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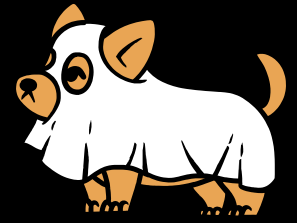
HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

DAYTON FALL SPORTS



HORROR MOVIE REVIEWS

BY: BRIANA POLANCO



Being a fan of classic horror movies such as *Scream*, *The Sixth Sense*, *Carrie*, and recently released ones from the past decade, like Jordan Peele's *Us*, and in honor of October being the perfect month to sit around and watch this movie, I spent the last month rewatching and watching new horror movies. From the plot, suspense, horror elements, and overall entertainment of the films, these are my reviews and top picks for horror movies that you should watch this October.

5. *The Black Phone* (2021)

A newer addition to horror movies of this century, I had first seen *The Black Phone* with my father in theaters. After seeing the trailer for the film in April, because of our shared love for horror movies, we both agreed that this is a horror movie worth watching. If you enjoy Stephen King's *IT*, you will enjoy Ethan Hawkes's *The Black Phone*. Following the same trope as children going missing and dying in the early 80s, we also see our main character getting kidnapped by *The Graber*, attempting to survive, unlike most of his friends, which is revealed early on in the movie. The film is based loosely on the book *The Black Phone* by Joe Hill, leading you into the suspense and will leave you on the edge of your seats.

6/10



4. *Scream* (1996)

With the number of reboots of this horror movie, it is essential to look back at the first film that made this a part of the horror movie classics. From the iconic scene of Drew Barrymore's phone call to the easily recognizable character of Ghostface makes *Scream* an iconic film in the horror movie franchise. It follows the classic horror movie trope with a killer going around targeting teenagers, which leaves you wondering how stupid these characters can be with the choices that they make throughout the film, with a twist that makes the movie so memorable and worth watching. With the gruesome murders and the suspect being something one would not have suspected, the flick continues as a classic must-see every Halloween.

6/10

3. *Nope* (2022)

I have recently found myself reentering the loophole of the Jordan Peele cinematic universe, one that I will find myself rewatching his horror movies over again until I am sick of them, until next time. Jordan Peele's horror movies always left me thinking, but *Nope* deserves the title for one of my second favorite Jordan Peele movies. Released in July 2022, *Nope* is Jordan Peele's latest installment in horror movies. The film follows a brother and sister duo trying to catch extraterrestrial activity on camera that lingers and hides in the ranch their father left them. If movies based on extraterrestrials and psychological horror are your forte, this movie is for you.

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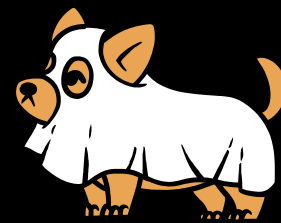
2. IT (2017)

A personal favorite of mine since elementary school, I spent one of my weekends rewatching the remake of the 1990 Stephen King horror movie IT. After seeing both almost a decade ago for the first time with my father, the remake of the movie is much more entertaining and scarier than the original. The film takes place in the fictional town of Derry, Maine. In this town, every 27 years, several children go missing without any explanation. The original film does correspond more with the atrocity of the 1168-page novel, but the remake of the movie was much more enjoyable. However, watch the film with precaution, as it has less suspense, more jumpscars and gore. I advise viewer discretion, but other than that, the movie is a fantastic addition to the type of horror movies to watch this month.

8/10

1. Us (2019)

I finished my four-day weekend with one more Jordan Peele movie that had recently become available to stream online. Starring Lupita Nyong'o, Jordan Peele produces another eerie film great to watch this Halloween season. The movie follows a family vacation in Santa Cruz, which ultimately becomes a traumatizing night for them as a counterpart family that looks identical to them attacks them throughout the night.



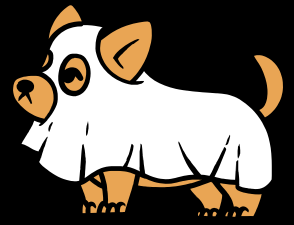
The reason this movie has such a high ranking in my books is the twist that satisfyingly brings the film together. Assuming that most people would have gone the same way with predictions of how the movie would end, including myself, Peele was able to erase all of the theories film watchers had made and crushed the expectations of his viewers. This movie is a must-watch and one of my newest personal favorites.

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DAYTON FALL SPORTS

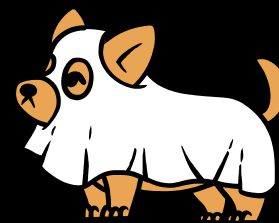
BY: ANTHONY BIANCHI



As another school year at Jonathan Dayton High School begins, so does another fall sports season. These sports kick off the year in great fashion, as students love to cheer for every team week after week. Fall sports at Dayton include football, boys and girls soccer, girls volleyball, girls tennis, boys and girls cross country, gymnastics, and cheerleading. As a fan and peer of many fall sport athletes, it is clear that a big emphasis is placed on team camaraderie. The bond that these student-athletes share is a big part of what allows them to have success time and time again.

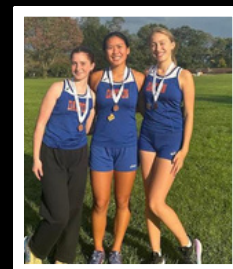
Perhaps the most well-known fall sport at Dayton, football is always taken seriously and many students come out to support the bulldogs every Friday night. It is clear that Dayton football players are part of a brotherhood that looks out for one another and pushes each other to do their best. Senior Evan Cornelison, who missed his junior year season, is proud to say that "after taking last year off, my teammates have been encouraging me towards working harder, and trying to make up for the missed year. They have also been highly supportive of me when I fail, and do not let me get discouraged." Currently, the football team has a 1-5 record, with a big win coming against Highland Park. The team looks to continue their season and get better week after week.





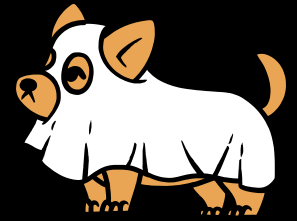
Another popular fall sport at Dayton is soccer, as it continues to gain more and more incoming athletes each season. Boys soccer currently holds a solid record of 6-6, while the girls team holds a 1-8 record. The team's win was a product of four goals scored against Rahway, which is nothing short of impressive. Meanwhile, the boys team looks to push their record above .500. Senior JJ Perez stated that, "Dedication is important to us at Dayton soccer, and we always push each other to succeed. Mistakes and disagreements are just part of playing the game. Within our program, we find that it is important that we are honest and give each other constructive feedback while uplifting each other, so that we can be successful and united as a team." Clearly, boys soccer would not be where it is now if it weren't for the important values that each player holds for both themselves and one another.

Other notables of the fall sports season include the girls tennis team's 5-4 record, which nicely compliments their 3-3 record in the UCC- Mountain league as a whole. Volleyball currently holds an 11-11 record.



STUDENT BANDS IN JDHS

BY: ANTHONY BIANCHI



It is often said that when words fail, music speaks. Most students of Jonathan Dayton High School partake in a wide variety of extracurricular activities that allow them to showcase their talents, with music being a popular option. One student that made this choice is Gabe Rivera, a junior at Dayton who started his own band with several classmates. His music is very popular among other students. He showcases his band's talents on Instagram and other social media platforms. Rivera is an inspiration for students looking to branch out and start their own musical groups, clubs, or student organizations. He is proof that students can and should balance school work with their passions and do whatever they can to find time for both. He exemplifies how music can be a great base for a student activity. This is opposed to traditional groups that often rely on public speaking, which isn't for everyone. The *Dawg Print* interviewed Rivera about his band and what it means to him.

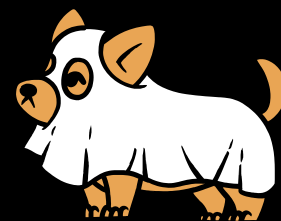
DP: What is the name of your band and what kind of music do you all perform?

GR: Currently, I'm performing as a solo artist with a live band, so we all play under my name- Gabe Rivera. We play the songs that I write, which are mostly indie or alternative rock. My main influences are Jeff Buckley, Backseat Lovers, Mac DeMarco, Jimi Hendrix, Radiohead, and the Beatles.

DP: How do you all divide your duties and work together to make music? What parts of this process help form the close relationships necessary for the band?



I am the only one that actually writes and records the music, while the band helps me bring it to life onstage. Usually I write my songs alone in my bedroom layering instrument upon instrument (bass, piano, drums, guitar, etc) until I have a rough instrumental outline of what I want the song's skeleton to sound like, then I add vocals and write the lyrics. The instrumental outline often takes me one eight-hour day to complete, while the vocals and lyrics can take a week to a month. When the rough demo of the song is done (lyrics and instrumental), I will put it in a folder on my laptop with every demo that has a potential to be on the next record. Over the next few months, I will listen back to the demos, see what I can fix, and determine whether or not it is worthy of making it on the album or as a single. The funny part is that only a handful of demos actually make it on the final draft of the album, while hundreds upon hundreds of others will never actually be heard by anyone. Once the album is done and I am ready to play it live, I send it over to the band before it is released and teach them how to play every instrument so that we can all play them at our concerts.

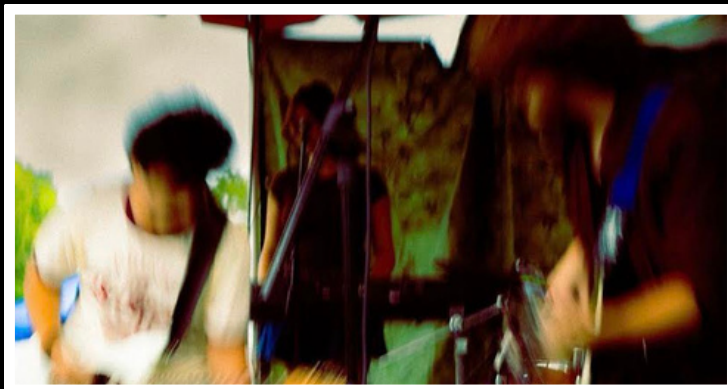


This process of rehearsing and learning them helps me bond with my band members, who have become a second family to me. This dynamic reflects on stage, where we are all very comfortable with each other and we're not afraid to look silly or show our true personalities.

DP: What advice would you give to other students looking to start a band and form a group?

GR: If I had to give other students advice on how to form a band, I would tell them to be patient and to have fun.

I remember starting to play guitar in seventh grade and I could barely play anything because my hands were so uncoordinated. However, I practiced a lot and had fun, which made music not so much a task, but rather something that I did for fun. If you have fun while you're doing it, it will never feel like a task.



SUICIDE PREVENTION MONTH

BY: SUKANYA VADALI

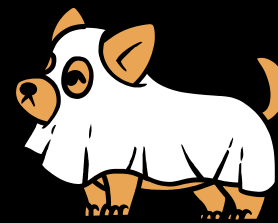
Birds chirp outside, crickets trill late into the day, and the sun doesn't set till 9pm. Summer is still in full swing in September, but sometimes life can make it hard to enjoy these last remnants of the season. September is suicide prevention month: a time to mourn loss of life, recognize its impact on communities, and spread a message of hope that, no matter how it may seem, things can always get better. Reaching out for help is the most crucial part of recovery when dealing with mental health issues, but it can also be the most daunting task. Many students believe that they must turn to their family when they are struggling, however, not everyone is blessed with guardians they can trust or who will listen. Though the list is extensive, here are three alternatives a student can use when looking for help:

1. Your school guidance counselor.

Now, you've definitely heard this one before. It's been said at every assembly since you were ten. It's repetitive and it's true. Your school guidance counselor is a great resource in dealing with problems, whether it's a test that has left you anxious or depressive thoughts, your guidance counselor is there to help.

2. 741-741

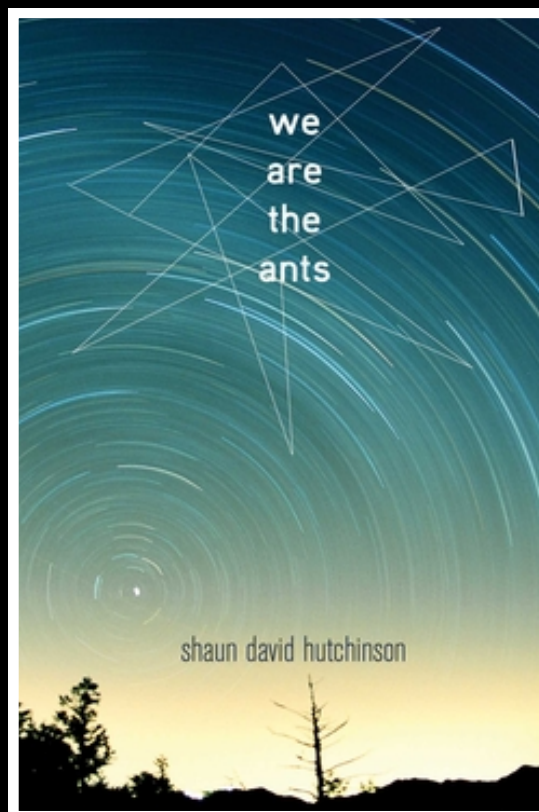
People frequently hear about contact the suicide hotline in times of distress, but calling this number can sometimes be daunting. There is a finality to it. An admission that things are really, really bad. But, often, your problems have not reached that level yet.



By texting HOME to 741-741 you will be connected with a trained, live, Crisis Counselor. The conversation will be anonymous.

3. Books and TV Shows

Some of the greatest stories of our time are centered around a character's inner-conflict. These stories can be so moving because we all struggle. It is cathartic to see a person like you face a challenge and eventually find solace. Book, TV shows, or even song – anything that tells a story really – can have this effect. One book in particular that deals with mental health issues in teenagers, amid the plot of a sci-fi romance, is *We Are the Ants* by Shaun David Hutchinson. It's worth picking up regardless of your situation.

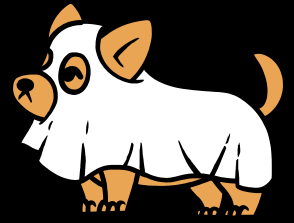


POPULAR HALLOWEEN CANDIES

BY: LAURA PALHAND

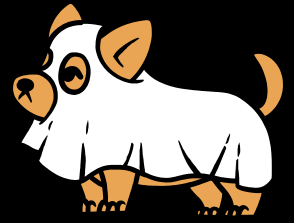
Candy has been passed out during Halloween since the 1920's and 30's. So, safe to say with times changing, so have candies. But, some still remain Halloween favorites from back in the day: Butterfingers, Reese's Cups, and Haribo Gummy Bears. Jumping forward in time, the 70's was the era for fun and funky flavors and candies with the introduction of Pop Rocks and Laffy Taffy into Halloween candy with flavors such as cherry, grape, and sour apple.

Again, Pop Rocks and Laffy Taffy are still enjoyed nationwide by children trick-or-treating on Halloween. Next decade... the 80s! New treats were introduced like Big League Chew and Runts. Big League Chew was enjoyed by kids and adults alike. The candy was popularized in the 80's after being invented in 1979, and is still loved today even out of the Halloween season (especially in baseball). Runts are little candies produced by Nestlé that are still seen today in the little quartered machines at the supermarket. Next up, the 90's and 2000's, where Airheads and Nerds Rope appeared. Both of the candies were invented in the 80's, but didn't have large sales. And last, but not least, the 2010's. In the 2010's you see a repetition of the candies from the years before that still remain popular. Despite new flavors of candy corn Hershey's, the most popular candy from the 2010's was Reese's Peanut Butter Cups...a classic. It is interesting to see how history repeats itself!



THE FALL PLAY: CLUE

BY: LIKASI GABBIDON



This year, Jonathan Dayton High School's Fall Drama will be *Clue*! The play has the same premise as the 1985 movie, based on the murder mystery board game from 1949. The movie is about six strangers invited to an empty mansion under the guise of a dinner party. They all have a pseudonym, along with the man who had invited them, who also knows a dark secret from their past used to blackmail them. Each of them receives a weapon when suddenly, the lights go off and come back on with the man dead. Which leaves the question...who did it?

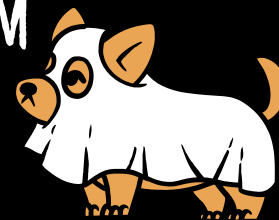
The play is directed by FMG teacher Stephanie Hernandez, with the main cast including Tamim Hyajneh as Wadsworth, Leean Avraham as Yvette, Ella Francis as Miss Scarlet, Abby Oknin as Mrs. Peacock, Ro Martins as Mrs. White, Alvaro Benavides as Professor Plum, Anthony Guarino as Mr. Green, Mads Capodice as Colonel Mustard, Achilles Dawkins as Mr. Boddy/Chief of Police. Other multi-role cast members include Charlie Hymowitz, Abigail Fritz, Cece Umeh, Liz Diaz, and Arielle Martinez. The cast is currently working on the future layout of the stage, figuring out where everything will be set and running through the scenes. This production will be performed November 16th and 17th at 7pm.



DRAKE'S FOR ALL THE DOGS: 9TH STUDIO ALBUM

REVIEW

BY: BRIANA POLANCO



Released October 6th at 6 AM, Canadian rapper Drake released his 9th studio album, *For All The Dogs*, featuring big names like SZA, 21 Savage, J. Cole, Bad Bunny, and many more artists. The album has 23 tracks, including the single *Slime You Out* (feat. SZA), released on September 15th. The album follows the release of his previous album, *Her Loss*, and was the most highly anticipated album of the Summer by hip-hop fans.

The Songs

As unqualified I am to be writing this as I am not an avid Drake listener, but many songs on this album immediately became my favorite listen upon review. With 23 albums on the album, 8 of these tracks became favorites on Spotify. These songs include 8 a.m. in Charlotte, Bahamas Promises, Amen (feat. Teezo Touchdown), and Virginia Beach. Virginia Beach is the first track on the album and is a personal favorite because of one distinct sample used by Frank Ocean. Frank Ocean has been M.I.A. in the music scene for a long time now, it was nice to hear the sample of his song 'Wisemen' intended for a Tarantino film in 2012. The piece overall is a great way to start the album and a memorable song off the album.



Another song off this list is Amen, featuring Teezo Touchdown, which was memorable for me. The vocals, lyrics, and overall energy made it unique for me. The first two songs are instant favorites from Drake's new album, making it an album worth continuing to. Alongside the other songs listed above and a few pieces that caught my attention, these are a handful of songs on his album that make it worth listening to.

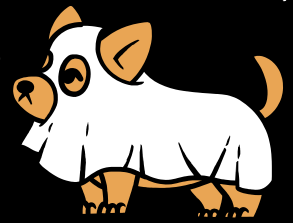
The Features

It's been a considerably long time since I've heard Drake sing a song in Spanish, with 2014's 'Odio' with Romeo Santos, and hearing Drake and Bad Bunny on this album together in Spanish is something I did not need. However, my favorites like SZA, 21 Savage, J. Cole – and Bad Bunny, of course, amazed me on this album. Drake's lineup with features in this album was a surprise that worked out well with these songs.

Overall, the album was a great addition of songs to my playlist. Drake had outdone himself once again this year with the project. From the marketing of this album (it was all I had seen on social media for the last few months!), the songs, and the featured artists, I consider this an album worth listening to, if you are planning on looking for a reason to start listening to Drake or maybe just looking to branch your music taste out to something new. Either way, the album was worth the wait throughout the Summer.

TOP 5 MOST ANTICIPATED HALLOWEEN COSTUMES OF 2023

BY: BRIANA POLANCO



Whether it was the release of Greta Gerwig's *Barbie*, or Sony's *Spider-Man: Across the Spider-Verse*, 2023, it was a great year of releases of new movies, trends, and pop culture moments, reflected in Halloween costumes for the year. In honor of getting ready for the spookiest season of the year, let us look at the outfits that will flood the streets and be the most popular that night!

5. *Scream VI*

Having to be a classic in Halloween costumes, Ghostface from the horror series *Scream* is bound to be another popular choice roaming the streets this Halloween. Released early this year in March 2023, the *Scream* franchise had released their 5th *Scream* movie set in NYC. The horror trope continues to be a classic in horror movies, bound to have people of all ages dressing up as characters from the movie or as Ghostface themselves. The iconic white mask and the black robe make it an easy costume to recreate, even at the last minute. As well as drawing the look together with your props and twists to the outfit, it will continue being an iconic and classic Halloween look anyone can pull off.

4. *Oppenheimer*

Releasing the same day as the blockbuster film *Barbie*, this is another costume that will be a popular choice as a reference to the film that came out this July.



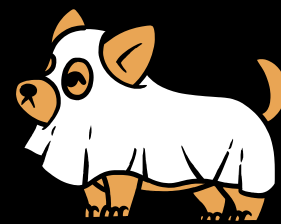
So, whether you walk around in an entire suit and tie the whole night, it's guaranteed that most people will know what you dressed as. Or some will be dressed as Barbenheimer, a reference made to the film's release on the same day. Whether it's wearing half pink or half black, this is another guarantee that people will know what it references.

3. Taylor Swift Eras Tour Outfits

With Taylor Swift's Eras Tour that began in March of 2023, and with the release of the concert film this October, many Swifties will be excited to dress up as their favorite eras tour this Halloween! Whether *Reputations* or *Speak Now*, this DIY costume has Swifties getting creative. From her iconic *Reputation* look with red sequins, spending the evening in sparkly cowboy boots, or finding different components to create an outfit to represent the various albums released by Taylor Swift, or recreations of Taylor tour outfits will be a popular choice. Or perhaps some will dress up as Swifties, that their dreams had of getting those tickets all together!

2. Spider-Man: Across the Spider-Verse

Released in June of 2023, Miles Morales reappears on screens as a sequel to the first movie released in December 2018, *Spider-man: Into the Spider-Verse*. With a box office of 384.3 million dollars, the film was a success for people of all ages, who returned for more this Summer. The popularity of the Marvel character has increased over the past years, as a beloved character with the rest of the Spidermans. Overall, expect this costume to be popular amongst people of all ages as the popularity of the special characters grows.



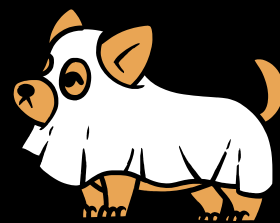
1. Barbie

From cowgirl Barbie and Dreamhouse Barbie to roller-skate Barbie, the possibilities for the amount of Barbies this Halloween are endless! With the popularity and the positive response to the blockbuster film released in July of 2023, this will be a popular costume this Halloween. So whether it's saying "Hi Barbie" to strangers or matching with your friends, the movie received such a great response that it's bound to be a popular costume this year. I would also know, as I plan to attend as a Dreamhouse Barbie!



JOIN THE JDHS MARCHING BAND

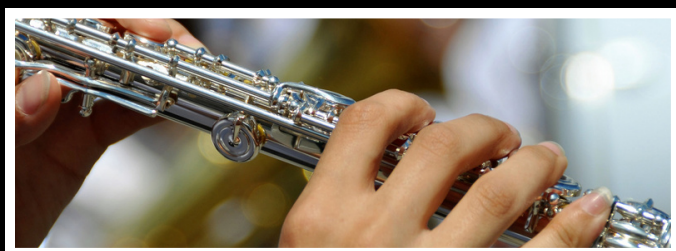
BY: ROBY WALTZER



Every year, the football team plays nearby towns in either home or away games. It is a fun time, with fans enjoying snacks and watching their friends play on the field. However, an aspect that may sometimes go unnoticed is the marching band! Made up of players from the regular Concert Band, this musical group plays at parades, pep rallies, and of course, all football games. They are led by band director Mr. Krupit, and play out of a book including a variety of songs from different eras and generations. Also, the marching band has a halftime show that they perform at almost every home game. This year, the halftime show is made up of "I Want it That Way" by the Backstreet Boys, "What Makes You Beautiful" by One Direction, and "Dynamite" by BTS.

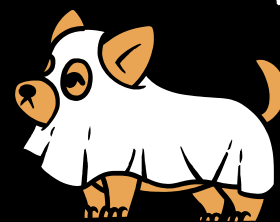
The marching band doesn't just accept talented musicians from the high school, however. They also allow 7th and 8th graders to join, as well as 6th graders in the spring (but not the fall.) This gives the middle schoolers a preview of the high school and allows them to make friends in the school. The marching band is a great community that can teach you how to better play music and have a great time.

If you are a musician (with a portable instrument) and are interested in the marching band, I implore you to check in with Mr. Krupit in room 12 to talk about it.



BOARD OF EDUCATION CANDIDATE INTERVIEWS

BY: KELSEY CHACO



***The Dawg Print reached out to ALL school board candidates and received the following responses.**

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*****Candidates are alphabetized by first name.**

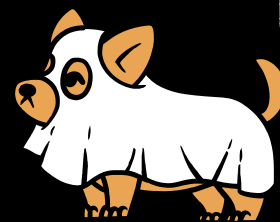
Dawg Print: Why are you running for school board?

Adriana Silva: My name is Adriana Silva and I am running for school board because I care deeply about all our children's education and improving student outcomes. Improving student outcomes means acknowledging the obligation to care for the whole child within the system of education, considering relevant data and feedback from our educators and the community, engaging in meaningful collaboration among stakeholders, and supporting professional development and innovation in the classroom.

Bruno Mariano: The largest driving factor is having two small children in the district and feeling like there has been no transparency between the Board/Super and our community. The staff in our school district is crying out for help and our children are not receiving services or meeting their IEP's. I'd like to develop a sense of happiness and moral value in students and faculty as a result of their interaction with the school district.

Kristy Rubin: I am running for re-election to our Board of Education because I believe in providing the best we can offer for our students. I want to continue playing a part in strengthening our district so Springfield can be a town all residents are proud of. With over 20 years in education, including teaching in NYC public schools, New Jersey public schools, private schools and special education, I understand the needs of students on all levels, along with the needs of the teachers. After 23 years, I still love teaching! Presently, I teach special education students in Staten Island. I know what teachers are capable of, and believe our children can accomplish great things if challenged. Given all three of my children attend Springfield Schools, I try to make decisions that will benefit them and all of their classmates. I want our students to be ready for their next chapter in life, whether that is college or the pursuit of a job and career directly after high school.

Laura Gamarekian: I am currently serving in my sixth year on the Board of Education. My main purpose for running six years ago was to help make informed decisions that would shape my son's education. I have a background in education and my experience as a teacher lead me to seek out a way to give back to my community and its students. As a mom of four kids in our district, I think it's important to listen, learn, collaborate and serve as a representative to residents, parents and taxpayers. I feel strongly that the work I have been a part of has positively impacted all of our



kids. However, the work is far from finished (it never is!) as I am seeking another term to help make our schools even stronger, more robust and filled with many diverse opportunities for all learners.

DP: What do you consider to be the role of a school board member? What experiences have you had that prepare you for that role?

AS: The role of a school board member is to ensure that the Superintendent is fulfilling the role they were hired for and to listen to the school community's feedback in order to evaluate whether or not needs are being met. My background of over 20 years of professional experience has prepared me well for this role; managing high value projects through the supply chain, overseeing teams and working collaboratively with other managers, mitigating risk by ensuring compliance and carrying out audits. If elected, I will work to ensure the school budget reflects the BOE's responsibility to all stakeholders and that district finances are transparent.

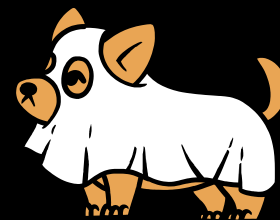
BM: The primary role of the BOE is to provide oversight of the Superintendent and review a vote on policies that will ultimately affect our children and communities.

I am a people manager for a global retail company that oversees a large workforce that transcends multiple states and countries.. I am faced with daily issues, so being able to rally teams to move towards and complete goals and communicate is the norm for me. My wife has also owned a childcare center for many years serving children infant – full day Kindergarten. She is a hands-on daily director there. I have been involved in that process as well for many years.

KR: I have been a member of the Springfield Board of Education for six years now. If you asked me this question six years ago, my answer would be very different than it is now. The legal role of board members is solely to set policy and hire the chief administrator. To accomplish these responsibilities successfully, a board member must be willing to ask questions, listen to community concerns, and provide recommendations. Board members also need to understand one's personal opinion will not always be that of the majority and that we must also stand behind the decisions made by our hired administration and further their vision for the district. The past six years sitting on the Springfield Board of Education gives me a clear picture of what change in our district is necessary.

I have had the opportunity to serve under two different superintendents and gained insight from observing their two very different leadership styles. Lessons learned from observing these differences continue to help me develop my role as a board member. I have learned that transparency and communication is a must to have a collaborative board. With collaboration comes trust. I believe every member of the board must trust our Superintendent to make hard decisions every day and support those decisions. These decisions are not only made to support our teachers, but must also positively impact every student in our district while keeping the best interest of our town's taxpayers in mind.

LG: Officially, the role of a board member



is to set policy, hire the superintendent and also to ensure that schools are well run. However, it is important for me to share perspectives of community members, to collaborate with other board members, to provide feedback to the superintendent and to advocate for issues I feel are important to our community as a whole.

My work as a teacher at the elementary and middle school levels has allowed me a unique “inside perspective” - it adds yet another layer to the hats I wear as a board member. As I mentioned before I’ve been serving for 6 years and my experience has strengthened my knowledge about school boards and allows me a deeper understanding of the process and procedures for decision making in schools. I also have my Master of Education in School leadership and administration from Rutgers University.

DP: What role should the community play in supporting the education of children?

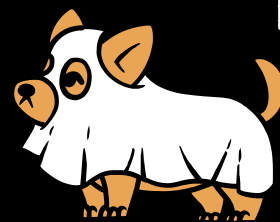
AS: The role of the community should be supportive and actively involved. Engaging communities in education should be a basic principle of action within an overall developmental strategy. I believe that helping children to succeed in life and become productive citizens is everyone's responsibility.

BM: Parents are the sole people responsible for their children, not any school or government agency that pushes guidance to local districts. Communities should be given transparent information and given a voice to directly influence how the BOE votes. With all the technology at our fingertips this is something that is easily attainable to really involve the entire

community. I am ready to help our community and teachers get back to the Springfield Schools we all moved here for!

KR: Community support and involvement in our schools is necessary for our students to develop and feel supported. Increased involvement from parents and others in town push students to want to perform better on a daily basis. When our students see firsthand how involved Springfield residents and businesses are in their education, it helps them build a sense of pride in their school and town. I'm proud to be able to not only be a board member in town, but also coach multiple youth teams in different sports. I always hope students seeing adults volunteer their time and resources makes them want to accomplish more and, hopefully, volunteer themselves. In high school, our students see so many volunteer opportunities available in our town. Not only are these opportunities helping our students grow socially and help them earn their required service hours, but they also get the privilege of exposure to these networking lessons at an early age. We are unlocking the possibilities to internshipsmentorships, scholarships and even employment opportunities further down the line. For our younger students, the impact from volunteer coaches, teachers or even a smile from community members can go a long way. Educating children is done in a variety of ways and establishing a culture of community involvement and school pride

will only enrich our students' learning experiences.



LV: Springfield is a unique and diverse community, and I am lucky to be a part of it. In order to continue supporting the students of Springfield, we should all stay informed and involved in our children's educational journeys. Participation in school events, open communication with teachers, support staff and administrators, and active interest in our kids' day to day are all smaller parts of a large picture. Learning should be a family affair! It is also important to stay abreast of topics and issues in schools so that we can all work together towards a common goal, providing an excellent educational experience. I look forward to continuing that work and I'm thankful to Springfield for allowing me to be a part of it.

*The following is a statement from Board of Education candidate, **Marc Miller**.*

Hello, fellow community members. My name is Marc Miller and I am running for reelection to the Springfield Board of Education.

I have served on this Board for nine years, including as both Vice President and President. I helped lead the search to find a new Superintendent after the Board decided a change was needed for the benefit of our students. I have served as chairperson of the Policy Committee for several years, as well as the Sports, Buildings & Grounds and School Governance Committees, and I currently serve as chairperson of the Negotiations Committee.

I've been very involved in the Springfield community for many years, volunteering since my oldest child – now a sophomore in college – was a Junior Bulldog. Now, my youngest is a freshman here at Dayton and I continue to look for ways to provide for our community. Of all

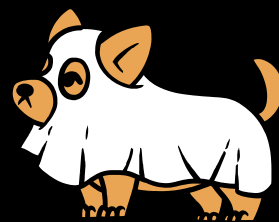
of my volunteering experiences, being on the Board of Ed. is definitely the most intense. It's a lot of work and a lot of time, much more than I think most people realize. On top of that, as board members, we face all sorts of criticism, some civil and valid, but unfortunately, we are also subject to personal attacks. Despite all this, I do it, and I am willing to continue doing it because I believe in giving back.

Some people have asked me why I'm running again after already serving three terms. The fact is, I'm running because I don't want to let the students down. I don't want to let my fellow Board members down and I don't want to let this community down.

I also want to continue to support our administration and our district staff. I have tremendous respect for our teachers and staff, and I believe that empowering teachers to do their best will enable our children to be their best.

As a Board, when we hired Dr. Goldberg, we tasked her with making the changes necessary to improve student performance and increase fiscal efficiency. That's because ultimately, our twin responsibilities are to the students of this district and to you, the taxpayers of Springfield. That is why all my motives, decisions and interactions on the Board are seen through the dual lens of - Is this best for our students - and is this best for the taxpayers of Springfield.

With this perspective, and with my experience, I know I can continue to serve Springfield with faithfulness, compassion, and responsibility.



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