## WHOS

While walking around campus, have you ever thought that you were seeing double? It might be because you are. At Combs, we have a high amount of identical twins throughout different grade levels. Being an identical twin can come with its nuances, one of which is being mistaken for the other sibling.

"I have been mistaken for Natalya so much that it feels strange when people get it right the first time." said sophomore Nadya Loraw. Twins are constantly misplaced for each other, no matter where they are or who they're with, and this can get pretty annoying. "It can get bothersome if I'm talking to a close friend, because that

means that any bonding we just did, they thought they were doing that bonding with my twin and not me," said sophomore Natalya Loraw, "For the most part though, it

doesn't really bother me. I'm used to it." With getting mistaken for each other, you would think that it would be fairly easy for the twins to swap places

and pretend to be each other.

If twins are misplaced by other people, it could be easy to swap places for a day and see who would notice, but is it really as simple as that?

"We have very different personalities so I think teachers would catch on," said junior Avery

All the twins on campus have thought about swapping places before, but only one set of twins has actually done something similar.



Tristan Pellum, '24



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"When we were younger we swapped shoes," said senior Zavier Pellum, "I wore one of Tristan's shoes and one of my shoes as a way of tricking our teachers in like 4th or 5th grade, it did fool our teachers." The fact that twins often swap places is a common misconception.

Twins have a lot of misconceptions surrounding them that can include telepathy or beliefs that they're duplicates of the same person; and while some of them can seem true at times, they aren't accurate to every set of twins.

"Sometimes it seems like we do [have telepathy] because we say the same things at the same time, whenever our friends hear us do this they say that we are the exact same person," senior Zavier Pellum said.

Another misconception that twins face is the thought that they are the same person, or that they always have the same interests, thoughts, and personalities. This can be true sometimes, but certainly not all the time.

"Me and Natalya have pretty similar tastes and personalities and things of that sort. The differences are things like how we dress and what our goals are, and other things like that," sophomore Nadya Loraw says, "I think being twins is a part of it because we have been so close all our lives. We developed as people together."











Nadya Loraw, 26'