

The Story Behind The Grams

Valentines Day brings about an event that gets people talking and students active within the school.

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Weeks before Valentine's day, the SCA plans an event to sell students candy grams and roses. Past years the event seems to be popular, but according to Christine Bowser, SCA president, "this year Valentines Day grams sale wasn't a huge success," and she believes that that's because "people [don't] care anymore." Regardless of the outcome the SCA does "it with a smile anyway," according to Bowser. This group of students seem very motivated and pleased to sell these grams to CHS students. Rachel Gallahan ('19) was pleased that the "SCA made some profit and some lucky people got some candy."

During A day lunches there includes a table set up offering the sales of chocolates and flowers for students to buy for their significant other or bestie. The prices are set cheap to around 1 dollar, and it's very tempting to want to surprise one of your closest friends or loved ones with a nice treat. The SCA representatives hold the event and Bobbie Almassy, Algebra Teacher, says it's a great way to "get [SCA members] to interact with all the students." which is a perfect way to get students out of their shell. Almassy says that "it is really

quick to setup," and that the SCA "[notifies] [their] representatives and create a sign up sheet to get volunteers to sell and advertise. According to the Bowser that is done by "making the posters to advertise [and] [putting] those around the school."

The event "doesn't make a lot of money," says Almassy, but the main motive for doing all of this is to "promote school spirit" and I think that they chose a perfect way to do so. Students will typically get excited over the promise of candy and cheap gifts that may end up in their hands.

The SCA "try to make about 30% profit, and the money helps to purchase gifts for teacher appreciation week," says Almassy. Overall it's for a good cause, but while last year they sold 78 Candy Grams and 83 Roses, they only sold 21 Candy Grams and 11 Roses this year. There seems to be a huge decrease in sales, so either students aren't feeling very romantic this year or they never got around to buying anything. But students should support their classmates and show their love by buying the cheap grams just so the event isn't stopped all together next year.

