



Cheers to that! Coffee lovers **Sarah Deger, 11**, and **Joseph Herrick, 11**, laughed as they attempted to drink their hot Cappuccinos. The two friends had stopped for a quick drink at Starbucks coffee house, filling their caffeine craving. They kicked back in the immense sofa chairs, while sipping on their midday coffee.



Nicholas Wylie, 11, relaxes at a friend's house for the night, choosing it as his "hang out spot" for the night. "[Zachary] Star's house is where its at," said **Wylie**. He and his group of friends seemed to frequently find entertainment there on the weekends.

Hangin' out Students find places to chill

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After a long day or an exhausting week of school, tired and worn out teenagers wanted nothing more than just to relax, and to put into action those two simple words: hang out.

There were many places that students regularly took advantage of just for hanging out. A good amount of the student body could be found at shopping centers, friends' houses, entertainment facilities, and restaurants. Interestingly, almost any place that had to do with sitting and eating always seemed to make a good hang out spot.

On Friday nights after football games, many of the fans that had attended the game could be found at Skyline Chili, where the players and fans met for a post game hang out; this was a tradition for many years now.

However, if kids preferred Mexican food, Chipotle was the place to be. This fairly new restaurant grew rapidly in popularity over the past few years.

The well-known coffee house by the name of Starbucks attracted countless thirsty kids and was especially popular as a before school hang out. It also helped with the early morning energy boost. The comfortable couches placed sleekly beside fireplaces helped to create a relaxed ambiance.

"On the weekends, I like to pick up chicks and hang out with my bro. I also enjoy tennis," said **Daniel Krzyminski, 9**.

Newport on the Levee, down by the river, was also popular. The countless number of restaurants and the great shopping center kept students busy for hours. The Levee was a place of which students occupied often, for the sake of being with their friends, and doing something different.

"Whenever someone has a birthday, I love taking a bunch of people to Newport to have dinner and celebrate; somewhere like Applebees or Montgomery Inn. It's so pretty and the river view really separates it from other restaurants," said **Caroline Hodgson, 11**.

As much as students were fond of these various places, it was found that the majority of students sometimes preferred just going to friends houses to hang out.

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Most students saw this as a guarantee to hang with their friends in a fun, and relaxed environment.

On weekend nights, sometimes those small get-togethers eventually grew into parties, which were always fun. When there was a party expected to be held, students were drawn to the idea of seeing all of their friends, and dancing all night long.

Students loved attending these casual parties where there was dancing, food, music, excitement, and lots of action.

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