

As a student of HRVHS, the lack of gun-regulatory laws continues to give me a reason for fear. I clearly remember sitting in math class two years ago, listening to my teacher explain integrals, when I heard a loud pop in the hallway. I stopped breathing, and my heartbeat so loudly in my chest I could barely hear. I was so scared that it was a gun, that a shooter was in our school and that my life and education would be cut short. It turned out to be some kid making trouble out in the hallway, with no gun, but the rest of the day I was on high alert, realizing that I had nowhere to go and that at any moment that fear of being shot could come true. I only used bathrooms where the main door locked, I skipped assemblies because the amount of people in a singular room made me nervous, and fire drills left me shaky and scared. School is supposed to be where the only stress I feel is if I did okay on the math test, or who is asking who to prom, not constantly questioning whether this will be the day I die and become another death statistic legislators seem to not notice. Please, a law like this could save lives. Keeping guns locked away and in a safe environment protects not only your family or yourself as a gun-owning individual, but it protects others. This year has been all about community and being there for one another, so let's continue that. I am tired of feeling scared at school. Locking up your gun does not infringe on your second amendment rights, it just helps to keep our community, family, and loved ones safe.