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A Chance For Change: Board of Education Election 2021

By Ben Hicks

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After two failed levies and great divide within the Loveland community, an opportunity for change will occur on November 2nd, as the Loveland City School District Board of Education election takes place, with four seats available. The Loveland City School District Board of Education consists of elected individuals whose primary responsibility includes managing the district's expansive resources while initiating various programs and policies designed to effectively achieve educational success in the district's classrooms K through 12.

The Board of Education is comprised of five full-time members. Dr. Kathryn Lorenz, the Board President, is the only current board member whose seat is not



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up for grabs this election cycle. She will remain as the Board's President through the conclusion of her four-year term, in the fall of 2023. Long-time member Michelle Petit will not run for re-election, concluding her tenure. Kevin Dougherty, Vice President of the Board of Education, will run unopposed in a special election that will grant him two more years in office, after first being appointed in March of 2020. The other three seats are being contested by eight candidates, all for four-year terms.

That means 80% of the Board of Education is up for grabs this election day. Despite the absence of national and statewide races, election day remains extremely important, as through the diverse backgrounds and varying ideals of the candidates, the direction of the Loveland



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City School District, and the Loveland community as a whole, will change significantly.

All eight candidates were asked two simple questions;

"What compelled you to run for the school board?"

"What is the main point of change you would like to see on the board, and in the community as a whole?"

Below are each individual candidates' responses, as well as basic information about each candidate:

Colette Boyko: Boyko believes that her extensive career experience sets her apart from opposing candidates, saying, "I decided to run because I saw an opportunity to help our schools and our community. In my career, I manage a \$55 million+ book of business where I constantly need to communicate, build trust, solve problems, and gain consensus, which is everything we need to do as a school board member."

Boyko wants to see unity exist in the community, and she has a plan to accomplish it. "To do this we need a deep dive into the financials so the community

can understand exactly where the money is spent and why. We [Mason, Joram, Boyko] decided to run together because we have similar views and we have a similar group of people that wanted to support us together."

Anna Bunker: Bunker states that the economic impacts of proposed levies motivated the formation of her campaign. "I was compelled to run for a seat on the Loveland Schools Board of Education because a few years ago the school district asked the community to pay \$165 million for new buildings and improvements to all the schools, which surprised many people in the community. I decided it was time to get involved and learn about school funding and spending. I have spent the past two years attending board meetings, reading meeting minutes and talking with



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school officials to better understand how our schools were being managed. I realized that the people who were responsible for running our schools have very big hearts when it comes to our students but were not taking our community's ability to pay into consideration."

This belief also shapes her plan for change on the board and in the community. "My hope is that through continued communication and understanding from all members of our community, we can set aside our differences to provide a quality education that prepares all students to be successful in their endeavors after their time in the Loveland Schools, within a budget that all community members can afford."



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Ghosts of All Stars Past

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Ok I get it, it's the wrong holiday. Being visited by otherworldly spirits is, of course, associated with Charles Dickens' classic Christmas tale. However, there are more pressing matters at hand. Recently, I was visited in a Scrooge-like fashion by just two ghosts from sports past to remind myself and the younger generation of sports fans to not forget about the "good ole days" when they played.

Allow me to set the scene: I was just laying down for bed on a Wednesday (apparently ghosts care not for my academic performance the next day) in mid-October. It seemed a calm night when my analog clock ticked midnight. At that moment a baseball soared through my bedroom window, landing on my bed. Shocked and confused, I went over to the window and when I peered over the ledge, a man standing below I immediately recognized as the Great Bambino, Babe Ruth himself. We proceeded to have a conversation Romeo and Juliet style from my window. The Sultan of Swat made a sales pitch from beyond the grave. To this day, the Babe still ranks



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in the top 10 in eleven stat categories and is still number one all time in slugging percentage, OPS, and OPS+, all incredible feats that go unrecognized even to this day. Ruth then told me that I would be visited by one more spirit that night who didn't get the respect they deserve in today's game.

Still shocked from the experience I just had (and honestly in denial), I laid down in bed for but a second before I was startled by a sharp blast from a whistle, echoing through my room like a basketball court. At that moment, standing before me was the figure of a 7'1" man with an iconic smile. I soon realized that I was in the presence of the great Wilt Chamberlain. Immediately Wilt started into a speech much like Babe Ruth had, impressing me more and more with what he had accomplished in his illustrious career. Not only was his size formidable on the court on defense, he was a scoring machine; he recorded

the top for seasons all time in terms of points per game in a season, and even scored 100 points in one game in 1962. Eventually, Chamberlain ran out of breath and referred me to his Wikipedia page before he poofed into thin air.

Soon after, a car pulled into my driveway and I spared my family the knock on the door, answering it. Standing before me in Texas A&M attire was Johnny Manziel. I reminded him that he was not dead to which he responded: "I know, but I haven't played meaningful football since 2013 so I have some free time." He reminded me of his historic Hiesman run in 2012 where he became the fifth player in NCAA history throwing for 3,000 and rushing for 1,000 yards in a season. He then returned to his car and drove off to inform more unfortunate souls of what he once was.

If I learned one thing from that fateful night it would be respect the icons of sports not just from today, but from the past as well because they contributed to the games we see today more than sometimes we care to know.



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History of Halloween Football Games

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Sure people can dress up as their favorite NFL player, but when can they actually watch them on the same night? This is the first time in 11 years that the NFL has a full slate of games on the spookiest day of the year, and the league is gearing up for a special Halloween gameday. But how have teams fared on this horrifying day? Today, we will take a look back at some of the most legendary NFL games, performances, and moments on October 31st starting with the most recent dates.

October 31st, 2010: The Bills came into Arrowhead Stadium with an 0-6 record and apparently no chance against the 4-2 playoff contenders Kansas City Chiefs. However, the Bills defense rose to the occasion. They held the Chiefs to 10 points and were down 10-3 entering the 4th quarter. With about 2:18 left on the clock, Ryan Fitzpatrick found Steve Johnson to tie the game at 10-10 and the game headed to overtime. However the Chiefs drove down the field in OT, and Ryan Succop delivered a clutch, game-



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winning field goal to win the game for Kansas City and the Chiefs survived 13-10 in a scarily low-scoring game.

October 31st, 2004: The Chiefs hosted the Colts, led by future Hall of Famer Peyton Manning in the prime game of the weekend. This was a game of numbers as both teams combined put up 1095 yards of total offense, which is still Top 10 in NFL history. Peyton Manning also had a record breaking game early in his career, throwing for



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472 yards and 5 touchdowns in one of the most productive games he has ever played. However, the Colts couldn't last against Priest Holmes and Tony Gonzalez, 2 future Hall of Famers who combined for 5 touchdowns as the Chiefs defeated the Colts 45-35 in the highest scoring Halloween game ever.

October 31st, 1999: It was a battle of 2 of the best teams in the NFL at that time as the 6-0 Tennessee Titans hosted the 5-1 St. Louis Rams in Nashville. It was a duel of two phenomenal quarterbacks as Steve McNair and Kurt Warner threw for a combined 514 yards and 5 touchdowns, and continued to go back and forth all day. Eventually, the Titans pulled out the win in one of the best games all year, 24-21. However, this was not the last time these teams would meet this season. They actually met in the Super Bowl that same year in one of the greatest Super



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Bowls ever, when Kevin Dyson came up one yard short for Tennessee and Kurt Warner and the Rams took home the Vince Lombardi Trophy.

Halloween is known for its ridiculous amount of candy, frightening decorations, and haunted houses, but it isn't really known for being a football holiday, such as Thanksgiving. Well, this year, Halloween will host NFL games for the first time in 11 years, and if you are a football fan, you absolutely have to tune in!

Our Way: A Change in Culture

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“Our Way” is more than a simple slogan for Loveland High School’s girls basketball program. It represents a dramatic change that saw a nine-win team in the 2016-17 season double that total to eighteen wins in Coach Darnell Parker’s first season, just one year later. Parker and longtime assistant coach Keith Braswell came to Loveland in the spring of 2017 after holding the same positions at Clark Montessori High School’s boys program for three years.

Loveland hadn’t won more than seven conference matchups in a season since they joined the Eastern Cincinnati Conference five years earlier in the 2012-13 season. That period prior to Parker’s arrival also saw the Tigers have seasons of one win and two wins, respectively.

Parker knew this wasn’t going to be an easy turnaround, but he was confident. “I was impressed with the way the girls were starving for success. They felt they owed it to their school, community, and themselves to produce a winner.”

With Braswell’s extensive background in player

offensive output development, ranging back to his time a student-athlete at the University of Dayton in the 1990s, the offensive output of the team skyrocketed immediately. In Parker’s second game, Loveland tallied 72 points, a night on which ten different girls scored. The first three years of Parker’s leadership saw the growth and maturation of Jillian Hayes. Hayes’ sophomore season saw her scoring total double, while she became one of the most efficient players in the ECC. By the time her career ended in 2020, Hayes had ascended to elite status, becoming the school’s all-time leader in points and rebounds.

Jillian’s mother, Kristi Hayes believes that Parker and Braswell’s commitment led her daughter to greatness, proclaiming, “They challenge players to do more than they even knew they could accomplish. They pushed Jillian to do more, all while maintaining her confidence.”

The 2019-20 campaign saw Hayes and future Akron guard Kate Garry lead the team to a school record 22 wins and its first league title since 2003.

Parker, who was diagnosed with colon cancer in late October 2020, remained a steadying influence for his players,

teaching them to battle adversity, just as he was doing. Sophomore guard **Grace Dressell (10)** stated, “Coach Parker taught me to keep pushing toward my goals and to not give up on what I want to achieve.”

Third-year forward **Olivia Raby (11)** agreed with Dressell, saying, “Coach Parker has pushed me to be a better leader on and off the court. He has taught me to believe in myself and never give up through adversity.” Braswell believes he and Parker’s relationship has allowed them to transcend the program at Loveland, saying, “Our chemistry is built on trust and knowing that our love for kids trumps the game of basketball.”

“Our Way” has become more than just a blueprint. It now is a reality, and that is because of the student-athletes, claims Braswell. “The kids here have been very receptive to change, but more importantly willing to work and grow while trusting the process.”

Parker agreed, “When we embody ‘Our Way,’ we are letting everyone know that Loveland is going to go about their everyday business differently from everyone else.” Loveland opens the 2021-22 season on Thursday, November 23 at Lakota East, as they aim for a third consecutive league crown.



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Parker coaches the 2019-20 Loveland Tigers during a timeout. The team won a school record 22 games.



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The 2020-21 team poses on Tiger Court after capturing a second consecutive league championship. The Tigers were led by Kent State commit Jenna Batsch.

Uniform Review: Ohio State Debuts All-Scarlet Look

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Saturdays in October and November mean College Football. There’s really nothing like this time of year in the world of sports, and I can’t help but get overly excited every single season. There is the casual college football fan and then there is the die-hard, all or nothing, cheer ‘til you drop, live and die with your team fan, and I am the latter. I live and breathe Ohio State Buckeyes football. I love everything about the Scarlet and Gray. Speaking of those hallowed colors, one thing that I appreciate about what Ohio State does is their respect for tradition, especially in their uniforms.

Scarlet, gray, and white have always donned THE Ohio State University’s uniforms, with the signature green buckeye stickers adorning their helmets. It’s a classic look; one that I have loved seemingly since birth. That’s why on October 17th, 2015 when the Buckeyes wore their blackout uniforms for the first time against Penn State, I was beside myself.

Not only did these uniforms and the black out feel like a cheap copy of what Happy Valley orchestrates every year

with their white out, but to be honest, I thought the uniforms were ugly. I know I’m going to take a lot of heat for this, but I’m tired of pretending like alternate uniforms for Ohio State are a good idea. I still cringe at the alternate helmets with the fat red stripe across the middle, and the dark gray uniforms with the black letters make me sick. Even the highly praised throwback stripe uniforms worn in 2016 against Nebraska are ruined by the awful all black helmet with no Buckeye stickers. So naturally, when I heard Ohio State was going with an alternate uniform tomorrow for their game against Penn State (again), I couldn’t help but groan. But upon actually seeing the uniform for myself I have to say I was, kind of, pleasantly surprised.

This year, OSU is going with an all-scarlet uniform which was an immediate relief because at least they aren’t pretending like black, or anything that isn’t scarlet, gray, or white is one of their colors. Another upside for me is that Nike didn’t screw up the classic helmets, which will crown the uniforms for the Buckeyes. The scarlet jerseys aren’t anything too different from what we’re used to seeing with the white numbers and

white and scarlet stripings on the shoulders, and even the scarlet pants aren’t overwhelming with the signature white and scarlet stripes going all the way down the outside of the pant leg on both sides. That’s about where my excitement stops. The scarlet socks are just a little too much for me and they bleed right into the all scarlet shoes, trying to steal the show from what was a nice jersey and pants concept. Not to mention the fact that, once again, the Buckeyes debut their alternate uniforms against Penn State in an attempt to copy their Whiteout with our own “Scarlet-out.”

I have to admit, these uniforms are the best alternate uniforms I’ve seen from the Buckeyes, but that doesn’t stop me from hating them. In all honesty, I can’t wait for the game to be over so the Buckeyes can go back to traditional uniforms and I don’t have to look at these anymore.



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Ohio State quarterback Justin Fields takes a hit in the 2019 Fiesta Bowl. He sported Ohio State’s recent bowl game alternate uniform.



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Ohio Stadium holds 104,944 fans at capacity. The historic venue is the site where The Ohio State Football Team already defeated several rivals this season.

Dad Jokes Galore: Will Dartnall

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Another month, another dad! Welcome back to “Dad Jokes Galore.” I am your host, Grace Nunn, and this fine month of October we interviewed Will Dartnall, father to Annelise Dartnall (12). Same questions, but different answers. I hope these give you a laugh because they definitely made me chuckle.

What is your favorite dad joke?

“Did you hear about the mushroom that got kicked out of the bar? He said, why kick me out? I’m a fun guy!”



Photo Courtesy of Annelise Dartnall

I won’t lie, I had to reread this in my head multiple times until I realized that “fun guy” is supposed to sound like “fungi.” It is a great joke.

Are your jokes all-original?

“They are a mix of jokes found online and then some passed down from my father who knows food-related dad

jokes.”

So we have some history behind some of these dad jokes--that is great! They must grow more powerful each generation that uses them.

How do you feel about dad jokes overall?

“I feel like they advance modern dad culture. I like them like a dad likes his grill--they are always hot and dependable.

” I couldn’t agree more with Mr. Dartnall.

Why are they called dad jokes? Where are the mom jokes?

“Because only dads have that courage to be lame enough to tell these great jokes.”

Great response, definitely one that doesn’t get you smacked by your wife--dads take note.

Do you think your dad jokes are an art form?

“Yes, like a Picasso of puns and hilarity.”

Beautiful.

Why do you tell dad jokes? Is it to annoy people?

“Eyerolls from my kids max out my dad power.”

You must be extremely maxed out with dad power then.

Do you genuinely find your jokes to be funny?

“Yes.”

Enough said.

Any final words?

“I got hit in the head with a can of Dr. Pepper, don’t worry--it’s a soft drink.”

What a great way to end this.

Thank you to Mr. Dartnall for the brilliant responses to my questions for the Halloween issue of “Dad Jokes Galore.”

I am thoroughly pleased. If someone out there has a dad who they think would be perfect for the next issue, hit me up!



Photo Courtesy of Annelise Dartnall.

Will Dartnall poses for a selfie. Mr. Dartnall contributed some hilarious jokes for us!

Loveland: Blast From the Past Interview With Former Alumni

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For the 2nd installment of Interviewing Loveland Alumni, I sat down with Loveland Alum Franco Monfreda. He graduated in 1997 and gave us a little insight into his high school experience:

Me: What year did you graduate from Loveland High School?

Franco: I graduated in 1997.

Me: What was your favorite class?

Franco: History Class

Me: Were you involved in any sports in high school?

Franco: Yes, track and field.

Me: What events did you compete in track and field?

Franco: I did the 50-yard dash and tried hurdles, but I wasn’t very good at it.

Me: What was your favorite memory from track and field?

Franco: I loved competing and always trying to set new records. There was one time in particular where I beat my

personal record after working at it for weeks.

Me: What was your favorite memory from high school?

Franco: Hanging out with my friends and classmates.

Me: What’s the best piece of advice you could give to current high school students?

Franco: Your hard work will pay off, and go to college

Me: What do you miss most about high school?

Franco: My teachers and my classes.

Me: Did you attend The Great Oaks Career Vocational School in high school?

Franco: Yes I did. I studied manufacturing and technology.

Me: What did you like about The Oaks?

Franco: I liked the atmosphere and all the trades they had to offer.

As we see, Franco’s experience at Loveland High School is very similar to high school experience now. He attended The Oaks during high school which is a route that a lot of high school students are taking nowadays, and definitely something he really enjoyed.



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A track runner runs to the finish line in a race. Franco Monfreda actually ran track all throughout high school.

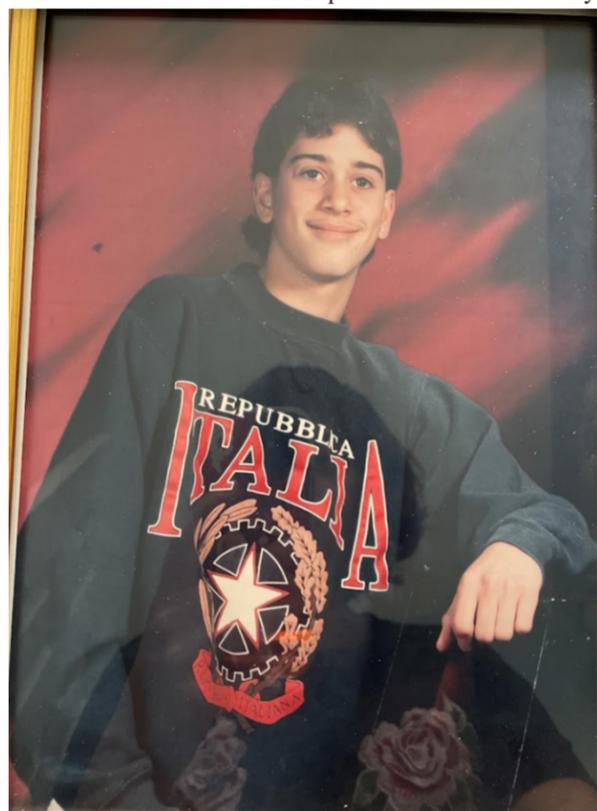


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A Chance For Change: Board of Education Election 2021

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Jonathan Eilert: Eilert claims that encouragement from others in the community compelled him to organize a campaign. “When you are talking about a leadership position, I think it is important that others recognize the ability and experience that you would bring and that they believe you can make a difference in that position. I am also running because I believe in public education and I care about this community. Public education is part of the foundation of our country and a school district needs to help ensure that the district has the resources it needs for students to become critical and creative thinkers, life-long learners, and engaged citizens.”



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He believes that the board does not directly make massive policy changes, but that they put the district in a position to succeed, saying, “I am not seeking big changes in the schools themselves. I think that incredible work takes place in our schools everyday. The board needs to help the administration ensure that we continue to learn from and then multiply the excellence that is already in our schools. We need to build more consensus and enthusiasm for supporting the district and ensuring that we continue to offer every child the academic and extracurricular activities that make our district great.”



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Eileen Washburn: Washburn states that equity and togetherness ignited her campaign. “This work is about inclusivity; it’s about making sure there is a space where everyone can fit. Our kids deserve the best, our staff deserve our support, and I’m not willing to abandon what has been started.

The momentum built up over at least the past two years is moving in a positive direction, and I want to maintain that path.”

She hopes to oversee a more involved, active student body, proclaiming, “I would like to see more student involvement and voice. What is it that students are happy with, what is going on in the schools that need to change from their perspective?”

I would love for our community to come together positively. Enough stressful things are going on in the world; the schools need support, not division. The staff members need to feel supported and trusted by the community.”

Elliot Grossman: Grossman believes his background sets him apart from other candidates, saying, “I’m the only candidate who has professional experience providing communication and community engagement services to school districts. I’ve seen other school districts fail consecutive tax levies. I’ve helped them come back from those challenges. Now, it’s time to help my own community. I am a strong supporter of public schools. I attended public schools from kindergarten through 12th grade. I believe public schools are the great equalizer in our nation. They give children from all walks of life opportunities.”

Grossman has held numerous community service leadership positions in the past, all in support of public education.



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levy in Loveland, just as it has elsewhere.

Al Joram: *The Roar* reached out to the Joram campaign multiple times for comment. Those attempts were unsuccessful.

Elizabeth Mason: *The Roar* reached out to the Mason campaign multiple times for comment. Those attempts were unsuccessful.

Dr. Eric Schwetschenau: Dr. Schwetschenau believes his medical experience differentiates him from other candidates, stating, “The doctor-patient relationship is similar to the school board-community relationship. If I can listen well enough to understand where people are coming from I can help move us forward as a community in order to heal our wounds. Each person is a unique individual with a unique story. I need to listen to them, attempt to understand their problems, and then develop a plan of treatment in order to cure disease.”

He cites the accomplishments of his first term as an outline for the future, proclaiming, “I was appointed to the school board in May 2020. At that point in time we had had two failed levies, two school board members had resigned, and we were in the beginning of a worldwide pandemic that would greatly reshape our approach to schooling. After I joined the board I spent two months reaching out to all types of community members. I heard the themes repeatedly of trust, transparency, and fiscal responsibility as being barriers to passing a school levy. The results of the failure of the school levies have been very painful for the students, staff, and administration.”

The Loveland City School District Board of Education is vital in determining the landscape of the schools and the community. The candidates collectively hope to see a restoration of trust and unity within Loveland, which can be accomplished through the ballot on November 2.

Restoring Trust

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The ideals of hope and optimism within Grossman’s campaign are due to how great the school district is, says Grossman. “It’s a big reason my family moved here. But poor decisions from leaders have led to damaged relationships with the community. Now, the district’s number one goal needs to be restoring trust. Without trust, the community won’t provide enough resources for the district. Without enough resources, the students will not get the education they deserve.”

Grossman has a detailed plan to survey the beliefs of the community, based on the success of other school districts. “The district needs to embark on a thorough and formal listening process -- seeking out voices from throughout the community. The priorities should not be what I want for the district or what the other school board members or the administrators want. It should be what the community wants. Communication needs to be a two-way process. Systems need to be set up to listen to parents, students, staff and the community on an ongoing basis. The district needs to go beyond listening to the most vocal groups. Opinions from the silent majority need to be heard, too.”

Grossman believes his approach will help pass the next

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Important Upcoming Supreme Court Cases

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On Monday, October 4, the Supreme Court started a new term. They have started hearing the first in-person arguments since March of 2020. This fall the court is going to hear many cases, among which 3 cases could set important legal precedents. These cases are all very important to American politics and are about gun control, abortion, and religious freedom. These cases all have substantial consequences on American life.

The Supreme Court has agreed to hear the case *New York State Rifle & Pistol Association Inc. v. Bruen*. This case will set the legal precedent for concealed carry rights. The *New York State Rifle & Pistol Association Inc.*, Brandon Koch, and Robert Nash sued the Superintendent of New York Police, Kevin Bruen over the right to concealed carry a firearm in public. Both Nash and Koch were denied concealed carry permits by the State of New York. New York State requires what they call an “actual and articulable reason” to receive a concealed carry permit. Many argue that the state’s restrictions on concealed carry permits violate the second amendment, but many also argue the opposite that New York’s concealed carry

laws are just an important public safety measure.

The Supreme Court is also going to hear *Dobbs v. Jackson Women’s Health Organization*, a case about the rights to abortion and the rights to life in Mississippi. In 2018 Mississippi passed a law banning nearly all abortions after 15 weeks, but they were sued by a doctor from the Jackson Women’s Health Organization in a district court. The district court struck down the law, as lawmakers failed to provide evidence of a fetus’s viability at 15 weeks. This case could set a legal precedent for the viability of a fetus. This case could also lead to an overturning of *Roe v. Wade* as a whole or at least the “undue burden” standard set by *Planned Parenthood v. Casey* in 1992. This case could significantly change American legal precedent regarding abortion.

The case *Carson v. Making* is going to be heard by the Supreme Court this fall. This case will set the legal precedent for religious freedom regarding school tuition aid. Maine relies on school districts to make sure that every child has access to free education. If a school district doesn’t have an elementary school the district is required to either work with another school to send the students there or pay the tuition to a school that the student is ac-



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cepted into as long as the school isn’t religiously affiliated. The Carsons, Gillises, and Nelsons live in school districts that provide tuition assistance to parents, and those 3 families want to use the tuition assistance to send their children to religiously affiliated schools. The group of parents is arguing that the requirement that the schools cannot be religiously affiliated violates the constitution. This case will set the precedent for tuition aid for religious schools.

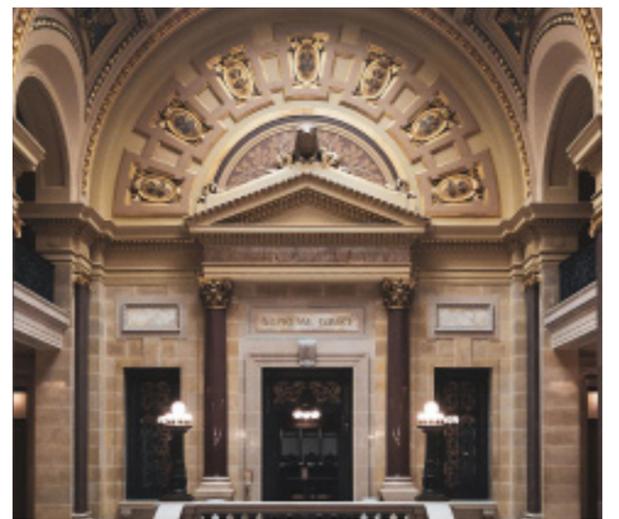
All of these Supreme Court cases will have significant impacts on American legal precedent for years to come.



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COVID; 22 Months Later

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The first case of COVID-19 was reported in December of 2019 in a large fish and produce market in Wuhan, China. Initially, COVID was thought to be a non-threat, something comparable to the Flu or Pneumonia. Something that did not need to be a huge cause for alarm. Now, 22 months later, after months of lockdown, dozens of vaccine trials, and millions of deaths, we know just how serious this virus is and how detrimental this virus would be to, not only the people of the world, but to the infrastructure and economy of every country. In the following article, I am going to discuss how COVID-19 has affected the world and the lives of those living in it.

Case numbers

The first reported cases of COVID-19 were initially flagged as pneumonia of unknown etiology (unknown cause) but as the case numbers rose and as people began to die, the CDC looked further into the virus strain and classified it as the Novel Corona Virus. At the end of 2020, there were roughly 6 million confirmed cases and just around 200,000 deaths (CDC). As of October 2021, there have been an estimated 219 million confirmed positive cases, and an estimated 4.6 million deaths all across the world, nearly 43.7 million of these cases being reported from the United States alone- not including the case numbers from US territories such as Puerto Rico and Guam.

Vaccine Rollout

Vaccine rollout began in December of 2020 and was initially limited to only those who were immunocompromised, were elderly, or worked in a health care facility. The two major options for the vaccine were Pfizer or Moderna- both requiring two doses. Now, many months later, vaccines have become widely available and recommended for those above 12 years of age. In the United States, roughly 296 million people have been vaccinated

(185 million of these being fully vaccinated) This is around 56% of the US population.

Economy

In addition to the effects that COVID-19 has had on the citizens of the World, COVID-19 has also affected the world economy. If we look at the US job economy over the last two years, we can see that nearly 22 million jobs were lost as a result of the pandemic. The US unemployment rate jumped from roughly 3.5% in 2019 to well over 8% in 2020 leaving many unable to pay rent, purchase groceries, get medical care, and many other basic necessities. As positive cases and death totals soared, so did the unemployment and homeless rates. As of October, the unemployment rate has gone back down to 5.4% (bls.gov) This does not mean that the economy has fixed itself.

According to the New York Times, “numerous industries are still functioning below their pre-pandemic levels — further healing appears likely to be more gradual, and in some ways more difficult.”

As you can see, the United States has faced significant changes in these last few months, and only time will tell what COVID-19 may change next. Until then, all we can do is do our best to stay as safe as possible.



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A Rating of Harry Styles' Tour Outfits

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You either know him from his iconic debut on *The X Factor* in 2010, his stunning appearance in a dress on the front cover of *Vogue Magazine*, or his role in the British boy band *One Direction*. If not, you've probably heard his name: Harry Styles. At 16, he made an appearance on the British reality television show *The X Factor*, winning over two of the three judges at the panel. Since then, he was in *One Direction* for four years, released two solo albums, has gone on a worldwide tour, and is currently on tour for his second album, *Fine Line*.

For this issue, I'm going to be reviewing a few outfits from Harry Styles' "Love on Tour" 2021-2022.

First up is his very first show that he did starting the tour, in Las Vegas, Nevada at the MGM Grand Garden Arena. For this show, he decided to wear a hot pink fringed vest with no shirt underneath, some baggy pink slacks, and some Gucci booties. Styles kicked off his tour with a

fashion statement, blurring gender lines being one of his firm beliefs.

For me, this outfit would have to be ranked at about 8/10. I really liked the concept of the outfit, as well as the matching color sequences that his stylist, Harry Lambert, specifically put together. The only reason it didn't get a 10/10 would be because it just wasn't his best outfit in my opinion, but he definitely started his tour with the right outfit.

The second outfit I'm going to be reviewing is from his second Chicago show, his 12th show overall. For this outfit, he wore a stunning red blouse with floral patterns, paired with some red suspenders, as well. He wore red Gucci slacks, as well as some Gucci boots to match the color sequence. You can probably tell that Harry's stylist is a big fan of matching outfits and making things one color.

Overall, I'd rate this outfit at about a 6/10. Don't get me wrong, the outfit is stunning, but just not one of my favorites. In comparison to things that Harry Styles has previously worn, this outfit seems a bit boring.

The third outfit I'm going to be reviewing is from Harry's first New York City show, his 15th show overall. For this show, Harry's outfit was my favorite outfit on this tour. He wore a completely black suit (no shirt, of course) with feathered boa sleeves, and to add to his all-black outfit, he showed off some black heeled Gucci booties that, in my opinion, looked absolutely incredible. I'd give this outfit a solid 10/10, just because of how incredibly gorgeous this outfit looked on him, and because it isn't a stereotypically masculine outfit.

The last outfit I'll be reviewing (sadly) is Harry's second New York City show, his 16th show overall. For this show, Harry wore a flowing white button-up blouse, paired with long black polka-dotted slacks, and finished off the look with black sparkling booties (all Gucci items). As I said with the previous outfit, I absolutely love this one because it isn't a typically masculine outfit, something I believe was enforced into society at such an early time.

Overall, this outfit gets a 9/10 from me. The outfit itself is great, but slightly underwhelming.



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My Excitement for World Trigger Season Three

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It's always fun to be excited for an upcoming release. Whether it be a new video game or a new season of your favorite show, it's always fun to tick down the days until it comes out. For me, this is especially true when it comes to new anime, particularly when old anime are coming back for another season. However, few anime have gotten me excited that they're coming back quite like when I heard about the third season of, probably my favorite anime, coming out in October, *World Trigger*.



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I first found *World Trigger* in late 2020/early 2021 while scrolling through my recommendations on the app I use to watch anime, VRV. I skipped over it at the time, because I thought the name sounded weird. However, after it came up a few more times, I decided to give it a watch, and instantly loved it. *World Trigger* follows three characters who are part of an organization called "Border," as they fight against malicious creatures called Neighbors, hailing from another dimension known as the Neighborhood. The characters use weapons called Triggers powered by an energy source known as Trion, which the Neighbors steal by kidnapping people and taking them back to the Neighborhood. One of the things I really like about *World Trigger* is the thought behind its battles. There isn't often a time when an opponent is completely unbeatable, and the characters all have to use some level of strategy, even using the specifics of an opponent's Trigger, to come out

on top. Another fantastic aspect of it is the sheer number of characters, and how different a lot of them are. I remember trying to show two of my friends *World Trigger*, and both times they were shocked by the massive number of different characters and teams that the show has. While I probably couldn't name half of the characters in the show, they all have their roles in the story, and have their place in the world.

World Trigger originally aired from October of 2014 to April of 2016, with its first season having a whopping 73 episodes. It wasn't until a few years later, in 2019, that a season two was announced at Jump Festa, an annual exposition in Japan for all things manga and anime. Season two ran from January to April earlier this year, only having 12 episodes. Despite Season three being announced for



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Fall of 2021, many fans were still confused by the low episode count.

As for me personally, I was also upset when season two stopped on a cliffhanger in the twelfth episode. I had been binging *World Trigger* for the past few months, and had finally caught up with the weekly new episodes, but as soon as I do, it's basically already over. It almost feels like they cut the season short, and I don't know how I feel about that, especially since season one had a full 73 episodes. Despite this, I was still vehemently excited for the third season. It was hardly an exaggeration to say that it was some of the most excitement and hype I had ever felt for something, and I am honestly overjoyed that I got to enjoy the third season this month.

A Review of “No One Gets Out Alive”

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Directed by Santiago Menghini and with a score of 69% on *Rotten Tomatoes*, *No One Gets Out Alive* features protagonist Ambar, an illegal immigrant trying to find a place to live while she works in a sweatshop saving for the “American Dream.” She finds a room in a dilapidated boarding house run by two men, Red and his older brother with mental health issues, Becker. Ambar soon learns that



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the house is not what it seemed.

Grace here! I thought for a movie on *Netflix*, it was alright! I really enjoy movies that explain everything at the very end, and that is exactly what this movie does. Throughout it Ambar is put into scary situations, all very brief, but revealing of the real truth of the boarding house, so you don't know what is really going on until the end. As with all horror movies there are a few monsters. Some of them are people, the other is an Aztec God, “Itzpapalotl” who was surprisingly very well animated. Usually when a monster is revealed in the light it completely ruins it, but I thought it looked pretty cool. On a scale of worst to best *Netflix* movie, I would say this movie is in the middle. In terms of horror movies, overall I give it a 4/10.

Laurel is next! I am definitely not a horror movie fan like Grace and Kate. In fact, *No One Gets Out Alive* was the first horror movie that I have watched. I feel it was a good introduction into the genre. Overall, I had a lot of sympathy for Ambar; she was caught in a horrible situation. However, this does not negate all of the red flags that she ignored at the beginning. This movie was a little slow in the beginning for my taste, but I enjoyed the twists it constantly took. The ending especially shocked me. The movie never did what I predicted it to do. I did enjoy the fact that the audience could not always tell what was reality and what was Ambar's dreams. Non-horror movie fans be warned; I slept with my lights on afterwards.

Kate here, and like Laurel said, I am a pretty big horror movie fan. Right off the bat, I thought that the intro was a little too slow for my taste. Other than the pacing issues, I really liked how small things would happen or go wrong that would gradually build the tension and suspense. The overall scare factor of this movie was kind of disappointing. To me, the scariest scenes were the ones that seemed plausible (the women being attacked, or Becker attacking



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Beto). The movie began to pick up around the last 30 minutes, and I feel like that's when I started enjoying the movie, but at that point it was a little too late. Overall, the movie was pretty okay and I appreciated how things came together at the end, although I do wish Ambar was able to have a happier ending.

Halloween Monsters Ranked by Spookiness

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With Halloween just a couple days away, I thought it would be appropriate to rank each of the most famous monsters that resurface every halloween season!

5. Vampires:

Vampires are the least spooky monster because they are not dangerous. This is because there are known ways to ward them off, the most common being garlic. There are also known ways to kill them if needed, the most common being a wooden stake through the heart. Appearance wise, vampires look quite similar to humans. If you were to see one from a distance, you would assume the vampire is a pale human. Close up, vampires are easy to spot with their pale complexion, pointy teeth, lack of reflection, red eyes, and clothing choices. They will not catch you off guard. I do admit the risk of your blood being sucked is quite spooky, but if you have a few cloves of garlic, you're good to go.

4. Witches:

Witches have gotten a bad rep throughout



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history. Witchcraft has a negative connotation because it is associated with the Pagan religion, which early Christians were not fans of. As early as the 1400s, Europe was gripped by witch hysteria. This was when witch hunting began. Of course, the bad reputation of witches has not been helped by pop culture. One of the earliest examples is Shakespeare's *Macbeth*. In this play, a group of three witches are portrayed as evil. More modern examples include the 1999 movie, *The Blair Witch Project*. Witches are ranked pretty low on my list because I believe they are not very dangerous. Their appearance is the scariest thing about them. That being said, if you were to get on the bad side of a witch, the consequences could be dire. Witches do have the potential to harm you with their spells and magic.



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3. Werewolves

Werewolves are ranked higher than vampires and witches because they can easily catch you off guard. They look like normal humans until they change into werewolves. I do not consider werewolves



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to be too dangerous simply because they can only turn into a werewolf under a full moon, which is once a month. As a result, you have a good chance of avoiding werewolves. However, if you do see a transformed werewolf, you will be in grave danger as they will rip you apart.

2. Zombies

Zombies are quite popular in entertainment. The realities of a zombie apocalypse are illustrated in the hit series, *The Walking Dead*. Although zombies are less dangerous than werewolves, they are ranked higher because zombies are zombies all of the time. What scares me the most

about zombies is that they are alive and dead at the same time and their appearance is quite creepy. However, unless there are a lot of them surrounding you, zombies are pretty easy to avoid or get rid of.

1. Ghosts

I never want to come into contact with a ghost. Ghosts by far are the most popular monsters featured in horror movies and are the most prevalent monster during the Halloween season for a reason. Ghosts are creepy, dangerous, and overall something that I want to avoid for my entire life. I hate the idea of transparent floating human spirits.

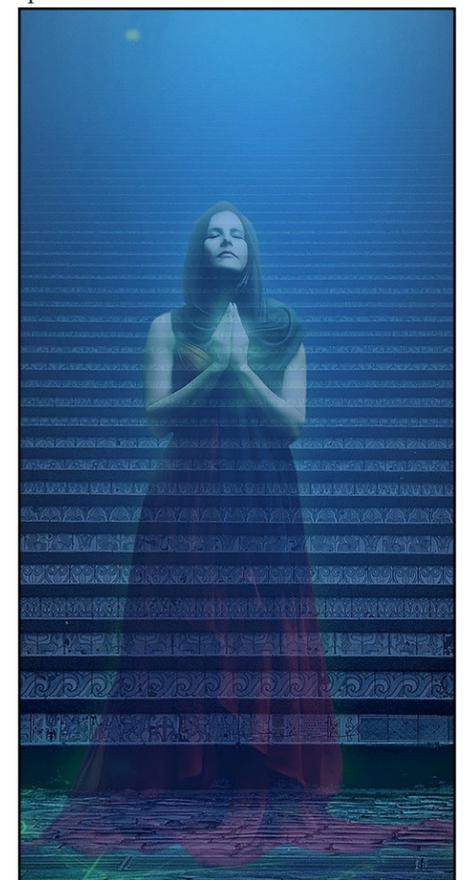


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Halloween Costume Review

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Dressing up for Halloween has been a national tradition since we were kids. Whether you were a ghost, a witch, or in my case, Dracula from Monster High, you dressed up at one time or another. But have you ever seen a Halloween costume that just made you think, ‘That’s iconic?’ I know I have. Today, I’m going to be giving you a list of five different costumes that, in my opinion, are superior. These costumes range from inflatable aliens to chicken-hat-wearing women.

At number five is the inflatable dinosaur costume. This costume is easy to set up and requires very minimal effort. People found this costume funny in 2018 for about five minutes and then everyone got sick of people running around as dinosaurs during Halloween. However, this costume is still incredibly funny to me. What can

I say? People running around in inflatable costumes and looking ridiculous perfectly describes my sense of humor.

For number four, I would have to pick the alien-holding-you costume. This costume was a hit in 2020, because everyone found it hilarious that it looked like an alien was carrying you wherever it went. This costume consists of an inflatable green alien holding a headless childlike inflatable body, creating a designated space to put your head. When you put the costume on, you simply slide your head into that designated space, and there you have it, an alien is carrying you against your will!

For number three, I would have to pick the ‘taco dog’ costume. Sure, this costume is absolutely adorable on your pet and it’s hilarious to watch a little taco running around outside, but, in my opinion, it’s just getting old and a little bit sad. These costumes can’t be incredibly comfortable

for dogs, either. The taco dog thing was funny for a while and gave adults and kids something to laugh about, but then everyone started dressing their poor dogs in these costumes, and now it’s just concerning.

For number two, I’d have to go with The Corpse Bride costume.

This costume includes dressing up in the bride’s wedding dress, painting your face, neck, arms and legs completely white, and doing incredible contouring in your cheekbones, nose, forehead, and neck to make it look like you literally rose from the dead. For the other The Corpse Bride costume, you would dress up in a suit, hollow out your cheeks and nose, and you’d be known as

Victor from the movie. I think this costume is so popular because it takes a lot of effort and talent to actually pull off the look, but is absolutely stunning when it’s finished.

For number one, I’d have to go with the ‘Monica from Friends’ costume. This costume consists of a hollowed out fake chicken with sunglasses and a hat that you slide on top of your head, as well as a green tank top and blue jeans. As a person who has watched Friends, this costume is absolutely hilarious to me. It’s perfect when you want to give your friends and family a laugh, since it’s such a popular and iconic show.



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Students’ Choice for Best Halloween Candy

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Spooky season is finally here and with it comes Halloween and a barrage of candy. As great as they are, other holidays are nothing compared to the candy you keep under your bed for 2 months. You are given a free stash to keep you happy until the Christmas season, like a checkpoint before you get to Christmas. With all of this in mind, I asked some of my friends and family what their favorite candy is, here are those responses.

The first contender was Laurel Gibbins (12), who told me that Kit Kats were the best, but she didn’t elaborate. A fun fact about Kit Kats for you, there are over 200 different flavors in Japan! I guess you can’t knock it until you’ve tried it but imagine regularly eating soy-sauce

flavored Kit Kats. They are also produced by Nestle AND Hershey--everyone wants a piece of Kit Kat (mentalfloss.com).

Next up was Kate Carpenter (12), who was very unprofessional in telling me, ‘ur mom’ was her favorite type of candy. I have never heard of this candy before but apparently, it is her favorite.

Reagan Dell (10), had the best opinion of the evening, ‘Pumpkin Reese’s Cups because they’re great.’ I 100% wholeheartedly agree with this opinion. Not only are Reese’s great but the Pumpkin shaped ones have some type of magic in them because once you start, you can’t stop. A little historical fact for you, Reese’s would not be where it is today if it weren’t for World War II. During the war, both sugar and chocolate were being rationed, but peanut butter wasn’t

(spoonuniversity.com)! Annelise Dartnall (12) also told me that Reese’s were the best because ‘you can stick them in the freezer and then they will be cold!’ This is a very good point, even though all chocolates can be frozen, however, frozen Reese’s cups were made for the cold.

My younger cousin Jenna told me that the caramel apple suckers are the best, no doubt about it. Those lollipops are a classic Halloween treat and a smaller, cleaner, version of a candy apple--so they’re perfect. Most of you know the classic green apple flavor that is universally loved, but did you know that there are 2 seasonal flavors? They are ‘Golden Delicious’ and ‘Red Macintosh.’

Olivia Powers (12) gave me a very passionate speech about Twix telling me,

‘I just always find myself reaching for one, they got chocolate, a little crunchy moment, and some caramel.’ She also mentioned how she only eats the left ones, which is the correct choice. If you think the right Twix is the best, then I have problems with you.

My lovely younger sister, Alex Nunn (11), told me that the jolly rancher lollipops are the best because they are ‘fun.’ I’m not sure what fun entails but I will accept it.

Overall, we have some great picks for the best Halloween candy! I hope everyone is able to hoard their favorite and keep a stash in their drawer for a few months. You have to be conservative, don’t eat it all in a week as I do. Enjoy your Trick or Treatin’ and stay safe out there!



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What Date Should Halloween be on? Why Halloween Should be on a Saturday

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Wouldn't you like to have both Halloween and the day after it off? If we make Halloween the last Saturday of October we can have a full day to celebrate Halloween festivities, and then a day after to recoup so that we're ready to return to school and our jobs the following day.

If we have Halloween on a Saturday then children will be able to trick or treat all day. They'll end up with more candy, and also be able to attend events like parades or parties. Having Halloween on a Saturday would give parents the opportunity to accompany their children trick or treating, which not only makes it safer for the children to go but also gives their parents the opportunity to spend time with their children.

They'll also be able to spend the entire day with their friends, and they wouldn't have to spend most of the day in school.

Do you remember how much better Halloween was last year when we had Halloween on a Saturday? We had the whole day to celebrate Halloween, and we were able to sleep in and recover the next day. This year we're stuck with Halloween on a Sunday, which means that even though we'll have Halloween day off, we won't have the next day to recoup and sleep in.

If we move Halloween to a day of the week like Thanksgiving we will enjoy the holiday more. Having school and work the next day inhibits the ability of everyone to enjoy Halloween, and creates limits on what people can do on Halloween. People are significantly less productive with little sleep, they need a day to recoup after Halloween. The benefits of having well-rested students and employees potentially outweigh the costs of losing a day of work or school.

Although having November 1 off has its upsides, the downsides significantly outweigh them. If Halloween stays on the 31st it has the potential to fall during the week which would put time constraints on Halloween celebrations. Instead of getting an entire day to celebrate and also a day after to recover, you still have to go to school or work on Halloween day. This would cut the time to celebrate Halloween in half. You could have the entire day to celebrate Halloween and then have the day off, but instead, you only get the day after off. Where would this additional day off come from? Would we get a shorter summer break, would we lose time from Christmas vacation? We can't just get an extra day off without taking it from somewhere else. Having Halloween on a Saturday allows us to receive all of the



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Dogs on Halloween. They dressed up as ghosts for the tradition.

same benefits of having the next day off, but also allows us to conserve our days off.

Halloween should be moved to the last Saturday of October. Many people believe this, including the 150,000 people who signed a [change.org](https://www.change.org/p/move-halloween-to-the-last-saturday-of-october) petition to move Halloween to the last Saturday of October. Halloween would be so much more fun if it was moved to Saturday.



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Use this QR code to vote on the day of Halloween!

Why We Should Have the Day After Halloween Off

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Have you ever found yourself wondering why we have school on November 1? I, for one, will not stand for this. I believe that we should have the day after Halloween off. It is completely unfair for students to be required to go to school on November 1. My logic is that if you're still trick-or-treating, you end up staying up late and eating too much unhealthy food.

On the other hand, if you are a teenager there is a good chance that you would be staying up later than usual since Halloween is typically a social hour. Students are not as productive in school when tired. Normally, it is the student's fault that they are tired because they did not go to bed on time. But on a night like Halloween no student will go to bed at a normal hour because it is a special occasion.

Some differ with my opinion and

participate in some sort of Halloween activity. Many people are affected by post-Halloween fatigue. Americans should receive one day to sleep in and catch up with their bodies before returning to the busyness of the week. The morale of the students would also be affected in a positive way too. The 4th Saturday of every October would be very unnatural, besides, students (especially younger ones like celebrating) Halloween at school with their classmates by dressing up and playing games. So having the actual celebration of Halloween on a weekend wouldn't be ideal, Especially for children. I remember going to bed October 30th and I was so energized because I couldn't wait to pop out of bed and throw on my Spider Man outfit and walk into school feeling like the queen of England. I would have been heart broken if I didn't get that opportunity.

think that Halloween should be on the 4th Saturday of October every year. I strongly disagree with this claim and here is why: If we get the school day after Halloween off, then we get an extra day off from school. (Unless the school chooses to replace the day off with an inservice day.) But even if that is so, Halloween has a historic context and moving it just wouldn't make sense and it wouldn't be right. "Halloween originated with the ancient Celtic festival of Samhain, where people would light fires and wear costumes to ward off ghosts." Changing the day of Halloween would change the fabric of the holiday forever and would effectively outdate Halloween. Besides, nobody does well when they're tired, and most students know that they and their peers would be staying up late partying.

If Halloween falls on a Friday or the last day of that week, then the next business day should be off. 180 million Americans

If we changed the date of Halloween it would also cause major confusion and would cause Americans to be misinformed. Halloween is an excellent holiday and changing the date would ruin its festivities. If students received the next day off from school they would be able to excel the rest of the week or get a longer weekend. High Schoolers could really use that day and schools could provide it, simply by placing an inservice day on the day of their choosing. You should not try to process information when you are coming down from a sugar high. It is unhealthy, and missing so much sleep for one night can affect a kid the rest of the week. Additionally, teachers would become frustrated because it would be harder to attract their students' attention.

Halloween is a beautiful holiday and going to school on November 1 is an outrage!



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Jack'o'lanterns on Halloween. This photo was taken in October of 2020.



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Haunted house Halloween night. This house was decorated by middle school kids in Clinton Township.

The 17th Door: Scariest Haunted House

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Haunted houses are a staple of Halloween all around the United States, with thousands located all over the country to celebrate one of America's most decorated holidays. Actors with terrifying makeup, dark rooms, and plenty of scares complete the haunted house experience all around the country and throughout the world. But there's a haunted house that even the bravest people can't conquer. The 17th Door is a haunted house attraction in Fullerton, California and is widely considered the scariest haunted house in America by the public. In fact, it's so terrifying that you have to sign 2 waivers before you can even enter the facility.

Robbie and Heather Luther came up with the idea for this terrifying attraction with a little bit of a twist to it as far as haunted houses go. Heather knew that it was unique from the beginning; "There's a lot going on, where it's very interactive and immersive and kind of invades your space.

You will get touched and you might get wet" (ABC7 NEWS). But that's not even the worst part. As soon as you enter the 17th Door, the only word you can use to escape is "mercy." That's right, the 17th door is so terrifying that they actually have a safe word.

Guests go through 17 different rooms, each with a different theme revolving around the horrifying backstory that the entire set is based around year after year. The haunting backstory consists of a girl named Paula fresh out of college who can't seem to get away from her demons. She murders her son and is taken away to Perpetuum Penitentiary, where the set of this attraction takes place. You are taken through the prison as actors pop out from the shadows, but they don't just scare you. The waiver specifically states that you may get wet, get touched, shocked, and so much more. But this is what makes the 17th door so unique, they have trained actors that practice this moment from the moment they arrive to the set. These

actors are specifically selected through multiple auditions by Heather Luther and have to be phenomenal over the top character actors to really scare the pants off of their audience.

This is why the 17th door is held so highly in the haunted house world. Its owners really want to make sure that the customers get what they pay for, they crank up the level of fear and people love it. It has only been open to the public for 6 years, and already brings in nearly 27,000 customers in just a 30 day span during the month of October. Despite its daring reputation, the 17th Door has brought on massive revenue and is currently at the top of the haunted house game in the United States because of its uniqueness. It's gotten so enormous that it has already caused a rumble throughout the United States as one of the scariest haunted houses in the country, and deservedly so, as it climbs the bucket lists of the bravest haunted house experts in the United States.



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The main character of the haunted house, 17th door with her son, Lincoln. Previously, she slaughtered her son.

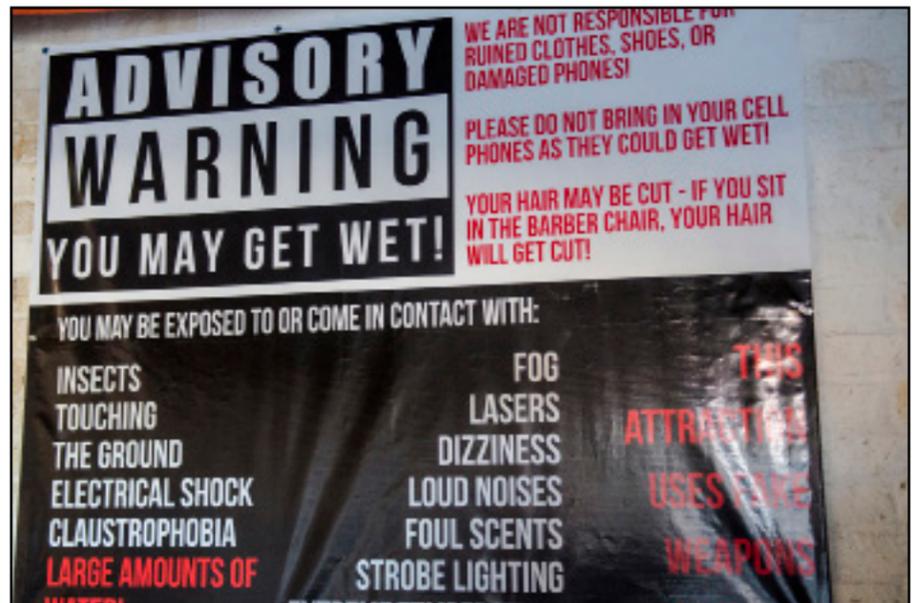


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This is what you see when you enter the haunted attraction. Past attendees didn't listen these rules and had an unenjoyable experience.

Halloween: A look at Traditions in Different Countries

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Halloween is one of the most popular holidays in the country, but is it like that in other countries around the world? In the U.S. we obviously have certain American traditions to celebrate Halloween like dressing up in costumes, trick or treating, and going to haunted houses. However, in other countries like Mexico, Italy, Ireland, and Portugal have different unique Halloween traditions.

In Italy, Halloween is not super popular among the whole country, but in certain cities like Sardinia they have traditions that are very popular. Children go around to houses and ask for sweets just like in the U.S. However, in Sardinia, it has a religious meaning behind it. They ask for sweets on behalf of souls stuck in purgatory. Most Sardinians also display "Conchas de Mortu," which in English means "heads of the dead." They are basically the Italian equivalent of jack-o-lanterns.

Another country with an interesting Halloween celebration is Ireland. Since Halloween originated in

Ireland it is obviously a very popular holiday there. They celebrate all the traditions we do, but they do have some of their own. Emerald Isle is a specific place that holds all of their traditions. These traditions include eating barmbrack traditional fruitcake and lighting bonfires. They also have many festivals and carnivals. In the Emerald Isle a big Carnival is held every year called Derry's huge Banks of the Foyle Halloween Carnival. In bigger cities across the country like Galway and Dublin, they host big parades and street festivals.

Another country with its own unique celebration is Portugal. While Portugal is the country that is most similar to the U.S., its tradition is still uniquely its own. Children in Portugal do something called Pao-por-Deus which translates to "bread for God." Pao-por-Deus is when kids go door to door and yell Pao-por-Deus to receive candy, bread, and other small trinkets. This is very similar to the U.S. tradition of trick-or-treating except kids don't wear costumes.

There is one country that definitely has the most unique

celebration of all, and that's Mexico. Mexico celebrates "El Dia de Los Muertos" also known as "the day of the dead." Most people consider this their equivalent to Halloween. Traditions vary regionally, but some of the most popular ones include constructing altars to honor deceased family members. On these altars, they put pictures and some of the deceased loved ones' favorite things. They believe that by doing this their souls will return to visit on "The Day of the Dead." Another popular tradition is visiting a loved one's grave. They often bring offerings such as bread, candy skulls, and tequila.

These are only four countries with unique traditions, there are many more out there and I encourage you to research and learn about them. We are so used to our own traditions, it is very fascinating to learn that countries celebrate differently from us. As we know, Halloween is one of the most popular holidays in the U.S. with traditions we are very accustomed to. However, it is important to learn about and embrace traditions other countries might have.



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Halloween Haunt Review

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Halloween Haunt has become a massive success in recent years which leads some people to wonder why Halloween Haunt is so successful. Some go for the scares, some for the haunted houses, some for the atmosphere, and some even go just to hangout with friends. No matter the reason, it is always a great time.

Local Loveland High-Schooler Owen George (10) says that there are many “hot girls” at Haunt, and he thinks it is a “beautiful experience” to go to Kings Island during October.

Halloween Haunt is open every Friday and Saturday night starting in late September going through October 30. It consists of multiple haunted houses scattered across the park throughout spookily-themed zones set up by the park. Kings Island then hires hundreds of actors to dress up as creatures of the night to try and scare guests. Haunt may not be for some, but it is definitely a very fun place to hangout with friends. If you’re a social person, then Haunt

is definitely the place to go.

Haunt is an elaborate way to create fun for everybody by including every age group in their activities. Kings Island’s Halloween Haunt is also an amazing place to go for food and festivities for younger kids. These activities take place in the day time and include trick-or-treating, costume contests, and fun games. That means that if a mother would like to take her two children to Kings Island during Haunt, she can go during the day and allow her kids to experience true Halloween fun. And the fun isn’t just for younger ones. There are plenty of fun things to do for teenagers and adults. The food, haunted houses, and a chance to socialize make for a fun evening. Thanks to Haunt, many teenagers and adults can safely meet new people and socialize with friends, not to mention it is a great place for a date too. Many people express concern that Halloween Haunt is scary but if so, they can visit it during the day for a less threatening experience.

One haunted house at Halloween Haunt is called “Kill Mart.” From personal experience, you enter through a

corridor that appears to be for the popular retail chain “Walmart.” You walk through broken down aisles which reek of stink and rot. Actors pop out at random corners attempting to scare you. They are surprisingly frightening, and it incorporates many horrifying factors you would think of when going through a haunted house, such as creepy music, bloody scenes and grisly decor. There is also security for protection against civil disputes. There are multiple zones at Haunt, my personal favorite being “Clown Alley” in “Coney Mall.” Clowns are terrifying, which is why Kings Island utilizes them in their antics. This is why they use them in “Coney Mall.” Haunt is a very exciting experience and it should be on everybody’s bucket lists.

If you own a season pass, it includes free access to Halloween Haunt along with the regular summer season and Winerfest. A Kings Island gold pass costs \$105, which is about 2 or 3 visits if you buy a ticket every time. . If you live in the Cincinnati area and these festivities sound appealing, buying a pass is well worth the cost.



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Mario Movie Cast Causes Mixed Reactions

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On the 23rd of September this year, a presentation for Nintendo, a Nintendo Direct, was released. This Direct was streamed on Youtube and intended to show its viewers what future products they could look forward to from the popular video game company. Apart from the various games and franchises that Nintendo is known for, there was a particular announcement that was far different from the others. It was announced that an animated movie based on their most popular franchise, Super Mario Bros., was in production. While it was announced that the movie would be released in the holiday season of 2022, there was another part of the announcement that grabbed the attention of many viewers, the cast.

The main casting choice that caused discussion throughout the internet was the choosing of Chris Pratt to voice Mario, instead of Charles Martinet, who’s voiced the character ever since the 1990’s. Many people know Pratt from recent roles in more action-packed movies such as Guardians of the Galaxy, so seeing him here to voice the supposedly cheery main character Mario has garnered mixed reactions from around the internet. There are a large number of people who do not see him as a proper fit for the role. For example, @The_TweetCritic on Twitter says

that, “He’s a great actor, he just gets cast in a lot of roles he isn’t right for, for example Onward, and The Super Mario Movie.” However, there is also a similarly large number



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of people who are optimistic about how Pratt will voice Mario. @AnasasiKoan on Twitter expresses this optimism by saying, “People angry that Chris Pratt is Mario forget the early seasons of Parks and Recs. Dude’s got comedic chops and knows how to play the lovable doofus. I guess as soon as his abs started showing, people forgot he knew

how to be funny.” Opinions of this casting choice definitely vary a great deal with support for both sides.

This contrasts heavily with the casting choice they made for the voice of the games’ main antagonist, Bowser. In the upcoming movie, Bowser will be voiced by Jack Black. Unlike the whole Chris Pratt Mario debate, most sources on the internet seem to agree that Jack Black was a fantastic choice for this role. This thought is well-expressed by @PrimeNathaniel on Twitter, who stated, “I dont think the world is ready to accept that jack black is the actual PERFECT choice for bowser, and could have been no one else.” Some people also see this as the best thing that we currently know about the movie. @BroTweetsAgain on Twitter even went far enough to say, “The Mario movie is gonna suck....but then again Jack Black as Bowser is enough to make me hyped for it. The man is pure #kickassitude.”

While the reveal of the main cast certainly caught the internet’s attention, sparking discussions and spawning countless memes, apart from it coming out in holiday of 2022, and being produced by Illumination Studios, that is all we actually know about the movie. Therefore, it still remains to be seen whether or not it’ll fall into the trend of bad video game film adaptations like it’s live-action predecessor from 1993.



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