

Opinions

Locker madness

By Tori Sisk

Lately, I've noticed a lot of scraps of ribbons, bows, wrapping paper, and other colorful items dangling on lockers. These pathetic fragments are obviously left-over from decorations for lockers. Decorated lockers look great . . . for a while. After some time though, the decorations get ripped off, and torn. Then these bows, strings, and ribbons get further ripped apart, tossed around and then scattered around the halls where they'll be covered in dirt and caught on the bottom of your shoes. Kind of annoying. Not only is it rude to the custodians, but, personally, it drives me crazy(er).

Of course, I'm not telling you to stop decorating your friends' lockers for their birthdays. I like having my own locker decorated, I like decorating lockers. It's just the remains that bug me. Thankfully, there are a few simple, easy solutions. One idea is for your friends to add a sheet that people can sign to wish you a happy birthday. People who are passing can, and will, sign. In a little while you have a cool keepsake.

An idea in addition to this is, after a few days . . . or weeks just take the stuff off. Chances are it is getting towards the gross side anyway; it's not that big a deal. Yes, it was a cool idea. Yes, it looked totally awesome. But now it's just exasperating. Taking off the sagging wall paper and decrepit bows might even be fun. Get a few friends, a trash can, and start ripping away! By the time you're done your locker will be clean (or at least cleaner) and others will thank you for it.

Junk in the halls

By Lauren Delgesso

Walking through the halls, I saw book reports ripped in half, with huge red *F*s at the top of the page. The hall, the place all of the students walk through at some point in the day, was *filthy*! I saw every thing from ABC gum, to whole notebooks on the floor, that the Janitors probably threw away (so if you're missing a notebook, you're not going to get it back). I'd like to tell all of the people who are reading this, to please stop littering in the school. This school is like a second home for most of us, because we spend so much time here. It's like going home to a house that is covered with junk! Think of the janitors, and their job. The more time they spend cleaning up after us, the less time they have to clean up the bathrooms, or repaint the walls (please!).

Filthy hallways could also make the faculty a little displeased. They work hard to help us understand the curriculum, and they walk around the halls seeing the papers you should have turned in last week lying on the floor. I ask: please don't just throw your trash on the floor, find a trash can, they're everywhere!



TSA members are experimenting with items like: rubber bands, CDs, mouse traps and wood. Listed left to right the are: Angela Medina, Sam Martens, Khiem Luangphithack, Montez Comer, Maurice Comer, Garrett Delphia, Luke Scriffiny, and Presenter Cameron Delphia. Photo by Danielle Barber.

Ask Shelly Advice Columnist

Dealing with angry friends

Dear Shelly,

My friends are mad at me for going in for lunch to study and trying to get my grade up. I love being their friend but they are mad at me for absolutely nothing. What do you think I should do?

Confused

Dear Confused,

I really think you should try talking to your friends and tell them why you went in and if they have bad grades ask them if they want to come in with you another time. I also think you should ask them why they are mad at you for trying to get your grade up by going in at lunch. You should try explaining to them that it is important to have good grades.

Sincerely,
Shelly

Dear Shelly,

I have a major crush on someone at school, but I don't know if I should tell him. What should I do?

KID-D

Dear KID-D,

I know it's hard to keep it bottled up. What I would do is be friendly and become his friend. Let him see who you really are. Let him start to like you more than a friend and when you guys are like brother/sister type and tell him. What ever you do good luck from the whole Ask Shelly staff.

Sincerely,
Shelly

Dear Shelly,

Why did you choose the name "Shelly" instead of a name like bugaboo?

Sincerely,
Silliness

Dear Silliness,

We picked the name "Shelly" because it sounded good with the newspaper and it also sounded better than the first time it was called. It was also something we could make it flow with the newspaper.

Sincerely,
Shelly

See you next year!

Shelly

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