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STA Thespian Society goes Post Apocalyptic for this year's haunted house

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It's that spooky time of year again, Gators. The STA Thespian Society will hold its annual Haunted House on Sunday October 29 from 5-8 pm in the commons. If you want a good scare, come from 6-8 pm. But, if you are a little squeamish or have younger siblings (or are a teacher with children), come from 5-6 pm for the "Not So Scary" section and grab some sweets from the actors.

The story of STA's Haunted House is one of progress and perseverance. The first STA Thespian Society Haunted House was held circa 2017 by troupe leader Heidi Frederic (Fred). "I had always wanted to do a haunted house as one of our productions, so we started planning for it in 2017," Mrs. Frederic said. When asked about that experience, she noted the hardships the troupe had to face in order to put the house together. "That first year, it was physically difficult to create the rooms because we don't have walls that we could just put up. So we had to get really creative with how we designed the haunted house and then how we actually physically built it." The Thespian team used trash bags as substitutes for walls in the early days. In addition to the trash-bag-walls, the troupe had to rent stock decorations for the haunted house to make it look believable. That year, the troupe barely garnered a buck for the event.

Fortunately for the thespians, the concept of the Haunted House has evolved over the past six years with the acquisition of more set pieces, props, costumes, etc. Thespian Society president and senior Carlyle Runfalo stated, "All three years that I've done it, it's gotten progressively better and more efficient." She compared her experiences from her sophomore year and what she forecasts for the upcoming (and her final) Haunted House. "Setup was super chaotic and super stressful and a lot of people just kind of were like, 'Ok, I'm checked out, I'm not doing it' because it was such a big task. Last year

we moved where we had our officers tape out and map out the rooms before we set anything up, and that was super efficient." This year, they are doing the same thing, but the day before to increase the efficiency. Another big change is that there is a larger theme for the house, specifically the Apocalypse. Every room symbolizes a certain thing that would happen after an apocalypse. Mrs. Frederic feels an overarching theme for the house helps better the experience. "It helps the haunted house to make sense as you're walking through it. And for the kids to be able to tell a collective story of why they're walking through the haunted house and all of the different rooms that they're going to be going into," Mrs. Frederic explained.

Mrs. Frederic also said that the Haunted House is a welcome opportunity for club members who are not in theater classes or have been cast in a big production (such as the 2024 school musical, Legally Blonde) to showcase their acting skills. Along with that, they also use the proceeds garnered from the event to participate in 'Adopt a Family: Christmas Give' with the FFA for Christmas. "I thought that was really important for our thespians to see that there is a direct need at our school." She stated. One thing that has kept the house running for as long as it has been is the word of mouth of the members. "A lot of times they are nervous to do the Haunted House, but whenever they do, they always say they had a great time, especially after last year," Runfalo said.

Entry for the Haunted House is six dollars per person which must be paid via School Cash Online. Make sure to stop by and bring a friend for a spook-tacular time!



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Members of the 2022 Thespian Society prepare for the annual Haunted House by setting up the rooms and getting dressed up.

Gators suffer first lost of the season to Griffins

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Sophomore Wide Receiver Jermichael Millien

St. Amant Gator football received its first loss of the season this past Friday to the Dutchtown Griffins 31-7. The Gators were able to put up a fight throughout the majority of the game, but let things slip away towards the end. The driving factor for the Gators let-down was unforced penalties. Head Coach David Oliver stated, "We had four unsportsmanlike conduct penalties... you have to control your emotions in a game like this, you can't let your emotions control you." Neither team was able to get much going for the first quarter as it concluded scoreless.

The second quarter started off slow, but the Griffins were able to find the first points of the game with 2:00 remaining. The 10-yard run gave the Griffins the 7-0 lead heading into the half. To start the second half, the Griffins kept attacking the run game and scored a rushing touchdown with a little under eight minutes remaining. The Gators responded just a few drives later with a 42-yard passing touchdown from Cooper Babin. Easton Jarreau made an acrobatic play to make the catch capped off with a dive into the endzone for the score. This cut the lead to 14-7 to end the third.

The Gators were still in the fight by this point but began to lose their grip towards the end of the fourth quarter. The Griffins put up a field goal with 4:03 remaining to increase the lead to 17-7. The Gators were unable to put up any more points and ultimately let up two additional touchdowns on the next two drives for Dutchtown.

The final score of the game was 31-7 which could be misleading for those who didn't watch the game. It felt much closer than the numbers suggest. Nonetheless, the Gators played hard and are looking forward to righting the ship in their next matchup against a formidable Walker High (7-1). A victory in the next two games may ensure the Gators as district champs and will give them home field advantage in the playoff opener.



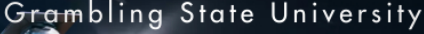
Gator defense attempts to contain the Griffin offense.

Annual Club Week held at St. Amant

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Club week is an event that takes place at St. Amant that has been held near the cafeteria during both lunch shifts in the past, but this year, the location was changed to the library and was accessible to everyone during the day. The annual Club Week provides each club here on campus the opportunity to put on display pictures and information of each programs’ past accomplishments and future plans. “This is a way for clubs to branch out,” says Paris Gomez, member of the St. Amant Art Club, “because it’s not always easy for clubs to have an outreach. Having an accessible event during students’ off-time helps shine a spotlight on clubs that students might not necessarily know exist.” Clubs are a great way for the student body to unite and share common interests with one another.





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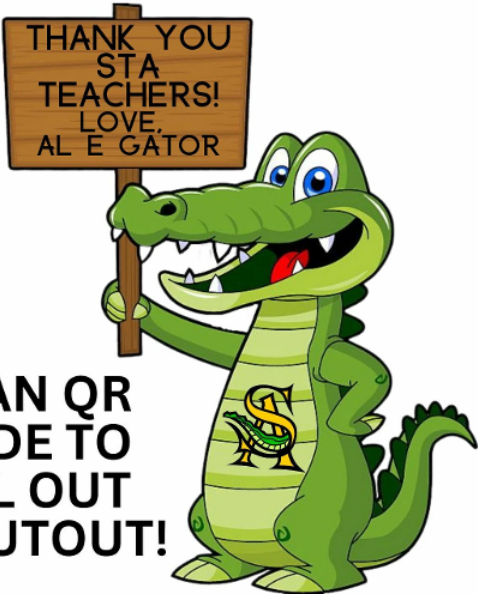
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