

Columbus scoops up new shop

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Senior Valeria Rodriguez receives her ice cream from a What's the Scoop employee after school on September 11th. The new ice cream shop has been open in Columbus for about 4 months.

Attention all Mcflurry freaks, blizzard bros, and all other icecream lovers: there is a new ice cream shop in town, so here's the "scoop".

What's the Scoop is a new hard ice cream shop that officially opened on May 27th of

this year. The store is open Tuesday through Saturday from noon to 9 pm, as well as Sundays from noon to 8 pm. Flavors as wild as strawberry cheesecake and espresso oreo are available alongside the classics, such as rocky road and old fashioned vanilla.

The Nebraska-native business focuses on opening hard ice cream shops in towns that lack one. The first What's the Scoop location was opened in Seward, Nebraska in October of 2024. The second location is in our own town.

What's the Scoop was also involved in this year's Columbus Days Celebration titled Peace, Love, and Columbus Days. Their ice cream truck provided a sweet treat to those craving ice cream in the summer heat.

Made with Wisconsin Cream and other real ingredients, their flavors rival those of the other ice cream outlets in town. The menu offers homemade waffle and sugar cones along with dishes of different sizes.

The inside of the store, with its bright and bubbly decorations, truly reflects their fun flavors and creates a whimsical atmosphere. The blasts of color on the walls and the ice cream throne are a hit among customers of all ages. What's the Scoop definitely has character, which keeps customers coming back to try more flavors.

After giving it a try, I came to the conclusion that What's the Scoop's tasty ice cream is definitely one of a kind, especially in the Columbus area, but I can not put it above a Dairy Queen blizzard on the ice cream tier list.

As for the prices, they are fair, but not the best. My go-to order is a dish with two scoops of ice cream, which rings up to \$8.02. For the quality and the interesting flavors offered,

I would say that is reasonable, but a large blizzard is available at Dairy Queen for less than \$6.

Although What's the Scoop offers exciting flavors and an inviting climate, it is hard to look past the inaccessibility of the store due to the construction the past year. At no fault of their own, the construction happening on 23rd street makes it difficult for customers to navigate their way to the storefront. Perhaps with the end of construction hopefully coming soon, What's the Scoop will have an increase in popularity and be able to have a bigger influence on Columbus.

Another critique of the new business is they are not open on Monday. Monday is no doubt the hardest day of the week for most people. Having to go back to school after a weekend that was short and unrestful is no easy feat. After a long Monday successfully lived, many people want a treat. What's the Scoop not being open on Monday ultimately takes them out of the running for my top ice cream shop.

What's the Scoop's interesting flavors and colorful atmosphere make it a must stop. I am a returning customer who has a punch card and loves to try the different flavors as they rotate. Their ice cream truly is one-of-a-kind in Columbus, but I do not think it will ever top the accessible cookie dough heath blizzard I get from Dairy Queen.

K-pop Demon Hunters not so "Golden"

By Sydney Stuart

You can assume the #1 movie on Netflix is there for a reason. K-Pop Demon Hunters cannot be that bad if it was #1 globally for 11 weeks straight, right?

Wrong. K-pop Demon Hunters has earned many nominations and world-wide recognition for its production and fan entertainment although I am not sure why it is so popular.

On July 20, 2025, the movie premiered, and the internet went crazy. Co-directors Maggie Kang and Chris Appelhans brought this Korean influenced film to life.

The film features Korean popular music (K-pop) songs, dancing, and animated characters. The main characters Rumi, Mira, and Zoey are popstars and secret demon hunters. Their mission is simple: save their fans from the demon world. To win, they must strengthen the hanmoon, which is the barrier between the demon and human world, by their commanding voices.

Along with the references from Generation Z trends, inside the movie contains rich Korean culture. These details make the movie stand out as culturally different from other movies in Netflix's top 10 but can also cause confusion among viewers who are unfamiliar with Korean culture. It is great to include nationality backgrounds, but to make it stick with movie enthusiasts, there needs to be more context in the movie.

When I sit down to watch a movie, I expect a simple, easy-going movie. However, I fear our society has become fixated on highly stimulating productions, including this one. For instance, when comparing the popularity

of movies from 10 years ago, films such as Home and Inside Out have noticeably less action happening all the time. High stimulation makes the movie more of an impulse watch rather than a timeless piece of entertainment for all generations.

The big question in the movie is: will the superstars save their fans from the ruler of the demon world, Gwi-ma? The question was proposed at the start of the movie and basically gave away the whole narrative. Viewers can already predict the resolution before halfway through the film because it lacks multiple storylines. Not to claim there is no climax in K-Pop Demon Hunters, but it seems to have less of a build up due to only having one storyline. Including more storylines is what makes good movies great.

K-Pop Demon Hunters, compared to Home and Inside Out, also has a production that is drastically more thrilling, yet lacks a complicated plot. According to the entertainment website Screen Rant, the production's budget was \$100 million. Somehow, the plot felt lost in the midst of all the vibrant colors and music. Do not get me wrong, the main characters' personalities were entertaining at times, yet they still seemed to have a shallow character development. The deepest theme in the story was tied to one of the main characters, Rumi, who struggles with her identity. As viewers of all backgrounds watch this movie at home, I am unsure of who would relate and become personally interested.

The movie deserves some credit for its catchy songs although I personally don't enjoy them. Per Spotify, their top song Golden



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K-pop Demon Hunters main characters Zoey, Rumi, and Mira stand ready for battle. The movie has had 4 songs in the Billboard Hot 100 for 11 weeks.

has 543,225,445 streams on Spotify alone; you cannot deny its popularity. Not to mention, the film passed movies on Netflix's most watched list, including Red Notice, Birdbox, and Carry-on, to claim the #1 movie of all time in streams on Netflix with 266,000,000 watches according to Netflix.

Overall, I would rate K-Pop Demon Hunters a 3 out of 10. It is by far nowhere

near being the best movie I have ever watched. Directors Kang and Appelhans certainly hit the dot with their goal of producing a film inspired by Korean culture. However, if you are like me and want to watch a timeless, impactful film, I recommend finding a different movie that really knows "how it's done, done, done."

"This happens once every few lifetimes"

By Ainsley Kuhl

On August 26, 2025, Travis Kelce knelt to the ground, pulled out a ring and Taylor Swift said "yes." Singer and songwriter Taylor Swift and Chiefs tight end Travis Kelce broke the internet with news of their engagement. This was announced via Instagram with the caption, "Your English teacher and your gym teacher are getting married." The couple have been together for almost 2 years and are now ready to say forever and always.

Since the jaw-dropping announcement, there have been many mixed reviews. There were people bawling their eyes out in joy and others who did not care at all. However, everyone should care a little because of how beneficial Kelce and Swift's marriage will be.

This marriage will be good for society. According to the news magazine The Week, Swift has hundreds of millions of fans who look up to her. With her deciding to settle down and start a family, the majority of her fan base (young women) will want to do the same. The couple have set a higher standard for young men and women to look for because they are so happy together. They are both powerful figures in the entertainment industry, so their decisions influence many.

From the public's view, Kelce and Swift's relationship looks perfect. They are never seen arguing in public and always have a smile when they are around each other. It is good to see a positive relationship in the celebrity world. In Hollywood, it is rare to see

a lasting relationship. It seems as if every day, there is news of another celebrity relationship failing. With how strong this couple's relationship has been, it seems it will last.

Swift is also blowing up the narrative of having to be a "forever girlfriend" by getting the ring. Before Kelce, she was in a seven year relationship with Joe Alwyn, and it left her heartbroken and haunted. In her album THE TORTURED POETS DEPARTMENT, she wrote about that relationship and how she gave away her youth to him waiting for his proposal. Swift is 35 and ready to start a new era in her life, so Kelce came in at the right time.

This engagement is great for culture, but it is even better for them. They both are getting to the end of their careers and are ready to start a family. Any person who is a fan of either of them should at least be happy they have found their significant other. They are glowing every time they are seen out with each other. Kelce has been supporting Swift, and she has been doing the same but receiving backlash for simply going to his games.

Many people find their relationship annoying or overrated. I agree Taylor Swift is covered a little too much in the media, and it can be annoying seeing her ten times throughout a football game. However, it is not her fault because she is not the one controlling the cameras and is simply supporting the person she loves. Swift is a successful businesswoman



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Chiefs tight end Travis Kelce and singer Taylor Swift embrace moments after Kelce's proposal on August 26th in the backyard of his Kansas home. They have been together for almost 2 years.

an with an enthusiastic fan base and a media frenzy that follows her everywhere. She cannot be blamed for the media's obsession.

Fans of Kelce and Swift or not, their engagement has taken the world by storm and

fascinated many. People should stop worrying about it and making it out to be bad when it is providing hope to a whole generation. Congratulations to Taylor and Travis!