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# Differences between Middle School and High school

## By Benjamin Clemons and Bhavin Patel

High school is a blast, to most people it's better than Elementary/ Middle school. Whether it be the freedom or hanging out with upperclassmen that makes high school fun. The high school experience makes for many memories and good times. With each new school year comes a fresh batch of eighth graders, we asked this years eighth graders a series of questions.

### Interview 1

Chloe Smith said that the biggest difference for her was the being around older, more mature students.

Chloe's favorite teacher at Narrows High School is Mrs. Miller because she is nice and funny. Chloe says that the independence of high school makes for a more relaxed environment. Being around more mature people makes high school more enjoyable for Chloe. Chloe does not miss being with the same people all year like in middle school.

### Interview 2

Next we interviewed Andrew Hahn, the biggest difference between middle school and high school for him is the freedom he gets. Andrews favorite teacher at Narrows High School is Mr. Kidd because he is easy to get along with. Andrew Hahn likes the independence of high school, he likes the fact that he doesn't have a teacher on his back at all times. Being able to do your own thing at lunch makes high school more enjoyable for Andrew Hahn. Being treated like an adult is what makes high school better for Andrew. Andrew like walking down the hall on his own not in a line, "It's the little things that make high school great."

### Interview 3

We interviewed Jason Bailey next, block scheduling was the biggest change for him. His favorite teacher at the high school is Mrs. Miller because she makes learning fun and easy. Jason feels the independence makes it easier to make better grades, which makes life easier for him. The free time Jason gets in class makes high school more enjoyable for him. Jason does not miss the middle school library, he said that the high school library has a selection more appealing to teenagers. Jason's favorite privilege is getting to play basketball during lunch.



### Interview 4

### Interview 5

Laney Stables is who we interviewed next, the biggest difference for her was being in classes with upperclassmen. Her favorite teacher at Narrows High School is Mrs. Davis because she is so entertaining. She likes the independence of high school because she can do things on her own. Being able to play on the J.V. basketball team is what makes high school enjoyable for her. She does not miss just having to sit in the lunch room during lunch like you do in middle school. She would have never thought she would have class with upperclassmen.

### Interview 6

Alyssa Bishop is who we interviewed next, having more responsibilities is the biggest difference between high school and middle school. Her favorite teacher is Mr. Helvey because he brings her food. She likes being independent because she feels like she can achieve more. Being all of the same classes as her friends is what makes high school more enjoyable for Alyssa. She does not miss not being able to have her cell phone at school, like the policy is at the middle school. She likes being able to pick what classes she wants to be in.

### Interview 7

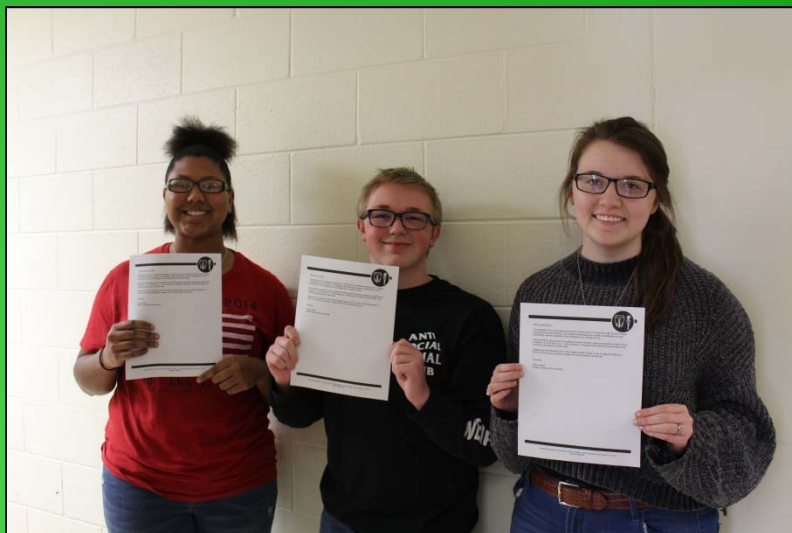
Jarrett Freeman is who we interviewed next, the biggest difference for him was having block scheduling. His favorite teacher is Mrs. Whitt because is a great teacher. Jarrett like the independence of high school, he said it makes him feel like an adult. "All of the activities the high school has to offer is what makes this place great", said Jarrett. He said he does not miss being treated like a little kid. He likes being independence and freedom that high school has to offer.

Good luck in your high school careers class of 2022. We know you will serve Narrows High School well.

# New Inductees

By Jennifer Williams

On Tuesday February 27, select students were called into the conference room to hear the news that they had been accepted into the National Honor Society. Fourteen students, Alexa Shockley, Bailey Chambers, Grace Burke, Allison Grose, Morgan Ralph, Hannah Belcher, Heaven Dimanche, Seth Johnson, Alyssa Smith, Savannah Spencer, Courtney Whitt, Jake Martin, Jordan Wall, and Hunter Orey were all excited to hear the good news.



The National Honor Society was established in 1921. The primary reason the National Honor Society (NHS) was established is to bring light to outstanding high school students. In order to be accepted into the National Honor Society, students must show a history of scholarship, service, leadership, and character. As well as this, students must meet a grade point average of 3.0. Eligibility starts in the tenth grade, and students may apply the spring before they graduate. National Honor Society is a great accomplishment for students, and looks outstanding on college and job applications. Students are encouraged to apply for the National Honor Society as soon as possible, and to keep working to do everything they can to be accepted. Starting early on the requirements is a very smart move for students and increases their chances of being accepted tremendously.

Once a student is accepted into National Honor Society, they must be inducted. This year's induction was held on April 4. Following induction, each student must complete ten hours of volunteer work a semester, pay the club dues, help in club activities, and attend monthly meetings.

In conclusion, it is a huge accomplishment to be accepted into the National Honor Society. Students who are eligible should not pass by the offer to apply and hopefully be accepted.

# Talent of NHS

## By Cade Carter

The NHS talent show took place on Friday, March 2nd, 2018. Our high school had many performers ranging from students to faculty. The talent show raised over \$1,000 for the Narrows Fire Department.

The show was filled with large amounts of pure comedy and pure talent. The show had talents such as Jake and Jami Martin. The duo performed Jolene by Dolly Parton. Other musical acts consisted of Cory Howard the Star Spangled Banner on the keyboard. Howard led a show stopping performance. Dylan Richardson performed a musical piece without lyrics. Dylan decided to use only his instrumental skills for his performance. Dylan also joined Frankie Cahoon, Reagan Perdue, and Jordan Wall. The four musical talents joined together for an epic rock performance.



It was crystal clear that the school had lots of musical talent when Lindsey Stables hit the stage. Talent show night was her debut as a singer, Stables chose to cover Take A Bow by Rihanna. The crowd was in awe as the senior showcased beautiful vocals. However, while there were some amazing talents, the audience did get to enjoy some comedy acts. Humorous acts consisted of Elena's ballet class of football players. Elena Maddy led four football players in numerous routines. The players were dressed in football jerseys and tutus. The class had Matthew Mullins, Ian Lowe, Logan Cooper, and Jake Martin. More comedy acts were Ms. Ursano and her witch sisters. The trio gave a magical, or should I say magickal performance. The performance was done by Ms. Ursano, Ms. Spicer, and Mrs. Divers.

The show neared an end with a performance of the Narrows High School staff giving a killer rock and roll performance of Paradise City by Guns and Roses. Mr. Bowles, Mr. Lee, Officer Bowman, and Mr. Lowe. The school principal was on vocals while Mr. Lowe was on the drums. Officer Bowman and Mr. Lee both played the guitar. Ending the night with a bang was several of the faculty and staff of NHS in disguise dancing around the stage with Mrs. Divers (not disguised) as their coach. Overall the show gave a large amount of entertainment to the audience all while raising money for our local first responders.

# Chromebooks

## By Olivia Wilson

Surprisingly, it's been almost two years since the school was first granted the opportunity of chromebooks. The grant was given to Giles County by the Virginia Department of Education. The protocols for these laptops wasn't very easy. The amount of work that was given to get these chromebooks finally justified, and to the students was phenomenal. In two more years the entire school will have chromebooks!



Narrows High School had to have wi-fi routers placed all through the school, and wi-fi had to be able to be reached in every classroom. They had to be certified with Google as an apps in education school; which basically means that we use Google apps; such as Docs, Sheets, classroom, etc. After that, google accounts had to be made for all of the students in the school system. Before school started the fall of 2016, students were called in to a school meeting to get chromebook agreement forms, and then given their own chromebooks. Personally, I know that I didn't think this much work went into getting these laptops. Receiving these chromebook has been an amazing privilege that our little town was granted to have!

Positively, they have allowed Teachers the ability to not stress over losing assignments, not worry about scheduling time in the computer lab, not have to print papers and quizzes, and so much more! Teacher's have had the weight lifted off of their shoulders, and don't have to worry as much as they used to. Work is a breeze for my English teacher, Mrs. Jewell.

Personally, I think these little laptops have given the school and teachers many advantages. I know that being home sick is extremely stressful, when you have a core class like English, and you can't be at school to get your classwork done. Chromebooks, have given an easier ability of getting your work done from home. Google Classroom has been a life saver for me, and many other students. It's so simple to have all of your assignments at your fingertips!

Though, there has been a few technical difficulties with these chromebooks. I had heard that some of my friends were complaining about their battery not working very well. They also told me not to allow my chromebook to go all the way dead, or it could possibly break, as theirs had. Mrs. Stephan, the NHS technology associate, assured me of the same thing. She also told me that it isn't really that large of an issue, and that the school system hasn't spent that much money on fixing the chromebooks that weren't insured.

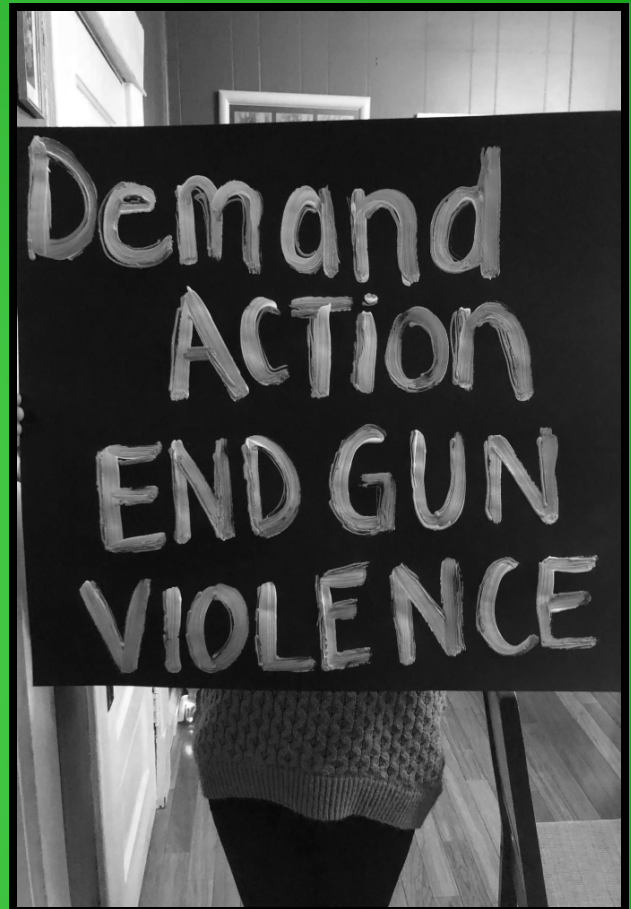
# “Students’ Opinions on Gun Control”

By Morgan Ralph

Students across the United States have been rallying and standing up against gun violence across the nation. In wake of the Marjory Stoneman Douglas School shooting in Parkland, Florida, teenagers have been protesting for stricter gun control laws. This has sparked massive unrest from lawmakers on both sides of the spectrum. Moreover, young adults calling for action have been participating in a series of peaceful protests for student safety. On March 14, 2018, a nationwide school walkout will be achieved for students to peacefully protest gun violence and the lack of school safety. This generation wants to be the one to end gun violence and school shootings in America.

In Narrows High School, there have been many student-led class discussion about the major gun control issues. While some students have been concerned about current events and the threat of school shootings, others have been worried with the scare of losing their guns all together. The opinions vary from being very passionate about the issues to more indifferent on the matter. To initiate additional discussions and encourage students to be more politically active, I have interviewed multiple students on their opinions on gun control and student safety. What is the general opinion on gun control in Narrows High School? Are students for or against stricter gun control laws?

On the issue of gun control, the majority of students have been very split on the issue. While some say the laws our nation have now are fine, others say they are unsatisfactory. “I think they are acceptable, they do what is necessary to protect us, without limiting our individual freedoms,” said Frank Cahoon, junior, on the topic of the current gun laws. However, when asked the question, “As a student, how do you feel about the gun control measures that are in effect right now?”, Elena Maddy, junior, responded, “Um, well at this point they are kinda useless. Obviously they are not working or we would see a change in schools around the country.” While these answers are complete opposites of each other, other students’ opinions met a similar ground. “Um, I think they’re alright ya know, a felon can’t purchase a gun, and I really do think it helps a lot. It is actually pretty hard to get a gun, I could not get my hands on a gun. But, uh I really do think it helps, it is hard for people to legally get a gun,” said Gage Amesquita, sophomore. On a similar note, “Well, what we have right now isn’t exactly working but, I am kinda split because I can see both sides but it is an emerging problem,” stated Cohen Taylor, sophomore.



Additionally, when asked the question, “Do schools need to take preemptive measures or should a law do that instead?” the students’ answers seem to find common ground again. Leah Copeland, Sophomore, responded with, “I think both should be in place to further prevent school shootings from happening.” Likewise, Reagan Perdue, Junior, stated, “I think a good mixture of both, I think schools should for some stuff but the law really should be doing a hefty majority.” It is clear that students agree that more action should be done by both the government and school systems to prevent gun violence.

Furthermore, concerning decisions made at a local level by school boards currently, I asked the questions, “Do you think the school should have metal detectors?” and “Would you be willing to leave all school materials in your locker instead of backpacking everything around all day?” the students had very similar answers again. Most thought the idea of adding metal detectors to the school was acceptable, with a hint of reservation with the idea of adding metal detectors to the school. Logan Cooper, Senior, stated, “Yes, so they could detect if someone brought in any sort of weapon.” Similarly, Gage Amesquita, said, “Um, I think it would help out a little bit but you know but there's a lot of metal. It is really intimidating; it would be a deterrent for a kids who think about shooting. It will help with contraband stuff, students would be scared to go to school.” Narrows High School currently allows students to use their backpacks all day for classroom texts and supplies; the school seems to be outdated in measures to protect students from weapons in another student’s book bag. The feelings are mixed; naturally students have accustomed to that privilege. On the matter, Cohen Taylor responded, “ No, I would not want to do that, my locker is uncomfortable for me, it would not be good.” In contrast, Leah Copeland stated, “Yes, if that is the measures that need to be taken.”

In summary, there are many different student opinions on the matter of gun control and preemptive measures. It is important for young adults to get their voices out on prominent issues. These are serious issues and questions that need to be recognized. Teenagers want to be safe. It is evident that these gun control issues will not be resolved easily, however this is the generation that will solve them. Gun control is no longer our parents’ fight.