

To the CHS Valentines...

To Caroline:
Caroline rules with sass and flair,
Katie trips over air.
They cause chaos wherever they go,
Que's a queen, together a
combo.

To Mr. Glavin:
Dearest Glavin,
You never fail to light up my world. Your
taste in shoes, IMPECCABLE. I refuse to
stay silent any longer <33
Yours With Love,
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Redefining Lore at CHS

Valentine's Day is known as the day that all couples get to show off their love to the world, even more so than they usually do. Couples shower each other with declarations of love and gifts—such as chocolates, stuffed animals, and flowers—go of their way to watch movies together, or maybe even have a romantic candlelight dinner. Yet, there are still a number of ways people can have their own fun and celebrate love—without any romance.

First and foremost, just about everyone says they adore their friends and family on Valentine's Day. Freshman Luluain Thomas is among the many who share this sentiment. "I love to use Valentine's Day to show my friends just how much I love and appreciate them," Thomas said. Thomas then followed up with fun ways she celebrates with her friends. "Not to mention it's such a fun excuse to hangout with your friends, and do stupid cheesy stuff with each other," Thomas said. "Like watching rom-coms, celebrating secrets, eating a bunch of chocolate, and just having an all around fun night."

Many other CHS students seemed to agree in finding joy and comfort in friends during this holiday. Others found love a little closer to home, like freshman Clara Ranger. "After hanging out with my friends, I love to be able to be with my family and share love through them," Ranger said. "As much as I love spending and sharing time with my friends, something feels warmer with my family sometimes. Especially on days like Valentine's where it's basically a holiday made for love in any form."

While friends and family are another way to go during Valentine's Day, some people get a little more specific. Freshman Ranin Aluisha shares her love for her favorite music artist. "Personally I adore SZA. Her music is always oery good," Aluisha said. "The songs and all around vibes are pretty comfort-ing. I also think that love can be in the form of appreciation and admiration, and I strongly appreciate and adore her for her skills and the music that we get to listen to because of her talent."

Showing her love through a strong admiration, Aluisha has started out strong with a new way to look at things to love. Various students at CHS also named a few music artists that they love, including Billie Eilish, Sabarina Carpenter, Bruno Mars, and The Weeknd. However, some found love in a different kind of admiration. Freshman Clara Ranger once again shares her thoughts on actor and celebrity Tom Holland.

"Personally I think that love can also come in forms of celebrity crushes," Ranger said. "I have had a long standing celeb- rity crush on Tom Holland. Ever since I saw him in the Spiderman movie, I have applauded his acting skills and good looks."

Many others also found themselves fawning over other actors such as Ryan Reynolds, Emma Stone, Zendaya, Chris Hem- sworth, and Chris Pine. While it may seem like things to love ends there, freshman Eysha Hurley shares a story that brings a new perspective on the boundaries of what to love. "I got it from my friends and family who I love but personally I love and adore an old pencil of mine," Hurley said. "I got it around sixth grade. While to others it just looks like another white pencil, to me it is a way to write out strong feelings or essays. It seems silly to others when I show admiration for an inanimate object. But for me it's like something reliable to look for."

Who knew the saying beauty is in the eye of the beholder is true? All judgement aside, these forms of appreciation show love doesn't come in one pre-packaged form. There are many ways to see and express love, whether it is in the form of admiration, attraction, or even seeing love in comfort. Whether you're in a relationship with someone, going out to dinner with your friends, or even spending the night with your favorite pencil, there is always someone or something to spend Valentine's Day with.

By SOPHIE DENG
REPORTER

To Lucas Grannis:
You're attractive, smart, and charming.
If you wonder if someone admires you
from afar, the answer is definitely
yes.
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To Mr. Glavin:
We love you!!!
-The Wolfpacket Staff

To Aaron Chen:
Thanks for being my best and only
friend!!! I really wish we could have
met sooner!!
-James Jia

To Maestra Lanz:
Fix the photo of me on your
wall please.
Thank you!

To Mr. Carrillo:
Pls give me extra credit, I paid \$5
for this.
-Violan florum

To Ms. DeLaD:
To my bestie, soulmate, and fav person
on the planet, I am forever thankful for
you!! I love you to the moon and to
Saturn!!!
-Mrs. Lee

To Mrs. Lee:
Happy Valentine's Day to my favorite
person in the universe!
Thank you for being my soulmate and
the best friend I could ever ask for!
-Ms. DeLaD

To Maggie Chou:
hey maggie! i love u so much hooo
the best day
-Mollie Chou

To Ms. Tran & Ms. Moule:
Thank you both for always
listening to my stories and letting
me crash your classes.
-Kate Mitchell

To Aleena Velasco:
All you owed me was your time,
and you've already paid me back
tenfold. I love you, Aleena.

To Sophia Vandenfrijhof:
Happy Valentines Day to my day one!!!
Love you so much Sophia and so
blessed to be besties<3
-Meghan Robles

How to win over your valentine

With Valentines' Day upon us, many have begun to wonder how they can improve their relationships. Some may think it is through big romantic gestures or thoughtful expensive gifts. While all of these may work, there are easier (and cheaper) ways to win over your valentine.

First off, daily affirmations. Doing something as simple as texting your significant other "good morning" or telling them they looked great today can do a lot to boost a person's confidence and make them feel more comfortable around you. Feelings of comfort and safety are key to maintain- ing a healthy relationship, and minimizing lingering feelings of self-doubt. Additionally, kindness is karma: by making your love and appreciation for others clear, you will also become better at building relationships.

Secondly, it is extremely important to understand your partner. If daily affirmations make them uncomfortable, then steer clear of that. But if their love language is words of affirmation, make sure to put in extra effort so that they know how important they are to you. If they prefer physical touch, give them all the hugs and kisses they need to feel loved and supported. If they need quality time with you to feel valued, then make sure you carve out moments to spend with them. While the list goes on, the point is simple. Being in a relationship requires effort in making sure your partner knows they are valued. The extra work you put in may seem like a lot, but the love and appreciation they give to you in return is sure to be worth it.

Given all of that, it is important to remember not to expect too much out of your partner. Doing so may lead to bitterness and resentment on both ends, things which will only deteriorate your relationship. Instead, it is important to be understanding and forgiving when they can not reciprocate the effort you put in. In the end, you are doing this for them, not for you, and thus you can not expect the world of them. Your partner should allow the same leeway to you, as patience is essential when navigating the rocky waters of dating.

In conclusion, be accepting. You and your partner may not always be able to make time for each other, and you likely will go through rough patches. But by maintaining open, honest, and respectful communication with each other, the chances of bouncing back from misunderstanding or an argu- ment with your loved one will be all the more likely. Through knowing your partner and what they are comfortable with, you can foster a healthy and long-lasting relationship for many Valentines' Days to come.

By ANNABELLE BRUSKY
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Pickup lines deserve a second chance

Love works in mysterious ways. As the world grows larger by the moment, the methods used to find a partner have diversified as well. Whether it is verbally confessing one's feelings, connect- ing with someone online, or developing an AI girlfriend, one can initiate a relationship through almost unlimited means. However, one of the most overlooked and misunderstood ways of starting a relation- ship is the employment of pickup lines, which definitely deserve a second chance.

First and foremost, it must be stressed that pickup lines are "not created equal." Utilizing cheesy ones may be detrimental to your social standing and could impair others with secondhand embarrass- ment. No one wants to be known for using the dad jokes of the dating world — instead, the correct approach is using niche pickup lines.

After stalking their Instagram account and following them around as stealthily as you can, you will probably find out what your love interest is into. Upon identifying their hobbies and the activities they engage in, you can search up, or better yet, come up with a pickup line that relates to their interest and share it with them when the time is right. Not only does this earn you points for wit, but it also goes to demonstrate how much you care about them. Your special someone will feel noticed and appreciated, and you will feel bubbly on the inside for making them feel valued.

Furthermore, the employment of pickup lines never fails to make a notable impression. More often than not, a smile will be brought to the faces around you, typically out of politeness or secondhand embarrassment, but a smile nonetheless. Bringing a good laugh garners attention and establishes you as a funny and easy-going person. It may also boost your charisma and self-esteem, which, along with a sense of humor, are attractive traits to have.

Navigating the waters of life as a hormonal teenager is no easy feat. One often feels swallowed up by a vast sea of individuals, drowning in insignificance and uncertainty. This is why setting yourself apart is more important than ever, and using pick up lines may be more effective than you think in winning others over. At best, you will be seen as a humorous, caring person and at worst, one that is awkward but still lovable. As with most things in life, you never know until you try, and what is a better time than this Valentine's Day?

So to all of our readers: I'm no photographer from the Wolfpacket, but I can picture you and that special someone together.

By ENYA WANG
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To Mr. Carrillo:
Please bring back test
corrections.

To ALL:
You're the Romeo to my Juliet

To Moksha Merla:
Moksha I love you <3 will you go
out with me this weekend???

To Joyous:
The highest mountains nor the
seven seas may part us. But
the physics seating
chart will... <3/3

Infinite gratitude to my
teachers for all they do <3
-Enya Wang

To Rhys Lopez:
I know you've been down because no
community colleges wanted to be your
valentine this year so I'm hoping this
cheers you up. Happy Valentine's
Day!!!

