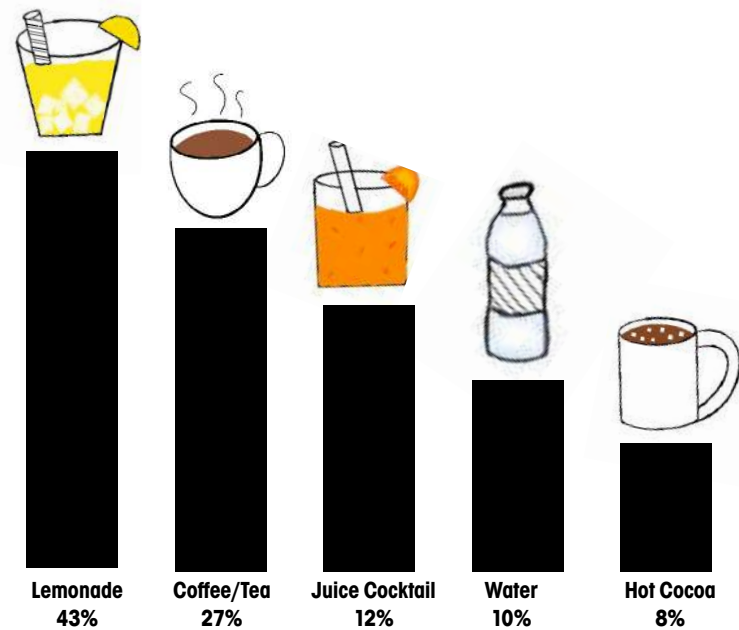


HYDRATE OR DIE-DRATE

What is the best drink in the cafeteria?



“I like to mix the lemonade and the ice tea in the cafeteria because it makes an Arnold Palmer which is delicious and fun to make.”

Xaxi Markowitz-Mulet ('28)

“I like the lemonade from the cafeteria because it tastes pretty good.”

Sylvia Westra ('28)



“I like chocolate milk because the regular milk is a little watery and the chocolate makes it taste a lot better.”

Lucas Laguna ('28)



“I am a brown belt in karate,” Addy Davies ('28) said.

Whitsun Piper
Jocelyn Rog



Nolan Rosenberger
Aiden Ruediger



olomon Rutzick Bailey
Zahra Sait



Theodore Salonek
Oakley Schonwald



Luke Sieben
Nime Snyder



Quinn Spurgeon
Bayne Talbot



Senetneb Theba
Abigail Tilton



Jayden Tilton
Kate Tuttle
Gwendolyn Uhlhorn
Zoe Wagner



Graham Waibel
Sylvia Westra
Jianli Windorski
Sam Worrall



Eric Zhang
Naomi Zins



ride

with Gwendolyn Uhlhorn

By Olivia George, Staff Writer

She hears the ticking of the coaster.

The more and more it goes up, the more and more she gets excited. As it approaches the tip of the climb there's a short pause. She looks around and sees the view of the whole theme park below.

The coaster tips over the edge and she goes flying. Her hair is in her face, her hands are up, and she's never felt happier.

Gwen Uhlhorn ('28) loves theme parks, specifically roller coasters. She loves the thrill of them and will try any kind of ride whether it spins, goes up, down...anything but upside down.

“I never really rode a scary ride until about first grade. I went to Como with school and my friend and I wanted to go on this roller coaster but she backed out right before we went on. I ended up going with her dad, but I absolutely loved it,” Uhlhorn said.

Roller coasters taught her that trying new things isn't so bad because people

will never know how much they will like it. She has come to see that some of her favorite hobbies today came from trying something completely new, and she has roller coasters (and her bravery) to thank for it.

Uhlhorn said that going on roller coasters with her grandfather grew their bond and they are now closer than ever. “Every year we go to the Valleyfair, and we make sure to do the photo passes, and we just have all these photos of us doing the craziest expressions we can on all the rides,” she said.

Uhlhorn and her grandfather have many shared interests. They enjoy making plans to go to Valleyfair together every year and have the best time together.

“When I was young I never really went on roller coasters. As soon as I started liking them, he was thrilled,” she said. “We make a big plan each year to ride roller coasters and it is something I look forward to.”

Roller coasters may be the just the start of the grandfather/granddaughter adventures: “Well, I know my grandpa and I both kind of want to try scuba diving. I'm not sure how I feel about that, but I definitely think that would be a thrilling experience to try,” she said.

Though Uhlhorn has come a long way from the baby rides at the Como theme park, she still gets the same thrill from all the rides she has tried since. Rides have taught her so much and showed her that trying new things isn't so scary after all. And little did she know some fun activity would bring her closer than ever to her loved ones.

UPS AND DOWNS. Roller coasters taught Gwen Uhlhorn ('28) to try new things: “I know my grandpa and I both kind of want to try scuba diving... That would be a thrilling experience to try.” PHOTO: Eva Johnson