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Book Fair Next Week!

Showing the Unified Way with Unity Day



By Amber Sinagra
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Do you know what Unity is? Well let me tell you.

My name Amber Sinagra and I'm in 8th grade. Unity is



the signature event of National Bullying Prevention Month, that has been recognized in the United States

since 2011.

To participate in Unity Day, individuals, schools, communities, and businesses

wear or share orange to unite for kindness, acceptance, and inclusion to prevent students being bullied.



If you ever see someone getting bullied, you need to stand up to them and help them out. Sometimes when someone gets bullied, they get really



upset because they might have something happening at home that makes it worse.

It's never okay to bully someone. Just keep asking yourself, would YOU like to be someone who's bullied?



Congratulations to our Students of the Month for September!

Halloween History and Trivia



By Ava Schmidberger
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We all know and love the holiday known as Halloween, but do you really know where Halloween came from?

Halloween is often known as a fun holiday with trick or treating, monsters, and jump scares. The real background of Halloween? Let me tell you...

Halloween started with the ancient Celtic festival of Samhain. People would dress up in costumes to ward off the devil and ghosts.

In the eighth century, Pope Gregory III declared November 1st as a day to honor all saints (Known as All Saints Day).

Some Fun Facts About Halloween:

- Halloween was Originally Known as All Hallows Eve
- Jack O Lanterns were used to Scare Ghosts Away from Homes
- Halloween was founded more than 2000 years ago Halloween marked the End of Summer and the Beginning of a Cold and Dark Time (winter).



Source: <https://www.history.com/topics/halloween/history-of-halloween#:~:text=The%20tradition%20originated%20with%20the,of%20the%20traditions%20of%20Samhain.>

Get Ready for Spirit Week!



**By Reagan Ciccone
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It's about that time of the year again! Spirit week is coming up and you better be hyped for it! This year we have fun, exciting, and easy themes for you and your friends to participate in! Spirit week is through October 24th to October 28th so be ready to participate!



First, we have Pajama Day on Monday, October 24th. Nothing's better than coming to school on a tiring Monday and being able to wear com-

fortable pajamas. This can be a basic yet comfortable theme on a early Monday morning. Make sure to wear your favorite and comfiest pajamas on Monday but make sure to come to school wide awake!

On Tuesday, October 25th, we have sunglasses day! It's an easy but fun theme! All you have to do is get your favorite pair of sunglasses from your house and come to school in them. This can be a fun opportunity to get to see what type of sunglasses your peers like to wear. If you have glasses, you can simply decorate your glasses with googly eyes, color paper, stickers, or come up with anything that appeals to you.

Wednesday, October 26th, is the iconic Wacky Wednesday! You can pretty come to school in any crazy



but school appropriate idea that you have. You can wear any wacky clothing, shoes, hair, and much more! This theme is carefree, and you can come to school in anything without worrying you'll be the only one dressing wacky.

A new theme I've personally never seen is Career Day! On Thursday, October 27th, you can dress up as what you want to be when you grow up! This gives the opportunity to your classmates and you to show each other what you want to be when you're older and helps you have a better understanding of your peers. It will be a new experience to see who else wants to be the career you want to be.

Last but certainly not least, is Friday, October 28th. This day is Disney Day! You can come to school dressed up as your favorite Disney character. This can be from your favorite Disney Movie, TV show, merchandise, etc. This gives you a chance to express yourself and get out of your comfort zone to dress up as one popular franchise we all love.

Why Spirit Week is Exciting



**By Alexa Ernst
Tusker Tribune Staff**

I love spirit week because it's super fun, with some super fun theme day. This year, Monday is PJ day. Please wear your favorite pajamas. Tuesday is sunglasses day— please wear your favorite sunglasses! Wednesday is Wacky Wednesday. Please wear a wacky outfit! Thursday is Career Day. Please wear what you want to be when you grow up. And Friday is Disney day. Please wear your favorite Disney character costume.

Friday will also be the Pep Rally! 6th graders will have their pep rally in the auditorium and 7th and 8th graders will have their Pep rally in the gym. What we have in store for the pep rally is spectacular so stayed tuned for that.

Spirit week is provided by the Student Council which usually meets every other Wednesday. The Student Council worked hard to come up with the right themes for everyone to be able to participate and enjoy next week so it would be nice if we could have the whole school participate!

Trick or Treat Tips



**By Ava Schmidberger
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Going Trick or Treating? Here are some Tips and Tricks to keep you safe and out of trouble.

Manners - Always remember, if their porch light isn't on, don't ring the doorbell. Be polite and use your manners when someone gives you candy. If possible, avoid walking on other people's lawns. Don't shove in front of other people to get candy. If it says to "take one", take ONE piece of candy. (Not one handful or the whole bowl.)



Being Safe – Make sure you have a flashlight, in case it gets dark, or a phone, in case of emergencies. If walking with an adult, don't go far ahead. Don't go Trick or Treating by yourself. Don't have your phone out when walking or on the street. Walk on the left side so you can see cars coming. If a car is coming toward you, someone in your group should say "Car!" so everyone knows to move off the road.

Candy – If you receive a candy that is not packaged and closed, don't eat it. Do not eat candy that you've never seen before. If you are unsure if a piece of candy is safe, ask a trusted adult.



Fall Word Search

(Word Bank is Below)

By Derek Sheldon
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Word Bank:

Apple Pie
Cranberries
Halloween
Jack-o-Lantern
Leaves
November
October
Pumpkin Pie
September
Stuffing
Thanksgiving
Turkey

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Ideas for Spirit Week Theme Days!



By Victoria McGee
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It's almost spirit week! This year's days are:
Monday: PJ day!
Tuesday: Sunglasses day!

Wear your favorite pair of sunglasses!

Wednesday: Wacky Wednesday!
Wear a wacky outfit!

Thursday: Career day: dress up as what you want to be when you're older!

Friday: Disney day! Dress up as your favorite Disney character!

This year's spirit week is amazing! Do you need ideas on what you want to dress up as?

On Monday, wear PJs! On Tuesday, order, buy, or find a pair of sunglasses around your house. If you can't find any. Amazon has great selections! On Tuesday: order or find a pair of glasses around your house. If you have none, Amazon has great selections!



On Wednesday: wear your hair messy and make a mismatched outfit! Thursday: if you want to be a baker, you could wear an apron. Find things that would match your job. If you can't, just be creative!

On Friday, find a pair of Mickey Mouse ears, or carry around a stuffed Disney character plushy. Just get anything that could represent a Disney character.

And if you can't find anything on Amazon or just can't buy anything, try to find anything in your house, or make something! Ask your parents!

Are you excited about the pep rally?! 6th graders are in the auditorium, 7th and 8th graders are in the gym. There will be fun activities! It lasts 50 minutes, you can see your friends, and obviously watch the pep rally! So, are you excited for spirit week?

A Lobby Transformed

Members of the No Place for Hate Club took Unity Day messages students wrote in Advisory and completed transformed the main entryway at SMS.

