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SHOULD HALLOWEEN HAVE A CUT-OFF AGE?

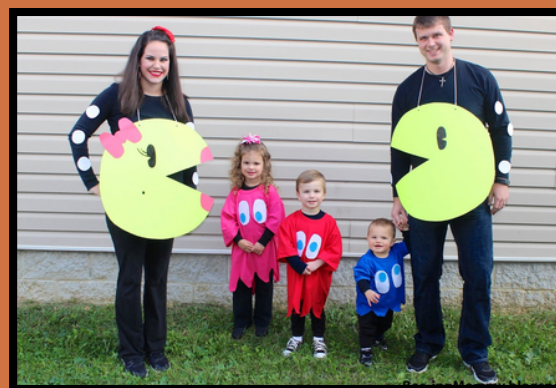
HALLOWEEN: IT'S NOT JUST FOR CHILDREN!



BY: BRIANNA ARIAS

ABSOLUTELY NOT! Halloween shouldn't have a cut-off age. As you get older, you just adjust to it differently. Halloween brings out the "kid" in everyone, whether you're a teenager or in your 20s, 30s, 40s, or 50s.... Halloween is considered a special day to many since you can dress up as anything you choose—even your alter ego. Many adults use this day as an excuse to let their guard down and bring out the kid in them all day. Adults may even enjoy this holiday more than children and take their costumes extremely seriously, and will be in character from morning to night. Some adults may see this as a day to be someone else other than yourself. Halloween allows everyone to feel socially acceptable. Elementary school children still are at the age where they do not care what their peers think of them, and they'll pick out the most outrageous costume; at that age many parents might pick out their child's costume based on their own interests. Families love to do family-costumes, which must consist of the entire family dressing up and matching. Families may even take Halloween so seriously that they will go as far as decorating their baby strollers and pets! As you move onto middle school and high school, or even college, your costumes might start to change and your perspective on this holiday might differ. Teenage costumes vary depending on the social group you involve yourself with. You may find different ways to celebrate Halloween, such as having a Halloween party, staying home with friends, giving out candy, baking, watching Halloween movies, or going to haunted houses.

It's come to my attention that being an adult is extremely stressful, regarding the fact that they can have so many responsibilities such as careers, family, and bills. Halloween is an excuse to have fun, dress up to go to work, and maybe even attend a costume party. Halloween can be considered as a childish holiday, where you can enjoy all of its amazing traditions and have a sense of nostalgia. Halloween is now a holiday we can all agree that is filled with excitement no matter your age; it is a fun form of self-expression.



MEGAN MORONEY ALBUM REVIEW: "AM I OKAY?"

By: OLIVIA WHITKEN

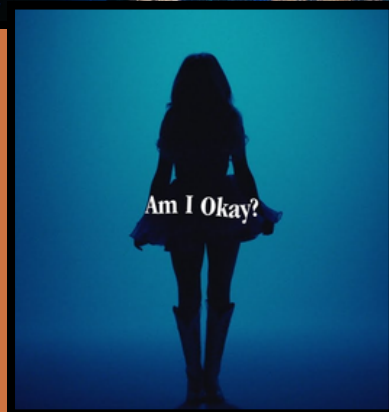
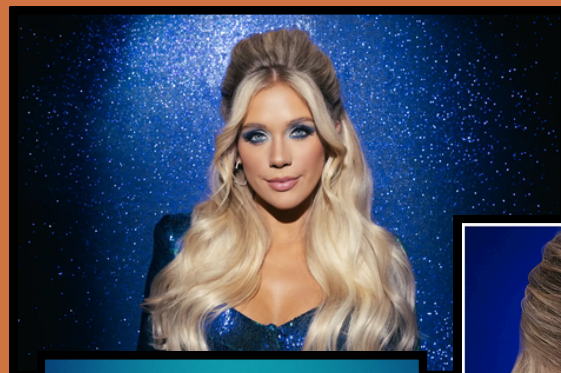


Megan Moroney, a new upcoming country artist released her third album "Am I Okay" on July 12, containing some of her best songs along with it. While Moroney's music is always catchy, her well thought out lyrics are what really captivates me as a listener. Her lyrics often tell interesting stories, making it fun to hear how it all plays out in the end. I personally love every song on her newest album, but a couple of them stand out in my mind.

"Noah" is one of my favorites, as it is a message to Megan Moroney's high school sweetheart, singing directly to "Noah" and all the things she wishes to tell him. Moroney sings about her memories of the Chevy-driving with Noah, while he still lives on in her mind. She contrasts how in love she was, with the upsetting truth about their relationship, by explaining them "counting on forever," as they were convinced their relationship would last, then revealing that "forever never came." As the song continues, Moroney realizes that their relationship was not picture perfect, and basically regrets it, as she claims Noah "took up all [her] time." Matching the story telling, the tune portrays a sort of reminiscent aspect that remains stuck in my head the whole day! Overall, "Noah" is my favorite song on this album with amazing lyrics and tune.

Another one of my favorite songs is "Heaven By Noon," which tells a heartbreaking story of Megan Moroney losing someone close to her. She reveals the grief, guilt, anger, and confusion she experiences after receiving the news through imagery and telling lyrics. Her grief is apparent through the whole song, as she cries, can't find strength, and encounters many more upsetting emotions. Moroney shows her guilt in the lyrics, "I would've said so much more if I only knew / That you'd be in heaven by noon." These are definitely the most impactful lines in the song, since the listener imagines the guilt she feels after not being able to express feelings to this person before they passed away. It is heartbreaking to hear these as the final lines, because it ends the song on a sad note, as opposed to a happy ending, furthermore adding to how in times of grief, it can be hard to find silver linings. The melody of this song is soft, but of course catchy, creating a depressingly perfect song to listen to when feeling down.

These are just two of my many favorite songs in Megan Moroney's new album "Am I Okay." I hope this review encourages you to go listen to her songs, at least these few, and I'm excited to hear what songs in the future Megan Moroney releases!



WE CAN SURVIVE: CONCERT REVIEW

BY: GIANNA MANDERIGHIO



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The We Can Survive concert sponsored by Auducy brought together a variety of people for mental health awareness on September 28. The artist lineup consisted of Justin Timberlake, New Kids On the Block, Tate McRae, Isabella LaRosa, Benson Boone, and Khalid.

The first artist, Isabella LaRosa sang three of her original songs and one cover of Lady Gaga's "Poker Face." She put on a decent performance with only her and her brother on stage. I hadn't heard of her before the concert, so she made an impact enough for me to search her up online after I left. She has a few viral songs on TikTok, which I have heard clips of, but I added one of her songs to my own personal playlist after her performance.

Benson Boone had quite a fan base at the concert. I had only heard of one song before his performance, which was the TikTok viral song "Beautiful Things." He took my breath away in his vocal quality with various ballads and impressive back flipping skills in between songs. To say the least, I was pleasantly surprised by his performance.

Khalid performed for the first time in five years and definitely made an impression on the audience. The crowd was singing all of his songs including, "Locatation," "Lovely," and "Eastside." His songs are easily recognizable and got the attention of even the older crowd. His combination of incredible vocals and simple dancing made his overall performance great. He also included background dancers and videos that related to each song on the big screen behind him, which I found amusing considering no one else had specific videos relating to their songs in their performances.

Tate McRae by far had the best performance of the night. Opening with her song "Exs," she rallied the crowd into the loudest cheers. With her highly recognizable choreography, she took dance breaks in between each song and even had a costume change. McRae is personally one of my favorite artists, so I had a bias towards her performance, but I genuinely believed she entertained the whole audience with her powerful vocals and extreme dance moves.

New Kids on the Block disappointed me. I had previously seen them on tour in Boston a few years ago. Not much to my surprise, they kept the same exact act with the same songs and dance moves. I realize that they are in fact catering to the older generation that grew up with them, but their performance was bland and repetitive. I was not a huge fan of any of their songs either, but I was surprised at their lack of originality and ability to change with the modern music industry.

Justin Timberlake pleasantly surprised me with his performance. He played all of his hit songs, which had the audience screaming and was a refreshing set after New Kids on the Block. He played both his newer and older songs. I was shocked by his dance moves, which had my jaw dropped. Alongside Tate McRae his performance was a close second. The visuals he had on the big screens related to his songs, as well, similar to Khalid. He was committed to the performance and really enjoyed himself on stage.

Overall the concert was incredible. Besides some disappointing unoriginality in some other artists, Tate McRae, Justin Timberlake, and Khalid carried the event. I would recommend seeing another event sponsored by Audacy again. The message of mental health also was a great inclusion in the concert, which pushed the importance of taking care of your physical and mental state.



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BEST HALLOWEEN CANDIES

BY: ALESSIA PEREZ DE ALEJO



Candies are already a controversial topic, but Halloween only heightens tensions regarding this already heated debate. Through a randomized survey taken by a multitude of your peers, these are the favored candies among Jonathan Dayton High School students:

#1: Swedish Fish

#2: Snickers

#3: Twix

#4: Airheads

#5: Almond Joy

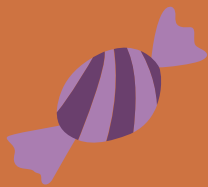
#6: Tootsie Rolls

#7: Twizzlers

#8: Skittles

#9: Starburst

#10: Gummy Bears



Despite candy being one of the most anticipated parts of Halloween, an astonishing amount of people interviewed agreed that they did not like candy all together. Many students find candy to be unfulfilling, too sweet, and considered a “youthful delight,” and feel as though they have grown out of it. Regardless of this, whether you love candy or find it childish, the results have shown on our list the most loved candies of the students at Jonathan Dayton High School.

The results of this list were not only unexpected, but surprisingly controversial among your peers. Tootsie Rolls, which made it farther up the list than expected, have been argued, by some, not to deserve their spot, but 30% of the people interviewed agreed it to be one of their favorite Halloween candies. Starbursts, with an astonishingly low rank, have also caused some debates, considering their undoubted popularity among all people of all ages. Skittles struggled, as well. Ultimately, their low ranking was due to them being considered “too sweet” for too many people.

Twizzlers, although not ranked highly, were also farther up the list than expected for many. Their lack of variety and “bland” flavor caused many people to vote against them, but the simplicity of this staple candy was the most palatable part, for many.



FALL DRAMA PREVIEW

BY: ALESSIA PEREZ DE ALEJO



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The popular 1957 thriller, *12 Angry Jurors*, is being brought to the stage for Jonathan Dayton's 2024 Fall Drama. Adapted for the stage by Sherman L. Sergel and directed by Mrs. Stephanie Hernandez, this unconventional drama revolves around twelve stars. Arielle Martinez, Donovan McNamee, Alvaro Benevides, Cece Umeh, Riley Smith, Jack Piccolo, Abigail Fritz, Tamim Hayajneh, Charlie Hymowitz, Valery Arias, Anthony Guarino, and Sofia Dawkins will all be splitting the spotlight of this one scene drama.

12 Angry Jurors will be following twelve members of the jury as they deliberate after the closing arguments of a murder trial. The life of an accused, inner-city teen rests in the hands of these jurors, as a guilty verdict means death, while a not-guilty verdict could possibly set a murderer free. While trying to come to a verdict, conflicts between the jurors could lead to the derailing of a process that determines life or death for this young convict. Despite being a thriller, this play is meant to bring out many emotions, considering the play revolves around a life-or-death decision for a convicted teen who is being racially profiled.

After discussing with some cast members, it is clear everyone is thrilled to bring this play to life. The cast is excited to be putting on a play that is going to leave an impact on the audience, rather than a lighthearted comedy. Cece Umeh, Juror 4, described the play as breathtaking, entertaining, and engaging, only leaving the audience in even more suspense. Cece, a now senior and established actor of the Jonathan Dayton theater made it clear she is very excited for her last Fall Drama. She finds the play to be really touching, and according to her, could possibly bring people to tears.

Don't miss out on the emotional rollercoaster being brought to life on November 14th and 15th at 7 pm, as well as November 16th at 2 pm and 7 pm, in Halsey Hall Auditorium!



CELEBRATING HISPANIC HERITAGE



BY: LUCIANA GOMEZ

Diversity refers to the amplitude of human differences such as race, ethnicity, gender, social class, religion, etc. America is known for being one of the most diverse countries. Hispanic Heritage Month (HHM) is a celebration to give credit to one of the many groups of people who have worked hard toward success. HHM has not always been a one-month-long celebration; this was changed on August 17th, 1988 by President Ronald Reagan. Prior to this law, President Lyndon B. Johnson had started Hispanic Heritage Month in 1968, however, this celebration was only a week long. Currently, it starts on September 15th and ends on October 15th; this month coincides with many independence days for multiple Spanish-speaking countries.

“...American identity is a fabric of diverse traditions and stories woven together.” (census.gov) This month is one to specifically give the spotlight to Hispanics, allowing them to voice all of their journeys to get to where they are currently. It also shows children with Hispanic descendants how important it is to still be in touch with part of your culture and to embrace it. By providing them with a whole month full of traditions and recognition they can learn more about their countries and the culture that grows within them. Additionally, for the individuals who once lived in a Hispanic country and moved to the U.S., it gives them a chance to remember their homeland.

This month is important as it provides credit to all of the work that Latinos have done and contributed to society, not only by providing cultural diversity, but in other areas such as: science, math, sports, entertainment, and literature. One individual who is highly recognized for breaking the race barrier is Justice Sonia Sotomayor, as she became the first Latina to serve on the Supreme Court of Justice (and third woman). She is known for upholding the Affordable Care Act (health insurance coverage for households in a great level of poverty) and legalizing same-sex marriage. Another important historical Hispanic figure is Rosario Dawson, known for her acting career and success, but she is also a pioneering philanthropist (someone who donates time, money, or skills to help a cause). Her hard work can be demonstrated when she has contributed to the Lower Eastside Girls Club of NY, (free programming in leadership and many other programs), V-day (a global movement to put an end to violence against females), and Voto Latino (a group of the largest Latinx voters which she co-founded).

As one can see Hispanic Heritage Month is more than just a celebration, it is a time for people to come together and embrace a group of individuals who have given their time, services, and talents in the hope of creating a better tomorrow.



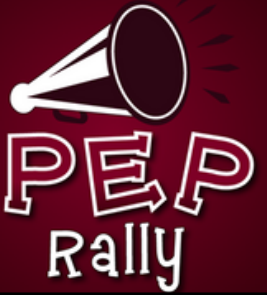
FALL PEP RALLY

BY: KELSEY CHACHO



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Recently, our fall pep rally took place on the football field and was filled with excitement celebrating our fall sports teams: gymnastics, soccer, cross country, cheer, football, tennis, and volleyball. This event showcased the talent of our athletes and the unity of our school community. As everyone gathered and buzzed with excitement in the stands, athletes were grouped together by sports and ready to be called. To begin the pep rally the cheerleaders put on a great performance earning enthusiastic cheers from the student section. Then each sports team was introduced and a couple teams even walked through a tunnel made by the cheerleaders. Then their pictures were taken as they gathered in the center of the field. Overall, the pep rally was a celebration of athleticism, teamwork, and school pride. It reminded us to work together and keep up the good work for the rest of the school year that lays ahead.



THE ORIGINS OF HALLOWEEN



By: KARLY POLANCO

Halloween is a holiday celebrated by billions of people. It is what a lot of people picture when fall is mentioned. Spooky decorations, elaborate and creative costumes, trick-or-treating...there is something for everyone with this holiday. Most people don't know off the top of their heads where Halloween came from, only that it's been around longer than they've been alive.

Halloween originated over 2,000 years ago, beginning with the ancient Celts celebrating the festival of Samhain on October 31st. Samhain commemorated the end of summer, and the dark winter harvest beginning, which they also connected with death. The Celts believed that on this night, the boundary between the living and the dead disappeared, allowing for ghosts and spirits to return to Earth. The version of Halloween that we celebrate only began to surface in the U.S. in the early 19th century as an influx of Irish immigrants brought their traditions and beliefs with them, but there are still some traditions from the original version of Halloween that we still see today.

During this festival, people would gather around bonfires together, wearing costumes meant to prevent roaming ghosts from appearing. Gathering around a bonfire obviously isn't as common during Halloween today, but it is still a group activity that is almost always enjoyed in the company of other people. Costumes are the most renowned part of Halloween that has been consistent since it originated.

Halloween used to be entirely focused on Pagan rituals and their traditions and beliefs on the afterlife, but now it is mainly centered on entertaining activities. Although it has drastically changed since The Celts, Halloween continues to be one of the most popular and celebrated holidays in the U.S.



BEST PUMPKIN SPICE RECIPES



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BY: BRIANA POLANCO

Pumpkin spice season is here (YAY!) With my love of baking, fall, and pumpkin spice, this was the perfect article to write. Here are my favorite pumpkin-flavored items that I have saved throughout high school on my baking Pinterest board:



4. Dunkin's Pumpkin Spice Signature Latte

Never “pumpkin-y” or too much ice, the Dunkin’ Donuts pumpkin spice signature latte is a last resort option if you’re really desperate for something in the fall season. Although I am obsessed with the pumpkin swirl hints and the heaping amounts of cinnamon sugar on top, unless you ask them to put more than 3 shots of pumpkin swirl, you will not get the pumpkin taste you desire this fall. If you’re more of a cinnamon fan, sure...go with it, but pumpkin-wise, you might just need to ask for something stronger. But, if you are in the mood for something pumpkin and don't have anything to bake, this is a decent option.



3. Pumpkin Spice Snickerdoodles

After aggressively scrolling through Pinterest, at first I thought it would be a Snickerdoodle, based on the picture. But when I saw that these were ACTUALLY pumpkin spice snickerdoodle cookies, my mind exploded. If you're a fan of cinnamon and pumpkin, this recipe is for you. Although kind of basic, this is the ideal cookie for fall, with fan-favorite flavors for the season! The recipe is fool-proof, and any level baker will find themselves enjoying making them. <https://cambreabakes.com/chewy-pumpkin-cookies/>

2. Pumpkin Muffins

Now I love muffins, they are ideal for any time of the day –morning, afternoons, and even as a quick snack– so to incorporate the fall favorite flavor of pumpkin, pumpkin muffins are a hit...especially with hints of cinnamon and an equal part banana–this makes a comforting and delicious snack that will put you in fall spirits. With this recipe, you can also make it 100x better by adding streusel – a mixture of flour, cinnamon, and butter– to add that crumbly and sweet texture on top of the muffin, that you would usually find on a coffee cake.

<https://richanddelish.com/pumpkin-banana-muffins/>

1. Pumpkin Donuts

I had the pleasure of trying apple cider donuts a few years back in a farmers market that sold multiple homemade baked goods. When we visited, it was summer ,and there were no fall items yet. However, if I were to go back, I would guarantee pumpkin donuts would be on their shelves. Pumpkin donuts are best warm and if you can not find any, make them yourself! Donuts are a bit tedious to make, however, so make sure you have the patience to make these donuts yourself at home. And, if anything, Dunkin’s pumpkin donuts are fairly decent! Personally, I love pumpkin munchkins. The recipe below is perfect for making at home, and with patience, it can easily be done.

<https://laurenslatest.com/old-fashioned-pumpkin-donuts/>

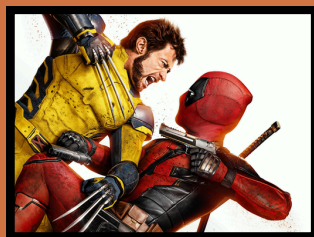


DEADPOOL REVIEW

BY: BRIANA POLANCO

I am going to be 100% honest with you and tell you I am NOT a diehard Marvel fan. If you want a diehard, you can ask my sister almost anything about the movies/shows and she will tell you almost everything. With that in mind, I only have a “big three” – Spiderman, Venom, and Deadpool– since like 2018. So, after a decade of watching these movies on a constant loop, I was ECSTATIC to finally see a new Deadpool movie coming out this Summer. I was able to get premiere night tickets so that I wasn't aggressively getting spoilers all over my Instagram the day of the movie's official release in July. Speaking of spoilers, I will attempt to remain spoiler-free for those who want to see the movie, but have not had the pleasure yet (if you haven't, what are you doing?).

Like many other fans, I did not know what to expect from this movie. The MCU has been going through a rough patch after the 2019 *Avengers: Endgame*, not having any of their projects live up to it, and I was curious to say at least. The movie was 2 hours and 7 minutes long, and for a Marvel film that's pretty solid. Ten minutes into the film, I was already losing it. Deadpool's entrance back into the MCU, after 6 years, was unforgettable. The beginning credits and music to the movie were so fitting for Ryan Reynolds' esteemed character, Wade Wilson (Deadpool). It was all anyone could talk about on my TikTok “For You” page that Summer, and I 100% agree with every single one of them.



The movie continued with the usual for Marvel: fighting, plot, blah, blah, whatever... I'm just a sucker for Ryan Reynolds. But I cannot forget how funny this movie was. I think I got my dad to agree with me too, the way he was practically unable to breathe, laughing so hard in the theater (I would know, I sat right next to him. I could've sworn that man was going to pass out.) The movie was extremely funny and my sister and I still make references to it to this day.

I asked my Instagram followers to do their take on the movie and leave a small review or their opinions on it. Here's what we got:

“i really like da movie i love da cameos and da references from other marvel movies cuz i lovvv Marvel and it was really funny and the wolverine is soooo fine”
10/10, Anonymous, 11th grader from NJ

“i didn't watch it but ily”
1/10, Musfi, 12th grader from NY

“Goated”
10/10, Hannah, 12th grader from NY

Final review:

If that doesn't get you to want to watch it, I don't know what else will. Watch it with your friends, your partner, even for Halloween! Nothing is scarier than trying to avoid spoilers for this long...
I love Deadpool!



TOP 5 HORROR MOVIES

BY: GABRIEL PALMA



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Spooky season is coming up and it's the perfect time of the year to watch horror movies! Ranging from classics to absolute thrillers, there are many movies to choose from. Need something to watch? Here are the top horror movies that you can watch to get that thrilled feeling for the upcoming Halloween!

The Ring

From the Japanese film, *Ringu*, *The Ring* is an amazing film that consists of an investigation of four missing teenagers. The investigation includes a videotape that seems to be cursed by an entity. A journalist, Rachael Keller, is curious about the missing girls...and the cursed tape. Made in 2002, *The Ring* is considered a classic and perfect for a Halloween movie!

A Quiet Place

An Oscar nominee and winner, *A Quiet Place* offers a film with silence and fear. With alien predators overrunning New York City, the slightest noise might attract them and will cause destruction. Twelve months of relentless terror, the humans find ways to survive, without making a single noise.

Annabelle

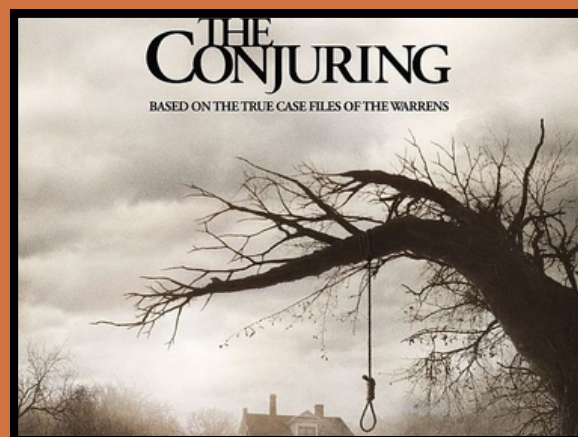
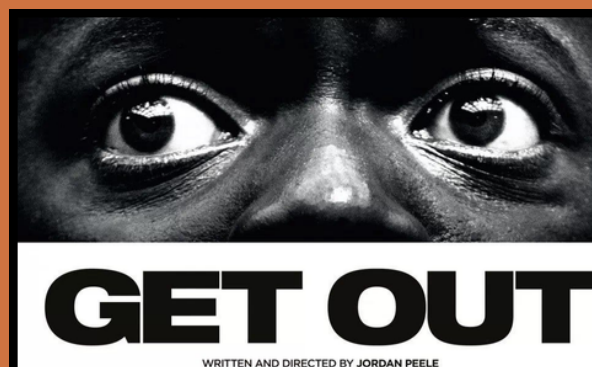
Annabelle shows the story of a cursed doll that was originally meant as a cute gift. The doll, wearing a white dress, carries satanic spirits within and violently haunts the owners. The movie has an interesting plot filled with suspense and terror involving demons and cursed objects.

Get Out

Get Out is an interesting thriller that doesn't contain traditional ghost vs human or human vs murderer stories. When a young member of the black community visits his white girlfriend's house and meets her family, he discovers unusual traditions that are kept secretive within the family. The film includes a mystery within, which requires the audience to discover their secrets.

The Conjuring Series

The *Conjuring* series offers amazing films that include the horrors of demons and evil spirits. Based on a true story, or not, the movies will make you feel fearful and suspenseful. These variety of movies all connect to each other, explaining how one event leads to another, and making interesting storylines.



POPULAR HALLOWEEN COSTUMES TO EXPECT IN 2024



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BY: OLIVIA WHITKEN AND BELLA SILVA

As Halloween is right around the corner, picking your costume can seem like the most important decision that will make or break your Halloween. Most teens use Halloween costumes to express themselves, whether it be their creativity, aesthetic, or personality. You want to have the perfect balance between trendy and creative, so for people who want their costumes to be unique, knowing the most popular costumes is extremely helpful. To make sure you are not just matching with everyone trick-or-treating or at a party, take this list of top costumes to expect this year into careful consideration:



- **Disney Princess**

This has been a really popular costume for a few years now. There are many aspects of being a princess that attract people to buy this particular costume. First, there are many different princesses to choose from, making a group costume with friends or family more cohesive. Additionally, it has been especially popular for girls to wear a corset and skirt to match the certain Disney princesses of their choice. A lot of girls have wanted to be a princess in their childhood, and this cute outfit allows them to live out their Disney wishes.



- **Cat**

Ever since the beginning of going trick-or-treating or going to parties for Halloween, this is one of the most generic costumes to see. We are not saying being a cat is a bad costume, but it is a staple in the Halloween world. There are also many different animals in the cat family: black cats, cheetahs, tigers, leopards, etc. This adds another appeal to people wanting to participate in a group costume. Along with the rising trend of cheetah print, you should expect lots of girls to be rocking cat ears and whiskers this October.





- **Witch**

The witch costume has been a Halloween favorite for years because it's so adaptable and simple to put together. You can stick with the traditional look by wearing a basic black dress, pointy hat, and carrying a broomstick, or you can get creative by adding modern or glamorous touches like glittery makeup or colorful accessories. It's a popular choice since it captures the eerie essence of Halloween while allowing for a lot of personal expression.



- **Ghost**

The ghost costume is one of the simplest options, often linked to the classic bed sheet with cut-out eyes. Nowadays, people have taken this basic idea and added their own twists. You can achieve a ghostly appearance with sheer, flowing fabric, ethereal makeup, or even eerie, glowing accents. It's perfect for a quick costume, but can also be easily upgraded for a more chilling or elegant look.



- **Skeleton**

The skeleton costume, usually a black outfit with white bone prints, is simple to find or make with little effort. It's a favorite because it represents the dark side of Halloween, but can be styled in many ways. Face paint, especially, lets you create unique skull designs, making the skeleton costume versatile for both kids and adults. This choice is also practical since skeleton bodysuits or T-shirts can be comfortable and suitable for various Halloween events.



These basic costumes stay popular every year because they're simple, easy to get, and fit Halloween's spooky vibe. They're perfect for anyone who wants a classic look but still wants to add their own unique twist!

FALL DRINKS: BACK FOR MORE!

BY: LAURA PALHANO



As the leaves turn their seasonal warm colors, scarves come out, and Ugg boots are back, so are companies and their limited-time flavors. Usually beginning at the end of August (the earlier, the better, for pumpkin lovers) big companies like Starbucks and Dunkin' start rolling out returning fall flavors, along with some new ones. It's safe to say people rave over the featured drinks, food items, and ice cream. Take a look at some featured favorites:

Starbucks:

As iconic as the green mermaid logo is, so are their staple pumpkin and chai items making a return for the autumnal season. Their pumpkin cream cold brew is perfect for all fall lovers or someone who wants to spice up their morning cold brew with a mellow taste of pumpkin and vanilla to counteract their coffee. Or maybe a classic hot chai latte to warm you up on cool, fall mornings? Or even better... the *iced pumpkin cream chai*, is perfect for an indecisive person in the drive-through stuck between choices. And cuter than ever, the mummy cookie is back to celebrate the Halloween month of October. But, grab them quickly! Despite selling well over 20 million pumpkin spice lattes every year, these fun drinks will retire for the year, during the last week of November!

Dunkin':

Everybody in the Tri-state and New England portion of the United States recognizes the staple orange and pink logo color palette, and let's be honest, *everybody* runs on Dunkin.





Although I can be a little biased, Dunkin' always knows how to bring variety and flavor when it comes to fall. A new item for this fall would be their almond-spiced iced coffee, combining the warm spices and fuzzy flavors of pumpkin spice with the creamy richness of almond milk. All the goodness, while being safe for a lot of my lactose-intolerant friends out there. Or maybe you wanted something a little more savory while capturing the sweet autumn vibes? Try out their returning maple sugar bacon breakfast sandwich. Taking in sweet and smokey fall flavors on a staple breakfast sandwich...you are guaranteed to enjoy it! Unfortunately, nothing good lasts forever, and much like Starbucks, get these fall items before the end of November!



Carvel:

Ice cream? You heard that right! Carvel just launched their new pumpkin cheesecake flavor that is bound to strike summer lovers' interests in autumn. The new flavor comes in several ways to enjoy, including a milkshake, soft serve, and even an ice cream sandwich! Be sure to get it while it's hot (Well... preferably cold though, hot ice cream doesn't sound too appetizing).

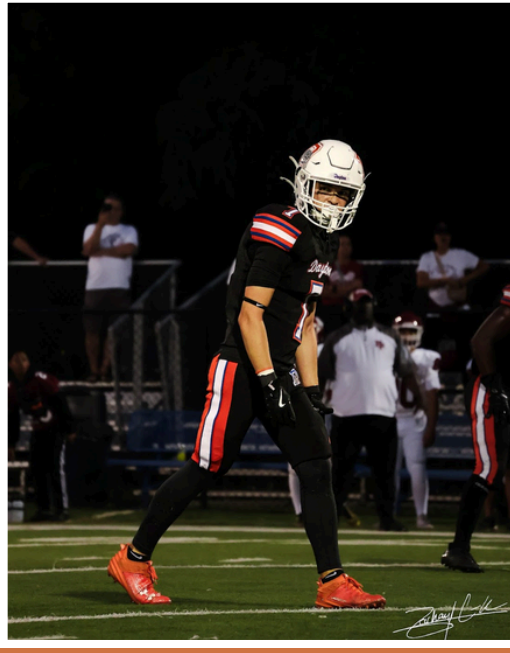
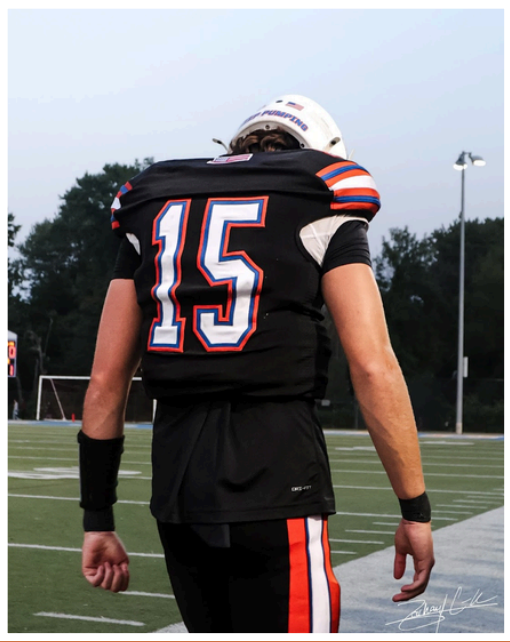


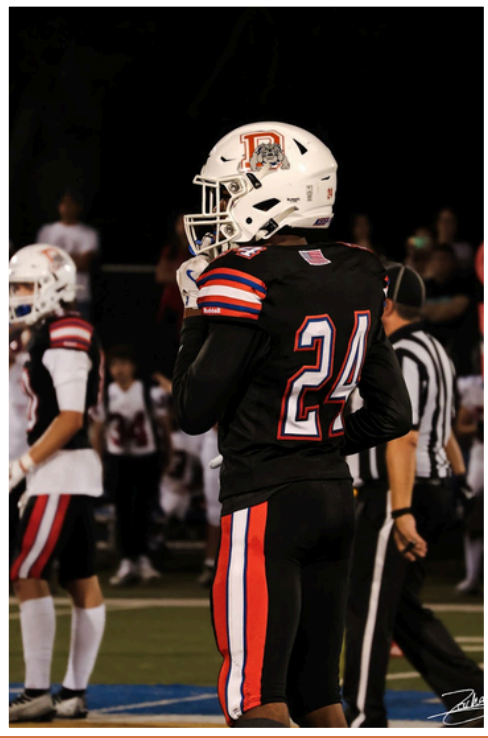
So, with the changing of the seasons and the return of allergies, there is one thing that always comes out towards the end of the year—pumpkin spice! Thanks for joining me and *The Dawg Print* as we cracked down on your favorite autumn flavor!



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