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Homecoming History

By: Mora Schultz

The reason why we celebrate homecoming is to welcome back alumni in the new year! Homecoming is a week to foster school spirit and get students excited for school! We have been celebrating homecoming since the 1900s. It started as colleges inviting alumni back to enjoy the football game and other school spirit events. Nowadays, high schoolers celebrate with parades, royalties, and dances. Throughout the week that we call Homecoming week or Hoco week, schools in the US celebrate with dress-up days, such as 80's or 90's day, pajama day, jersey day, school colors day, Disney day, US day, dress your best day, and

so on. Almost every high school in the country celebrates this event, and many colleges do too. The celebration of Homecoming has even brought a sense of spirit to some middle schools and elementary schools as well. I hope you enjoyed this year's homecoming week, and I look forward to celebrating with you next year!

October Book of the Month

By: Finley Flood

Hello book lovers! This month's book recommendation comes from our very own librarian, Mrs Omernik! Perron Family Haunting by Ebony Joy Wilkins is about the real-life ghost story of the Perron Family, the very same story that inspired the blockbuster franchise of The Conjuring. Mrs. Omernik says she loves this book because it is based on a true story and is the inspiration for many. This book is a quick, spooky read full of interesting facts that you are sure to love if you are interested in the paranormal. If you are interested in reading this, Mrs. Omernik will be happy to help you find it in the library! Come back next month to see our next book of the month with a new teacher!

Club Info

By: Addy Lauterbach and Audrey Swiontek

Are you considering joining a club at PJs? With numerous options available, it's a fantastic way to meet new friends, learn new skills, and boost your chances of college admission. Being part of a club can also help you explore your future interests. PJJ offers a wide variety of clubs for students passionate about different topics, whether for academic growth or personal passion, so get involved and make the most of your school year!

Clubs available at PJJ:

FFA (Future Farmers of America): This club is designed for anyone interested in agriculture and/or leadership. If you are interested in joining or need more info, email Ms. Freund at cfreund@pointschools.net

GSA: This club is designed for LGBTQ+ students and their straight allies to work for positive change in our community! Guests are welcome at all meetings. If you have any questions, email Ms. Weaver at aweaver@pointschools.net

Art Club: This is a club for students to express their artistic side and create anything from individual work to projects in the community. Sign-up is not required; just show up when you can! If you have any questions, email Ms. Davisson at ddavisso@pointschools.net

Forensics: This is a club for students to explore their love of speaking while also developing public speaking skills. If you have any questions or are interested in joining, email Mr. Potter at dpotter@pointschools.net

Science Club: This is a club for students to have more time to work on hands-on science and team-building activities. If you are interested in joining or have any questions, email Mr. Freund at kfreund@pointschools.net or see him in room 307

These are not all the clubs that PJs offers! If you are interested in any other clubs or need more information about any of the clubs listed, visit the PJJ website!

Clubs that Students Think Should be Available at PJJ:

Book Swap/Yap Club: This anoymous person suggests a club similar to a book club, where members bring their own books to read. They think the leader should be Mrs. Bohon or Mrs. Schaalma because they are English teachers.

Field Trip Club: Addy proposes a club dedicated to taking field trips, discussing experiences, and visiting

exotic and fun locations to escape from school. She believes Mr. Olson, a former science teacher now at SPASH, should lead it because he's very chill and fun.

Spanish Club: This anonymous individual feels there should be a Spanish club for students in Spanish classes to practice speaking. They think a Spanish teacher should lead the club to help with pronunciation.

Little Miss Know-It All Coming Soon!

By: Little Miss Know-It-All

Greetings, curious alumni! My name is Little Miss Know-It-All, and I am the wise and all-knowing answerer of all your burning questions. Have you ever wondered why the sky is blue, needed advice on making friends, or wanted tips to ace your next test? No question is too big or too small—if you're curious, I want to hear from you! Drop your questions in my special question box in Mr. Rhoden's room (Coming Soon) or fill out my easy-to-use Google Form. Each month, I will compile and answer these questions and answer them right here in the Patriot Press! All school-appropriate questions will be answered and stay anonymous, so don't be afraid to ask! Stay curious!

Fall Band Concert

Do you love listening to music, or enjoy supporting your school? If so, stop by the gymnasium on October 28th at seven o'clock! Miss. Nowinski is an amazing teacher. She has been working hard around the clock with all three grades this year and all of the elementary schools. We predict that this year is going to be our best year yet! The performance will start with our fresh seventh graders, who have been working hard for their first performance, then ease into our eighth graders, who, needless to say, are much better than they were last year, and then we end with our ninth graders, who really have a nice lineup for us this year. We are looking forward to seeing you!

Tennis Team Serves Up a Standout Season

By: Ayesha Tariq

The PJ Jacobs tennis team ended its two-month season in late September, competing in matches across the Stevens Point Area School District and beyond. The players described it as a season of teamwork, perseverance, and a collection of memorable matches that defined their efforts on and off court.

Throughout the season, the players worked hard to strengthen their skills, improve communication, and support one another. Several beginners joined the team this year and showed remarkable growth as the season progressed. Even when facing tough opponents, the players displayed great resilience. This season was like no other, and the team's strong bonds set them apart.

Besides the matches played, daily two-hour practices gave the team time to improve their skills and build lasting friendships. One game that truly stood out this season was against Wisconsin Rapids, where most varsity players won 6–0, delivering remarkable plays and impressive scores.

And with that, the 2025 Tennis Season came to an end. The PJ Jacobs Tennis players left the courts with satisfaction, as they knew their commitment to the team and their consistent practice paid off.

From beginner JV players' incredible determination to Varsity players' exceptional skill, each player exhibited the kind of willpower that Coach O' Donnel, Coach Ruth, and Coach Kelly won't be likely to forget!

The players and coaches alike expect to rise even higher next season with even stronger skills and tenacity.

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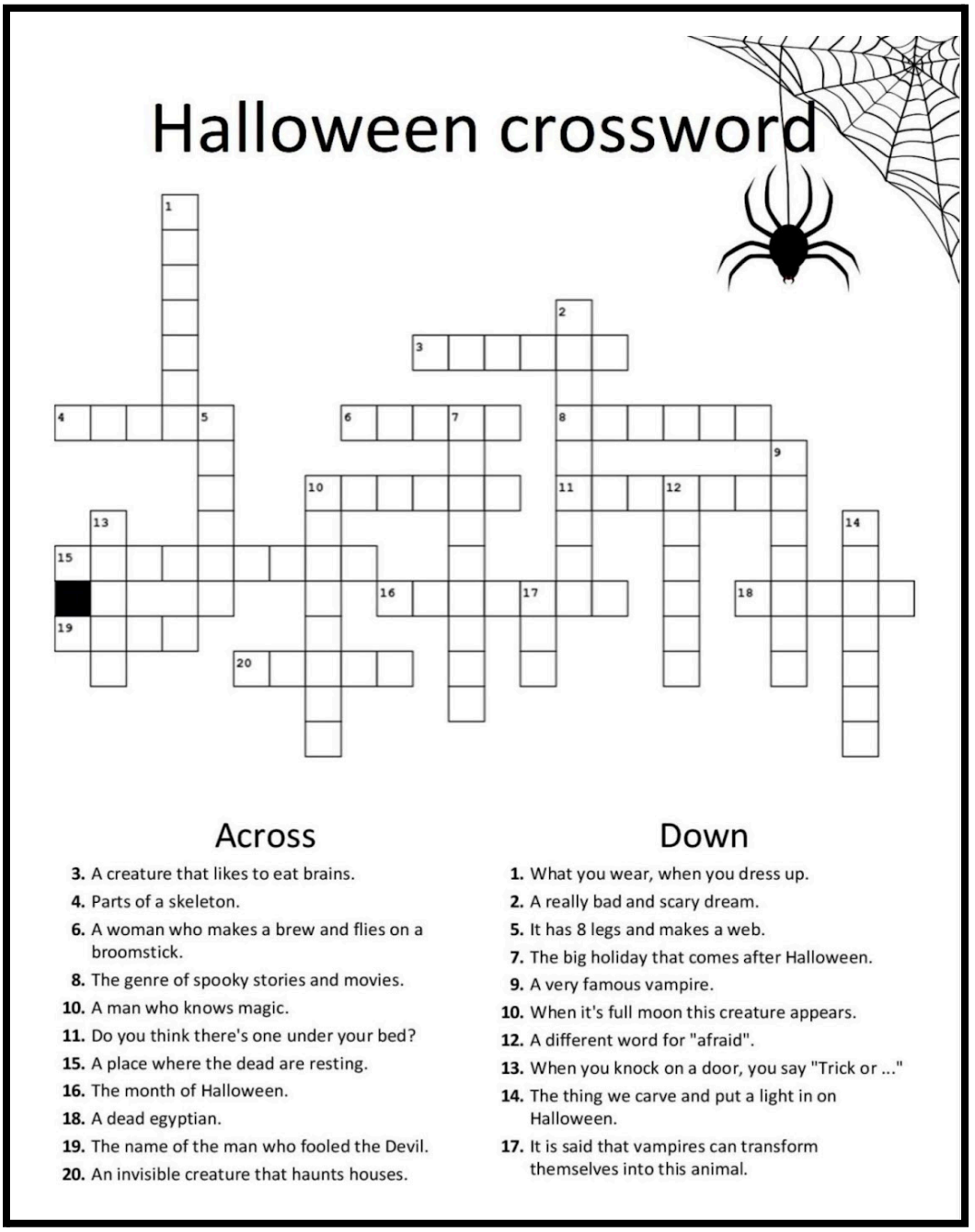
Monthly Riddles

Q: I went to London, Paris, Tokyo, and Shanghai, and I have been to Rome. I could go to India, but sometimes I get sent home - and I do all of this by simply sitting in a corner. What am I?
A: A stamp
Q: What word in the English language is always spelled incorrectly?
A: Incorrectly
Q: You measure my life in hours, and I serve you by expiring. I'm quick when I'm thin and slow when I'm fat. The wind is my enemy. What am I?
A: A candle

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