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Sports: Volleyball



Volleyball:

Have you ever wondered what the latest news about the sports at our school? Well, this is the section for you!

Volleyball is a popular sport at Rising Sun. Our Rising Sun Lady Shiners have a few games coming up in the next couple weeks! These volleyball players have been working super hard at practice. Practice 4 days a week, for 2 hours is a lot of work! Our lady Shiners had a home volleyball game August 10th against East Central. Both the 7th and 8th grade teams had close games! The 7th grade volleyball players won the first set 25 to 23. In the second set, we lost 25 to 21. The 7th graders went to a third set. Sadly, we lost 15 to 14, but it was a very close game, with lots and lots of different plays. Our Rising Sun 8th grade Shiners lost their first set 25 to 22. Everyone thought we had a chance to win, to prove we could beat East Central. Sadly, once again, we lost the second set 25 to 10. We basically gave up when we should've kept going, but the next game will be better! Us Shiners have upcoming games on August 29th at our school, at 6! Another August 30th, at Jac-Cen-Del Middle School, at 6! The last game for this month is August 31st, at Greendale Middle School, at 5:30! If you can, you should come to support!

By: Maddy Phillippe

Soccer and Cross Country

- It is the beginning of the fall sports season. That means it is time for soccer and cross country. The soccer team had their first scrimmage on the 27th which resulted in a loss. The goal scorer was Zack Courtney, the only one of the game, with the assist going to Jaelynn Walton.
- After the first game, we talked to one of the players to reflect on the game and ask about the upcoming season. “We will be a hard team to beat once our defense figures out their spacing and movement,” Trey Elliott.
- On the ninth of August, the soccer team played the first official game which was a close one. Oliver Fletcher started the game's first goal in the 6th minute. Shortly after that, South Dearborn answered with two goals in the 10th and 14th minutes. Nearly 5 minutes later in the 18th minute Cooper Merica scored the second goal and Erin Russel followed that with another to tie the match up 3 each.
- Finishing the half, the Shiners were down 6-3. Coming back out with lots of energy they started the half with two goals from Trey and another from Cooper. Then the Squires answered with 1 more and Erin Russell with another closing the lead to 1. Minutes later Zack Courtney had an amazing overhead finish to tie it up. Sadly, the luck ran out and the Shiners ended up with a 9-7 loss. Although they couldn't pull out a win it was still a game to remember coming back after being down several times.
- On the other hand, cross country practice has started, and their first meet is coming up on Saturday the 19th. The rest of their season will follow with most of the meets being on Tuesdays and Thursdays.
- Back to Soccer they beat the Pacers in a tough 5-4 game with a comeback in the second half. In the first half the Shiners couldn't seem to win any 50/50 ball resulting in Switzerland County having possession most the first half but that didn't stop Griffin from responding to the Pacers 1-0 lead with a goal to tie it. Closer to the end of the first half the Pacers scored a second goal. Going into the second half the shiners got down but immediately caught up to make it 3-2 Switzerland County all goal from both teams made it 4-3 after that and two more soon after to take the lead. Goal scores were Zack Courtney, Cooper Merica, Oliver Fletcher, and Griffin Works.

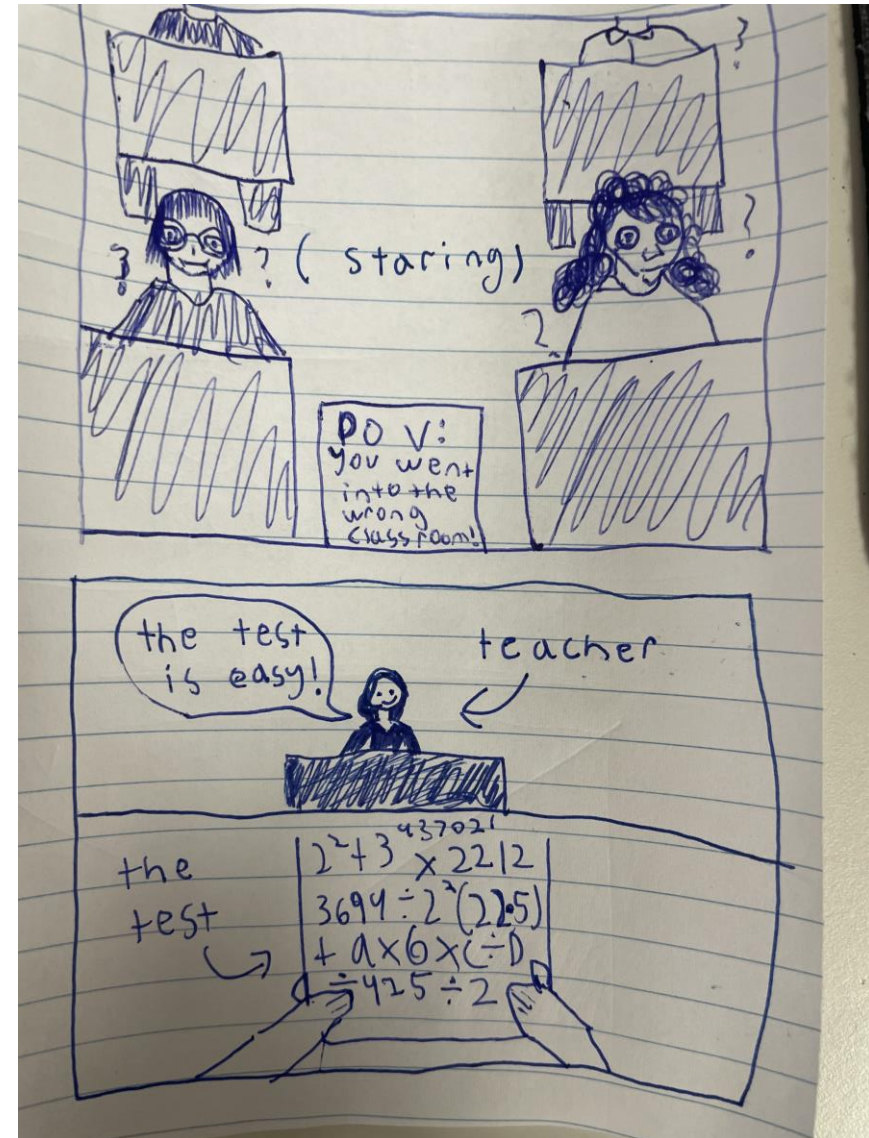
Sports: Cheer



- Cheer: It's August! Do you know what that means? It means, it's competition season for the 7th and 8th grade cheerleaders! They've been practicing all Summer long preparing for competition season. We travel to at least 4 competitions per year. 5-hour long choreography practices are a lot. They can be very tiring. Our cheerleaders have their first competition at the Rising Sun High School on September 10th at 1pm! If you can, come to support! In the past year, the cheerleaders have come a long way! We went from last place to 1st in just two months. Practice after practice, hours after hours, all the work was worth it! Last year, the first real competition the RSMS cheerleaders went to was 2 hours away at Mount Vernon. They **KILLED** it! They got 5th place out of 65 schools! That's a huge win for such a small school like RS. All the cheerleaders were super pumped! We could not wait for our next competition. The coaches for cheer are Ashlee Turner and Ryleigh McAlister. They work so hard to come up with different routines every year for us competition cheerleaders. We love cheer and cannot wait for our first competition!

By: Maddy Phillippe

COMICS



Updates:

Summer break is over! Back to school is a topic most kids have mixed opinions about. When asked if they had been excited to go back to school, Ms. Wilson's 8th grade class said no. When asked if they were glad to be back now that school's started, all but a few said yes. I think most people can agree, summer is more exciting than school - but even if it is boring sometimes (Chaylin Dell likened it to a jail cell!) School is still a rewarding and valuable place to spend your weekdays.

When asked about a back-to-school dance, Ms. Ozbun's 6th grade class cheered in excitement. When asked for opinions, most of the class were just excited at the prospect. Xander Lewis' statement put it well- "Just have fun!". And of course, a back-to-school dance should be fun for everyone. Elise Mellang says regarding a back-to-school dance, "Be yourself."

Another important update regarding going back to school is the student council elections. The elections will be held Monday, August 21st. Some kids running are Mason Jones, Emmy Moore, Natalie Holbrook, Maddy Phillippe, Oakley Otter, Lizzy Mear, Elise Mellang, Easton Keith, Abram Thayer, Ephram Thayer, Avery Bradley, Marley Roeder, and more.

Whether school is an exciting adventure or a jail cell to you, we can all agree that field trips are fun. One important part of student council elections is that the elected council members will help pick field trips. When voting, you should try to pick a candidate that will fit your interests. For example, candidates Lizzy Mear and Emmy Moore both think that roller-skating would be a fun field trip.

Have fun, learn lots, and stay out of trouble! Get excited about back to school here at RSOCS! And remember, whoever you vote for, and whether you go to the dance, back to school is here! Enjoy it!

Teacher Spotlight:

Ms. Courter

Ms. Courter is one of the new teachers here at RSOCS. She grew up and graduated at RSHS in 2019. When she graduated from high school, she went to receive her music diploma from Mount St. Joseph University.

While she was in school at Mount St. Joseph University, she decided that she does not want to teach music anymore. She transferred to the University of Cincinnati Blue Ash College to receive an associate's degree in dental hygiene.

After Mrs. Gryspeerdt resigned, Ms. Courter was offered the position. When she was offered the job, she was attending University of Cincinnati Blue Ash College. She decided that she would take the position and transfer back to Mount St. Joseph University to work on her bachelor's degree in music online.

One of her favorite things to do is watching The Amazing Race with her mother. She also enjoys watching Jeopardy with her sister and playing along with the show.

She loves music so much and especially loves to teach and help kids to love their instruments. She especially likes teaching middle school to be a part of the foundation building and adapting to their instruments. Ms. Courter said that the hardest part of teaching is being assertive and disciplining the kids.

She does see herself teaching in the future, and is very excited for marching band, and for behavior in her 7/8th grade band class to improve.

She was first inspired to be a music teacher by Mr. Eads in middle school. However, when Mr. Rowe came, he made her not want to be a music teacher, and she decided to go to the career center for "Auto Collision Repair." She received a bad grade in this class and decided that she did want to be a music teacher after all.

By: Mason Jones

Teacher Spotlight:

- Mrs. White
- Mrs. White is a new teacher here at Rising Sun! She teaches 6th, 7th, and 8th grade science. Mrs. White is originally from Texas, and other areas down south. Her favorite color is red.
- White's kindergarten teacher inspired her to become a teacher. "My kindergarten teacher inspired me; I have wanted to be a teacher all my life. I officially knew in the 3rd grade, I wanted to be a teacher."
- It turns out Mrs. White would like to continue teaching and follow the same career! "In the near future, I still do see myself being a teacher. Teaching is something I've always wanted to do. I do not want to give it up. Teaching is enjoyable, but also a struggle. You kids love to talk, but at the end of the day I love seeing you goobers and can't wait to watch you grow and mature!"

By: Maddy Phillippe

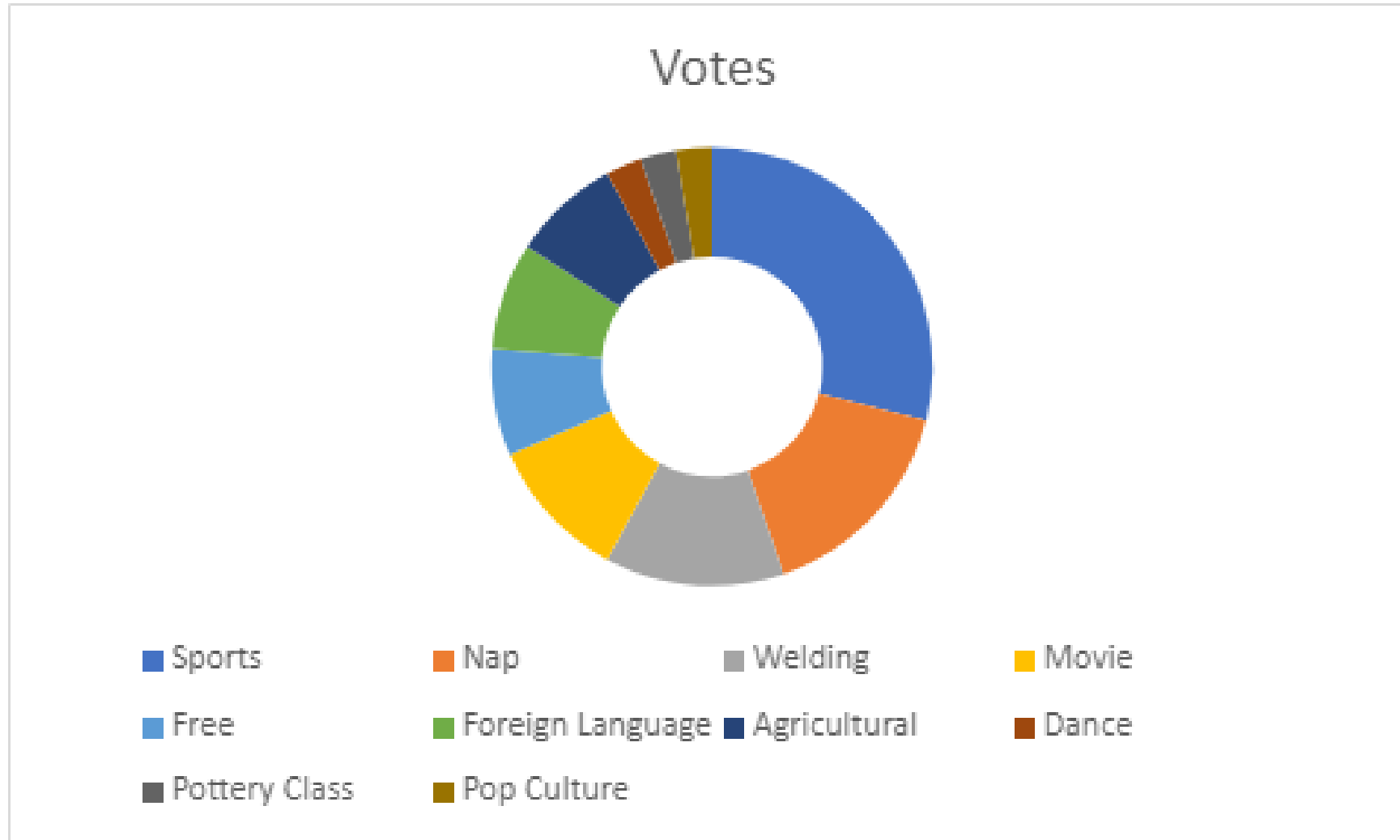
Student Survey

by Natalie Holbrook and Lizzy Mear

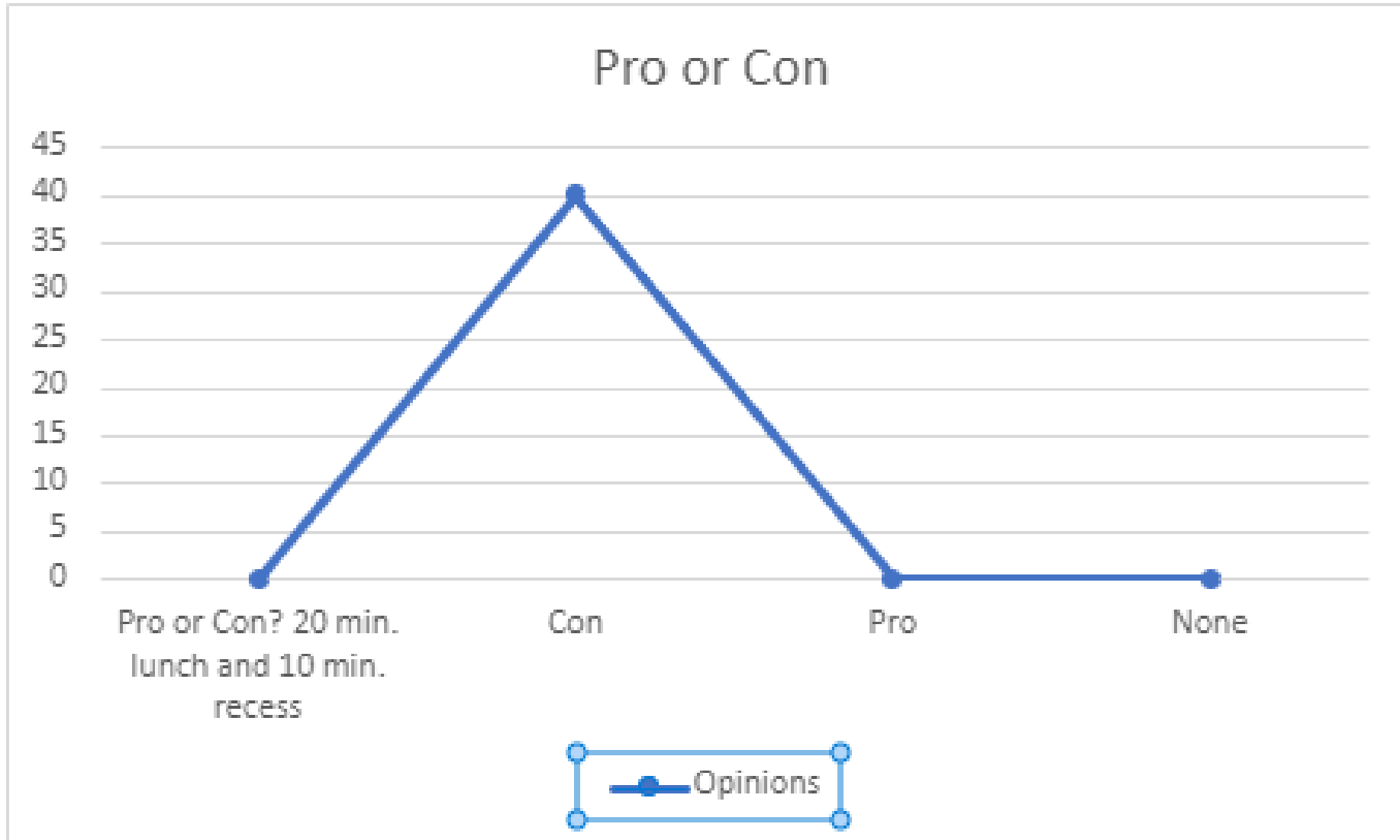
- Our Shiner Gazette wanted to allow the students to get a chance to voice their opinions and their wishes. Lizzy and I thought that it would be fun to do different opinion graphs to let students answer questions and see what others wanted as well. We went around to all the plus period classes and asked the same three questions to five students in each class.
- -What is one class that you would want the RSMS to offer? (Does not have to be educational)
- -Are you pro or con with the twenty-minute lunch and ten-minute recess?
- -Would you rather have your phone in class, your snack in class, or a drink in class?
- For some of the questions, students had similar answers. For others, many different opinions were shouted out. 40 students were interviewed. We made some graphs and polls for you to look at and see some of the abnormal and the understandable students' responses.



What class would you like to add to RSMS?

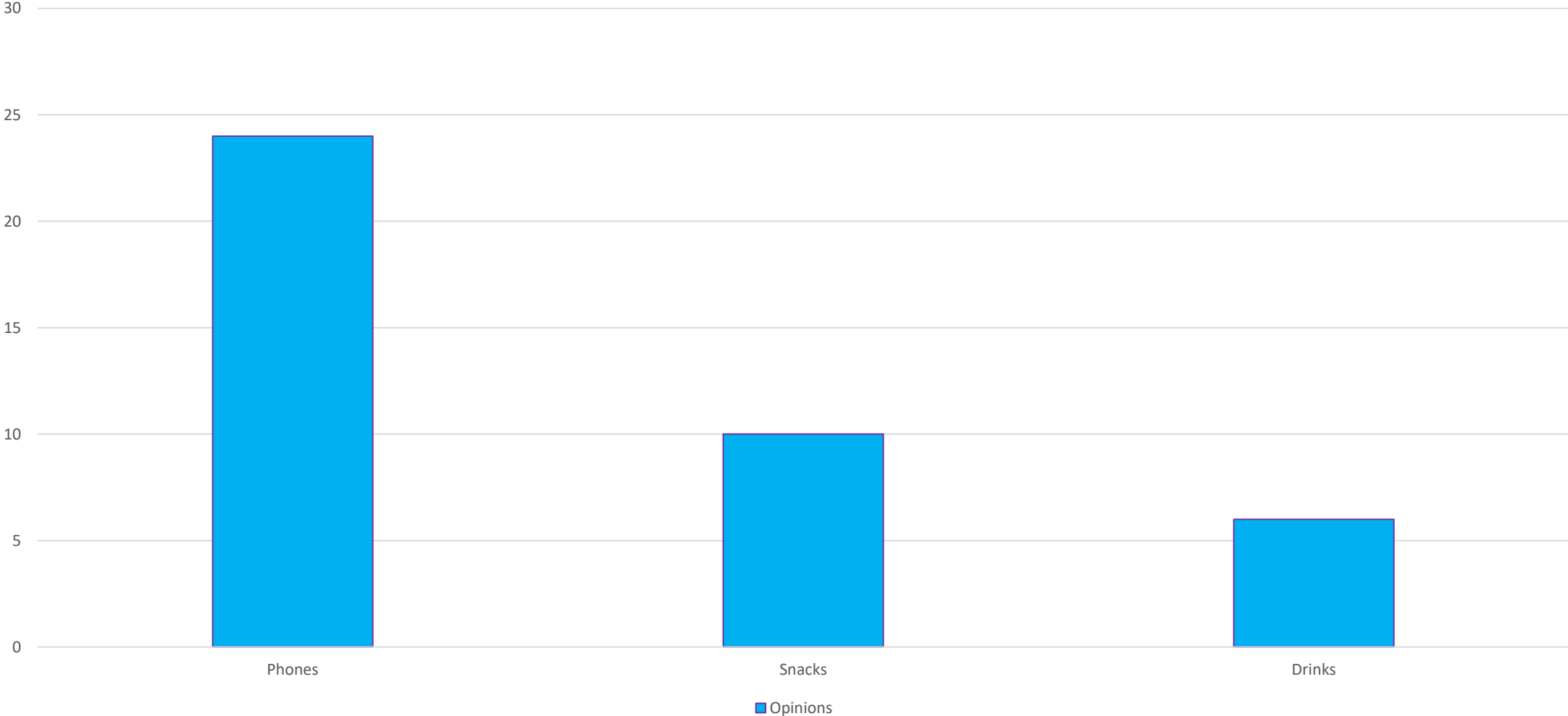


Are you pro or con with the twenty-minute lunch and ten-minute recess?



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Opinions



Lunch Opinions

School lunch is an important part of the day. It allows kids to have a break from schoolwork and eat food while talking to their friends. It lets kids have a mental break. However, many people do not like school food. Many people think there is room for improvement when it comes to the quality of the food.

Question #1: Do you think the school lunch food is good or bad?

Person #1: The food is fine but sometimes it can be unpleasant. It is good enough to be able to eat.

Person #2: It is edible, but it is bad. Personally, I do not like it very much.

Question #2: How do you think the food could improve?

Person #1: I think they should not leave the PB&Js out for too long because they get soggy. Sometimes, the chicken nuggets can be undercooked. They should cook them for longer.

Person #2: They should cook the chicken nuggets for longer because sometimes they are raw.

Question #3: What is your favorite thing on the lunch menu?

Person #3: I really like the Bosco sticks; I get them almost every day. They are made really well. I love how the cheese pulls when I rip the stick and I love the little sauce they give us.

Question #4: What are some positive things you like about lunch?

Person #4: I like the break from class it gives us. I also like to eat food while talking with friends. I'm grateful that we can choose where we sit.

In conclusion, the lunch chicken nuggets does need some improvement. Other than that, our school lunch is fine.