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## **Hidden Gems PT.2**

Two students with talent ready to be seen.

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Throughout highschool, and life in general, everyone finds things they enjoy, or are good at. Everyone has a talent, some just aren't in the direct spotlight. If someone is a great football player everyone sees that during the Friday night football games. What everyone doesn't see is the student who can memorize the release dates or movies from years ago or quote hundreds of lines from Spongebob.

Alec Oliphant, senior, can do this and more. Although Spongebob is his favorite, Oliphant can recite quotes from lots of TV shows, especially Disney. He's been doing this since he was little, memorizing little pieces of the things he found most interesting. Along with memorizing, Oliphant also draws incredible replicas from these TV shows, which he usually draws in the resource room with Mr. Denton.

Denton, who helps Oliphant through-out the day, also thinks he is very talented, and talked about how far Oliphant has come through-out the years. Although people do not see Oliphant as the typical highschool student, he loves the same things. "He used to be afraid of basketballs and sports balls, but now he loves playing with his peers," said Denton. Oliphant, like many of the other hidden talents at our school, deserves to be recognized for the talent they have.

Another student whose talent isn't fully seen yet is Halen Kellerhals, junior. Kellerhals has been playing music since he was 13, including guitar, a little piano, a little drums, and singing. Although Kellerh-

als isn't in band or choir, music is still a big part of his life. "My parents were very much into music, so it's always been part of my life," said Kellerhals. His name, along with his siblings are named after music artists (Halen as in Van Halen).

For the last year Kellerhals has been making music to put

out. He is in a band called "Hopeless Romantics," but he's releasing music he's written himself soon, and though lots of listeners would be great, Kellerhals does it for other reasons. "I don't really care about how many people know about it cause I write it for me. People knowing is just a bonus," said Kellerhals. That being said, you can find his music on his Instagram, @halen.k, or the bands @hopelessromantics\_offcial, and just recently on Youtube. You can listen to his new song, "Ghost of You" on his channel Halen K. The link to his song is under the link to this page.





Left: Halen Kellerhals, '21, preforms with his guitar and microphone nearby. Right: Alec Oliphant, '20, works in Mr.Denton's room during 4th block

Each of these students' talents make them happy, and make them unique. They deserve a chance in the spotlight, just like everyone else. The stories are worth reading, and worth writing about, and we hope to write many more. So, send us an email, talk to us in room 24 during 3rd block, or stop one of our staff members in the hallway to tell us about the talents you think go unnoticed.

There are thousands of stories to tell, and we want to hear yours. We can't wait to write more stories about what makes everyone unique, and to uncover more hidden gems, because everyone deserves a chance to shine.

## What's going on around the school?



Morgan Hangartner, '21, laughs with her friends during dress rehearsal.



Austin Lantermans, '21, helps sort food with National Honor Society.



Jacob Shaffer, '21, gives Mrs.Mundorf the gift of a Dobby figurine.

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