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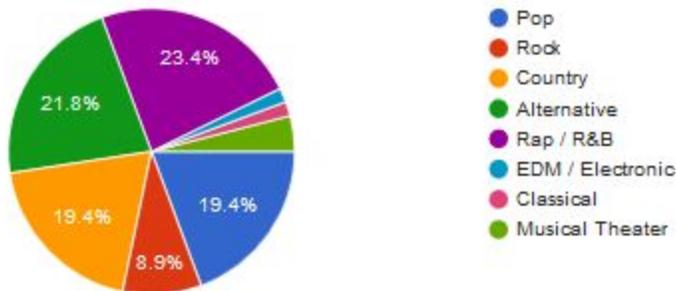
Saltillo High's Favorite Music

Saltillo High Schools student body is diverse in many ways. Each and every one of Saltillo's students has their own ideas, dreams, and personality. So, it's not often you find something that most of the students like. Music is a phenomenon that a majority of teenagers flock to, finding release from a hard day at school, pumping them up to compete in their respective competitions, or reminding them of a memory that they just can't yet leave behind them. With this in mind, I decided to conduct a small poll to find what the majority of Saltillo's students listen to as a favorite musical genre.

I wanted to make a poll with just the basic genres that music had to offer, as music has many, many categories and subcategories. The poll I created was indeed very limited, with only 8 types of musical genres to choose from. This included Pop, Rock, Country, Alternative, Rap / R&B, EDM / Electronic, Classical, and Musical Theater. I asked students to leave their name, to confirm if they were or weren't an enrolled student at Saltillo High, and grade, so I could organize responses easier. To conclude, I asked students to, if they desired, to tell me as to why they chose the genre they chose as their favorite. Out of the 124 responses I received, 105 of those

Favorite Music Genre

124 responses



participants left me their reasoning.

I predicted that Rap / R&B would be overwhelmingly the top choice. Although Rap / R&B did ultimately take the top spot, I was pleasantly surprised to see that Country, Alternative, and Rap / R&B were chosen fairly equally across the board. Alternative followed closely behind in the second spot, and Country took the third. The musical genre that fell into the last spot actually turned out to be two, with EDM / Electronic and Classical tying.

I wasn't as interested in which genre would take the top spot as I was with the reasons why the students choose their favorite musical genre. A lot of the reasons as to why a student chose their favorite genre pertained to the fact that they grew up with it. Other reasons were that it made them very happy or the lyrics meant something to them. Freshman Magdalene valentine chose Alternative because she feels as if Alternative is an outlet for emotions and is very inspiring. Junior Mitchell Bennett chose Rock because the meanings to him are just overwhelmingly powerful, and cited that the genre has a range of bands that all bring different messages for everything. Sophomore Sarah Kate Johnson chose Classical, writing that "instead of hearing the feelings and emotions through words, you get to interpret it yourself." Senior Seth McVinch chose Musical Theater, citing his favorite musical Hamilton as the reason why it is his favorite.

This poll was conducted to further solidify my suspicions that I had about the way teenagers feel, view, and flock towards music. Individuals tended to base their music preference towards something that they were raised with or something that just makes them feel good inside, which isn't at all much of a surprise. Music resonates with teenagers and that still seems to be apparent. After all, who doesn't appreciate a good bop?

The 2018-2019 Football Coach

I talked with Ryan Summers about being the new head coach for football. I asked him, "How do you feel about being the new



head coach for football?" He said, "I feel blessed. For me to take a head job it had to be the right time at the right place. Saltillo is a special place, and I am lucky enough to have the opportunity to coach these kids." Then i asked him a second question, "What is in-store as of winning the games for football next year?" he said, "In my experience, the preparation and work put in by the players, and coaching staff to give the team the best chance to win always comes first. The wins and losses will happen, but by ourselves the best chance to win and competing is the main focus."~Katie

SHS First Ever National Merit Finalist: Jacob Roland

The National Merit Scholarships program is one of esteemed qualities and vigorous competition. Over a million highschool students qualify when they take the SAT. However, only the students with the highest scores in the State will become semifinalist, and only an elite few will advance to Finalist. Saltillo High's very own Jacob Roland has earned the title of a National Merit finalist.



Jacob says that he "was really excited!" In the beginning he still wasn't really sure what it all meant, but he did know that not too many people made it that far and he was just happy to qualify. Jacob is the only student at Saltillo High to ever receive this honor. However he is extremely humble saying that many other students could have placed if luck had gone their way as it had his. The National Merit has given Jacob many scholarship opportunities. He was accepted into Ole Miss, who is offering him the Barnard Scholarship which is \$20,000, or \$5,000 a year.

SHS SPORTS



BASEBALL

Salttillo High School baseball boys had an outstanding year finishing 6-6 in the regular season. Also making it the second round of

Salttillo High School



2018 Tiger Baseball

playoffs, which ended in losing to a tough opponent, Lewisburg. The team is already preparing for next year.

When ask about his plans for next year, Head Coach Eric Reynolds says, "We plan to continue to work hard to get ourselves back to the playoffs, and we plan to have a positive attitude along with good team chemistry going into next year". Returning for his senior year, pitcher Drew Monohogan also has big goals, "I hope we can continue to get better and hopefully make a good playoff run, resulting in an opportunity for a state title". Right fielder, Wesley Mize, also looking forward to another great season, "I hope we can have a

really good regular season, and make it as far in the playoffs as we can". With 23 players, next season looks promising for the Salttillo High School baseball team.



GOLF

Saltillo's 2018 golf season has come to a close with accomplishments made by our golf team.



After winning divisions, junior golfer Colby Scott was able to go to the State tournament. The rest of the team is planning to "continue practicing and training so that next year we will go past our division tournament and be able to compete in the state tournament," Dawson Nicholson says. Saltillo's golf team is led by Coach McCrory and consists of only five members. The team (Jack Herring, Colby Scott, Will Hamm,

Dawson Nicholson, and Colby Davis) is grateful for such a small number of golfers because they believe they developed close relationships faster than other bigger sports teams. Although the 2018 golf season has ended, the student body will be sure cheer them on to state in the next season!



TENNIS

The Saltillo Tennis program is a developing program under the direction of Coach Joshua Griffin. Tennis is progressively getting better as a program since making it to 5A North Half runner-up in 2014. Physically, a player of tennis should be agile with clean footwork, hand-eye coordination along with quick reaction time. A quality fitness level does not hurt either. On the mental side,

being a traditionally individual sport, a player must be mature, professional attitude & work ethic toward preparation, practice, & competition allowing them to stay consistent. Coach Griffin after being asked how he felt about tennis stated, “I like the challenge that it presents just being out



there by yourself, relying on your training & wits during a match knowing the outcome is solely under your control.”



SOFTBALL



The Saltillo softball team has been practicing non stop for playoffs. They've progressed to the second round by playing against Cleveland Central and Lewisburg. LTS (Lady Tiger Softball) has worked very hard to impress their coaches, along with the rest of Saltillo. They practice over the

summer and every day after school. Pre-game warmups and off season workouts keep the ladies in shape, and their minds set on victory. Good luck to our lady tigers and best wishes to win the playoffs!



TRACK & FIELD



The outdoor track and field season kicked into high gear for Saltillo High School on Saturday, March 22. Both the girls and boys teams made their mark as they leaped, ran, and dove

to victory.

Pat Patterson, a sophomore at SHS, commented on his experience being on the track team with this quote: “...you need to dig deeper and grind a little bit harder than usual and you have to be able to fight through the pain even when you want to stop running and you want to give up, you gotta keep pushing.” Pat raced in the 100 meter dash as well as the 4x400 meter relay. Myriah Williams said that she loves track because “...it’s a spring sport, so it’s really good weather... it’s usually an individual sport as well, so you don’t have to worry about other people messing up.” Myriah, who is a junior, also believes that male track is a lot harder than female track because “guys are naturally faster than girls.”

Myell Williams gave us this comment when we asked her about her biggest obstacles: “I wasn’t really an athlete before track. I had no experience whatsoever, and then I decided to try track.” Myell also told us that, eventually, she pushed herself to practice more and talk to her other teammates for encouragement in order to transform her into the athlete she is today. Myell, a sophomore at SHS, raced in the 100 meter and 200 meter dashes. Alex Blassingame, a junior, tells us that he picked track because “the vibe is really good. Whenever you go to a meet, it’s really fun and everyone there is super nice. Also, I just love running in general.” Blassingame also plays football, so he uses his football training to help him progress in track. He also credits his mind to help him achieve his goals; he says that “you have to have a specific mindset in order to do well.”



CHEER

SHS cheer has big goals for the 2018-2019 school year. Captains, Tesla Busby and Chamberlyn Grubbs, plan to lead the squad focusing on



bringing everyone together as a close team. Chamberlyn indicated, "The closer we are as a team, the better we will be in the end." Tesla added, "I want people to remember us for working hard and being a team, not just individuals." The squad understands the potential

they hold. They plan to commit themselves to leave their mark on SHS cheer. Though the squad will be the ones performing, Mrs.Box is

definitely their biggest cheerleader. She

stated, "Our goal for this year is to win— to

win everything we do. This is the most

determined group I have ever had. Hard work

pays off in the end. I believe in them and they

will succeed. It's going to be a fun year!" All

the members of the squad are eager to see

how this year will play out.

