

Bursting the Bubble

Snapchat stories of students from CHS have been fun to get to the bottom of.

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space for customers.

When first walking in you're

greeted with a paper divider, and a fairly large sign hanging from the ceiling that let's you know which side is for which restaurant. Going down the Tea Tyme and What Nots' side, millions of antique trinkets that

you bring it back you get 35 cents off your next purchase. The store owner recommends "Thai tea," as one of the sweet owners favorites.

Personally the Pina-colada with strawberry popping pearls is something everyone should try. The flavors burst in your mouth, and once combined with the strawberry popping pearl you get a perfect mixture between the sweet and tangy of the pineapple and coconut.

A second drink that will delight you is a cold vanilla bubble tea. Drinking the vanilla tea is a great choice for people that haven't tried the bubble tea here and are just trying to see if you like it. A choice to go with if you're into very fruity flavors would be peach, and if you add in the tapioca pearls then you're in for a little surprise. The tapioca pearls were very squishy and difficult to get down, but they absorbed the speed flavor of the peach that made it almost worth getting.

The owner says, the tea shop has been there for "many years" and after switching from her location in the Galleria shop she decided to "continue on with what they were doing". The tea shop



The colorful sign doesn't overwhelm new comers and offers a variety of options

Bubble tea, or more commonly referred to as Boba tea, is one drink that has taken the world by storm. The recent trend has left many people from all age groups always wanting more of it, and Tea Tyme and What Nots is one place in downtown Fredericksburg that satisfies those cravings.

The shop itself is small and quaint and split between two businesses-that legitimately cut the place in half. This causes a cramped, almost claustrophobic feeling since, even without the divider there is little

are for sale is the first objects that jumps out at you.

As you walk down a tight, narrow aisle full of the trinkets and then you get to where the magic happens. Then, another massive, white cardboard sign above the register colorfully conveys to you each flavor option for the teas written in different colors. And once you place your order you get your refreshing treat within minutes. The simple cup you receive is plastic, but is shaped like a light bulb, and on your next visit, if



Left: A frontal shot of the pleasingly color coordinated shop entrance. One can see the figurines displayed in the left window and are drawn to explore the insides.



Left: The register is decorated colorfully and welcomes everyone to order anything that calls to them. Right: The shared shop is hidden quite well and is wrongly marked on every review online.





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illed with these new concoctions, and it's time to
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is difficult to find, since it is incor-
rectly marked online, but the travel
was worth the struggle. The shop is
also “inexpensive and fresh,” says Bria
Covington ('19), so it's great if you
don't have a ton of money to spend.

The diverse option between
teas and Boba is not too overwhelm-
ing, but for a first time visitor it was
a little intimidating. But Chloe Wolf
(‘19) says that the tea shop “has re-
ally good service.” Making it quick
and easy to get your drinks. There's
only one table for people to sit at so
the shop is more of a come and go
place, but the music allows it to be
a comfortable wait until your drinks
are done being made, and the trin-
kets also give you something to look
at. Alexis Luther ('19) is strongly
connected to the Philippine culture
and “feels a sense of home from the
small shop,” almost as if she were “at
her grandma's house.” Although for
someone who doesn't know the feel
of Asian culture the shop just felt very
small. After this quaint new experi-
ence the rating for this Boba shop
would have to be a three out of five
stars. While the service was sweet,
the atmosphere and struggle to find
the location dampers the experience.
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**Above: Large traditional fig-
ures stand on top of a display
case with decorative lights
drawing everyone's atten-
tion.**

**Right: A sign placed at the
top of the shop window ad-
vertizes to everyone the
brand new delicacy.**



**Left: Hand painted paint-
ings add a warmth to the
shop, and also adds a cer-
tain charm to make every-
one want to let their eyes
wander more.**



**Left: A sign advertis-
ing to passerbys on
the street to draw in
more business to the
empty building.**

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**Left: Not only can
you buy multiple
teas, but you can but
herbs to make your
own at home.
Right: Little figures,
not meant for chil-
dre, fulfils every col-
lecters dreams.**



**Above: Delicate China is displayed
inside of a well lit cabinent, along
with colorful figurines.**