

# Spring fiesta

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Spring break can mean many different things for high schoolers. Some go on trips to foreign countries while others stay at home enjoying the freedom and time away from school. No matter what you do over break, anyone can appreciate the time off. Going on vacation for spring break is a highlight for many student's year. Many families plan these trips over a year in advance to give everyone plenty of time to look forward to and daydream about the warmth and fun that is sure to come.

Brandi Witt, junior, has been looking forward to going on the school Costa Rica trip since last spring break. She is taking a detour from her normal Florida spring break trip and is instead traveling to a whole new country with an entirely different language which is one of her biggest concerns, "What I'm most nervous for would definitely be talking to people who are fluent in Spanish, like now I have to speak it because you don't speak English," said Witt. Even though there is a language barrier, Witt is overall super excited. Going to a different country without

your parents can be nerve-racking for anyone, but she is still super excited for the opportunity.

Some students choose to go on a trip with family instead. Madison Prier, sophomore, travels for spring break every year. This year they are going to Naples, Florida with her family and her cousins. Normally during spring break you would catch Prier's family in Arizona but this year they decided to switch things up, "My cousins were planning to go there, so we just decided to go together," said Prier. Considering she travels every year, Prier has no major worries. She is looking forward to having a good time with family and getting a tan.

Instead of taking a trip, some students opt to stay home instead. Even if you aren't doing anything extravagant, getting a week off of school is a vacation in itself. No homework and no stress for a week is a dream come true for almost any high schooler. It's a week to chill with friends, catch up on sleep, and relax. Spring break is necessary for high schoolers to make it through the third quarter when all is said and done.



The students going to Costa Rica at a group planning meeting.

# School screen time

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Whether it's allowed or not, everyone uses technology every day at school. Ranging from your computer or your phone even if you are not supposed to. It is inevitable in today's society that teenagers are on their phones 24/7. But technology was not always like this at school. When we were in elementary and middle school, we were only able to use the computers at the

computer lab and you couldn't bring your D.S. 's to school. Every assignment was done on paper and technology was not used every day.

It seems like every teacher is making an assignment online instead of on paper. But not all students like this. "I like to physically write for my assignments instead of doing it online," said Braxton Pierce, a freshman. But Cloee Kraft, senior, prefers to do assignments on the computer because she doesn't like to write on paper. So there really is no way that everyone is going to be happy. Normally teachers have both options available. But something is a bigger issue at our school is phones.

In every class, there is a debate on if you should be allowed to have your phone or not. Something all students can agree on is that they want to be able to have their phones in class. Even if teachers say they can't go on them, students don't want to have to put them in holders. They feel like the teachers don't trust them to be able to keep their phones and still pay attention in class. "Kids like to have them in case of emergency," said Pierce. This is something that students and teachers will always fight

about, but it could be a lot easier if all teachers did the same thing with phones.

Technology will always keep changing and evolving, so you have to always be ready for change.



Cloee Kraft, senior, works on her spanish assignment while on her phone.

