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Happy Halloween!!!!

Stephen Hill's Powerful Message to SMS



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On Monday, October 28, Stephen Hill came to Somers to present to kids grades 5-12. The presentation was about how he abused drugs.

He didn't have any power points or videos; he just simply talked. He talked about how drugs and alcohol didn't just hurt him, they hurt his family. When his grandpa died, he could not be at the wake or the funeral because he was in the hotel room

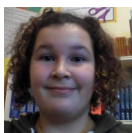


throwing up from abusing drugs. He put things in a way that made you understand how horrible drugs and alcohol can really be. How much they can hurt you, your family and your reputation.

His story was truly touching and everyone was in awe that people really do these things and that it could mess you up for awhile.

We all knew that drugs and alcohol are bad but not they are a lot worse than we thought. This assembly was so important because now we truly know the consequences of one bad choice.

Halloween By the Numbers



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Here are some of the most popular and candies to look out for for 2019:

9. Good & Plenty
10. Bit-o-honey

Best Candy of 2019

1. Reese's peanut butter cups
2. Snickers
3. Twix
4. Kit Kat
5. M&Ms
6. Nerds
7. Butterfinger
8. Sour Patch.
9. Skittles
10. Hershey's Bar

Worst Candy of 2019

1. Candy corn
2. Circus peanuts
3. Peanut butter kisses
4. Wax Coke bottles
5. Necco wafers
6. Tootsie rolls
7. Smarties
8. Licorice

THE MOST POPULAR HALLOWEEN CANDY IN EVERY STATE



Based on Google search volume, per capita

NBA's Scariest Injuries: Halloween Edition



By Benji Cutler
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Happy Halloween everyone! Since Halloween is here, and I love writing about the NBA, I decided to write about the SCARIEST injuries in NBA history, to go along with the scary theme of Halloween. There have been many scary injuries outside of the NBA, in college, high school, and around the world. Today though, I'm going to stick with the NBA. Now that I've explained everything, I will show you my top five scariest injuries in NBA history.

5. Derrick Rose

On April 28, 2012, the Chicago Bulls were up against the Philadelphia 76ers in the Playoffs. The Bulls were up by 12 with a minute and a half left, almost definitely with a win. Then, out of nowhere, Rose drove to the basket, jumped up, and landed hard on his foot, tearing his ACL, changing his career forever with this first, and worst, of many injuries to come.



4. Jamal Crawford

On November 13, 2003, the Chicago Bulls faced off against the Minnesota Timberwolves. With about 10 minutes left to play, down by 2, former teammate Fred Hoiberg faked a shot at the three-point line, Crawford jumped up, his back landing on Hoiberg's back, fell off and slammed his neck and head into the court, almost flipping over. He was taken off the court on a stretcher and was sent to the hospital with one of the scariest injuries of all time.



3. Gordon Hayward

Gordon Hayward had signed with the Boston Celtics in the offseason leading up to the 2017-18 NBA season, looking to have a good season alongside Kyrie Irving. On October 17, 2017, the opening night of the NBA season, Kyrie threw up an alley-oop pass to Hayward, who was cutting to the basket. LeBron tried to block the pass, but he brought Hayward back with him in mid-air. Hayward came down right on his ankle, dislocating his an-



kle and ending his first season in Boston for good.

2. Andrew Bogut

On April 3, 2010, the Milwaukee Bucks played against the Phoenix Suns. In the middle of the 2nd quarter, the Bucks were up 12. The Suns missed a mid-range shot, the Bucks got the rebound under the basket, threw it all the way up to Andrew Bogut, who had a wide-open dunk ahead of him, but Amare Stoudemire behind him. Bogut went up for the dunk, made it, but Stoudemire gave him a little shove forward. Bogut was holding on to the rim, but then his hands slipped off. He fell back, and his hand got to the ground way before his body did. With his right arm stretched out, his body slammed into his arm, making his arm turn the wrong way. Bogut was screaming in pain, and with that scary injury, he got a broken hand, dislocated elbow, and a sprained wrist. It was horrific, but not as scary as the number 1 spot.



1. Shaun Livingston

On February 26, 2007, the Los Angeles Clippers played the Charlotte Bobcats. Four minutes into the 1st quarter, the Bobcats were up 3, Livingston got a steal and was on the fast break. He was driving on the left side, with a man on him. He got the defender out of the way, with a wide-open layup. The layup rimmed out, but Livingston's left foot didn't land flat on the court. His knee all the way to his foot turned in towards his right knee. He tore three of the four ligaments in his left knee, which Clippers physician at the time, Dr. Tony Daly, said that "It's probably the most serious injury you can have to the knee."



This injury changed his career a lot, but he came back as a role player on many teams and won three championships with the Warriors. He retired this last season with three championships under his belt, but also one of, or the scariest injury in NBA history that will never be forgotten.

That's my list of the top 5 SCARIEST injuries in NBA history. If you want to check out the videos of these injuries, be aware, they will make you either look away, gasp, scream, or even more. They are horrible, but that's the Halloween spirit for ya! Anyway, Happy Halloween everyone, and make sure to eat some Twix!

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SMS Spirit Week Sampler



Spirit Week brings out the best at SMS! Check out some of the Spirit Week theme outfits for Pajama Day, Color Wars, Unity Day, and, of course, Halloween!

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