

# Hi Bubbles: The perfect take on bubble tea

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If you're looking for refreshing and fresh milk tea with boba of the perfect texture, then Hi Bubbles is what you need. Hi Bubbles is located near the Polaris Cinemark movie theaters, the ideal spot to visit after watching a movie. It's also a brief drive for most Berlin students.

Hi Bubbles is a newly opened bubble tea shop that is connected to a poke bowl shop called Poke Bros. The place is owned and operated by only two people, a Chinese couple. Since they're the only ones working, the service can be a bit slow but the quality of the boba makes up for it.

Something unique about Hi Bubbles is that due to them being a local business and not a big franchise, their bubble tea flavors are unique and the drinks are of great quality. Comparing the boba I tried at Hi Bubbles to the one at Bubble Tea and Juice Co, it's much fresher and the boba pearls are the perfect tender and chewy consistency.

You can customize the level of ice and the sweetness of your tea which is something I've never seen before in a boba shop. They also provide more unique toppings for your tea such as whipped cream, cheese covers, fruit jellies, and more. Not only tea, but they also serve smoothies, yogurt, and snow ice which is thinly shaved ice that is flavored.



Photo, courtesy of Lisa Sinclair

Brown Sugar Milk with boba is one of the drinks that you can order on the menu. The creamy sweet milk mixed with the brown sugar contains the right amount of boba pearls. The well made juicy boba pearls made this drink one of my favorites on the menu.

I would give this drink a 4 out of 5 stars because it was too sweet for my liking. At that time I hadn't realized that you can change the level of sweetness in your drinks, so next time I'll make sure to do that. Not only that, the price of the drink was \$7.98, which is more expensive when compared to the bubble tea found at Bubbles Tea and Juice Co for \$5.

Hi Bubbles is located in Delaware near the Polaris Cinemark and is open from 11:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. Tuesday through Sunday and is closed on Mondays. They don't offer drive-thrus but they do have dine-in, takeout, and delivery. I would rate Hi Bubbles 5 out of 5 stars. The staff is very helpful and incredibly friendly. Your order may take a while and cost more when compared to others, but considering the number of people working and the amazing taste of the drinks, it's completely worth it.

# CELSIUS: A flavorful tempting caffiented drink makes itself big

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A new trending, caffeinated drink makes its way around. Targeting younger consumers who are active. Celsius, a drink with over 12 main flavors, are located in your local gym or grocery store for only 2 dollars! Swing by to your local store, grab a drink and pop it open. It's an everlasting taste that you'll enjoy forever.

It was first created in Sweden in 2009, it was created completely vegan, free of carbohydrates, containing only natural flavors and colors. Celsius had made a huge jump in 2021, due to a common app called TikTok. Many creators on the app had promoted this delicious drink. Since many people wanted to try Celsius, it became sold out everywhere

A flavor that takes you back to a time when it was warm and beachy, Tropical Vibe, a top 5 in the most popular flavor. It gives an everlasting taste, that gives you many benefits. In my opinion, I think this flavor is delicious. It tastes like a peach, mango drink. That gives you caffeine to get you going.

Another popular flavor basis itself off a popular pop drink. Flavor coke, taste just like a Coca-Cola you would drink. But Celsius had made it much healthier and for a good use. Drinking your favorite sugary drink but better, no added sugar and gives you a caffeinated boost to start your day.

One thing Celsius had that hooked so many people, was there is no sugar in this drink. You get a high caffeinated drink for little to no carbs and sugars. The real question is, are these drinks safe? They had been banned in the NCAA due to many unsafe ingredients being added. It has been recommended not to drink daily due to it not being the best for our bodies. All of these causes due to drinking a Celsius, makes me wonder is it really worth drinking and the hype?

Even with delicious flavors and ton of benefits, I would rate a Celsius drink a 4/5. I want a drink that I can drink without worrying about the health benefits. Still a drink I will continue to drink, but not as often. I would still choose a Celsius over any other energy drink, for example, a Red Bull can lead my stomach hurting and not work as efficient.

For more information, visit <https://www.celsius.com>

These shoes are perfect for every occasion, except running. I love these shoes and I have worked out in them as well as worn them to school, however for excessive running, these aren't the way to go because they don't necessarily have the sole support after a while and the ankle length can hurt your endurance.



I would rate these shoes a 5 out of 5 stars. I wear these shoes almost everyday and I can't go without them. I have a fun color that suits me and I feel confident in these shoes. They are great and I wouldn't be as happy without them.

# **CONVERSE CHUCK TAYLORS FEEL LIKE VICTORY**

**CONVERSE CHUCK TAYLOR SHOES ARE VERY COMMON AND THEIR POPULARITY ISN'T THE ONLY THING AWESOME ABOUT THEM!**

Converse Chuck Taylors are very nice shoes. With over 200 combinations of the shoe there is something for everyone! The shoes typically run in adult sizes from 5 to 20, as well as a kids collection. The price is usually around \$65-\$115 range depending of the type of Chuck Taylor and design.



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<https://www.converse.com/shop/classic-chuck-shoes?q2=chuck%20taylor>

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When looking for shoes there are lots of things you can be looking for, and I know these shoes have it all! The best part about your shoes are that they feel like a part of you. The extra length on the high tops gives you a feeling of stability in your feet and this is definitely important.

Converse shoes are different from Nike or Asics because of the personalization on them. You may feel more comfortable with the other brands, but Converse give you something you can't get anywhere else. You can choose which style suits you best and there are so many options. A Converse pair of shoes make you feel special. I even got to pick mine out for my birthday and have worn them ever since.

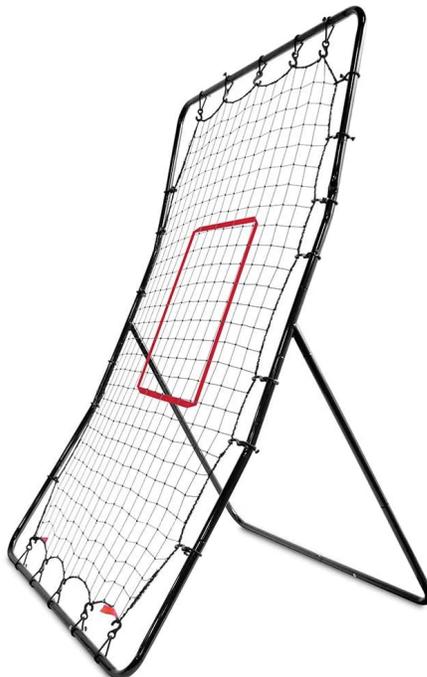
## **A product that is bound to catch your eye**

**By: Jack Showalter**

If you struggle with getting mom or dad to play catch with you, or maybe all you're friends are on vacation, but you just absolutely need to play catch, then you should check out the SKLZ PitchBack Baseball and Softball Pitching Net and Rebounder. It is a multi purpose net that is meant to give people the ability to play catch, without having to have someone to throw with. It is built at an angle so when you throw a baseball or softball against it, it will simply bounce right back to you.

I had this product when I was younger and it let me burn off some energy and play catch, without having to drag my dad up from the couch or having to ride my bike across the neighborhood to a friend's house. The product held up decently well for a while, but soon the net started to wear down and a few holes started to open up in the net. The clips on the side can tear and break off very easily, so it wouldn't be a bad idea to order some backups just in case. The good news is that this product is mostly used for younger ages and helps them learn to catch and throw so ripping the net shouldn't be a huge problem but if you're buying this product for someone above the age of 11, I would look at other options.

This product receives a three out of five star rating. It gets the job done and works really well for younger kids, and at a price of \$27.99 is not a bad deal at all, however it is not very durable and will not last long against a large amount of force. Another positive on this product is that it can be purchased on Amazon, a reliable online shopping website, that has very fast arrival times and treats their packages with care.



# LULULEMON ALIGN LEGGINGS REVIEW: ARE THEY WORTH THE HYPE?

By: Kate Rizzo 26'

Photo Courtesy lululemon.com

With over 3000 reviews online, the Lululemon Align pant is undeniably one of the most famous leggings on the internet. Lululemon is a popular active retail apparel brand for men, women, and teen girls. Lululemon is most known for their famous butter soft Align leggings. The leggings sell for \$98 dollars which is not cheap. The price is comparable to other athletic brands like Alo and Athleta. Although the price is much higher than top-rated Amazon leggings that come in at \$30 per pair. In my opinion the Lululemon Align leggings are worth the price tag, but here is what you need to know about these leggings and why they are my favorite.

## What I love about Lululemon Align leggings

I thought I knew what soft leggings felt like until I put on Aligns. These leggings are so comfortable that I feel like I'm not wearing any pants. Lululemon Align leggings are made from Lululemons signature Nulu fabric, which is a soft blend of 81% nylon and 19% lycra elastane per the company website.

Lululemon Leggings come in a variety of lengths ranging from 21 inches to 31 inches. I am 5'8 and the 28-inch length hits right below my ankle. One of my friends who is 5'2 says that the 21-inch length which hits my calf is ideal for her height. Lululemon also offers free hemming if you are not happy with the length.

## All in All

In my opinion, I think Lululemon Align leggings ARE worth it. While Align leggings are not cheap, with proper care they can last for years. I have had the same pair of Lululemon Align leggings for two years. While I have not personally tested out any dupes. I would prefer to invest in leggings that last me a few years. For me, they are my go-to everyday leggings. However, while Lululemon align leggings work for me they may not be perfect for everyone



## Nothing Bundt Cakes: A modern take on a favorite local treat

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If sweet, delicious cakes sound pleasing to your appetite, then Nothing Bundt Cakes are for you! Located in Westerville, Ohio, this is a very short ride for most Berlin students. Nothing Bundt Cakes has a very welcoming and kind ambiance that draws in many individuals to taste their treats. The original Nothing Bundt Cakes is based in Las Vegas, Nevada and opened in 1997. Debra Shwetz and Dena Tripp, the founders of Nothing Bundt Cakes, decided to establish the company with hopes to create the best mini cakes to please their family and friends. After much trial and error and thousands of dollars spent, the founders finally crafted what they believe are the best mini-cakes ever. A unique aspect of Nothing Bundt Cakes is that they offer bite-sized Bundtinis, miniature Bundtlets, Bundtlet Towers, 8- and 10-inch Bundt Cakes and Tiered Bundt Cakes in nine flavors in addition to rotating Featured Flavors and a gluten-free Chocolate Chip Cookie flavor which is only available at select bakeries.

The Red Velvet cake is definitely the staple of the company. The moist, decadent cake has plenty of cocoa flavor and was practically made for the cream cheese frosting on top. Each bite has the added bonus of chocolate chips packed inside. I would give this cake a 5 out of 5 stars, because it is my personal favorite and I highly recommend that you try it.

The Chocolate is a fan-favorite. If you're looking for a moist chocolate cake, then this is a great option for you. It is very rich and flavorful, over the whole cake. The only complaint I might have is to fit with the taste of the cookie. I would give this cake a 4 out of 5 stars, because it is love.



Nothing Bundt Cake's Strawberries and Cream flavor is exquisite. This cake is packed with a strawberry fruit filling and contains white chocolate notes that pair well with the berries. The flavor is reminiscent of strawberry shortcake and it is one of the best flavors to eat in the spring. I gave this cake a 5 out of 5 stars, because the flavors blend together in a great way.

The seasonal Peppermint Chocolate Chip cake is new to Nothing Bundt Cakes this year. It is a rich chocolate cake packed with chocolate chips and peppermint candy pieces. There is enough candy inside each bite to really bring that peppermint flavor home. I would rather have peppermint icing to go along with this cake. I gave this cake a 3 out of 5 stars, because the icing does not fit well with the cake.

The Nothing Bundt Cakes location in Westerville is open from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturdays. Nothing Bundt Cakes is closed on Sundays. I would rate the Nothing Bundt Cakes location in Westerville a 5 out of 5 stars, because the staff is always great in welcoming customers into the shop. For more information, visit <https://www.nothingbundtcakes.com>

# Sample Olive Garden's delectable sustenance

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Do you ever argue with your family or friends when trying to decide where to eat? If so, Olive Garden is the perfect place for you. Olive Garden is an Italian chain restaurant that first opened December thirteenth, 1982 in Orlando, Florida as a unit in the General Mills. As of the year 2022, there are now 900+ restaurants in the United States.

To start out, the restaurant looks clean and well kept on the inside and outside. When you walk in, you're automatically greeted by the hostess. We were on the waitlist, so we had little to no wait for a table. When seated, I looked across the menu which had a huge variety of options.

Although I was greeted quickly and got a table, I was quickly disappointed when it took about 15-20 minutes before a waitress came to take my order. Due to the lack of service, Niesha, who had been cleaning the tables noticed we had not been served and had asked what drinks we wanted.

While my friend and I waited for a server, after we received our drinks, we saw a tabletop tablet that you would pay with, but it also has games. As we thought, the games were free, as it had no warning it was not. We played trivia and a few other games which we later realized were not free, and got charged.



The manager eventually noticed we had not been served and sent over a waitress, Zulie, who was very apologetic about the wait and took our order. I ordered the Fettuccine Alfredo, and a side of soup. I asked Zulie what soup she recommended and she said the Zuppa Toscana was amazing, so I ordered that as well.

The food came out very quickly, and was very fresh. The fettuccine Alfredo has a very creamy and thick sauce called "white sauce," along with a garlic topping. This is served on fettuccine al burro noodles. The zuppa toscana soup was delicious, it had a little bit of spice in it, not necessarily spicy. The italian sausage in it was very thinly cut so you could easily scoop in the spoon to still have the broth with it. The potato slices were rather large though, I had to cut most of them, but they could be easily cut with just the spoon. Overall, my meal was very pleasing and luscious. For this, I would give the restaurant a rate of 8/10 only because of the slow service in the beginning.



Olive Garden is very unique when it comes to paying for your meals. As I stated earlier, they have tablets that you pay on. This is a very easy and stress free way to pay, as you can do it right at your table in only a few taps. The machine even prints your receipt right there for you.

The restaurant definitely exceeded my expectations and I would definitely recommend Olive Garden to anyone over other Italian restaurants in the area. Their prices are very manageable as my meal was only \$15.49.

Olive Gardens are located all around the United States. About 37% of Olive Gardens are in just Ohio. The closest one to Berlin is the one in Polaris. If you would like to look at the menu or get more information on Olive Garden, then you can look on <https://www.olivegarden.com/home>.

# “Good Times, Great Salads”

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Olive Garden is a place for friends and family alike that can join together and have a good meal and memories to last a lifetime. It is a go to for many for casual and fancy dinners alike, although the service isn't quite what I remembered it to be.

When I first arrived I was seated almost immediately without having time to sit. When we sat down I had a good feeling about how it was going. Although soon after it took over 20 minutes for anyone to offer me and my friend drinks. No one was waiting on us and the dishwasher who was cleaning off the tables had to offer us our drinks amidst their own job. Around 15 minutes later our waitress greeted us, she explained the situation and that she wasn't aware that she was supposed to wait on our table. I was empathetic and could understand the situation although I cannot excuse the staff who passed us multiple times as well as the manager and didn't offer their services or help. The restaurant wasn't extraordinarily busy and they had a sufficient amount of staff.

The food came out in a timely manner, it was enjoyable. I had the salad, and the fettuccine alfredo along with some complementary bread sticks, although the food was good and came out in a reasonable amount of time there was a rotten banana pepper in my salad along with some raw pasta in my fettuccine alfredo. Soon after we were served or greeted we were provided with a small tablet with online games and a menu, we began to play the games on the tablet then later found out without any warning that they charged us for the games without any notice. We certainly weren't pleased. The breadsticks came along with the main courses instead of coming out before, which is the whole point of the breadsticks.



# and, Olive Garden” put to the test

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The waitress we had was quite pleasant and apologetic for the long wait. She was a joy to talk to but otherwise if it weren't for the waitress I would have rated the place a 3/10, but with the help of the waitress she bumped it up to a 5/10. The meal was a reasonable price, I got the Fettuccine alfredo along with a salad, water and breadsticks and I was not charged for the breadsticks or water even when I requested extra breadsticks. The total of my meal was around \$16, which I find to be fair and affordable for students and families.

The environment was nice, the waitress was polite and the food was enjoyable but the service was a big turn off for me. Though staff is temporary and can vary from day of the week to the moods of the employees and count on so many factors that you can't judge how good the service is in general based on one night. My review may sway your judgment of the place but in spite of all that I had a good time and made memories that i'll remember in the long term. Keep in mind that you never know what the person who is serving you is going through. Sometimes things are out of your control and people deserve the benefit of the doubt, so before deciding on whether or not you'll write a bad review and complain to management about the poor service, consider the one you're writing about.

A short 17 minute ride from Olentangy Berlin High School can lead you to the Olive Garden located near Polaris Mall (1250 Polaris Pkwy, Columbus, OH 43240).

They open at 11 AM EST and close during the week-days at 10 PM with the exception of Saturday and Friday which they close at 11 PM.



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# Treat that makes the season bright

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If you are looking for a mouthwatering Christmas treat, then Ghirardelli's Peppermint Bark Squares are for you! Peppermint Bark is a delectable treat with a perfect 50/50 ratio of chocolate to peppermint. Located in many nearby stores, such as Target, Walgreens, and Walmart, Peppermint Bark is the perfect cheap delicacy to put you in the holiday spirit!

Ghirardelli was found in San Francisco, California and has made many kinds of tasty treats for over 160 years. Ghirardelli's Peppermint Bark Squares come from a long line of luscious chocolate candy. They are made of premium ingredients and high quality cocoa beans that result in an enticing seasonal taste. Homemade peppermint bark simply does not compare to the perfect taste of Ghirardelli.

Peppermint Bark comes in different shapes, such as the classic squares and the festive snowmen! They are the ideal inexpensive candy during the holiday season that anyone of any age can enjoy. These flavorful snacks start at just \$5 a bag, and in each package there are individually wrapped goodies in a wrapper that appeals to the eye.

I rate this delish treat a nine out of ten because although this candy is wonderfully made with rich chocolate and cooling peppermint, you cannot buy it in stores year round. However, I would recommend this necessary goody for the holidays to make the season bright. Ghirardelli's Peppermint Bark is the finest gift to give anyone you love this Christmas.

To learn more about Ghirardelli and their Peppermint Bark, go to <https://www.ghirardelli.com>



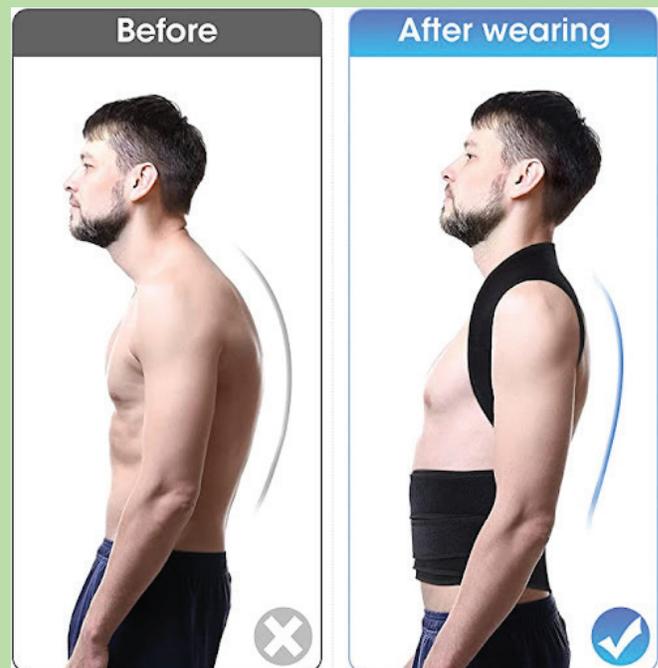
# Correcting your posture one day at a time

By Aeryn Dudley 26'

Struggling with back pain and poor posture? The NEW SN-OKY posture corrector is the solution you've been looking for.

The NEW SN-OKY back brace is a corrective brace to fix slouching posture and the pain that comes with it. It lifts your shoulders up and back to prevent pain from a hunched back.

This adjustable garment comes in different sizes to suit everyone. It works through two straps that go under the shoulders and connect to a belt-like strap with two metal bars for further support.





This posture corrector is fairly comfortable and safe for everyday use. It's recommended to wear it with a shirt underneath to prevent chaffing in the underarms and waist. With just 1-2 hours of wear every day, you can learn the habit of sitting straight and improve your posture.

Personally, I like the brace. I wear it everyday when I get home from school and take it off before dinner. The only complaint I have is that it can irritate under the arms, so it's good to wear a shirt or put padding on those straps.

This brace is from Amazon, so there are obviously more professional and better quality options out there. However, if you're looking to spend \$20 or less, this is the option for you.

Overall, this is a good option if you're looking for something cheap and effective. I still wear it every day and my posture has definitely improved.