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## Cheating becomes habit, resulting in lasting, harmful consequences

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Students of all ages and classes often find themselves in a situation where they feel pressured to cheat, or one in which they have no other option if they want to make a high grade. Many times, they cave in to this stress and opt for the easier route of asking a friend or going to the internet for answers.

Counselor Marie Crayton-Haliburton suggests using alternative resources which are available to students both on campus and at home.

"There are teachers that are available before and after school, department tutorials with another teacher in the same department if they need to hear a new perspective and NHS tutors that are willing to help," Crayton-Haliburton said. "I hate to think students feel like they need to cheat when they have so many resources available."

Assistant principal Matthew Quick agrees that students have a variety of resources accessible. If they maintain a planner, school projects

and assignments will be easily completed, Quick said.

"[The] main reasons that [students cheat] are, it is the easier choice and it does not require near as much work," Quick said. "Sometimes students get in a bind and don't have enough time, so [cheating] is a [much] faster way to get an end result."

While Quick believes that opting to cheat may seem faster, the final product is limiting the knowledge they are capable of obtaining.

AP US History teacher Molly Sanders explains how cheating will inhibit a student's ability to apply that information in the future and create more work in the long run.

"The numbers show up on their grades," Sanders said, "but actually they don't get the information. Teaching an AP course, [I see how] important [it is] for students to know that even though they may be getting the information in class, they might not have the information they need to reflect on the AP test."

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# SERIAL CHEATER



# Holidays bring opportunities to redefine charity services

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Over the following months, campus-wide groups have decided to contribute to the holiday spirit and look toward charity as a means for aiding others.

"[Charity] is personal to me because I think of the impact just one volunteer can make, and if I can take part in that impact, then I can get closer to their goal and that means all the difference," junior and AVID member Miranda Carrillo said.

In this similar spirit, students and faculty are often encouraged to redefine charity in their own enjoyable ways by hosting a different range of supportive events.

## FFA CLUB: MASH

FFA, or Future Farmers of America, have focused their charity dominantly on the youth of both our community and those outside it.

"We will help by doing MASH, which is a toy drive hosted by 98.3 KORA," senior and FFA president Preston Bunner said. "It really is just people around our whole, entire community bringing in donated toys that they've either bought this year or their kids got too tired of."

This club hopes that by providing aid for the toy drive, it will benefit those kids who are less fortunate and whose families cannot afford to purchase Christmas presents.

## ART CLUB: SALVATION ARMY

Though some charitable works include the extensive MASH, some groups have opted for a less stressful alternative, but an impactful one that raises money.

"We show up, drink coffee, ring a bell, and greet people. We do so much volunteering that requires us to make artwork [and] these are somewhat stressful with a deadline," Art Club sponsor Jessica Potts said. "Sometimes you just need to have fun with your friends, and I don't want the students to feel like Art Club is a burden."

## AVID: COACHES FOR CANCER

"The AVID class will be helping the CSHS and AMCHS girls' basketball teams raise the money to donate to the local organization we have chosen to support. The AVID students are doing all the work,"

AVID class sponsor and basketball coach Deanna Doles said.

In their second annual Coaches for Cancer charity event, AVID, or Advanced Via Individual Determination has set their goal of more than \$3,000

for Pink Alliance, a local organization that helps women who are fighting breast cancer.

The students have 300 new shirts to sell and will have a bake sale.

## FACULTY: SHARE THE WELL

Through similar efforts, teachers have

grouped together in the charity's name to help students at CSHS.

"It's an effort to help our own students and their families who might struggle during the holidays to get gifts for their kids or especially if they have younger kids at home if they need coats or things like that," said counselor Anne Hoffman.

## NHS: HOLIDAY FOOD BAGS

Reflecting on their success last year, NHS has decided to continue to give back to the community by hosting a school-wide contest by collect canned goods to place in holiday gift bags for needy families.

"It's important to help the community with this and to celebrate the holidays the way you want to celebrate them, especially by having that potential spirit of competitiveness between advocates," said senior NHS Vice President of Service Zoë de Beurs. "It really starts off the holidays right."

Although methods of charities differ the goal is uniformly the same: to provide aid while redefining the true essence of charity in holiday spirits.

"Charity is passion in its purest, applied to a cause in need. It has varying means of significance that are always found in good tidings," Carrillo said. •

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