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I thought mine would be **unique** and stand out and make a statement. -Shellie Mc Iver (11)



While they have tongues, shoes are not known for their speaking. Many Converse All-Stars, however, have a story to tell. Like Beau Nunley's worn-out marching shoes or Caitlin Kennedy's Chucks tatooed with middle school memories, there is more to these kicks than just cloth and rubber.





I have to constantly color them because the color always comes

-Carly Ecker (10)



[I drew on them] so I could remember all the fun stuff that happened in middle school.

-Caitlin Kennedy (9)



People who sign my shoes [have] met other people who have signed. It makes me feel connected.

-Kasey Smith (9)



I got like four pairs of Chucks. I



"I want people to turn and stare at me as I walk down the hall-not just because of my natural beauty." -Madi Bunge (10)

"They make us stand out-

like we don't already." -Jordan Featherston (12)

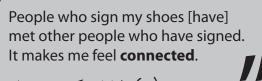
"It adds pizzazz to our ensemble."

-Jamie Featherston (10)

"The shoes show school spirit."

-Brittany Goetter (10)







Rebecca Davis (11)

Nick Schmittgens (10)



Who is Chuck Taylor?

Charles Hollis "Chuck" Taylor was a professional basketball player for the Buffalo Germans and the Akron Firestones. He made Converse All-Star shoes famous by wearing them during games. He started working for the company in 1921 and his signature was added two years later. In 1969, he was inducted into the basketball hall of fame.

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