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## Seniors give service to their community

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On October 10, 2018 it was a very important day for the seniors at Loveland High School. For the seventh consecutive year, students volunteered in the Cincinnati area at various locations which include: Bethany House, Granny's Garden, Habitat For Humanity, and the SPCA. Each student gained so much experience from being a part of this annual tradition.

This year, **Mrs. Belknap (Math Teacher)** and **Mrs. Scherman (Science Teacher)** organized senior service day. Mrs. Scherman has eagerly volunteered at the previous 6 senior service days which were led by **Mrs. Sambuchino (TPA Teacher)** and **Mr. Baugh (English Teacher)**. When the opportunity came to continue the tradition alongside Mrs. Belknap, she was eager to get involved. "Despite the tremendous amount of work that it took to make such a day happen, I wouldn't change the experience for the world," said Mrs. Scherman. Mrs. Belknap agrees by saying, "Last winter when I volunteered to help organize the senior service day, I knew I was taking on a huge event, but nothing could have prepared me for how much it really was going to take." She was excited for the class of 2019 to experience all that they had planned.

Alongside Mrs. Belknap and Mrs. Scherman, there were 44 senior service leaders who helped organize the day as well. **Emily Kubin (12)**, **Kyle Faessler (12)**, and **Meghan Lolli (12)** served as senior service day interns assisting them with any tasks and making the day run smoothly. In the morning, the students headed to the Oasis

for a morning session where guest speakers reinforced the message of the day. The students also participated in some team building activities with the other students from their sites.

One of the sites that students volunteered at was the Freestore Foodbank in Cincinnati. According to their website, "They began in 1971 when Frank Gerson saw usable household items being tossed away. So, he decided to collect those items and distribute them to families in need." Today, the Freestore Foodbank is one of over 200 food banks within the *Feeding America* network which serves families across the nation. **Brittany Chapman (12)** was one of the students who volunteered at the food bank that day. "I sorted cans and boxes of food for other people who came to get them. People went around the room and picked whatever they wanted to eat from carts," said Chapman about what tasks she did during the day. The Freestore Foodbank's mission is to "provide food and services, create stability, and further self-reliance for people in crisis."

Another place in the Greater Cincinnati area that students volunteered at was the Habitat for Humanity. According to their website, "Habitat for Humanity is a global nonprofit housing organization working in local communities across all 50 states and in approximately 70 countries. We work towards our vision with families in need of decent and affordable housing." **Cat Hodges (12)** completed various tasks for the organization. "At Habitat for Humanity, we started off by breaking up the pallets that they had put in a giant pile to be thrown away. Then, it started to rain so we went

inside and measured doors that they stacked up to sell. There were many used items for sale such as stoves, couches, and tables," said Hodges. She also thought it was really interesting to see people coming in and out knowing that the volunteers are doing something to help them.

As a whole, senior service day meant a lot to the seniors participating. **Maria Reich (12)** who helped out with Our Daily Bread loved senior day because "I got to help out people and give them a nice dessert for them to take home and enjoy," said Reich. **Rachel Noe (12)** added, "It felt good knowing that I was making a difference in the community, and it was a lot of fun!" Mrs. Belknap expressed great joy about the great work of the class of 2019. "The projects the students participated in helped each site to free up time for the organizations to complete their work, their missions. I am so proud of the class of 2019, and I hope they know how much they helped the Greater Cincinnati Community." Mrs. Scherman agrees, "Driving around watching the seniors help various organizations and continuing their selfless missions to help others, I was inspired, humbled, and moved." Despite the amount of work, the senior class appreciates the experience of helping out their community.

Senior Service Day proves to be a great experience for everyone involved. Whether it was helping out at a foodbank, assisting teachers at a school, or beautifying our community, every senior made the day much more memorable. Senior Service Day will be something that will continue to be a meaningful and rewarding day for seniors to come.

## Kings Island decides to close down Firehawk

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After eleven years of service, *Kings Island* will terminate the ride known as *Firehawk*. The ride *Firehawk* is a metal roller coaster that takes riders on a "flying" journey as they soar through three different inversions, up to 115 feet high, at speeds of up to 51 miles per hour. They announced that final rides were to occur every weekend from September 29th to October 28th. The weekend of the 28th is also known as the last two days of the seasonal event known as "Halloween Haunt." The coaster has endured a long life thanks to its many fans.

*Firehawk* was first opened in *Worlds of Adventure* in Aurora, OH back in 2001 under the name of *X-Flight*. Soon after 2007, it was brought to *Kings Island* in Mason, OH and since has been one of the most popular coasters in the entire park.

Unfortunately, *Firehawk* has become notorious for being one of the most common rides to break down. Some, like **Demitri Woyak (11)**, even shy away from this coaster. He states, "Even though *Firehawk* has been my favorite ride for as long as I can remember... it has also had many problems and most of my friends don't even want to go on it anymore." Many people on social media have also spoken about this, and most of the responses to *Kings Island's* decision includes "finally" or "thank gods." Multiple fans of *Kings Island* have also claimed that *Firehawk* is "rough" on riders

in ways such as abdominal pressure, fast-paced turns, and multiple quick changes in speed while on the ride, even warning them that it will leave those who ride sore around their neck, stomach, and shoulders.

This isn't the only roller coaster at *Kings Island* that has experienced such issues—any loyal fan of the park would know that *Vortex*, *The Racer*, and even the out-of-service *Son of Beast* have been known to be rough on riders. In fact, speculators and skeptics both believed that *Vortex* or *Firehawk* would get booted. *The Vortex* on its own is a relatively "hard" roller coaster, according to *Kings Island's* official website, this ride includes two vertical loops, a double corkscrew, a boomerang turn, and a 360-degree helix. This ride opened 31 years ago and also has had quite a few mechanical difficulties within the past few years—which is why diehard *Firehawk* fans believe it's unjust to omit a younger, slightly slower ride. Regardless, *Kings Island* stands by its decision to tear down the ride.

With this new land vacancy in the park, along with the land leftover from the extinct "Dinosaurs Alive" exhibit (which is around 20 acres in total), many speculate that a new "giga-coaster"—a roller coaster that is between 300 and 399 feet tall—will be erected. The first giga-coaster was *Millennium Force*, which opened to Cedar Point in Sandusky, OH in 2000. As of right now, *Kings Island* does not own a giga-coaster. Others firmly believe that *Son of*

*Beast* will be recreated once more due to popular demand. Regardless, it is a fact that *Kings Island* will be building something—according to *WCPO*, "Kings Island filed for a State of Ohio work permit over the summer, listing *Bolliger* and *Mabillard* as a construction company. The Swiss roller-coaster builder is currently the top builder of massive coasters in the world." Although, whatever they decide to build, it will most likely satisfy fans of the park.

Regardless of its reputation, any fan of *Kings Island* can agree that getting rid of more coasters is a sad sight—eleven years of riding *Firehawk* has helped entertain people for almost 17 years. To put that into perspective, that would be older than roughly half of the students at Loveland High School. Some people grew up with *Firehawk*, but letting go is a deed that will have to be done.

Rest in Peace, *Firehawk*.



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# McDonald’s new changes: Is Loveland lovin’ it?

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Recently, *McDonald’s* has been majorly upgrading their stores, and the food they sell within them. Many restaurants belonging to *McDonald’s* located locally and nationally are to see food and technology changes from 2018 to 2020, designed to attract more millennials to the stores. A longtime promise of McDonald’s is to constantly improve their food and services, which they have continued to do for decades. This more recent change has caught the attention of people of all ages.

Throughout the year, *McDonald’s* has been focused on improving the quality of their food. In kids’ meals, the portions have been revised to a healthier standard, as McDonald’s continues to fight their reputation for being a cause of obesity. For instance, in the *Happy Meals*, there has been a substantial reduction of French fries in all kids’ meals that the restaurant offers (*McDonald’s News Room*). Like before, apple bags are also available for kids’ meals. For *McDonald’s* lovers of all ages, *McDonald’s* started in May to use fresh beef in their “Quarter Pounders”; an improvement that will help to keep their

hamburgers in the fast food competition against fast food options like *Wendy’s* and *Burger King*.

From 2018 to 2019, *McDonald’s* intends to spend about 250 million dollars in the state of Ohio to improve the technology in stores according to *WKYC*. This includes the Loveland Madeira McDonald’s location that received a facelift earlier this year. There were four kiosks added to the location, which are designed for customers to order their food themselves, makes purchasing food easier. On these machines, customers can fully order and pay for their meals without using the associate at the cash register as a middleman. These kiosks are simple to use and contain all menu items and accurate prices. However, the traditional method of ordering fast food is still an option. Another new way to order a *McDonald’s* meal is called *McDelivery* which is a part of *Uber Eats*, which is designed for customers to have easy access to many franchises and order. Around the country, thousands of stores offer this service, including the Loveland branch.

Since the takeout experience was upgraded, so was the dine-in option. According to *WCPO Cincinnati*, the Loveland restaurant along with hundreds

of other Ohio locations received new furniture, art, and a play place. The themes of the restaurants are meant to reflect local and global culture while incorporating more technology into the stores.

These new changes make *McDonald’s* a more accessible fast food option, however, Loveland students have mixed reviews about technology added to the restaurant. “I feel like the technology doesn’t really do anything because instead of talking to a cashier, guests order through the machine, but then you still have to go to the counter to pay and confirm your order,” says **Natalie Harper (10)**. On the other hand, **Molly Alexander (11)** appreciates the addition of technology. “When the Marching Band goes there after an event, the lines move quicker and we have more time to talk.” There is controversy within the student body regarding the company’s innovations. However, Loveland is not the only place where this topic is debated, as it affected consumers on a national level. Every quarter, according to *simplemost*, *McDonald’s* has a goal to add the kiosks to 1,000 United States stores up until 2020.

McDonald’s is fulfilling their longtime promise to make food more nutritious for all ages, and creating a more enjoyable

customer experience when they come to the stores. On both a national level and here at home, new technology is being placed into restaurants, stirring up quite a debate. Only time can tell the outcome of such an argument.



Photo by Allison Kiehl

# Fortune cookie leads to one million dollars

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This month, Ronnie Martin drove to a local gas station in New Jersey and was “surprised” to find out that he won one million dollars from the lottery. The lucky numbers that Martin relied on were from an old fortune (cookie) years ago, which lead him to be one of the few lottery winners in America.

Consequently, *The New Jersey Lottery* published a press release on Martin’s story. “On Tuesday, July 24, the evening of the \$543 million jackpot drawing, Ronnie bought three *Mega Millions* tickets, selecting his own numbers.” They continued, “Ronnie’s hand-picked numbers weren’t family birthdays or important dates, but numbers that were on a slip of paper in a fortune cookie he opened years ago. He liked the numbers and decided to stick with them.” The press release describes Martin’s expressions of disbelief when he found out that he won the prize money. “Ronnie thought he was just messing with him and wanted to see Gary (who worked there) scan the ticket, just to be sure. When Gary scanned the ticket and showed Ronnie the display indicating the \$1,000,000 it finally sunk.” According to *abc13.com*, Martin and his wife are planning to use the money to pay off their house and current bills before putting the

rest in their savings account. When **Mr. Pohana** (college aid for Mr. Weathers) was informed about this story, his response was, “I feel like that was definitely predestined by the fortune cookie. I believe everything fortune cookies say, I will blindly do whatever the fortune cookie says as long as it’s not against the law.” On the other hand, **Olivia Trombley (11)** responded with, “ I think winning by a fortune cookie is very rare, this win is against all odds.” By law, students need to turn eighteen in order to play in the lottery.

Lottery winners aren’t strangers in the state of Ohio as of May 2018, \$142,000,000 was awarded to a resident in the Dayton area. The name has not been disclosed by the lottery because of the privacy issues of the winner.

Moreover, New Jersey has been the state of uncommon lottery winners. In January, a woman won \$5 million dollars when she purchased a scratch-off ticket by accident. *Fox News* reports that she wanted to buy a \$1 scratch-off ticket, but was handed a \$10 ticket instead. She knew about the mistake, but did not scratch it off until a week later, as she used the ticket as a bookmark. *Wdsu.com* reports that another woman in New Jersey in August won a quarter million by playing slots on her phone during a work conference. In 2018, a variety of lottery winners continue to showcase uncommon ways to win, ranging from fortune cookies to accidental tickets.



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# Thoughts for food: Halloween treats

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Halloween candy. Children love it, dentists despise it, and parents look forward to stealing it from their children every year. It is hard to deny the appeal Halloween has these days, as consumers are expected to spend around \$9.1 billion on Halloween decorations, costumes, and of course, candy. As the newspaper’s current food enthusiast, it would be wrong to ignore the influence candy has, especially in October. This month, we will discuss some of the best and worst Halloween treats you can encounter, whether you are trick-or-treating, or raiding the November 1 candy sales.

### Kit-Kat

These crisp, chocolate snacks are a classic Halloween treat. They have been altered to perfectly fit any Halloween situation due to the variety of sizes manufactured. There

are the “fun sized” single bars, “snack-sized” double bars, and the true treasure that is the king size, with four bars of chocolaty goodness. The combination of smooth chocolate and crispy wafer give this candy a thoroughly pleasant texture that will leave you wanting more.

### Skittles

A Halloween candy I find particularly pleasing would be a fun-sized bag of Skittles. Not only are they delightful and colorful circles of fruity joy, but they also have a very satisfying portion size. Most fun-sized candies leave something to be desired when finished, but miniature Skittles provide the perfect amount of candy and keep the consumer satisfied. This is a candy I would highly recommend, especially since there is no chocolate and they will not melt!

### Pretzels

When it comes to trick-or-treating, many households stick with the traditional treat of candy, but some choose to go with

alternative options. Pretzels, specifically Halloween shaped individual packages, are an excellent application of this idea. They provide a salty break in the constant flow of sugar that comes along with the holiday. They can even serve as a healthier alternative for parents who are opposed to sugar, but they still reflect the fun of the holiday. All in all, they are a welcome addition to any candy bag.

### Candy Corn

In the 17 Halloweens I have experienced, I have found that there are many polarizing opinions about candy corn. Some love it, some despise it, but if you’re like me, about 7 pieces are tolerable before they become too sweet and rubbery to enjoy anymore. I fully appreciate the appeal and topical nature of fall candy corn, but I can not endorse it as a proper snack.

### Milk Duds

What do milk duds taste like except bad? They are unpleasant in taste, texture, and they have an ugly yellow package. I am

definitely not a fan.

### Smarties

Smarties also leave something to be desired. There are people who love them, there are people who hate them, but I generally find them vaguely tolerable. They have a chalk-like texture and little to no flavor. I personally find no enjoyment in this candy, but I can respect those that do.

### Toothbrush

One Halloween “treat” that leaves much to be desired is the toothbrush. A popular handout from dentists, these toothbrushes try to correct the damage done by the sugary snacks collected by the youth of America. While the idea seems great in theory, most children already own a toothbrush, and they ultimately have no place on a day dedicated to sugar.

All in all, be sure to enjoy your favorite treats this Halloween, and be sure to check back next month for more thoughts for food!



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# Growing up: an awfully tricky treat

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Every year, Halloween brings out hoards of children dressed up in colorful costumes, observant adults with bowls full of candy, and a mass of teenagers who aren’t quite sure where they fit into it all. While Halloween was once a day full of dressing up and trick-or-treating, the looks of disapproving adults have slowly pushed high schoolers away from the familiar tradition.

For some teenagers, the idea of going around asking for candy from their neighbors is suddenly ludicrous when they become a freshman. After all, why act like a little kid when there are Halloween parties to attend and scary movies to watch? For others, another year under their belts seem like a silly reason to pass up free food. Either response is entirely reasonable, because everyone finds different things entertaining, but a problem arises when

others butt their heads in and demand that once kids hit a certain age, they’re no longer allowed to participate in the neighborhood’s traditions.

Some seem to view their involvement as inappropriate for their age, or even that they’re interfering with the experiences of the younger children. In theory, this could be the case somewhere, but, more than likely, anyone over age 14 who’s willing to dedicate the time to putting together a costume and hike all over the suburbs aren’t concerned with terrorizing the kids dressed up as mini doctors and superheroes. After all, high schoolers are still kids themselves and have every right to keep enjoying their fleeting moments of childhood.

The push to get older kids out of their early Halloween customs seems to match a common movement to get kids to grow up in all the wrong ways. Instead of emphasizing the roles of responsibility in their lives and teaching them to balance it with fun and a healthy amount of free time, adults seem to want teens to suffer as much as possible

instead. That might be a stretch, but when adults try to restrict the blissful fun in life, such as dressing up and going on quests for candy, they only seem to do it in exchange for things like homework and stress.

Choosing to find new traditions should be the choice of teenagers when they see fit, not a necessity to cope with the sudden and irrational loss of their old habits. If they would rather crash at a friend’s house and watch horror movies, that’s brilliant! As long as they still feel the freedom to celebrate and have fun how they see fit, it’s a perfectly healthy transition to new experiences and customs.

So if you still want to go trick-or-treating, go for it! Come up with your best costume and have a blast. Have you gotten your fill of free candy? Then enjoy yourself in a new way! Just make sure to be respectful of how everyone else finds their fun too, because the holidays should revolve around enjoying ourselves, not stressing out about new problems to solve.



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# Halloween costume ideas fitting for 2018

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Halloween is a time for pumpkin patches, candy corn, and costumes. However, no one wants to have the lame, stereotypical costume , such as a cat or fruit, on Halloween. If you don’t have any ideas on what to be yet or simply want to read about some interesting and creative costumes relating to 2018 then keep reading.

The first Halloween costume is perfect for this year: Megan Markle. The wedding of Markle and Prince Harry was one of the most anticipated events of 2018. When the engagement of the pair was announced, the world fell in love with Markle even more than before and watched her elegantly walk down the aisle like a true princess. This costume is extremely versatile because it’s great for someone who wants to put minimal effort or someone who wants to wear an elegant ball gown. There is no doubt that if you choose to be her for the night, you will be a crowd favorite!

When *To All The Boys I’ve Loved Before* premiered on *Netflix*, romantics across the world instantly fell in love with the movie, specifically Lara Jean Covey. Her character related to the average teenage girl, something people could relate to. It

would be fairly simple to emulate her look: corduroy skirt, striped top, a scrunchie, and some letters. You could even turn this into a couples costume if you happen to find your own Peter Kavinsky.

Another couples costume that may be a bit “cringe” is the moth and the lamp meme. One could showcase how drawn they are to their partner by dressing up in this iconic costume. Being a widespread

internet meme, this costume is sure to be recognized by many however, you may be subject to ridicule for this bold yet unique choice.

Another TV show that became increasingly popular this year was *The Handmaid’s Tale*. *The New York Times* best-selling novel was originally published in 1985 by Margaret Atwood. Many years later the novel was finally adapted

into a thrilling TV show. The signature Handmaid costume has been popular as it has been used for actual protests in the past but definitely would make a strong political statement. However, the stand-out costume would be a unique choice and would definitely draw attention.

Lastly, on all social media platform, there are those people who live in Los Angeles, frequently drink Starbucks, and take a lot of selfies. These people are known as “influencers.” Influencers usually wear the staple sports bra and leggings in nude tones and high top FILA sneakers. Urban Outfitters is selling an influencer Halloween costume for a hefty 50 dollars but it is absolutely possible to make your own. It is not doubt that this costume would get a few laughs for being so creative and also lightly mocking the culture.

Another alternative for the person who doesn’t want to dress up is to dress up your pets! Dressing up your pets isv very in style for 2018. There are many creative ways to dress up your pet this Halloween, including an avocado, puppy (pumpkin) spice latte,

Whether you’re in the Halloween spirit or choosing to be more neutral, there are costume options to fit everyone’s needs!



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## Haunted House Review *A Dent Schoolhouse experience*

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Halloween season is upon us and with that comes with customs and activities. The month of October is filled with frights and fears. A popular way to celebrate the holiday is by visiting a haunted house. There are many of these fear filled functions all across the greater Cincinnati area, some scarier than others.

Personally, I’ve never been to a haunted house and did not really know what to expect. When I went to look online, I tried to find the scariest one, but they were all so different. I based my decision on a few elp reviews and settled on The Dent Schoolhouse, an old school on Harrison Avenue in Cincinnati.

Regarded as “Cincinnati’s Scariest Haunted House” by *frightsite.com*, this attraction claims to have a ghost named “Old Janitor Charlie” who roams the halls and classrooms. The school was originally built in 1894 and was meant for elementary level kids. In 1942, it was reported that several students went missing. Other students complained about a fishy odor protruding from the basement. Charlie, the janitor, told the teachers that it was just leaking pipes and that it shouldn’t draw any concern. After more children disappeared, authorities checked the basement and discovered the rotting corpses of the missing kids. The police immediately suspected Charlie but he vanished as well. The school was shut down soon after and abandoned until it reopened as a haunted attraction. The website claims that the souls of Charlie and the missing students still roam the halls and spook those who enter.

I arrived at the Dent Schoolhouse late at night in order to get the full experience. The school didn’t look scary from the outside, but I caught a glimpse of the inside which looked pretty scary. Like I said before, this was my first haunted house, but I don’t get scared easily. As I walked in, I was greeted with a lady who popped out of a locker and attempted to jump scare me. It didn’t work.

However, the smoke and flickering lights did make the atmosphere scarier.

My walkthrough lasted about 15 minutes and was filled with creepy creatures and spooky sights. Overall, the experience was kind of boring. The decoration was corny and very cliché. I’ve seen haunted houses in movies, and this one looked exactly like them. The actors who played the ghosts and goblins had no ability to act and couldn’t really scare me. One part that did spook me, however, was a mechanical figure that fell from the ceiling and landed right in front of my face. I was easily able to predict the jump scares, but this one surprised me.

Even though I had a boring experience, I would still recommend visiting the Dent Schoolhouse for a good Halloween fright. I’m not scared easily but many of the other visitors were extremely spooked. The quick scares and ominous set up a great experience for some Halloween fun.



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An attraction at the Dent School House seeks to scare guests.

## Origin of Loveland Frogman

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If you live in Loveland, there’s a chance you’ve heard of The Loveland Frogman. The Frogman has become more popular over the years, with places like Cincy Shirts selling shirts that say, “I saw the Loveland Frogman,” written around a drawing of the frog, along with another shirt with a drawing of the frog saying, “On your left!” while riding a bike. Even the school’s Quidditch Club’s mascot is the Frogman.

But not everyone knows the origin of the Frogman. According to *www.snopes.com*, the first sighting was in 1955, when a businessman spotted a gathering of the frogs, whom he said were three to four feet tall, had webbed feet and hands, and were completely hairless. No other sightings occurred until 1972 when an off-duty police stopped to pick up what he thought

was roadkill, but the creature stood up and walked to a nearby guardrail, keeping eyes on the officer the entire time, according to *www.weirdus.com*. In a second sighting, an officer shot a creature he thought was the frog. He put the creature in the trunk of his car to show his friends, according to *Snopes*. Once again, the creature remained elusive until 2016, when a couple playing *Pokemon Go* said they spotted the frog, after which they took pictures of the creature.

This all sounds pretty convincing, and it was, until, according to Snopes, the police officer who shot the creature came forward and said that the creature he shot was actually a large iguana, and in a book where the frogman was written about, the author omitted the iguana part. Despite that, the frogman is still a popular urban legend in and around Loveland, and will probably stay that way for some time.



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# Club Fair promotes student involvement

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On October 2nd during all lunches, students had a chance to get an in-depth look at Loveland High School’s groups and organizations for the 2018-19 school year. This is the first Club Fair that Loveland High School has held for at least two years. In years prior, club days also included sports, and the event was targeted mostly toward incoming freshmen.

This year’s Club Fair was set up in the main lobby just outside of the auditorium. During lunch, students were invited and encouraged to walk around and see the many opportunities to get involved at Loveland High School.

There are approximately 30 clubs at the high school. With so many club options, the fair offers students a valuable opportunity to walk from table to table and talk to current members of the clubs. This setup offers a unique opportunity to hear an in-person overview of the club’s purpose and to see if it is something that the student would enjoy being a part of.

Being a member of a club has a positive impact on both students and the school community. Clubs allow both new and existing students to make friends, explore interests, and share these activities and passions with like-minded peers. “I’ve been able to meet people who share my interests,” said **Jordan Morrison (12)**. Clubs also encourage leadership among students and allow for a community to share ideas.

Sophomores **Erin Flanagan (10)** and **Lily Rohling (10)**, both members of student council, wanted to help get students involved. Together, they planned this year’s fair so students could easily see all of their options, “We started Club Fair to help students get involved,” said Rohling.



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Istvan Varga (12), Nate Broelman (11), and Simon Grome (11), of “Croissants et Conversations” talk to new club members. They recruited 24 new members for the club.

“We knew that there were a lot of clubs available and not everyone knew about them,” said Flanagan. It is important to be involved and seeing all of the possible options for involvement in one setting promotes participation in many school organizations. “We had 53 people sign up,” said **Meghan Tibbs (10)** of the Ski Club. “It’s gonna be more fun this year because there will be more friends to hang out with outside of school and ski with,” said Tibbs.

Clubs that are in their first year of existence include Makeup Club started by **Allison Korniak (9)** and **Adrianna Bell (9)**, Humanities Club started by **Noelle Coetter (11)**, and “Croissants et Conversations”(French Club) started by **Nate Broelman (11)** and **Istvan Varga (12)**. Student favorite clubs include Spirit Club and Ultimate Frisbee Club.

Every year at class meetings, students are encouraged to start new clubs for their unique interests if there is not an existing club that meets their needs. Forming a new club is relatively easy, requiring a club adviser, which can be assisted by **Mr. Buis (Vice Principal)**. “I love that the students are so creative; there is such a wide variety of ideas. I enjoy that I can help them get involved with as much as they can,” said Buis.

Many students would say that the Club Fair was a great success as it helped students across all grades find an organization that caught their interest and gave them an opportunity to get involved.

# Yearbook provides creative outlet for students

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Coming up with creative and fresh ideas, tirelessly working on page layouts, taking pictures after school and on the weekends. These are just a few of the activities that Loveland High School’s yearbook staff does in order to display an outstanding yearbook. Have you ever questioned, “what does it take to be on the Loveland High School Yearbook staff”? Well, get ready to find out.

Although we live in a digital age of society where regular books have been swapped out for e-books, one book has remained a classic: the yearbook. Yearbooks are personal keepsakes for high schoolers to reminisce on the old memories of high school and share them with friends, family members, and future generations to come.

Though the yearbook is important, the staff that creates the yearbook is even more significant. The students on the yearbook staff bring Loveland High School’s yearbook to life, making sure it’s unforgettable and all students are included.

**Piper Putoff (12)** says, “It takes a lot of planning and hard work but it always seems to come together in the end.” The amount of work put into the yearbook year after year does not go unnoticed and only continues to improve each year. Each day, the students work on page layouts and collaborate with each other



Photo courtesy of Mrs. Overbeeke

on how to make each page better. **Ryan Faingold (12)**, Ads Manager, says, “I like yearbook because we get to see every aspect of LHS.”

Students were even working on the yearbook over the summer where they enjoyed a week-long camp called “Buckeye Yearbook Camp,” where they learned how to make the yearbook better. This camp included workshops, seminars, classes, and much more to get students thinking creatively about different aspects of the book. The Editor in Chief, **Erika Lesperance (12)** says, “Yearbook requires a lot of work both inside and outside of school, layouts are constantly changing so you need to be flexible and open to new ideas. Even through the most stressful moments before deadlines.” Lesperance continues, “It’s still a lot of fun and always a great time to make new friends and work with people you wouldn’t talk to on a regular basis.”

Another aspect included in the yearbook grind is capturing photos of various events happening in and around Loveland High School every day. The photo editors are **Tiara Sturgill (12)** and **Lexi Sneed (12)**. Sturgill says, “Photos capture happy moments and memories throughout the school year.” Students are constantly attending sporting events such as football and volleyball games and other activities such as science labs, homecoming week, and the various school clubs. It takes many students to cover all the events happening

so all students are required to take photos throughout the school year for a grade. Photos are an essential part of the yearbook as they are what students will remember about their high school years. They are also fun to look at.

Amidst the focused working environment, yearbook students still allow time for having some fun. Cookie Friday happens every Friday when one student brings in cookies of one’s choice to share with the class. This provides a time for students to talk as they finish their pages for the week.

Although being on the yearbook staff requires a strong work ethic, it’s both rewarding and memorable as students get to share their hard work with the whole student body.



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Erika Lesperance, Editor in Chief of Yearbook

# Ask Gretchen! the monthly advice column

By Roar Staff Writer  
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**Hi Gretchen! I’m feeling very overwhelmed with college applications and don’t know where or how to work through it. I don’t know where to start or honestly what all I have to do. Any advice? From, Stressed Sam**

Hi, Stressed Sam! College can be scary, but the most important thing is to take it step by step. Trying to do everything all at once can make the entire process much more overwhelming. It’s also important to remember that everyone’s college application process looks a little different, so make sure you know what you have to do.

To keep myself organized, I made a

Google Doc, in which I had the college name and application deadline underlined and then listed everything I needed in order to complete my application to said college underneath. Now, I found this by Googling the college name followed by admissions requirements. Colleges tend to be really good at listing these materials on their websites, but if you’re having trouble finding it, another great place to look is on the Common App. That reminds me, you will probably want to set up and begin filling out the Common App. It’s the most commonly used college application and it’s very likely that the colleges you are applying to are on it.

Also on your college to-do list, you should add just a general college section. I

use this section to remind myself of things I have to do for all colleges, like ask for Letters of Recommendation. Speaking of which, it’s important to ask your teachers to write these with plenty of time! Teachers can be really busy too, so make sure you ask for a reasonable due date. You have to give them a green sheet (found in the counselor’s office), and then request the letter on Naviance, under Apply to College. Take your time and work through your to-do lists, marking things off as you go. Make sure sending standardized tests (which you have to do through their websites), paying application fees, sending official transcripts (for which forms can be found in the counselor’s office), and doing any extra steps to apply for scholarships

(which can’t hurt to try for!) are all on that list.

Once you’ve worked through your list and submitted all your applications, make sure you get email confirmation from the college so that you know your application is being processed. After that, pat yourself on the back; you did it! You applied for the next step in your life! My final piece of advice would be to buy yourself a large piece of cake and enjoy!

*Have a question for Gretchen? Direct Message The Roar on Twitter*

*@lovelandroar and see your question in the next issue! All questions are fair game, so ask away!*



# ACL injuries on the rise in high school

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Anterior cruciate ligament (ACL) injuries are considered to be among the most devastating injuries an athlete can endure. The combination of intense surgical repair with extensive rehab means an athlete would have to take several months off from his or her sport.

The ACL is one of four ligaments that help stabilize the knee and is the most commonly injured ligament in the knee. It is most often torn during sudden stops and changes in direction.

**Shahzeb Ahmed (12)**, tore his right ACL playing football in September of 2015. Four months after he completed his nine months of rehab, he tore the same ACL again. “It sucked,” Ahmed said.

ACL injuries are known for causing a lot of pain, swelling, and stiffness. An obvious sign of an ACL tear is the sound of a loud “pop” as the ligament tears.

On September 14, **Ben Westley (11)** sustained an ACL injury while playing linebacker during the homecoming football game against Withrow. “I felt my whole leg hurt and get tingly and I just couldn’t move it,” Westley said. “Then I stepped on it on the way [off the field] and my knee bent freakily to the left.”

Numerous medical studies have indicated a sharp increase in the rate of ACL tears among teenage athletes. A study published in February of 2017 in the American Academy of Pediatrics reported an annual 2.3% increase in ACL injuries among children and teens over the past twenty years. The authors of this study noted that this

increase can be due to rising youth athletic participation and heightened clinician awareness.

The sharpest increase is seen in teenage females, who over the past fourteen years have experienced a 59% increase in the number of required reconstruction procedures. An increase was also seen in teenage males, however not as extreme as the increase seen in teenage females.

Researchers have pointed to multiple reasons for the difference between the sexes. “Females tend to have muscle strength imbalance in their quadriceps. This is important because, compared with males, females use their quadriceps to decelerate motion while males tend to use their hamstrings. This, in turn, puts greater stress on the bones and ligaments,” said **Francine Pearce**, MD of Pediatric News. Pearce also attributes the greater risk of knee injury to females generally having a lower core strength than males. Core strength is essential to balance, and lacking in balance can subject athletes to “rotational forces” which can result in knee injuries, especially when landing on one leg.

Early specialization in athletics is considered to be a factor in the increase in sports-related injuries in general, particularly those involving the ACL. “By about age 12, children choose the sport in which they are determined to excel and then participate in that sport year round,” said **Darren L. Johnson**, MD, orthopedic surgeon and director of sports medicine at the University of Kentucky. “This only allows development of the specific muscle group that applies to that specific sport.” Playing one sport year-round

at a young age can lead to injury, burnout, and sometimes both. This trend is apparent in high school athletics.

Sports clinicians and researchers have encouraged parents and coaches to implement injury prevention programs in addition to regular practice and training. Some parents see these injuries as just “part of the game,” however, sports clinicians are urging parents and coaches to put injury prevention programs into effect.

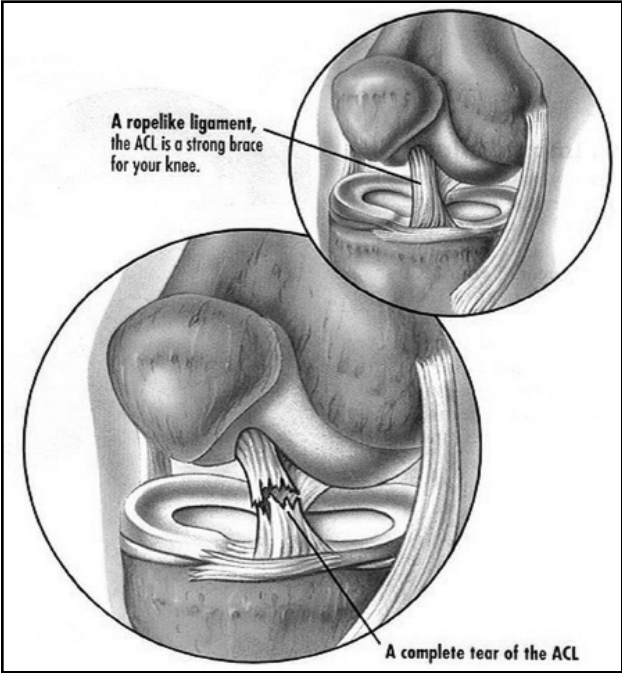


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# Election season approaches, Ohio seats up for grabs

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Coming Tuesday, November 6, citizens from around the country will participate in the privilege of voting in the 2018 elections. People of all ages, races, genders, and backgrounds will come together to voice their opinions on who will be determining the laws of this country for the next two to six years, depending on if said elected officials are entering the US Senate or the US House of Representatives.

Ohio has one spot open in the US Senate and sixteen seats in the House of Representatives. Currently, Sherrod Brown holds the seat in the Senate. Brown, according to *OntheIssues.org*, was given the rating of “F” by the National Rifle Association, meaning that his stances are very pro-gun control. His stance on abortion is that women should have control of their bodies. He has voted against bans on gay marriage and gay adoption. He’s voted yes on funding alternative sentencing as opposed to prison. He also voted in an overriding veto to expand Medicare.

The Democratic incumbent is being challenged by Republican Jim Renacci. Unlike Brown, Renacci is opposed to restrictions on the right to bear arms. He also believes in protecting the sanctity of life and opposes same sex marriage. Renacci was rated 77% by the National Association of Police Organizations, which indicates that the politician is tough on crime. He also opposes government run health care, supporting increased

competition instead of government takeover.

Renacci has been the Representative for Ohio’s 16th district since 2011. While in the House, he has worked on the Ways and Means Committee and the Budget Committee. During the 112th Congress, he served on the Committee of Financial Services as vice chair. Brown has been one of Ohio’s Senators since 2007, but before that he was Ohio’s Representative from 1993-2007. He also was Ohio’s Secretary of State from 1983-1991. To win his spot in the Senate, he defeated two-term Republican incumbent Mike DeWine. During his tenure there, he’s served on the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry, the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs, the Committee on Finance, and the Committee of Veteran Affairs.

While there are many seats in the House to be voted on, the one you should concern yourself with is the one for District Two. Ohio’s second congressional district includes Hamilton and Clermont counties, as well as Adams, Brown, Pike, and Highland counties, and parts of Scioto and Ross counties. The race this year is between incumbent Brad Wenstrup, Jill Schiller, and James Condit, Jr. Wenstrup has been the second district’s Republican Representative since 2013, where he served on the Committee of Armed Services, the Committee of Veteran’s Affairs (Wenstrup is a veteran himself), the United States House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, and the Republican Study Committee. His Democratic opponent, Schiller, was a former member of the Obama Administration, but has

held no government office. The third member of the race, Condit, Jr. is running on the ballot under the Green Party, although according to *Ballotpedia.org*, does not have the support of the Green Party, who even went as far as to ask their members not to vote for him. Condit, Jr. ran in the 2016 election, hoping to become the Representative for Ohio’s eighth district, but lost that race to Warren Davidson.

Wenstrup has kept very conservative stances during his time in office, considering himself pro-life and anti-gay marriage. He opposes restrictions on gun control and has said publicly that Obamacare hurts patients and should be repealed. However, the National Association of Police Organizations gave him a 44 percent, which indicates that he has a police-the-police stance, which is typically supported more by members of the Democratic party. Schiller, believes that more gun control is necessary, supports the Affordable Care Act, wants to abolish the death penalty, and wants to equalize the rights of LGBTQ+ couples with their heterosexual counterparts.

Although Wenstrup has held his seat with pretty much no contest, *WVXU.com*, called Schiller “An opponent [Wenstrup] can’t ignore.” The gap between the two is closing, according to some recent polling. In the race for Senate, Brown is currently ahead by about 15 points versus Renacci. The thing about politics and elections is that it’s always anyone’s game, so it’s important to get out there and vote (if you’re over the age of 18)!



Photo courtesy of Wikimedia Commons

Sharrod Brown (left) is running for re-election in the US Senate. He was previously on the US Senate for two terms.

Brad Wenstrup (right) is running for Ohio’s 2nd Congressional District representative. He also served as a combat surgeon in Iraq in 2005.



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# 9 Holidays to Celebrate when it’s not Halloween

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Happy National Chocolate, National Visit a Cemetery, and International Animation Day! As fall begins, prominent holidays such as Halloween, Columbus Day, and Thanksgiving tend to take the spotlight. After all, school is let out to honor two of these days. What is less known is that Americans have the opportunity to celebrate the small things every single day. Every day of the year is dedicated to some aspect of our lives that is less appreciated.

Here are some occasions that you can celebrate in late October and November:

October 29: Cat Day - For all the cat people...adopt a cat, love your cat, support cats nationwide. Cat Day is a great opportunity to love your cat and to donate to shelters locally to help other cats. Did you know that there is an official cat day 2018 t-shirt?

November 2: Ohio Day - Ohio is rich with history and culture, starting well before the state was accepted to the union, even though the state entered into the country in March of 1803. November 2 is a time of appreciation for all that the Buckeye state has to offer. Take the day to embrace everything that makes Ohio home.

November 3: Book Lover’s Day - Whether you are a die-hard book fan or a light reader, you can observe the occasion! Check out some books turning into movies for 2019, including *The Nightingale* by Kristin Hannah and *Scythe* by Neal Shusterman.

November 6: Saxophone Day - November 6th is the unofficial day to celebrate the Saxophone. In 2015, Composers and passionate saxophonists declared June 12 to be world saxophone day, in honor of the instrument itself and its inventor, Aldof Sax. Also, in honor of observing Saxophone day, there is a week-long conference held at the University of Cincinnati.

November 13: Caregiver Appreciation Day - Did you know that the whole month of November is actually dedicated to caregivers? The 13th is the official day to thank those who give their service and time to others! Remember to say “thanks” to caregivers on the 13th of November, and every day, and recognize their hard work and dedication.

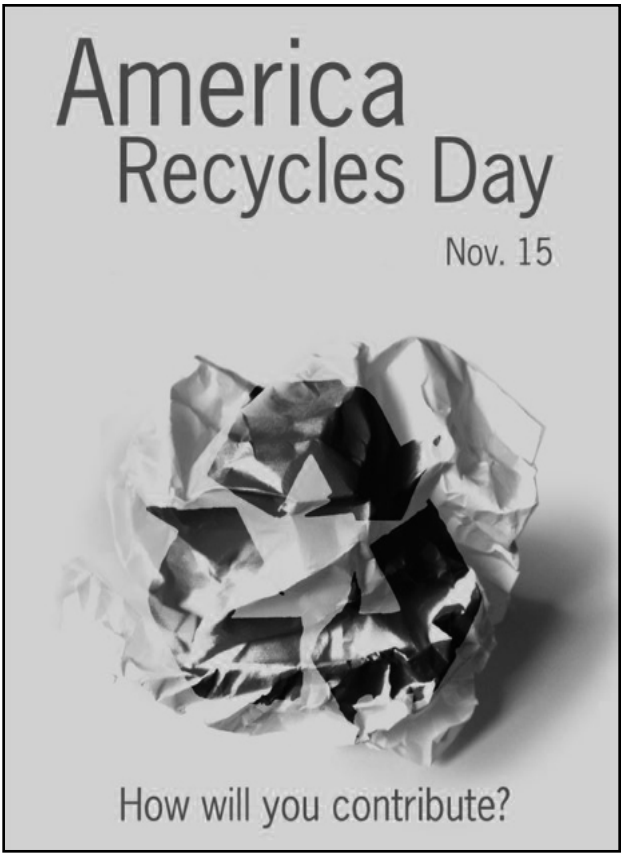
November 15: America Recycles Day - Loveland Schools are known for the recycle program put in place in 20\_\_ to reduce the waste that is produced. We can celebrate this fantastic program on America Recycles Day along with Miss. Burge and all of the outstanding environmental science students!

November 16: National Fast Food Day - According to a small poll taken, most students at Loveland High School prefer Wendy’s over McDonald’s. Whatever your preference, observe the holiday with a quick bite at your go-to place.

November 23: You’re Welcome Day - This day serves as the only proper response for Thanksgiving Day. Take a listen to “You’re Welcome” from Moana as the perfect activity on November 23.

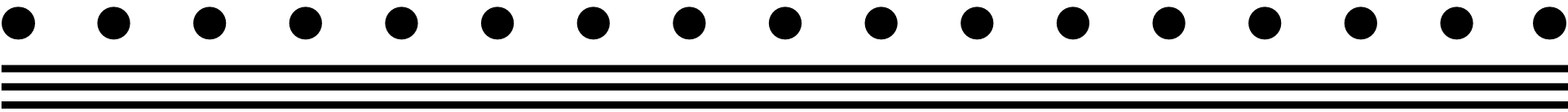
November 29: Square Dance Day - According to Dance Facts, there are two major styles of Square dancing, traditional and western styles. In the US, western square dancing is used a majority of the time. Grab your partner and have your chance at trying this lively dance.

Often times, with more major holidays in the fall, such as Halloween and Thanksgiving, the smaller ones get overlooked. A Challenge to all Loveland students for this month and next is to celebrate at least one obscure holiday! This could be as simple as putting all of your trash into the correct bins at lunch, especially on November 15th, to something drastic like adopting a cat on October 29th. Of course, be sure to enjoy your Halloween and Thanksgiving as well!



Source: Moody Air Force Base

This is an advertisement for November 13th, creating awareness for reducing waste. This was one of the few strange holidays that have been observed throughout the years, including other lesser known holidays such as National Saxophone Day, Book Lover’s Day, and National Fast Food Day.



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# Blue pumpkins: serves good purpose in city of Loveland

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Recently I walked into *Michaels*, Loveland’s best store for all your art and craft needs, and began to walk down the Halloween decoration aisle, trying not to be scared by the motion-sensor animatronics. Looking for new decorations is one of my favorite parts of the holiday season, so I was pretty stoked to look for some new skeletons and sparkly ghost lights.

Among the decorations, there were some plastic pumpkins, along with the usually pumpkin decorating and carving kits. I did notice, that in addition to the normal orange and white pumpkins, there were some aqua-blue-ish pumpkins thrown in a basket. Of course, I was intrigued- I had never seen a blue pumpkin before. After consulting *Google* for a good five minutes, I was able to discern that the reason they were selling blue pumpkins was for kids with allergies.

Now, I don’t have allergies, but both of my brothers do, and I know that Halloween is not their favorite holiday because they always have to avoid anything with peanuts or tree nuts in them. I usually trade with them, but ultimately they lose more candy than they get. My brothers aren’t extremely allergic either, so I can’t imagine what the people with extreme allergies go through to have a good Halloween experience.

If a blue pumpkin is set on the front of a doorstep on October 31st, any kid can expect a small toy, or possibly something else, but it won’t be candy.

Though this is a good idea, there are many skeptics and even more questions. What house will go through the trouble of doing this? How will people know what it means? Do kids really want more happy meal toys? Why can’t they just trade the candy they’re allergic to with friends or siblings? Will the toys mimic the joy of getting

candy? Will the blue pumpkins take over the orange? Will toys replace the candy? The list goes on and on.

So, is the blue pumpkin useless or is it a great idea that should’ve been started years and years ago? Only time will tell. In the meantime, let’s hope this year’s kids have a safer and more colorful Halloween.



Source: TimeandTideDesign

Currently, America is implementing a new tradition of using colored pumpkins to include kids with allergies. This tradition was never done before as last year was an inspiration to start this new practice to include all kids, with or without allergies.



# Spooky season returns

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Halloween comes once a year, bringing joy and fun in the way of tricks and treats, ghost stories, scary movies, and more. But what do people really know about how these Halloween traditions came to be? And what other spooky tales are out there that we may not yet know of?

**Costumes**  
Costumes are a huge part of Halloween. Each year, children (and teens) dress up as someone from a movie, a book, or as the latest and greatest monster. But for what reason? Halloween, also known as All Hallow's Eve, was originally celebrated by ancient Celts on October 31st. They worshipped the god Samhain, the god of ghosts and spirits. In order to keep the evil spirits from taking their souls, people would dress up to "fool" the evil spirits into believing they were among the dead. The Celts also believed that on Halloween,

the veil between the living and the dead lowers. The dead are able to cross into the human world and mingle with others by wearing their own costumes and dress as the living, according to *LiveScience*.

**Crossroads**  
For anyone who has ever wanted to learn more about their future, look no further than crossroads on Halloween. Crossroads are commonly known as a place where two or more roads meet. On Halloween, it takes on a different meaning. Legend has it that if someone stands at a crossroad and listens to the sound of the wind, then that person will learn all of the important events that will happen to them over the next year. However, if you attempt to do this, make sure it is at night, and there are no cars around, just to be safe. It would also be smart to go in a group, rather than alone.

**Witches**  
Movies such as *Hocus Pocus*, *the Blair Witch Project*, and *The Craft* often intrigue viewers, and spark interest. Witches did

not used to be considered evil; in fact, *LiveScience* said that witches, also known as crones, were signs of wisdom and change. Wearing your clothes inside out and walking backwards on Halloween is said to be a way for you to see a witch at midnight, according to *FactRetriever*. Spiders, bats, and black cats are associated with witches. Bats are considered to be an ominous sign, and a familiar, an animal demon following the orders of a witch. Black cats are also said to be a witch's sidekick, and if someone hurts one on Halloween, it means seven years of bad luck. Since black cats have such a bad stigma, most animal rescue shelters won't let anyone adopt a black cat on or around Halloween in fear for the cat's safety.

Poet Nicholas Gordon perfectly summed up the essence of Halloween in just a few sentences: "Halloween wraps fear in innocence, as though it were a slightly sour sweet. Let terror, then, be turned into a treat."

# Halloween classic: *Hocus Pocus* celebrates 25 years

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On July 16, 1993, Disney released the movie *Hocus Pocus*. The movie stars Sarah Jessica Parker, Bette Midler, and Kathy Najimy as the Sanderson sisters (Sarah, Winifred, and Mary). "The movie takes place in Salem, Massachusetts on Halloween in 1993 after 300 years have passed since the Sanderson sisters were banned from using their magic. Accidentally, Max Dennison lights the candle which brings the Sanderson sisters back to life. It is up to Max, his girlfriend Allison, and his younger sister Dani to save Salem from the Sanderson witches," *IMDb* said.

When the movie was released in theaters, it wasn't a blockbuster hit. According to *E Online*, the movie made \$39.5 million which is considered very low for a Disney produced film. The movie also earned bad reviews from critics. Though, over time, due to VHS, DVD, and digital streaming companies, the film has become a fan favorite. Fans have also embraced the film through Freeform's (formerly ABC

Family) 31 Nights of Halloween, where classic Halloween movies are shown every night in the month of October. This program includes movies such as *Hocus Pocus*, *The Addams Family*, and *Warm Bodies*.

In addition to the 31 Nights of Halloween, Freeform will air a *Hocus Pocus* 25th Anniversary Halloween Bash. According to *DailyMail*, Freeform will air a 90-minute special on October 20 at 8:15pm. The special will include a *Hocus Pocus* costume contest, musical performances, and sit-down interviews with the cast. Televised before and after parties will be included as well for fans to participate in trivia and discuss the film with other diehard fans. In 2013, Najimy told Katie Couric on her show, "we made it before the tidal wave of Halloween happened. Now it's like huge. It's huge for kids, grown-ups, everyone takes part in it. This movie was kind of like the beginning of the wave." Freeform president Tom Ascheim told *Vulture* in 2017 "for millennials, I think it's nostalgia. They get to wander back to that moment when Halloween was important in their

lives." In 2015, Bette Midler also stated on *Reddit* "all of us are just stunned. Because when it came out, we didn't expect much. And now look at it. October is Hocus Pocus month."

The film's director, Kenny Ortega, has many credits to his name. *Newsies*, *Michael Jackson: This Is It*, and *High School Musical* are some of his biggest projects to date. He has also choreographed the iconic dance scene in the film *Dirty Dancing*. He was asked on whether he would want to do a sequel to *Hocus Pocus*. He told *Hollywood Life*, "I wouldn't mind doing a sequel. Even if it isn't me, if someone else got to do it, I want it." More than likely, the fans of the film would want to see Ortega direct because a sequel wouldn't be the same if he wasn't the director.

*Hocus Pocus* will forever be known as a favorite movie during the Halloween season. Hopefully the newer generations will be introduced to this film and enjoy it with the same excitement and spirit as the millennials. *Hocus Pocus* creates the perfect Halloween movie for any age to enjoy.

# Top 10 Halloween movies

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**Halloween (R)**  
Starring Donald Pleasence, Jamie Lee Curtis, and Tony Moran, John Carpenter's *Halloween* follows a mentally insane Micheal Meyers, after his escape from a mental institution. He returns to the small town of Haddonfield, where he grew up (and killed his sister on a Halloween night fifteen years ago) to kill again.

**The Conjuring (R)**  
Terrorized by a dark and mysterious presence in their farmhouse, a family contacts paranormal investigators Ed and Lorraine Warren to get rid of the haunting spirit.

**Hocus Pocus (PG)**  
Right after moving to town, a high school student and his younger sister find themselves in some spooky trouble when they accidentally awaken three sister witches that were executed in the 17th century. This classic Halloween movie stars Bette Middler, Sara Jessica Parker, and Kathy Najimy as the Sanderson Witches.

**Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone (PG)**

Treated like dirt by his aunt and uncle, Harry Potter learns that his parents were wizards, and that he is able to attend the Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry. However, Harry may realize that there's more trouble at this school than just homework and pop quizzes.

**Beetlejuice (PG)**  
A husband and wife move into a new home together, however, they don't know that a rather obnoxious demon has been hired by a recently deceased couple to drive the newlyweds out of the deadlly-weds' old home.

**Psycho (R)**  
Alfred Hitchcock's *Psycho* is a classic black and white film, following a company secretary that embezzled 40,000 dollars from her employer. On the run, she checks into a desolate motel, run by a man dominated by his mother and her wishes.

**The Nightmare Before Christmas (PG)**  
Written by the haunted genius Tim Burton, this movie can always be counted on during the holiday season (Halloween or Christmas). It follows Jack Skellington, king of Halloween Town, and his finding of Christmas Town, however, his tries to bring bits of Christmas into Halloween Town cause confusion among the monsters.

**Donnie Darko (R)**  
A mentally unstable teenager named Donnie Darko (Jake Gyllenhal) is plagued by dark thoughts and sightings of a large man in a rabbit suit, who convinces him to commit crimes.

**The Rocky Horror Picture Show (R)**  
A newly engaged couple's car breaks down, causing them to pay a visit to the horrifying and bizarre visit to the musical home of Dr. Frank-N-Furter and his band of unique help.

**Ghostbusters (PG)**  
Three professors who study the movement and makeup of paranormal activity answer the calls of those who feel they're being haunted by ghosts. Eventually, they face the consequence of what their business is doing to the paranormal atmosphere.



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# FC Cincinnati coasting through historic 2018

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It's been quite the year for Futbol Club Cincinnati. After achieving an MLS expansion slot this past Spring, FCC captured its first ever hardware, defeating the Richmond Kickers 4-1 on September 26 to become the USL regular-season champions. Although the season did not officially end until October 13, there weren't many surprised that the champions claimed the trophy before the season was over.

Leading the league by almost twenty points, the Orange and Blue have had this coming for a long time. Riding an unbeaten streak that spanned over 20 games, the club hoisted the trophy at home on September 29 to celebrate their league title with the supporters. The team now has their sights set on continuing their

dominant 2018 campaign as they take the pitch for the USL Playoffs.

After being eliminated early in the tournament the past two seasons, the Orange and Blue will certainly be determined to complete their USL campaign with a statement win. Despite the history, many supporters remain optimistic that this could be the team to rewrite the books. "FCC has a great club of players combined with the amazing support of the Cincinnati fan base," declares **Connor Patton (11)**. Patton continues, "FCC has built the perfect club to win the USL Playoffs."

Averaging over two goals per game, FC Cincinnati is on pace to net over 70 total goals in USL play this season. The high-flying attack for the Orange and Blue is headed by Manu Ledesma, who leads the league in assists, and is currently tied for fifth for goals scored. It's been this attacks' efficiency that has thrilled the club heading

into their inaugural MLS season. After the May announcement that officially brought Major League Soccer to Cincinnati, the club has been busy evaluating talent and bringing players that have experience playing at the highest level of American soccer.

The biggest move was bringing in the all-time Seattle Sounders leading goalscorer, Fanendo Adi. Adi. The move headlined the club's ambitions to come right in and compete. "This will bring a bunch of momentum to the club as they head into the MLS," says **Ryan Schuetter (12)**. "The three signed MLS-experienced players on the team have their expectations set high on what is to come and should help improve squad."

Despite the success the team has seen this year, the club's winning formula might require tweaking as they climb into a league where they should face much

stiffer competition. FC Cincy, however, saw success in a small sample size in the 2017 US Open Cup after they upset both the Columbus Crew and Chicago Fire. Therefore, even though it's not realistic to expect FCC to win immediately, the clubs relative stability has fans excited for the new challenge.

"Next year, I don't believe that they will be competing for one of the top spots," explains **Kyle Becker (12)**. "But as the years go on, I expect them to compete consistently because I expect that the best players will want to play in front of our crowd."

There's no question the excitement around Cincinnati's newest sports franchise has deservedly become part of the culture around the city. As this season wraps up, and the new journey into the MLS begins, one thing is certain; 2018 was a year to remember.

# Examining the NFL contract controversy

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On Sunday, September 30, Seattle Seahawks veteran safety Earl Thomas suffered a season ending leg injury and was carted off the field. In most cases, this wouldn't cause a scene, but due to a conflict with his team contract, Thomas has more to worry about, according to many ESPN analysts.

Back in 2014, Thomas signed a 4 year, \$40 million contract extension making him the highest paid safety in the NFL, according to CBS sports. The contract ends after this season and Thomas was looking to negotiate a new deal before the season. During the preseason, Thomas claimed he was underpaid compared to his other counterparts in the NFL. This year Thomas was set to make \$8.5 million compared to a \$13 million made by Kansas City Chiefs star safety Eric Berry.

Thomas originally held out in the preseason games, refusing to play in order to protest the team and force them to resume contract negotiations. While he wasn't fined during the preseason, Thomas feared that he would be fined \$500,000 per

regular season game he sat out.

Since Thomas is now injured, he loses much of his value in the NFL. Before the injury, the Seahawks were looking to trade

likely that a team will pick up a seasoned safety like Thomas, his salary will take a significant pay reduction.

While he was being carted off, Thomas



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Seahawk's Earl Thomas fractured his leg September 30 against Arizona. He is expected to miss the rest of the season.

him to another team instead of extending his contract. Thomas opposed this idea, wanting to stay at his current franchise. Now that the Seahawks refused to extend his contract and won't be up for trade after the trade deadline, he will become a free agent after the season. While it is very

was photographed pointing his middle finger at his bench to express frustration over the situation. Some took to Twitter to bash him for the obscene action, citing that kids and children watch those games. Others praised him for standing up to "corporate greed." **Diego Griggs (12)**

supported the gesture saying, "I think it was a cool move and I'm glad players are standing up for themselves."

This incident has accelerated the debate surrounding player contracts. Steelers running back Le'veon Bell made headlines early on in the season by refusing to show up to practice like Thomas. Bell too faced the last year of his contract and was looking for a new one from the Steelers. The Steelers reportedly offered him \$14 million a year but Bell asked for \$17 million.

Instead of choosing to play like Thomas, Bell has refused to show up to Steerler facilities and won't suit up for a game. According to *Business Insider*, Bell loses out on over \$800,000 per game. Many disagreed with his decision calling him selfish and a bad role model for kids, including youth coaches who criticized Bell for his poor sportsmanship.

It is unknown when or if Bell will play for the Steelers this year. Many sources cite that the Steelers are looking to trade Bell instead of forking over the \$17 million to keep him satisfied. As it stands, Bell is still refusing to play and continues to advocate for fair compensation to his NFL counterparts on social media.

# New NFL rule changes headline early season mishaps

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For anyone who has watched the opening quarter of the NFL season, the only thing making more headlines than the Rams, Chiefs, and Patrick Mahomes' voice has been the number of flags thrown for hitting the quarterback. The NFL made a number of tweaks to the rule book this offseason including re-wording what defines a catch and re-defining what constitutes "roughing the passer." Nowadays, nobody really has an answer to that question, so I checked out the official NFL rulebook. Rule twelve, section two, article nine states that, "Because the act of passing often puts the quarterback (or any other player attempting a pass) in a position where he is particularly vulnerable to injury, special rules against roughing the passer apply... Any physical acts against a player who is in a passing posture (i.e. before, during, or after a pass) which, in the Referee's judgment, are

unwarranted by the circumstances of the play will be called as fouls.

According to the rulebook, it would appear that hitting any player "in a passing posture before, during, or after a pass" seems to be a flag. That explains why we've seen so many flags. If you can't legally hit a quarterback before, during, or after a pass, it would seem that you pretty much can't hit a quarterback at all. Granted, if you read further into that section of the rulebook, there is some more clarification on the rule, but the additional information falls back on the two words every fan dreads hearing: Referee's Judgement. It's sort of like the charge/block foul in basketball, or the outside corner strike/ball in baseball; it's all based on the referee's point of view. There are guidelines that limit where they can go wrong, but it's those grey areas that have caused many problems in the NFL.

The most notorious incident so far of questionable "referee judgement" occurred when Green Bay's Clay Matthews sacked Redskins' quarterback Alex Smith during

a Week 3 meeting in DC. Matthews got behind the line and appeared to bear-hug Smith into a sack. The interesting part of the play was that Smith had neither already thrown the ball, nor was he in a "passing motion." Unsurprisingly, the play, along with other similar occurrences, have garnered league-wide discussion and debate. The same issue had been brought up the previous week after Matthews had taken down Vikings quarterback Kirk Cousins in a similar fashion resulting in a decisive call that ultimately factored into the result of the game.

In his post-game interview, Matthews was critical of the new rules, calling the rule changes "soft."

"Unfortunately, this league is going in a direction that I think a lot of people don't like. I think they're getting soft. The only thing that's hard about this league is the fines they levy down on guys like me who play the game hard. I'm just gonna keep playing hard. Maybe now as defenders, you just have to attack the ball. I've been

playing this game for 20 years — that's how you tackle."

Plenty of players, fans, and pundits alike are in agreement with Matthews' stance. After a Miami Dolphins lineman tore his ACL trying to avoid getting flagged for hitting Oakland's Derek Carr, Carr voiced his opinion on the matter saying he "would rather have a defender land on me than watch someone possibly get injured while trying to abide by a ridiculous new rule."

Overall, the issue has sparked plenty of discussion and a number of mock NFL instructional videos on how to tackle a QB using mattresses, but questions still remain as to what the plans are moving forward. As officials and players become more accustomed to the changes, we can only hope that the issue gradually plays itself out. So once Sunday rolls around, settle into the couch, grab your chips, and hold onto your hats because nobody knows what to expect when the linebacker hits the quarterback without using his pillow.



# Diving into departments: English

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In the LHS’s English Department, the teachers bring the written word to life with their creative projects, dramatic readings, and passion for the topic. Whether it’s Shakespeare’s tragic romances or tales of classic American adventures, any of Loveland’s students would be lucky to find themselves in the hands of these heartfelt educators.

The English courses are broken up into several levels of difficulty in order to accommodate the wide range of students that pass through its doors. In all four grades, a basic English class and an honors level course are available to students. In 9th and 10th grades, there is also the option of English with Enrichment, all of which provide students with the adequate balance of support and challenge for their abilities. In addition to these general English courses, more specific curriculum is offered at the AP level for students in 11th and 12th grades as an alternative to the generic grade level classes.

In addition to the basic English courses, LHS provides students’ with the opportunity to pursue several extra electives as well. Creative Writing and Journalism provides the opportunity to explore different styles of writing that aren’t necessarily emphasized in the rest of their classes.



Photo by Larry Hutzel

“Mr. Hutzel has been one of the best teachers I’ve had in my entire life. He pushes me to be a better student every day. SO to that ladybug btw.” - **Courtney Kirby (12), Editor-In-Chief**

Fantasy Sci-Fi also gives students the chance to delve into a branch of literature that promotes creativity and critical thinking.

While any of these classes will provide students with the ability to be successful, the teachers themselves are what bring the stories to life and inspire their students to write. Whether you’re a freshman just figuring out your way around MLA format or a well-seasoned senior pushing through college essays, your experience is shaped by the caring teachers who welcome the challenges their students bring to them every day.

Many of the English teachers even have the opportunity to interact with multiple grade levels, whether it’s **Brenda Wilkerson (English)** working with the sophomores on Julius Caesar as well as drilling her passion for poetry into her senior AP Lit students or **Larry Hutzel (English)** welcoming terror-filled freshmen as well as wrangling the rowdy *Roar* staff.

Getting to continuously interact with these excited and energetic teachers has helped inspire generations of students to become more engaged readers and enthusiastic writers, and helps them to think critically about the world around them. Providing new insights to the world around them and giving students an outlet for personal expression are the noble achievements of our English teachers.

## Monthly meme review: “möth”

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Welcome back to the Monthly Meme Review! This month I’ll be looking at moth memes. These memes have recently jumped in popularity, as they are easy to create and allow for a lot of creativity, given that the meme is a joke about how moths fly towards light whenever they can. I’ll be explaining how a simple picture of a moth created all of the moth memes you see on Instagram, Twitter, or wherever else you get your memes.

According to *Know Your Meme*, the original picture was posted on the site *Reddit*. From there, communities within the site, or subreddits, started to make jokes and memes about moths liking the light. Later on, a person posted a video of a giant moth trapped in his house on a large subreddit. After this, Moth memes grew extremely quickly.

Some moth memes resemble the “Brother may I have some oats” meme or the “loop cat” meme. In some of these memes, different letter accents, like the Umlaut (ö) or the Accent Circumflex (â). These are added to the text in a meme to add to the comedic effect.. These types of memes normally involve the moth asking for a lamp at a drive-thru, or a cat standing on its rear legs asking for Fruit Loops or other animals asking for things.

One thing that must be considered is over usage of a meme because if there are too many videos and or pictures of a meme, it won’t be funny any longer. Moth memes, in my opinion, were slightly overused, but not enough to make them not funny. All points considered, I will give moth memes a grade of B+, due to it feeling like a copy of the “oats” and “loops” memes while still having its own unique twist.

Have a meme you want me to review? Send me an email at 21duller@students.lovelandschools.org with the subject “Meme Review.” In order for a meme to be reviewable, it needs to be school appropriate and have a researchable history. See you next month!



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## Dive into a scary Halloween read

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In celebration of Halloween, I read the novel *The Girl from the Well* by Rin Chupeco. This is a 265 page book full of suspense, horror, and all of the Japanese mythology one can imagine. Other critics of this book have called it a mix between *The Grudge* and *The Ring*, and I have to agree. If books about murderous ghosts extracting revenge on those committing horrible crimes sound intriguing, then this is right up your alley. But be warned, there is some violent content.

Okiku, one of the main characters in this book, is a ghost who was murdered by her lord, Himeji, about 300 years ago. After her death, she became a soul who wanders the Earth, searching for vengeance, and kills those who have murdered people, just as her lord murdered her. Readers are introduced to Okiku in the very first chapter, when she ends up killing a man.

This alone pulled me into the book, but it took a second to understand what was happening because Chupeco switches between first person point of view and third person point of view. However, after reading the book, I came to the conclusion that the point of view switches led to an interesting read.

After this, readers are introduced to another main character, Tarquin, or Tark for short. Tark is a troubled 15 year old with a dark past and strange tattoos covering his body. I won’t spoil the book, but the story behind his tattoos is quite creepy. Okiku is intrigued by his tattoos and starts following him around. During this time, she counts everything. Okiku has an obsession with numbers, but, as readers soon find out, she cannot stand the number nine.

Over the course of the story, readers realize what Tark’s tattoos actually mean, and that this young teenage boy is actually hosting a demon. We also discover that Tark’s mom has something to do with this, as well as why he has so many strange tattoos.

Tark’s cousin, Callie also plays an important role in the book, with her familial love for her cousin, and determination to keep him safe. Together, all three of them face the dangers of the spirit world, forever altering all of their lives or, afterlives.

Not only is *The Girl from the Well* an eerie read, but it contains a lot of Japanese folklore. Okiku is based off of the Japanese myth, *Okiku and the Nine Plates*. I won’t go into too much detail (in fear of spoiling something!) but it is pretty insane the way Chupeco weaves together a modern horror story and a Japanese folk story.

Overall, the book was interesting, scary, and the characters were well developed. I love the way it was written (even if it was hard to get into at first) and would definitely recommend this book to anyone who has an interest in the supernatural.

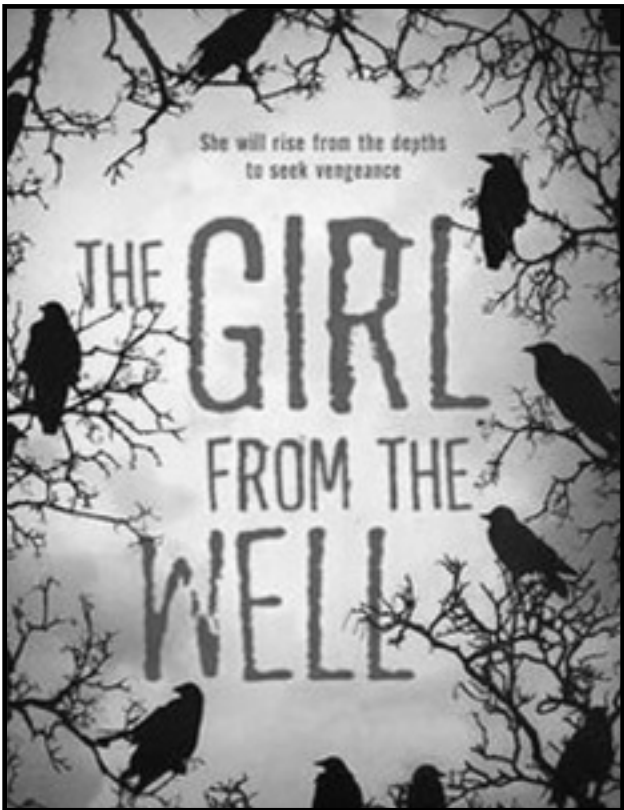


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