



# Blue & White

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## Apple vs Android Phones

The claims collide with the truth.

**By Brayden Stockman**  
In the current day and age, nearly everybody has smartphones, and they have become a major component in many students' lives. Without a doubt, the two most popular types of phones are iPhones and Androids, and Montezuma students are split in their opinions on them. Two surveys were placed in Mr. Rohe's science classroom and Mr. Gartman's business classroom and asked about their preferences toward iPhones and Androids, along with why this is their preference. Over half a week, students were randomly picked from classes to take the survey. Of the thirty students surveyed, 20 preferred iPhones, 9 preferred Androids and one person said that they preferred Google

phones because, "It's better than both other options." The majority of complaints students had against iPhones were that they are too expensive (though one student stated that they believed iPhones were more affordable) and that they are too easy to break. On the other hand, the main complaints against Androids were that they don't take pictures as well, the battery doesn't last as long and that they are slower than iPhones. However, some of these claims may not be based completely in fact. For example, according to Forbes, iPhones are far more expensive than Androids, with the average iPhones costing \$687 and the average Android costing \$254, meaning the Apple lover who said iPhones were more

affordable is not completely factually correct. On the other hand, studies from multiple sources have shown that the most recent iPhones and Androids crack at about the same height and therefore neither of the phones crack easier than the others, meaning that while the older models may have cracked easier, the people saying iPhones break too easily are not completely correct, though it is based in fact. Phones have become a part of everyday life, and that leads to many people getting defensive about their brand of phone. While there are pros and cons, at the end of the day it is a phone, and while iPhones seem to be taking the lead of popularity, there will always be a market for alternatives.



**THE DUEL OF THE FATES:** Freshmen Kara Eilander and Jessie Robison duke it out with their respective smartphone preferences. Eilander prefers iPhone, while Robison is an Android devotee.

Photo credit: Sam Yarbrough

## Daily doses of misadventures

**By Carrie Jennings**  
Sometimes it is easy to get oneself stuck in a rut, content with a life of living each day just like the last. However, everyone knows that each day is not exactly the same as the one that came before. This article is filled with many of the daily occurrences of the Montezuma students and faculty. This story, however, is not for looking at the daily, every day lives of the Montezuma community. It is instead a list of the newest, most exciting, and most absurd experiences of each individual. The newest thing to happen in the Montezuma High School is most assuredly the new bell system. These new bells are, according to the majority of the students spoken with, annoying, loud, and grating on the ears. The bells started

Wednesday, February 14th during the advisor period, frightening most and annoying others. No one knew if it was a warning or simply a bell when it first started blaring. "I thought it might have been an invader alarm," Makenna Carl, senior, reflects. Of course, it was no such thing and was merely a new bell system for the school. No one is sure if the bells are temporary or here to stay. Senior Breck Goodman's random experience of the week was when she went to put baby powder in her hair but ended up with all of it all over her face. She also states that "Brayden Stockman has been unnecessarily sassy all week." In response to this, freshmen Stockman assures that he will be "even sassier next week." Stockman got a new game this week: Fantasy Life. He has had the game for two days and has already played it for a full twenty-four hours. When asked if he had some sort of a video game addiction, Stockman states this: "Only sometimes."

to school, she found out she had gotten a bad grade on her test. She also sat in juice and had to wear sticky pants all day. Yarbrough states that the only good thing about that day was the she got to see her dog when she got home from school. Of course, the week would not be complete without some sort of fire incident. Jessie Robinson, freshmen, caught her grill on fire on Wednesday, February 14th making hot dogs. No one was hurt in the incident, though, which is a relief. Kara Eilander, another freshmen, also had a bit of an accident. She attempted backing out of her garage with her car door still open and nearly took the door off. On the more mel-low side of things, Elizabeth Van Gorp, English teacher, got new strings for her violin. "After a long, grueling cold weather season, my violin is not feeling happy and warm with bright, new strings, ready to play my concert in April at Central College." No day is perfectly normal in the life of a Montezuma community member. Perhaps even more exciting events will happen in the future.

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## Digital Streaming Services: Alternatives to cable TV

**By Chase Talbert**  
Living in rural Montezuma and the surrounding area may be peaceful and quaint most of the time, but just because we live in a rural town doesn't mean we should be behind with our entertainment. You have so many more options for viewing and streaming now, than you did in the last ten or fifteen years, more than just choosing between satellite or cable tv. The introduction of streaming services has made tv and movies even more accessible to consumers than ever before, where instead of going to a store to rent a video you simply pay a membership fee every month and can watch as much as you'd like, provided you have unlimited internet. If the internet plus the membership fee is too much for you, or you just don't have a lot of

time to waste watching then maybe an antenna would work better for you. First, as of the last few years, streaming services have been on the rise in an attempt to compete with cable companies and hopefully give customers some more options. The biggest services at the moment are NETFLIX, Amazon Video, HBOGo, and HULU, with prices ranging from \$8.00 to around \$14.00 a month with a subscription you can cancel at anytime. A streaming service at \$12 a month coupled with a decent internet that cost around \$40 a month, that's only \$52 dollars a month, with the alternative being around \$100 for internet and cable from a provider that comes with a hundred channels you don't care to watch. If you don't think that internet and stream-

ing is the way for you, then perhaps an antenna may be your cup of tea. An antenna is different from cable and streaming where it is just a single large payment for it, then you install it on your and you're ready to go. The antenna's only issue is that much like the a satellite, inclement weather can impact coverage and our distance from major cities does limit the amount of channels that one is able to receive via an antenna. Whether or not you choose to stream your entertainment, get it from a satellite or an antenna, at the end of the day you are the consumer who is purchasing the product or service. We must always keep with us that we as consumers must remain educating on the things we are buying, instead of just having faith in companies to know what's best for us.



**THE ABOVE LOGOS** are three of the most popular digital streaming services available. Each one has different features and abilities to cater to various audiences.

## The Blue and White Staff



## Calendar of Events

<b>Thursday</b> V Boys BB District Final @ Newton - 7:00 pm	<b>Friday</b> No Activities	<b>Monday</b> No Activities	<b>Tuesday</b> No Activities	<b>Wednesday</b> No Activities	<b>Thursday</b> No Activities
	<b>Saturday</b> V Boys BB Substate Final @ Oskaloosa - 7:00 pm				