

TURNING BACK TIME

At the beginning of a new school year, students typically buy a new backpack to start fresh. Most of the time the backpacks are from popular brands like The North Face or JanSport, but this year some seniors joined a trend that first became popular on the app TikTok. Seniors bought backpacks meant for little kids to remind them of their childhood before they graduated and became adults.

“I had a Hello Kitty backpack,” senior Savannah Anderson said. “I loved Hello Kitty growing up and I just saw it and thought it was really colorful and cute so I got it. As a kid I had similar backpacks growing up and now that we are leaving high school it’s just kind of emotional. It feels like you are starting over again with going to college.”

“My dad picked out my backpack for me. I am excited to graduate.”

Hailey Merritt, 12

“I chose this backpack because Spiderman is the best superhero. I am excited to do all the senior activities and having prom and stuff.”

Calvin Von Arb, 12



More packs



“I made the TikTok because I was really excited to see other people participate and I had seen the trend and thought it was adorable.”

Victoria Montgomery, 12

“My friends wanted to do little kid backpacks so I just chose the coolest one. I am excited to graduate.”

Derrick Warren, 12

“I really liked minions growing up so I thought it would be fun having a minions backpack. I am excited for football games.”


Lupe Garcia, 12

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“I mean it’s Lightning McQueen. I mean toughest driver, toughest movie actually. Cars is my top 10 all time. I am excited for wrestling season this year.”

Chris Orozco, 12

“It is a character called Shinobu Kocho from an anime called Demon Slayer. I just think key chains are a nice decoration that give people an idea about what you like and who you are. They are a little extension of yourself.”



Taylor Saale, 12