

# Gaming Taking Over The Cougar Den

Fortnite is the latest craze amongst CHS students, as it fills Snapchat stories and occupies a bunch of people's minds.

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Fortnite is a third person game that has gotten extremely popular amongst Courtland students. This game is filled with action, adrenaline rushes, and you're constantly meeting new people each round. Quade Holmes ('19) enjoys the game because "it's new and it has an interesting take on gathering and combat." The gathering in the game is a new feature where players can gather resources to build their own structures to defend themselves. When players are put into a tough position, their back to a corner with under

many wins and losses for players. As you play a game the typical trend seems to be getting lost in how many matches you play. The time just goes by and some mindlessly go through game after game, grinding through each loss and near win moment. Holmes plays "3 times a week for about three or four hours." It isn't hard for a game to distract you and keep you occupied for hours, but Sam Soto ('19) is only on for "two sessions a week." As the time goes on the game doesn't seem to be losing much excitement, and with the release of new weapons it doesn't seem to disappoint dedicated players.

What keeps players coming back

1v1 as one of the final two in the game. Soto thinks people play Fortnite since "it is a different type of game compared to other video games, and it's also a trend." So this is the a trend that keeps students involved in the game. The fact that everyone else is playing it, so why not join the hype bus. If the game wasn't even free Holmes would have purchased it just because "[he] knows [his] friends would buy it." Although Jim Vetali, Fortnite Streamer, "probably wouldn't buy it," even though he "enjoys the game." It all comes down to trends, and due to it trending lately Fortnite has gained its popularity quite easily.

With the constant posts of wins and losses one can definitely say the trend has even reached Snapchat. Students are posting about the plays they make and if they carry their team of four to victory. One can imagine the smirk of the person behind the Snap, knowing that they successfully bragged to all of their buddies. For Soto "it doesn't bother [him] that much, compared to what most people post," but for Holmes it's something different. Someones story instantly makes him want to "get on and get a win too."

50 health, they can use this tactic to block out the enemy and get their bearings. This feature has brought

match after match, loss after loss?

It seems to be the adrenaline that comes with chasing down an opponent and finishing them off, and listening to your teammates cheer you on as you

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