

hot wheels

Students customized their cars to match their personalities.

“I personalized my license plate with the nickname my friends from Mexico call me. It’s easy to remember when paying for parking.”

Dario Rosales '25



PARKING buddies

Sonny Angels on dashboards became companions.

Sonny Angel Hippers were spotted all around the parking lot, as students put them in their car screens. They did this in order to bring a unique touch to their car. Senior **Ella Marder** said, “I like changing up sonny angels in my car because they are fun to collect and bring a different touch to it.” *Photos by Vera Lopresti*

Senior Eden Alfi illuminated the parking lot on Oct. 19 as the sun shone on her bright pink car. Alfi had saved up for two years to be able to fulfill her dream of having her car wrapped in the glittery shade.

“I’ve wanted a pink car since I was little, I even made a song about it. Now that I have the wrap, I love it,” said Alfi.

Aside from changing the paint or color of their cars, students also modified their rides with a variety of upgrades.

“Changing my tires was a birthday gift which brought me closer with my Dad since he liked modifying his car when he was young too. My friends and I also decided to change our mufflers to make

our cars sound better,” junior Miguel di Mise said.

Adding accessories such as “Sonny Angels,” license plates, or bumper stickers added showcased students’ personalities. Despite these small changes, all cars were easily identifiable, having the light blue parking tags in common.

“Walking around in the parking lot, I’ve seen different aesthetics of cars. It is fun to see my peers driving cars I might have not imagined them in. It is also fun to scout for the Gulliver parking tag when I am outside of school,” junior Amanda Blondet Jimenez said.

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senior EDEN ALFI

2021 Mercedes-Benz GLC300

WHY a wrap?

“I got a wrap because I have always wanted to have a pink car, and it was a non-permanent option in case I ever want to sell it. My friends didn’t believe that I would actually do it, so they were surprised when they saw me drive up with the new color. I love its bright color; it reflects my personality. And if it makes others smile when they see it then that makes me happy too.”

senior BENJAMIN PASQUIER

2019 Mini Cooper Countryman

WHY a mini?

“Having a Mini Cooper makes it easier for me to drive around and park in parking lots. The trunk is a good size and it holds all the things I need to take around. I always carry a bag of change of clothes, water bottles, and sailing gear in my trunk.”



bio-med teacher YOLY MCCARTHY

2022 Tesla Model Y

WHY electric?

“I’m very glad I have a Tesla. It’s techy, fast, and a fun looking car. I got some modifications on my car like getting it red, and changing the rims. Since it’s electric, it’s also very practical. I haven’t seen a gas station in three years.”



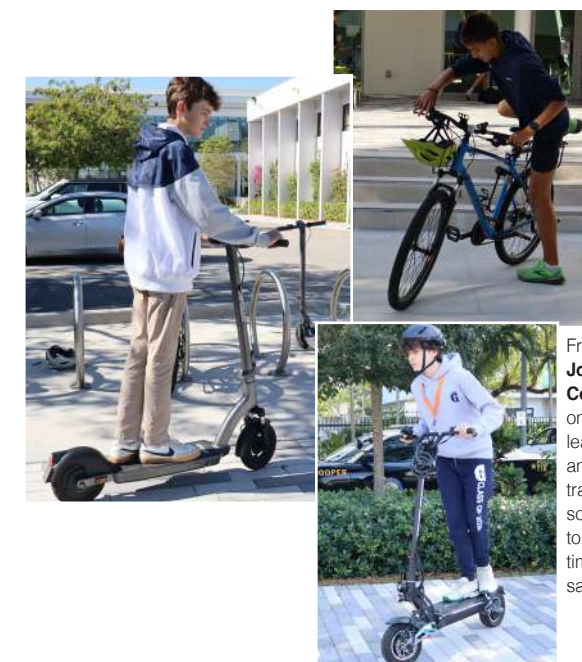
gas or ELECTRIC

After completing a survey, students shared their car preference.

“I like how I can charge it from the comfort of my own home or even when I’m shopping.”
Julietta Martinez '26

“I like the acceleration of gas cars better than electric cars.”
Matthew Preston '26

“I like that my gas car lasts weeks without having to fill the tank, and it also drives smooth.”
Marianna Vives '25



easy rides

Some students rode their scooters or bikes to school.

Freshmen **Chris Arana** and **Joao Ribeiro**, and sophomore **Conrad Weeman** quickly hop onto their bikes and scooters to leave campus. They opted to bike and scoot to school to avoid rush traffic and get home earlier from school. “I like to bike to school, to get home early so I have more time to do my homework,” Arana said. *Photos by Aleah Sawyer.*