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SHARING HISTORY TO MAKE HISTORY: *The Diary of Anne Frank*

by Hannah Keough, BP Staff Editor

"Dear Diary, since you and I are going to be great friends, I will start by telling you about myself. My name is Anne Frank. I am thirteen years old. I was born in Germany the twelfth of June, nineteen-twenty-nine. As my family is Jewish, we emigrated to Holland when Hitler came to power."

Of course, my name is not actually Anne Frank; it's Hannah. And I am 17 years old, not 13 -- but you get the point. I'm acting, you see. Because Berkshire's Theatre Department is performing *The Diary of Anne Frank* this fall, November 16th and 17th at 7:30 pm. And now that you've read this, you have no excuse not to be there.

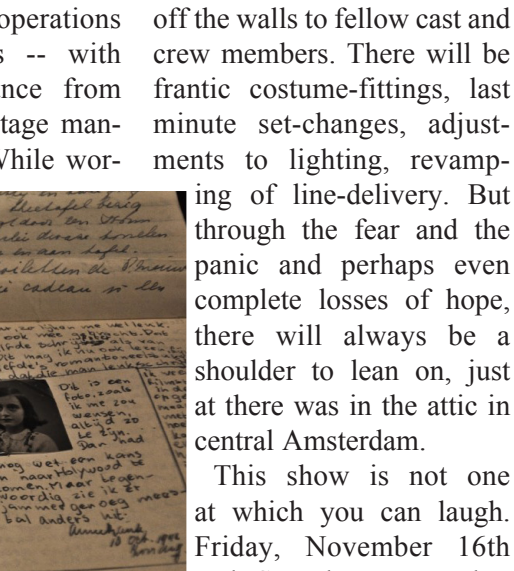
But let me cut the comical tone, because we're not talking about The Addams Family; we're talking about Anne Frank. *The Diary of Anne Frank* illustrates the lives of those hiding from the Nazis in a small attic space above an office in Amsterdam. The play follows the struggles of the Frank and van Daan families (and Mr. Dussel), as they cope with paranoia, repression, and each other. This production is unlike anything Berkshire has tackled previously, because it is based on real events and real people -- from a very burdensome time in history, nonetheless.

Director, Mr. Jim Lester explains that, "Each year we strive to elevate the Thespian program. In an effort to continue to improve theatre at Berkshire, bring it to a level of prominence and distinction, I wanted to have something that wasn't comedic to really force the actors to the next level, to become better at their art."

To truly hone their acting talents, the cast members must not only focus on effective line-delivery and body language, but they must focus on accurate portrayal of the character. Lester strives to "honor the various players in history" while still allowing each actor to make the character his or her own.

"I just want to do it right," pronounces senior Josiah Cheung, who fills the role of Mr. Frank. "I don't want to misrepresent that person." In the past, Cheung has been the joke-cracker of the cast. You may recall seeing him as Gomez in The Addams Family -- but Mr. Frank is not a man of humor. Of course, Cheung is always allowed to put his charismatic spin on the role, but he must stay true to the fatherly and protective role that is the head of the Frank family.

Sophomore Dani Zilka recently stepped out from behind the curtain, away from her role as stage manager, and into the spotlight as Peter van Daan. Right now, you're probably thinking, *Wait. Peter is a male role, and Dani is not a male.* You are not mistaken. Not only does Dani have the undertaking of adhering to historical truth in her role, but she also has to represent the opposite gender. This wouldn't be the first time in Berkshire's history that a mister has to be played by a miss; in fact, in this very same play, sophomore Daisy Yoder will be putting on a suit and tie to become Mr. Dussel. That being said, Dani's greatest reservation concerns "the voice, and the chopping of the hair." At least in that regard, her friend Daisy can be moral support.



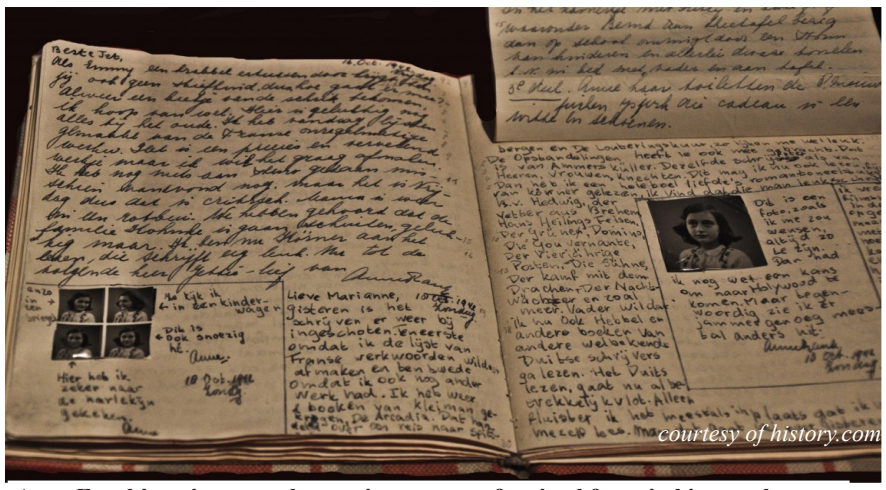
Expect to see these posters hanging around the school and community to advertise the play.

As the cast continues to bond throughout the rehearsal process, I do not doubt that we will come to resemble the Frank and van Daan families, because we, too, will be forced into close relations with people to whom we may never have before spoken. I wish there were a less cliche way to say "Being in theatre is like being in a family," but there is not. There is no short-winded response to convey the feelings of support, forgiveness, of trial, and of love.

You can't have a family without a home, which is why the members of stage crew are so crucial to this show's (and any show's) success. Not forgetting the historical reality of this play, stage crew must also adhere to the past in their duties. The set, in its every miniscule detail, must resemble the attic space in which the Franks and van Daans lived for two years. Freshman Kelsey Adams and senior Katrina Ostrander are co-managing the operations behind the scenes -- with ever-present guidance from previous assistant stage manager, Dani Zilka. While worried about figuring out each and every technicality -- from deciphering the tech programs, to constructing a large set (on a very small stage) with lots of details -- the crew is forming its own familial niche. They, literally, are each others' support, as they hold the ladders on which another crew member stands.

We still have many challenges to overcome before bringing this show under the lights for an audience -- and we have very limited time to do so. However, at this stage (no pun intended), the production holds only promise. Each challenge to observe historical truth binds the group in stress and success. And when crunch-time approaches, when all of the final pieces have to fall into place at once, we can catch those that aren't supposed to fall -- from pictures off the walls to fellow cast and crew members. There will be frantic costume-fittings, last minute set-changes, adjustments to lighting, revamping of line-delivery. But through the fear and the panic and perhaps even complete losses of hope, there will always be a shoulder to lean on, just at there was in the attic in central Amsterdam.

This show is not one at which you can laugh. Friday, November 16th and Saturday, November 17th will not be evenings of comedy at Berkshire High School. They will be evenings to be moved. If all is done right, which I've no doubt it will be, *The Diary of Anne Frank* will be one of the most powerful productions to ever cross Berkshire's stage. Anne Frank made history, sharing her diary, and now we share her story to make history at Berkshire High School.



Anne Frank's written words remain a source of societal focus in history classes, novels, and plays. Above is an image of her diary.

As the 17-year-old named Hannah, playing the 13-year-old named Anne, I find myself with struggles not unlike the rest of the cast. However, when Anne Frank says things like, "I want to be a journalist… or something. I love to write," I find it easier to relate.



A festive pumpkin patch filled with all idfferent sizes of pumpkins.

Autumn on my mind

by Hannah Espinosa, BP Staff Writer

Although it'll be disheartening to say goodbye to the warm, long days of summer, fall is another new season that is full of many exhilarating activities! With cooler temperatures, fresh air, and all of the fun holidays right around the corner, what isn't there to love about fall? If you're struggling with activity withdrawl or not having pool parties and icecream dates, here's a list of equally-enjoyable ventures to undertake in the cooler, fall months.

10. **Have Fun with Fall Leaves-** It is always fun to watch the leaves turn color and to see them fall. Unfortunately, when they do fall, someone has to rake them all up in the yard. Why not make a long lasting chore into a fun activity? Once you've gathered up all of those thousands of leaves, mush them all into one GINORMOUS leaf pile, stand a few yeards back from the pile, and take a big leap into them! If you're someone who thinks you're too old for this, you can turn that pile into a nice nature chair. (I accidentally made my pile into a bed and took a nice little nap). Just make sure that you don't suffocate in the leaves.

9. **Go for a scenic drive/ hike-** Fall is a beautiful season that is unfortunately only here for a few months. Go out and enjoy the breathtaking colors of the leaves or the fresh smell of nature. While you're out, take some pictures. Capture nature's beauty. Take advantage of all the colors before we are surrounded by a vacuum of whiteness.

8. **Go Apple Picking-** Fall is that time where all of the desserts that include apples come out: apple pie, caramel/candy apples, cinnamon apples. They're perfect for the family or for gifts to friends. Go out and pull the reddest looking apples there are! Then go home and enjoy making those warm and delicious smelling desserts. Senior Julia Frank, likes it when her grandma makes pumpkin pie and when she hears that there's dessert, she says, "Ooo, yummy, food!" Making desserts for families and friends with someone, is a great way to spend a fall day.

7. **Rewatch your favorite (scary)** Halloween movie- Halloween, the only time of the year where it's okay to have a vampire and mummy on the screen at the same time. Pull out those childhood Halloween movies, grab some popcorn, and enjoy having a fright. Watching a Halloween movie puts people in a good holiday spirit, just make sure, though, that you don't believe everything that you see.

6. **Play a Game of Two**-Hand Touch Football-Football is very common for most people at this time of the year since the Super Bowl is during the fall season.. If you have time or if you're bored, invite some friends over. If it's the weekend, go to a park with your family and bring a football. You could even represent your favorite team while you're playing and take on your arch rival.

5. **Drink Some Cider or Hot Chocolate-** We all look forward to consuming these mouth warming drinks. Although hot chocolate is around all year, drinking it is not the same when you're not surrounded by cool air and cool colors. Cider though, is a seasonal drink, so grab one while they're here! Enjoy the taste of sweet and tangy cider, on your tastebuds. Just don't be the last one to grab one!

4. **Visit a Pumpkin Patch-** Here, you can go and grab some nice rounded pumpkins to carve out jack-o-lanterns. There are many sizes from mini to jumbo, so why not grab a bundle of each size? Make sure, though, that you go to the right pumpin patch because "Each year, the Great Pumpkin rises out of the pumpkin patch that he thinks is the most sincere" (Charlie Brown and the Great Pumpkin). Once you've got those pumpkins, instead of just putting them oustide your house, paint or carve them to add a little glamor to them. If you want to have a little more glamor, paint and carve them!

3. **Have a Bonfire-** Autumn is a great time to sit around a fire with some of that cider in your hands. Grab some friends and some blankets and get warmed up by the radiating fire. Also, it is never out of season to have s'mores. With the blankets and the snacks, all you would need to finish a great night off is some campfire songs, original or not.

2. **Get Lost in a Corn Maze-** Yeah, take some time away from your parents. You probably deserve it. Not only does it give you some time to relax and have some fun, but it also tests you on how well you are able to operate a maze. Just make sure though that you have food and a drink just in case you get lost for too long. Hopefully your phone won't be dead by then!

1. **Go to a Haunted House-** Who doesn't like to get scared every now and then? We all need a little bit of excitement in our lives, and haunted houses are the perfect resources. Of course, don't go alone. Share your fear with a friend or a group of friends. Remember though, no crying after entering the house. You entered at your own risk, my friends.

Don't do all of these festivities without having a friend by your side. A companion always makes them the best experience. Take advantage of the nice cool weather, not too hot, but not too cool, yet. Try to do some of the small things outside like studying, reading a book, or just sitting on a porch and enjoying nature. Fall provides many festivites that can keep you staying active. Make bucket list of the activites that you want to do and freely check them off as you finish them! Remember to stay warm and have fun with what Autmun brings!



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Here is a fun fall sign that tells what direction each event is at.

Falling into Fall

by Gennah Brown, BP Staff Writer

The origin of the season we now know as fall is not quite known; it is assumed the name came from the immense amount of falling leaves. With that being said, leaves are not the only thing to fall during fall.

People fall. When I was a little kid on the playground, I used to fall all the time. As I grew I began to keep a tally as if they were a list of accomplishments I'd be showing to a possible boss during a job interview; I'd state them proudly with my chest puffed out slightly, speaking in an arrogant tone:

"You know, in my life time thus far, I've managed to rack up quite the numbers."

And then they'd inquire, "Is that so? Care to give some examples?"

Then, of course, I, being prepared for this, would list the countless of times I've acquired scratches, bruises, cuts, scars, sprains, broken bones, and hospital bands, as their jaws would hang open in awe.

People fall in love. It happens all the time. One second there are two people getting to know each other and then boom: they're taking walks together and posting pictures with each other all over snapchat.

People fall out of love. It happens all the time. One day they are all about each other, getting dinner, hanging on each other, and smelling flowers together, and then they are eating ice cream on their couches, "loving the single life."

Grades fall. After the syllabus is turned in for a five out of five, the infinite campus notifications are less than glorious. Now the first quarter is done; grades will be posted soon, and hopefully there will be no phone calls home. Seventh grader Tori Mullett confesses, "They're really bad," she admits as she nods her head "really bad." Once the percentages fall from the 100% from the first assignment, the students spirits start to fall.

Rain falls. The natural forces of gravity declare it to be so due to the very laws of physics. The clouds build up perspiration and the rain, snow, sleet, or hail will fall depending on the unpredictable weather of autumn, which as Samantha Pinzone and Jackson Hare say is "frustrating and annoying."

Night falls - and with that, people fall asleep. Hopefully every night everyone feels the sweet bliss of slumber brushing up against them. For the many who do experience sleepless nights, the purple bags under their eyes fall lower and lower throughout the day.

People fall apart. It happens quite often, they will seem fine to the common eye but suddenly and quite abruptly - they will fall apart. Dana Shale finds herself breaking down "everyday because of [her] physical and mental stressors like [her] relationship with [her] ex boyfriend Ethan, grades, and getting enough sleep."

With all that being said, it is not just leaves that are falling during autumn.

In defense of Fall clichés



by Jacob Wichert, BP Staff Editor

After a peculiarly delayed start, fall is officially in full-swing. Skeletons and spider webs garner the front yards of houses in Burton, acorns are dropping out of trees like it's going out of style, and the ground is coated with colors of crimson. If you listen closely enough, you might even hear the anguished groans of ghouls preparing to rise from their graves once more for Halloween.

So whip out your comfy sweaters, and start sippin' on your pumpkin spice lattes, folks, the spooky season is here!

Wait--sorry, ladies and gentlemen, I almost forgot. According to some individuals, enjoying the seasonal aesthetic is as criminal of an offense as murder, and even entertaining the thought of relaxing next to a warm fire and watching The Nightmare Before Christmas for the 1000th time is now a societal sin.

You've probably seen it happen countless times before. An innocent, starry-eyed individual expresses their love for the post-summer season, be it verbally or through indulging in their favorite pumpkin flavored food or drink, and is immediately met with snarky, condescending remarks from their peers, their enthusiasm effectively snuffed.



Courtesy of Brightwave Marketing

Innocent, starry-eyed individuals expressing their love for the post-summer season.

I for one, stand against these heinous and restrictive pressures, placed upon us by the pompous and narcissistic human tendency to resist any popular opinion, solely because it is popular. I would wager that this unfounded hatred of fall time festivities simply comes from the desire to exist as an outlier in society, as when prompted to explain their reasoning behind this unnecessary hatred, anti-autumn sympathizers only seem to be able to respond with "because fall is basic."

This concerns me, as such adamant backlash against anything should be founded upon valid reasoning, rather than the overwhelming desire to stand out against the crowd. Not only this, but any who claim that "fall is basic" and should consequently be detested, are admitting to a crime worse than any that they may stand against; they are admitting to being hipsters.

It should go without saying that hipsters are dangerous. I have lived among them for my entire life, and have seen the destruction that they have wrought upon our world. Worse still, I have reason to suspect that one or two may have breached the once purely factual walls of The Badger Pause, and begun plastering their lies within its pages.

Thus I implore you reader; if you see any articles in this addition of the paper discussing why fall-lovers are criminals, and how Halloween is overrated, skip it. Just keep sipping that sweet, sweet pumpkin spice and be content, for you know in your heart that any who curse your name for it are just empty, soulless beings, adrift in a world that they do not understand.

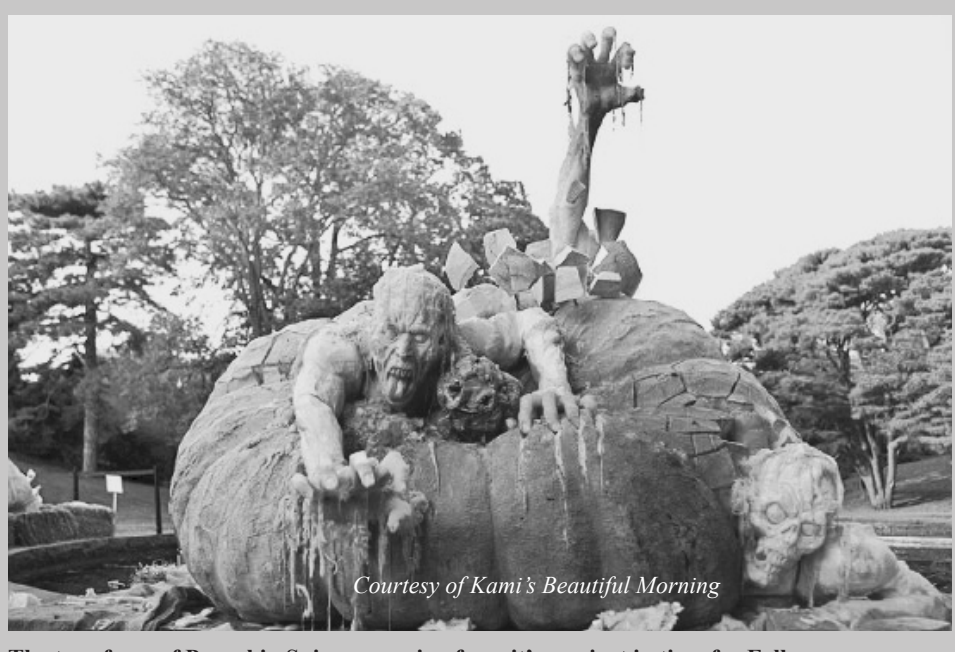
PUMPKIN SPICE IS THE DEVIL INCARNATE

by Nick Misconin, BP Staff Writer

The fall season is in full swing. The temperatures are just starting to drop, which means only one thing. Roughly starting at the beginning of October somehow a switch triggers in the minds of literally all of society. A horror arrives, not from Halloween, but from the awakening of as I have tagged it "the pumpkin spice armageddon". I will warn you in advance, I am an avid skeptic of pumpkin spice, so don't take my words to heart.

Alrighty, so now that that's out of the way let me explain in the most detailed way possible. I don't think pumpkin spice is a terrible scent/flavor by any means. However, I think it is blown way out of proportion in terms how good it really is. Honestly, I think it's mediocre at best. If it was limited to a few things like time-limited milkshakes or coffees or something simple like that I think that's fine however, a problem arises when literally everything imaginable is pumpkin spice flavored. This is where I draw the line. Pretty much any sweet treat has a pumpkin spice equivalent, such as Oreos or Cheerios to name a few. The threat of the pumpkin spice apocalypse is now in full swing. Luckily we are roughly halfway through this dangerous time.

Also fall (or autumn if you consider yourself an intellectual) isn't even that great of a season, at least in Ohio that is. Typically it is just summer for a little bit more, albiet not a good version of summer. Then it's legitimate fall for probably less than a month. Then winter, a far superior season rolls around to put fall in its place. Plus, the winter themed flavors are easily ten times better than anything fall could churn out (mint is better than pumpkin spice, and you cannot argue that).



Courtesy of Kami's Beautiful Morning

The true form of Pumpkin Spice, emerging from it's egg just in time for Fall.

My opposition however (a fellow BP member), enjoys the essence of Mahogany-Coconut candles. If that doesn't prove my point, I'm not sure what does. Don't listen to whatever that man speaks, documents, states, anything! So what if that candle may or may not smell incredibly pleasant? That's not what matters. What matters is that pumpkin spice is extremely overrated, it's not even that good, and it's not even real. It's just fake, artificial, and bogus attempt at imitating the natural pumpkin flavor. The only things pumpkin I will be eating anytime soon will be pumpkin seeds or pumpkin pie. I will try to stay as far away as possible from this menace. As for you, the reader, please make the right choice. Don't support this plague that is pumpkin spice. Act today, make a difference, save the world from the pumpkin spice apocalypse.

What is the best Halloween candy?

by Josiah Cheung, BP Staff Writer

Oh hello, I didn't see you there. The spooky season is upon us, which means Halloween is close to its annual arrival. Little kiddies are soon to creep out of their hidey-holes and scuttle from house to house with pail in hand and Fortnite costume in full glory. How delightful. But it's not only the little kiddies that benefit from this harrowing holiday, but the bigger, older kiddies, who have mortgages and pay taxes, and the rest of whom simply consider themselves too old to trick-or-treat. For you see, in order for the various John Wicks and Default Skins to get their delightful little chocolates and starbursts and what have you, someone must first purchase them for redistribution. This is the job of those taxpayers and their adolescent children who think they're too mature to dress up and go door-to-door asking for tootsie rolls - and what these candy distributors must realize when they buy bags of candy for halloween is this: Whatever is leftover must be eaten.

This, dear reader, is the basis of a subcategory of economics that is known to few, and only applies to the month of October. It is known as Spookynomics.

Of course, there could be an entire article written about Spookynomics, but we're getting off track. All you need to know is that according to Spookynomics, a distributor of Halloween candy will always buy more than they need, and will, logically, eat what is left themself.

By this logic, the question of "which tasty treat shall I buy" becomes infinitely important, since not only will the candy distributor be feeding this candy to children, but will be forced to eat any candy that is left in order to keep it from "going to waste" - a phrase feared by all warm-blooded mammals when referring to halloween candy.

So with all this knowledge, you must have already asked yourself, "what is the best halloween candy?" And to that I say, wow, it's almost as if you read the title of the article.

But no matter; that is the question we are here to answer today. And in order to answer it, I have taken the liberty of asking approximately 50 randomly chosen "volunteers" to answer a few questions.

First, I determined through my own separate investigation that the five most-beloved halloween candies are as follows: Reeses, Kit-Kat, Twix, Laffy Taffy, and Almond Joy, in no particular order.

Next, I compiled a complex series of questions to ask the "volunteer": What is your name? Then, "What is your favorite halloween candy - Reeses, Kit-Kat, Twix, Laffy Taffy, Almond Joy, or other?" Finally, "Why did you pick this candy?"

I then gave the survey to my 50 "participants," and the results will blow you away.

First, quite frankly, nobody likes Almond Joy. Literally nobody. Not the colloquial kind of literally that's like, "I'm literally dead." I mean literally not a single person chose Almond Joy.

Second, nine people (or 18%) chose Other, suggesting that a sizeable portion of the Berkshire student body have no idea what good halloween candy is. In fact, two out of the nineOther specified that raisins are, in fact, the best halloween candy. Simply absurd.

Finally, five people (or 10%) picked Laffy Taffy. Nine people (or 18%) picked Twix, and 13 people (or 26%) picked Kit-Kat. This leaves Reese's as the winner of this experiment with a volume of 14 people (or 28%).

A slim margin to say the least, but a fair one. According to this small-scale experiment, the favorite Halloween candy of Berkshire High School is Reese's Peanut butter, so, candy distributors, keep that in mind when you buy your halloween sweets this year.

If you have any problems with these results, send me an email at 19cheungj@berkshireschools.org, and I'll be sure to marvel at your commitment.



With so many options to choose from, it's hard to determine the greatest type of Halloween candy.

THE MOTHMAN: SHEDDING LIGHT ON THE MYSTERY

by Clark Jackson, BP Staff Writer

The legend of the Mothman is a newly developing one compared to that of other mythical creatures. The first recorded sighting dates back to November of 1966 in Clendenin, West Virginia. Some gravediggers who were preparing a grave for an upcoming burial witnessed a large creature jump out of a nearby tree and glide over them. While a little bewildered, none of the men were in any way harmed. The men described the creature as a "brown human being." However, the respected stomping grounds of the mothman are located 80 miles away from Clendenin, in the town of Point Pleasant, WV.

In the late evening, one or two married couples (reports exhibit different versions) were driving near an abandoned TNT plant within the city limits of Point Pleasant. This run-down complex was shut down following the end of World War II, and has been uninhabited since. While driving near the plant, the couple(s) claimed to see two glowing red circles, later believed to be the creature's eyes. While aweing at the sight, the creature started to make its way towards the couple(s), who reacted by speeding away in their vehicle. That was not the end of the encounter, however. While driving, they looked up and noticed the creature was following them through the air. The reported creature must have been flying at speeds near 100 mph if it was able to stay in pace with the vehicle. It eventually lost interest in the couple(s) and vanished. Again, while not physically harmed, the couple was most definitely spooked.

With over 100 sightings, the vast majority take place within Point Pleasant, and furthermore, in close proximity to the retired TNT plant. Because of the repeated stories and reports, the TNT plant in Point Pleasant was accredited as being the so-called lair of the mothman. However, some sightings have been reported from southern Ohio and nearby counties in West Virginia. The vast majority of all mothman sightings co-align in their description of this creature. Standing somewhere between five and seven feet tall, this cryptid has unusually large red eyes that glow and/or reflect light. This creature is reported to be gray or brown in color, and has massive bat-like wings. Whether or not the wings have their own joints to the creatures back or are a part of the arms is still undecided. This creature is reported to make various noises, the most common being human-like screeches and loud humming.

While most encounters are non-violent, there was one event with a horrific outcome. The Silver Bridge, finished in 1928, connects West Virginia and Ohio from Point Pleasant. On December 15, 1967, at around five o'clock in the evening, the bridge suddenly collapsed into the freezing depths of the Ohio river. Being rush hour, there was more traffic than usual on the bridge, only increasing the severity of the incident. This atrocious event was reported in papers across the entire nation. The resulting tally of people killed in the incident was 46.

After this horrendous occasion, witnesses came out claiming they had seen what they believed to be the mothman circling and flying around the Silver Bridge not long before it collapsed. These reports lead some believers to now associate the mothman with bad luck and misfortune. Similar opinions relay the idea that wherever the mothman goes, it brings evil with it, and when it is spotted, something terrible will happen.

The mothman left such a deep impression on the city of Point Pleasant that they built a twelve foot metal statue of the mothman and set it up in the town. The legend has not only had an effect on Point Pleasant, but also the film industry. Cryptozoologist John Keel released his book The Mothman Prophecies in 1975, compiling loads of stories and evidence in defense of the existence of the mothman. Decades later, in 2002, the movie The Mothman Prophecies was released in accordance to Keel's book.

Despite other scary tales of mothman encounters, scientists and officials believe the legend of the mothman is a simple case of misidentification. The sandhill crane, though not indigenous to West Virginia, is believed to be migrating down from up north, and is the most common species associated with misidentification. Others believe people are merely overreacting when they see an owl flying within eyesight. However, these logical explanations still have yet to completely persuade opinions, beliefs, and encounters of the cryptic mothman.



Mothman is as much of a cultural icon as he is an urban legend.

Video games to watch out for in late 2018

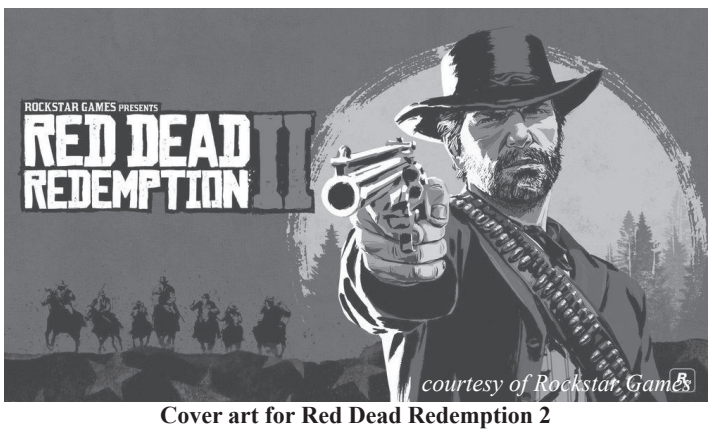
by Ben Pelletier, BP Staff Writer

Video games have been a part of many different lives. With the massive success in the gaming industry it's no surprise that many games are releasing during this upcoming holiday season and into early 2019. Today, I'm here to give a simple guide to all of the popular upcoming video games coming out, so that you know what to expect this year.

For starters, by the time you're reading this article Call of Duty Black Ops 4 will have already hit shelves in stores. Call of Duty is regarded as one of the most popular first person shooter games. This year's installment of Call of Duty includes Zombies, Multiplayer and the brand new mode Blackout.

Next up is Just Dance 2019, a fairly self explanatory name as it is a game that is entirely about dancing. You can compete with friends to see who is the best dancer by dancing to some of this year's newest songs. This game is set to release on October 23rd.

Right after Just Dance, Red Dead Redemption 2 is set to release. This is Rockstar Games' second installment in the critically acclaimed Red Dead series. Many fans of the orginal are eager to get their hands on this open-world game set in Western times. Red Dead Redemption 2 allows you to fly solo through the this breathtaking terrain of the Mexican-American border, on single player or you and a few of your friends can team up in the brand new online mode. Red Dead Redemption 2 is set to hit store shelves on October 26.



Cover art for Red Dead Redemption 2

Up next is a very well-known game by many: The Walking Dead. The developer, Team Overkill is taking their spin on the Walking Dead series which has previously always fallen under the playable narrative genre.This time, however, it will be a co-op zombie survival game where you can team up with your friends and fight and survive the zombie outbreak. The Walking Dead is releasing on November 6th.

The gaming industry has recently seen an influx of remastered Playstation 1 era video games such as the beloved Crash Bandicoot N-sane Trilogy and Ratchet and Clank. Therefore, it was only a matter of time before Sony's iconic purple dragon Spyro saw a re-released iteration of his series in Spyro Reignited Trilogy. If you've been a long time Spyro fan then you should be looking forward to seeing visual and auditory changes, but don't worry the gameplay will remain unchanged. Spyro is set to release on November 13th.



A sneak peek of the box art

After Spyro is the long awaited Fallout 76. Fallout 76 is Bethesda's next installment in the critically acclaimed Fallout series. This game however takes a the series through a twist. Fallout has long been known for being a solo survival game, but it is now a cooperative survival game. You and your friends will gather supplies and weapons in order to survive in world where nuclear bombs have destroyed almost everything. Fallout 76 is releasing on November 14th.

Not only 2 days later does Pokemon: Let's Go Pikachu! & Eevee! drop. This new installment of Pokemon isn't your typical Pokemon game. It is very similar to other Pokemon games in the aspect that you travel around the world collecting and fighting pokemon. However it allows you to connect to the popular mobile game Pokemon Go in order to transfer Pokemon into your Nintendo Switch. The Pokemon you catch in Pokemon Go can be used to fight other Pokemon in the world. Pokemon: Let's Go Pikachu! & Eevee! is set to release on November 16th.

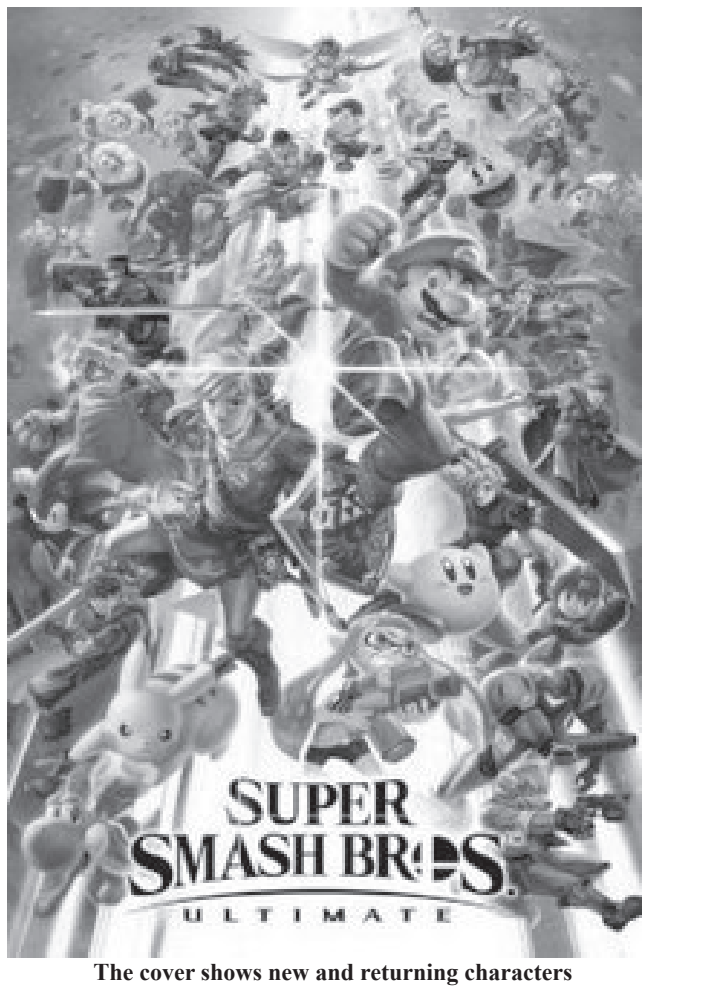
After Pokemon come the next installment in the Battlefield series, Battlefield V. Battlefield V is a first person shooter set in World War 2. The open beta recently released, but it was received with a bunch of negative reception. The developers have some work to do if this next installment is to succeed. Battlefield V Releases on November 20th.

After Battlefield V's release is Just Cause 4. It's been three years since the release of Just Cause 3, so you can be sure that fans are eager to play the next installment. The series' story has been thrilling through the first 3, so it's no surprise that fans are excited to see what happens in Just Cause 4. Just Cause 4 however comes in with an added twist, the games contains all new dynamic weather elements in the open world such as tornadoes or blizzards. Just Cause 4 is releasing on December 4th.

Everyone knows about, almost everyone has played it, and that would be Super Smash Bros. This is the fifth installment of the iconic Super Smash Bros. series. This fighting game brings your favorite Nintendo characters in order to see who is toughest of them. Super Smash Bros. Ultimate brings every character from the first four installments into one game plus many new characters as well. Fans are really eager to pick this one up just in time for the holiday season. Super Smash Bros. Ultimate releases on December 7th.

Whether your looking to extend your current library games or start your library of games there are plenty of new games to pick up during these remaining three months of the year. With this so many games to choose from, this guide should hopefully help you decide what games you'll be up or passing by this fall and winter.





The cover shows new and returning characters



Carve watermelons; save the pumpkins!

by Dani Zilka, BP Staff Writer



Let watermelons be for carving; leave the pumpkins for baking pies and flavoring lattes.

As the leaves begin to change from green to a variety of reds, oranges, and browns, and the weather begins to cool, a very special holiday approaches. A holiday in which the giving of sugar filled treats to those who cry the phrase "trick or treat" and disguising oneself is costumes are the normal. This spooky holiday is filled with also spooky traditions, one of these traditions is the jack o'lanterns that you may see on the porches of halloween celebrators. The participants will carve or decorate their pumpkin and then set them out to display to the public. Although this may just be fun meaningless tradition, the question "why a pumpkin?" still puzzles my mind and especially, why not watermelons?

Originally the practice of making jack o'lanterns was performed by carving turnips and putting a burning coal inside to light them up. The reasoning behind this was that the lanterns not only helped ward off evil spirits, but also served as a beacon for deceased family. When people immigrated to America, they wanted to continue their traditions that they had partaken in during October. When going out to find a vegetable to carve however, they found pumpkins were not only easier to come by, but also easier to carve than the turnips they used originally. Watermelons do have a softer outside but the pumpkins' more hollow shell may be the reason they were prefered as well as the timing of the Holiday. Nowadays, due to faster shipping, we can have fruits and vegetables from all across the globe that would not always be available at any given time in any given place.. So we don't have to choose an in-season item in order to obtain it in bulk. Watermelons are harvestable during the summer months while pumpkins are available in September and October which is perfect timing for the holiday, giving them the edge in choice. I suppose it would make sense that they would use a fall vegetable for a fall holiday, however I think everyone finds the inside of a watermelon tastier than that of a pumpkin's. Nevertheless with that tasty interior and variety of pros, come the cons. The price of a flavorful fruit is the possibility of a run-away melon. Many have suffered the pure tragedy of watching their precious treat roll off the counter to its explosive doom due to its round shape. Pumpkins however, are grown with a much flatter base to prevent rolling, but is it worth it to lose a yummy refreshment over?



The summer fruit and fall veggie fight to find the superior plant.

Watermelons are a delicious treat for all to consume. With their satisfying inside and their softer outside rind, the question of why they aren't used for carving still pends. When you carve a pumpkin, you have to get rid of all the 'pumpkin guts' that grow inside of the pumpkins. Not only is this messy and unpleasing, but it's also a waste. Few actually take the time to collect the seeds and seperate it from the rest of the gunk to cook and consume. Instead, they just buy them from the store and save the hassle. Why not get a watermelon so you can easily eat the inside with no need for preparation, and still have something to carve? Watermelons obviously seem more ideal for such a holiday, right?

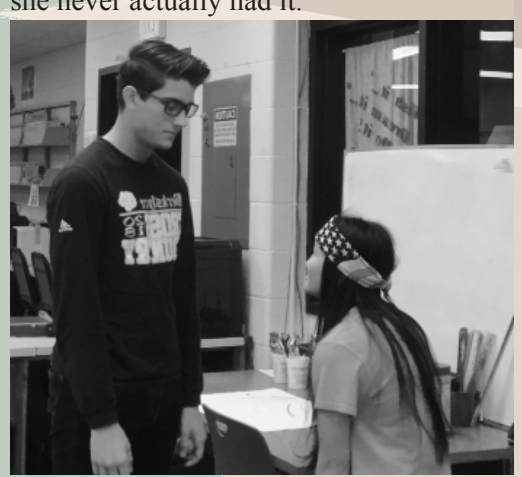
Lost & Found

by Gennah Brown, BP Staff Writer

The only things to be found here are those that are lost.

Junior Robert O'Conke has lost all motivation to leave his house and attend school.

Fellow Journalist Hannah Espinosa claims to have lost her height, but I do believe everyone who has met her can testify that she never actually had it.



Hannah stands next to a man of normal stature, with no hope of every seeing eye-to-eye.

Concussion victim Katelyn Kenny has lost brain cells due to her hard hit in the head.

Stage crew misses their stage possom named Greg and fear he is lost and wandering the school.



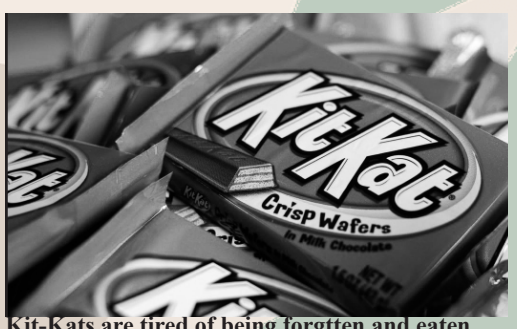
GREG PLEASE COME HOME! STAGE CREW MISSES YOU!

On Tuesday, October 10th 2018, Junior Ryan Pennypacker lost his apple charger for his iPhone.



The missing item should look identical to the above image.

Sophomore Kalea Percic believes she lost her bag of Kit Kats, but it can be assumed that she most likely ate them and forgot.



Kit-Kats are tired of being forgtten and eaten like items.

As a whole, the student body has lost the member Tim Smith to Missouri.

In a nutshell, the students here at Berkshire Jr./Sr. High are already falling apart, and the second quarter is about to begin. If anyone has any information on lost items that have been found or newly lost, please come see me, Gennah Brown.

TOY STORE

by Freshman Jude Connors

The toy store was a small building in the center of the town. Its old brick siding worn down from little kids dragging their hands along it while waiting to get in. The building was quiet now. The old wooden floor smoothed and creaky from years of holding endless crowds of people. Dust collected on the empty, off-white shelves, and paint peeled off the signs that once advertised the objects that resided there. The old man walked through the empty aisles. At one time the toy store was filled with the noise of bustling people. He himself had once roamed the store, counting the change he had, gazing at the shiny new toys. He could almost hear the quiet music that came from the radio in the front of the store. He remembered when children walking home home from school would stop in the store and stare indecisively at penny candies that lived in hars which were now empty and cracked. But as the years wore on, bigger businesses pushed their way into town. Less and less people cared about the small toy store in the middle of town. The man could imagine what it would be like now. Brightly colored signs advertising sales. Kids begging parents for gaming consoles and nerf guns. The creaky floors would still bare the weight of crowds and the warped shelves the load of trinkets and toys. But, even the best of things eventually have to end. But that doesn't mean that the memories have to end with it.



Students in creative writing diligently toil away to express their ideas.

Left Behind

by Sophomore Kalea Percic

Mommy and Daddy had been running around the house like lunatics for the past couple of days. There were so many boxes in our house. They were stacked in corners, shoved under tables, piled up next to the door, sometimes I even had nightmares about the boxes filling up our whole house until we didn't even have a house anymore! If only I knew. I sat in the eye of the storm that was my parents. It took a lot of effort to get even a small bit of their attention. Most times they forgot about lunch and I had to scavenge what was left of the food in our empty cupboards, shoving small handfulls of lucky charms into my mouth to keep from starving. We also had pizza for dinner almost every night now. Which would've been great except… more boxes. And I was getting sick of pizza.

When I wasn't fending for myself in this crazy environment, I was sitting on the floor, drawing in my notebook with my crayons. I would've sat on the couch, or at a table, but there wasn't a place the boxes didn't take up. When I drew in my notebook I tried to draw happy things like flowers and bunnies. But they always turned into something bad or stressful when I wasn't paying attention.

For about a week I repeated my routine of eating and drawing every day. Soon my notebook became my best friend, as Daddy and Mommy weren't paying attention to me anymore. Every possible moment I drew in it. My hands were never empty -- there was always either food or a crayon in them. Drawing used to distract me from the boxes, but after awhile they were all I could think about. Soon, things began to disappear. First it was the books of our shelf, then the decorations around our fireplace, until entire couches and chairs were disappearing too! Every time something went away, so did a box. I came to the conclusion that the boxes were eating our house. I did not like this so I drew my feelings in my notebook. But then I realized the boxes had found a way to attack even my most prized possession too! So I tried not to draw them.

As the boxes ate up our house and the says passed, my parents began to relax. This helped me relax too, and my drawings were happy again. Then came the day when our house was totally empty -- boxes and all. My parents told me to get in the car -- we were gonna go somewhere fun! I rushed to make it to the car -- my parents hadn't hung out with me in over a month! But in my haste I realized I had left my notebook and crayons at home. I didn't worry though -- I didn't want them to be ruined anyway, and I knew they were safe at home. There also weren't any more boxes to eat them up. Soon I relaxed and fell asleep.

We never did return to our house. Instead we went to a new one and inside was everything the boxes had eaten, except all neatly put in its place. I was confused but I guess it just meant the boxes weren't as bad as I thought. Except one thing -- the boxes forgot my notebook and crayons. And despite my prayers to whatever 'box god' was willing to listen, just like my home, I never say that notebook again.

Untitled

by Freshman Ian Martin

Are we garments?
Obviously we are
Nothing more than decorations
Something subhuman
When we displease you do you throw us away?
When we rip at the seams, or show new colors you're not ready for
Do you tear us up and leave us in pieces?
If we're different, not like the rest
Do you lock us in a closet, leave us to mold and rip?
Apparently you do

You leave us in our closets
Souls trapped behind doors
Fabric burns, clothing falls apart, jeans and jackets fade
I guess we do all that too
When did we decide to become a sock?
Or a sweater?
A scarf?
When did you decide not to
When you were three?
You didn't decide
And neither did we.



THE EDGE

by Freshman Kaylee Fisher

"Take him to the edge, boys." The man's voice boomed with enthusiasm, a smug grin was plastered to his face. I laughed at the remark. He couldn't be serious, could he? As the uniformed people dragged me forward by my limbs, I realized they were. I began to fear them, and I felt so utterly silly for that. I felt like an absolute idiot for starting to think they might actually be right.

After a few hours of traveling down the empty roads, they finally stopped and unloaded their vehicles. "You'll believe us soon enough," hissed an unseen woman. I kept quiet as they brought me through the dark. They began to chant, "the edge, the edge, the edge" over and over. I wondered if maybe I should join them in their little chants, make them think I'm one of them. Then I realized that was a dumb idea. I had to uphold my beliefs and make sure they understood I, an intellectual, was certainly not one of them. Those hooligans. I assumed we had gotten closer to the destination, as the chanting had gotten extremely loud.

The night atmosphere echoed with the crazed voices. It was then that a light flickered on beside me. The man who had given the order for me to be seized stood beside me with a flashlight. He pointed in front of me and gave a slight nod of the head, signaling me to follow what looked like a small path in front of me. I walked carefully, wondering if each step would be my last as the strangers around me followed those same steps. I turned around and looked at the man with the light.

"Is there something I'm supposed to be seeing?" I asked.

"Keep walking."

And so I did, looking around for a sign as to what might be going on. And then my foot slipped. My life flashed before my eyes, but someone grabbed my shirt, preventing me from falling off the edge of the cliff I stood at, but when I looked down, it wasn't a cliff. It was full of stars below me, and that was when I realized I should never have messed with flat-earthers.

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Come to room 202 after school on Tuesdays and/or Wednesdays at 3:00. If you have commitment issues, don't worry. It is not mandatory to report to all practices or compete. Just come to write and share your ideas. No strings attached.

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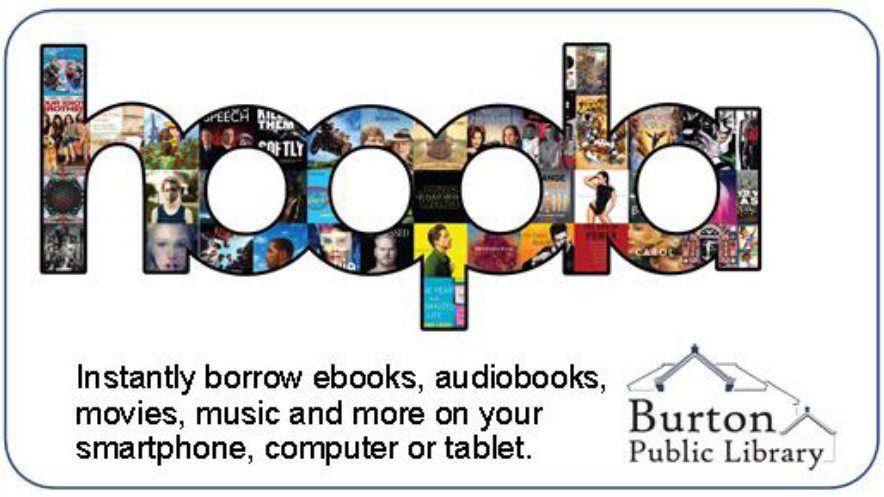
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