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CHEESY, BUT Sweet Gift Ideas

Are you stuck on what to get for Valentine's Day? The Columbian staff has come up with a couple of gift ideas for both him and her. Yes, these options may be over the top, but they won't be forgotten, and neither will you. At the end of each option, there will be a number of hearts. This is our "Cheese-O-Meter." The scale is from 1-5, with 1 heart being the best and 5 hearts being the cheesiest. The more hearts you have, the cheesier your gift will be. In our book, the cheesier the better!



Be Mine. The Valentine's Day Issue



1. Homemade card:

This is not your regular paper card that's colored with crayons. This card is a large poster board that is written with candy. For example, here is a sentence you could use for your card. The word located inside the parentheses is the name of the candy that you should use. After you've bought the candy, attach it on your poster so that it is included in your sentence.

"Dear [insert name], I know I can be an (airhead) but I'm no (dum-dum) about how (Special K Bar) you are."



2. Attention Grabber:

If you are looking to put her in awe and make her the envy of her friends, this gift idea is for you! Order a beautiful arrangement of flowers and have them delivered to her house. To take this idea to the next step, add a teddy bear and a box of chocolates.



3. **Gift Basket:** Even though this might be the easiest of our ideas, it just might be the best. Buy a big woven basket and clear plastic gift wrap. Stuff all of his favorite things into it, such as candy, drinks, BBQ sauce, chips, CD, college shirt, and the list goes on. Who doesn't love a giant basket crammed with your favorite things?



4. **Mini surprises:** If you're really creative, this gift is for you! The plan is to come up with cute little phrases that include an item you've chosen. For example, if you chose peanuts you could write the phrase, "I'm nuts about you." Use the phrase as a clue and send him on a fun treasure hunt. He will never see it coming.



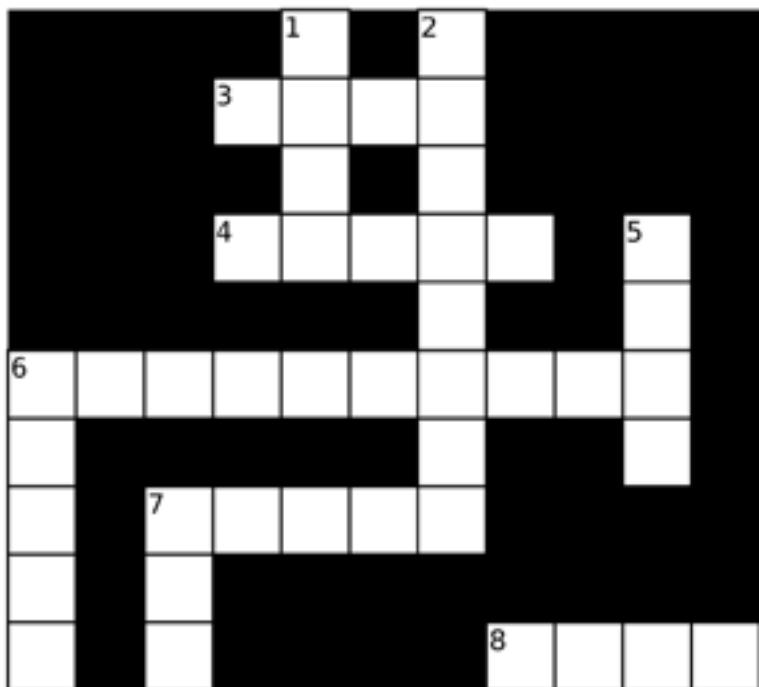
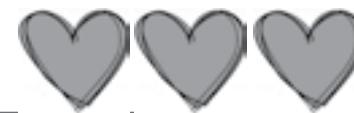
5. **Jewelry:** A girl's best friend is, of course, jewelry. Go out and buy a stunning pair of earrings or a fancy heart necklace. Advanced planning is key! Creative delivery could send this over the top! If you surprise her with it while you are waiting to get your table at a restaurant, she will glow for the rest of the date. You will definitely know you did well after you see that smile.



Featured 1



The Love Tests!



ACROSS

- 3) I _____ you
- 4) This organ of the body is the most common symbol of love.
- 6) A box of _____ is a tasty Valentine's Day gift.
- 7) Bees make the substance, which is also a nickname for someone who is loved.
- 8) "Be _____"

DOWN

- 1) The most popular flower for Valentine's Day.
- 2) Valentine's day falls on _____
- 5) In "XOXOXO" an "X" represents _____
- 6) He shoots invisible arrows to make people fall in love.
- 7) In "XOXOXO" an "O" represents _____

Can you figure these out?!



- 1. How did the telephone propose to his girlfriend?
- 2. What did the boy squirrel say to the girl squirrel?
- 3. What did the one volcano say to the other?



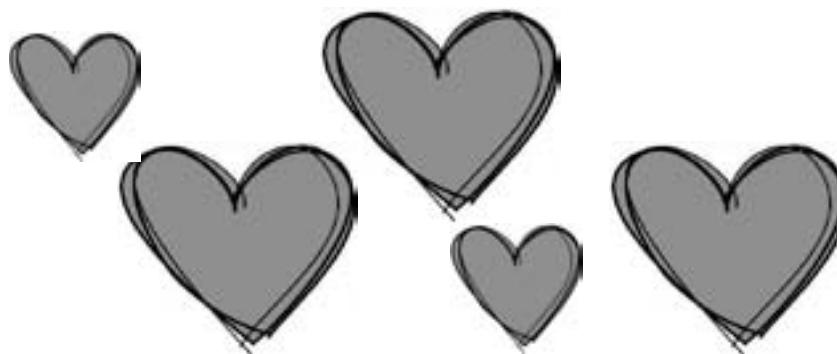
NAME THAT LOVE SONG!

- 1. "Sometimes it last in love, but sometimes it hurts instead"
- 2. "Now every February, you'll be my Valentine"
- 3. "When you smile at the ground it isn't hard to tell"
- 4. "Cause you make me feel like... I've been...."
- 5. "I'll be your Hova you can be my destiny's child"

1. Someone like you - Adele 2. Teenage Dream - Katy Perry 3. That's what makes you beautiful - One Direction 4. Locked out of Heaven - Bruno Mars 5. As long as you love me - Justin Bieber

1. He gave her a ring. 2. I'm nuts about you. 3. I lava you.

Who are the... CHS Couples?!



Judith & Zack



Even though they have only been dating for a little over four months, Zach and Judith have won the hearts of everyone at CHS. Zach couldn't tell us the best date they had ever been on because, "every day they're together is the best."

Abbie & Brock



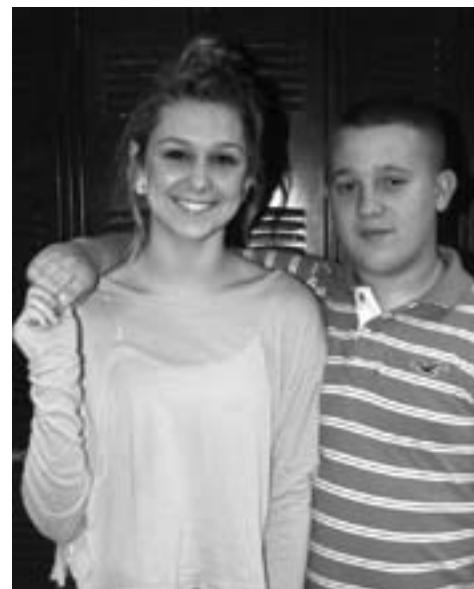
This junior couple has been making everyone laugh for two years. They have definitely earned the right to be named, "CHS's Funniest Couple," but don't think they can't be cute, too. They both agreed that the best date they had ever been on was to Moody Gardens.

Morgan & Taylor



This adorable senior-freshman couple has been dating for two and half months. Morgan Bock and Taylor Creswell's favorite date they have been on so far is watching the hilarious movie, Pitch Perfect. This couple is a perfect equations of Athlete + Dancer = LOVE!!

Shelby & Zack



Zackary Anderson and Shelby Cason have been dating for two and half years. This couple is known for how incredibly cute they are. After much thought and several options to choose from, they decided together that their favorite date was a night at the skating rink.

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Single & Ready to Mingle?!

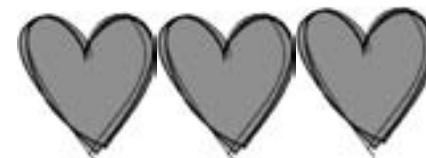
We're happy, free, confused and lonely at the same time - Taylor Swift



Are you single? Fortunately, Valentine's Day isn't all about having that special someone; it's about caring for your friends and family. If you dislike Valentine's Day, you may be asking yourself, "What's the point?" Well cheer up, buttercup! We have some feel good motivation for the stunning singles of CHS.

Being single on Valentine's Day shouldn't make you bitter about the holiday. Heart day is about appreciating the people you love like your friends and family. So, do not take out your single anger on the coupled; take advantage of the day and rally together with your closest friends. Go see a movie or enjoy a night of bowling! At the end of the day, just remember – being single is not the end of the world.; many people PREFER to be single!

If none of this has helped ease your bitterness toward Valentine's Day, here are some things that might be useful:



The new Taylor Swift album is packed with "single power" songs that should satisfy your mood.

Blue Bell ice cream can be found at all grocery stores and is the perfect "comfort" when feeling down and out about love or the lack there of.



Channel your negative energy in the right direction with a brand new hobby! This can include working out, learning to play a new sport or instrument, or picking up a new craft like scrapbooking.

6 What Do You Want

THE SURPRISE DATE: If your sweetheart likes surprises plan a night they will never expect.



THE ADVENTURE DATE: A lot of people talk about things they'd like to do someday; but, if you both want to try the same things, then make an adventure night to try new things. This kind of date just might scratch some things off your bucket list.



THE MEANINGFUL DATE: If your significant other is a big 'ole mush ball for the sweet and thoughtful, find something meaningful and creative to do together. It's the thought that counts!

THE MOVIE DATE: Going to see a movie may seem lame, but if you go to a dine-in theater then you and your date may have tried something new.

DATE NIGHT *Good* vs. **Bad**

From the worst dates to the best! The CHS Newspaper staff would like to help you out!



THE PRODUCTIVE DATE: Don't try to get other things accomplished on your date. You need to only focus on your date and your date only. If you don't focus, you will end up doing the minimum effort and end up not enjoying your date.



THE BREAK DOWN: Make sure that you have plenty of gas in your vehicle and have enough air in your tires. The last thing you want is to ask your beautiful date to get out and help you push your car or wait while you change your tire.



BLIND DATES: These kinds of dates are never a good idea. Both people feel awkward and uncomfortable having not known this other person prior to the date. Not to mention you'll be trying to impress this stranger by not being yourself.

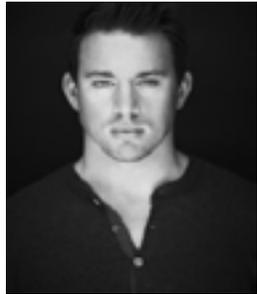
SUGA MAMA: Don't make your date pay for everything. Be a gentleman and treat her like a lady.

Love the Loved

Ever wish you could have a boyfriend that looks like Channing Tatum, or a girlfriend with a beautiful face like Milas Kunis? Although not everyone can look like these super stars, everyone can enjoy the eye candy right here! Here are your CHS Top Hottest Celebrities.

The Stud-muffins!

1. Zac Efron



Channing Tatum



3. Ryan Gosling



Chris Hemsworth

5. Si Robertson



The Sweet Cheeks

Scarlett Johansson 1.



Jessica Alba 3.



Carrie Underwood 5.



Milas Kunis



Kate Hudson



Entertainment 3

MAAROON!

We bleed

Although basketball is coming to a close, our teams are still going strong and preparing for their final games. Coach Hoppock said, "The boys are moving the ball well and working hard on defense." "Our defense creates our offense" explains Hoppock. As for the girls basketball team, Freshman Chantel Ward has filled Malnisha Burton's position, shocking everyone with how well she's done her first year on the team. "I feel like I've committed just as much as the other girls and they accept me like I've been there just as long as they have been," confesses Chantel. Unlike some coaches, Coach Ward not only focuses on strength and conditioning but sportsmanship and teamwork as well in order to better our girls on and off of the court. Come out and support our roughnecks at their final 2012-2013 games. The Lady Necks have an upcoming game on February first and the necks have a home game on February fifth.



Basketballs not for you? Then maybe you'll get a kick out of soccer. With six games completed senior Greg Gomez says, "We started the season off slow and we had poor communication but I think we'll pull it together." Senior Jerry Garcia said, "I have a feeling it's going to get even better once we start district" If you'd like to see how our boys improve their game, the next one is February first against Brazosport, and the girls have their next home game against Bay City on February fifth.

And we're off! Track practice started on January twenty eighth and their first meet is February twenty third. Senior Donye' Morgan is excited about her last year on the CHS track team, "I want it to be as good as my junior year was" reveals Donye'. With some promising first timers and some good throwers on the team this year, we're definitely in for a good season.

Well, it's about time for baseball and softball season to begin again. The Lady Necks have their first game on February 12th against George Bush while the necks have theirs on February eighteenth against Brazosport. Coach Logsdon stated, "The most important thing to practice is repetitions of everything, because then it's just muscle memory." Needless to say, our players are pumped for the season and confident in how they'll perform. "We have a long winning tradition and I expect it to continue" proclaims coach Murphy.