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Popular Halloween Fads



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October 31 is an exciting day for kids in several countries. This wonderful day is known as Halloween. Traditions like dressing up in a costume and collecting candy are possibly the most popular out of all the Halloween fads.

Dressing up in a costume is one of the most popular Halloween traditions. People of all ages like to have a little fun and dress up. Therefore, you will see babies, kids, teenagers, and even adults wearing all sorts of different costumes on Halloween.

In 2017 the most popular Halloween costumes in the U.S according to a TIME magazine survey were Wonder Women, Harley Quinn, clowns (Pennywise), Moana, and a unicorn. This year the most popular costumes predictions according to Businessinsider.com for 2018 are Tonya Harding, a Riverdale character, a 90's icon, a warrior of Wakanda, and a flamingo. If you are having a hard time choosing what Halloween costume



you want to wear this year, consider these costumes as options.

Another awesome tradition is trick-or-treating. Most kids walk around their neighborhoods, house to house collecting free candy from their neighbors. As we all know there are many kinds of candy. According to Forbes.com some of the most popular Halloween candies in the U.S. in 2017 are Reese's Peanut Butter Cups, Snickers, Twix bars, Kit Kats, and M&M's. In 2017 the most popular Halloween candy in New York according to People.com are Sour Patch Kids. When you are choosing what Halloween candy you will buy for your trick-or-treaters or for yourself, use these facts to help you out.



Halloween is an awesome holiday celebrated by many ages. Traditions like trick-or-treating and dressing up in a costume are enjoyable ways to commemorate this cool holiday. If you ever need a costume idea or a candy recommendation this information can help you find just what you are looking for.

FC Somers U-14 Downs Mahopac



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The wind was blowing, the temperature below forty-five degrees Fahrenheit, the anticipation growing.

Sunday, October 21st is a day that will be remembered for quite some time by the members of the FC Somers 14-U Nighthawks. After a five game losing streak, the team, composed of 7th and 8th graders from Somers Middle School, came back in one incredible game to beat the number one team in the league, the Mahopac Fierce Eagles.

The game was tough, but not as tough as the players. The first half was scoreless, with both teams showing incredible endurance and strength. In the beginning of the second half

however, 8th grader and offensive player Ava Rourke drilled a hard shot right past the Eagles' goalie. Renewed and reenergized, Somers soon scored again off a free kick after Mahopac had a hand ball in the penalty box. However, the Nighthawks were slowly worn down by Mahopac's strength and power. The Eagles soon tied the game with five minutes to go in the second half. With one last effort, the Somers mid-field and offense pushed the ball up the field... and scored! The Nighthawks are ecstatic with this win, and hope to gain another at their home game at Van Tassel Park against Port Chester this coming Sunday, October 29th. Please come show your support for this inspiring team. Go Somers!





Video Game Review: Call of Duty Black Ops 4



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Black Ops 4 was released on the 12th of October. Black Ops 4 has many different features than the previous Black Ops game. Black Ops 3. In Black Ops 4 there is no campaign. Many COD fans are not happy with this but one thing that significantly makes up for the campaign is the Blackout Event. The Blackout Event is a battle royale game mode. Battle Royale is a game mode that starts with a certain amount of people fighting to come in first. After everybody dies in the game you win. In Blackout Event the game starts with 80 people. There are solos, duos, and squads.

In the Blackout Event, there is large map with different named locations. You jump out of a

large plane and deploy a parachute when you get close to the ground or building you want to land at. You could pick up different guns from shot-guns to assault rifles.



You could also pick up meds. You can also take another person's loot after you kill them. Their loot will spawn in a box. You can search the box and get all the enemies' loot which could be guns, ammunition, and medications. There is also a way of quick transportation which is very new to the Black Ops Series. They are drivable helicopters and drivable quads to use for speed and transportation. Black Ops 4 will be a great addition to the Black Ops Series which consists of Black Ops, Black Ops 2, and Black Ops 3.

Steelers Make Impact in AFC



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James Conner continues to shine in Pittsburgh's 28-21 win in Week 6 over the Bengals. Conner rushed for 111 yards and got two touchdowns. He also caught four passes for a total of 18 yards. He was about to have a third touchdown but was marked down at the 1-yard line.

Even when star running back, Le'Veon Bell, returns, Steelers QB Ben Roethlisberger says that James Conner will stay as a prominent role. James also had 100+ yards in Week 5. He even got a 135 yard game in Week 1!



Conner was diagnosed with cancer in 2015 but had an amazing comeback and is now getting 100+ yards in NFL

Football games. Along with Conner's amazing games, the Steelers are 3-2 and are on a two-week win streak (WS2).



Records were also set Week 6 for Pittsburgh. Wide receiver, JuJu Smith-Shuster played in his 20th game and got his 100th catch. Smith-Shuster got his 100th catch in the fewest games for Pittsburgh. Le'Veon Bell caught 100 passes in 23 games, Courtney Hawkins caught his 100th in 27 games, and Antonio Brown got his 100th catch in 28 games.

The Steelers also keep stealing yards! They will put up a good fight the following week in Week 8 against the Cleveland Browns.

Due to the Varsity Playoff game this Friday, 10/26, the 7th grade (Fright Night) Social has been **canceled**.

The social will be rescheduled. As soon as a new date is set we will let everyone know. Thank you for understanding and **LET'S GO SOMERS!**

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Fortnite Season 6 Storyline Said to be Best Yet!



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The Fortnite season 6 has been off to an interesting start. It all started with a massive lightning cube coming out of a crack in the sky last season. The cube has rolled around the map coming to the stop at loot lake. (see map for details).

The cube sunk into Loot Lake and made it purple. There is a house in the middle of the lake that the cube sank under. (purple glow at the bottom) The cube pushed the house out of its place in the lake and was floating around the island (entire Fortnite island), picking up the ruins of the anti-gravity fields it left last season.

On the last ruin, it picked up all the other ones and joined forces with them. After about an hour, it dropped the Mini Islands to the ground. It slowly moved towards Titled Towers, which has been a favorite drop spot and popular place for many players since the first season.

Popular twitch streamers such as CouRageJD, Ninja, tfue, myth, cizzorz, pokimane, etc. were worried that their favorite drop spot would be gone, but they were wrong. It simply



took a direct flight right back to Loot Lake. Meanwhile, inside the house, miniature versions of the cube were growing inside the doing absolutely nothing currently.

Recently, an energy beam has appeared on top of the house. It also is doing nothing, but it has gotten higher. That is all the storyline for now. It will continue throughout the season for a while. Fortnite is full of unexpected results. Literally anything is possible at this point in the Fortnite World.



Music Report



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WRLD ON DRUGS – Future and Juice WRLD



If Juice WRLD's *Goodbye & Good Riddance* was his coming-out, his mixtape with Future, *WRLD ON DRUGS*, details the lost after-party. Gone are the sad feelings that drove the Chicago rapper into the emo hip-hop world. In their place are triumphant end-zone celebrations with his new BFF, the godfather of the wave of Auto-Tuned rappers cosigning one of his upstart branches.

Together, they form a dynamic tag team whose melodic styles complement and often play off each other. They go boast-for-boast on "Fine China" and count money with Young Thug on "Red Bentley." Songs like "Oxy" and "Ain't Livin' Right" echo the rebellious tone set by *Goodbye & Good Riddance* tracks "Lean Wit Me" and "Black & White." And when the drugs wear off, Future is left with blurry-eyed moments of clarity ("Afterlife"). Then on "Hard Work Pays Off," the two tally the wins and losses and toast with red

party cups. *WRLD ON DRUGS* is the beginning of a great rap friendship.

Genre: Hip-Hop

Nuthin' 2 Prove – Lil Yachty

Lil Yachty could have cruised on his famously bright personality but, as the maxim goes, a smooth sea never made a skilled sailor. After taking a more aggressive tack on *Lil Boat 2*, the colorful Atlanta rapper adopts a more balanced approach with his third full-length album, *Nuthin' 2 Prove*, amplifying his strengths.

Through the project's first half, he checks doubters ("Gimme My Respect") and flexes like a room of jealous bodybuilders ("Yacht Club," "I'm the Mac"). Cardi B and Offset help turn "Who Want the Smoke?" into a sweaty locker-room chant, and on "SaintLaurentYSL," Boat and Lil Baby recount their bumpy road to success over a minimal Earl the Pearl beat.



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With all the stress out of his system, Yachty turns his attention to carnal desires, letting loose his inner romantic through the album's second half (marked by the return of the robotic Auto-Tune voice heard on earlier projects). "Worth It" may be his most thoughtful love song yet, commenting on how media perpetuates impossible body goals. Yachty loves you just the way you are.

Genre: Hip-hop/Rap

Major Lazer Essentials – Major Lazer

Major Lazer's animated "frontman" might be a bearded, beret-wearing soldier-cyborg who appears to have been lifted from a lost *G.I. Joe* episode, but the group itself is so much more.

Beyond core members Diplo, Jillionaire and Walshy Fire, Major Lazer is a moveable feast—the product of all its principals' musical influences, their collaborators, and the places to which they've traveled in their decade of existence.

Essentials is a sprawling introduction to the band's biggest tracks and a glimpse into the vast array of cultures it folds into its cohesive musical vision. Recorded at Bob Marley's Tuff Gong Studio in Jamaica, 2009's "Pon de Floor" mixes dancehall and Brazilian baile funk with a few choice lines from Kingston deejay Vybz Kartel. A languid house beat underpins "Lean On," their 2015 team-up with France's DJ Snake and Danish singer M.O. And Bruno Mars, Tyga and Mystic feature on 2013's more-than-suggestive, hip-hop-inspired dance track "Bubble Butt."

In addition to those and plenty of other key singles, *Essentials* also includes four newer tracks: Collabs with Mr. Eazi, Burna Boy, Kizz Daniel, and Babes Wodumo weave Afrobeats and gqom vibes seamlessly into Major Lazer's borderless sound.

Genre: Electro Dance/Club/Reggae



Support Somers Special Olympics



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What It Is: Special Olympics is an international organization that provides competitive sports to athletes with disabilities.

Program in Somers High School: In Somers, the Special Olympics program has two groups at Somers High School. Volunteers work with the Leo's Club to raise money to support Special Olympic Programs in New York state. For example, they participate in the "Polar Plunge" every year and last year raised about \$20,000.

Program in Somers Middle School: The Somers School District also participates in a Pioneer league against 15 teams in Putnam Westchester. The league has several seasons including Unified Bowling, Indoor Soccer, Floor Hockey, and Basketball. Athletes compete weekly at either Somers High School and Middle School as well as traveling to the competitors' schools. Practices are mostly after school.

Volunteering Information: Along with the athletes many students volunteer to support the programs. Their roles include mentor coaching at practices, publicity for games, fundraising, and attending home and away games to cheer the teams on. Volunteers are required to commit to a full season since consistency and commitment is important to develop friendship and trust.

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