



# LARSON FREE PRESS

*HAPPY HALLOWEEN!*

## Welcome Back Rebels!

### Editors Note:

This is our first issue of the Larson Free Press! We're so glad to be back and releasing issues! The Free Press covers a variety of topics that you would like to be on up to date on. We release a new issue every month and each one is better than the last. It's a great outlet for creativity and to keep up with school news and recent events. We also welcome many new members this year! So go on, feel indulged in this issue, as you swim in a river of articles, written in perspectives and interests of all types! Hope you enjoy this issue!

—Larson Free Press Co-Head Editors,  
Nikhil Rao and Lakshya Matele

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# Community News



Designed by: Divya Pujari

## New Cricket Pitch!

Written by: Aashay Patel

A new cricket pitch will be coming to Troy thanks to the \$900,000 in funding included in Michigan’s 2024 state budget. This field will be going to Raintree Park at 3775 John R Road, where there will be batting cages, and a full-size field. Cricket is a passion for many residents in Troy, and this is the first step for people to continue their passion, or for people who want to learn cricket. Since this is a full-size field, people can host cricket tournaments here, which will bring people into the city, and can boost the food businesses here. Cricket is a huge part of culture all over the world, and in some countries, even bigger than soccer. This will be a huge boost for the Troy community, since many people can practice at one time in this complex, so there will rarely be issues for space usage. Lots of people in Troy want to learn cricket, but all of the fields are at least 45 minutes away, so now people won’t have to travel too much to play cricket. This was a great effort put together by the mayor, city council, the public’s work department and lots of other Troy residents. The tentative completion date is set for early 2024.

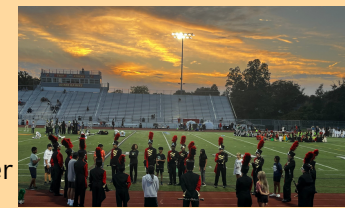


## One-Banded Event

Written by: Lydia Orlik (Photographer: Jasmine Thomas)

On Wednesday October 4th, all symphonic band members got a chance to meet high schoolers from Athens. After eating LOTS of donuts and slugging down cider, we separated in different groups based off of our instruments and had a little “meet and greet” with the high schoolers. We were able to share things about ourselves and get to know more about others. Afterwards, we all collected to watch both Troy High and Athens show us their performances with different themes, (this year it was Top Gun Maverick-Athens and The Grass is Always Greener-performed by Troy High).

I recommend this to future symphonic band members, it was a really fun experience and other events like “Friday Night Lights” are similar including pizza and playing with the band.



## Troy Daze

Written by: Niva Somani

Every September since 1968 the Troy Family Daze festival has been celebrated in our community! More than 3,293 people came to Troy daze in 2023, seems like no one wanted to miss out on the fun! The dates you could go was 14-17 of September. Hopefully you were able to go! These we’re all the rides in 2023.

Mega Shot, Screamer, Fire Ball, Silver Streak, Sizzler, Hurricane, Tornado, Gravitron, Bumper Cars, Zipper, Ferris Wheel, Sea Ray (swinging ship), Swings, Crocodile Mile, Up Up & Away, Honey Pots, the Carousel, Carts and Motocycles, Polish Carousel, Tractors, Big Top Circus, Fun Slide, Wiggle Worm, Cuckoo Haus, and many more! Troy Daze is known all around Troy, and no one would want to miss out on a carnival that have those types of rides. The best part of Troy daze is that they have rides for all ages! For example the Fireball ride is a ginormous circle that straps you in a seat and sways you around until you make the full circle, and after you make one loop it makes another loop, and it keeps you there for a few seconds. The Mega Shot, Screamer, Fire Ball, and Silver Streak are rides for more of the ages of 13 or 14 and above. Fun fact... did you know that one girl who went on the fireball ride dropped her phone when she was at the top? I bet that was scary for her, and the people below her. Thankfully, no one was hurt.

Then there are rides like the Sizzler, which is like a little bench that people can sit on, and it just moves you side to side front to back pretty fast. It’s not that scary. But then there’s The Zipper! If you went on it and you were only (or less than) 11, that’s called bravery. All these rides depend on your height so if your above 4 ft you’d probably be able to go on the rides I just listed. If you like the excitement of amusement park like Troy Daze, why don’t you come along next year and see what different rides are waiting for you next year!





# Community News



Designed by: Divya Pujari and RagaSloka Devabathini

## Rebel Café

Written By: Shylah Patel (Photos by: Mackenzie Hegner)

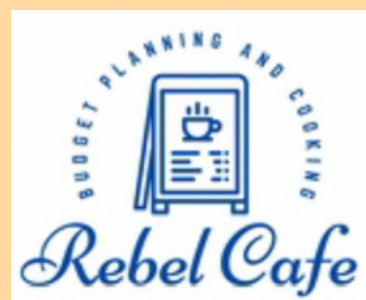
Are you tired of eating school breakfast every day? Do you want something delicious, fresh and homemade for a break? Or do you like to make food instead? Well, either way, Rebel Café is an amazing way to start your day!

If you didn't know already, Rebel Café is a student-run café where kids are allowed to explore and experience real life jobs in the restaurant industry as well as experiencing real life experiences like, making food, person to person interaction, customer service, value of money and more. This club is a great way for kids to show their creativity, imagination and passion of cooking to the rest of the school.

There are multiple jobs like, Cashiers, Chefs, Waitresses/Waiters, Beverage Makers and Floater (Kitchen Manager). This also makes kids experience multiple different jobs. Each rebel café day, not everybody gets a job so for kids who didn't get a job, they can still come early to help and to be first in line, all employees get 50% off everything other than specials and seconds.

The club won't be reopened to the public until next semester. There will be permission slips outside of room 404 when the new semester starts. But until then come to our breakfasts on November 14th and December 12th in room 403 at 7:20 - First bell (7:40).

Hopefully this seems like a fun club to be in that teaches you real life skills and manners while letting out your creativity to other kids around the school. And with that, enjoy your month and stay happy rebels!



## Greenfield Village

Written By: Sahasra Bathula (Photographer- Dylan Kobal)

On Thursday, September 21st, 8th graders went on a field trip to Greenfield village. It was a history project. They were there to learn about Early America and how life was back then.

I'm here with 8th grader, Lakshya Matele, who is going to share her experience at Greenfield Village.

Question 1- "How was your field trip overall at Greenfield Village?"

Lakshya- "Even though we had to walk ALOT, I still had a really fun experience because it had felt like we had time traveled into a different decade!"

Question 2- "What was your favorite part about Greenfield Village?"

Lakshya- "Choosing a favorite part is super hard, because all of it was awesome, but if I had to pick my favorite part, I really liked the liberty craftworks area and especially the glasswork shop and learning so much while having fun with my friends!"

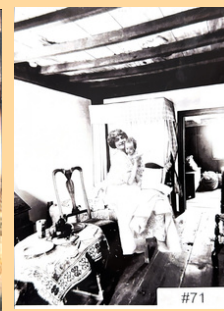
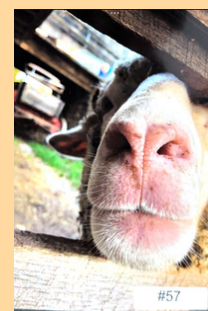
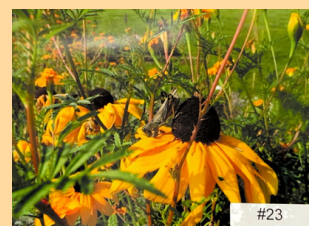
Question 3- "What is one thing that you think 7th graders should look forward to when they go to Greenfield Village next year?"

Lakshya- "I think they should definitely look forward to learning a lot about our past there, but also in a fun & interesting way and definitely look forward to liberty craftworks!"

The eighth graders had to take a-lot of photos and then pick the best one to enter into the photo competition. The photo competition consisted of three categories which were: Most Imaginative, Best Promotion of Greenfield Village, and Best Depiction of History. Students and staff voted for the photo that they think best represents each of the three categories.

The winning photo for the Best Promotion of Greenfield Village was Photo #5 taken by Aubrey DeBusschere. Second place for the Best Promotion of Greenfield Village was Photo #12 taken by Darsh Desai. The winning photo for the Most Imaginative was Photo #23 taken by Kevin Park. Second place for Most Imaginative was photo #57 taken by Aksel Hegdal. The winning photo for Best Depiction of History was photo #82 taken by Evelin Budd. Second place for the Best Depiction of History was photo #71 taken by Lauryn Harper.

Congratulations to all of the winners!





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## Calligraphy Club

Written By: Sahasra Bathula

Do you like to write? Do you want to learn how to write in a different font? Do you want to impress other people with a new talent? Then Calligraphy Club is the right place for you! The club is mostly about modern calligraphy. The club meetings are usually twice or thrice a month. The meetings are held in Room 903 (Mrs. Dziwanowski). The person running the club is 8th grader Sahasra Bathula. The meetings are from 2:45–3:45 pm. It’s a really fun place to socialize, have fun, and most importantly, learn calligraphy. On the last Calligraphy Club meeting, there will be a competition and the winner gets an awesome prize! The Schoology group code is 2F7W-KRH9-D82DV. Hurry up and join! You don’t want to miss out on the fun!



## Octoberfest

Written by: Divya Pujari

The Octoberfest is an awesome event that the Athens orchestra hosts every year. The orchestra puts on a skit, and after the skit, there’s a trunk or treat! Larson and Baker’s Advanced Orchestras were invited to open the concert with two songs- “Midnight Howl” by Katie O’Hara LaBrie and “Legend of the Ghost Stallion” by Richard Meyer (The Athens orchestra joined them for Legend of the Ghost Stallion.) It was amazing to see people from different schools come together and perform a piece that they spent a lot of time working on! The opening went well, and the skit was super funny, everyone couldn’t stop laughing! Next year, stop by Athens, and enjoy the amazing things that the Athens orchestra has prepared for you!



## Craft Club

Written by: Sahasra Bathula

Do you like art? Do you like crafts? Do you want to try out something new? Well then you should join Craft Club. In this club, you get to make two different crafts each meeting. One of the crafts you make gets given away to children in need/family members etc... The other craft you make is something for you to keep. It’s a really fun environment where you get to socialize, make craft, become artistic, and the most important thing is to have fun.



I’m here with Ms. Mendola who is a 6/7th grade English teacher.

Question 1- “Why did you decide to run the club?”

Ms. Mendola- “When I first came Larson Mrs. Garver took me under her wing and told me join craft club because it’s a good way to get involved. I think it’s a really good place for people who don’t want to join sports to get involved. We also like to giveback to the community.”

Question 2- “Why do you think people should people join the club?”

Ms. Mendola- “I think people should join the club to meet new friends and tap into creativity”

Question 3- “What is the best part about being in Craft Club?”

Ms. Mendola- “All the cool kids I get to work with!”



The meetings are once a month. The teachers running the club are Ms. Mendola and Mrs. Strauss. Meetings are held in the collaboration studio. Ms. Mendola and Mrs. Strauss are looking forward to seeing you there crafters!



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Designed by: Divya Pujari

## Robotics

Written by: Keerthana Chandra (Photos by: Mackenzie Hegner)

Do you love building and coding? Do you like a good challenge? Do you want to reach out to your community through STEM? If you said yes to any of the questions, robotics is for you! This year's game is called Centerstage. Teams will have to overcome many obstacles this year, like having this year's team's robot support its own weight so it can hang from a pole, to having teams figure out how to have robots launch paper airplanes. But the main challenge is picking up pixels and dropping them onto a board.

New teams have been created in Larson and been welcomed with open arms. Other teams have been sharing some tips and tricks to rookie teams. One of the new teams are the G-Force the second all girls team in Larson! I hope the rookie team has been doing great!

Good luck to all the teams this season!



## What topics would you like covered in the November Issue?

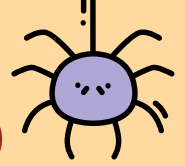
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## Tell us what topics you want to see!





# World News



## Tsunamis this year

Written By: Shreyas Jain

Designed by: Divya Pujari

On 6 February 2023, the Turkey–Syria strike-slip inland earthquake of Mw 7.7 mysteriously generated a small-scale tsunami in the southeastern Mediterranean Sea. Due to the complexity of the earthquake source and lack of underwater observation, how the tsunami waves were generated remains mysterious.



## The Israel and Palestine WaR

Written By: Arnav Nikam

BAM! SMASH! CRUMBLE! War's broken out in Israel with rising conflicts as to who owns the very land Israel is built! Tension builds up as this centuries-old conflict is back on the rise. Although Israel has the intimidating support of the West, Palestine has managed to fight back by acquiring Eastern allies. This conflict has been going on and off for a long time, but Palestine has seemed to have enough. Israel claims that their Jewish ancestors had settled on this land centuries ago, and Palestine claims that they own the land due to sacred religious reasons. Even though both countries have valid reasons, there is no actual proof as to who owns the land. This has caused both countries to pack their things, and go to war.



## Osiris-Rex NASA Mission

Written By: Bhavit Potu

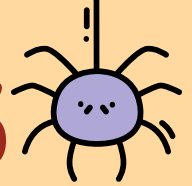
A NASA mission called the Osiris-Rex is now successful! It took 7 years to finish from 8/8/2016 to 8/24/2023. The Osiris-Rex was a NASA asteroid study and sample return mission that visited and collected samples from 101955 Bennu, a carbonaceous near-Earth asteroid. It was also expected to enable scientists to learn more about the formation and evolution of the Solar System, it's initial stages of planet formation, and the source of organic compounds that led to the formation of life. Following the completion of the primary mission, the spacecraft is planned to conduct a flyby of steroid 99942 Apophis as Osiris-Apex. The Osiris-Rex was launched on 8/8/2016 and flew past Earth on 9/22/2017 and rendezvoused with Bennu on 10/3/2018. It spent the next 2 years analyzing the surface to find a suitable site from which to extract a sample. On 10/20/2020, Osiris-Rex touched down on Bennu. Then Osiris-Rex departed Bennu on 5/10/2021 and returned its sample on 8/24/2023, subsequently starting its extended mission to study 99942 Apophis. The spacecraft will arrive at Apophis in April 2029. Bennu was chosen as the target of study because it is a "time capsule" from the birth of the Solar System, and the launch vehicle that was used was called the Atlas V. The cost of the Osiris-Rex mission is approximately US\$800 million, not including the Atlas V launch vehicle, which is about US\$183.5 million. The extended mission costs an additional US\$200 million. The Osiris-Rex was the first United States spacecraft to return samples from an asteroid.



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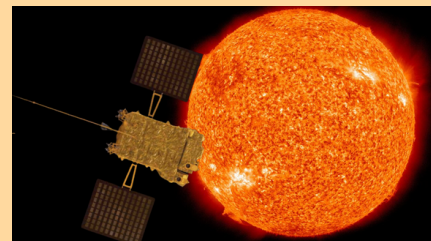
## Chandrayaan-3 and More Space Missions!

Written by: Lakshya Matele

On August 23, 2023, the spacecraft Chandrayaan-3's Vikram Lander landed on the southern polar region of the moon and the Indian Space Research Organisation's (ISRO's) control center erupted in cheers and applause!! It was really a proud moment for us all!

Chandrayaan-3 was a follow-up mission to Chandrayaan-2, and its objective is to demonstrate the capability to safely land and rove on the moon's surface and to find vital elements on the South Pole of the moon! This successful mission made India the first country to Soft land near the South Pole on the Moon and the fourth country to land on the Moon! So far, the Chandrayaan-3's Pragyan Rover has detected "moonquakes" which give us insight into the moon's geological surface. It has confirmed the presence of sulfur, aluminum, silicon, calcium, and iron which can help us understand the moon's lunar formation and geological chemistry, the rover has also traveled over 100 meters of the moon in just 10 days, setting a record and has done much more!

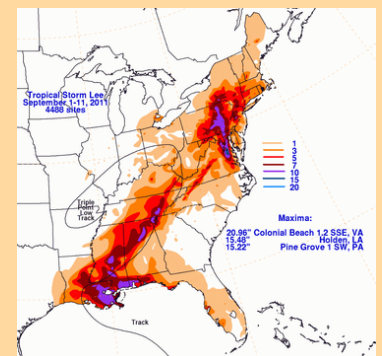
Days after launching the Chandrayaan-3 mission, ISRO also launched its first sun observation mission called Aditya-L1 and its objective is to observe the dynamics of the Sun's chromosphere- a thin layer of plasma that is between the sun's visible surface called the photosphere and the corona which is the upper atmosphere of the sun. Hope you learned a lot in this article! Good luck to all future space missions!!



## Hurricane Lee

By: Keerthana Chandra

Hurricane Lee was long-lived, and it was a powerful Cape Verde Hurricane. The areas that were impacted were Bermuda, United States, Eastern Canada and the United Kingdom. Hurricane Lee was a category five hurricane and, its highest winds were 165 mph and the lowest pressure was 926 mbar. It was formed on September 16, 2023 and dissipated on September 19, 2023. The swells generated from Hurricane Lee caused dangerous rip currents along the whole Atlantic coast of the U.S. This caused strong winds and long lived power outages in Maine and in Canadian provinces such as New Brunswick and Nova Scotia. Three storm related fatalities have been confirmed in those areas.

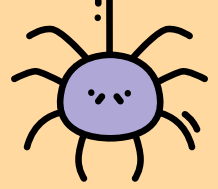


Remember to stay safe and steer clear of hurricanes!

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# World News



Designed by: Divya Pujari

## New York City is the Next Atlantis

Written By: Nikhil Rao

New York City is no stranger to flooding, and it usually happens a couple times a year. But this year, the flooding is out of control. Streets are filled with waist-high water, the metro tunnels are bursting at the seams, and lower Manhattan is facing the brunt of it all. But to understand why this happening, we need to take a look back on the geography and colonization of New York City.

Before NYC's industrialization, it was a lush green area, with hundreds of river systems. When the industrial revolution rolled around, the area of manhattan got (almost) completely paved over, even the river systems. This means that the very foundation that NYC is built on is incredibly dangerous and prone to flooding. This is also why the Upper East Side is the most expensive part of manhattan. The Upper East Side has the least amount of river systems underneath, so it's sold for higher prices so the rich can survive the flooding. The construction of NYC has proved to be very dangerous, with the underground train systems bursting at the seams with water.

All in all, there really isn't a solution, unless the whole city is rebuilt. In the meantime, people in lower Manhattan will have to continue suffering the effects of the annual wet season.



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# LARS N LIGHTS

## Mr. Zawislak



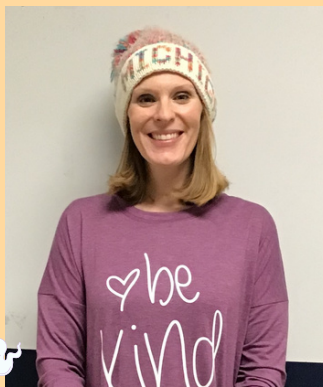
**For this year what are you most excited about?**

"I'm just excited to get to know the middle schools students and what makes them tick and what they enjoy to do, and just getting to know the staff too. I'm really a people person and love connecting with people."

**What do you have planned for Halloween?**

"I will probably be going out with my own kids trick-or-treating. I usually walk around with my kids and then we go around the neighborhood a couple times. I love being outside on Halloween Night. I'm just hoping that it's dry this year, I can deal with the cold but the wet is miserable."

## Mrs. Marshall



**"Who is your favorite author and why?"**

"I think my favorite author is Gordon Korman, and I love that he has a lot of realistic fiction books with deeper lessons. I love that the multi-character perspectives so it just keeps it really fresh and interesting."

**"What are you planning to do for this Halloween?"**

"I'm hoping that I get invited to a really cool Halloween party with lots of treats, and I'll get lots of candy."

## Mr. Holt



**What is your experience in band?**

"My experience in band goes way back when I was in sixth grade and I started playing the French horn. I played it in high school and then I college, in the marching band, concert band, things like that. I traveled the country which was an outstanding opportunity that I really enjoyed. I started teaching band in Warren 22 years ago and now I'm here!"

**what are you planning to do this Halloween?**

"We have the spooky beats and treats concert on October 24 with the band, and the orchestra activity on October 30, and being with my family for trick or treating on Halloween!"

## Ms. Machak



**Why do you like math?**

"The reason I like math so much is I think there are so many connections in all of mathematics, and it can be applied to so many things in life. The problem solving I think makes me a better thinker."

**Do you have anything planned for Halloween?**

"I plan on dressing up as a pirate and making students do math."

## Mr. Guastella



**What's your favorite part of being a Social Studies teacher?**

"Is making history engaging and fun to learn about, connecting it to students daily lives, plus battle day."

**Do you have anything fun going on for Halloween?**

"My kids are dressing up with cool costumes, eating a lot of candy, and learning about the history of Halloween!"



## Ms. Mundle



**What is your favorite genre and why?**

"My favorite genre is Realistic fiction because I like stories that I can relate to."

**What do you have planned for Halloween?**

"I am going to go to my parents house and I see all of my nieces and nephews in their costumes and then I give out candy."



# Sports & Holidays



## Canadian Thanksgiving

By: Shreyas Jain

Colonists in New England and Canada regularly observed “thanksgivings,” days of prayer for such blessings as safe journeys, military victories, or abundant harvests. Americans model their holiday on a 1621 harvest feast shared between the Wampanoag people and the English colonists known as Pilgrims.



## Halloween

By: Ian Guilbault

Halloween, observed on October 31st, is a night of spooky festivities rooted in the ancient Celtic festival of Samhain. Trick-or-treating has children and adults wearing creative costumes and visiting decorated houses, exchanging "trick or treat!" for sweet rewards. It's a magical night of imagination and community spirit, creating lasting Halloween memories. Who will you be for Halloween?



## Cross Country

By: Gavin Çipi



Cross country running is a sport in which teams and individuals run a race on open-air courses over natural terrain such as dirt or grass. The course, typically 4–12 kilometers (2.5–7.5 miles long), may include surfaces of grass and earth, pass through woodlands and open country, and include hills, flat ground and sometimes gravel road and minor obstacles. It is both an individual and a team sport; runners are judged on individual times and teams by a points-scoring method. Both men and women of all ages compete in cross country, which usually takes place during autumn and winter, and can include weather conditions of rain, sleet, snow or hail, and a wide range of temperatures. Making cross country a fun lasting memories of breaking pr's, running, and making new friends.





# Sports and Holiday



## Girls Basketball

**By: Sahasra Bathula (Photos by: Mackenzie Hegner)**

Girls basketball is where 7th and 8th-grade girls team up and play games against other middle schools. Meet student Toni Rose Valentino, she is a member of the 8th-grade girls' basketball team and she was the previous co-captain of the 7th-grade team last year. She also has 2 years of experience. Here is my interview with her.

“Why should people join girls basketball?” I ask.

“It’s a great way to stay healthy and it’s really fun. Mr. Helfrich and Mr. Maxson are great coaches. The games are really lit. It’s fun working in a team with your friends. I don’t like the running though.” She answers.

“What is the best part of girl basketball?” I ask, excited to hear the answer.

“Winning!” She replies with enthusiasm!

“Do you have any advice for 6th graders who are planning to join basketball in 7th and 8th grade?” I ask, wondering what the answer would be.

“Always be hustling on the court, practice and games. Be coachable. Put 100% effort. Don’t ball hog. Work on your fundamentals. Have fun!” She says with a grin.

We hope that the girls will continue having a spectacular season. Good luck girls!



## Messi Mania Hits Chicago

**By: Haris Grebovic**

Lately, the MLS (Major League Soccer) has been heated by the new transfer of Messi to Inter Miami. Recently, on October 4th, Inter Miami visited Chicago to verse their home team (Chicago Fire). Because of this people from all over the country came to watch the one and only, Messi. It was an amazing game; the score at half time was 0-0 but afterward Chicago Fire scored, then Miami scored a penalty, and eventually Chicago went on to score 3 more goals, making the final score 4 (Chicago) to 1 (Miami). Safe to say, it was such a fun night for soccer fans, even without the GOAT in attendance.





# Sports and Holiday



## Cross Country Interviews

By: Shree Patel

Mrs.Lee- "I decided to coach Cross Country because I enjoy running in my free time. I think it is a great sport for people who are motivated to work hard and succeed at something that can often be difficult. My favorite thing is motivating people to do better, and watching them accomplish something they've never done before- often times running multiple miles and achieving a personal best time. Cross country is all about running, and for me that's why I enjoy it. I like getting out into the fresh air and having some quiet time to myself to just run. The thing that motivates me to continue coaching Cross Country is hopefully helping students find that same enjoyment in exercise and my trying to improve with each run."

Elliott Cotta: "Its good exercise and she has something to do after school. Cross country to her, is exercise and running she also thinks it a lot of fun and great for your legs."

Landan Ortballs: "Cross country because of his friends and long-distance running, which is great for endurance." He loves to do long-distance running as he also tries to be the fastest runner in the group of people. He also loves how he can run with his friends and is getting good exercise. Cross country to him is great and building up stamina.



# BOOKS & MOVIES

## BOOKS:



**The Sun and the Star** By: Rick Riordan and Mark Oshiro  
Book review written By: Jasmine Thomas

Nico di Angelo is finally going to be able to take a break. After a LOT of wars, fighting, and death, the only thing Nico wants to do is hangout with his boyfriend, Will Solace. But after hearing cries from Tartarus, and knowing who's in trouble, Nico decides that he needs to go save Bob the Titan. Nico needs to face his demons (mentally and physically) in order to escape Tartarus without "leaving something of equal value behind." Told by both Nico and Will, with "dream sequences" in some chapters, and tidbits of how Nico and Will first met and fell in love, I LOVED this book. I would definitely recommend it if you've read some of Rick Riordan's books. But I also highly recommend reading the series that come before this book, (Percy Jackson, Heroes of Olympus, and the Trials of Apollo.) otherwise it won't make any sense at all. But you definitely have to give it a shot.

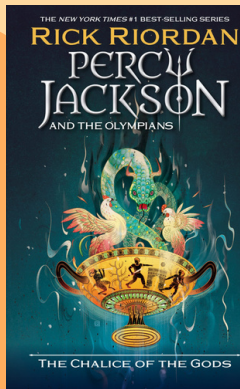
**The Brothers Hawthorne** By: Jennifer Lynn Barnes  
Book review written By: Jasmine Thomas



Grayson Hawthorne was raised as the "heir apparent" in the Hawthorne House. Now, his future is undecided. But when he learns of his half-sisters, (who have no clue Grayson exists) and they trouble they are in, he knows he has to intervene. He needs to make sure his sisters don't figure the truth about their father. Grayson Hawthorne knows this has to be quick, easy, no strings attached. But as he gets closer to his sisters, he finds it harder to pull away. Jameson Hawthorne lives for the adventure. The thrill. The feeling of satisfaction as the final piece of the puzzle is found. Right now, the adventure seems over. And yet, he still craves it. While in London, he learns of the Devil's Mercy, an exclusive underground club run by the Proprietor, a man shrouded with mystery. Him and Avery need to infiltrate the Devil's Mercy, get passage to a twisted game, and win.

This book quickly skyrocketed to one of my favorite books. The 4th book in the Inheritance Games series, told in a dual perspective of both Jameson and Grayson, it will keep you rooting for your favorite Hawthorne. I would definitely give it a 10/10, and insist you read it.

**Percy Jackson and The Chalice of the Gods** By: Rick Riordan  
Book Review By: Lakshya Matele



This highly anticipated, adventurous book has finally come to continue Percy Jackson's adventures for all Percy Jackson Fans! This book takes place right after Hero's of Olympus and right before Trials of Apollo, so after all this craziness, missing junior year due to a unnamed goddess (long story, see: The Heros of Olympus) and saving the world multiple times, all Percy wants is to peacefully finish high school and go to New Rome University with his girlfriend, Annabeth! Will the gods let him do that? The answer is no, in order to get into college Percy has to fulfill 3 quests, to get 3 necessary letters of recommendation from the gods! So the original trio - Annabeth Chase, Percy Jackson and Grover Underwood - are back to try to get Percy into college! This book covers how the trio does on the first quest, they have to help Zeus's cup-bearer, retrieve his goblet before it falls into the wrong hands! The second book that covers how Percy gets his second recommendation letter called, The Wrath of the Triple Goddess and it will release in September 24, 2024! This book is super epic, hilarious and unputdownable! I really enjoyed this book a lot and I would recommend this book to anyone who has read Percy Jackson and The Hero's of Olympus serieses! I would give this book a 9/10 because I felt like this book could have been a little longer but, it was a epic and awesome book! Hope you enjoy this book as much as I did! Happy reading!

# BOOKS & MOVIES

## MOVIES:

### **Heart of Stone**

**Movie Review By: Lakshya Matele**



This thriller and spy movie is centered around a double agent named Rachel Stone and throughout the movie she and her team have to keep a powerful asset called the “Heart” safe! There were also many renowned actors throughout the movie too like Gal Gadot (Wonder Woman), Alia Bhatt (Bollywood) and many more! Three things I really liked throughout this movie was, first how all the plots connected at the end of the movie, secondly there are many exciting plot-twists at every corner of the movie and thirdly how spectacular all the action scenes and Gal Gadot did a really good job in those! I really liked this movie and I would recommend this movie to anyone who likes spy movies and thriller movies or anyone who wants to try watching a new movie, (or if you have Netflix)! I would give this movie a 4/5 because it wasn't the best movie ever, but it was still pretty awesome and epic! Hope you enjoy this movie as much as I did! Happy watching!

### **Oppenheimer**

**Movie Review By: Nikhil Rao**



Oppenheimer was one of this summer's biggest hits. It tells the story of the American creator of the atomic bomb. It follows the psychological journey of Oppenheimer as his amazing discovery of fission becomes one of the most destructive things in existence. The movie lays out the facts and leaves you to conclude what you want to. It leaves you somber, but more knowledgeable on the events of the Hiroshima and Nagasaki bombings. I would give it a 4/5 and would recommend for more mature audiences. I hope you like this movie!

### **Elemental**

**Movie Review By: Sonali Rana**



Elemental is a great movie, it has a 4.2 star rating and 89% of people like this movie. In a city where air, fire, land, and water all live together there is this one girl, and her name is Ember Lumen and she is a fire. She first sets out to save their family store with Wade, a water element and in the process they discover something elemental: how much they have in common. Elemental is a Pixar movie and loved by so many people. This movie is great for kids and adults, so next time you sit down and decide to watch a movie you know what to pick.

# TIPS AND TRICKS

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## Halloween Crafts

By: Ada Dogramacilar

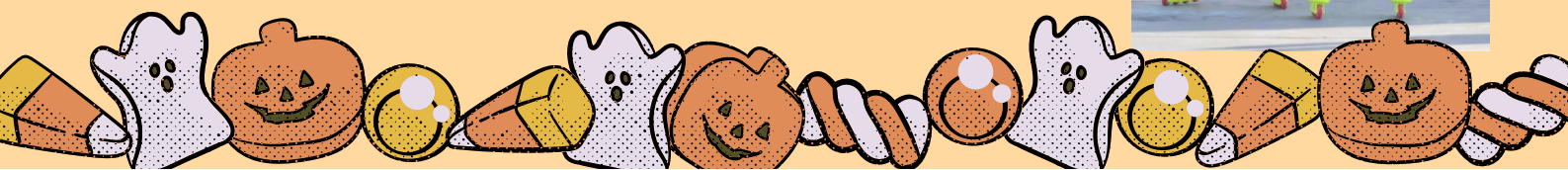
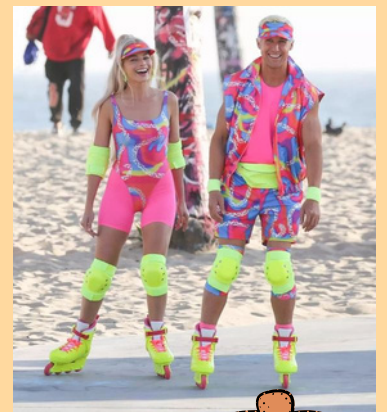
Halloween is so fun and spooky, lots of fun crafts you can do. Not all has to be with paper and colored pencils, it can also involve food. Crafts are so fun, but Halloween craft are even funnier and spookier. 1st craft is a mummy bed lamp. It is this cool lamp, that can be spooky and fun to sleep with. It is super easy to make only things you need is tape, glass jar, googly eyes, and some glue. This craft is so fun to make and so useful at night time (if you also want to get spooked). This craft is by Ms. Mendola, from craft club. Second craft we have is very foodish and also nice to have in breakfast. Monster toast is our next craft. It is so delicious and a great breakfast you will enjoy. So many different types of toast. With different toppings, let's get into it. First you need a nice golden brown bread, make sure it's not burnt, then you will need avocado to spread on the toast, get some olives to make some eyes and a mouth. For some hair grab some red peppers and assemble it all together, at the end you will have a nice Frankenstein toast. If you don't like avocado toast you can make PB&J toast, or cheese toast. Whatever you want will be delicious. Don't forget to add your monster. Our last craft is Cotton Ball Ghost. This craft you can do easily in 1 minute with only cotton ball, string and little bit of fabric, can be t-shirt fabric too. Glue all of them together, then you have your very own ghost. Enjoy!!!!



## Costume Ideas

By: Ada Dogramacilar

Costumes are so fun to wear at Halloween, no matter the age it is so fun. You can wear a single costume or you can have a group costume or theme you and your friends will love to wear together. You want a funny costume, a scary costume or a group costume we all got them here. Our first costume is really going on fire these days, it is..... Barbie and Ken! Inspired by the famous Barbie movie. You can wear this outfit with your friend or by yourself as just Barbie or Ken. (Recommended to do it with a partner.) Hope this idea helps!



# ENTERTAINMENT

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## Did you know...

By: Lakshya Matele

1. Halloween is now the second-largest commercial holiday in the country!
2. Jack-o'-lanterns used to be carved out of turnips, potatoes and beetroots!
3. Candy corn was originally called "chicken feed"
4. The fastest pumpkin carving record is 16.47 seconds.
5. In Alabama, wearing a nun or priest costume for Halloween is illegal.
6. Skittles are the top Halloween candy.
7. A city in Canada banned teens over 16 from trick-or-treating.
8. Harry Houdini died on Halloween.
9. Some shelters used to suspend black cat adoptions for Halloween.
10. The night before Halloween is called Mischief night or Goosey Night.
11. The fear of Halloween is called Samhainophobia.
12. Finding a spider on Halloween is considered good luck!
13. Spirit Halloween is one of the most popular Halloween stores in the U.S!
14. The record for the heaviest pumpkin weighed at 2,624.6 pounds.
15. Full moon on Halloween are really rare.
16. A lot of famous people were born in October, like Mahatma Gandhi on the 2nd, John Lennon on the 9th, Pablo Picasso on 25th and Christopher Columbus on Halloween.
17. October 4th is recognized as World Animal Day.
18. In Japan, October 10th is celebrated as Sports day!

