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Ever try to imagine a world without litter? It seems a little eerie. We've lived in a world so littered for such a long time that we've all grown accustomed to it, to a degree of course. The sight of candy wrappers, used tissue or empty soda bottles on the ground, mere footsteps away from the trashcan is ingrained in our minds. Many people do loathe this scene and some will even do something about it, but their efforts do not have much to show for themselves because there are still people who won't properly dispose of their garbage.

The constant coating of waste on our floors makes me wonder if there is a stigma to proper garbage disposal. Of 76 surveyed MVHS students who said they didn't litter, 42 said it was because of self-values and 21 said they had concerns about the environment, illustrating that being a litterbug isn't as high up there on the high school social ladder as it seems to be.

If there are many students who have concerns then why is there a problem? Why are certain areas of our campus so trashed? This same survey identified that the main reason for the lunchtime wasteland is that students just don't care.

They don't care? No one wants to wallow in shit in their free time, that's the whole reason we have restrooms. It may not be human shit but our litter attracts seagulls that then eat scraps of food left in our discarded chip bags and whatnot, and these parasitic birds have a tendency to crap everywhere. We're expected to believe there are people so apathetic that they'll take some seagull shit to the head for someone else's environmental neglect?

For those of you who aren't indifferent to seagull fecal matter, your stomping grounds don't need to be as disgusting as they are now. It wouldn't even take much of an effort. Lack of an easy meal for scavenging birds means less of a risk of being crapped on while you're relaxing out of class.

The second most reason students seem to litter is that the trashcans are too far away. I can grasp the idea, I just don't agree with it. I can be a very lazy person myself but "the trashcans are too far away" is just one lame excuse, especially on campus.

The fact is that students don't go to school to hang out all day. There usually are times when students walks across campus to class. If they didn't what would be the point of being on campus? There is bound to be a trashcan somewhere during that walk to class. One would have to have their eyes closed not to see a trashcan while walking to class, hell if you had your eyes closed I'd bet you'd walk into a trashcan. You could keep going on with just dropping your garbage randomly as you walk to class and prove me wrong by closing your eyes when you come near a trashcan, or you can realize the fact that trashcans aren't as few and far between as you thought and simply hold onto your trash until you take your stroll around campus and come across a trashcan. There aren't many other ways to deal with litter other than proper garbage disposal.