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Students get jobs to earn extra cash, get experience

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They were tired of asking their parents for money. They wanted independence and freedom. They cashed in with part-time jobs and the initiative to make their own cash. Along with their busy high school schedule, some students found time to work at local businesses to earn a little extra cash.

"I decided to work at Brookshire's because it's a clean, cool environment with plenty of nice and neat people," **Gunner Guida** [11] said. "The money is nice, and the job seems simple and reliable. I don't have any bills to pay at the moment, so I can keep one hundred percent of my income."

Once they received their license, some students couldn't wait to get a job and start making their own money. **Carter Wheat** [10] started working at Chik-fil-A after he turned 16.

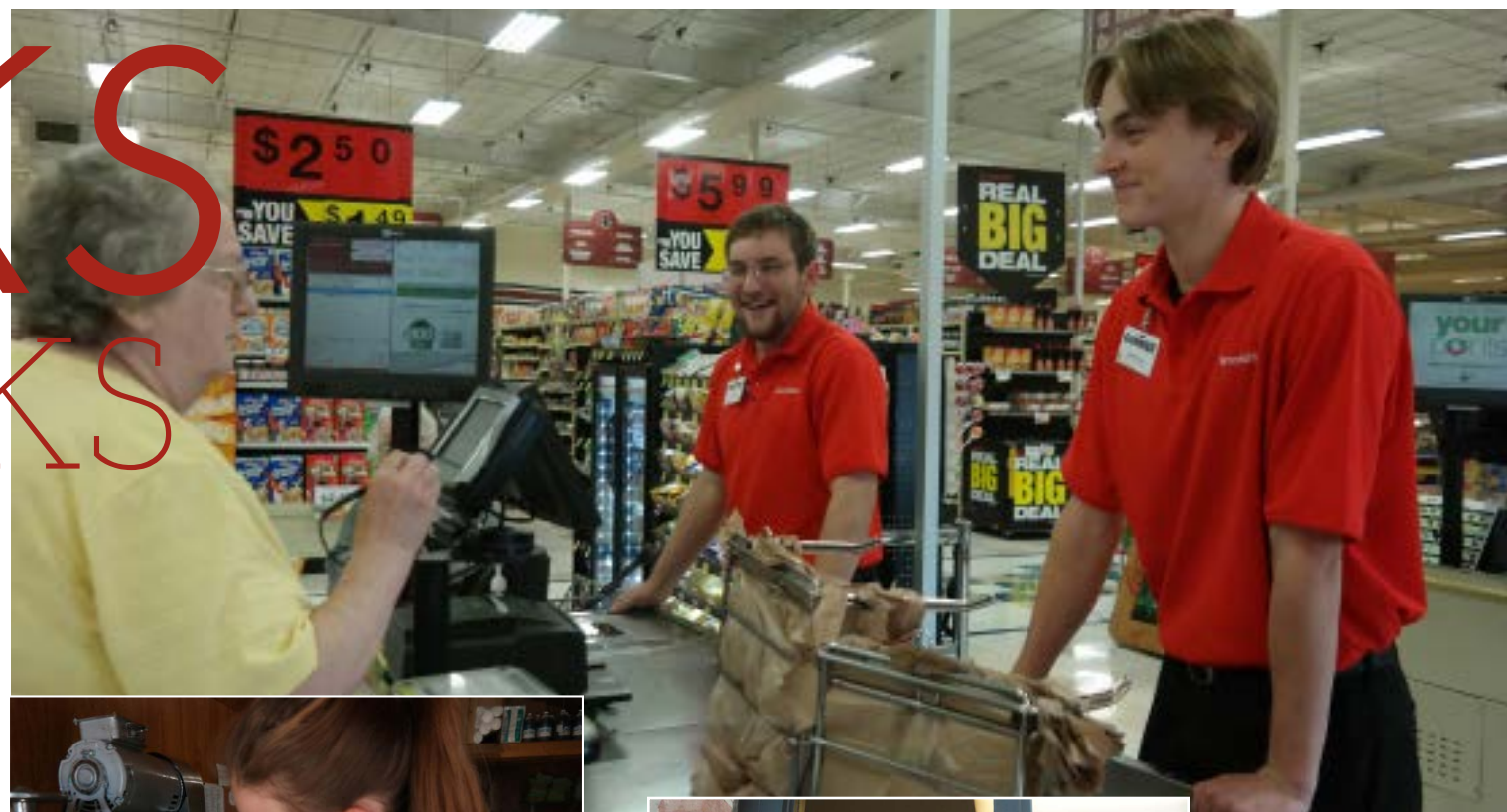
"The people I work with are in my same age group from 16 to early 20s, so it was really easy to fit in and it's always a good thing to like the people and what you do," Wheat said. "Plus it's not a very demanding job and the hours are really flexible."

Having a job means more responsibility for planning a schedule and saving up money for any expenses that may catch students off guard. **Colleen Pulpan** [10] works at SnoJoes, which is owned by English IV teacher **Nikki Seimears**, and learned the hard way that she needed to save money.

"I'm glad I can be accountable for money," Pulpan said. "I was never accountable until now. I had to change the battery in my car and my mom made me pay for it. She told me that I'm going to have to learn how to use my money and how to save it up."

After working at a job for a while, many students realize how gratifying it is to earn an income.

"Having a job as a teenager is a good way to learn responsibility and accountability, and it's a good feeling to actually earn the money you get," **Macy Templeman** [11] said. "I look forward to my birthday and Christmas for some gift money, but the feeling that I earned it is even better. It teaches you to really appreciate every dollar you earn, especially when you're young and not responsible for bills yet."



Pro at SnoJoes, **Colleen Pulpan** [10] tops shaved ice with syrup to finish making a snowcone. English teacher Mrs. Seimears owns the local business and employs White Oak students. "Working under Mrs. Seimears is definitely a lucky position because she shows me the ropes of having a job," Pulpan said.



Cash in front of her, **Macy Templeman** [11] counts the days earnings at the Splash pad. "One reason I got a job this summer was because my parents told me I had to at least try to get a job while I wasn't going to school all day," Templeman said.



Expressing great Chik-fil-a service, **Carter Wheat** [10] hands his customer their receipt. "I started working in March and I wanted to start working there since I turned 16 and was able to drive," Wheat said.



After scanning the Brookshire's customer's groceries, **Dustin Harrison** [12] and **Gunner Guida** [11] wait for her to pay. Many White Oak students have worked at Brookshire's during their time in high school. all photos by n. hussein

Dressed for work, **Gwen Graves** [11] handles the task of working the drive-thru at Whataburger. Students sought summer jobs to fill the time void that comes with being out of school and to earn a little extra cash.

APPS Students spend time on mobile devices



"I check Instagram the most," **Cody Downing** [12] said. "People are always posting at all times of the day. It's constantly showing me new things and what old friends are up to."



"I'm always excited for new anime to come out, so Facebook helps me keep track of what's going on in the anime world without any effort on my part," **Niko Fookes** [12] said.



"I'm on Pinterest the most," **Alana Dacus** [11] said. "I like to see what different crafts I could do to keep myself busy on those boring days. I also like seeing what different styles I could try to do with my hair, even though they don't always turn out the way I want them to." all mod photos by n. hussein

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Teens use informal terms to express themselves

bruh noun
bro, a supportive person of either gender, but usually male, who is a part of your friend group
exclamation
used to express disapproval or surprise at another's actions regardless if the person is a friend or acquaintance

com•ing in clutch idiomatic expression
arriving at the opportune moment with relevant information or items; assisting in a team sport

noob noun
someone who isn't good at a certain skill and is usually a nuisance, inexperienced and new to an organization or team

sav•age noun
someone who delivers an insult that no one else would think of saying
adjective
something edgy or sarcastic

shade noun
veiled insults; insults said behind someone's back

sick adjective
something cool or awesome, what you are on a test day

slay verb
to succeed in something amazing

squad noun
a group of close friends that has each other's backs

swag noun
free merchandise; goody bags; "swag bag"
adjective
cool, attractive; usually used sarcastically: "You have so much swag."

turnt adjective
used to describe a person, full of energy; pumped up

wreck verb
to destroy someone through insults or in a game

yass exclamation
abnormal pronunciation of the word 'yes'; used to express agreement

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