

# The HORNET BUZZ




## DECISION DAY

By Breanna Bildner '19

Now is the time for seniors to start making their final decisions on their upcoming future. Tuesday, April 30 during 2B we will be having an assembly announcing the decisions made by the senior class. This is a time to celebrate with them and the achievements they have had. We will also be announcing the signings of students planning on playing college sports and enlisting in the military. "A lot of media attention goes to promoting athletes when they select the college of their choice. We want every student to receive as much attention and have that same feeling of importance so that they too can feel special about this big day," said Mindy Eggleston. Parents are invited to attend also.

Following the assembly, underclassmen will be released for lunch, and the seniors will be put on a bus to head to the bowling alley for an afternoon of fun and celebration.

Upon arrival Seniors will be greeted with pizza and pop to start off. Soon after seniors will divide themselves between the bowling lanes and start bowling! There will be different prizes and games throughout the afternoon also. Have fun seniors, the day is meant for you!

The goal of Decision Day is to celebrate high school seniors for their postsecondary plans and encourage younger students and families to prepare early for postsecondary education. Graduation is so close, so seniors don't give up! You're in the home-stretch. We congratulate you on all of your accomplishments. Let's give it up to the Senior Class of 2019!

## ROBOTICS SEASON

By Drew Pitts '19

Destination Deep Space is slowly coming to an end for many teams except for the Hillsdale H.E.R.O.E.S, the Hillsdale H.E.R.O.E.S have qualified for the 2019 Worlds meet that is held for the top teams throughout the world. Only 87 teams out of Michigan had the privilege of attending Worlds and the H.E.R.O.E.S were ranked 70 in the state out 542 teams!

The H.E.R.O.E.S attended the competition at Lakeview High School in Battle Creek. As their first competition of the year they were quite nervous but they fought through the fright and ended up with a record of 9-3-0 which means the H.E.R.O.E.S had nine wins, three losses, and zero ties. The H.E.R.O.E.S were ranked 8/39 and competed in the playoffs as

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the 1st Pick of Alliance 2, and was eliminated in the Finals with a playoff record of 4-3-0 which is four wins and three losses.

The H.E.R.O.E.S attended the competition at Jackson Northwest High school as it was their second competition of the year they were not as nervous as they were their first competition but the nerves were still high. The H.E.R.O.E.S fought through the other forty teams at the competition and was ranked 8/40 with the record of 10-2-0 in the qualification rounds, the H.E.R.O.E.S competed in the playoffs as the Captain of Alliance 6, and was eliminated in the Semifinals with a record of 2-3-0, the H.E.R.O.E.S held the highest cargo point score which was 345 points!

The H.E.R.O.E.S attended states for the first time in their FRC career. States was held at the Saginaw Valley State University and was part of the DTE arena which was known as the hardest arena. The H.E.R.O.E.S ranked 11/40 with a record of 8-4-0 in the qualification rounds, they competed in playoffs as the 1st Pick of Alliance six, and was eliminated in the Quarterfinals with a record of 0-2-0. The H.E.R.O.E.S were second in the arena for cargo points with 420 points delivered. The H.E.R.O.E.S will be attending Worlds in Detroit on April 24-27 for their first time in their career.

## **H.E.R.O.E.S MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENT**

By Corbin VanCamp '19

Robotics qualified for world championship on April 13th. This is a big accomplishment for the robotics club because it's the first time this has happened. They ended up going to state and got their victory. Many students who put hard work into their projects paid off.

The state competition was giant. There were 160 teams divided into 4 different districts with 40 teams in each. Then those districts go through their independent qualification matches. Then the top 8 teams in each district select 2 other teams to create an alliance then the 8 alliances are put in a bracket in that district. Once there is a winner in each district, they are put in another bracket to determine a winner of the state competition. Then after the competition is over, they release the list of teams that are able to go to worlds which is the top 87 teams. The Hillsdale Robotics team ended in 70th place in the state. To put that in perspective, there are 527 teams in Michigan.

One of the people in robotics is Spencer Parker. He was asked on how he feels about this accomplishment, to which he replied, "I'm proud for our team because we're not a big school and we don't have all the equipment that the other teams have. Andrew Champion also said how he felt, "I thought it was really cool because in past years our robotics team couldn't even make it to states. And now we are preparing to go to the world championship." Congratulations to the robotics team for their win and good luck on the world championship in Detroit.

## **ARTRAGEOUS REVIEW**

By Makenna Dietz '20

In March, the school had its annual fine arts festival that showcased the choirs, bands, drama club, and artwork made by the students. The weekend was packed with music and entertainment and allowed students to present the skills they have learned while participating in the arts at Hillsdale High School. The school show "The Little Mermaid" attracted the community and had a great turnout. Many

students came to support classmates which made it more exciting for the cast to show their friends what they could do.

On Saturday night, the jazz band, solo and ensembles, and writers all shared their skills at the coffee shop show. The English department had a number of students read their own poems and short stories. There were instrumental groups and students that sang solos that filled the cafeteria with music and made a calm, relaxed atmosphere.

Sunday's feature was the festival of song concert where the symphonic band and choirs perform. The orchestra and band performed a number of songs that students have been preparing for a few months. The chorale sang a latin piece that took them a lot of practice, but they had fun singing in a different language. Another song that they had prepared was performed only by the boys in the chorale. Xander told Boswell that it would be really funny to replace the name in the song with someone else's, but said that Boswell said no and made him feel like that was the dumbest idea. In this song, they surprised Xander Sallows by replacing his name with the one of the names in the song and the audience got a kick out of it. The weekend showcased the talents of many of classmates and made for a weekend full of fun.

## **SOUP SCUM**

By Peyton Drews '19

Have you ever grown tired of complacency? Hearing people with potential, who can easily excel in the things they do, give up? Or perhaps you've found that you lack the motivation to take the laundry downstairs, and move your backpack from off of the chair in the living room? Either way, life is tough. What are some methods to staying motivated?

As a wise man (Coach Curby) once said, "embrace the grind". Skipping days and taking reps off when it comes to academics and athletics shows when it comes to crunch time. When you take reps off, you build character that is complacent with losing. You aren't

## RETHINKING THE COLLEGE ADMISSIONS PROCESS

By Annie Hamaty '19

Money. Bribery. Power. The college admissions process is corrupt which is apparent from the actions taken by wealthy, influential families that have squirmed their children into top U.S. colleges; the University of Southern California and the University of California at Berkeley among those involved. We need to start rethinking the admissions process in terms of money and status and instead review students by their academic and personal achievements.



How is it fair that a student who has earned their position as a college athlete has their spot taken away because of a family who wants their child to be branded with the name of a prestigious college? Earlier this year, I published a piece about affirmative action which has led me to believe the system of how we send students to college needs to be revised. Wealth seems to be an enticing characteristic as well as under-represented groups.

The first step is knowledge. As the scandal has been covered extensively, there must be common knowledge among Americans. However, this does not entail that many of those who know actually care. The scandal shows that power and wealth can dominate talent, hard work, and character, which is extremely disappointing. There needs to be a reformation of the college admissions process, because we need to teach an honorable lesson to the youth of today and future generations.

doing your best when you practice in a way that is lazy. Another wise man (Coach Lemerand) once said, "grow wings, or grab crutches."

Here are three ways to make sure you don't succumb to complacency. #1: Have a support group. Having one or more people hold you accountable to your grades and performance will help keep you motivated, and on track. #2: Have goals. Having direction is a big motivation factor, as you will have a specific thing to work towards. Don't just have one goal, work on many! #3: Keep organized. Plan out where practice will fit into your schedule, so that stress won't be as much of a factor keeping you from doing your best. These steps will help ensure that you can achieve your potential and overcome complacency.

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**NOTE: On May 9 & 10, Anne Hamaty, Makenna Dietz, and Mrs. Lauren Cornett will be hosting a REGISTRATION DRIVE.**

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POLITICS IN  
HILLSDALE HIGH**

By Bailey Morgret '20

Hillsdale High School is filled with kids, all of which have different opinions. Discussing political views is a very touchy subject. Some students are very open and forward on what they believe is right and wrong. Other students however, are more quiet and choose to keep their views to themselves. The political views of some students can be considered offensive to others, this one reason on why certain students do not openly express their beliefs.

I am one of the students who will openly talk politically. I have a very hard set belief on patriotism, where I believe that no matter how you feel about politics or the presidency you should never show any disrespect to your country, which has given you so much to respect. When Cameron Stych, another student attending Hillsdale, was asked

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about his beliefs on politics he bluntly stated, "I am kind of into politics, but rarely discuss because I believe I'm not informed enough to be able to talk with someone who is informed."

Politics is not something discussed by faculty members either. For the students who are willing to learn and understand current political problems, there should be a club or after-school program to enable these students. Although politics can be considered touchy to some, there are students who are wanting to learn and they should be given the resources to dig further into something they show interest in.

## SPRING BREAK

By MacKayla Gingerich '19

Spring break is a week away from school work and school in general. During spring break, you can either go on vacation or just relax at home. Many people go to Florida or go on a cruise, or they went and visited friends or family. Other people stayed at home, watching Netflix and working.

Many HHS students went on vacation with their friends and family. Abi Piske, Class of '20, went to Chicago with Melanie Foust, Class of '21. Their first day they went to a concert, and their second day they went to Shedd Aquarium and went shopping. Seniors Mitch Blank, Nathan Smith, and Ryan Reiniche, went on a cruise and went to the Dominican Republic.

Other HHS students stayed in Michigan and chilled out. Cam Stych '20, hung out with friends and went to work. Nate Erts '19, played Destiny and slept all spring break. Spring break was very enjoyable in many different ways.

## SPRING ACTIVITIES

By Emily Kimball '19

Spring is here, which means a lot more people are going to be spending their time outside. Whether it's free time or their planned sports or activities, everyone loves a nice Spring day! The school sports offered in the Spring at Hillsdale High School are all outdoors. Girls Tennis, Boys and Girls Track, Baseball, Softball, Girls Soccer, and Boys Golf are what HHS provides its students in the Spring. The students involved in these sports are given the opportunity to be outside every day. Thus far, we've had a pretty mild Spring and actually had quite a few warm, sunny days.

Since the weather is warming up, more activities become available and enjoyable. For instance, Cones and Swirls, along with the Udder Side, have opened up for business this season. They are both popular ice cream establishments to the students of Hillsdale High. According to the Norfolk Daily News, out of Norfolk, Nebraska, they reported that 16% of people said that Mint Chocolate Chip is their favorite flavor. Chocolate was a close second with 15%. Senior Sam Vondra commented, "My favorite flavor is Moose Tracks." I would have to say that going to get ice cream is one of the best summer activities and having these places open just gets up everyone more excited for summer.

In Hillsdale, there are a limited amount of outdoor activities purely because of its size. However, creative minds can figure out something fun to do on those beautiful spring days. Some activities could be going to the park, like Baw Beese. Another might be going on Baw Beese trail for a run, walk, or even a bike ride. For others, it could be going to play a sport just for fun, like going to play tennis or golf. I know that Hillsdale may seem small, but really the possibilities are endless. Most indoor activities can even be transferred and done outside. Crafts, watching movies, reading a book, etc. could all be done outside to enjoy the beautiful day. So, as the weather gets warmer and the days get longer, take some time out of your day and spend some time outside.

## TRACK

By Kylee Hassenzahl '21

The Hillsdale High School track team has always had very successful seasons. The head coach Clay Schiman makes this possible for the team. He does a great job ensuring that every teammate gets better everyday, and makes sure that everyone on the team is included for everything.

Track is very unique in a way because it's both a team and individual sport. When you go out for your race or get ready to jump it's all you, but when you're finished you go back to your team for the support and encouragement that you need to succeed. The team is just as important as the individual.

The sport of track and field, with the help of Clay's coaching and guidance, can teach you plenty useful things. It teaches you what the word "team" really means and how everyone that is involved helps the team succeed. Not one person can win it for everyone.

## GIRL POWER @ TRACK

By Tori Lucas '20

The beginning of track season this year is going great. All the girls are working hard and fixing little things that need to be fixed. We are starting to come together as a team. With only having a few meets so far, we are going good.

The first meet was in Eastern and it was the first time we were there. We all were pushing ourselves to do our best we could. On Saturday, the girls placed 7th at the meet. We all have our own mindset going to a meet because we all don't compete in the same events.

The girls are going to make this season a great season yet to come. No one is putting less work in than anyone else. With the way we are working and how much time we are putting in, this season is going to be a great season for us girls to make it to team state.

## TIME TO PUT ON THAT UNIFORM

By Ella Lewis '19

Do you work along with being a high school student? You should consider doing so! Most importantly, you should work in customer service. Suppose you are a waiter at a restaurant and gather your tips at the end of the day. Or perhaps work in a hardware store doing hands-on tasks while helping customers. Working in customer service jobs really strengthens your social skills, and also strengthens your ability to get things done quicker while polishing your math skills when you handle money. Working in a service job will increase your appreciation for those who work in those types of jobs for a living. Suppose you also struggle to put yourself out there socially. You must force yourself to go outside of your comfort zone in order to overcome those challenges that block your path of feeling comfortable with yourself in public. Being in front of customers and helping them will help you gain confidence in yourself with how you problem solve while doing so in front of other people. You may even learn a few lessons when you come across a few mistakes, rigors or routines in that sort of job. How you will handle those challenges is the real challenge for your own self.

You will gain all of the knowledge from the people you work with, and work for, when you experience a customer service job. The knowledge you will consume is the way you handle your work skills under pressure and stress. I interviewed a couple students who also work in a customer service jobs such as Kayden Vick who works at McDonalds, and Todd Grubbs who works at Gelzers Hardware Store. Each student is also juggling school, along with about to leave the nest into the real world. I asked them how working in a customer service job introduces them to the real world and they both replied with similar answers. Kayden replied with, "Once you get to know how people are when you work, it will prepare you for becoming successful in

your real career as an adult because you will be around people everyday." Todd also replied with, "I think working at the hardware store has taught me how to do a lot of tasks for people and help me with working on my social skills." So maybe you are preparing your educational strengths for the future. However maybe you should consider preparing your daily tasks you will be doing for the rest of your life. If you get put out into the working world after college or high school with little ability to be comfortable with your social skills, helping others quickly and calmly, and feel confident while doing so. It's important to feel comfortable in a workplace. So why not start small, and start now? Get the experience and learn about what life will be like after high school and college.

## SCHOOL WITH A JOB

By Cameron Stych '20

While you're in high school, you may have an abundance of free time on your hands and a need for a little extra cash. Once you turn 16, you can apply for some jobs at fast food companies or places like Market House/Kroger. When you're balancing between work and school, it's very important you're putting time away for homework or free time. Both are very important to your well-being during this time!

Make sure before you get a job that your employers are willing to work around specific schedules, like sports or any other kind of extracurriculars. If you feel like you're drowning in work and not having enough time for school, limit yourself as much as you can or need to. Even if you can only work two or three days a week. Work is important, but so is graduating.

Employers have to follow a set of rules set specifically for minors (where I work during the school year all minors are limited to 24 hours a week at the max).

Kayden Vick describes school with a job as, "My goodness. An actual pain." Mackayla Gingerich describes it as, "It is very hectic, you have to become

a juggler." But what makes a job work is being close with your coworkers, so that you have confidence they can be trusted, and they can put their trust in you. No job is a good job if you have to do it alone.

## HHS AND "NERD CULTURE"

By Muriel Mackie '20

From Fullmetal Alchemist to Doctor Who, Lord of the Rings to Deadpool, "nerd culture" (or any media that isn't the primary focus of the bad guy in an 80's high school romantic comedy) has always been an identifying feature of any high school, including our own Hillsdale High. Each student here, regardless of clique, creed, or color, experiences their own brand of "nerd", a broad term that infects all students with the same fervor it did in the 1970's. Taking a trip down the rabbit-hole of high school interests, "nerd culture", whether personal or collective, ultimately only shows what connects students together, and what individuals use as an outlet for their personality.

How "nerd culture" manifests within and affects the students of Hillsdale High School is a varying experience, as each student obviously finds their own way of expression, no matter how seemingly monogamous the fandom. Throughout my interviews, I heard both heartfelt testimonies and others that were decidedly less so. Braxton Wagner, a sophomore, told me that the television show Supernatural was "the first show that actually made me emotionally invested", and on the flip side, junior Connor Steffes went on the record saying that he loved Daredevil because "he's a superhero and a lawyer!" Personally, I can relate to both. But the best example of what nerd culture truly is lies within the spaces of a disjointed conversation between sophomores Corbin VanCamp, Spencer Parker, "Marty" Hall and myself. During an attempted interview, the sophomores and I gradually descended from at least venturing to find a good quote to laughingly talking of what nerd thing each of us was into. The conversation went

nowhere, but it was fun and allowed us to just talk, which is honestly all “nerd culture” is about; --kids exploring their interests, finding common ground, and making friends, no matter how saccharine that sounds.

So, whether it be the heady days of Spiderman during the 1960’s, or the season premiere of Game of Thrones in 2019, people, especially teens, are acutely invested in “nerd culture”, no matter how loose the definition. It’s the glue that sticks HHS together, even through the often...passionate fights about whether or not Han shot first, or if it was really Star Lord’s fault that Thanos won. Well, whatever the clique or whomever the fan, I’m sure no one would ever want it any other way, because after all, “this is the way society functions. Aren’t you a part of society?” - Kramer, Seinfeld.

## **ADDING A LITTLE HOO-AH! TO YOUR LIFESTYLE**

By Hailley Perry ‘20

Do you have a significant other in active duty or planning on it? It is not as easy as it sounds, they start out gone for three months for the physical training, also known as boot camp. After boot camp is over they are back for at least two weeks then they leave again for seven months for the schooling part where they hit the books, this time they can have their phones, contrary to boot camp where you have to write letters. Then when they graduate from there you have no clue how long they’re gonna be home until they get deployed. Everyday you get nervous because you have no idea when that phone call is going to come for them to leave. While they are away you live in fear of what could happen while they are out there fighting for our country or helping the ones doing so. It is still very nerve wracking to have someone you love across seas or even based miles away from you. Supporting them every step of the way will keep them pushing forward to come home to you and their family. We never truly know how they are feeling over there, they hold strong to hide it from you since you are worrying so much. When they finally come home all the worry goes away, and you’re so happy and you may even cry a little, but you are very happy. You spend so much time with them while they are home because you have no idea when they will get called back out again. When he/she gets called back out again you may not like it, but they have to do what they have to do to keep to the commitment they made to their country. They go even if it’s hard because they want to protect and serve our country.

## **THE ROLE THE ARTS PLAY IN OUR SCHOOL**

By Abi Piske ‘20

Many students that attend Hillsdale High School have been influenced by the Arts. Hillsdale has always influenced students to participate in the Arts. One example is that students can join band or choir as early as sixth grade.

Junior, Makenna Dietz, has been influenced highly by the Arts Programs at our school. Makenna recently participated in the school’s production of The Little Mermaid, and starred as Ariel! This was Makenna’s first musical and was greatly influenced by the experience; she has since decided to do more theater productions. She has already been cast for the Sauk’s production of Beauty and the Beast. Senior, Emily Kimball, is in chorale and sees it as an amazing break in her day. She participates in Chorale and is relieved of her stresses. Going from her regular classes to chorale creates a brain break and a time to forget her stress and focus on music. Madisen Young, who is a junior, says by joining band she has gotten closer with friends she already had, as well as meeting new friends. The Arts have always played a large role in the lives of the students, as they continue to do so.

## **KISS: THE END OF A LEGACY**

By Hanna Ritchey ‘20

Most likely the first rock song you jammed out to as kid was “I Wanna Rock And Roll All Night”, by the legendary, gold and platinum record awarded, rock band KISS. Throughout the 70s and 80s, KISS ruled the world with their tall destroyer boots, and elaborate makeup. They survived scandals, the death of a friend, and multiple firings of original and new members of the band, but here they are 46 years later, ending the band on their own terms happily. Generations after generations have rocked out to “Black Diamond”, and “Detroit Rock City”. KISS wasn’t always this extravagant, when they first started out in 1973, they were just four 20-somethings, from New York, with cheap makeup, and a big dream.

In 1973, Paul Stanley -vocalist and guitar player- was first introduced to Gene Simmons -vocalist and bass player-, though neither of the two particularly liked one another, the knew that they could make something good, the hottest band in the world. They quickly held auditions for a drummer and guitar player, and ended up finding Ace Frehley, and Peter Criss. These four metal heads came together and formed the band KISS. Both Criss and Frehley struggled with substance abuse, and because of this, were ultimately kicked out of the band (after a few second chances). Unfortunately, Eric Carr, the drummer that took Peter Criss’ place, passed away from heart cancer. The band mourned the loss of a dear friend and fellow band member, but didn’t give up their dream. By this time, KISS has now replaced their drummer and lead guitar player a few times, but finally found the current member, Tommy Thayer, an excellent guitar player, and Eric Singer, a devoted drummer.

On September 19, 2018, KISS announced they would be going on their final tour titled, “KISS: End of the Road Tour”. Millions of devoted fans of the KISS Army, have already enjoyed their final KISS concert with

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family and friends. I had the honor of going to one of these spectacular concerts in none other than Detroit Rock City, an extremely popular KISS song. My father and I watched "The Demon" (Gene Simmons), breathe fire and spit blood at the crowd, witnessed "Catman" (Eric Singer), rise into the air with his drum kit and sing "Beth", was blown away by "Spaceman" (Tommy Thayer), as he launched fireworks at alien UFOs, and screamed with joy as I watched the last guitar be smashed by "StarChild" (Paul Stanley) in Detroit and fly across the KISS Army. In my life I will never go to a better concert. As KISS finally ends its Rock n' Roll journey, the legacy will still live in black hearts of their army.

## SLEEPLESS TEENAGERS

By Erin Ruley '20

High schoolers are notorious for staying up late. Whether or not the lack of sleep is by choice or due to not having enough time for everything, sleep can be put off. What are the consequences of the distorted sleep cycle? Some are more obvious than others but are important to know to help stop it.

Studies say that teenagers need an average of 8 to 10 hours of sleep every night. With crazy schedules and new shows on Netflix it is hard to obtain the textbook idea of the perfect amount of sleep. While talking to some of my peers, there are many different reasons for sleepless nights. Cam Stych usually sleeps 4-6 hours every night, he says, because, "I just can't fall asleep, I twist and turn a lot so it's just generally really hard to fall asleep." Makenna Dietz has gotten better with her sleep schedule but still only sleeps between 5-6.5 hours per night although, "in the last four days I have slept a collection of fourteen hours." Makenna has been busy with robotics, prom, after prom and practicing for the Beauty and the Beast at the Sauk Theater.

Due to lack of sleep, many students

are sluggish coming to school. Waking up is the first hard thing to do in the morning. A perfect example is Kayden Vick. Kayden finds it hard to wake up early enough in the morning. He says, "I have to set 10 alarms to wake up for school." Emily Kimball stays up late watching Netflix and as a result does not wake up to her alarm, "I don't even hear them, but turns out I hit snooze." Teenagers have 99 problems and 98 of them are due to lack of sleep.

## HOW DO YOU FEEL ABOUT SENIORS LEAVING?

By Kayden Vick '19

Seniors leaving is something that happens every year. Most of the time it is emotional especially for some people this year. Cam Stych says, "It's sad, because a bunch of my friends are seniors." I relate to this because last year when the seniors left I felt like I had a good bond with a lot of them. Cam loves his friends and doesn't want them to leave.

Abi Piske says, "I'm excited to see that they're going to be moving on, but I'm going to be sad because some of them are my friends." The end of the school year during high school is normally fun, but at the same time very sad. Seeing people go that you might never see again and coming to that realization is heartbreaking sometimes.

As for me, I am very excited to leave. I'm ready to get my life moving in the right direction and starting new. Leaving high school is definitely going to give me a lot more time to think about my future, and exactly what I want it to be. I'm definitely going to miss my friends, but I'm definitely going to be glad that I met them and got to spend the time with them that I did.

## STEREOTYPES OF ANIME

By Lydia Lee '20

Anime was created in 1910 by Ōten Shimokawa, Jun'ichi Kōuchi and Seitaro Kitayama, in Japan with pro-

paganda films such as Momotarō no Umiwashi (1943) and Momotarō: Umi no Shinpei (1945). Though when Osamu Tezuka created Tetsuwan Atom or in English; Astro Boy, anime grew increasingly popular worldwide. When many people think of anime in the U.S., they think of Sailor Moon, Dragon Ball Z, and Naruto just to name a few, though recently many people believe that anime is just all hentai or cartoons made for children.

While there are anime genres made solely for children and adult entertainment, many anime shows such as Tokyo Ghoul, Deadman Wonderland, Attack on Titan, and Fullmetal Alchemist are anything but cartoons for children. Anime creators are never shy about showing gory scenes such as when Kaneki Ken, the main character of Tokyo Ghoul, is attacked by the girl he goes on a date with because she is a hungry ghoul and ghouls eat humans.

Not only is anime thought to be for children or adult entertainment, people also believe that all anime loves - otakus - want to be Japanese or are obsessed with the Japanese way of life. Now that isn't totally false with its stereotyping, while some otakus are really chill and enjoy anime for the plots and characters - almost how someone in America would fall for John Snow in Game of Thrones - there are people who genuinely believe that they were born into the wrong race. This stereotype is as Ms. Farmer says, a double sided coin, those who believe that they are supposed to be Japanese and want to be Japanese seem to be bored with their current life so they want something new and different to enjoy.

When many people who hear anime stereotype it as something for children, it makes someone wonder why they would give it the time and energy to judge it they so horribly hate it. Anime is a genre of shows created for all ages based in Japan, the fandom is so huge it is hard to give it a proper stereotype.