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Student's favorite thrift stores in mid Indiana and a map of where they are located

SALVATION ARMY

Salvation Army is a great place to shop for anything you need. It radiates good vibes and it is very organized and clean. I enjoy spending time in there and I found really cute clothes there.

-TAYLOR WHITLOW, 11

NAPTOWN THRIFT

Naptown Thrift carries a variety of style that you cannot find anywhere else, and compared to other high quality thrift stores their prices are fairly low. My favorite find was a Universal sweatshirt with patches on it. The store gives off vintage vibes with the walls covered in collectibles.

-ELLA CARLSON, 12

WHEELER MISSION

I love Wheeler Mission because it's a thrift store with a cause. They provide services for those in need with every purchase and have a wide variety of ideas from clothes to jewelry. They also have a great variety of books. It's a great atmosphere inside and everyone is so nice.

-CAROLINE HOUCK, 11

THRIFTY THREADS

For it being a place that's kind of dull on the inside, Thrifty Threads has a lot of really beautiful finds on the inside. Thrifting is all about chance but Thrifty Threads has some really cute gems in their store.

-SAVANNAH VALENCE, 12

GOODWILL OUTLET

The Indianapolis Goodwill outlet charges everything by the pound so everyone is able to afford clothes for their kids and themselves. My favorite find from there was a cool jean jacket that I was able to alter by painting on it, but still bought it for cheap. The vibe of the store is extremely positive, the workers work hard and I felt a strong sense of community within the store.

-NATHAN FERRELL, 12



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Students favorite items that they've found in thrift stores



I found this one shirt at Goodwill and it was a men's extra large polo. I cropped it to make it look suitable and I just kept the top part. If I do anything to the items, I mostly crop the clothes I buy to make them more my style.

-AUDREY HOCKINS, 10



I found this floral purple cardigan and I love it because it is oversized and so comfortable. I feel like it goes perfectly with my style because I love floral and of course comfy clothes. I got this cardigan off of depop and it was one of the first things that arrived and it came in great condition and the person that sold it to me was so sweet.

-JAYDA GLYNN, 10



My favorite find is either this pair of very 80s style light blue acid wash jeans that are like high waisted or a white sweater with the tag on from like the 60s. My favorite thing about them is probably the fit and how they look really vintage and I actually found them at Naptown Thrift.

-ALEX FERRELL, 12



These are my favorite thrift find because I love sneakers and they are so cute. These go with pretty much everything because they're white, and they were so cheap which is always a plus. They weren't in perfect condition when I got them, but I washed them and they turned out amazing. Thrifting is so great because it almost always guarantees that no one else will have the same thing as you, and you can get really creative with styling unique pieces together.

-JENNA OUSTOINY, 11

THRIFTING...here's the deal

thrifters discuss the rise in prices due to the recent popularity of thrifting

LuluLemon leggings for \$4.99? Nike sweatshirt for \$5.50? All deals to be found at the numerous thrift stores around Carmel. However, with the increasing popularity of thrifting during the past year, shoppers noticed a rise in item prices because of the larger demand. An experienced thrift shopper, Junior Faith Austin, noticed a spike in prices but has not let this discourage her. Instead, she found new places to shop.

"I've definitely noticed Goodwill's prices have increased. I know that a lot of their items used to be discounted and I understand that during quarantine they were closed but coming back they have stopped having a lot of their sales that they used to have and I noticed that a lot of their hiring signs that they used to have up aren't there anymore. There are certain things that I think Goodwill is more popular for teens going to get and those specific items have definitely shot up," Austin said.

As many people noticed, the prices have risen drastically in the last few years. According to Goodwill's website, in 2010, Goodwill set the prices of sweaters for \$5. However, in 2020 the prices rose to a range of \$5-\$15 per sweater. This increase in cost is similar across all of the items sold.

Some thrift shoppers have reported that because of the increase in price, they have started to look for new stores with better deals. Some strategies that people implemented are looking for stores that sell clothes by the pound, to make it more affordable.

"I definitely always try new places because a lot of the mainstream places like Plato's Closet and Goodwill are national franchises, not just second hand stores. To find lower prices it helps to go to more locally owned places like antique and vintage shops rather than the more mainstream and popular ones and it will most definitely be cheaper," Austin said.

Not only are shoppers affected by the popularity of thrift shopping, so are businesses. Courtney O'Neil, owner of Indiana's largest children's consignment event, Whale of a Sale, also notices this trend.

"I haven't really noticed an increase in prices but I think consignment and thrifting are more popular in downtimes in the economy so with the crisis going on right now families maybe aren't feeling as confident to spend as much money so they look to consignment and thrifting. I'm not necessarily seeing an increase in prices, but an increased interest in the whole process," O'Neil said.

Not only is thrifting a popular option currently, but it has also become one of the lessening numbers of local options.

"With so many retail businesses closing, people are being driven more to consignment thrifting. There's just less options to shop at right now so it makes a lot of sense on a lot of levels like saving money and recycling within our community and less opportunity to shop locally with many big retail companies closing," O'Neil said.

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FAST fashion

students share opinions on fast fashion

My opinion is mixed, but I don't pick those styles because of the trend. It's because I like it regardless of how trendy it is. I think fast fashion is for anyone who wants to participate in that. I think that a lot of trends are based on producer or brand instead of the style itself.

-REBECCA CARLTON, 10

I don't think any production under capitalism is ethical, so I don't think it's bad to shop fast fashion like Romwe or Shein. Also, those sites in particular are cheap and size inclusive so they're good for many groups.

-EMMA FEDERICI, 11

I feel like people should buy and wear whatever they feel like, egardles of price and where they got it. If they like it, they should be able to wear it.

-OLIVIA RIFE, 9

Obviously fast fashion is bad. I mean who would think that it is good? Even though it makes the companies money, it is not fair and shouldn't be used.

-HUGO RECINOS-SARCENO, 12

Fast fashion is not a sustainable or ethical option for buying clothes, especially when there are so many other places to buy clothes second hand. When I first saw ads for websites like Shein I thought it was too good to be true, and I was right. Although the products are cheaper, the process of making the clothes and the waste is not worth it.

-SOPHIA WARHURST, 10

Fast fashion isn't very ethical considering the amount of waste produced from it and the amount of labor that goes into it with little to no pay for the workers. Buying high end products isn't always possible for everyone so I understand sometimes people will end up buying from places that don't have the best ways of producing their clothes.

-SOPHIE WODOCK, 12

I normally shop at Goodwill and don't get my clothes at fast fshion stores. I feel like what I wear is pretty timeless and gets the job done. I dont need to buy more clothes that I dont need.

-JACKSON LYON, 10

I don't think fast fashion is good. It's wrong that companies produce clothing like that, but not many people know about it.

-WILL STRINES, 9

THRIFT TIPS

senior Jenna Kellermeyer giver her top 5 tips on thrifting for begginers

1 "I would suggest starting at places like Goodwill, as they have a little bit of everything. Goodwill also starts at extremely cheap prices compared to vintage stores."

2 "Make it a day thing. It takes a lot of time to be able to really sift through clothing and decide what is worth buying."

3 "Give everything a chance. Just because an item doesn't initially look exciting doesn't mean it can't be made into something fashionable."

4 "Add your own designs, colors, or words to plain clothing. With tie dye and embroidery you can learn to create your own items."

5 "Try antique stores as well. Antique stores often have clothing sections in which you can find a number of cool vintage items that would make for great outfits."

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