

# Page Press

## The Truth of Valentine's Day

By: Kendall Billings

Valentine's Day is coming up quickly. A day of love and dating. Despite what has been burned into your memory, Valentine's may not be as cool as you think. For one, all the presents your significant other may give you, creates a big carbon footprint. 223 million roses were cut and sold, 4.4 billion dollars were spent on diamonds, silver, and gold, and around 20 billion was spent in the US alone in 2016. Imagine that worldwide, and then imagine the waste that makes! Big companies have turned Valentine's Day into one big profit. The day promotes the idea that love can be measured by money or how many gifts you give.



Besides, love shouldn't be based on a single day. You can give love anytime. It shouldn't be based on a day where people must buy things to prove their love. Just because a man doesn't buy his wife flowers on Valentine's day doesn't mean he suddenly doesn't love his wife. Forget about the companies though, Valentine's puts huge pressure on people. It causes stress on people because they think they need to show their love to their loved one by spending massive amounts of money. Many people break up with their girlfriend or boyfriend because they can't take the stress! Don't forget about the single people. If you've ever been single on Valentine's day you know how bad it is to be surrounded by all these couples. You have nobody to gift your pollution-inducing presents to! That is horrible on the self-esteem. It is stated that 53% of people think Valentine's Day should be erased from the calendar. Instead of celebrating this holiday, you can spend time with your significant other, volunteer, or even eat the discounted chocolates.

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# History of the Candy Heart

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First off, the creator of these loud little hearts was a pharmacist by the name of Oliver R. Chace. In 1847, he invented a machine that cuts lozenges of wafer candy. He then started a candy factory. In 1866, his brother, Daniel Chase began printing little sayings on the candy hearts. Candy Hearts were actually originally used for weddings since they had witty sayings such as "Married in white, you have chosen right." What's your favorite candy heart saying?



# Winter Ball Fun



How are Page Middle School students spending Valentine's Day??

- Alone 51%
- With a Significant Other 21%
- With Family 18%
- With Friends 10%

# Valentine's Day Jokes

1st Guy: Love is in the air!  
2nd Guy: Wrong... Nitrogen, Oxygen and Carbon are in the air.

1st Guy: Do you have a date for Valentine's Day?  
2nd Guy: Yes..... February 14!

1st Guy: Don't you like Valentine's Day?  
2nd Guy: The real holiday is February 15. When all the chocolate is half off.