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Wii vs. Xbox 360

Almost everyone owns a video game console; the difference is what console do you play? There are many choices of gaming consoles, but two of the most popular gaming consoles are the Xbox 360 and the Nintendo Wii. The Nintendo Wii is a very popular video game system that is fun to play and gives you a good exercise. The goal of Nintendo was to revolutionize the home gaming console industry. The Nintendo Gaming Company wanted to make the Wii a family gaming console that any family could afford. The Wii gives the players a chance to be a part of the game, by making the games fun and interactive. When they released the gaming console in 2007, it was one of the most sold gaming systems in years.

The Xbox 360 is also a very popular gaming system. It is the oldest of the current generation of video game consoles, yet it is also one of the most popular systems. The Xbox 360 is still a powerful gaming console that produces high-definition graphics and also features one of the most robust on-line gaming networks, Xbox Live. Xbox 360 also has many different customizations to it, like the Xbox 360 arcade. The Xbox 360 arcade comes with 256MB of storage, a wireless controller, a standard A/V cable, and compatibility with all Xbox 360 games.

The Xbox 360 Arcade is the best choice for the budget-conscious consumer who only wants to play Xbox 360 games, and not Xbox live games.

So Xbox 360 vs. Wii, who wins? The Xbox 360 has on-line gaming, fun HD games and videos, anyone in the family can use it, and has an easy to use remote. However the Xbox 360 also has a downside to it. An Xbox 360 has the potential of a hardware malfunction and the green lights on the front turn red. These Red lights are called "The Red Ring of Light", which indicates your Xbox is broken. The Xbox then would have to be sent in to the manufacturing company in Texas, where hopefully the problem would be corrected.

On the other hand, the Wii has a new generation of motion activated remotes, really fun games, and provides great exercise while you play, it was made for the family to get together, have fun, and have a good time. The con of a Wii is if there is too much sunlight in the room, the sensors in the Wii remotes stop working temporarily. This can really be a pain if you play in a room where there is a lot of sunlight.

The Wii and the Xbox 360 both have their up and downs, but the choice is yours. Wii or Xbox 360?

Gene Smith
 Staff Reporter

Don't Judge a Book By Its Cover

Have you ever felt like you are being judged the wrong way that people do not really try to understand that people are not that different from each other? Lots of the people in the school and our community feel that way where a judge some one in a way that a rumor starts that hurts the person, family and friends.

A lot of people do not understand that when they judge a person some times it ends up hurting them physically and mentally. Sometimes when some one is judged a rumor will start and that person will end up in a mental depression, solitude or even suicide. Most of the time some one is judged its is mostly about their race, religion, gender and sexual orienta-

tion. All because they dress different, look different, believe in a totally opposite religion or they have the same sex preference, it does not mean they are not the same as everyone else.

There is a strong quote out there that I like to follow and would be great if our society can do the same.

"Don't judge a book by its cover" is the famous quote you will hear a lot these days and it was brought up in 1944 in the murder mystery novel "In The Glass Room" by Edwin Rolfe and Cester Tulles.

People should get to know each other before the start to judge. Who knows that person may turn out to be a very close friend.

Daniel Rosales
 Staff Reporter

Racism

Racism is a huge issue in our country because it is discriminating against people. According to <http://www.freedomszone.com> about one-third of Americans are racist and are raising teens and children to follow in their parents' tracks.

This problem needs to be fixed. Everyone has their right to think what they want of someone else, but we need to learn to set our differences aside. I am not talking about not liking someone because they stole your boyfriend or girlfriend. I am talking about the color of someone's skin; the way they talk, or what they believe in. I am talking about not liking someone because

they are different.

There is no reason on earth to hate someone because their skin is a different color. There has been hatred between the white race and the black race since slavery began. Slavery was a long time ago, and those people have been freed from bondage to live a free and equal life as everyone else.

Every race, whether they are black, white, yellow, red, or brown skinned, can learn to get along. We are all the same and yet different and unique. We may not be the same color or have the same religion but we really are not all that different.

Miranda Bailey
 Sports Editor

Society's Pressure On Girls

Society's views as to what a teenage girl should look like are unreasonable and unhealthy. Society expects girls to be skinny and petite. Emphasizing that healthy girls are supposed to look like models with the bones showing below their skin.

Magazines and television provide images of models and actresses that are mostly very skinny, almost bone-like, and most young girls think that it is okay to try to mimic these stars and models. Clothes designers hire these skinny models to advertise their clothes giving the impression that if you want to wear the current fashion trend, one must be as skinny as the model wearing the clothes.

Overweight teen girls think that they have to be like an anorexic model to be accepted by their peers. They are being targeted by unhealthy images all around them. They should not have to be pressured to think that they are ugly or fat because they are not as small as a little child. Ac-

cording to their standards, a teenager of normal weight is considered overweight. I completely disagree with that frame of thought.

Being a heavy girl myself, it is sometimes depressing with the way society complains about large, healthy girls not being beautiful. All chunky girls are healthy and beautiful whether or not anybody believes it.

Being as I am a little overweight, healthy girl myself, I disagree with society's standards. It is unhealthy to try to be too small; most of us are not born to be small. Larger girls are bigger than others due to genetic or hormonal disposition.

For a larger girl to believe she needs to be small or smaller is not healthy within itself. Society should just accept each girl as her own self because making themselves think that they need to be really small can lead to unhealthy disorders, which may cause more serious health problems.

Sydney Kline
 Staff reporter

Purple & Gold V.S. Red & Black

Coming to WHS from WIS was a big change for all us freshman. This high school has so many opportunities open to us in exchange for our participation, our responsibility, and our respect. We are expected to succeed in all our classes and our endeavors.

For our freshman year, I think we all feel welcomed into WHS as Honkers. We are given the knowledge and experience to succeed in high school; it just depends on it you want to use those tools.

WHS provides us with open campus for lunch, something we unable to have during our eighth grade year, and the classes seem to be wonderful. WHS has more elective options that are taught with professional teachers. You have journalism/newspaper, drivers education, life skills, child development, and many others.

There are also many clubs to choose from. There is drama club; which will be performing a play

soon; Culture Awareness Club, a club that teaches others about their culture and cultural acceptance; and Students Working Against Tobacco, which teaches students to be aware of tobacco and other things.

WHS have a big library, which hosts many books to choose, from history to fiction. The library offers a computer lab, magazines, career center and library hours at night; Monday - Thursday from 6-9 p.m.

WHS has more school spirit than WIS, and there are so many more rallies compared to WIS. The first two rallies we have had demonstrated so much spirit from all the students. Especially since Mr. Smith has added the Goose Island, Honkerville USA and the Honker jump as well as many things to the campus since he began being principal. Go Honkers!

Sydney Kline
 Staff Reporter

Global Warming or Mother Nature?

Walking outside in the sun light with no clouds in sight, the mornings weather forecast states quick changes to come: hot days to cooler and mild temperatures, back to hot, then to cool, and back to hot.

The weather has been crazy and unpredictable so far this year. It sky-rockets to triple digits then suddenly drops anywhere from twenty to thirty degrees and goes back up to the triple digits within a series of 72 hours. Am

I the only one who thinks this is just straight up crazy?

Is this global warming or just Mother Nature doing what she does best? Coming off a cool-down from a hot 109 degree day, and limited air conditioning in the classrooms, students are feeling Mother Nature's wrath. Can we blame our weather changes to Mother Nature or is it really global warming?

Our weather pattern has been changing over the

last several decades. For the last five years, we were in a drought pattern that came after a two year wet season. Last year we received a normal amount of rain from November through April. Our summer has been relatively cool, with approximately 10 days in a row of 110 degrees.

It is my opinion that it is caused from global warming, because the green-house gasses are destroying, our ozone layer, and the ozone layer is let-

ting more heat in from the sun. Also polar ice-caps are melting and causing the sea level to rise. And our good friend gravity is sending some heat waves to us, unfortunately.

It is a good thing summer is ending soon, so we can get out of this hot weather and back into the cooler weather, and hopefully, this cold weather can keep us from reaching triple digits until next summer.

Gene Smith
 Staff Reporter