

INSIDE THE LAWN

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WHAT DO YOU LOVE ABOUT WHS?

EMMA BENNETT
Freshman



I love that all the teachers and staff are very nice. Also, I like my classes and the opportunity to get help from Mrs. Hodge.

I love our sports and clubs.

CARSON BURKETT
Freshman



JANE ATCHISON
Sophomore



That Woodlawn is so welcoming. Not being from WGS, I was scared that it would be cliquey but it's the opposite - everyone is so friendly!

All of the teachers are flipping awesome.

ETHAN SMITH
Sophomore



BAILEY PERIGO
Junior



Anyone can get along with anyone... even if there are "cliques." I love that teachers push us to succeed, too.

The amazing sports programs we have.

TYLER ECKELBERRY
Junior



HAYDEN LEHMAN
Senior



Even though we are small, we have some of the best athletes and the smartest students. Also, the teachers are so attentive.

I just really like that it is a small school. I got to do things I would never be allowed to in a city school.

JOHN BROWDER
Senior



SMALL TOWN LIFE - LOVE OR LOATHE?



BY: *Aunnie Murdoch*

Growing up in a small town has had some perks, but for me the downsides have proven to be prominent. If you knew all of the little details of my life you would understand why I don't love small towns, but that is beside the point. It is pretty common for the gossip and he-said-she-said to spread quicker than a wildfire. Furthermore, I am just a city girl in general. Throughout my many Chicago visits, I have most enjoyed walking down the streets and seeing people that have no clue who I am or what my life has been like. There are definitely more opportunities to fail and get back up in a city where there are thousands of people who have been in the same position. In our so called "homey" town of Woodlawn, I don't feel so at home.

From one small friend group to another, word gets around pretty quickly. Whether it is a new student, the popular couple breaking up, or just misconstrued stories, everybody and their grandparents hear about it. I do know that this happens in every town, but having a whopping 190 students in the high school makes it much worse.

In my many nights with nothing to do, because sitting in the high school parking lot isn't exciting at all, I scroll through Pinterest just looking through images of cities such as New York, L.A., or even Chicago.

My entire life, I have planned to own a small studio apartment in the middle of a major city and fulfill whatever dreams come to mind. How am I supposed to rule the world in a town with only a gas station and a furniture store?

Personally, I have yet to find the place where I feel most at home. I can't wait to go out on my own and experience city living for myself. I know there are some perks to living in a small town, but to me they don't even tip the scale.



BY: *Lauren Harris*

Have you ever wondered what it's like to live in a small town? Well, it's pretty great. There are so many wonderful reasons to live in a small community, including everyone knows everyone, everyone supports all events going on around the town, and everyone fits in.

In the time I have lived in Woodlawn, my family has always known everyone. They didn't just know that one person; they knew all of the siblings and the mom! I personally love knowing the people in our community because it makes it so tight-knit. I feel like I can trust the people surrounding me and feel safe. Also, people in Woodlawn are so kind. When I see someone, they either say hi or have a conversation with me.

Everybody always supports each other in each event that goes on in the community. I am almost positive all basketball and volleyball games are packed in the stands. Recently, we had a teacher in an awful car accident and the night it happened a lot of people came to the school and prayed for her. It was 10 o'clock on a Sunday night. Our community came to support our teacher with complete love and sorrow. It just showed me how much our town cares for everyone.

In Woodlawn, I feel that everyone fits in. There might be a couple of little groups, but for the most part everyone is friends. A lot of kids in the school hang out with a bunch of different groups, which is a great thing knowing that you can have so many friends when the school has less than 200 people.

In the end, maybe growing up in a small town isn't bad. I have made some great memories with many people in the community. I am very thankful that I have grown up in a small village. If I hadn't grown up here, my life would have been completely different, which isn't what I want. Hopefully, I live in a town like this one when I'm an adult.

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