

## What's in your trunk?

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Every day, students rush out of the building to make their way to work, sports, or home, and with this hustle and bustle, some students need to pay more attention to the cleanliness of their vehicles.

On the opposite end of the spectrum, some students gain the notoriety of being neat freaks.

Due to the harsh schedules many of them endure, student-athletes commonly leave clothes, bags, and food wrappers in their cars.

"In my car, I have a lot of clothes because of football. A lot of times I will be sweaty after practice, and if I have to go somewhere or just don't feel like taking them in, I will just leave them in the back of my car," senior Waveland Goodrich said.

Many students also provide rides for others, and with that comes some mess. Whether it be from water bottles after practice or papers from the school day, passengers often leave their mark in cars.

"I sometimes take Jeremiah to school, and usually he leaves his breakfast or maybe just a water bottle in my car. Either way, though, it's annoying having to clean his mess on top of mine," Goodrich said.

With clean freak drivers, rules can exist.

"In my car, I don't allow food. If we go through a drive-thru or something, you can keep it on the floor, but no one's is allowed to eat in there. My biggest concern is that what goes in must come out, so if they bring in a drink, cup, or bag of food, it leaves with them," senior Isaac O'Neal said.

Keeping a car clean is not that difficult and requires only minimum effort; however, some drivers take it to the extreme.

"I don't keep anything in my car. There is nothing in my trunk or back seats unless I put it there for the day. Every week I take the car up to Crew, though, to get the outside cleaned, and generally, I clean the inside or have a worker clean the inside," O'Neal said.

Junior Eliana Anderson, tries her best to keep her car extra clean.

"I know I have a nice car [BMW], and I'm grateful for it. So with that, I try my best to keep both the outside and inside clean. I clean the inside and outside once a week, and during the summer, I get it detailed twice a month," Anderson said.

Most cars in the parking lot are considered messy, and for many students, this is because of their busy lives.

"I never find time to clean my car between school and sports finding time to clean it over do something I want to is just difficult," senior Ryann Marker said.



Junior Ethan Lobb lifts his trunk to show the mess he has inside it. Lobb claimed to throw random objects in his trunk all the time. **Ethan Lobb** photo



Senior Nicky Sergi and sophomores Logan Arthur and Jonathan Chelf perform the Dance at the Mad Hatter's House scene. Sergi played the lead role as Alice, Arthur played Knave of Hearts and Chelf played the Mad Hatter. **Abigail Wilcox** photo

## ALICE IN WONDERLAND

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In the spotlight, the actors spent weeks preparing for Alice in Wonderland.

"The biggest challenge I had about my role is my conflicts with the schedule. I am involved in multiple activities at school so it is difficult to divide up my time, leading to 12-hour school days," senior Eva Dean, who played Queen of Hearts, said.

Acting as a younger character could have been difficult but also fun at the same time.

"The biggest challenge in playing Alice is portraying her as a 12-year-old. This is my first time acting as a young child, and so I need to show her innocence and curiosity while also expressing her frustrations and growth. It takes a lot of practice to make it feel authentic," senior Nicky Sergi, who played Alice, said.

No matter the circumstances, giving everything the best effort paid off.

"Putting 110% of my energy into all of my actions, my character is very energetic, which, sometimes at rehearsal, I am not. Memorizing the constant movement and dances is almost equally as challenging as memorizing my lines as well," sophomore Adam Soboleski, who played the March Hare, said.

Performing in a school productions requires sacrifices, but they can be well worth it. Time commitment involved after-school practices and three performances, including two on Saturday.

"The time it takes away from my personal life can be pretty challenging trying to find time for school work and my other activities, like hanging out with friends. It also makes me very tired. There is not a lot of time for resting or naps when I am tired," sophomore Jonathan Chelf, who played the Mad Hatter, said.

Having similarities with a character could be both good and bad.

"I am similar to my character because we are both really dramatic, but that is about it. It isn't really a good thing to be compared to the Queen of Hearts," Dean said. "My character's relationships are abusive, with my character being the abuser. For the others, there is the constant threat of beheading leading people to not like the Queen of Hearts much."

It was easier to play characters that did not require actors to change personalities much.

"Alice and I are similar in our curiosity and our drive to doing good. We're both bubbly and eager to explore, but we can also get easily frustrated when things don't make sense. Like Alice, I try to make a positive impact, even in confusing situations," Sergi said. "I would describe Alice's relationship with the characters connected with her curiosity, confusion and her evolving sense of assertiveness. Each character challenges her understanding of logic and social rules, helping her develop confidence and independence."

Having things not always in common with a character can be challenging to navigate, too.

"My character likes tea so much he gets drunk off of it multiple times throughout the show. I personally am not a huge fan of tea, though," Soboleski said. "When my character is first introduced, I'm not too fond of Alice but as the show goes on we grow closer as Hatter and I try to rescue her and overthrow the Queen. Hatter and I have an argument halfway through the show but soon go back to being friends and focusing on the more important situation. Simply put, my character is empathetic towards others but tries to keep himself safe first."

Playing a character with only a few character traits as its actor is fun to watch.

"Everyone thinks of The Hatter as this party-loving, tea-addicted lunatic that everyone loves. Well I'm not a crazy tea addict, but I would consider myself a jokester like the Hatter," Chelf said

Each performer seemed to have a favorite scene.

"My favorite scene in the play is Scene 11, the battle scene. It is my favorite because it is the only scene where I get to dance," Dean said.

But, not everything is how it seems.

"My favorite scene would be the battle of the queens. It's funny and chaotic, showing just how unpredictable wonderland can be. This marks a turning point for Alice as she gains confidence to fight for herself and for the people of Wonderland making it really fun and entertaining," Sergi said.

Soboleski liked the same scene.

"My favorite scene is the fight scene between Alice and the queen's army. It involves almost everyone in the cast, and the lights represent the movement of the scene quite nicely," Soboleski said.

A play being enjoyable for actors and the watchers is the best type of play.

"I love the madam scene with me, Adam and Nicky. It's fun to act in this part of the play, but it also is entertaining to watch. If we are tired from rehearsal or just not in a good mood, that's always something that will wake us up or cheer us up," Chelf said.