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HOMECOMING '26

homecoming brings students together

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Homecoming is a fun and exciting event that students and staff get excited about all year. It's a fun way to get students and staff all together to have a night to remember.

Homecoming started as a tradition at American colleges in the early 1900s, according to Couture Candy. Schools would invite former students or alumni to return to campus for a big football game and celebration. It was a way to bring current and former students and the community together.

"I like just going out with friends, having fun and a night we can all get out together, go to dinner, dance around and have fun," senior Jack Feucht said.

Many students find this night as a way to get together with friends and just have a fun time dancing. Most students also go out to dinner the night before to a nice restaurant nearby. Many students go to Brio, Del Mar, Polaris Grill and other nice places. Students have to make reservations months in advance in order to even get in.

"It's the first big event of the school year, and it's just a big thing that brings everyone together. To me, homecoming is more of a light hearted event because you know prom is a lot more romantic and homecoming is just more of a fun community event," Orchestra Teacher and Sophomore Class Cabinet Adviser Lori Cornett said.

Homecoming is a more laid back version of prom. Prom is more about having a date and less about one's friends. Most people enjoy homecoming a lot more because it's more about just having a fun night with friends. But homecoming isn't just all about the dance; most students enjoy taking pictures and even just going out to dinner with their group.

"I would say the football game and just everyone being excited for the same thing," Feucht said.

Homecoming isn't just about the day of the dance; it's about so much more. The night before homecoming there is a huge homecoming football game when everyone from the school is able to get together and cheer on the football team.

There is also always a spirit week where all of the students dress up as a different theme each day as a fun way to get ready for homecoming. The spirit days can be just dressing up as a different color for one's grade or doing duo costumes with friends.

There is also always a fun parade the Wednesday before the big day to get students together and excited. Each grade decorates a hallway with a different theme. The theme this year for homecoming is Midnight In Manhattan.

My favorite part is, "watching everything come together. Leading up to homecoming, it's a lot of prepping so just watching everything come together and getting to see what we put together at the end," Cornett said.

Homecoming might just seem like a fun party that's thrown together in minutes but that's not the truth. Homecoming can take months and months of preparation. Students come together to think of a theme for homecoming and how they want to decorate it. They come in the night before to start the set up process and do the final touches in the morning.



Maxton W, Will P, Colby L, Oliva L, Clara K, Alyssa C, Reagan M, Ella F take photos at the Lakes before the 20225 dance.

"One year, we ordered a food truck, and at the last minute it couldn't come but another food truck came that we didn't even sign up for and it was tacos even though we were doing more of a Hawaiian theme, but it all worked out," Cornett said.

Homecoming can come with challenges, but that doesn't mean the dance is ruined. Students care less about the food and more about hanging out with friends and making memories.

"Since the time I've taken over doing it, we've become a lot more streamlined and done a lot more to prepare ahead," Cornett said.

Overall, homecoming is a fun way for friends and staff to get together and make new memories.



The marching band marching in the Homecoming parade.

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CLUBS PAY-TO-PLAY RULE

newly enforced club participation fee

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A newly-enforced rule is requiring students to pay $25 to participate in each club that has a paid supplemental contract this year. The rule was made to ensure there is enough money to provide support and resources for club members.

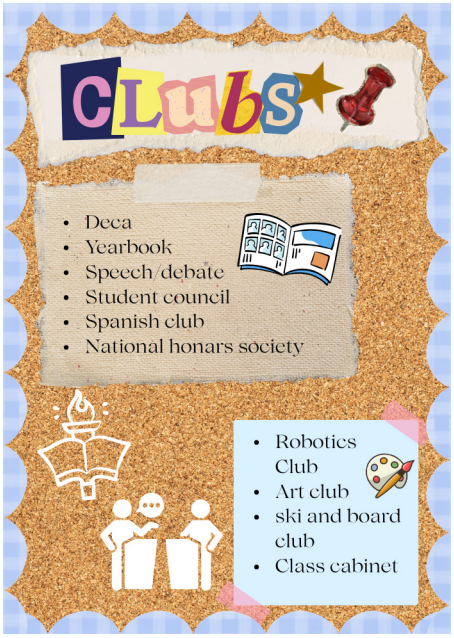
"I feel conflicted because I understand we have been pulling money from the wrong fund for a while, and now we found a way to solve that problem and make money so that we aren't pulling it out of any other fund," Spanish Teacher and Spanish Club Adviser Alexandra Tony said.

Some students and teachers agree that this rule will have both benefits and disadvantages. The imposed rule allows the money to go towards the club advisor's salary.

"The $25 pay-to-participate fee collected for clubs and other extra-curricular activities will be used to help offset the cost of supplemental contracts of the advisers and will not go toward supplies," Chief Academic Officer Michelle Blackley said.

Some additional ways to cover the supply needs for the activities needs, Blackley suggests "using funds in carryover balances from the prior school year", fundraising or using principal fund dollars.

"There will definitely be a decline in the amount of people joining clubs this year. It's harder for students who have been doing multiple clubs every year, and the new rule might affect that this year," junior Natalie Parsons said.



THE NEW BIKE LAW

law aims to improve safety with e-bikes

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Following August 2026, Ohio updated its restrictions over electric vehicles usage and permissions. The new crackdown seeks to regulate a broader spectrum of suburban communities in Ohio, mimicking the system of regulations in the city that originally passed in 2018 to regulate electric scooter usage inside the city. Since then, requirements have grown into three electric vehicle classifications.

"The main reason for it is safety. There's been many incidents of getting hit. It really doesn't matter whose fault it is; it's mainly about how many E-bikes accidents happen. E-bikes are also very quick going up to 30 mph. So wiping out on those is way worse than a regular bike," School Resource Officer Nick Barta said.

The main rule stirring the public about these new laws is students are no longer permitted to ride their E-bikes on campus during school hours. Once on campus, students are required to dismount their bike and walk it to their destination.

Around school campus, there are several signs stating the new laws and prohibitions. School administrators are enforcing these laws when they observe disobedience.

"Consequences really come down to the school. First offenses may just be a talking too. Later offenses may warrant a detention or maybe even suspension," Barta said.

This means generally the responsibility of enforcing the bike law is up to the schools and districts.

"Here in lies the challenge as teachers and administrators do not typically have a presence on the property line. Consequently, the only way to enforce the rule will be to witness an infraction. If the resource deputies station themselves outside randomly, then maybe the detention will be a deterrent, Government Teacher John Carmichael said.

The new bike laws were implemented for safety, but they place compliance and trust into the students. Will the new bike law be successful in deterring e-bike accidents? That's up to the people.

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VARIETY OF CLUBS TO JOIN

explore, connect and get involved

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The high school offers a wide range of clubs for students to explore their interests and meet new people. With nearly 80 clubs, everyone has an opportunity to find one that they are truly passionate about. Some of the most popular clubs at the high school are Interact Club, National Honor Society (NHS), Student Council, Orange United, Intro to DECA, Spanish Club and I Support The Girls (ISTG).

"There is a club for everyone here," senior Parth Shah said.

Interact Club is a service/volunteer club where students can sign up for different events and fundraisers to earn service hours and give back to the community.

National Honor Society is a club that values leadership and participation in the community, and it is for students that have those ideals. Similar to Interact Club, students track service hours and participate in volunteer opportunities throughout the school year.

"I like NHS because it brings a group of like-minded people together and that way you can differentiate a community of people who have similar values that you have," senior Co. President Gabby Tiberi said.

Student Council is a student-led organization that is the voice of the student body and plans events and activities for the good of the school. Student Council plans things like homecoming, spirit weeks and teacher appreciation week.

Best buddies is a club focused on including and building friendships with those with intellectual or learning disabilities. The club hosts many crafts and events to bring everyone together.

Intro to DECA is a club that introduces underclassmen into the world of DECA. DECA is an organization where students learn about business, marketing, entrepreneurship and compete in DECA competition. Students who participate in Intro to DECA have a better understanding of what the class entails before they get to take it as an upperclassman.



Senior class cabinet talking about hallway decorations.

"Being in Intro to DECA helped me a lot when I joined the actual class because I already know some of the material we were doing," DECA member sophomore Anna Sensel said.

Spanish Club is a club for students interested in the Spanish language and would like to learn more about Hispanic culture. The club also does activities, hosts events and fundraisers, along with service projects.

I Support The Girls Club is a club that partners with the non-profit organization, I Support The Girls, also known as ISTG. The organization works to help people who are experiencing homelessness, poverty, domestic violence or other kinds of d



Final class cabinet hallway decoration.

providing essential items they might otherwise be unable to afford.

Joining new clubs has a number of amazing benefits. Students can make new friends, build leadership and communication skills, explore career interests,and so much more.

"I met so many of my friends my freshman year by joining clubs," Tiberi said.

Most clubs will hold their meetings during flex time or after school. And a lot of clubs involve working on projects outside of school, whether it is participating in service activities in the cafe after classes are over, or working an event somewhere over the weekend.

These descriptions are just scratching the surface of what some of the amazing clubs at the high school include. To dive deeper and explore even more clubs, go to the high school's website and search through the clubs and organizations. Or, students may talk to their club and activities advisers. Each grade level has different class cabinet advisers. Freshmen talk to Mrs. Van Echo, sophomores and juniors talk to Mrs. Cornett,and seniors talk to Mrs. Cable, Mrs. Calland, Mrs. Phillips or Mrs. Stringer.

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LULING BROTHERS

siblings share the field

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At the high school, brothers Jake and Colby Luling are all anyone can talk about. Both boys have made their mark as varsity football and baseball players. Last season, the football team went undefeated and won the Division I state championship against St. Xavier. Both Jake and Colby played a role in the road to victory.

Senior Jake Luling has been a varsity starter since his sophomore year on the football team. He is No. 4 on the field and plays wide receiver and is currently listed as the team's leading receiver, averaging 77.0 receiving yards per game.

On the baseball side, he is a star outfielder who helped his team make it to the division I state tournament. Jake was also named the Ohio High School Baseball Association (OHSBCA) Second Team All-Ohio.

Junior Colby Luling has been a varsity starter since his sophomore year as well for football. He is No. 8 on the field and plays safety/linebacker but has been playing quarterback so far this season.

"It's a cool opportunity to be able to play with my brother, especially to have him as my quarterback," Jake said.

For baseball, Colby is the varsity starting catcher, No. 19. He was the starting catcher for the school during its 2026 Division I state-tournament run. He was also named First Team All-Ohio (Division I) by the Ohio High School Baseball Coaches Association as a catcher.

The Luling brothers have been playing sports together since their early childhood; they always push each other to be better players.



Junior Colby and Senior Jake L. discuss the next play.

"We always push each other to be at our best and don't let one another slack off, miss reps or be lazy," Colby said.

Their competitive relationship has helped both brothers grow, while also giving them someone they can rely on throughout each season.

However, their brotherhood does not stop there. Both boys have verbally committed to play Division I baseball at the University of Toledo. Jake announced his commitment in late June, and just three months later, Colby announced his too.

The Luling brothers are not the first to make their way to Toledo. There have been several graduates who have gotten recruited to play baseball for the Rockets. 2023 graduate Charlie Scholvin played for the Rockets and was drafted by the Minnesota Twins in 2026.

Having played together for so long, it's nice to see that these brothers will continue their baseball journey together in their college years. They will have the opportunity to bring that same connection and competitive drive to the next level of their baseball careers.

"Wherever they go, whether it is football, baseball or a professional career, they are going to show up, work hard and do the best they can to be the best versions of themselves," Head Football Coach Wesley Schroeder said.

Throughout their time at the high school, both brothers have grown and become more reliable players. They have shown incredible leadership qualities and good sportsmanship.

"They have both been contributors to our team and have had opportunities to play, which has been a lot of fun," Schroeder said.

Outside of football, both boys play baseball and enjoy spending time with their family and friends. Balancing school, football and baseball has helped them learn how to manage their time and stay focused. Their busy schedules have helped them become responsible and hardworking players.

Although these brothers share many similarities, they are still their own individual players. Jake is an extremely athletic player, his role as wide receiver allows him to make plays down the field, while Colby has stepped into a more wide range of opportunities being the starting quarterback. They each have their own qualities that make them such useful and valued players.

As both brothers are now upperclassmen, their roles in football and baseball have become more important. It is important for them to stay focused on the future and continue working hard to reach their goals both on and off the field.



Junior Colby and Senior Jake L. are discussing about the play they are going to run.

NO SCHOOL FOR HALLOWEEN

halloween should be a school holiday

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Spirit Halloween opens as early as August, candy and pumpkin scents flood convenience stores months in advance, teens start planning their costumes in September and families put up spooky decorations far too early. Yet, somehow, students still don't have Halloween guaranteed off from school.

Halloween should be a school holiday because having school on Halloween takes away from the experience and makes it harder for students to fully participate in the holiday.

Students wake up early for school and spend the whole day learning. By the time high schoolers are done with their studies, collegeboard.org reports that over 80 percent of high school students are enrolled in extracurricular activities following school hours. After completing homework, students are exhausted and burnt out from their full day when they can, at last, enjoy their Halloween.

Students shouldn't have to worry about getting enough sleep for school the next morning while also trying to enjoy Halloween. If there were no school the next day, families could have more flexibility with their plans, and students wouldn't have to choose between participating in Halloween activities and getting enough rest.

Halloween is more than just dressing up and getting candy. It's celebrated by millions of Americans every year and for many kids, it is one of the most exciting days of the year. Halloween is a holiday that brings people together and gives students a chance to have fun outside of school.

At the end of the day, students deserve to be able to enjoy Halloween without school taking up the majority of their time and energy. And this year teens will get a taste of what Halloween should be like without having school the next day. For the first time in six years, Oct. 31 falls on a Saturday.

STARBUCKS

fall drinks are now back

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The school year is in full swing, and so is Starbucks' fall menu. With seasonal favorites back, students have the chance to try new drinks, return to old favorites and decide which ones are worth ordering again.

For many students, choosing a favorite fall drink comes down to personal taste. Some look forward to ordering the same drink each year, while others use the seasonal menu to try something new.

"My favorite is the iced pumpkin cream chai," sophomore Stella Sharp said.

The return of Starbucks' seasonal menu can also bring more customers into stores. Limited-time drinks give customers a reason to visit and encourage people to try seasonal options.

"Yes, the fall drinks do create more Starbucks customers because of the popularity of the pumpkin flavor," junior Avery Morris said.

Before customers choose their drinks, they first have to discover them. Starbucks promotes its seasonal menu through its app, stores and social media. Students can also hear about new drinks through friends and other students.

"I usually hear about them from my friends or TikTok," Sharp said.

After trying the menu, students often develop opinions about which drinks are worth ordering. Recommendations from other customers can help someone decide where to start.

"I would recommend the pumpkin cream chai because it tastes like fall in a cup and has so much flavor," Sharp said.

While everyone may have a different favorite, the return of Starbucks' fall menu is something some students look forward to each year. Seasonal flavors, returning favorites and limited-time availability contribute to the anticipation. With Starbucks' holiday menu typically taking over in mid-November, customers only have a limited window to enjoy the fall flavors.

"I'd say the different flavors make them stand out," Morris said.

For students, Starbucks' fall menu provides another way to enjoy the season, whether they return to a familiar favorite or try something new.



Iced Pumpkin Cream Chai

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FALL FOOD RECIPE

apple crisp recipe

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Ingredients

Apple Filling:

- 5 large Granny Smith apples - peeled, cored and thinly sliced
- ½ cup white sugar
- 1 tablespoon all-purpose flour
- ½ teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1 tablespoon lemon juice
- ¼ cup water

Crisp Topping:

- 1 ½ cups all-purpose flour
- 1 cup brown sugar
- 1 cup quick cooking oats
- 1 cup butter, softened





Directions

Step one:
Preheat the oven to 350 F (175 degree C).

Step Two:
Toss apples in a medium size bowl with sugar, flour, cinnamon, lemon juice and water; spread evenly into a 8x8-inch pan.

Step Three:
Mix flour, brown sugar, oats and butter together in another bowl; spoon mixture evenly over apples.

Step four:
Bake in the preheated oven until apple mixture bubbles and topping is golden brown, about 45 minutes.

Top with a scoop of vanila ice cream for the best results!



September Students Of The Month

- Gabriella Auguila
- Milana Melkumova
- Brianna Amaya
- Gavin Lauer
- Aaron Fowler
- Robert Franklin
- Sidney Sockrider
- Ryan Hindkan
- Evan Slack



