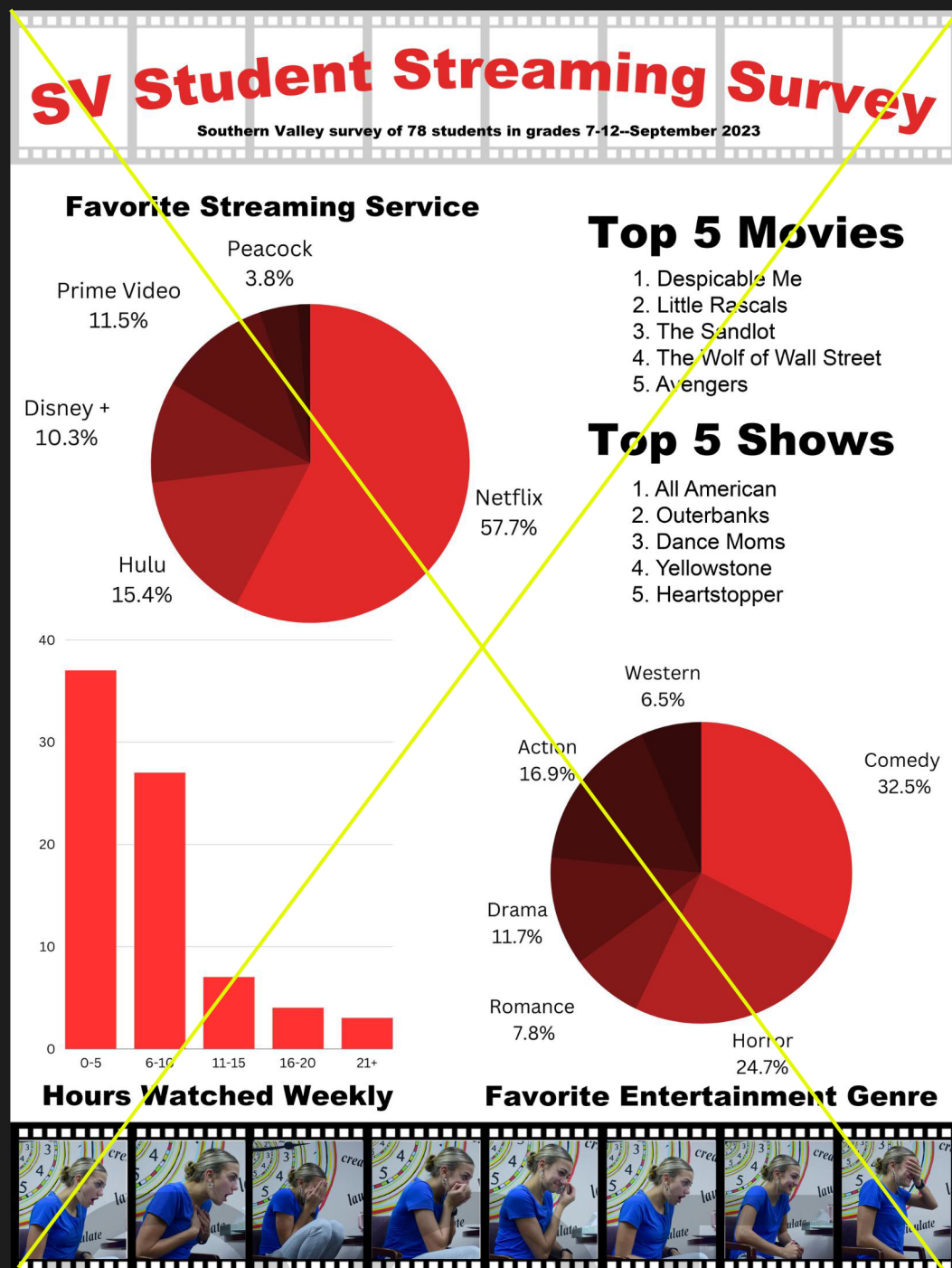


Streaming Services

What the Eagles are watching

Cheerleader, artist, student attorney, and top Netflix user in the school, junior Brooklyn Santifer does it all. When living in a rural area that has limited access to movie theaters and sources of live entertainment, students turn to streaming services to entertain themselves. Whether it's Netflix, Hulu, Disney+, or even YouTube, students around Southern Valley use a variety of different streaming services to watch their favorite shows and movies.

In a fall 2023 survey, Southern Valley students reported watching a streaming service more than five hours a week. Santifer is at the peak of the student body averaging a viewing time of three hours a day just on Youtube. Although the stereotypical thing to do is to watch movies when you are done with your tasks, Santifer is more productive and multitasks better than



most. “When I get ready in the morning for school, sometimes I like to put on a video in the background, or I’ll even put some random talking on in the background to fall asleep. I probably spend around 2-3 hours a day on YouTube, mostly just putting it on in the background while I do homework or chores.”

Through all of the films that Santifer enjoys watching, she has a particular movie that stands out the most to her. “I watch so many movies that it’s hard to pick, but if I had to pick one off the top of my head, I would choose *The Princess and the Frog* because of nostalgia.” Santifer loves reminiscing on her childhood, so being able to watch movies from that time means a lot to her.

On the other hand, her favorite television show is the exact opposite genre. Going from fantasy to crime, Santifer’s favorite TV show is *Criminal Minds*. “It’s both something I’m interested in and just a show I’ve watched forever.” Like many Southern Valley students, Santifer’s genre selection is diverse which adds to the popularity

of streaming services.

Netflix has well over 200 million subscribers worldwide. So, it is no surprise that the top streaming service used at Southern Valley is indeed Netflix. In fact, students pushed the limit to the point where the administration had to block Netflix during school hours. As a part of the majority of the student body, Santifer agrees, “My favorite streaming service is definitely Netflix.”

There are many different genres of movies and TV series available on Netflix including horror, comedy, action, romance, and many more. As for the Eagles, the

preponderance of students enjoy comedy. When it comes to Santifer though, she is more diverse in what she watches. “I like to watch a variety of different genres depending on the mood I’m in or what is trending on Netflix. I mostly lean towards reality TV shows,” she explains.

Santifer enjoys the immediacy of streaming services. Having whatever she wants to watch at her fingertips has both good and bad effects. She states, “I would probably have a bigger attention span [without streaming services], but also probably be a lot more bored

with all the ads [on network TV] and not being able to pick the show I wanted to watch.”

The popularity of streaming services at Southern Valley is not surprising; according to explodingtopics.com, there are approximately 1.8 billion subscriptions to video streaming services worldwide. Streaming services offer a variety of diverse media. Santifer agrees. “No matter what mood I am in, I can always find something to be entertained by.”

