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Burning Obsessions

What do Joe Goldberg, Michael Myers, Gabe Lewis and LovelyPeaches all have in common? They're all crazy, obsessive stalkers, duh! As Olivia Rodrigo (that little girl that be cryin') sings in her song titled Obsessed: "I'm so obsessed with your ex," and it seems that sentiment isn't unique to the singer behind the worst Crumbl cookie ever. In short, obsession is the new "It Girl" girl. However, recently, being perceived as obsessed comes across as unusual.

There is something so ironically freeing about hyperfixating on things and people. And hey, everyone is obsessed with something! Whether it's a song, a person, a movie, Rob from Love Island, a book, the Drake and Kendrick beef, or the Nicholas Chavez edit, everyone can say they're obsessed in some way. In this current age of the internet, we have streamlined the availability of hyper-fixations. That isn't a negative. With the internet, we can interact, see, and experience those obsessions at levels never seen before. To some, this may sound unhealthy, but obsession is one of the most real human experiences anyone can have. If you refuse to open your mind to the pleasure that is obsession, then you are truly missing out. That urge to re-experience your obsession for the first time again is simply an out-of-body experience.

Yet, some people are obsessed with treating obsession as a crime. So what if I watched Challengers eighteen times while it was in theaters? It was good art! And so what if I added someone on AirPods four times even though they kept denying my friend requests? That's not weird, stalker behavior. I'm sorry I just want to know what music you listen to. I'm curious! Like George... Would you deny Curious George's friend request, you monster? These obsession haters act like being obsessed is the worst thing on the planet. But being obsessed isn't a crime, in fact, it's actually Olivia Rodrigo's best song.

So, in the future, let's start being obsessed with obsession, and embracing our inner compulsions.

And that's hot,

Sean Mansoor and Airryn Powell



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.....Letter From the Editor.....

Hey Andover High School,

This might just be our biggest issue yet! I hope you all enjoyed the September issue and the Trojan Nite issue. The Bluestreak staff put in their blood, sweat and tears into those issues, simultaneously working on two issues! With a month to relax and take our time, we decided we should make an extra large issue this month. With Fall starting this month, we wanted to give the student body a fall issue covering fall fashion, food and Gilmore Girls. We also wanted to give you a wide scope of the world right now with current events on pages 6 and 7. We hope you enjoy this issue and all it holds! Catch you on the flippity-flip AHS,

Addie Wissman



FAV SONG PLAYED AT HOMECOMING



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**HIT THE
QUAN**
Memphis

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**TENNESSEE
WHISKEY**
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**ROCK YOUR
BODY**
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BABY
Justin Bieber
& Ludacris

20%
HOT TO GO!
Chappell
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40%
FE!N
Travis Scott &
Playboi Carti

- 1.) Sophomores Reece Johnson and Christi Nason painted their faces spookily for their big night together.
 - 2.) See red, say cheeeeeeese! Nate Williams (11) and his date pose on their special night, blinged out and dressed up in all red.
 - 3.) Time for a piggy-back ride! Junior Jayden Cardinale mounts senior Dominic Boucher on his back.
 - 4.) Homecoming King and Queen Cameron Windish and Annie Nguyen end their night with a dance to a slow song.
 - 5.) Daaaaaaance the night away! Sophomore girls Katie Ketterman (left) and Riley Jo Simmons (middle) were gettin' jiggy all night long! When asked what her favorite part of the night was, Riley Jo responded, "well obviously the dancing," while Katie stated, "making memories with my friends."
 - 6.) Let's dance, Trojans! AHS Students congregate in the courtyard for Hoco 2024.
 - 7.) Homecoming Queen Annie Nguyen receives her crown.
 - 8.) Homecoming King Cameron Windish receives his crown.
- Photos on Page 4 by Cary Conover*



- 10.) Spoooooooky decorations filled the courtyard the night of October 19th. StuCo hung lights, set up creative decorations, and gave hoco a crazy scary environment.
- Photo by Cary Conover*

HORROR AT HOCO

AHS students boogie woogied at the Haunted Homecoming held in the courtyard. This decision was made by Mr. Riedy and senior members of the Student Council, and it was later brought to the whole council to decide

on the dance's location. Girls looked gourdgeous in their mascarea while boys were faboolously dressed with wicked awesome outfits. Attendees experienced playful decorations from lights strung by wires and the surrounding classrooms. People gathered near the DJ, grooving to spooky tunes.

The Homecoming Court this year

included Annie Nguyen, Avery Vogt, Jorja Schwanke, and Katilyn Brown as well as Cameron Windish, Tommy Ashley, Quincy Jonas, and Maverick Hurt. The king and queen Cameron Windish and Annie Nguyen continued their win with a dance after they were announced at the homecoming game against Salina Central on October 18. Andover Trojan football reigned supreme over Salina Central, taking home a win 21-14 over the

Mustangs, pushing the Trojans over .500 at 4-3.

All in all, this spooky night was one to hang on to fangs to the memories made.



MEET YOUR HOCO ROYALTY





Annie Nguyen

Favorite Comfort Food: "Annie's mom's pho."
Favorite Animal: "A polar bear"
Dream Car: "1970 Ford Bronco"
Usual Breakfast: "A breakfast biscuit sandwich."
Favorite thing about Annie: "When she gets me food!"



Cameron Windish

Favorite Comfort Food: "My mom's pho."
Favorite Animal: "A walrus"
Dream Car: "A pink razor scooter with a bell."
Usual Breakfast: "Fruit or Chick-Fil-A chicken minis."
Favorite thing about Cameron: "His wallet and his dogs."

Photos by Emile Rivero



- 9.) All hail the King and Queen! Homecoming candidates and happy couple Annie Nguyen and Cameron Windish ran away with the crown, both winning hoco queen and king respectively. *Photo by Emile Rivero*

Hurricane Helene

Hurricane Helene, a category 4 hurricane nearly 400 miles in length, touched down in Florida on Sept 26th, 2024. The giant storm caused many Florida residents to evacuate their homes and leave behind devastating damage. Helene started in the Big Bend area and then made its way north where severe flooding and winds significantly hit the Southern Appalachians. The horrific storm affected six different states on its journey: Florida, Georgia, South Carolina, North Carolina, Virginia and Tennessee. According to scientists at the University of South Carolina, this hurricane was the most powerful one to hit the Big Bend area north of Tampa since 1851. Helene was strong enough to pick up and wash away homes, taking hundreds of innocent human and animal lives who could not evacuate in time.

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Hurricane Milton

Hurricane Milton, the second hurricane to hit Florida, was not as powerful as Helene, but left even more damage and destruction. Milton touched down in Siesta Key, Florida on October 9th as a category 3 hurricane after being downgraded twice from its initial magnitude of a category 5. Milton was Florida's third hurricane in 2024 and there were even more evacuations and homes destroyed.

How to Help

Hurricane relief is needed and you can help! Donating and spreading awareness is a great way to help the countless families that no longer have a home or have lost a loved one. Many influencers and celebrities have provided a GoFundMe or online fundraisers that have raised awareness and thousands of dollars. You can donate to hurricane relief at www.redcross.org or by texting "Helene" to 90999.

How do Hurricanes form?

A hurricane is considered the most violent and vicious type of storm. One forms when multiple storms suck up heated air from the ocean and move it into the Earth's atmosphere. It is classified as a hurricane when the speed of the wind inside of a storm reaches 74 mph or more. Inside of the storm, there are organized thunderstorms and a strategic system of clouds that are born over tropical waters.

There are four stages of a hurricane, according to scijinks.gov.

whoi.edu

1. Tropical Disturbance

This stage is when water vapor from the ocean forms clouds while it releases heat into the air. The air then rises and forms cloud columns. The wind circulates around a center as the cloud pattern continues to develop.



wikipedia.com



2. Tropical Depression

As the thunderstorm ages, the air at the top of the cloud formation cools and becomes unstable. The heat energy is released from the cooling water vapor and the air at the top of the clouds heats up even more, causing winds to push outwards. The air surface moves to the lower pressure area, rises, and creates more thunderstorms, causing the clouds to spin significantly faster. When the winds reach anywhere between 25-38 mph, scientists consider this a tropical depression.

3. Tropical storm

When the wind speeds hits 39 mph, the depression becomes a storm. This is also the stage where the storm gets a name. The winds begin their twisting formation around the eye, the center of the storm where it is calm.

4. Hurricane

The storm is considered a hurricane when the wind speed officially reaches 74 mph and is at least 125 miles across. The eye must be 5-30 miles wide. The winds and the low air pressure create a surge of water from the ocean, which stacks higher and higher near the eye of the hurricane, which causes horrific events when it hits land. At that point, hurricanes commonly become weaker on land because they lose their energy source: the ocean. When they move further inland and away from the ocean, the giant storms dumps water and causes catastrophic wind damage.

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What is your favorite fall trend?

"UGGS."

-Erica High, 10

"UGGS AND
CHUNKY
SWEATERS."

-Avery Vogt, 12

"CLOGS AND
HOODIES."

-Henry Lasater, 11

"JEANS OR
SWEATERS."

-Paige Stieben, 11

"LOW RISE
JEANS."

-Bridget Bleakley, 12

"BIRKENSTOCK
CLOGS."

-Sadie Evans, 10

"UGGS."

-Alayna Burdette, 9

Fall fashion

Every season, new and old fashion trends come around. Andover students were asked what their favorite fall fashion trends are. The most popular answers were Uggs, sweaters, jeans, clogs, and hoodies. As these styles come and go each season, they always seem to be featured in OOTDs students watch or partake in. Some of these fall fashion trends proceed into the winter months as well.



styles of the season
Andover Edition

The love of words had been in Mrs. Loyle's heart for what felt like forever. Each day she would wake up and read through the dictionary gaining life from every word. Loyle simply adored words, but they were what kept her alive. On an unassuming night--a few years back--she ran into a mysterious individual. He was cloaked in black with sharp fangs. Alarmed, she tried to flee, but the man was too fast. Loyle woke, seemingly unharmed, and continued with her life. She believed that night was merely a dream...until the cravings hit. Panic-stricken, she found a scar placed on her neck; it couldn't be. She had to do something to quench her desires. Like any sensible English teacher, she consulted the dictionary. Something strange happened though, and as she read words, the urges depleted. She knew what she had to do. Every day, Loyle would make her students recite two wacky words, and it seemed enough to keep her at bay. But one fateful afternoon, her students decided to play a prank on her; no one prepared any words. In a desperate motion, Loyle lunged for her dictionary, but she was too late. In an incident, that must remain largely undisclosed, the school had to cover up the missing case of twenty students. To protect future students, "Wacky Word Wednesday" was implemented to calm the monster within Loyle.

THE WAILING WORDS OF MRS. LOYLE

SCHAEFER'S LAST TEST DAY

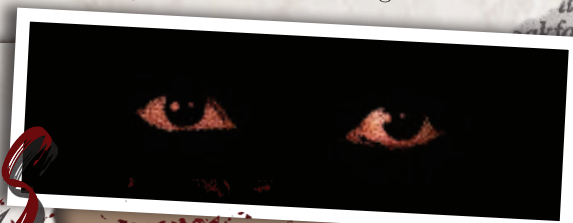
It was a quiet, early morning as Mr. Schaefer pulled into his usual parking space. He whistled a happy tune as he walked into the building. Pure joy radiated from each step he took as today was one of his favorites: test day. He settled into his room and blissfully awaited his first round of subjects. As he sat, he admired his work of art and congratulated himself on a well-written test. Eager to throw tests at his students, he watched the door, but no one entered. The final bell had rung, yet his room lay barren. Curiously, he crept toward the door, but he stopped in his tracks with a piercing scream. Schaefer fell to the floor and looked around to see hundreds of lifeless, levitating figures floating toward him with a vengeance, and leading them was none other than George Washington. Terrified by what he saw, Schaefer knew he must've taken the limits of his absolute monarchy too far. His students had died from the stress of studying, and they were not going to go quietly. In a last attempt, he dropped to his knees, begging for mercy. The beings closed in around him, and he yelled out that he would never give another test if it meant he would live. Faltering to consider it for a moment, the mob decided it was not satisfactory. In a flash, the ghosts were gone, but Schaefer was nowhere to be found. However, if one looked closely enough, one could find a PEZ dispenser that oddly looked like Schaefer, sitting silent and motionless above what was once his desk.

THE FALLEN FAB FIVE

Mr. Base, Mr. Ross, Mr. Alexander and Mr. Shetlar were the best of friends. They did everything together, so it was only natural that they would embark on the biggest experiment of their careers together. With each member of the quartet's extensive knowledge, there was no way this could fail. Together, over the past four years, they had planned to make a creation like no other--a creature who could grade papers, teach classes, and automate each of their lives. Late in the night, the group met up in the science hallway. Shetlar laid the prototype on the ground, and Ross delivered an electric shock to the being. Startlingly, it lept up causing Base to yell, "It's alive!" This new creature, decidedly named Jeff, fit right in with the four. They began calling themselves the "Fab Five" and all seemed well. Everything was perfect until Mr. Alexander grew jealous of Jeff. He felt Jeff had stolen his friends. Devising a plan, one dark night, Alexander snuck into Jeff's room and attempted to kidnap him. He failed, and the two fought intensely. Realizing his miscalculation, Alexander fled out the exit of the science hall, and he thought he was safe. However, Jeff's wrath could not be contained, and he dove out of the second-story window, pushing Alexander into the swamp. Under the veil of night, both sunk into the murky water--never seen again.

TRY AT YOUR OWN RISK SPOOKY STORIES

If you tell any of the Fab Five "Jeff's Back", tell Mrs. Loyle a sentence with two wacky wednesday words, or ask Mr. Schaefer for a pez, they'll give you a peice of candy.



FALL SPORTS

GOLF

The girls golf team won league this season where golfers Isabel Hawley and Regan Dusenbery qualified for state. When asked about what has improved since last year, junior Regan Dusenbery replied, "The team atmosphere. I feel like we are way more connected as a team and are enjoying the game." The girls have worked hard this season and plan to continue that work ethic at state.



FOOTBALL



BOYS SOCCER

Andover's varsity boys soccer team played in a tournament at Northwest High School losing their first game but winning their second against Classical due to penalty kicks. Later, the boys played for fifth and sixth against East and unfortunately lost 1-0. When asked what's different about this year, junior Kaden Russell said, "Not much is different about the team this year, we just have a lot more depth with higher standards."

CHEER

Andover girls cheerleaders have worked hard this year to keep their student section loud. The girls were invited to 93.5 radio station on Friday, October 25th, as Andover was picked for the game of the week. The girls have also been busy practicing their newest chant, called "defense attack sack that quarterback", which they plan to use for many years to come. Each of their chants and stunts have kept the student section hyped up all season long. The squad has also dedicated most of their practice time to work on their halftime routines. Each routine the team completes difficult stunts and fast paced dance breaks.



With the help of Andover's newest football coach, Coach Cruce, the team has made a comeback this year winning against Salina Central, Maize, Newton, and other teams. Junior Barret Hill states, "the team is putting a lot less stress on our bodies during the week leading us feeling better on game days and we have a really good team bond. Our schemes work a lot better for the players that we have this year. Our coaches have also adjusted to our ability to run certain plays." With the teams' new ways of approaching the game, they have performed beautifully- showing off their hard work and dedication on the field.

Photos by: Izzy Kwaw, Emerson Fuller, Scarlett Nguyen, Brecken Bogner, and Emile Rivero

GIRLS TENNIS

Girls tennis rounded out their outstanding season with a big win at state for the fourth year in a row. In singles, Molly Gaddis won a state title and Mia Jaramillo placed third. In doubles, Nadia Kaewsai and Elizabeth Gaddis won a state title and Emma Jittawait and Ada Tantensomboon placed second.



CROSS COUNTRY

The Andover girls cross country team has brought any medals home this season. Most recently, six out of the seven runners placed in their league meet.

Junior Maddy Wallace placed second, senior Jordyn Cleary placed third, and sophomore Sam Siegrist took fifth. The girls team is looking forward to regionals at Brown Thrush Park where they are predicted to place in the top three. The boys team got fourth this year at League with their lead runner being Aidan Braun, who made it to state as an individual last year and is predicted to do the same this year.



DANCE



Andover's dance team worked all summer long in preparation for dance camp at Emporia State University. After all this hard work the team proudly earned a technique award, superior ribbons for individual work, and second overall. Since summer, the girls have kept Andover students entertained with their outstanding halftime performances and plan to perform at North High Dance Showcase in November.



VOLLEYBALL

The volleyball team is traveling to state in Salina for the second year in a row, led by Coach Eichman. The girls are seeded third in the tournament with a 31-4 record. The team has 7 seniors and has worked hard to improve their defense, which has been a big part of their successful season.

Everyone Has A *STORY*

Middle school can be the gateway to passions and accomplishments. 8th grade year was that stepping stone for Madelyn, better known as Maddy, Wallace. Before that year, cross country was merely a sport she knew hardly anything about, let alone one she would think to take part in. Wallace states, “I have been running since 8th grade, and I only did cross country because my parents made me. However, I really came to love it.” Right off the bat, Wallace possessed the 8th grade girls 1.5 mile race record. Little did she know, this would spark a domino effect in records throughout high school.

Most female distance runners experience a massive cut in their times from middle school to high school. Maddy experienced this as well. From the beginning of her freshman season, Wallace was a fierce competitor in the high school field. Wallace finished in 6th place at the 5A cross country state meet. Her 2023 5A track season included a 1600m 9th place finish, 3200m 8th place finish, and a 5th place finish in the girl’s 4x800m relay at state. While these accomplishments describe the overflowing talent she possesses, they don’t share about her personal characteristics.

In addition to the running community, Wallace’s community in her faith has brought a vast amount of support. When asked about what brought her to Jesus Christ, Maddy explained, “My friends really brought me to my current church and really helped me grow in my faith.” Her beliefs have brought a deeper value into her sports. “I have more confidence when competing for a higher purpose,” Wallace explains. In addition to value and confidence, her faith ushered a few extra steps in her pre-race ritual. “I always draw 2 things on my arm before I race. I write “all in” and add a cross next to it. Our team also always prays before races which brings calmness to my mind.” Peoples’ motives to compete drive from a variety of things. Wallace derives hers from faith.

Community is the foundation of sports and holds people together into what we all know as a “team.” With the cross country team and track team being that foundation for



Wallace, they support her through the highest and lowest moments of her life and running career. Her team holds a huge place in her heart, and she has a lot of gratitude for them. Wallace proclaims, “It [running] has given me a community like no other. I am grateful to be a part of it. I know some people tend to dis, or hate, on cross country and distance runners, regarding track, because who wants to run for that long? However, it is the feeling after that makes it worth it. I’m always proud of myself but rarely satisfied. But, however, those feelings combined, and alone, are what get me out of bed at 5 in the morning for practice.”

Wallace’s community has provided her with relationships which are surrounded with the same passions. “I have a lot of people that I am grateful for supporting me. Especially my teammates as a whole. They have gotten me through many tough times and practices. It is always nice to have a group of amazing people who have the same passions as me that I am able to talk to everyday at practice. Furthermore, my amazing coaches are always there for me, not just on the track, but with my life outside of the sport, which means a lot to me.”

All athletes struggle with something within their sport. For Wallace, it is the satisfaction after a race. “I have some issues with being satisfied after races, but I think it just motivates me more to be better. After I accomplish a goal, I already have my next goal in mind, and it stays in my mind while I’m training or even racing.” Many athletes, especially runners, may experience this issue as well. Wallace voices the advice, “smile, cry, laugh, or whatever you need to do after you accomplish a goal. Give yourself that.”

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Fall's Favorite Show

Which boy was right for Rory?

There's a light breeze, and the sun tucks itself in earlier each night. The noise of crinkling leaves and the scents of pumpkin and cinnamon engulf the night sky. Everything seems a bit more orange, and the urge to bake is hitting hearts. Fall is here, and every academic-validation-type girl's favorite show is back: *Gilmore Girls*.

Airing in 2000, the show resonates with many viewers, particularly during the fall. Something is alluring about tucking in with a hot treat and feeling at home in Stars Hollow. Although almost all fans of the show can agree on that, the fandom is entirely divided three ways: which boyfriend was the best for Rory? There will be spoilers ahead, so please read with discretion.

I can't lie when I watched the show for the first time, I was head over heels for Dean. However, after watching the entirety of *Gilmore Girls*, I can't stand Dean. Seriously, is anyone team Dean? He wasn't inherently a bad person, but he had different values than Rory. He never understood her pursuit of Harvard and he wanted someone to settle down with--which was definitely not Rory. However, once he achieved what he thought he wanted, he wasn't happy either. While I'm not saying Dean deserves all the blame, his character went downhill. Honestly, on my rewatches I stop at season five and pretend there was a good ending.

Since Dean is clearly out of the running, that leaves Logan and Jess (exempting Tristan from lack of screen time). I can understand being team Logan as he is a practical pick for Rory, but I absolutely adore Jess. While Jess wasn't a great person at the beginning of the show's runtime, he undoubtedly had the best character development; he went from not being good enough to being too good for Rory.

Compared to Dean, Jess stands out because he always supported Rory and her dreams. He knew he was holding Rory back, so he ran away--while that wasn't the best decision--the sentiment is there. Also, it would be a crime to not mention his "Why did you drop out of Yale?" speech. If he hadn't said that would Rory have ever returned to Yale? Logan definitely wouldn't have pushed her back to school as he enabled her behavior.

Logan often had no regard for the consequences of his actions because he could rely on his status to bail him out. On the other hand, Jess understood the weight of



his decisions even if he didn't make the best ones. Jess turned his life around; however, Logan always stayed immature, spending money and engaging in affairs. Logan helped Rory steal a yacht which acted as a catalyst for her downfall.

Furthermore, Logan wanted Rory to settle down immediately--like Dean--and gave her an ultimatum. I believe Jess would've supported Rory over himself, and Logan couldn't because he already had a future ahead of him. It comes down to the fact that Logan couldn't and wouldn't give up everything for Rory because of his father's plan for him. However, on multiple occasions, Jess made Rory his priority.

Overall, Jess and Rory had better chemistry. Every interaction between the two feels sincere and genuine. I also dislike Logan because I associate him with my least favorite section of the show. I think we can all agree that once Rory went off to Yale she became much less likable. The writing also became drier and fell flat.

Gilmore Girls is just a show; however, I'm thankful for it because it gave me a role model: Rory (at least up until season four). No matter what boy you think is best for Rory, at the end of the day, we're just girls--unless you're team Dean.





PHOTO OF THE MONTH

Photo by Sean Mansoor, Jr.



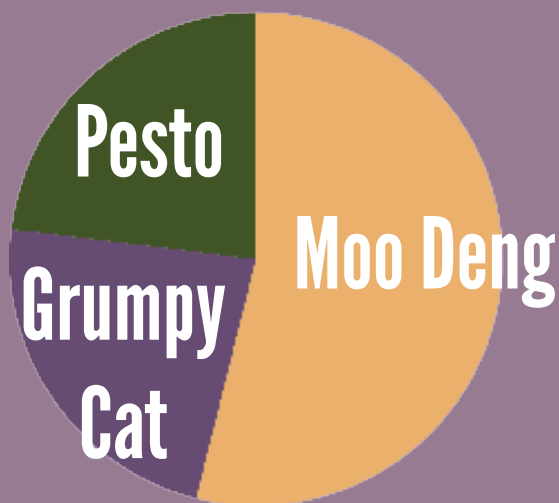


Fan Art Merch

@MOODENG

Moo Deng, another new kid on the block, has risen to fame these past couple of months. She is beloved for her cuteness and currently resides in Thailand at the Khao Kheow Open Zoo. All it takes is for her to do the smallest of actions for us all to be hooked. Her videos capture her walking backwards, sneezing, and playing around. She has become the little lady that rules the big world. Although people believe she is a baby hippopotamus, she actually is a pygmy hippo. This gives an explanation for her youthful and small look. Her name is translated to "bouncy pig," which perfectly embodies her essence.

Who would win in a fight? Moo Deng, Pesto or Grumpy Cat?



Hold your ap-paws for The Animals of the internet



@PestothePenguin

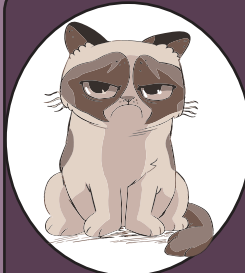


GRUB



Merch

Pesto is one of our newest rising stars. He's only 9 months old, but what is setting him apart from other chicks is his stature. Standing at 90 cm and weighing 50 lbs, this fluff ball is loved for his rather large body. He resides at Sea Life Melbourne Aquarium and is incredibly loved down under. While he has no personal accounts, those that are geared to his talent are quite famous. When he first made his debut, people on TikTok were easily amused by his sheer size. He has been described as "Chonky" and "Iconic." As big as he is, his future is bigger.



@GrumpyCat



Fan Art



Meet&Greet

Tardar Sauce, also known as Grumpy Cat, is one of the OG animals of the internet. She is famously renowned for her upset disposition.

This grumpy face was actually due to her underbite and feline dwarfism, not a bad attitude. On September 22, 2012, Grumpy Cat graced the wide web via Reddit. She was then created into a viral meme that resulted in her becoming an influencer with a resounding 8.3 million likes on Facebook, 2.6 million followers on Instagram, and 1.5 million followers on Twitter. She also was presented the Lifetime Achievement Award at the Friskies (award show for best cat videos of the year.) Sadly we lost this funky feline queen in 2019 from medical complications. RIG(Rest in Grumpy)

WORLD EGG DAY October 11

'Egg'celent Origins

Humans first ate eggs around 6 million years ago, when they used to eat them raw from the nests of wild birds. In India, by 23000 BC, birds were domesticated for egg production for the first time.

Ways to Prepare

Over Easy
Steamed
Scrambled
Omelet
Baked
Sunny Side Up
Soft-Boiled
Cloud
Hard-Boiled
Poached

'Egg'citing Debate

Which came first,
the chicken or the egg?

Fall Favorites

Fall officially started on September 21st, and now the fall feels are hitting Andover. Although the Kansas weather sometimes adds sporadic 90-degree days, fall is here. Leaves are changing colors, students are bringing out their sweaters and Uggs, mums and pumpkins are popular items in stores, English teacher Mrs. Hying has the smell of pumpkin spice filling her classroom, and most commonly, college and NFL football is taking over everyone's TVs. The transition from summer to fall excites many students, as 50% of students saying fall is their favorite season. Students look forward to upcoming events like football games, activities with friends, homecoming, Halloween, and the beautiful weather.

Fall Activities



Field of Screams is a popular attraction for teenagers in Maize, Kansas, with the intent being to scare people as they experience the outdoor haunted attraction. As you go through many different buildings and a large field, you will encounter live actors and special effects. Field of Screams is open from September - November, Friday through Sunday, only at night. You can buy tickets only online and expect the attraction to take 40 minutes.

What is your favorite fall tradition?

"We always have a neighborhood driveway fire pit and hand out candy to trickier treaters! I also always carve pumpkins with my dad and sister but instead of 'traditoinal' carving we used drill bits"

- Lily Franklin, 12

"My favorite fall tradition is carving pumpkins and watching scary movies"

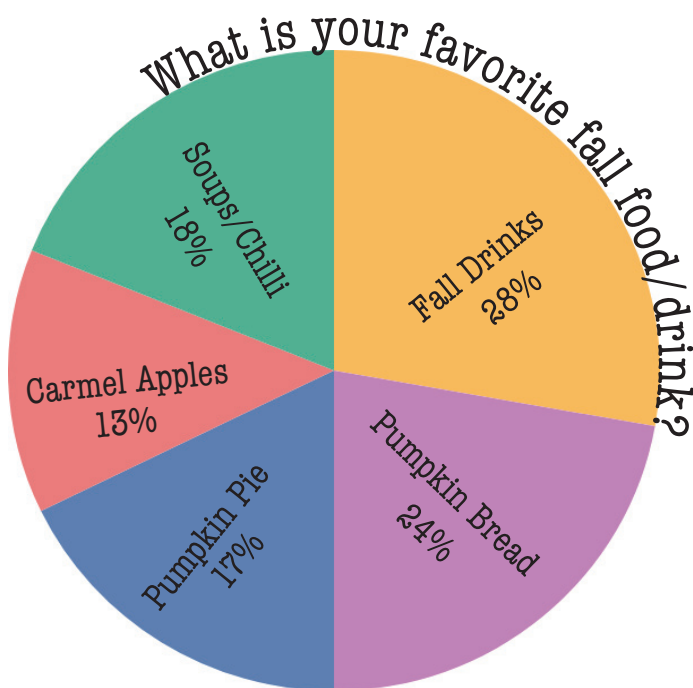
- Isabella Roberts, 9

"My family and I watch fall movies and theme the food off of the movie"

- Alex Quid, 10

Fall Scents

Pumpkin spice, autumn wreath, apple cider, and cedar grove are all popular fall scents. This is likely because of the warm feeling they bring, reminding us of the leaves changing, campfire smell, and cozy vibes. The most popular candle brands, with the perfect fall scents, are Bath & Body Works, The White Barn Candle Co., and Yankee Candle. A fun activity to do with friends is making your own candles. There are 5 simple steps: Melt the wax, stir in scent (fragrance oil or essential oil) and dyes, wick your candle containers or molds, pour the wax mixture into the candle jars or molds, and let the candles cool, set, and cure.



Results from poll taken by AHS students

Iced Pumpkin Chai Starbucks Copycat Recipe

Base

Ice, 3 oz chai tea concentrate, 4oz 2%

milk, 3oz pumpkin cream cold foam

Pumpkin Cream Cold Foam

3/4 cup 2% milk, 1/4 cup heavy cream cream, 1/2

2 1/2 Tbsp pumpkin spice sauce, 2 tsp vanilla syrup

Pumpkin Spice Sauce

14oz. can fat-free sweetened condensed milk

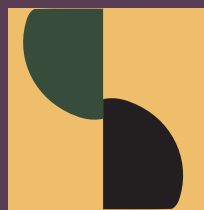
1 cup pumpkin puree, 1 Tbsp pumpkin pie spice,

1/4 tsp salt, 1 tsp vanilla extract

Recipe by Sues from @wearenotmartha

Fall Drinks

Fall Drinks were voted as most favorited by students with 28% saying they prefer drinks over pumpkin bread, pumpkin pie, carmal apples, and more. Starbucks specifically is known for their delicious fall drinks. Most people have been taking advantage of the fall drinks at Starbucks since August 22nd, when they began their fall menu. Popular menu items are pumpkin chais, caramel apple spice, or pumpkin spice frappicinos, but this year coffee has become a customer favorite.



Diwali

Diwali is India's most important holiday of the year; it is likened in significance to Christmas for Christians. Diwali is also called Dipawali which means "a row of lights." This is because people who participate lay rows of clay lamps outside of their houses. This act represents the victory of inner light over spiritual darkness. To continue the celebration, people take part in five days of traditional activities which include cleaning/decorating the home, creating rangoli (elaborate designs with colorful sand), praying to the Hindu goddess of wealth (Lakshmi), visiting with relatives, watching firework displays, and enjoying lavish meals.

Indigenous Peoples Day

Indigenous People's Day is a holiday that celebrates indigenous peoples of America whose lives (and culture) were changed by colonization. Starting all the way back in the late 1400s, the native people in the western hemisphere experienced enslavement, warfare, theft, and relocation. This holiday acknowledges and celebrates their resilience and strength. To celebrate, some communities host events online or in-person where you can learn more about the history and cultures of indigenous peoples. This holiday, as mentioned in the passage to the left, came about as a replacement for Columbus Day.





Columbus Day

Columbus Day is a day to commemorate explorer Christopher Columbus landing in the New World. Because scholars believe that he was born in Italy, Columbus Day has also become a day to celebrate the cultural heritage of Italian Americans. This holiday was first celebrated in 1937 on October 12 (the twelfth of October was the date of his landing in America in 1492,) however since then it has been changed to the second Monday of October to give workers an extra long weekend. This holiday is a bit controversial due to the fact that Columbus was not one of the original inhabitants of the New World or the first to cross the Atlantic successfully and he was a colonizer. Some states have replaced Columbus Day with alternatives such as Indigenous Peoples Day or Native American Day. Nevertheless, Columbus's voyages altered history, and for this reason Columbus day is a federal holiday.



OCTOBER HOLIDAYS

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Hispanic Heritage Month

Hispanic Heritage is a month-long celebration of both Hispanic culture and history. It lasts from September 15th to October 15th because this is the timeframe in which many countries in Central America have their independence days. Latinos and Latinas have played key roles in American history and to this day continue to shape the USA as artists, business owners, lawyers, doctors, activists, teachers and through many more professions. Hispanic Heritage month can be celebrated in many different ways. Look for events in your community or school to participate in the celebration!

Orgins of Halloween

Halloween, obviously, is a widely celebrated holiday in the United States and other countries. Most people know Halloween for the trick or treating, pumpkin carving, and spooky decorations. However, Halloween started as a festival known as Samhain. During this festival, people would wear animal skin costumes to ward off ghosts and make huge bonfires. This tradition got mixed with All Saints Day and other festivals and eventually became what we know today as Halloween.

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Buckle Up!

National Seatbelt Day is November 14th, the perfect time to remind people to buckle up before the holiday season. The common quote “buckle up to save lives” teaches people the importance of wearing a seatbelt no matter which seat you are sitting in. The National Day Calendar states, “Just over 90 percent of Americans buckle up, saving an estimated 15,000 lives each year.” Schools worldwide help raise awareness about wearing seatbelts. Officer Kintzel has helped spread awareness throughout Andover High by doing “seatbelt checks” with the help of the Student Council. Each semester Student Council members stand at the parking lot entrances keeping track of how many parents and students are wearing their seatbelts and if they have any distractions. Not only does Office Kintzel raise awareness for wearing seatbelts, but he also promotes safe driving in many different ways throughout the school.

Interview with Officer Kintzel

Q: What is the activity you do at lunch?

A: “Students will have 4 chances to sign a pledge card to always wear their seat belt and not text and drive. As long as they don’t receive a seat belt citation or warning their name stays in the drawing. In April, all of the pledge cards go into a grand prize drawing. 2 cards will be drawn and 2 students will receive \$150 Visa cards as a Grand Prize. All this money, given away, just to encourage students to wear a Seat Belt. Sign your pledge cards, and get your chance to win \$\$ for wearing a Seat Belt; it’s painless, and should be a chance to win money for something you are already in the habit of doing.”



Q: What is SAFE?

A: “SAFE stands for Seatbelts Are For Everyone. The program is to raise awareness to the undebatable fact; wearing a seat belt dramatically decreases chance of death in an auto accident, and reduces injuries as well. The caveat; some people disregard the message, because people do die in car crashes wearing a seat belt. This isn’t a failure of the seat belt, but the fact, with 75 MPH speed limits, some crashes just have forces the body cannot withstand. Be sober minded and drive with caution. The good news, because of the protective power of seat belts and airbags, people are surviving crashes now that previously would not have been unsurvivable. Always wear your seat belt, it could save your life.”

History of Seatbelts

In 1885 Edward J. Claghorn created the first seatbelt. Cars only knew two-point lap belts until 1959, when a safety engineer, Nils Bohlin with Volvo, introduced three-point seat belts with a shoulder strap, lap strap, and buckle. A few years later in 1968, the federal government required seat belts in new cars in the United States.

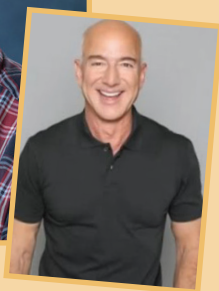
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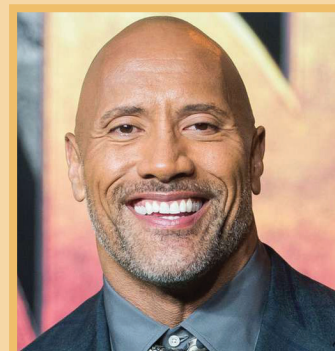


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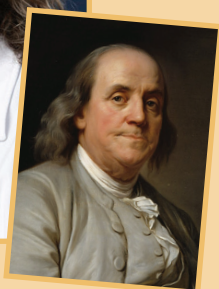


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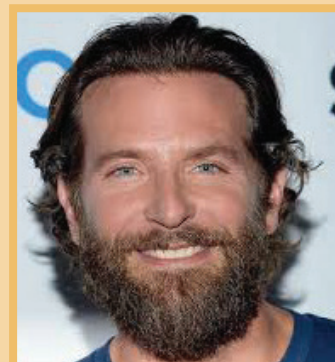


MR. ROSS

BEN
FRANKLIN



MR. BOGNER



BRADLEY COOPER

College Preparation for Seniors

As the school year continues, graduation approaches and the start of a new chapter for the seniors. If you are planning on attending college, this means that you need to apply to colleges, write supplemental essays (for certain colleges), and ask teachers for recommendation letters. Although, this can be a stressful time if you stay organized and stay on task then this can be a fun and exciting process as you

Kansas State University
Application deadline:

December 1st

University of Kansas
Application deadline:

November 1st

Wichita State University
Application deadline:

March 1st

University of Arkansas
Application deadline:

December 20th

What college do you think you will attend?

Arkansas University

Kansas State University

Other

Wichita State University

University of Kansas

Poll of 37 AHS Seniors

Other Colleges Chosen by Seniors:

- Colorado State University
- University of Miami
- Airforce
- Butler Community College
- Pitt State
- University of Tulsa
- Michigan State University

Have you applied?

No, and I do not intend to

No, I have not applied

Yes, I have applied

Early Action vs Early Decision

There are many different types of admissions. Some colleges have different requirements or deadlines surrounding the types, but this is the general information. Early Decision is generally binding. You can only apply ED to one school, and if you get in, you have to go to that school. There can be up to two ED admissions. Early Action is not binding and allows you to apply earlier (normally November 1st) before the regular deadline (normally January 1st). This allows you to get your admissions results earlier, and there can be up to two EA admissions.

Application Tips

1

Start **early** and ask your teachers for recommendation letters **in advance**.

2

Be **organized** and make sure you know when applications are **due**.

3

Allow **multiple** people to look over and **edit** your essays

4

Apply for scholarships and look closely at deadlines

5

Build a **diverse** college list but do not overwhelm yourself with too many applications

6

Investigate colleges and make sure they have the major you are interested in

Essay Required

\$10,000 Special Delivery of Dreams

Deadline: March 7, 2025

\$35,000 VFW Voice of Democracy Competition

Deadline: October 31, 2024

\$10,000 John F. Kennedy Profile in Courage Essay

Deadline: January 17, 2025

\$5,000 society of Women Engineers- Lehigh Valley Selection

Deadline: January 28, 2025

\$15,000 ISI Richard M. Weaver Fellowship

Deadline: February 7, 2025

No Essay Required

Edvisors \$2,500 Scholarship

Deadline: October 15, 2024

\$1,000 Anthony McPherson Memorial Scholarship

Deadline: November 8, 2024

\$2,000 Collegevine Scholarship

Deadline: December 31, 2024

\$10,000 Nitro Pay for College

Deadline: November 1, 2024

\$2,000 Sallie Mae Scholarship

Deadline: October 31, 2024

Gender Sexuality Alliance

GSA, or Gender Sexuality Alliance, is a student-led group at AHS focused on inclusivity and awareness. Sponsored by Chef Reed, the group meets on Fridays in Chef Reed's room, 1203, from 3-4pm. At meetings, students do things such as crafts, as well as look at community events in the greater area of Wichita to spread their message and encourage connections.

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GSA is a powerful platform used to engage and empower students to lead at their own schools. Students can change policies and raise awareness with peers that they meet through GSA. With the relationships built through GSA, a safe space has been created to communicate with other students, teachers, and administrators at AHS along with the community. GSA is also a place where students take active roles to improve their school and listen to guest speakers in the community.

Vice President of GSA, sophomore Calliope Engle voices, "GSA is a comfortable club where we hang out and do presentations and activities. The goal is to make a more comfortable environment at AHS for queer students."

For those wishing to join, the club is open, and anyone may attend meetings.



Choir

Favorite Part of Show Choir

"We went to Butler, which was fun. I also love the people this year."

Morgan Cavanaugh

Favorite Part of Madrigals

"My favorite part of Madrigals is the people. I've gotten really close to them. We also go on a winter trip. That's fun."

Sydney Williams

Favorite Part of Concert Choir

"I like the way it introduces the freshmen to what choir is like and how to read music and perform in front of an audience."

Jason Denning



Gilmore Girls Vs. Reality

How the Iconic TV Show Compares to Real Life

Gilmore Girls, an early 2000s show with seven entertaining seasons about a witty mom and daughter duo, shows multiple picturesque autumns that we all wish we could live in. Even though every season was displayed throughout the span of the show, the *Gilmore Girls* franchise has always been recognized for how they portrayed fall. From Luke's Diner within walking distance from their cozy home, to the small town feel with their activities and holidays that kept them busy in the town square, the *Gilmore girls* lived an unrealistic lifestyle for lots of people who live in Andover, Kansas -- especially students.

Rory Gilmore, the teenage daughter in the show, attended her private school, Chilton, throughout the first four seasons. Although Rory had a full class schedule and workload, viewers rarely saw Rory juggle multiple things at once. In reality, there are very few students who only come to school and return home at 2:50. Countless students at Andover High School compete in sports, participate in clubs, organize performances and work a job outside of school hours all in the same season.

The witty mother in the show, Lorelai, owned an Inn and participated in countless town social events such as a dancing competition, knitting event, and a

basket auction to name a few. She was very close to her neighbors and knew almost everyone in Stars Hollow. Her and Rory's

Thanksgiving consisted of attending multiple houses throughout the day!

Andover is considered to be a smaller community, but with the growth of our neighborhoods and schools each year, it is nearly impossible to know everyone who lives in our town. We can surely try!

Lorelai's parents, Richard and Emily, wanted nothing more than to spend time with their granddaughter, Rory. This even included bringing her up to Yale for tours and tailgates at games. Many fall episodes actually revolved around the *Gilmore girls* traveling to explore the campuses of Harvard and Yale, whereas many Andover families can be found wearing purple at Bill Snyder Family Stadium on chilly autumn game days. Viewers never saw the *Gilmore girls* raking their yard when the colorful leaves fell.

Oftentimes, Luke, the diner owner and Lorelai's love interest, would do their yard work and household chores for them. How easy life would be if we had a cute diner owner who would fix up the broken things around our house and take care of our yard! In reality, your dad will hand you the rake and tell you to get to work.

Lorelai's friends also cooked almost every meal for her and Rory. Her best friend Sookie, the Dragonfly Inn's head chef, would show up to their house randomly with baked goods and three course meals. Luke would cook their breakfast almost every morning at his diner. On Friday, they ate at Rory's grandparents house, which also had a private dining room and cooking staff. The amount of money that would cost would not fit into the average lifestyle. Oh how we wish it would!

In conclusion, viewers have been idolizing the *Gilmore girls* for decades, and they have every reason to! Their autumn season is perfect, and watching their comforting life helps viewers relieve the stress of their own reality.

