

# Junior Master Chef

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Sophomore Allison Camper might spend more time in the kitchen compared to every other student at Perry High School. You may not know it, but she has a huge passion for cooking and baking. She is always cooking everyday for herself and her mom. Camper says, “I actually cook a lot more than I think other people do.”

Due to her not eating breakfast that often, Camper tends to make meals mainly for dinner everyday. She explains, “I can’t just be one of those people who has chips and then just goes to sleep.” For dinner she enjoys eating and making things like pasta and ramen. One of her favorite meals to make is hadid pasta, which she discovered on TikTok. Hadid pasta consists of pasta shells with a creamy sauce.

Camper started having an interest in cooking and baking at a young age; she learned how to cook at the age of three. Her mom taught her everything, starting with how to do the basics including cutting, seasoning food, and cooking pasta. Around the same age, her mom taught her how to bake. To start they would make things like sugar cookies and buckeyes for the holidays. Camper said she remembers the buckeyes being easy because, “it’s just like peanut butter and then you dip it in chocolate.”

She enjoys baking specifically for her friends' birthdays or she does it for fun. It’s really the only time she will bake, but she loves it. When she bakes cakes, she likes to decorate them because she is really into art. She does not bake them that often though because if they are not for someone’s birthday, “it sits at my house just me and my mom eat it and then we can’t finish it.” Now she continues to mainly make just different types of simple cookies.