

The effort seemed fruitless as he shuffled through the pile of miscellaneous items...raincoat, leopard-print umbrella, a Tylenol bottle, and two random summer sausages?! At last he spied a piece of it, stretching full length to grasp a corner and pull his hoodie out from under the raincoat and umbrella. It wasn't the cleanest or most organized area, but it was his.

"My car to me is a sanctuary," junior Aaron Espinoza said.
"It's my space. I can be as I am, I can listen to the music that I want to listen to and eat the food I want to eat. It's almost like a second home."

Espinoza was not the only one to feel this way about his space. Students used their vehicles, as well as their lockers and backpacks, as homes away from home.

"If you looked in my locker right now, you would probably find books for my classes and some food maybe," senior Melanie Sendejo said. "I come prepared."

Looking into others' personal spaces was almost like looking at a cross section of their personalities.

"I will admit I'm messy," junior Chris Owen said. "I can be organized for a while, but that 'while' is a short while. Then the rest of the time, I just start getting lazy."

On the other hand, sophomore Kami Luettgen was the polar opposite.

"I'm organized," Luettgen said. "I like to keep things in a certain places so I can find them. I feel like it makes me more productive in what I do."

While these were two extremes, Sendejo represented a middle ground.

"I'm more organized than messy," Sendejo said. "I guess it's because I still have an idea of where I put everything. It's not always perfection, but I still have an idea of where all of my stuff is."

Even in the same household, senior twins Luke and Lindsey Wimmer were opposites.

"I make my bed just about every day," Luke said. "My closet is color coordinated with the hangers all facing the same way. Now, my sister's room is always a disaster. Clothes are all over the place, and she never makes her bed."

For sophomore Devin Daniels, the mystique of organization was important.

"I try to control everything," Daniels said. "I just don't want my life to end up like other people in my family. Most people see me as organized because I don't show my messy side."

Whether joyously messy, anal retentively organized or somewhere in the middle, the result was a window into the personality.