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Do you want to build a snowman? Despite the fact that we live in sunny Southern California, this is the trending question. Singing Grammy-nominated songs, sending strange Snapchats and trying to beat each other's scores on Flappy Bird are all the rage in AHS. Not to mention, AHS also has its own share of excitement with Sadie's and upcoming spirit weeks around the corner.

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The Mobile Bandwagon

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High-speed Internet has made access to information easy to obtain with just the touch of a finger, allowing popular niches to be easily accessible. Mobile applications such as Snapchat and Flappy Bird are prime examples of online trends.

First launched in July 2011, Snapchat is now used by many teens and adults. What sets Snapchat apart from other social media applications is not its ability to document people's lives as Facebook does, but rather a way in which snippets of people's lives can be shared with owners retaining control. By allowing the viewer to see the picture or video as long as the sender allows, it provides a sense of security that other applications do not provide.

Flappy Bird, unlike Snapchat, differs in the way it allows others to interact. Launched in May 2013, the app skyrocketed into popularity in January 2014. As a one-player game, Flappy Bird allows people to challenge themselves in a sense to surpass their past scores. The need for exact timing frustrates those who expect it to be easy. Slight annoyance from the game's difficulty contributes to Flappy Bird's addictiveness, to the extent that creator Dong Nguyen has decided to take the game out of application stores. Even though the game can no longer be downloaded, knockoffs of the game exist, indicating Flappy Bird's continued popularity.

Although each application's purpose vary, both provide fun ways to connect with other people. Applications gain popularity as more people find similar interests.



Keeping Up With the Beat

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Exposure to music is common in these modernized days. Several songs by Macklemore, Ryan Lewis, Miley Cyrus and OneRepublic have been found enjoyable by today's youth. With their catchy melodies, it is easy to see why certain songs are currently trending in AHS.

Recently, Macklemore and Ryan Lewis released "Thrift Shop" and "Can't Hold Us," two chart topping songs. It's no surprise, since the rap in "Thrift Shop" blended with its catchy music, while the fast tempo and clapping beat of "Can't Hold Us" was received well by music critics.

Moreover, Miley Cyrus's "Wrecking Ball" remains fairly popular, despite the controversy over her music video. The video gained more than 95 million worldwide views on the week of Sept. 8, 2013, according to the LA Times website.

In addition, "Counting Stars" by OneRepublic is a favorite song of many students, revealed by the various times it is played during Spirit Weeks, Talent Thursdays, pep rallies and Blue and Gold Fridays.

Similar to these songs, the soundtrack from the movie *Frozen* is also often listened to. A fellow Moor occasionally singing out, "Do you want to build a snowman?" is common around campus. "Let It Go," another song from *Frozen*, is so favorable by fans that a cover was made featuring 25 different languages, each line of the song a different language.

Music has been evolving and expanding for generations, and the present generation is no different, given that the songs listed may not be everyone's favorites.

The question now lies, what do you like to listen to?



In Vogue With AHS

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"So have you heard about Bieber?" one student gushes to her circle of friends. "Apparently he might be getting jail time for that pot incident on the plane, but I think that's—"

"Well, I don't really care about him," a friend interrupts. "Were you there when that tall guy was asked to Sadie's by that super shy girl on Third Street? It was the most adorable thing..."

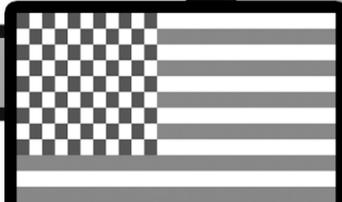
This February will be quite a busy one for students as it is filled with events, with certain occasions being especially popular among students.

The month opened with Sophomore Week, the first of the class weeks this school year. It involved themed dress days, daily games and student performances. Videos of performances were posted on social media and became viewed by many.

Academic Pep Week came after Sophomore Week. Students dressed for success in college apparel and later impressed their peers with spiffy formal outfits.

In addition to the spirit weeks, students have a well-deserved break from academics in the form of the Sadie Hawkin's dance. In the past weeks, lady Moors have been racking their brains for the perfect way to ask someone to go with them. News of these invitations will spread like wildfire among the curious student body, and these moments will later remain pleasant memories for those involved.

Discussion of these trending events creates a sense of unity within the school. By sharing experiences with others, students can enjoy them to their fullest extent.



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