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PJs Pulls Off Homecoming

By Patriot Press Staff

This year's homecoming was held on Oct. 10 but kicked off with Pep Fest on Oct. 9. The tradition of homecoming in the United States started 1909 at Baylor University, and SPASH started celebrating in 1974. This year, Mr. SPASH was Colton Wojtalewicz and the Homecoming Queen was Navah Cebal. Our homecoming court consisted of Cebal and Colton Wojtalewicz. SPASH won its homecoming game against Marshfield, 30-22.

P.J. Jacobs' freshmen made their mark by beating the SPASH seniors in the Tug of Victory battle.



Above: PJ's freshmen out-tugged the SPASH seniors at Pep Fest on Oct. 9. Below: PJ students such as Kayleigh Figueira and Gloria Gebeau soaked in the sun and smiles.



Creative? Hungry? Carve a Pumpkin (Safely)

Pumpkin carving is a fun Halloween tradition that many people partake in. It is a simple, fun, and creative way to decorate the exterior of your house for the holiday! The best part is that you can carve and customize it however you want!If you want to carve a pumpkin you of course need the pumpkin then you will need a knife but more of a blunt knife so you don't end up hurting yourself and if you have one of those pumpkin carving kits that would works a lot too. Most people carve pumpkins on newspapers so it doesn't make a whole mess on the floor or wherever you're carving your pumpkin.

- **How to carve a pumpkin safely**

Use more of a blunt knife instead of a sharp kitchen knife. Always keep your hands dry to prevent your hand slipping on to the sharp knife cause if your hand does slip you could accidentally cut your hand.

- **How long can carved pumpkins last?**

Carved pumpkins can last 3-5 days before they start to rot so if you want a carved pumpkin for halloween carve the pumpkin 1 or 2 days before halloween but pumpkins that are not carved yet can last 8 to 12 weeks so about 2-3 months. People sometimes use vaseline/petroleum jelly to prevent the pumpkin from going bad.

- **Pumpkin seeds**

After carving pumpkins some people keep the seeds to eat them you may be thinking "why would people eat raw pumpkin seeds?" well they don't eat raw seeds. People usually bake them before eating seeds straight out of the pumpkin. That would be gross!

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Club Roundup

Crochet Club - 3-4 p.m. Wednesdays, room 104
Adviser - Ms. Rzentkowski
Crochet club is a fun place to hang out with your friends and create something beautiful. You don't need supplies to start, because we provide them. Learn a new lifelong craft!
The members all have many different projects they are working on. Most of them make wearable items or some stuffed figures/animals. We have also discussed a service project like hats to donate!
Email mrzentko@pointschools.net for more.

Drama Club
Adviser - Ms. Van De Hey
Do you like singing, dancing, or having fun on stage with your friends? Do you love theatre and want to learn more about it? Join the combined junior high school Drama Program!
While there are no weekly/monthly meetings like a standard club, you can participate in our annual productions, fundraisers, summer school courses, and other great opportunities scattered throughout the school year.
If you are interested in the club, join our email update list (available for both students and guardians). Email mvandehe@pointschools.net for more.

Fellowship of Christian Students (FCS) - 7:15 a.m. Fridays, library
Adviser - Ms. Nelson
Fellowship of Christian Students is a student-led optional extracurricular club aimed at providing a supportive space and opportunity for students interested in a Christ-based faith to: learn, ask questions, grow in their faith, and share with other like-minded students.
FCS will participate in the Stevens Point Christmas Parade on You could also include something about Fellowship of Christian Students participating in the St Pt Christmas parade on Thursday, Nov. 19.
Those interested can be involved in the parade or preparing for it in a number of ways.
The next parade workday will be at 3 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 27. Visit a meeting or email Ms. Nelson for more about the club or how you can participate in the parade.
Email lnelson@pointschools.net for more.

FFA - 3:20-4:30 p.m., 2nd Tuesday of each month, SPASH room 1005
Adviser - Ms. Beranek
FFA's fruit/nut sale order forms are out and due back Nov. 10. CDE and LDE practices will be starting soon along with starting our SAE display boards.
Email sberanek@pointschools.net for details on upcoming events and activities, including conferences and conventions that FFA will be attending.

Forensics
Adviser - Mr. Potter
Forensics is for speech, acting, poetry, and history fans who want to show, present, or instruct an audience and a judge. Students select a type of competition, and then practice with feedback until they compete in January in one of the nearby schools.
The club held an informational meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 20 but will meet again in November. Email dotter@pointschools.net for more.

Ski & Snowboard Club
Adviser - Ms. Fredrich
The P.J. Jacobs Ski & Snowboard club will kick off its season with an informational meeting at 3 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 5, in the LMC/library. The club is looking forward to nine trips to Granite Peak in Rib Mountain this season, beginning in mid-December and wrapping up in early March. The club is open to all PJs students, regardless of experience. Email afredric@pointschools.net for more.

SPASH Trapshooting Club
Adviser - Mr. Voelker
The SPASH Trapshooting Club welcomes anyone who likes to shoot targets, hunt, or hang out with people who do. The club's fundraising can help you join at no or low cost. The club will begin offering Seroogy's candy bars and will be helping out with Ike's Halloween Happenings on Friday, Oct. 30. Email Mr. Voelker at david.mable.voelker@gmail.com to learn more.

Yearbook Club - PLC period, every other Thursday
Adviser - Ms. Cronce
Students in Yearbook Club have been working on taking photos of sports teams and clubs and identifying the people in the pictures. We've been doing a bit of writing to include in the yearbook and also discussing some themes that are popular this year.
The club's next meeting will be Thursday, Oct. 29. Email tcronce@pointschools.net about ways you can get involved.

It's Pumpkin Season!

As the leaves turn and the air grows crisp, there's nothing quite like the comforting flavors of fall. This season, enjoy the simple pleasures of autumn with three delightful recipes that capture the essence of coziness and ease. These recipes are simple to make and bursting with flavor, these fall favorites will quickly become staples in your seasonal recipe collection.

Recipes

Peanut Butter Cookies

Ingredients:

- 1 cup peanut butter
- 1 cup sugar
- 1 egg

Preheat your oven to 350 degrees. In a large mixing bowl combine the peanut butter, sugar and egg Once fully mixed, roll into balls on a lined baking sheet. Bake for 10 minutes or until golden brown along the edges.

Pumpkin Fluff Dip

Ingredients:

- 1 can (15 oz) pumpkin puree
- 1 package (3.4 oz) instant vanilla pudding mix
- 1 teaspoon pumpkin pie spice (plus extra for topping)
- 1 tub (8 oz) whipped topping

In a large mixing bowl, add in 15 ounces of pumpkin, 1 package of instant pudding mix, 1 teaspoon of pumpkin pie spice, and the optional 1 teaspoon of vanilla extract. Use a silicone spatula to mix until well combined, scraping down the sides of the bowl to ensure all of the ingredients are incorporated. Next, gently fold in the 16 ounces of Cool Whip. Chill in the refrigerator until ready to enjoy right away.

Pudgie Pie Grilled Cheese

Ingredients:

- 2 slices of bread (white, sourdough, or Texas toast)
- 2 to 3 slices or 1/2 cup of cheese (American, cheddar, colby jack, or mozzarella)
- Softened or melted butter (for coating the bread and the pie iron)
- Any additional ingredients (optional)

Lay 2 slices of buttered bread in the pie iron, add your favorite cheese and anything else you like, a slice of tomato or onion, lunch meat, pepperoni, ect. Close the pie iron, and turn frequently over the fire until golden brown.

Little Miss Know It All

"What would the Packers have to do to be better this season?"
-Point for Packers

Dear Point for Packers,
Just be better, like the Bears!
You're welcome,
-Little-Miss-Know-It-All

"What is zero divided by zero?"
-Puzzled Penguin

Dear Puzzled Penguin,
"1, obviously, because 0 goes into 0 one time!"
You're welcome,
-Little-Miss-Know-It-All

"Which cartoon is better: SpongeBob or Bubble Guppies?"
-Kartoon Kid

Dear Kartoon Kid,
"Bubble Guppies is obviously the answer! If you think SpongeBob is better you're crazy!"
You're welcome,
-Little-Miss-Know-It-All

Jokes

Why did the skeleton go to the party alone?
Because he had no body to go with!
How do you fix a broken pumpkin?
A Pumpkin Patch!
What's a skeleton's favorite snack?
Spare ribs!
Why are skeletons so calm?
Because nothing gets under their skin.
What do ghosts eat for breakfast?
BOO-berries.
What kind of street does a ghost like best?
A dead end.
What's a witch's favorite subject in school?
Spelling!
What do monsters put on their bagels?
Scream cheese!
Why do vampires seem sick all the time?
They're always coffin.

Sports Highlights



7th-Grade Volleyball players catch their breath during a game. From left: Amara Kettenbeil, Luella Becker, Ruby Spurlin, Andora Griesman, Isabel Szymkowiak, Harlow Motion, Sofia Rosas, and Sophia Quade.

8th-Grade Volleyball compiled more than 40 wins, to barely double-digit losses. The A Blue squad went 21-6, and the B Blue squad went 22-5. “Determination, hard work, and teamwork were the secret to their success,” said coach Sandy Kotlowski.

Ella Splinter and Jerra Stoffel led PJ’s combined cross country team, known as the Munchies, to an undefeated season, as one or the other finished first in each of the team’s seven meets.
“Every runner overcame race-day nerves and achieved a personal record (PR),” according to coach Kim Barden. “Their perseverance earn them the conference championship.”



The Ben Franklin and PJ Jacobs Dance Team joined forces for halftime entertainment during the Crosstown Classic on Oct. 6.



7th-Grade football players Quinn Bushman, Carter Cadman, and Jacob Gorski gear up for their finale against Ben Franklin Junior High on Oct. 6. The Patriots won 38-7 to complete a 7-0 season.

8th-Grade football also ran the table for a perfect season. Coach John Slowik cited consistent improvement and commitment as a key. “We showed toughness, resilience, and developed confidence and leadership,” he added. “And represented our school and community with pride.”