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## The Best Moments of the Football Season

### Fall Sports Are Wrapping Up

ELISE DUCKWORTH STAFF WRITER

Pine-Richland's school year is filled with many fun activities and sports, but many students enjoy fall sports the most. As our last few football games roll around, we have time to think about the great games we've had. Sophomore Cori English remembers her favorite game when she shares: "The Homecoming game was really fun, and I was around all of my friends and everybody seemed happy to be there."

The student section is a crazy place to be during games. If you are looking for excitement, you can find it in the student section.

Senior football player Talan Hill-Ressler had a fantastic football season; he reflects: "My favorite moment of the season was scoring on Central Catholic."

Sophomore April Derks remembers the fun moment when Officer Brad held up a sign reading "Cheer or go to jail." The video of Officer Brad showing the sign to the student section blew up on the internet getting over 1 million likes.

Meanwhile, sophomore football player Mac Miller says, "My favorite part of the season was when I blocked for Ethan Pillar and we won the game. This season was great overall and I'm excited for next season."



Talan Hill-Ressler & Caden Recker



Eli Wentz

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SUNDAY  
OCT. 29

HIGH: 50  
LOW: 36

MONDAY  
OCT. 30

HIGH: 50  
LOW: 35

TUESDAY  
OCT. 31

HIGH: 48  
LOW: 34

WEDNESDAY  
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HIGH: 45  
LOW: 36

THURSDAY  
NOV. 2

HIGH: 49  
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SATURDAY  
NOV. 4

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## What is Art, and How Does it Influence Pop Culture?

### *Discover Differences on Today's Music Types*

MEREDITH ROBINSON STAFF WRITER

What is art, and how does it influence pop culture? People who closely follow the rise and fall of celebrities and fads often wonder if art is a part of pop culture- or does it just play into it? Today, we'll deep dive into the decades up to now: free falling into How Norman Rockwell Shaped the American Image, Andy Warhol and the Pop Art Scene, Poly Styrene On the Rise of Punk Music & the Riot Grrrls, and much more. More including how Gen Z artists like Willow and Olivia Rodrigo are re-shaping music across genres. I'll warn you: this article might blow your mind.

### How Norman Rockwell Shaped the American Image (1940's)

Let's take a step back in time. Sit back, relax, and replay the film to the 1940's: an essential decade to American history and its role in WWII. You've probably seen his pieces on the front cover of articles by *The Saturday Evening Post*, *LOOK*, and *Life* along with many others. Rockwell's prime existed in the 40s, smack in the middle of WWII, when most men were off at war, leaving sports to the dust. As depicted in the historical fiction movie, "League of Their Own," women took over men's sports; creating the first baseball league. Many found haven away from the 'blasphemy' of women undomesticating themselves in Rockwell's perfect 'American Image.' He painted the Four Freedom Series inspired by a speech delivered by President Roosevelt. These paintings- along with others such as "Freedom From Want" (1942) and "Saying Grace" (1951) feed into the American Dream. They imply that it is a country of prosperity, justice, and fairness.

It gives neighboring countries the impression that America is what you make of it: family, diversity, wealth, beauty, democracy- you can have it all.



*Rosie the Riveter* (1943)

However, art fans are often confused by his goal as an artist. He goes from paintings such as "Freedom From Want" to "Rosie the Riveter" (1943). According to Art History.org, "Their role, previously occupied by men who had been recruited to the armed forces, was to produce war supplies and to build and maintain the US air fleet. The female workers were invaluable to the US war effort and Rosie inspired women to give up their domestic roles and to seek work in the factories." This brought about the collapse of this target audience. "The strong, proud woman is depicted with a ham sandwich in her left hand and a rivet gun resting across her lap."

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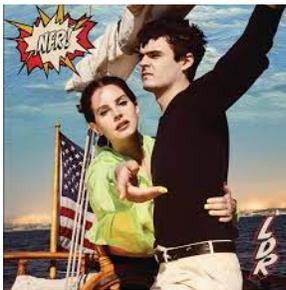
*Norman Rockwell in his art studio.*



*Saying Grace* (1951)



Lana Del Ray in her 2019 album calls Rockwell out on his interpretation of America and how it has affected the inside and outside view of this country up to the present day. Vogue's article by Estelle Tang tells us what the album stands for in a nutshell. "*California crooner Lana Del Rey shows a healthy respect for tradition with the title of her fifth album. Other elements of the past don't deserve that same esteem: masculine ideals and privilege, and their attendant flaws—which always loomed so darkly in her previous work—are now due for her reconsideration. That frustration with, and repudiation of, the assumption of male greatness is timely, appearing at a moment when much of Western pop culture is grappling with the same legacy. So what does it look like when one of the great pop storytellers, whose rich, Americana-flavored tales of aggrieved yearning trafficked heavily in the images of great, ruinous men—Charles Manson, Hollywood giants, various kings of rock and roll—accepts her own dominance?"*



Lana Del Rey's album, Norman Rockwell.

So with all that said, what is art, and how does it influence pop culture? Well, Norman's art has become a political stance, pop cultural mockery, aesthetic, and viable *goals* instead of the *reality* he made it out to be. If anything, Norman Rockwell created an image that makes us question power and what it means to be American as a whole.

## Andy Warhol and the Pop Art Scene (1960's)

Why did Andy Warhol paint Marilyn Monroe? Well, according to Public Delivery's article "Why Did Andy Warhol Paint Marilyn Monroe," he was very aware of the vice that celebrities—especially objectified

women—had on society. "*Andy Warhol understood the allure of global celebrity and its effects on contemporary society long before gossip blogs were even a thing. Even more pointedly was his fascination with **starlets, it-girls,** and famous actresses of that time whom he would often immortalize in his now timeless artworks.*" Moreover, we then wonder: why immortalize them? If they're so famous and conceptual, aren't they already immortalized? Warhol realized that celebrities are more sympathized with and popular after death. Besides his inclination to consumerism art such as the Campbell's Soup Can and Coca-Cola bottle, he retired to celebrities. However, none were as vital to his career as Marilyn Monroe was. "*Warhol's Marilyn Diptych exemplified everything that Pop art was, thanks to its explicit reference to Marilyn Monroe, who was an icon of pop culture.*" Public Delivery narrows in on Warhol and his imprint on not just the progression of art, but pop culture itself. So, what is art and how does it influence pop culture? "*Pop art started its movement in London thanks to an independent group of artists attracted to advertisements that depicted American mass culture and materialism.*" As we can see, pop art is often misunderstood to be psychedelic murals and canvas art; when in reality, pop art is the tangible depiction of "American mass culture and materialism." We've dug a hole here to understand the meaning of art. You're right: Art can be textural art, Van Gogh, Frida Kahlo, and still art. Not even I know what art is when it's not stopping time—until now.



Andy Warhol's painting of Marilyn Monroe (1967)



Pop Art is influential not just in America, but mass-produced across the globe. For example in Britain: *“Music, ads or dance became the primary subject of British pop art. Warhol’s Marilyn Diptych would therefore not have existed without British pop art to inspire it.”*

Pointing this out isn’t meant to debunk Warhol as ‘the first’ but to show that pop art is self-indulgent to

consumer society and the obsession between class, consumerism, Californication, and conceptuality. *That* was Andy’s goal. It was not to objectify Marylin-- but to show that no matter who Monroe was on the inside, *nothing* came close to the allure to which way society viewed her fame as a concept. In fact, the painting was sold for 195 million dollars after her death. It was a whopping \$800,000 beforehand; estimated to 7.8 million dollars due to inflation. The art *became* the pop culture. What does that say about us? We all know that the many facets of pop culture can be addictive. With a lack of entertainment, (a modern example being the Actor’s Strike and how it affects the wealth of Hollywood and its consumers) do you consume picture after picture; reminiscing about the genius of a celebrity?

You may not pay millions of dollars to feel the paint under your fingers, but, the bottom line is: America thrives off of a consumer society/culture; whether it is vendor booths on the side of the road or the most famous woman in America and the man that immortalized her:

Andy Warhol.



Andy Warhol in front of one of his paintings.

## Poly Styrene On the Rise of Punk Music & the Riot Grrrls (1970s-1990s)

You may be thinking: *Who is Poly Styrene, or, I’ve never heard of her before.* Styrene is a trailblazing punk artist and frontwoman to one of the first punk bands: The X-Ray Spex (1976-1979) (Poly Styrene [frontwoman], Lora Logic [saxophone], Paul Dean[bass guitar], Jack Airport [guitar], B.P Hurding[unknown], Paul Harding [drum kit]) The X-Ray Spex are often forgotten about and not given credit where the credit is due. Though the band was short-lived, their album “Germfree Adolescents”(1976) made a *huge* splash in the music industry; breaking the mold with the songs “Identity” and “I Am A Cliche.” The truth is, it’s very hard to figure out who really started the punk scene.

We just know that it’s a thing and that there were many firsts. What made the X-Ray Spex so influential was the jazz, post-punk production of the band. Punk music was always made to be outspoken, messy, DIY, and misfitted-- but, Poly and her bandmates took punk to another level.

The X-Ray Spex can be clearly set apart from other punk bands: a biracial, Black & white frontwoman, Lora Logic blaring the saxophone, Paul Dean and Jack Airport swallowing music in their guitar solos, and lyrics that spoke of identities nobody knew what to make of yet. Somehow, the X-Ray Spex found their way through it all with an iconic punk album only to disperse the band in 1979. Why? Well, many genius artists like Poly suffered from mental illness. She was diagnosed with bipolar disorder and began to suffer from hallucinations during her time with the band. Because of this, all of them came together to a collective decision to break up for Styrene’s sake. Though they only had one album, it exploded the punk scene; heavily inspired by bands like The Sex Pistols (and the art style of their album cover for “Never Mind the Bollocks” (1977) created by punk art legend, Jamie Reid.) and classic jazz music mixed together to create what we call Punk.

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MUSICAL WEBSITE FOR  
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Aside from Styrene's big break as frontwoman, she spent her time creating punk/pop art that often spilled off the page as if to say, "I have so much to say and not enough space to say it." One of her most famous works "I Am A Cliche"(1976) consists of textured collage work and eccentric objects, surrounded by the neon wording of tracks from "Germfree Adolescents" surrounding them. As Poly experienced a lot of agony with her mental health journey, her art and music were most likely an outlet as it is for many artistic people.

This seems like a stray from the topic, but it's not; how did Poly Styrene influence pop culture? Well, her adrenaline rush of a career as a punk is what started it all. You'd be surprised how her influence comes back decades later.

Kathleen Hanna, another record-breaking punk artist, is the frontwoman to three of the most influential riot grrrl bands of all time: Le Tigre (1998-2022), The Julie Ruin (2010-present), and Bikini Kill (1990-1997). People can argue that Hanna started the Riot Grrrl scene; by doing a new take on punk that caused people to double-take feminism. Even with Poly Styrene abundantly absent from the Riot Grrrl era, she unintentionally inspired the new wave of music-hear it from Kathleen herself. "Poly lit the way for me as a female singer who wanted to sing about ideas. She taught me, by example, that fame was less the goal than something to back away from when it started to invade your core. Her lyrics **influenced everyone I know who makes music.**"

It's mind-warping to think about how the history of music can shape it in the future. Styrene was brilliant then, and she's brilliant now.

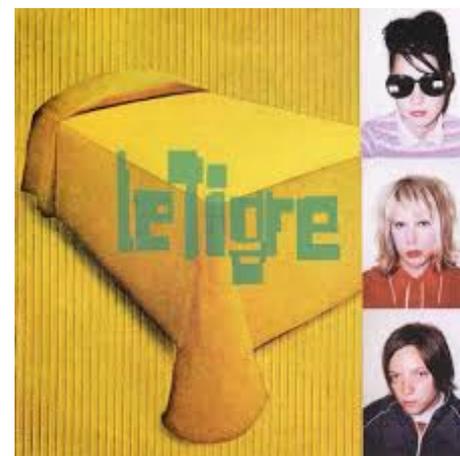


Kathleen Hanna

*"Being a performer, I realize that there's a certain amount of objectification that's going to happen. It's just that I'd rather play around with the idea of images and roles than fit into a specific one."* She later ties objectification to capitalism in her section of the book "Stars Don't Stand Still in the Sky."

Kathleen Hanna was passionately inspired by Styrene's art and music- her whole demeanor, really, is it brought her the courage to be who she is today as a punk singer. Her most popular songs are "White Boy" from Bikini Kill's "The First Two Records" (1994) album and "Rebel Girl." Bikini Kill is a rioting band while Le Tigre follows suit with Poly Styrene; much more post-punk, jazz; but still with the same aspects. Le Tigre's first album "Le Tigre" (1999) is clearly influenced by "Germfree Adolescents" with its jazz rhythms and early electropop and tracks like "My, My Metrocard" which feeds into the next era: the 2000s. So, what is art and how does it influence pop culture? We come from the riot grrrl protests in the 90s, with bands like Sleater Kenny, Hole, and Nirvana. Next, almost a decade later *still* loyal to Styrene's ideology and style: out comes Le Tigre's 1999 album. It's hard to find the line- if there ever was one- is art pop culture?

**PR LOCAL NEWS:  
THE NEXT THEME DAY  
THURSDAY IS NOVEMBER 2ND:  
BLACK AND GOLD.**



Le Tigre's debut album 'Le Tigre'



## Gen-Z Taking the World By Storm: Pop Punk & Hyper Pop (2019-present)

Two decades later, Le Tigre (or music like it) influences modern pop culture by inspiring two sub/microgenres: Pop Punk and Hyper Pop. Hyper Pop may seem very far from Pop Punk, but, it has many aspects of music like Le Tigre which is often considered early Pop Punk music: jazz music and stereotypical punk components thrown together with early electropop. Hyper Pop also goes by the name electropop; it is extremely upbeat with heavy guitar, auto-tuned vocals, and thrilling pop beats. Bands/duos and artists such as 100 Geecs, WILLOW, Olivia Rodrigo, and SOPHIE all fall into this category of pop-punk or hyperpop. The term hyperpop and the genre itself were invented by Gen-Z; (deriving from Spotify) creating genre-bending music and albums. Artists like GAYLE, Royal & the Serpent, Leah Kate, and Nessa Barrett are all pop punk artists: consisting of bold vocals and pop beats; sometimes, when you're really feeling angsty: absolutely *smashing* guitar solos.



Laura Les (left) and Dylan Brady (right) a duo calling themselves '100 geecs'

We've gone from the 1940s, 60s, 70s, and 90s all the way up to the present day. We've dissected artists like Andy Warhol, who was the manager of the punk band "The Velvet Underground & Nico" (1964-1996), Poly Styrene, frontwoman of the X-Ray Spex, and Kathleen Hanna; queen of the riot grrrl scene and frontwoman of bands "Bikini Kill." "Le Tigre," and "The Julie Ruin." Somehow-even though we often like to remind ourselves of what is outdated and retro- past influential eras of pop culture, music, and art have shaped what entertains us today.

We often think of art as oil painting and posh water color scenes hung on fireplaces and mantels, but that isn't entirely true. As we can see, it is also pop art, music, literature, and so many other different aspects.

We try to make pop culture one category of entertainment: Music, movies, fashion, trends, internet sensations, and so on. But, we might have thought wrong- art seems to have made a break in pop culture through bold canvas paintings and magazine cover art. It seems to have wiggled its way into protests, literature, and modern music; art is more than just paint on a canvas. So, what is art *really* and how does it influence- haven't I asked you this question already?

Olivia Rodrigo's virtual concert premiered as 'Sour Prom'



Hole's second studio album 'Live Through This' (1994)

Other unaddressed albums-across genres-that heavily influenced pop culture throughout the ages:

- Nevermind- Nirvana**
- Back in Black- AC/DC
- OK Computer- Radiohead**
- Enema of the State- blink-182
- Machine Head- Deep Purple**
- Live Through This- Hole
- Evil Empire- Rage Against the Machine**
- Dig Me Out- Sleater Kenny
- Sistahs- Big Joanie**
- Bad Brains- Bad Brains
- For the Whole World to See- Death**
- Horses- Patti Smith
- Hysteria- Def Leppard**
- American Idiot- Green Day
- Born to Run- Bruce Springsteen**
- Never Mind the Bollocks- The Sex Pistols
- Appetite for Destruction- Guns N' Roses**
- Electric Ladyland- Jimi Hendrix
- Maggot Brain- Funkadelic**
- Straight Outta Compton- NWA
- What's Going On- Marvin Gaye**
- I Never Loved a Man the Way I Love You- Aretha Franklin
- Songs in the Key of Life- Stevie Wonder**
- Purple Rain- Prince & the Revolution
- The Dark Side of the Moon- Pink Floyd**
- Otis Blue- Otis Redding
- The Ramones- The Ramones**
- The Runaways- The Runaways
- Thriller- Michael Jackson**
- Run DMC- Run DMC
- The Smiths- The Smiths**
- Talking Heads- Fear of Music
- Born to Die- Lana Del Ray**



'Nevermind' (1991)



'Evil Empire' (1996)

Patti Smith's debut album 'Horses' (1975)



These albums barely graze the influence that they have, as there are so many others that have remodeled their genres. The singers you love wouldn't exist without these musicians and their albums. 'Retro' is never really retro; it's a concept that we've made to feel like time is moving, things are changing, and we are bettering culture- But, these albums and so many others have made music what it is today and it's time to give them credit: from Funk to Hip Hop to Rock to Metal to Alternative and Punk to R&B and Blues; they all come together to create sub-genres, micro-genres and more. **Retro is never retro.** We eat through still art, textured art, punk art, pop art & music (etc). So, let's take a look at what we love and think about how it influences itself: pop culture.

## The Barbie Costume Trend

### The Significance of this year's Cutest Halloween Trend

LILLY REMBECKI STAFF WRITER

Most girls will be rocking the most well-known Barbie outfits for this year's Halloween after the movie became one of the most successful movies of this decade. Along with perfect songs, cute outfits, and excellent acting, also came a meaningful portrayal of girlhood. The movie not only sparked many controversies for being too feminist but also influenced women and little girls all around the world to become aware of their worth as a person and stop their mindset of being valued more when "not being like other girls". With Halloween being right around the corner and costumes being discussed, outfits like for example the Cowboy Barbie are on top of the list and there are a lot of opinions about it. It's been mostly men and other people who just didn't understand the point of the movie complaining about the iconic pink outfits for being too basic and overdone.

Scrolling through social media you can see comments saying that dressing up as Barbie makes it less special and that it should be avoided because it's too basic. This is the case with almost all possible costumes that women and girls typically go for, the internet bashing iconic and timeless choices like the Cat woman, officer, or animal costumes and using them to generalize or discredit women. Going as Barbie this year shows that girls are starting to emphasize and acknowledge their similarities and embrace girlhood without being discredited anymore. So don't be afraid when choosing your Halloween costume and rock that Barbie costume or whatever else that has been seen before, no matter if everyone else is wearing it or not.



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# Music To Get You In The Halloween Spirit

## These Songs Are Scary Good

ELLA DAVIS STAFF WRITER

During December, a single day doesn't go by without hearing popular Christmas songs. Whether it's on the radio on the way to school, or just hearing it in classes or in stores. Why not treat Halloween the same? Here are some Halloween songs that you can listen to in order to get in the Halloween spirit.

### Thriller - Michael Jackson

Thriller is one of the most popular Halloween masterpieces. The iconic music video featuring Michael Jackson's dancing and the scary zombies is definitely one to remember. The album "Thriller" is the most sold album of all time. You'll even want to join in on the fun dancing. The eeriness and catchy beat will surely get you in the creepy Halloween mood.



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### Monster Mash - Boris Pickett

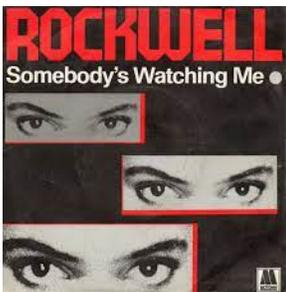
If you're into more fun and upbeat music, this song is definitely for you. Released in 1962, this song still carries the same excitement that it did when it was first released. The nostalgia and true spooky spirit behind this song will surely bring back Halloween memories.



Song Cover

### Somebody's Watching Me - Rockwell

This song gives similar vibes to Michael Jackson's "Thriller" and is perfect for listening to when riding in the car or even while walking around or trick-or-treating. This song was



Song Cover

released in 1984, and has even gained popularity ever since. It contains back-up vocals from both Michael Jackson and Jeremaine Jackson and the song has often been described as a "one hit wonder" for Rockwell.

### Halloween Theme - Halloween Movie Soundtrack

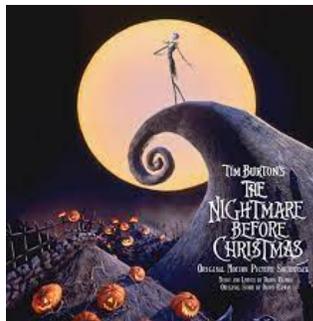
This is definitely the scariest out of all the Halloween songs. Used in the movie soundtrack for horror movie "Halloween," most people associate it with scared feelings or jump scares. When listening to the piano, it almost feels as though you are completely immersed in the movie yourself and running from the killer.



Song Cover

### This Is Halloween - Nightmare Before Christmas Soundtrack

From Tim Burton's "A Nightmare Before Christmas," this song is the anthem for Halloween. The lyrics describe what Halloween is and what it's like living in "The Town of Halloween." It truly gets you excited for the fun and frights of Halloween and even gets you wanting to celebrate just as they do.



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## Minor Traditions Hold Major Memories *Mixing Childhood Birthdays with Halloween*



CALLE HENNE STAFF WRITER

Have you ever combined your birthday party with a friend or family member? Have you ever merged your birthday with a holiday since they are within a few days of each other? Well how about both? That is how it worked in my family during my childhood. October 28 and October 29 are probably random days in your life, but I was born on October 28, 2006, and my little brother, Adam, was born on October 29, 2008. Two days later, we celebrate Halloween.

Each year when October came around, my mom would always plan a themed party for the two of us. In 2009, I was a princess and he was a prince. In 2010, we had a tea party. Then every year after that, we had an annual Halloween/birthday party. These parties were for entire families, not just the kids, and every year my family wore a 5 character costume. Dorthy and her friends, The Mystery Gang, and a group of circus clowns are some of the most memorable ones. Not only were the parties themselves memorable, but the process of making costumes was the cherry on top. From Owen holding his breath while we spray painted his face silver (TinMan) to Mom painting clown faces on us, and even finding the perfect color shirt for Dad's basic Shaggy costume.



Calle's family dressed up as the scooby doo gang



Calle's family dressed up as *Wizard of OZ*

The house was decorated from wall to wall. In the kitchen, every inch of the cabinets were covered with photos. Each photo told a different story from a different year in our lives; Adam crying, me sleeping, us fighting, anything you could think of. Each year when I woke up on my birthday to find the pictures posted everywhere, I would spend hours admiring my past years through photos. My mom created a banner each year with different drawings based on our interests throughout the year, and big letters that read "Happy Birthday Calle & Adam!". Paper flowers hung from the lights and mantel, and various Halloween decorations spread throughout the house.

Shoes piled up in front of the doorway as more and more friends arrived. Everyone came in their costume, with a big appetite and ready for a fun night.

The present pile grew in the corner, presents often wrapped in pink and flowers for me, and various sports and superheroes for Adam. Laughter and chatter filled the silence as old friends reunited for the first time since the previous year's party. Neighbors, teammates, cousins, and more. Everyone that was important in our lives, shared their love with us each year.

The Henne house is famous for always playing musical chairs at our parties. Since the minute people arrived, their competitive spirits built up and up in order to prepare for the game. No matter how hard people tried, it was impossible to beat the reigning champion, Kylie Schneck. Even to this day at 16, almost 17 years old, we still play musical chairs at all of my parties.

A birthday party is simply incomplete without cake. Adam and I sat at our table as everyone gathered around. The lights were turned off and the flames of the candles flickered in the dark. Everyone's awful singing voices made me smile ear to ear as I listened to them sing. Everyone singing at a different volume and different pitch and different speed, made for the perfect birthday song. Adam and I made a wish as we blew out our candles, and then the night came to an end. I was so excited for the next year to come around, as my mom tucked me into bed that night.





## A Look Back Upon My Halloween as a Child

ELLA BARKLEY STAFF WRITER

While we grow up, looking up to the older kids is something that occurred to pretty much to everyone. You wanted to be just like them. It didn't matter if it was your older siblings' friends, older neighbors, or even just strangers you saw at the store. All you wanted was to be a teenager and do all the fun, cool stuff that they were doing. You didn't enjoy going to bed early or having to eat all of your vegetables on your plate or even just studying your 10 spelling words every night. You pretty much just wished your childhood away. But little did you know that you would do anything to be back in elementary school with your best friends. Little you didn't have a care in the world about the things going on outside of the world. Now that you are in your teenage years, you wish you could go back and change the way you thought.

Going to school as a child wasn't the end of the world, but nowadays, you might disagree with that. If anything, you might look forward to walking into school and seeing your friends and your teacher greet you at the door. You would set your backpack down and get ready to read books, play games, and have snack time. The best times of the year though would be when there was an upcoming holiday and you and your class would partake in tons of fun activities. Halloween took home the award for being the most fun. We were able to dress up in the costume that we had picked out with our parents at the store and wear it to school. We got to walk in the parade with our best friends. There would be Halloween music playing at the school party and we would get to come home with prizes galore. And then when you thought it couldn't get better than that, you get to go trick or treating later that night. You go out with your parents and siblings and grab your candy bag. You are nervous to go and ring the doorbell, but once you see the candy bowl, your facial expression change drastically.

Your biggest concern is whether you want the king-size Hershey bar or the giant bag of Skittles. You are trying to think of a superior day, but this beats it all.

Along with all of the Halloween excitement, there was so much more to look forward to. You couldn't wait to get off the school bus and jump in the big pile of colorful leaves in your front yard. When you visited your grandparent's house, they had fresh apple cider and pumpkin pie waiting for you. You couldn't wait to visit the pumpkin patch and try and beat your siblings at finding the best-looking pumpkin. On the way home, you would think of the funniest face to carve on your pumpkin with your family. You would then get into your pajamas, watch a spooky Halloween movie with your siblings, and have an amazing sleep.

Looking back and thinking about all of these memories you had as a kid makes you wonder why you wished your childhood away so fast. Now some may disagree with these thoughts and prefer your teenage years better, but most can agree that we wish we hadn't grown up so quickly. This Halloween try and reflect on your favorite times during this season. It sure does bring back all of the emotions and feelings of your favorite childhood events.



Junior Ella Barkley dressed as Taylor Swift for kindergarten Halloween





## Flavors of Fall

### Drinks That Scream “Autumn”



BROOKE DEEGAN STAFF WRITER

The fall months certainly make up one of the finest seasons of the year, characterized by their crisply still mornings and their comfortable yet radiantly warm evenings. There are many sorts of activities that people indulge in during this peaceful and beautiful time of year in an attempt to truly be immersed in the vibrations of such a wonderful season, and one of the most prominent of these little autumn-themed feats is discovering and drinking the most delicious hot drinks imaginable. So, here are some of the most fantastic flavors of the fall season in warm drinks that are easy to make/find in stores.

**Pumpkin Spice Latte** - The pumpkin spice latte is a fall classic that is well-loved essentially everywhere that one can think of. Its popularity and mainstream appeal were primarily derived from Starbucks, but it can be bought in numerous places, even quaint, local coffee shops. In fact, it is quite simple to make at home as well! Naturally, since this is a cozy latte infused with the rich flavors of fresh pumpkins, a pumpkin spice latte is a massive fall staple that embodies the spirit of this magical period of time in a way that no other drink can.

**Hot Chocolate** - Although commonly associated with the winter months (and Christmastime in particular), hot chocolate is actually quite adequate for snuggling up underneath a burgundy blanket and watching a comfort show such as *Gilmore Girls*. It just sincerely sums up the pleasant vibrations of autumn. Not only is it immensely tasty, but it also has such a homely feel to it that solidifies it as one of autumn’s most delicious drinks.

**Apple Pie Latte** - Now, this drink is not as simple to locate as all of the others, but there is a good chance that if you go to local coffee shops, such as Kat’s Coffeehouse (which is where I initially discovered this delicacy), you just may be able to get your hands on one.



The apple cinnamon flavor is simply unmatched, and when you put whipped cream on it, it genuinely feels as if you’re drinking melted a la mode... Which, it sort of goes without saying, that this drink is unmatched in many ways.

**Warm Caramel Apple Cider** - And, finally, we have one of the most iconic staples of the fall season, but with a slight twist/addition that will undoubtedly change your life: Warm Caramel Apple Cider!! You can order this at a restaurant or cafe of your choosing, or even do it yourself at home! All you would need is apple cider, a microwave, and some caramel. It’s extremely simple and, of course, extremely scrumptious as well!

Each of these beverages are equally as appetizing and delectable as one another and are absolutely worth a try whenever you inevitably come across them this fall. For, at the end of the day, nothing sums up the authenticity of autumn better than a mouthwatering hot drink that is bound to put you in a foliage-filled trance.

**DO YOU LIKE TO SHARE YOUR OPINION? THE PINE-RICHLAND ENGLISH DEPARTMENT WANTS TO HEAR WHAT YOU HAVE TO SAY! THEY ARE ADDING A MODERN AND DIVERSE NOVEL TO THE 9TH GRADE CURRICULUM AND CAN'T DO THIS WITHOUT YOUR HELP. SIMPLY CHOOSE ONE OF THE FOLLOWING BOOKS, FILL OUT A GOOGLE FORM, AND THEY WILL ENTER YOUR NAME INTO DRAWINGS TO WIN FREE PROM TICKETS AND OTHER EXCITING RAMS WAY PRIZES. YOU CAN CHOOSE FROM THESE BOOKS: I MUST BETRAY YOU, WE ARE NOT FREE, ALL MY RAGE, AND ANGEL OF GREENWOOD. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN PARTICIPATING OR HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE SEE MRS. MITCHELL IN ROOM 216.**



## Soergel Orchards Fall Festival

*A family farm, country store & so much more*

MADDY HOMER STAFF WRITER

Soergel Orchards Fall Festivals will run every Saturday from 10:00-5:00 and Sunday from 11:00-5:00 starting September 16th and running until October 29th.

The Soergel Orchards website explains, "Apple Picking is OPEN for the 2023 Season. We are picking Monday – Thursday 12-5, Friday 12-7, Saturdays 10-5 and Sundays 11-5. As of the date 9/26 we are picking Jonagold. Next Saturday and Sunday we will be picking Jonathan apples. Quarter peck bags are \$6 and we accept cash and credit cards.

**What will you offer?** This year we will be offering games and activities, tractor rides, flower picking, pumpkin & apple picking, and great food.

**Will you be open through the week?** Our market, gift barn, greenhouse and natural food store are all open through the week. Starting Monday September 18th our apple and pumpkin picking will be open from 12-5 Monday-Friday.

**Do you take credit cards?** Yes. Just about anywhere there is a register, we do take credit cards.

**Can I bring my dog?** Unfortunately, no. We love cats, dogs, birds, and pets of all kinds but we are kindly asking you to keep them safe and at home. We are a working farm so we have tractors and equipment that we use regularly. Please, keep all pets at home.

**How much does it cost to attend your Fall Festival?** The Fall

Festival is free to attend. We do not have an admission fee and everything is priced individually. Apple picking will be



Soergels pumpkin patch

\$6/quarter peck (a maximum of 2 people per bag) and pumpkins are \$0.59/pound. If you would like to play games or do activities you must buy tickets at the ticket booth. Every activity costs a certain amount of tickets. Each ticket is worth \$1.00 and if you don't use all of your tickets you can use them in the market."

**What activities do you have?** Soergels offers a wide variety of different games and activities. For example, there is Sand art, Pumpkin painting, Corn mazes, Straw tunnels, Conk the crow, Ring toss, and a hayride. Soergals also has a face painter inside the activities tent. Face paint does not cost tickets but you can use Venmo.

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# Why Is Fall So Loved? Here's a guide to having the perfect season

ANARELLA PENA STAFF WRITER

Fall is the absolute best season. The crisp air, the vibrant colors of the leaves, and the cozy sweaters make it so special. Plus, who can resist the delicious aroma of pumpkin spice everything? It's like a warm hug for your senses. And let's not forget about apple picking and hayrides. But the best part about fall is definitely the changing scenery. Nature puts on a breathtaking show, with trees transforming into a kaleidoscope of reds, oranges, and yellows. It's like walking through a painting! And there's something so magical about the sound of leaves crunching beneath your feet. It's like nature's own soundtrack.

Fall is also the perfect time to indulge in comfort foods. From hearty soups and stews to warm apple pies, there's nothing better than cozying up with a delicious meal on a chilly evening. And let's not forget about Halloween – the ultimate celebration of fall! Dressing up in costumes, carving pumpkins, and going trick-or-treating with friends. But beyond the aesthetics and festivities, fall is a season of change and reflection. It's a time to slow down, appreciate the beauty around us, and take stock of our lives. Just like the leaves let go of the branches, fall reminds us to let go of what no longer serves us and embrace new beginnings. It's a season of transformation and growth.

From the breathtaking colors of the changing leaves to the cozy sweaters and comforting foods, there's just something magical about this time of year. It's a season that invites us to slow down, appreciate nature's beauty, and embrace new beginnings. So let's grab our pumpkin spice lattes and soak up every moment of this incredible season together. Cheers to fall.

## Best Horror Movies: What Spooky Films to Watch this Fall

JACK HADLEY STAFF WRITER

With Halloween on the way there's a lot of ways to enjoy your time, such as going to haunted houses, hay rides, getting costumes, and trick or treating. But my personal favorite is staying at home and watching horror movies. Whether it's with friends or by myself I've always enjoyed the genre. This brought me to the question: which one is the best? The old classics come to mind first such as *Halloween*, *Nightmare on Elm Street*, *Friday the 13th*, *Psycho*, *IT*, *Exorcist*, *Omen*, and *Scream*. But there's also a lot of new contenders such as *The Conjuring*, *Hereditary*, *IT chapter 2*, *Insidious*, *The Cabin in the Woods*, *Sinister*, *Midsommar*, and *The Barbarian*. If there had to be one though, which one would this be?



Cover for the movie

To answer that question really depends on what you like in your horror movies. If we only base this off of fear factor the first two that come to mind are *Hereditary* and *Midsommar*. Both of these are unbelievably unsettling movies that really never show any hope or anything but fear. But if we're being honest, fear is not the only thing that makes a good horror movie, and neither one of these is the best or honestly is even close to the best.

What makes a great horror movie besides the fear factor is really the same as what makes a good movie: an interesting plot, good characters, smart writing, and unpredictability.

So when thinking about it in that sense there are three I would limit it down to: *Halloween*, *Scream* and *IT*. Without letting personal bias slip in as I am a big fan of all three of them, I do think that these have the best combination of script, characters, and interest. First let's start with *Halloween* which is arguably the most influential horror movie as movies for the next 40 years and more tried to copy its layout. It is genius when you think about it: how they made Micheal Myers, who he chooses to attack, and not ever letting you know too much about the killer.

Next would be *IT*, an amazing movie that has a good horror factor with Pennywise who is a perfect antagonist but I think what really makes this a great movie is how likable the characters are. Lastly we have *Scream*. I will admit this is my personal favorite even outside that it is an all time horror movie. The dynamic of not knowing who the killer is until the very end where it turns out to be two of the main characters was really ahead of its time in 1996.



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# Spooky Styles

## Most Popular Halloween Costumes Over The Last Few Years

ELLA DAVIS STAFF WRITER

### 1. Feeling Witchy

The classic witch has been used since trick-or-treating first started. Whether you're old or young, the witch is a fun option. This costume is often spiced up by going as witch icons such as the Sanderson sisters, or Professor McGonogal from Harry Potter.



Witch Costumes

### 2. Frightening Friends

Watching scary movies is a popular Halloween favorite. (The jump scares and screams of terror) What better way to dress up for Halloween than to dress up as your favorite scary movie character? Villains like Pennywise, Chucky, Michael Myers, Ghostface, and even Edward Scissorhands are all popular Halloween icons that have made multiple appearances through costumes throughout recent years.

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### 3. Off To See The Wizard

The Wizard Of Oz is a beloved classic that many people pay tribute to by dressing up as the iconic characters for Halloween. This group costume typically consists of Dorothy, the Tin Man, Scarecrow, and the Cowardly Lion. From little girls dressing up as Dorothy in little red shoes, to teens, this costume can be recognized anywhere. Many people often bring their dogs to dress up as Toto.



The Wizard of Oz Costumes

### 4. Harry Potter and Hermione Granger

Diagon Alley and Hogwarts' twist and turns are favorites in the wizarding world.

Why not join the wizarding world and follow the adventures of Harry Potter? The Harry Potter book and movie sequels are known among both young and old populations. This costume has been insanely popular, with many people wanting to experience the joys of magic themselves. People choose from Harry, Hermione, and Ron. Some even dress up as Gryffindor, Hufflepuff, Slytherin, and Ravenclaw. Those who are feeling rebellious often go as villains Draco Malfoy or even Voldemort.



Hermione Granger Costume

### 5. The Powerpuff Girls

Trios release their superhero energy after going as a girly, crime fighting group.

Bubbles, Buttercup, and Blossom are adorable crime fighting heroes that many of us grew up watching as a kid. Many groups of friends dress in the signature colors blue, pink, and green in order to signify each Powerpuff girl. This cute but empowering costume has gained popularity over the last two or three years.



PowerPuff Girls Costumes

### 6. Devil Vs. Angel

This costume is simple, yet cute and is known to anyone walking by. Red devil horns paired with an angel halo and signature colors of red and white are the main components of this costume. This costume has been around for a very long time, but the idea of duos traveling together wearing rival costumes has just recently started to become popular.

-The following scholarships, contests and workshops are now available, stop in the guidance office or check on Naviance under Colleges tab, scholarship list:  
Voice of Democracy Scholarship Program: Deadline- October 31, 2023  
NACAC (National Association for College Admission Counseling) Virtual College Fair: Date- November 6, 2023  
American Revolution essay contest: Deadline: November 13, 2023  
Western PA Golf Association Scholarships: Deadline- November 30, 2023



## 7. Disney Princesses

This costume can be for the dreams of little girls, or altered for older teens. Many large friend groups dress up as all of the Disney princesses together, but add their own touches of style and aesthetics to it, making it unique to the group. It has been a huge trend among big friend groups.



Disney Princesses

## 8. Marvel Icons

The thrill of Marvel action movies and the powers of the heroes is not missed during this holiday. Heroes such as Spiderman, Thor, Hulk, and Ironman, have been popular for both older and younger generations. Female heroes such as Wanda Maximof and Black Widow have also spiked in popularity.



Marvel Costumes

## 9. Space Cowgirls

This costume originated in 2019 and has grown in popularity ever since. It has received some controversy, as the costume is extremely basic. All that was needed was a neon/sparkly cowgirl hat, a matching skirt, and really any top. Some even paired it with water guns.

Again, this trend has appeared in many large friend groups over the years and is very well known among the teen population.



Space Cowgirl

## 10. Zombies

Whether it's a zombie football player, or a group of zombie girls, this costume is basic and frightening. Some facial makeup and ripped clothes should do the trick. It can be dressed up or dressed down.



Zombie Bride and Groom Costumes

# Best Books to Read in the Fall

## Cozy up this Autumn with a good book

ANDIE BOWSER STAFF WRITER

First up is a book called, Home Before Dark by Riley Sager. This book takes place in Vermont at a Victorian estate called Baneberry Hall and follows a girl named Maggie Holt. In the story, Maggie inherits an old estate (Baneberry Hall) from her late father. She plans to renovate the house and sell it, but when she arrives there she doesn't get a very warm welcome. Her father has left behind a book called "House of Horrors" recounting all of the ghostly happenings that occurred in the house. During her stay, Maggie starts to experience strange occurrences straight out of her father's book. Is the estate haunted? Or is it all just a coincidence?

The next book is called, It Happened One Autumn by Lisa Kleypas. This book is a great fall romance. It follows a feisty American woman named Lillian Bowman who, along with her sister, has always wanted a husband who is of British heritage. She moves to Britain in hopes of finding a husband and meets a man named Marcus, Lord

Westcliff, London's most eligible aristocrat. The two fall in love and many conflicts arise. Marcus wonders how he could consider loving a woman so blatantly unsuitable. Will the two end up together? Or will their reputations pull them apart?

Lastly is a book called, Coraline by Neil Gaiman. This book is a great spooky read. It follows a girl named Coraline whose family moves to a new flat. This flat contains fourteen doors. Thirteen of them open and close but the fourteenth door is locked and all that is behind it is a brick wall until the day Coraline gets curious and unlocks the door. The door leads her to another flat, identical to her own. However, this flat is different. The things in this flat are nicer and there is another mother and another father who greet her. They want Coraline to stay with them and be their daughter. There are other children trapped there as well and Coraline is their only hope of being rescued. Will she make it out alive? Will she save the others from this strange place?



# Meet Audrey Elston

## Welcome a new student to the district

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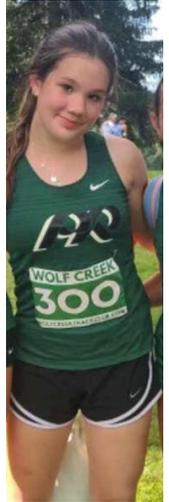
All freshmen know what a big adjustment it is from middle school to high school, but imagine you were new to the whole district. Miss Audrey Kathleen Elston is brand new to Pine-Richland as a whole. Though Audrey has lived here since she was four years old she just transferred from Penn Christian Academy. Elston lives with her mom, dad, older sister Abby, who has graduated from high school, and her older brother, Sam, who is in 11th grade. Audrey also has numerous pets in her home: a dog named Teddy, a cat named Noah, two guinea pigs, Peanut and Katie, and last but definitely not least her lizard called Reese.

Let's cover what Audrey likes to do in her free time. Elston participates in cross country and she hopes to play lacrosse this spring. She was asked, "What do you do to have fun?" Audrey responded, "I'm currently having a lot of fun lifting at the moment." She also likes to watch movies. Her favorite one is "Quiet Place." She said, "I like that it's thrilling."

Everyone mark your calendars for July 17 because it's Audrey's birthday! Audrey was originally born in Nazareth, Pennsylvania which is about five hours from Pine-Richland. She told the Rampage, "I wanted to move schools; my old one was very small and I had known the same group of kids for eight years. I was sick of it." Elston first found the district to be super big but said she is already warming up to it and she really likes it.

What are Audrey's favorite things? She is finding History to be her favored subject this year. Due to the interactive work, she thinks it makes the class more fun.

Audrey's favorite snack is baby carrots and her top pick for a meal is sushi. Her favorite color is dark purple. Welcome Audrey Elston! The Rampage wishes you nothing but success in your high school career at Pine-Richland.



Audrey Elston at a track meet

## Best Fall Entertainment

### What You Should Be Watching During Autumn



ELISE DUCKWORTH STAFF WRITER

Fall, the best season, is filled with fun and joy. This may come from football season, pumpkin patches or Halloween. While I find a ton of joy in all of these activities, I also find a delight in sitting down with a hot chocolate and watching a good tv show or movie. One disclaimer I will give is that a lot of my suggestions may seem odd. A lot of the moods of the show match what I make of fall. Just go with it.

These are the few I often go to for this cozy season.

**Gilmore Girls.** Gilmore Girls for some reason always gives off the fall/winter vibe. Lorelai and Rory, the main characters, are usually seen wearing sweaters and talking about their love for the colder seasons. They romanticize fall and I believe we all should do the same.

**The Queens Gambit.** This show follows a young chess prodigy. For any teenager who thinks this is a show for parents, you have to watch it. It is a brilliant show with an amazing story anyone could enjoy.

**Fantastic Mr Fox.** Fantastic Mr Fox is an animated film by Wes Anderson. The film follows a fox and his family and the struggles they face. While some might think, "how is this a fall film." It just is. Something about a lot of Wes Anderson creations are very fall related. The Royal Tenenbaums another example of that.

**The Harry Potter series** is also comfort movies for me. For some reason they give off the right mood and especially the first movies in the series. Hermione, our leading lady, is totally a fall girl as well.

**Anne With An E,** is also a fall show. The way Anne is in touch with nature throughout the show during all the seasons. And if Anne were a season, she totally would be fall.

**Dead Poets Society.** Wow. What to say about this movie. This movie stars Robin Williams and is beautiful and emotional. HIGHLY suggest this movie. And it totally is a fall vibe.





## This Season's Fall Favorites: *Comfort Food Soothes the Soul*

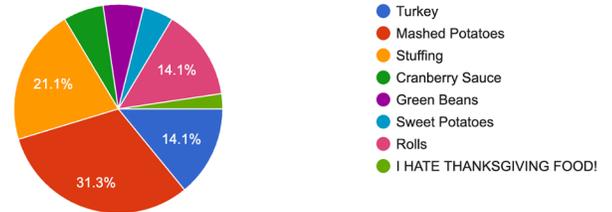
ELLA BARKLEY STAFF WRITER

It's that time of year. The leaves are changing colors, the air is getting colder, and the sun starts to set a lot earlier. Some may disagree, but for lots of people at PRHS, they agree that fall is the best season. With this being said, one might say that it is most likely due to the amazing food that is served. You may not even realize how many incredible seasonal foods come out during the fall. But junior Anna Amato always looks forward to this exciting time of the year.

“For me personally, fall is my favorite season for many reasons. I get to play soccer with some of my best friends, go pumpkin picking with my family and finally get to order fall drinks at Starbucks. Pumpkin spice drinks all the way,” said Amato.

With this being said, there is always a debate about whether pumpkin or apple flavored foods/drinks are more superior. Both have their pros and cons, but for Pine-Richland High School students, it was a very close toss-up. The survey sent out to all high school students showed that pumpkin barely won over the votes. When you think about it, when you walk into the grocery store, as soon as the school supplies leave, the pumpkin spice and apple flavored foods have arrived. People of all ages are ready for these seasonal flavors and can't wait to get their hands on them. You've got pumpkin pie, pumpkin ice cream, pumpkin yogurt, pumpkin cereal, pumpkin coffee, and even pumpkin tortilla chips. Along with pumpkin flavored foods, apple has its contenders too. Apple pie, apple cider, apple spiced donuts and even the good old carmel apple can satisfy any person's hunger during these chilly autumn days. Head on into Trader Joe's and it might be hard to walk out empty handed with all of the seasonal foods. Who would have guessed that some place could make such unique food turn into really good fall flavors, but if some place can, it would totally be Trader Joes.

What is your favorite Thanksgiving dish?  
128 responses

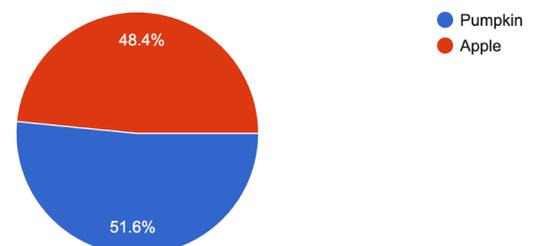


In addition to delicious pumpkin and apple flavored foods during this season, comes along one of the most important holidays and not just because of its amazing food. Thanksgiving falls around the end of November every year and brings along with it some tasty, flavorful food for all to enjoy. This gratitude holiday is notorious for the amount of different flavored foods it offers and PRHS students definitely have a wide variety of favorites. Mashed potatoes brings home the trophy for favorite Thanksgiving dish with stuffing coming in as a close 2nd.

Although Thanksgiving foods are good, there are also some other really flavorful foods that this autumn season has to provide. Imagine waking up on a beautiful fall morning and eating apple cinnamon oatmeal or pumpkin maple french toast. Later you stop by a coffee shop listening to All Too Well(10 Minute Version)(Taylor's Version) and pick up a pumpkin spice latte. At last, you end your day with a small plate of creamy butternut squash pasta or even just a bowl of warm tomato soup with grilled cheese. What a delectable day of food!

Whatever your thoughts are on fall foods and drinks, allow yourself to try so many new flavors this season. Who knows maybe you will end up finding something you never thought you would like. It's always worth the try.

Do you prefer pumpkin or apple flavored foods?  
128 responses





# My Beginning of October was Crazy

## Learn about the Insane Bands I Met and Saw in California

ELISE DUCKWORTH STAFF WRITER

At the beginning of the month, I had the opportunity to join my friend and her family on a trip to the West Coast. Santa Ana, California is where “Ohana Fest” is held. Ohana Fest is a large music festival organized by rock artist Eddie Vedder who was the lead vocalist of Pearl Jam. This experience was crazy, so I thought I would tell you all about it.

To start off, this festival is a total of 3 days with days starting at around 12 and ending at 10:30. You can enter the festival whenever you want but once you’re in, you can’t leave and come back again. The first day of bands was truly one of my favorites. Starting off strong, we had Glen Hansard. Hansard is an Irish rock performer. He often sings with Eddie Vedder and plays guitar for the



Maya Rippole and Elise Duckworth with Earthlings and Red Hot Chili Peppers Guitarist

Earthlings. His solo performance was incredible. It being an early performance on the first day, it didn’t draw the largest crowd but I couldn’t be more thrilled that we went. He was easily one of my favorite performers. The day I saw him live, he had also been sitting next to us at breakfast in our hotel. Another highlight was when he performed with Eddie Vedder’s daughter, Olivia Vedder, a beautiful duet. Father John Misty was also an incredible performer from day 1. Many know Misty from his duet of “Let the Light In” with Lana Del Ray. The day after his stunning performance, I walked past him in the hotel. Probably should’ve mentioned the majority of the larger bands stayed in our hotel. Insane. The last performance from day 1 that I adored was The Killers. The Killers are well known for the song “Mr Brightside” which was their opening song. We were right in the middle of a humongous mosh pit in a sense. It was so much fun.

Day two was also pretty amazing. I wasn’t familiar with many of the performers on Saturday, but I did get to see Eddie Vedder perform and it was fantastic. The family I was traveling with were crazy Pearl Jam and Eddie Vedder fans, but it was my first time seeing him and the Earthlings live.

Because the Earthlings played with Vedder, I got to see Glen Rock on guitar and my favorite of all Andrew Watt.

For those who aren’t familiar with Andrew Watt, he is a Grammy-winning producer. He helped produce albums for stars such as Justin Bieber, Miley Cyrus, Ozzy Osbourne, Pearl Jam, and Iggy Pop. He fascinates me as he is incredibly successful and talented at the young age of 32. He was easily one of the most insane guitarists I have ever seen in my entire life. At breakfast, he was sitting with his girlfriend. I noticed two things, he looked famous, and he had a great outfit. Little did I know he would be on stage that night going absolutely crazy. Up there with the Earthlings was Josh Klinghoffer. Josh played with the Red Hot Chili Peppers before Eddie and he was also truly amazing. On our last day, I was grabbing tea at the coffee shop and he was right behind me, so we managed to get a picture with him. Eddie Vedder also performed a heartbreaking acoustic cover of “Just Breathe” by Pearl Jam in honor of a friend who had passed that day. Overall, Eddie Vedder and the Earthlings completely amazed me.

On the last day, I got to see one of my personal favorite bands. I saw The Backseat Lovers in PIT at the end of summer and they are easily one of my favorite bands and they are so young too. Lead singer, Josh Harmon, wowed absolutely everyone who maybe knew the band and even those who didn’t.

Two years prior at Ohana Fest, The Backseat Lovers had performed on the smaller stage and now they had made it to the big one. Truly was a fantastic performance. The Foo Fighters and The Pretenders ended the night with a bang.

While the Foo Fighters are very well known and the band is fantastic, I didn’t love the lead voice. Dave Grohl,



Backseat Lovers Lead Singer Josh Harmon Performing on Stage

while sounding amazing on recording, didn’t quite show off his capabilities live. He often covered up some of the best parts of the songs with crazy screaming and to be completely honest, a lot of the crowd didn’t love it. The band was still fantastic though, and it was a hyped-up way to end the weekend.

Overall, I truly had one of the best weekends, and live music continues to amaze me and expand my musical knowledge. I hope to find more music festivals in the area, and I will be at Ohana Fest again next year with my family so I will get back to you then.



## To Freshmen:

### *A Sophomore's Advice For a Successful School Year*

AVA COONS FREELANCE WRITER

Going into high school can be an exciting, saddening, and frightening experience. It's a larger building, larger number of students roam the halls between each period, and larger levels of stress appear. However, as long as you are being smart and mindful about the decisions you make these next four years, it can make all the difference.

#### **Tip #1 - Plan out your time**

A majority of high school students have crazy schedules due to a variety of sports, clubs, and other activities. Somewhere in the middle, you have to be able to balance your schoolwork if you want to maintain good grades. At the beginning of each week, figure out when you're going to have time to complete what needs to be done. Buy a planner, use your phone's notes app, or whatever else makes you most comfortable. Write down what days and times you participate in your activities, and then find the free time in between to do your homework, too.

#### **Tip #2 - Figure out your favorite study methods**

Yes, studying can be the worst, but it's what puts you on the right pathway to receiving all A's. It may take time to test out what works for you, but as long as you're trying, that's what matters. A few ideas include creating flashcards, studying with a friend, or writing down a list of terms over and over again. Make sure to begin studying a few days prior to your test, too, so that the required information can stick in your brain even more successfully. Even studying for just 20 minutes a day five days before a test can make all the difference.

#### **Tip #3 - Ask for help**

If you ever feel that you are stuck, it is okay to ask for help. There's no need to feel shy - part of your teacher's job is to make sure you're understanding the class and school, therefore they will always be willing to give you assistance. If you are unable to ask a teacher at the moment, then ask a friend in your class, an upperclassman, or even your parents (remember, they were a student once, too!) It is always best to ask "silly" questions rather than none at all.

#### **Tip #4 - Make friends**

High school is a time where you're going to both gain and lose friends. Make sure that you surround yourself with people that inspire you, are friendly to you, and let you be yourself. You may walk into the first day of school hardly knowing anybody in your classes, but THAT'S OKAY! Don't be afraid to introduce yourself to someone new. Who knows, doing something as simple as that could begin a lifelong friendship.

#### **Tip #5 - Breathe!**

Things are going to become chaotic and wild, but it's okay. You're human, and you aren't the only one going through the rollercoaster of high school. If you feel that you are too overwhelmed, don't be afraid to take a break. Get a breath of fresh air, take a drink of water, eat a nutritious snack, anything that will ease your mind. Mental health is important, so when you need to take a pause, take it.



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