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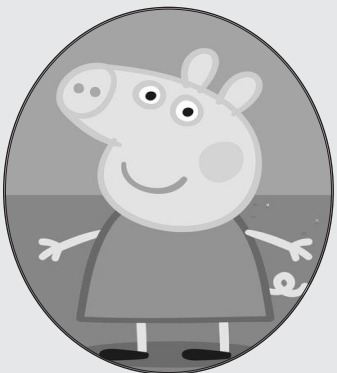


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District to vote on major school levy

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On November 5, The Loveland community will vote on a levy that will increase taxes in order to fund Loveland City Schools. If passed, Loveland Schools would be able to commence their project to build a new elementary school and update a number of facilities within the district. If the community votes against the levy, it is likely that Loveland City Schools will need to go back to the voters for their base operating costs and board determined items in the March of 2020 election.

If passed, the full collection would be \$49 per month for every \$100,000 dollars of appraised property value. However, on September 9, the Loveland City School Board approved a phase-in plan over the course of three years which means that the initial cost per household would start low and increase until the levy would reach its full value in 2022. In year one (2020) the levy would cost \$20 per month for every \$100,000, increasing to \$35 dollars per month on the same scale during year two (2021). The levy will cost a total of \$16.78 mills which breaks down into 6.75 mills for general operating costs, \$6.42 mills for the modernization of the buildings, and \$3.41 mills to complete the master plan and continue to fund the future maintenance of the school district.

All of these tax increases would fund various projects around the district to improve the schools for students and maximize the limited space. According to *buildingtigersnation.org*, the board of

and provide more technology through labs for student usage. Population growth in the middle school would be accommodated by removing the 5th grade from this building into the new elementary school. The high school would be receiving an update as well. This would involve remodeling the security, circulation of students and redesigning the auditorium for classrooms and then building a new one in a new location on campus.

In an interview with Dr. Amy Crouse, Superintendent of Loveland City Schools, she discussed what the levy money would financially support in the different school buildings. “The levy and bond will provide funding for day-to-day operations of our schools, critical upgrades to safety and security at every school building in the district, and renovations to our schools to alleviate overcrowding; update antiquated facilities and out-of-date science and technology labs; and add new buildings for Pre-K through 5th grade.” she continued, “This master plan provides new buildings as early as the fall of 2022, takes advantage of historically low interest rates, and minimizes the disruption to the student experience.”

For more information on the facts and issues of the levy, please visit *buildingtigersnation.org*.

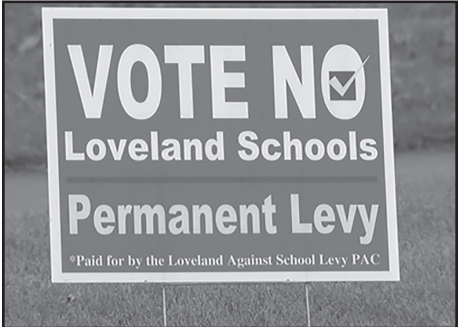


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education approved a master plan on April 16, 2019 to combine grades pre-k through grade 5 into a new building while renovating the middle school and high school. Updates to the middle school would include renovating athletic facilities

ACT announces new changes for 2020 testing year

Testing agency will now allow students to retake individual sections, superscore

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ACT announced on October 8th that it will allow students to retake individual sections of the test. This is a big change, and it comes after scrutiny over how much emphasis is placed on college entrance tests for incoming students.

Currently, the ACT is made up of 5 tests: English, Math, Reading, Science, and an optional Writing section. It takes 3 to 4 hours for one take, but can be retaken as many times as a student would like, as long as they sit through all of the sections again. “I wish I had that chance. It would’ve helped me so much and probably would have changed my scores,” said

from any one test, they need to send all the test reports with high scores to schools separately. Next September, the testing agency will automatically combine the tests so the highest superscore will be on one test report. This will save students time and money, as the current system sends all scores separately with a fee of about \$13.

Mary Michael Pontzer, Photo courtesy ACT

a vice president at ACT, told *USA Today*, “the changes are meant to better serve students and spare them unnecessary time taking the test.” According to Jeffrey Steedle, anxiety testing does affect results but can be combated with a healthy breakfast and a good night’s rest.

According to *The New York Times*, admissions consultant Joshua Mauro, who works for Signet Education in Massachusetts, says that being able to take only parts of the test will decrease the anxiety and fatigue that builds up over the typical four hour exam. Other experts in the field are worried that it will increase the amount of time students spend preparing for the test. Right now, many students hire coaches, buy prep books. Some students

even spend about 20 hours studying for each sitting of the ACT, according to ACT.



Other changes to the test include being able to take it online. This allows the test results to be given back to students much faster, but is only available on national test dates.

College admissions experts do not yet know how this will affect admissions decisions, but it will be interesting to see how the selections committee will take the new testing style into account. Many colleges are not putting as much emphasis on test scores, such as Xavier University who no longer requires prospective students to have test scores.

Underclassmen are looking forward to these changes, and they will be the people who will benefit the most, “This sounds way better. I love this change,” said **Jessie Gibbins (10)**.

Testing has been the same for countless years, so it is refreshing to see a change that has the opportunity to benefit students in multiple ways.

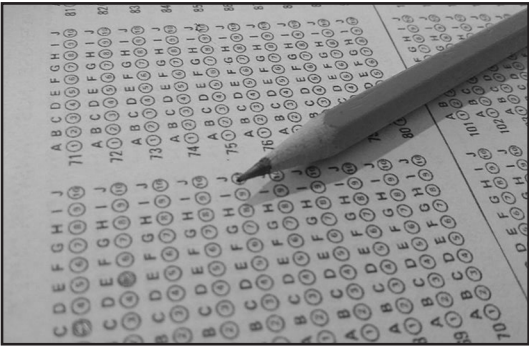


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Best Halloween movies for spooky season

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The best part about any major holiday is the movies. Nothing compares to watching a holiday themed movie. They increase your excitement for the holiday. Over the years there have been a plethora of Halloween movies that have become classics.

My personal favorite Halloween movie is *The Nightmare Before Christmas*. This movie is about Jack Skellington and the residents of Halloween



Photo courtesy of The Grand Opera House

Town talking over Christmas, which, of course, has disastrous effects. The movie opens with the residents of Halloween Town singing “This Is Halloween.” This song establishes the mood for Halloween Town and tells you a lot about the setting and characters. *The Nightmare Before Christmas* combines the two best holidays, Halloween and Christmas. Both holidays are mixed together seamlessly, so the combination works and doesn’t feel weird or awkward. Tim Burton’s (the animator and writer) animation style adds just the right amount of creepiness, and helps to establish the mood. The movie deals with ideas that are outlandish and funny. These ideas include the idea that every holiday has its own world, if the residents know where to look, the residents of the different worlds can mix with one another, Santa can be kidnapped, and the idea that Halloween monsters are just like us. After its release this movie became an instant classic, and it’s worth a watch.

Another of my favorites is *Coraline*. In this film, the main character, Coraline, moves to a new house with her unloving

parents. She finds a door that leads to another world and in that world, Caroline’s parents give her everything her real parents don’t. Caroline is happy until she realizes that the other parents want her soul. Unlike *The Nightmare Before Christmas*, this movie is a lot deeper. It deals with what happens when a kid doesn’t get the love that they need from their parents, what happens when you don’t listen to warnings, and the idea that everything isn’t what it seems. The fact that this movie is less lighthearted

it what I like about it. It’s a good movie for when you want to be scared, but not as scared as when you watch a horror movie. One of the last scenes is very frightening and full of suspense. This movie is not for young kids or the faint of heart.

A true classic Halloween movie is *Hocus Pocus*. The main character Max, lights a candle that brings back 3 witches for 1693 Salem to 1993 Salem. Max, his friend Allison, and his sister Dani, have to stop the witches from killing the kids in Salem before morning on Halloween night. This movie is more lighthearted and relatable. Max deals with classic and cliché problems of teenage life such as, trying to get a girl (in this case Allison) to like him, doing something stupid that leads to trouble to impress said girl, dealing with bullies, dealing with an annoying younger sibling, and having adults not believe you when something is wrong. Everyone enjoys clichés every once in a while and that’s why I like this movie.

These are just some of the best classic Halloween movies. So go ahead, cozy up with a blanket and watch a Halloween movie this spooky season.

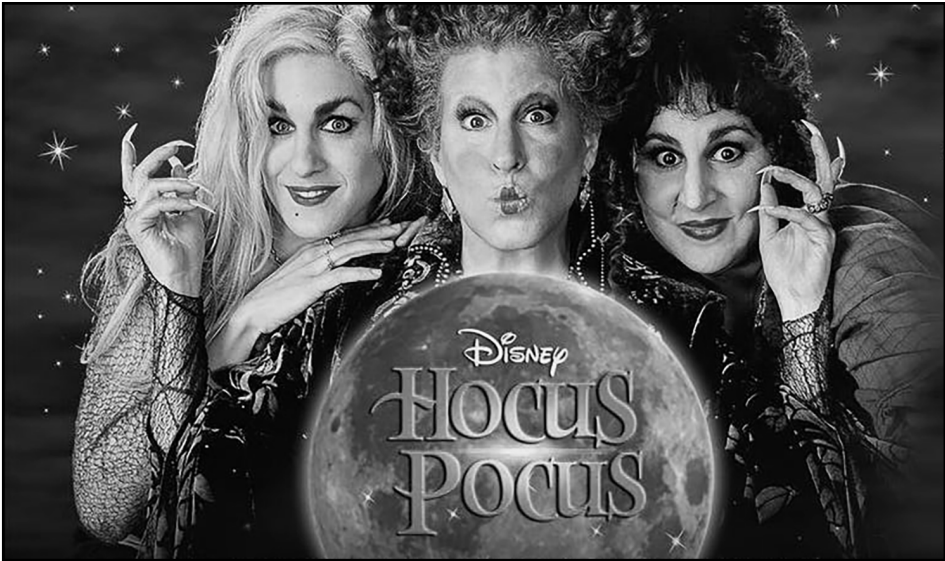


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Hocus Pocus, released in 1993, has stood the test of time and is a beloved classic. It follows 3 witches as they try to take over the town of Salem.



Photo courtesy of Starbase Atlanta

Coraline, for who the film is named after, travels to a parallel universe where she becomes trapped. The family friendly movie has won multiple awards and is a staple for the Halloween season.

Kings Island Halloween Haunt frightens again

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Kings Island’s Halloween Haunt started in October 2000 (<https://kicentral.com>). Most of the current students at Loveland weren’t even born yet! If tourists thought it was scary back then, what would they have thought now with all the changes? With more attractions being added or replaced and technological advances, the spooky factor has definitely been raised. For those who do not know what Halloween Haunt is, it’s the Halloween attraction that Kings Island hosts every September and October. It is extremely popular with those in the Cincinnati area, although plenty of tourists travel to Ohio to test their bravery here. It definitely isn’t for the faint of heart. Halloween Haunt is completely free to

Gold Pass holders, but if you don’t have one the tickets are around \$33.99.

This year there are 4 new attractions, International Street Fear, Rivertown Reaping, Shipwrecked, and Zombie Mall. Of course, there are still the classics like KillMart, Field of Screams, Slaughterhouse, and Urgent Scare. You can see these scarers for yourself every Friday and Saturday from September 20th to October 26th. It runs from 6 pm until 1 am so that those with the faint of heart can enjoy the park without being scared, earlier in the day.

The event is packing 9 different haunted houses this year with plenty of scare zones along the way, so make sure to watch your back. Scare zones are areas throughout the park full of scarers, usually dressed to a certain theme. This year there are 7

zones. In case you were wondering, yes, most of the park’s rides are still open during this time. Riding the Banshee, Diamondback, and Beast this late at night are a must-do, plus waiting in line gives your heart a break. With the exception of the Racer, where the scarers sometimes go right into line or stand right next to the entrance. Halloween Haunt also includes performances of Drums of the Dead, Monster Rock, Haunted Homecoming, and the typical Opening Ceremony. Drums of the Dead is new this year, celebrating the Day of the Dead or Dia de Los Muertos (visitkingsisland.com). You can download a Haunt map and check for the times of these performances on their official website visitkingsisland.com.

Maybe you are a bit of a scaredy-cat? Well luckily for you, Kings Island has

opened a new event, HalloTween! Here you do not have to worry about running into a scarer and instead can participate in some fun activities or go into the 4 haunted houses that’ll be opened including, Blackout and C.H.A.O.S. This event happens on Saturdays and Sundays from 12 pm to 6 pm through October 27th. For all ages, there is The Great Pumpkin Fest located in Planet Snoopy, with activities like the Great Talking Pumpkin and Lucy’s Witch Kitchen.

Overall, Kings Island’s Halloween Haunt is a very popular event during the spooky season and can be fun for the whole family, depending on when you visit. Everyone should give it a try at least once in October. If not this year, next year! If the Haunt isn’t for you, maybe give Winterfest a try in November. Happy Halloween!



Photo courtesy of Chris Steele

A Halloween Haunt prop used to frighten guests. He was near the entrance of the park, and was one of the first scares received by guests.



Photo courtesy of Chris Steele

Another prop set up to scare. Guests attending Haunt can go on rides, visit haunted houses, and enjoy seasonal treats.

Apple pie trumps pumpkin counterpart, sources say

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It’s the iconic debate of the Autumn season: why is apple pie so much better than pumpkin? For food connoisseurs everywhere, the answer is quite clear, as apple pie is made out of freshly picked fruit and its classic flavors are ones that have come to represent the perfect American fall for centuries.

In the midwest, apple picking season typically ranges throughout the months of September and October, which corresponds to the beginning of fall perfectly. Regardless, if you pick the apples at an orchard or at Kroger, there are thousands of different types of apples grown during the Autumn months that will turn in to the delectable dessert of apple pie. While many consumers choose typical apples like the Gala apple or Golden Delicious, in the fall many more varieties such as the Stayman apple and Cortland apples are available, according to *King Arthur Flour*. Both of those apples make amazing apple pies and according to *Trip Savvy*, are both grown locally in Ohio. In almost all cases, apple pie is made from these fresh, in season fruits compared to the lesser pumpkin pie that comes merely from a can.



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Not only is apple pie delicious with its flaky crust and flavorful filling, but it has become a cultural staple of the United States. “As American as apple pie” is a phrase commonly used as a simile to express patriotism and reflect traditional American values. According to *Priceonomics*, the first pies were actually

invented by Alexander the Great in 328 B.C.E. and flourished and developed in Europe for a number of years, all of this leading to the exquisite apple pie being brought to the United States around the beginning of the 20th century. Americans fell so deeply in love with apple pie that it warranted the phrase “as American as apple pie” to be coined. Since then, Americans have not lost their love for the apple pie, and it will stay an American classic love



Photo courtesy of Love and Olive Oil

for many years to come.

There are apple pie lovers everywhere, both nationally and locally within Loveland High School. Many students are passionate about pie for different reasons but they all have one thing in common: a firm agreement that apple pie is in fact superior to its pumpkin counterpart. “Apple pie is the superior pie because apples constitute knowledge and knowledge is power,” Says **Nate Harper (12)**. He stressed that apple pie was his favorite type of pie and strongly disagrees with the few percent of the population that wrongly prefers pumpkin pie. **Molly O’Keefe (11)** also prefers the delightful apple pie; “You can enjoy apple pie as part of all meals. Pumpkin pie does not fall under that amazing category.” Even staff members are in agreement that apple pie is the better dessert. **Mrs. McCarty** says this: “pumpkin pie is trash. It is way to mushy and apple pie is fall perfection.”

The debate is indisputable; apple pie is made with fresh fruit that is grown locally, is a beloved American classic, and an all around tasty dessert that surely reigns supreme.

Ditch apple, pumpkin pie is “pumpkin to talk about”

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It’s officially spooky season, which means that the age-old debate on whether pumpkin pie or apple pie is the superior pie has started again. For too long there have been vicious and senseless fights in the pie community. I’m here to finally settle this debate and, at last, prove that pumpkin pie is indeed the superior pie. Allow me to begin my argument by first stating that I’m not here to belittle Allison for her confused opinions towards pie, instead, I’m writing this to spread my love for the delicious treat that is pumpkin pie.

Point number 1: Who actually enjoys hot chunks of fruit? Not only does it *sound* wrong, It tastes wrong too; fruit should not be warm. (Yes, I know pumpkin is technically a gourd fruit, but you don’t eat chunks of the pumpkin, instead, you are eating a delicious pumpkin puree.) Additionally, whenever I go to consume an apple pie, my tastebuds are immediately hit with the slimy texture of an overcooked apple that someone decided to put inside an overcooked and crunchy crust. Now don’t get me wrong, I love a nice cold bowl of apple slices as much as the next gal, but as soon as they get hot, they’re ruined.



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Point number 2: The pumpkin pie is beautiful; it can be cut into slices and still hold its shape. The apple pie, however, can’t even spare the time to be presented in an appetizing way. Instead, it just sits there, sad and soggy, refusing to maintain its shape and spilling all over your plate, ruining anything else that you may have been wanting to eat. The pumpkin pie presents itself in a pleasant and fanciful way, it can be eaten at even the fanciest events without causing a large mess to the

eater.

Point number 3: With the fall season comes every person’s favorite drink, the pumpkin spice latte. The latte is warm and fills the taste buds with a delightful taste. Additionally, in 2018, 350 million Pumpkin Spice Lattes were sold. This just proves that people love their pumpkin and pumpkin-flavored items. Other popular pumpkin-flavored things include Kit-Kat Pumpkin Pie flavored candy, Pillsbury pumpkin spice rolls, pumpkin butter at Texas Roadhouse, Pop Tart Frosted Pumpkin Pie, and many other iconic pumpkin products. On the other hand, Apple has a reputation for being a very nasty flavor. For example, green apple Jolly Ranchers and those nasty apple and caramel lollipops. I know this doesn’t have anything to do with pie, but it just shows the overwhelming superiority of the pumpkin.

In conclusion, pumpkin pie is clearly



Photo courtesy of Two Peas and their pod

the superior pie. Even **Peggy Johnson (Principal)** herself said, “apple pie is boring, pumpkin pie has a little spice.” Mrs. Johnson is clearly a very educated woman which means that she knows what’s up when it comes to which pie is superior. It has been an iconic desert since as far back as 1621. The Plymouth Pilgrims knew what they were doing when they first created the pumpkin pie. The pumpkin pie is a staple family desert. When it comes down to it, what would you rather have, a delicious and beautiful pumpkin pie topped with a delightful whipped cream, or a nasty, messy, and soggy apple pie?

Which pie is the best pie?
Pumpkin or apple?
Or both?
Neither?



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Before a levy, we need to consider a levee



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The Newport Levee stands strong. The levee has been a force to be reckoned with—river water stands absolutely no chance against this beast.

The Little Miami River floods near Loveland Canoe and Kayak. The Little Miami was the cause of notable floods in 1913 and 1959.

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Recently, there has been a lot of talk about this new proposed levy that will be on the ballot on November 5. A levy is a local property tax collected to help finance the educational programs and operations of public schools. In the midst of all the fuss, signs, and slogans, we have been overlooking its homophone: levee. Not to be confused with levy, a levee is defined as “an embankment built to prevent the overflow of a river.” This is what we really need to be talking about.

As many are aware, the city of Loveland is home to the scenic Little Miami River. In all its beauty, the river is notorious for flooding. According to lovelandoh.gov, the Little Miami was the cause for notable floods in 1913 and 1959, when the river reached crests as high as 30 feet, according to data provided by NOAA Advanced Hydrologic Prediction Service. However, the city of Loveland reports that “this issue was remedied in 1962, when a levee and channel were constructed to reduce the

water levels and [the] possibility of major flooding.” Yet, during times of torrential downpour, areas of downtown Loveland experience (somewhat) minor flooding, causing severe mental and emotional stress for the town’s inhabitants. “I hate those flash floods. Even though my car can get through the water, it is just annoying. I have to drive like 4 mph for like 20 seconds through the bend under the bridge by the Canoe and Kayak Shop—I don’t have the patience,” said Ben Westley (12).

As we consider the levy and the possibility of constructing new educational buildings, it may be prudent to construct a levee to protect these new educational buildings from the wrath of water. Now, you might ask: aren’t the buildings going to be located far enough from the river so as to not be subjected to flooding? Well, you bring up a good point, and are probably right—but we can never be too sure. We absolutely need a levee if we want a levy. You might also ask, why a levee? Why not a dike? Doesn’t a dike do the same thing as a levee? Maybe, but

a levee is way cooler than a dike. Imagine if they called it “Newport on the Dike”—not nearly as many people would go.

Just like the levy could fail, a levee can fail as well. That is why we have to put a lot of thought into the structural integrity of the levee before we actually go about constructing it. First, we have to consider why levees fail. Now, as much as I do not want to bore you with the potential risks of man-made and natural flood prevention walls, I do believe it is crucial to being an informed citizen. There are a few main factors that can cause levees to fail: overtopping, erosion, structural failures, and levee saturation. The most frequent and catastrophic failure is called a “levee breach.” That is when part of the levee breaks, leaving a large opening for water to go places where water shouldn’t go and make things wet that should not be wet—like brand new educational buildings and athletic facilities! Folks, it’s very simple. No levy without levee; levee protect levy.

Pumpkin spice and everything nice: ladies and gentleman, fall is finally here



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Fall is finally upon us and I couldn’t be happier! Fall is my favorite season, and the superior season for many reasons. The weather in fall is the most enjoyable out of every season, the seasonal activities are the most fun, the seasonal foods are delicious, the holiday season begins, and it is the prettiest it gets all year.

In fall, it is not too hot or too cold. Summer is extremely hot and the frigidness of winter gets old after the first few months. Spring brings allergies and that, by itself, is a legit reason to dislike the whole season. If I don’t take my allergy medication for just one day, I feel like I’m dying (and no I don’t think that is an overreaction). The worst part about being outside during the spring and summer is the bugs. Bugs are irritating, and yes you can put on bug spray but it gets sticky and having sticky skin is not fun. Fall is the prettiest it gets all year. In winter everything is dead. The only color you see is brown. it’s only pretty when it snows. In spring and summer everything is green, except for a small dash of color from flowers. In fall, the colors of the leaves vary from leaf to leaf, this creates color variety.

Fall offers many activities that you can do with family and friends. I will admit winter and summer have activities like skiing, building snowman (winter), swimming, and

traveling (summer), but there is nothing like fall activities. Hiking in fall is enjoyable, but hiking in any other season is not. The weather is excellent and there is almost always a cool breeze. If you’re into scary things, haunted houses are a fantastic way to get into the Halloween spirit, and if you’re not into scary things, then getting lost in a corn maze, apple picking, or going to a pumpkin patch are all activities that you can do with family and friends. Holidays are a huge highlight. Halloween and Thanksgiving are the most amazing holidays. When else can you get free candy just for dressing up? What other holiday revolves around food? Thanksgiving is the beginning of the holiday season, which is the most wonderful time of the year. Fall food is delicious. Because of the colder weather, you can drink hot beverages like hot chocolate or hot apple cider. Pumpkin flavored things make a reappearance. I’m not talking about how everything suddenly becomes pumpkin spice flavor, I’m talking about actually appetizing things like pumpkin pie, pumpkin bread, and pumpkin bars (my family’s favorite). Apples are in season, which means you can make apple pie and apple cider.

For all of these reasons, fall is my favorite season, and the superior season. Unfortunately, fall comes and goes in a flash. It’s important to enjoy it before winter comes and it’s suddenly January again. Fortunately, at the end of every summer, the air becomes cooler, the leaves change color and fall is upon us once again.

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Tiger teacher spotlight: Mrs. Buck

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Some teachers tend to leave a lasting impression on you. It could be your first-grade teacher, your AP Spanish teacher, or even an English teacher. For me, one of those teachers was our very own Mrs. Buck, who very much deserves to be in this column. Personally, I have had her for Honors English 11 and Creative Writing, and those were arguably some of my favorite classes in high school. She made the topics fun and always approached the class with excitement. So, let’s learn more about this awesome teacher!

Mrs. Buck currently teaches Honors English 11 as well as Creative Writing I and II. She’s taught all high school grades before, and even taught a couple of classes back at Turpin called “Banned Books” and “Love and Relationship



Photo courtesy of Loveland City Schools

Literature”! She’s been a teacher a Loveland High School for three years and otherwise taught at Turpin High School for 18 years.

Mrs. Buck considers teaching a privilege, and she calls it the fountain of youth. Her favorite part is teaching

her students about the books that she fell in love with! I have to say that if anyone else taught me about The Great Gatsby, I would not have liked it nearly as much. If she could teach anything other than English, Mrs. Buck says that she would teach a film studies class (probably nothing related to LHSNN though, since The Roar is superior).

Lastly, her fun fact is that she married her high school crush. She says that he’s even more adorable now than he was in 1986! If you’ve ever had her for a class, then you know that she also refers to him as “Hubby” and sometimes will go off about how amazing he is--isn’t that cute???

Overall, Mrs. Buck is an awesome teacher and I highly recommend taking at least one of her classes. Creative Writing is so much fun, even if you’re not the best at it. And that concludes this month’s “Tiger Teacher Spotlight”. Thanks for reading!

The Masked Singer returns; who’s under the mask?

Pennywise clown back at “It” again

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It’s back! The Masked Singer returned for its second season on September 25. It promises to have bigger celebrity names and even more elaborate costumes than the first season.

This show is interesting, with one critic saying it’s “like the Voice went on a dinner party cruise.”

If you think that this is a weird idea for an American TV show, you’re right. That’s because the idea originally comes from South Korea. They have a show called “The King of the Masked Singer.” Another country that has taken on this wacky idea is Australia.



Photo courtesy of TV Insider

The judges, whose main goal is to guess who the character is, are Ken Jeong, Nicole Scherzinger, Robin Thicke, and Jenny McCarthy. They have thrown out some wild ideas as to who is disguised on stage, but they always have a fun time no matter if they are right or wrong. Ken Jeong threw out basketball stars and Jenny McCarthy never seemed to be headed in the right direction. Somehow, the two other judges, Nicole Scherzinger and Robin Thicke, seemed to constantly agree on their guesses. Last season, the judges had some wild guesses, and threw out big shot names such as Nicki Minaj or Alicia Keys. While these star singers weren’t on the show for season one, the production promises even bigger names for season two.

Did you ever think you would see a Monster singing “Girls Just Wanna Have Fun?” The celebrity from season one that impressed the crowd the most with his singing skills, while also avoiding guesses from the judges, was T-Pain. He was disguised as a blue monster, and said in an interview that it was difficult to keep it a secret that he was on the show.

In today’s world of instant news, it can be difficult to keep information from spreading. It’s always available at the fingertips of anyone who wants it. So how exactly does the production keep its



Photo courtesy of Entertainment Weekly

The judges of the “The Masked Singer” continue to cheer on acts in the second season. The show began season two on September 25th, 2019

star contestants a secret? The identities of the celebrities are tightly concealed. Only the production crew and agents know that a celeb is on the show. When coming and going from the set, the guests wear sweatshirts that read “Don’t talk to me” and they use voice disguisers when giving interviews on stage.

Guesses of celebrities who are on the show for season two range from former president Barack Obama to actress and singer Miley Cyrus. “I think Michelle Obama is on it this year,” said Noelle Coetter (12).

While we may not know for sure who is on this season, we do know that the costumes will be grander than the previous season.

Singers who have already been revealed include the egg mask, who is former Olympic figure skater Johnny Weir and the Ice Cream mask, who is Tyler “Ninja” Belvins a pro-gamer.

It will be interesting to watch as it continues to captivate American audiences; who knows which celebrity will surprise us next? We can never be too sure. So tune in and see if you can guess, who’s under the mask?



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The rated R outbreacking sequel, It Chapter Two was released on September 6th, 2019 and has been a hot topic ever since. The sequel tied up all the loose ends from the first movie following the main character, “Pennywise The Dancing Clown.” The most iconic thing about this movie was how the IT franchise has been around since the ‘90s when the novel was written by Stephen King. The movie It is about a creature that has been around for billions of years. This creature arrived on earth thousands of years ago from somewhere in the universe and is said to terrorize humans ever since. It specifically frightens the citizens of Dairy, Maine. Every 27 years, the creature needs to eat; its main diet consists of humans. The creature can turn into anything it wants, its favorite being a clown.

The movie’s main character “Pennywise” is played by Bill Skarsgard. Although the actor did a spectacular job at the part and received rave reviews from critics, gained a lot of recognition for it, the actor says the role changed him. Skarsgard and the child actors on set were kept separated until the scenes where they were needed together. This action would help keep the reactions as real as possible. Skarsgard and a young actor, Jack Dylan Grazer who played Eddie, were put in a scene together. Skarsgard, in character as pennywise, began acting. He scared Grazer causing him to cry and pant like crazy. This caused him to wonder if the real reactions were doing more harm than good. The actor wondered if the real

reactions were harming the kids more than they were helping to create a scary movie.

Skarsgard made Pennywise very well known for the shape of his lips; “the lip” plays a crucial part in the movie. The actor added this strange talent to the character. He had originally learned to do the lip shape from a young age learning it from his older brother.

As the actor was preparing for his role onset, he was very serious and independent. Playing the role of a bloodthirsty being that feasts on human flesh was a lot to take in and understand. The role was physically demanding as well since there was a lot of shaking involved. When he was done playing Pennywise, he was somewhat relieved. ““Oh, holy sh—, I don’t have to deal with this relationship anymore!” It was a very quick shift for him to start feeling better, like, ‘Oh my God, I’m relieved that I don’t have to deal with the darkness of the character.’ I likened it to an exorcism – him [Pennywise] exiting my body and getting rid of the Pennywise toxin,” said Skarsgard.

The movie has gotten a lot of positive reviews as well as a few negative ones. Some thought the sequel wasn’t as good as the first movie while others liked it just as much. “The movie sucked when it came to being scary, but it was super funny,” Cayleigh King (10) stated. Ashely Dunlap (10) took a liking to the movie. “I didn’t think the movie was dumb, I really liked one of the actors and how the movie played out.”

All-in-all the popular sequel may have mixed opinions but why not watch it and judge for yourself?



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Saddle up and ride into different sports

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It's fall, and student athletes are working harder than ever to qualify for the next part of state competitions. Student athletes who play for the school get a ton of credit, from school spirit they wear to recognition on Twitter and Instagram. However, all students may not choose to compete in these school sanctioned sports. There are many reasons for this, some students just don't have the time to commit to a school sport and others just may not find a team that interests them.

Erin Hasenoehrl (12) has certainly known the effort needed to compete in a sport that often goes unrecognized to the rest of the student body. She spends her free time participating in equestrian. Equestrian (horse-back riding) contains many disciplines (according to the US Equestrian Federation, there are 18 of them). They include dressage, show jumping, and hunters. Each category is judged based upon different criteria, and riders can compete in as many or as few events as they wish. The overall goal of the disciplines is to show that the horse and rider trust each other and work well together.

Hasenoehrl competes in the hunters discipline. This discipline is judged based upon how well the course jumps



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Erin Hasenoehrl (12) completes a jump on her horse. She has been participating in equestrian for eight years and competes every month.

are completed. "I love jumping," said Hasenoehrl, "it creates a great bond between us."

Hasenoehrl has been riding for eight years and competes every month. She puts in about 20 hours each week being at the barn and riding. Responsibility is a huge part of this sport, as the horse needs care and support.

Two more students who participate in equestrian are Tristan Vrh (10) and Tyler Vrh (10). They have competed in cowboy mounted shooting for six years. According to Tristan Vrh, cowboy mounted shooting is where, "You are on horseback and ride as fast, and as safe, as you can while shooting blanks at targets." The targets are balloons, and there are barrels that serve

as obstacles, as well. The goal is to be the fastest person through the course, while hitting the targets and safely maneuvering through the barrels.

They first became interested in the sport when they watched a friend compete. They compete every weekend, and the competitions are made up of matches and stages. Four stages make up one match. The size of competitions differs based upon the size and level of each group; there are six levels. Their entire family is involved in the sport and they have a horse named Pete. This sport differs from typical equestrian because it requires gun safety skills, balance, and trust between the horse and rider. They both enjoy the support system found in this sport, "Everyone is always giving advice on how to improve," said Tyler Vrh.

Sports completed outside of school require just as much, if not more, work than a school sanctioned sport. These athletes have taken a unique approach to sports, and are learning about responsibility and the value of hard work in a new way. Equestrian requires its athletes to stay calm and communicate effectively, ultimately creating an unbreakable bond that leads to success; it places an emphasis on hard work, trust, and facing your fears. Outside of school activities teach many unique lessons and provide athletes the ability to learn about themselves in a unique way.

Tiger athlete spotlight: Anna Svitkovich (tennis)



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The girls' tennis team huddles up before a match. Led by senior captain **Anna Svitkovich (12)**, the team won the ECC and had a record of 15-2.

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With the girls' tennis season over, it is worthwhile to acknowledge the valuable contributions of senior captain Anna Svitkovich (12). Svitkovich capped her four-year varsity tennis career with a first place finish in first singles in the ECC. This, accompanied by stellar performances by her teammates, resulted in the team being named co-champions of the ECC with Walnut Hills. The Tigers finished the season with a conference record of 5-1, and an overall record of 15-2, with their only losses to St. Ursula and Walnut Hills.

Svitkovich's season has earned her high praise amongst fans and coaches alike. Currently, she is a top contender for "Girls'

Tennis Athlete of the Year." She is also likely to be named First Team All-ECC. It is no surprise, considering she has received all-conference honors in each of her three previous high school tennis seasons.

This season snapped Turpin's four year ECC championship run. In their head-to-head match at Turpin on September 10, the Tigers swept the Spartans, winning all five courts. At the first singles position, Svitkovich defeated her opponent 6-3, 6-2. It was her first time in her high school tennis career beating Turpin. "That was a really special moment for me and the whole team," she said. "In my freshman, sophomore, and junior seasons, they always beat us. It was my last chance to beat them, and now it feels great to say we did."



Photo courtesy of Anna Svitkovich

Anna Svitkovich (12) reaches up high to hit a serve. In her final year of high school tennis, she won first place in the ECC at the first singles court.

The season culminated into the ECC tournament, held at the Lindner Family Tennis Center at Lunken Airport on September 24. Going in, Walnut Hills had yet to lose a match in conference play. In order for the Tigers to have a shot at sharing the title, they had to win championships at as many courts as they could. They lived up to the pressure by securing first place finishes at first, second, and third singles, as well as second doubles. They also tacked on a second place finish at first doubles—overall, a dominant showing at the tournament.

In her match, Svitkovich captured the title at first singles by way of an excellent three-setter against Walnut Hills' Claire Meng. Svitkovich lost the opening set 6-7 in a close tiebreaker. Despite going down

one set, the veteran did not falter. "I was really mad at myself, but I used that first set as motivation to try to come back." And the senior did just that—she ignited a fire, and with the support of her teammates, she rallied and won the next two sets 6-3, 6-3.

Overall, Svitkovich had a remarkable high school tennis career. Among her many accolades, she is most proud of the honor of being named team captain. "I have really enjoyed being on this team, and being given the opportunity to lead it as captain has been a blessing," she said. From summer open courts sessions to team bus rides to away matches, Svitkovich has enjoyed her time as a member of the tennis team. She thanks her parents, coaches, and teammates for giving her the support to achieve her goals.

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In the photo above, **Molly Alexander (12)**, **Anna Geiger (11)**, and **Andy Meece (12)** perform the fight song at this year’s Homecoming parade.



Photo courtesy of Gracie Magee

Molly Hansen (12) and **Jeff Scott (12)** smile for a picture after being named Homecoming King and Queen.



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Starting quarterback **Calvin Cloud (11)** looks to the sideline in the Homecoming game against the Milford Eagles. Cloud threw for 368 yards and a touchdown in the 42-13 loss to the Eagles.

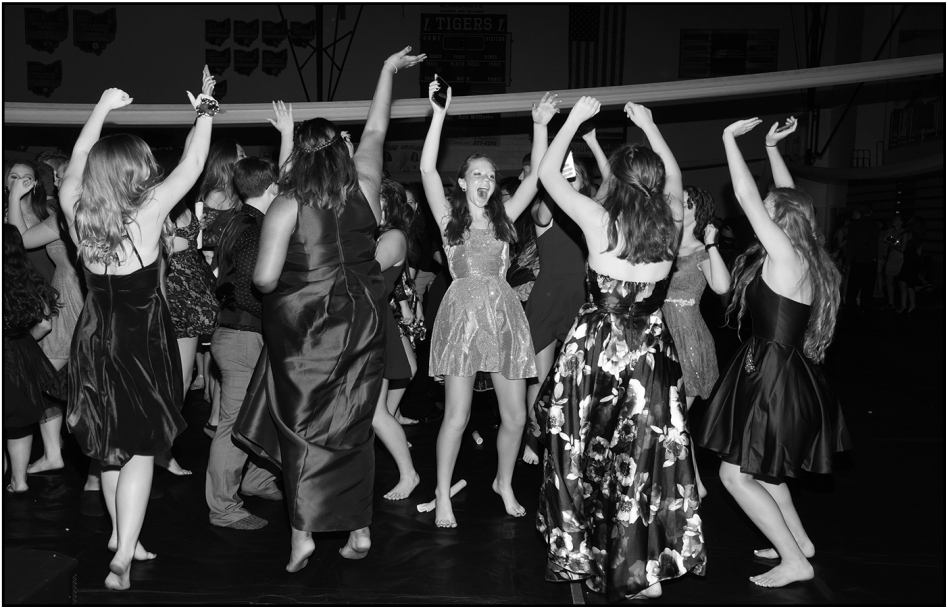


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A group of wild students having fun and dancing at Homecoming. This year, the students were able to get Kona Ice when they got tired.



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Anna Hou (12) and **Alton French (10)** perform pep tunes as they march during the Homecoming parade.



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Ethan Freeland (9) plays in the Homecoming football game. The team lost the game but is hoping for a string finish to their season.