

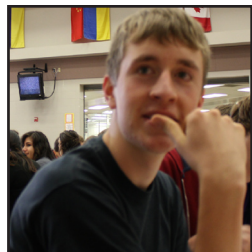
OPINION

Student Speak!

Girls vs. Guys

There always seems to be controversy over the definition of what qualifies as a date. Does the guy have to ask the girl? Do they have to be alone? Does it scare the guy if the girl asks? What is actually happening here!

NOTE: not all these couples are actually dating.



"Pass."
-Ben Wiebe (11)



"A date is when there is romantic interest on at least one person's part."
-Tessa Yoder (12)

VS.

"A date is something she'll remember."
-Spencer Kolbus (10)

"When a guy and girl knowingly like each other and go out. And it's always nice when the guy pays."

-Breanna Bloom (11)

VS.

"When I take her somewhere special and pay, and of course we have a lot of fun."
-Lane McDonald (10)



"Going out with someone you like. Gotta dress nice, can't look nasty. Usually food is somehow involved. Romantic. Classy. Boyfriend's gotta pay, unless he's broke- he's still gotta find a way to pay."

VS.

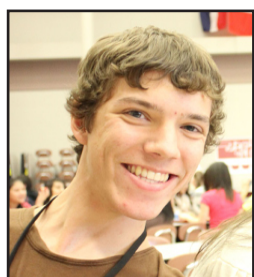
-Levi De Moya (9)

"Dinner and a movie."
-Ally Medellin (11)

"My mom always said it's a date when the guy pays."

VS.

-Emma Hernandez (11)

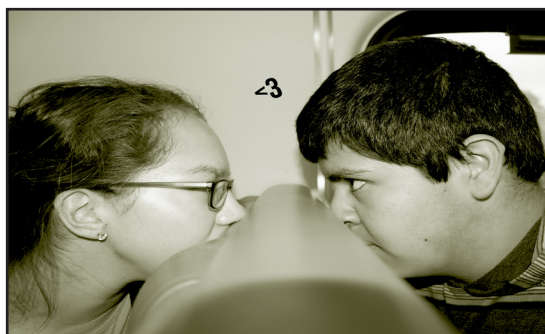


"Kissing; that's the difference between a hang out and a date."
-Peter Paetkau (11)

VS.

"If there's a mutual attraction between two people."
-Hannah Vining (12)

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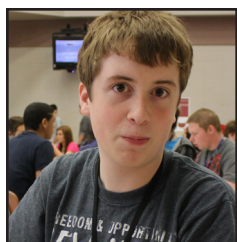
"If it's not organic, it's not a date."
-Desiderio Lopez (11)

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VS.

"If both people have the same aura, and are wearing matching sweat suits. Then it's a date. If both people giggle and blush, and spill their water because it's too close to the salad fork, then it's a date."
-April Quintana (10)

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"Romantic candle lit dinner- is obviously just a friend thing. And going bowling would be a date."
-Colin Leinbach (11)

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VS.

"Going out. Doing something that builds a bond. I don't want to limit the possibilities."
-Jesse Mack (11)

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VS.

"If it's at a house, [it's] not really a date. And like, just a nice dinner and a movie."
-Dara Mabi (12)

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VS.

"When you're with someone you really care about, and when a date feels like hanging out and hanging out feels like a date."
-Zack Bontrager (12)

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Grab your torches and pitchforks; summer is now shorter!

By Neil Rippey

As many people have heard, there have been a few changes to the layout of the school year in the 2012-2013 year. The usual reaction to this news is to foam at the mouth, roll around, and whine that summer is going to be shorter. How dare they take another week out of August? We were using that week! Some say the middle of August is the best time to go to the New Jersey State Fair. And of course, it's cutting out a time of absolutely no moonlight for us stargazers! How dare they?

What few are taking into account is that though we may be losing two weeks, we're actually *receiving* two weeks vacation next year. Spring Break is often given a large amount of hype due to its week-long status. But now, we'll have an equally long break in the Fall, and Spring Break will be raised up to just under a two-week vacation. That's like Christmas--twice a year.

Now, I realize I may be in a minority, but the weeks in August that lead up to school beginning were never the most treasured parts of my summer. I have fun all through June and July, and then I suddenly see the calendar flip to August, and it's like a two-week long case of Sunday Blues. It's the month of waiting for school to start. Why not just end the pain? Besides, it's also the most humid month of the year, or so statistics say.

I realize, you may have some problems with your typical vacation schedules; but, those problems often arise anyways, without official schedule changes. You usually adjust just fine. So try and not get so irritated by this change. Personally, I'm looking forward to a week off in October to enjoy the perfect weather and work on making a Grigori Rasputin costume for Halloween. I'm sure the kids at GHS can get equal amounts of enjoyment out of their new breaks.

Alicia's awesome answers for underclassmen

advice from someone with absolutely no credentials, just an abundance of Goshen High School experience.

By Alicia Yoder

After four years of high school, I've realized there are a lot of things I've enjoyed, but also a lot of regrets I'm leaving behind. I figured I would take some time to give some helpful words of wisdom, before it's too late.

High school is full of opportunities that you won't get anywhere else, so never be afraid to try new things. Explore, find your passion and most importantly, have fun!

Always help others whenever you can, even if you don't owe it to them. It's just a nice thing to do.

Don't get caught up in the drama and the gossip. In the big picture, it doesn't even matter.

Keep an eye on the future. View everything as one small step in a very long process, so don't burn yourself out with stress. Some of the best words of advice I've gotten in my closing weeks of school were:

"It's just another thing in your life. It won't matter 20 years from now." -Ms. Neeb

It always helps to make your teachers remember your name... for a GOOD reason!

Challenge yourself. It's cliché, but it's better to try and fail than to never try at all.

Understand the importance of deadlines. They'll be there all your life, so get used to following them now.

Take advantage of your junior year, because that is the best year of high school. You finally get some status by being an upperclassman without the stress of college and graduation.

Take your classes seriously. If you don't have enough credits, they won't let you graduate. No, seriously.

Learn to let go. Grudges and people that only drag you down aren't worth holding on to.

There's always going to be someone smarter, faster, prettier, and more opinionated than you, so be the best that YOU can be.

Pick your battles and keep your priorities straight. It's hard to believe, but certain things are worth much more than your pride.

It's ok to be picky sometimes. Don't just settle for something because it's the best you can get. Strive to do better.

"Be who you are and say what you feel, because those who mind don't matter, and those who matter don't mind." -Dr. Suess