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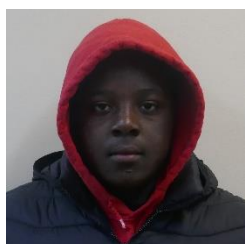
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Can You Hear Me Now?

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Here at Wilson, students are not allowed to keep their phones during school hours.

Teachers and administrators think phones can be a big distraction and could prevent students from learning.

Most teachers are glad and agree that phones shouldn't be allowed.

Mr. Scheffer, a teacher at Wilson Magnet High, partially agrees that phones should not be allowed during school hours.

Scheffer states, "If students used phones correctly it would be fine but, in my experience, students haven't. So I am in favor with the school banning the phones."

Students have a counter to Scheffer's argument: Darius Harris, senior at Wilson, argues, "I think phones should be allowed in school because anything could happen in America. For example: school shootings. We should be able to have our phones so we can stay vigilant and make alert calls if something is happening."

But not all students feel this way. Ibrahim Hakizimana, another student at Wilson, believes that students should not have their phones.

Hakizimana states, "With there being fights from time to time, many of the students become immature and post the fights on social media which isn't necessary."

Ibrahim adds, "Phones could tear down all the progress and reputation that Mr. Reynolds has built for Wilson."

Mr. Reynolds, Wilson Magnet High School principal, is a bit more diplomatic.

"I can be slightly neutral on phones but students of different ages are not using them appropriately which is leading us to have a ban on phones," says Reynolds.

Reynolds adds that phones may be banned in schools by New York State in the near future.

Phones are a big topic and discussion here at Wilson and across the state. When children are in school, many want to have their phones but, in the administrator's eyes, students shouldn't and should focus on their learning.



St. Patrick's Day

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In the middle of March, celebrations happened & the Leprechauns came out.

Many people around the world, from Ireland to New Zealand to Australia, Japan, Argentina and the United States, go all out to celebrate St. Patrick's Day.

According to littlepassports.com, St. Patrick was a priest who was kidnapped at 16 years old and brought to Emerald Isle Ireland. He later escaped the people who took him.

St. Patrick began to study religion, returning to England to convert Irish people into Catholics.

As Irish immigrants traveled to the United States, Americans established parades and festivals to celebrate and acknowledge Irish culture.

Today, St. Patrick's Day is now about leprechauns, Shamrock Shakes, wearing green and having fun. no matter the race, religion, culture, or ethnicity.

Ms. Chitaphong, a teacher at Wilson Magnet High School, is Irish and celebrates St. Patrick's Day with her family.

Chitaphong said she has celebrated it with her kids for many years by setting up leprechaun traps around her house. Also, the kids would go on a treasure hunt to find a pot of gold that had green items inside.

She added, "St. Patrick's day is mostly just a family tradition from my childhood. I have Irish roots, but I wouldn't say I have a personal connection to the holiday."

Chitaphong and her family eat corned beef and cabbage, Irish soda bread, and Shamrock Shakes.

Ms. McGwin, another teacher at Wilson that is also Irish, similarly used to set up leprechaun traps around her house and would have a meal of all green items when her kids were little.

However, St. Patrick's Day means a lot to her. She states, "It is a celebration of the Irish culture of which I am part".

She also comments, "My husband's grandmother came from Ireland to the US in the 1920's."

So, in her household, this holiday is very important.

But she said she hates corned beef and cabbage...which is shocking!

Whether you're Irish and take the holiday to heart or just love the milkshakes, St. Patrick's Day is a way for people from different cultures in the United States to come together to celebrate one another.