

## Beat the Recession by Staff Writer

Psst... keep this a secret. Want to save money? Stop complaining, and do something about it.

An average student spends \$5.00 on lunch every day, \$100.00 a month. While buying food from the cafeteria or school store, may be more convenient, bringing food to school actually saves dough. Do not be lazy, go to the grocery store and pick up cold cuts. Make a sandwich. Pack it with an apple and a snack. Eat the sandwich during lunch and snacks during classes, if possible.

Thirsty? Buy a drink. Treat your stomach once a week to a cafeteria meal. The benefit of making food is that the quality and content is controlled by you. Take leftovers from dinner last night. No leftovers? Have your family cook larger portions.

For students who drive to school and pay for the rising cost of gas, ever heard of car pooling? Saving gas is helpful for the earth and your wallet. Perhaps a friend can pick you up on their way to school and then you can return the favor after.

Trying to win best dressed at SHS? You do not have to buy the cutest sandals and brand name jeans. Make old clothes look new. Put together different shirts with a sweater and add a belt. For guys, no need to go out and buy a shirt just for new sneakers. Use an old shirt or buy a shirt that goes with at least two pairs of sneakers.

Do not fill your closet with Abercrombie clothes. Look for inexpensive stores. Most stores have sales. Ask the sales associate about marked down clothing or look for coupons that are available. Go to stores that are popular because of their prices, like Forever 21 or GAP. Places like H&M have sales and cheap prices. Become a member at American Eagle, everything you buy puts points on a card. You get a percentage off a clothing based on the amount of points on the card off a clothing. Places like, Foot Locker mail coupons after becoming a VIP member.

Having trouble fitting clothes in your drawers? Have half of them even been worn? Go through the clothes once every three months. It gives you a chance to realize the amount of clothes you have that you never thought you did. Help others by giving clothes that are not needed to Goodwill. You can also have a clothes swap with friends, then you will never wear the same thing twice.

\$10.25 is a lot of cash for a movie ticket, especially if you are buying an extra ticket for your girlfriend. Take the easy way out! Invite friends over and tell one of them to pick up a movie from blockbuster. Use what you would have spent on the movie ticket on food. Pop popcorn, get the chips and soda out, and start the movie.

Get a job! Look for Babysitting, cleaning, or lawn mowing. Making money is a cinch, if you know where to look.. Ask a neighbor, family member, or friend if they need help. If no one does, tell them to spread the word. Put up flyers to get your name out.

So, rush home and empty that closet. I bet tons of clothes will be found that you never knew existed. Look at everything you do and find a way to cut back. Saving money is easier than it sounds, so keep your mullah in your pockets and beat the recession.