and sneeze with my eyes open. I was on fire. As I flew through the hallways screaming "I'M BATMAN" I received many approval cheers.

Even though I did in fact get multiple enthusiastic high fives and "Hey it's Batman" comments, I did get kicked out of four of my classes, and crashed in the last two.

My teachers didn't appreciate my jitters as much as everyone else did. I ended up getting in-house. I guess I'm just living the thug life