

# Saying goodbye to our childhoods

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As 2019 comes to a close and we enter into 2020, we leave another decade behind. One more decade to add to the decades day of Homecoming weeks in the future, and one more decade that all high school students have now lived through. The 2010s held the years where high school students went from kids to tweens to teens and some to adults. They also held all the memories that come with those changes, the good and the bad.

The 2010s were full of the best childhood memories from Disney and Nickelodeon to pineapple and llama print everything. Morgan Berndt, a sophomore, said, "Disney all the way, The Suite Life of Zack and Cody was the best." That was just one show that filled up time along with others like Spongebob Squarepants, the first Frozen, and countless others. As time has passed and all kids have grown up, many of the best childhood memories have been forgotten, but as the decade changes the social media

world is looking back on all of the best parts of the 2010s. One of the biggest changes that happened was the blow-up of technology. Everything went online, even schools. Berndt said, "People were more chill in the 2010s, and we all hung out because there wasn't technology." However, technology has brought both good and bad. The blow-up of current tech has led to the creation of social media and streaming networks. People now spend way more time on technology, but it has brought a new form of communication and ways to get entertainment. Noah Wasek, a freshman, commented on another big change in society, "A big change is people are a lot more outspoken and open about the LGBTQ stuff," said Wasek. This is a huge development that has happened throughout the years of the 2010s and continues to be a hot topic. This

change isn't something that will fade away like some of the trends of the past 10 years.

Different phases definitely occurred that didn't stick like the streaming networks did. Berndt commented on the leggings with shorts phase that happened in the 2010s, "Everyone thought it was ok, but it really wasn't," said Berndt. Hindsight is always 2020 when it comes to trends, but some make a good impression. "I always loved the feathers and wrap things everyone wore in their hair in middle school. Bring it Back!" Berndt said. Fashion has always been a big part of the different decades, and the 2010s are no exception, but trends from the last decade are definitely going to follow us into the next one.

Leggings, crop tops, crocs, vans, and ripped jeans are only a few of the fashion trends that aren't going anywhere anytime soon. Despite the numbers we write at the end of the date changing, and many new trends on the horizon, it is hard to forget all the childhood memories created in the last decade.

## What will you miss most about the last decade?



"I am going to miss Phineas and Ferb." - Dawn Sloan, '21



"I am going to miss vine." - Max Ellis class of, '21



"I am definitely going to miss the music." -Hope Vanderlinden,'23

Sloan, Ellis, and Vanderlinden share what they will miss most about the last decade

Even if the trends don't last forever, the memories do. And don't worry, now there's Disney + to bring back all the nostalgic feelings of our childhood.

# Getting a taste of TikTok

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Tik Tok has slowly but surely taken over social media by storm. Anyone and everyone is on it. But does anyone really know how it got this way? How this "joke" app became loved by millions of teens, and adults around the globe? It's a mystery that no one knows for sure, but it's everywhere now. Instagram, Twitter, and sometimes even Facebook are flooded by videos shared from TikTok. It seems to be the new thing every teen is doing, but is it good or bad?

The popularity of TikTok didn't just happen overnight. According to CNN, it has been around since August of 2018, and in that short amount of time has gained 1 billion users. It has spread through other platforms, ads, word of mouth, and a number of other ways. Calen Claypool, freshman, spends a lot of his free time on TikTok "My friends got it and so I did too, then I tried to get some views and I did," said Claypool. However, he doesn't think it's taking over other social media and it isn't even his favorite app. His favorite app instead is Youtube. Some people have a different opinion on if it has taken over other platforms.

Destiny Morris, sophomore, does think that it has been taking over other social media. "I see everyone on TikTok all the time," says Morris. And it's true. If you walk into the lunchroom, there's a good chance you'll see people either watching or sometimes even making TikToks. At this point, it's kind of considered normal to be watching it in whatever free time you have during school. It's a good way to waste free time with short videos that don't take much focus. Watching funny videos during a stressful school day

can have the power to calm people down. And that's exactly

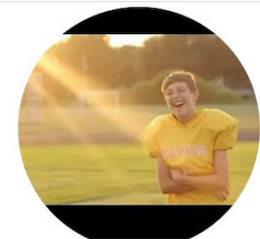
what highschoolers need during a long school day. There are more reasons why it's so popular among teens.

Vine and Musical.ly are two apps very similar to TikTok. You could even say that TikTok is an exact mixture of the two. Vine shut down on January 17, 2017, and it was a heartbreak for many. Vine was similar to TikTok in the sense that people were just having fun making short comedy sketches.

In that way, TikTok is sort of the rebirth of Vine. However, the end of Musical.ly wasn't as heart-wrenching. Musical.ly was an exact replica of TikTok except the comedy videos were lipsyncing videos instead. With the layout of Musical.ly and the content of Vine, TikTok was created.

Whether you like it or not, there is no doubt about it. TikTok has exploded with popularity within the last year. Sharing short videos is a way of relieving stress and a way to connect for teens. Which is crucial for free time during the day. TikTok is the perfect app to waste time on. One minute you go on TikTok, and then the next minute you end up spending hours on it. It has a way of drawing people in, which might just be why it's so loved.

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Calen Calypool's popular TikTok profile.