

The Bulldog Bark



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Your Middle School News Unleashed!

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Halloween History

What's really behind this holiday?

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After throwing on your spooky costume and collecting your candy, many have wondered what the real idea and origins are of the holiday, Halloween. Halloween's ancient origins point all the way back to the Celts. This civilization dates back to two-thousand years ago and resided in present-day Ireland, the United Kingdom, and France. The holiday goes back to the ancient Celtic festival of Samhain. This festival marked the Celtic's new year on November 1st. For the ancient society, this meant the end of summer, the harvest, and the beginning of a hard, cold winter. Winter correlated to death to the Celts. The civilization celebrated Samhain on October 31st because of their belief that ghosts returned to the earth that very night. Aside from the damaged crops that the spirits "caused", the Celts also believed that their priests could predict the future better on that night. The priests, Druids, were known to build gigantic sacred bonfires that people would burn crops and animals to sacrifice to their deities.

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Fun Fact: Trick or treating didn't re-emerge in the United States until the 1920s and 1930s. It paused for a bit during World War II because of sugar rations.



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During this celebration, the Celts would wear costumes that were usually made out of animals' heads and skins. After this big event, families would light their personal fires again to keep them safe from the frigid cold of the oncoming winter.

The year of 43 A.D. was when the Roman Empire conquered the Celtic territory. During the Roman's four hundred year rule, two Roman festivals and the original traditions of the Celts merged into one. One of the two Roman holidays was called Feralia. This was a day in late October where the Romans celebrated the passing of the dead. The Romans also celebrated the holiday, Pomona. This was where they would celebrate the Roman goddess of fruit and trees. Because Pomona is the symbol for apple, this could lead to the reason why we "bob for apples" on October 31st.

May 13th, 609 A.D. This particular day was the time when Pope Boniface IV dedicated the Parthenon to all Christian martyrs as well as the Catholic feast of All Martyrs Day being established. Pope Gregory III later made the holiday last from May 13th to November 1st. During 1000 A.D., the Christian church made November 2nd "All Souls Day" which was celebrated to commemorate the dead. Many believe that the Christians were trying to replace the Celtic holiday with something closer to their religion. "All Souls Day" was celebrated

remarkably similar to Samhain, consisting of bonfires, costumes, parades, etc. The celebration of "All Saints Day" was also named "All-hallows" or "All-hallowmas". The night before was also known as, according to original Celtic tradition, "All-Hallows Eve" or, now, Halloween. So next time you eat a piece of Halloween candy or down-right scream the phrase "Trick or Treat!", know the real reason behind the monster-loving, candy-addicting holiday.



An illustration of Halloween in Scotland in the 1780s

Time To Get Spooky with Stats

By Lily Groover

Team 8 Barker

Halloween is, by far, the spookiest time of the year. But to make the spookiness come alive, a bunch of statistics comes with it. Follow me as we take a look at



how much money we spend, the costumes we buy, and pumpkins we carve on a holiday full of tricks and treats.

The one thing all children love on Halloween can be simplified into one word. Candy. Last year, Americans spent approximately \$179 million on candy for door-to-door trick-or-treating. The entire world spent \$9.1 billion just on Halloween candy. Let's put that into perspective. The average bag of candy costs \$3.49. If you do the math, the entire world bought approximately 2,607,449,856 bags of candy.

Roughly, 70.6% of Americans hand out that candy every Halloween.

To be able to acquire all of these treats, there is one thing we must do. We must dress-up. Costumes are apparently a must-have for Halloween. Last year, the number one costume for adults was a witch while for children it was a superhero. America spent a whopping \$3.4 billion on costumes. Donald Trump's net worth is \$3.1 billion. We spent more money on Halloween costumes than Donald Trump has in his bank account. The "costume of the year" is supposedly going to be couples' matching costumes. Gross, right? 4.1 million people aged 5-14 are expected to trick-or-treat.

Around 48% of people actually dress-up for Halloween. Now, only 16% dress-up their pets. The animal usually becomes a pumpkin, but there are a wide variety of people who dress them up as something weird like a bumblebee or a hot dog.

There are more things to do on Halloween other than dressing up and trick-or-treating. 35% of people throw or attend a party on the night of Halloween. 77% of the population must be scaredy-cats because only 23% of people visited a

haunted house. Almost 75% will purchase Halloween decor, spending \$2.7 billion to get into the Halloween spirit.

Every year, America produces 1.5 billion pumpkins, each pumpkin at an estimate of \$3.89. 45% of Americans are expected to carve at least one pumpkin. Sources say that \$575.26 million will be spent on buying pumpkins this year. That's a lot of pumpkins. 67% of those people are expected to carve a simple jack-o-lantern.

We all love Halloween. It's amazing to see so many people celebrate such a holiday. The things people do, the way they celebrate Halloween is fascinating. Let's hope that this Halloween is the biggest and best yet in our country.

- 1. Did you know Anoka, MN is the Halloween capital of the world?**
 The town celebration started in 1920 as a way to deter teenage pranksters from high-jinks like flipping outhouses and letting cows loose.
- 2. The "world famous" Sever's Corn Maze in Shakopee is celebrating its 18th year in operation.**
 Head to Sever's on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays through October 26th to see this year's locomotive-themed maze.
- 3. The Halloween Blizzard of 1991 dropped 20 inches of snow over the Twin Cities.**
 The storm not only interrupted trick-or-treating plans, it also gave Minnesota the snowiest October in recorded history.
- 4. The most common safety hazards to children on Halloween are falls and burns.**
 Make sure your kids can walk and see clearly in their awesome new costumes, and consider buying flameless LED candles to minimize the risk of accidental fires from your jack-o-lanterns. Plus, throw away any candy that has been opened or tampered with.
- 5. One in thirteen children has a food allergy.**
 This Halloween, consider buying some allergen-free candy or small puzzles, toys or pencils so all kids can enjoy the holiday equally.

The Best Places To Get Scared

**By William Doll and
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Team 7 Barkers

“These horrifying haunts are not for the faint of heart.”

With Halloween nearing, haunted houses become all the rage. Ghouls and goblins emerge from hiatus, and weekends spent being chased around a corn maze by a chainsaw-wielding lunatic become the norm. One of the most fantastic states in the country for haunted-house-hopping is Pennsylvania. It may not be Transylvania, but it’s brimming with scares that just might make you pee your pants. If you are brave enough, check out these thirteen frightening attractions.

Pennhurst Asylum

The Pennhurst Asylum in Spring City, PA is one of the scariest haunts in the area. No expense is spared at this amazing attraction. Located at the original State School, the attraction features four thrilling parts. Avoid the tortured inmates in the dark, and haunted rooms of the Pennhurst Asylum. Then, in the Dungeon of Lost Souls, guests will be able to enter an eerie labyrinth filled with Frankenstein-askew experiments gone wrong. The Tunnel of Terror consists of catacombs brimming with gory decorations, jump-scares, and more. Additionally, during the Ghost Hunt, guests can embark upon a self-guided paranormal tour through the historic Mayflower Building, which has been featured on shows such

as Ghost Hunters and Ghost Adventures. Blending haunts with ghostly encounters, this attraction is a popular favorite in the area. The Pennhurst Asylum building dates from 1908, and the fear is real. There are different attractions where you will experience the scariest moments, you do not want to miss this amazing adventure with your friends and family. The Pennhurst Legendary Hospital terrifying Dungeon is where you can encounter human experiments that went completely wrong and with special effects, illusions and real ghost stories, your heart will beat faster than ever.



Dorney Park’s The Haunt

The haunt is one of our area’s most common attractions! Try this after you get your thrill on when you’ve ridden “Steel Force”. Meet haunting clowns roaming the park that will give you the scariest of scares! Then go on “Talon the Grip of Fear.” You will for sure be Scared Straight! Then go to the “Plarr Family Chamber of Horrors.” Experience a wax museum where you can’t tell between real or fake then...BOOM! Jump scares from the left and right! This will surely make you scream your head off.

If you go to the Haunted Hospital, you’ll wish you were dead. The nurses cry for help as the doctors saw open their patients! You will certainly like this particular attraction. Dorney Park transforms into Halloween Haunt featuring haunted mazes, scare zones, rides, and monsters prowling the park. What you will see will scare you.

HALLS OF HORROR

In Palmerton, home of THE Blood Experience. We know there are plenty of haunted attractions to pick from. But our haunt is **HARDCORE**. At there haunt you and your friends go through in small groups. And, if your group is too large they split it up into smaller groups.

Haunted Parkway Hayride is located in Whitehall Township where they take you on a haunted hayride through the wood of Whitehall. Lehigh Valley Scream Park is a hayride where zombies take over, and it is your job to take them down.



Need Advice? Ask Giana!

By Giana Rosario

Team 8 Barker

You may have noticed the advice box at lunch. Well, that was for the Bulldog Bark. People participating in the bulldog bark have gone through all the papers that you have placed in the box. Some of your suggestions will be featured in this article, but not all of them. The advice box will be at lunch throughout the school year, so if you missed out on writing advice, you will have more opportunities.

Advice for the 7th Graders (From 8th Graders)

- Do your extra credit; it is easy.
- Don't try to fit in with other people.
- Don't do things just because you think it's cool.
- Actually try in class.
- Be organized.
- Make seventh grade last as long as you can, it goes by fast.
- Don't procrastinate, if the teachers give you time to do the project they know it can't be done in one night.
- Clubs are good to be a part of, but don't overdo it.
- Don't hide in the back of the classroom, participate.
- Don't spread rumors.
- If you see bullying, don't just stand around and watch it, do something.

Fall Advice:

Is computer basics hard? I think that computer basics isn't really that hard, but you have to pay attention because it is fast-paced.

How do you open your locker quickly? You shouldn't preset your locker all the way, but I usually pre set the first part of the combination, which saves time. You'll also need some practice.

How do you get an A+? Pay attention in class and study.



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First Day of School Experiences

By Madison Weber

Team 7 Barker

On the first day of school, almost everybody is anxious for the new school year. So, I am going to interview a few students to see if they were nervous or not for the first day of school. The first person that I am going to interview is a student named Morgan Weber. He said that he was nervous on the first day of school because he did not know the teachers, and he did not know how to open his locker. Next on the list, I am going to interview a student named Mason Weber. His response was that he was not nervous of the first day of school because he said that it was just another day of school. Fairly true Mason! The next person that I am going to interview is a student named Dailani Pagan-Acosta. She said that she was nervous because she did not know how to open her locker, and she also said that she thought Middle School would be the hardest thing ever. As you can see, the beginning of school can give you butterflies in your stomach. But always remember this to make you feel better, it's just another day of school!



Josh Weber finally got his locker open!

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Advice Cont'd

How do I do better in school? Do all of your work, pay attention, and study. Seek extra help and extra credit from teachers. Now that we have Flex, teachers are there to meet with you to help. There are a lot of after school study sessions you can take advantage of as well. Use all the tools given to you: whether it be extra credit, a study guide, or after school tutoring—use it all.

How do you deal with stress? Work on whatever you have to do first, and after try to do something you like to take your mind off the stress. It's okay to take a break—do something you love for a bit, but set yourself a time limit. Give yourself, let's say, 30 minutes to do something you enjoy. Then make sure you commit to your work—you must go back to it. Also, you should prioritize. Make a list and conquer what you need to work on first. For example, if you have an assignment due tomorrow and another due in a week, you need to do what's coming first. Tackle one thing at a time!

How do I get a boyfriend/girlfriend? This is a tough question! First off, you need to be your best self. Surely, you need to get someone's attention, but you'll want to do it the right way.. Make sure you are confident. Try to go to social events at school like the football games, dances, and you will get an opportunity to talk. You can even try a bit in the hallways, in between classes, and at lunch. Start with open-ended questions to strike a conversation. Now with social media, you can talk to people outside of school much more easily too, but most importantly, be yourself. Don't change to get a date because you'll want someone who's dating you to like you for you—not for who you pretend to be.

Building Changes and Flex Period

**By Sabrina Marsh and
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Team 8 Barkers

A lot of changes have been made to our school, in physical appearances and schedules. I Now that seventh and eighth graders rotate classes at the same time, it sometimes creates havoc in the hallways. But we are all learning to adjust! We have interviewed some teachers and students so we can all try and relate our thoughts about the new changes in our school. We know seventh graders have nothing to compare it too which is why the Seventh- grader i have interviewed had some different questions.

Most of us think that Mrs. Chamberlain did a good job remodeling some things in the school (well, her design, but the contractors' work). "... the renovations that happened are wonderful. The building looks nicer. I wish they would set the AC a bit lower though."- Mr. Meixsell, Team 8. Don't we all feel this way about the AC? For most teachers, the Flex period has been a helpful addition. Mr. Carol succeeded in fighting for the flex period to meet with his band students. Other teachers are also able to use that time to meet with students for clubs and activities as well. All of our teachers for the most part think that "...it's really helping out students because it gives them time to get homework done. Gives time to get work made up

for other classes and get help from other teachers and get to go to things like Makerspace..."- Mr. Graver, Team 7. Some of our specials teachers have become homerooms and are having to adjust to Flex and homerooms. For some it's "No problem" Mrs Raber, Phys Ed and Health teacher has said while others are find-



ing it a bit difficult.

Along with the renovations, there was a change in our schedule too. With Flex in the schedule, we now have more time to do work, or do school activities. For example, in band and chorus there used to be a lot more after school activities. Now with flex most of the



rehearsals are during the day. There are many pros and cons to

flex in our new schedules.

Pros of Flex

- You can get extra help from teachers
- Students have shorter periods.
- You have more time to do different extracurricular activities.
- You can get started on your homework .
- You can do things you might not have been able to before because they were after school

Cons of Flex

- If you have an assignment, you have less time to finish it in your class period.
- There might be conflicts if you're involved in too much activities
- Even with the extra period to do work, kids still play games, and not use their time wisely.
- Teachers struggling to finish their lessons on time.
- Homework suddenly becomes "Flex Work"—some students are not doing work outside of school.

New Teachers on the Block

By **Jasmine Silvestri**

Team 7 Barker

This year in our district we were lucky to have these two new teachers joins us. They are the 7th and 8th grade science teacher, Ms. Fleming, which she also teaches at the high school, and the 7th and 8th grade math teacher, Ms. Bariana, who also teaches at the high school. I got the great honor to interview them with a few questions about their opinions, likes, dislikes, and even why they chose to major in that specific subject. Let's see what they had to say!

Mrs. Bariana:

(Q:) What are some of your opinions on working here?

(Mrs. B:) "So far I have greatly enjoyed working in Northern Lehigh. Everyone has been very friendly and helpful!"

(Q:) Is this your first job as a teacher, if so, is it better working here than at the other school(s)?

(Mrs. B:) "I taught for 3 years in the city of Lancaster. My job here is very different than my job in Lancaster and I am enjoying the change of pace."

(Q:) Do you like the students that attend your classes?

(Mrs. B:) "I always enjoy meeting new students every year!"

(Q:) What are some things about this school that are different for the other school(s) you've worked at?

(Mrs. B:) "My last school was in the city, and it was a bigger school."

(Q:) What are some things you don't like about this school?

(Mrs. B:) "I'll let you know if I find any!"

(Q:) What are some things that you like about this school?

(Mrs. B:) "Everyone is very friendly, there is a lot of school spirit, and I love the view of the mountains."

(Q:) What universities/college did you attend?

(Mrs. B:) "Millersville University"

(Q:) Why did you choose to major in math?

(Mrs. B:) "Throughout grade school math was always my favorite and best subject."

(Q:) Why did you choose to work in this district?

(Ms. B:) "I decided to look for a new job to move closer to my family."

(Q:) Are the teaching methods different from when you were in middle school verse now?

(Mrs. B:) "There is a lot more technology."



Ms. Fleming (Left) ; Mrs. Bariana (Right)

New Teachers on the Block, cont.

Ms. Fleming:

(Q:) What are some things about this school that are different for the other school(s) you've worked at?

(Ms. F:) "I believe that the staff at Northern Lehigh Middle School is very dedicated and they really care about the students!"

(Q:) Is this your first job as a teacher, if so, is it better working here than at the other school(s)?

(Ms. F:) "I taught in Virginia before I taught here. I enjoyed the school that I was at, but I was only teaching at the high school level, and I'm very excited to be teaching at the middle school level this year."

(Q:) Do you like the students that attend your classes?

(Ms. F:) "I like all the students that I have in class. And I especially appreciate the students that are attentive, interested, and try their best!"

(Q:) What are some things about this school that are different for the other school(s) you've worked at?

(Ms. F:) "This school is a Middle School, which is different for me. Northern Lehigh School District is also smaller than the school district that I came from, but it has a variety of great opportunities!"

(Q:) What are some things you don't like about this school?

(Ms. F:) "I wish there were more hours in a day, so I could be at this school longer!"

(Q:) What are some things that you like about this school?

(Ms. F:) "I like that the teachers and administrators care about their students. I also like the collaboration that occurs within the school."

(Q:) What universities/college did you attend?

(Ms. F:) "I went to Penn State, where I majored in Secondary Education with a focus in Biology."

(Q:) Why did you choose to major in science?

(Ms. F:) "I chose to teach science because I find the sciences to be fascinating! I think it is amazing how the human body functions and how the forces of nature change the landscape around us."

(Q:) Why did you choose to work in this district?

(Ms. F:) "I chose to work in this district for multiple reasons. I had heard great things about the district and I admire the beauty of the mountains, the Lehigh River, and the woodlands of this region."

(Q:) Are the teaching methods different from when you were in middle school verse now?

(Ms. F:) "There are some different teaching methods compared to when I was being taught in a middle school. We did not have access to Chromebooks and many of the interactive tools that teachers now use."

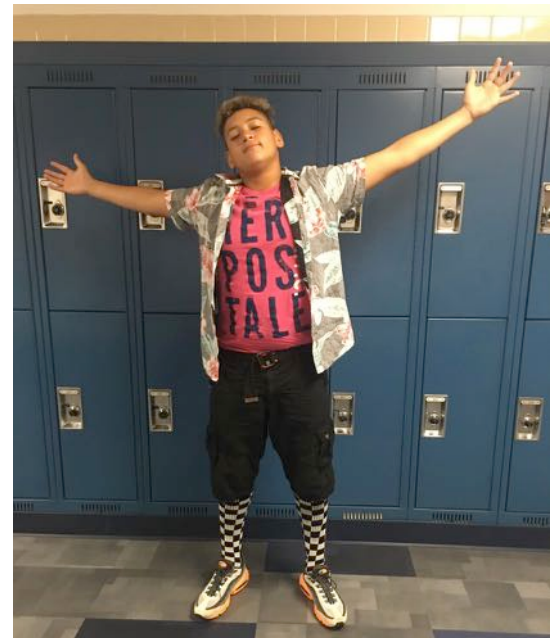
Interviewing these two teachers and seeing their perspective on things was truly amazing. It was so great to see that our school has made them felt welcomed and to see that they enjoy working here! I hope they continue to enjoy working here and feeling welcomed by their fellow staff and my fellow classmates.



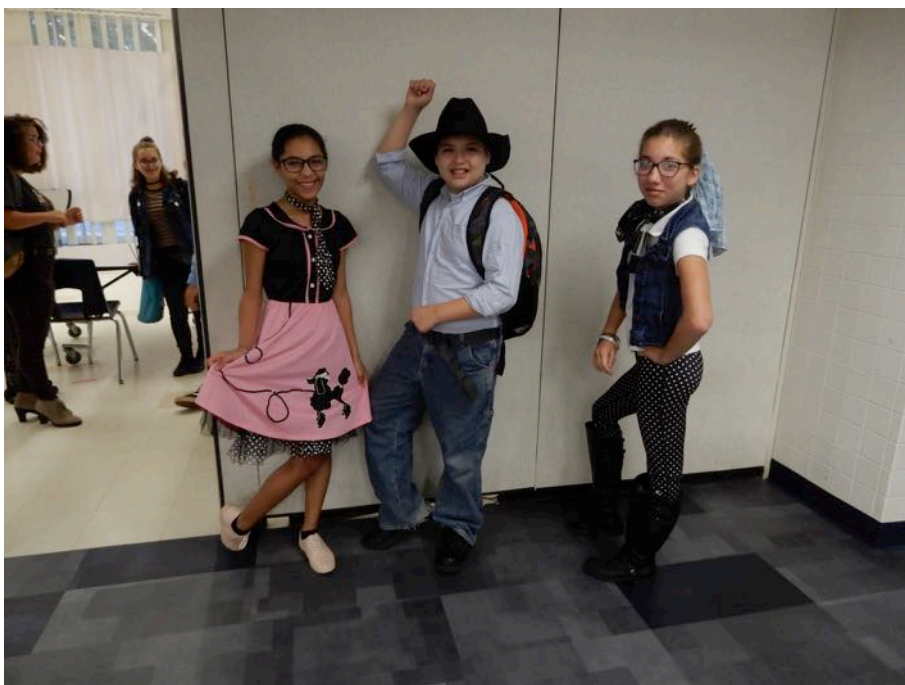
School Spirit Week



Showing off our school colors! Featured from left to right:
Dylan Bandle, Angel Germosen, Brayden Tocci, Zachary Holva



AJ Jimenez Wittong was getting super wacky on Wacky Wednesday!



Going back in time on decades day. Left: Jaysha Cuadrado Middle: Nathan Farmer Right: Kamryn Fink



Above, Mrs. Dunham sportin' Wacky Wednesday with mismatched prints and different sneakers.



Above, eighth-graders Bianca Carrion and Gabriella Smoyer are twinin' it, Taco-Style!



Blast to the past on decades day! Left: Ally Chase Middle: Sabrina Digiovanna Right: Reagan Schaffer

Racing to the Championship!

By Haven Moore

Team 7 Barker

The beginning of school has passed, and we are making our way into the end of the 1st marking period. One of the sports that will be ending as well for the year, is cross-country, sadly. It is a fun, supportive, and friendly sport that has a wonderful team. Seventh graders and up can participate.

schoolers did this year. And a big thanks to our coaches Mrs. Guelcher, Mrs. Zeiser, and Mr. Oertner. I have to give Mrs. Case some credit for having to deal with us every day after school, and watch us before practice! It was enjoyable to have a relaxing run after school,

our way to a meet. Altogether, this last race will count a lot for me, because of all the fun I had this season, and so did everyone else. I am sure to sign up next year! Until then, keep on running!



The seventh graders who decided to engage in this sport this year are James Stock, Emma Smith, Cadence Whalen, Ayden Scanlon, Aaron Pender, Jayden Fischer, George Husack, and Haven Moore (myself). The eighth graders are Aicha Salih, Danielle Dougherty, and Nevaeh Hardison. They all have worked hard during practices and races. We are down to one race left that is taking place in Palisades for the championships. I would also like to acknowledge how great to high

spending time with friends, and having snacks.

Cross Country is like track, except your obstacles are walnuts, trees, and other interferences that can be outdoors. It's kind of funny to think about. In my point of view, bus rides were always the most unforgettable for me. They were because of all jokes, snacks, and games my team members and I participated in when we were on



Fall Intramurals

By Dean Frear the III

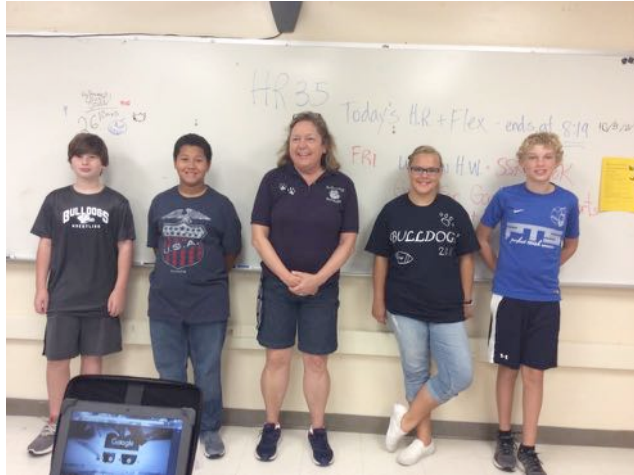
Team 7 Barker

I really recommend any of you guys or girls out there who have nothing to do to join this AMAZING and REALLY FUN group of sports. We have Tennis, Badminton, Ping Pong and Volleyball. Badminton is the most popular, but Tennis is my personal favorite. I also have quotes from the 7th and 8th grade members who like and enjoy the sports. First however, we need to put in the info. This is now past the end of Fall Intramurals, but it's not too late! There are Spring Intramurals as well, and for 7th graders it will also be open next year. Sorry 8th graders, there aren't Intramurals in the High School.

Mrs. Raber has been running this program since 1989! 1989 she started this program, 29 years from today. I understand why it has been up for so long. There's always a Pizza Party at the end. We have pizza, soda, and ice cream. It will be on Mondays and Wednesdays of every school day for about 6 weeks. It's NOT mandatory to come to every meet, but who would

miss it? It runs from 2:15 to 4:00 every meet. If you need to go home on the activity bus at 3:00, she understands and writes you a pass. I walk home, and I can tell you, I DO NOT recommend walking unless you live next to the building. I walk two miles home every day, and especially after running and sweating I would prefer a ride.

Oh yeah, snacks are provided for free, courtesy of Mrs. Raber. She will, on the other hand, accept snack donations! This has got to be the most perfect and the absolute BEST time and way to hang out with your friends. "I like playing volleyball", says Steven Blodgett-Nunez. The season is over, but during spring, we still have the program! "It's a great place to have fun, get exercise and hang out with friends!" says Natasha Leiby-Kiffer. I personally think and agree with the idea of coming and hanging out in multiple places. I always have fun, and you probably will too! In conclusion, I think anyone would enjoy this amazing program. This is only for middle school! Take the advantage. What do YOU think about this program if you are in it?



NL Fall Sports Update

By Lawson Hoffman

Team 7 Barker

The Middle School football team is 2-4-1, which means they are doing tremendous. They don't have the greatest record around. They won a game, they play hard every game, and they play with their hearts. Next, the Field Hockey team is having an astounding year. They won 7 games and lost 6 and they would lose and win by 1 goal and that was their season. have won some games, and lost some games, but they should never give up! If they keep their mind to it into the future, they will go to states. In conclusion, both teams (Field Hockey and Football) are having a remarkable season, and they should not give up, and never stop practicing because practice makes perfect and if they keep trying their best, they will become a championship caliber teams.



Thanksgiving History in a Nutshell

Gobble it up!

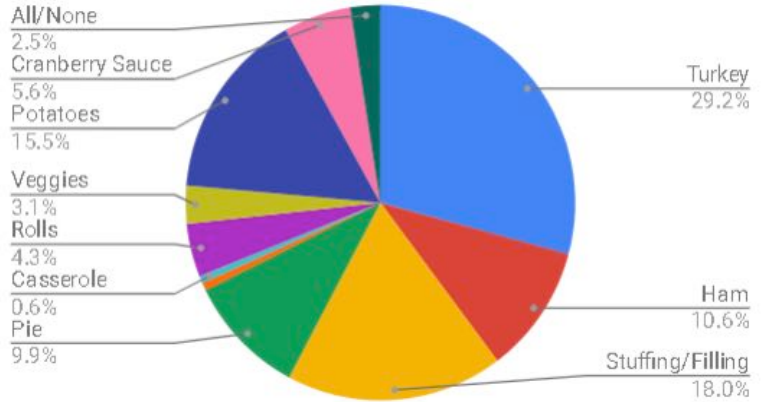
By Dean Frear the III

Team 7 Barker

The event that Americans commonly call the "First Thanksgiving" was celebrated by the Pilgrims after their first harvest in the New World in October 1621. This feast lasted three days, and—as accounted by attendee Edward Winslow—it was attended by 90 Native Americans and 53 Pilgrims. The “ First Thanksgiving” was packed! Basically, to sum it up, a bunch of pilgrims were hungry in November. They turned to the Natives to give support. They taught pilgrims new ways to plant, cook, clean, etc. When all was done, they all sat down and ate. A few years after, they officially named it “Thanksgiving” in 1623 because they wanted to remember the holiday. Now, we have all these new foods, recipes, and recreations for this historic holiday. I personally enjoy all of them and like to spend the time with my family. That's what this day is all about—family.



Bulldogs Thanksgiving Favorites!



By Callum Zimmerman

Team 8 Barker

The History of Fall

“Fall”, which is sometimes is also referred to as Autumn, is the season of the year between summer and winter and which temperatures gradually decrease. It is often called fall in the U.S.A because leaves fall from the trees at this time. Autumn is usually defined in the Northern Hemisphere as the period between the autumn equinox (day and night equal in length), September 22 or 23, and the winter solstice (year’s shortest day). December 21 or 22; and in the Southern Hemisphere as the period between March 20 or 21 and June 21 or 22. The fall temperature transition between summer heat and the winter cold occurs only in middle and high altitudes; in equatorial regions, temperatures generally vary little during the year. In the polar regions autumn is very short. The origin of “fall” as a name for a season isn't perfectly clear, though it’s thought that it probably came from the idea of leaves falling from trees. It first popped up as a name for a season in late-16th century England and became particularly popular during the 17th century, at which point it made its way over to North America. The concept of autumn in European languages is connected with the harvesting of crops, in many cultures autumn. Like the other seasons it has been marked by rites and festivals revolving around the season’s importance in food production. Animals gather food in autumn in preparation for the coming winter. Many birds migrate toward the Equator to escape the falling temperatures. What do you do in preparation for fall?



BTS Dominates the World with Music

By Ashley Moyer and Ceeanna Rivera

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On October 9, 2018, just a couple of minutes before the 2018 American Music Awards kick off, and BTS scored the award for Favorite Social Artist. But it's not surprising, considering the hardcore support that BTS' fanbase, ARMY, has given. Just a month prior, BTS' RM, other known as Kim Nam-joon, spoke at the United Nations meeting on Sep-



Pictured: BTS speaking at the United Nations Meeting

tember 24. The septet arrived at the U.N. for the launch of Generation Unlimited, a campaign “to ensure every young person is in education, training or employment by 2030.” During the speech, RM touched the audience by adding some of his personal struggles. “I tried to jam myself into the other molds that other people made,” he said. “Soon, I began to shut out my own voice and listen to the voice of others. No one called out my name and neither did I. My heart stopped and my eyes closed shut. Like this, I—we—all lost our names. We became like ghosts. But I had one sanctuary, and that was music.” Over the years, BTS has built a reputation as one of the most socially conscious groups in South Korea. Their lyrics specifically talk about subjects like mental illness, consumerism and issues in the school system. In November 2017, the group partnered with UNICEF for an anti-violence campaign called “Love Myself.”

Samsung Galaxy S9 Review

By Nathan Farmer

Team 7 Barker

The hottest thing out is the Samsung's Galaxy S9. It is a strange breed of a smartphone, with a Snapdragon 845 processor, great camera, and 18:9 screen. It has all the trappings of a fantastic 2018 handset. Yet, at the same time, it's remarkably similar to the Galaxy S8 that it replaces. In fact, it's so much like its predecessor, issues we might normally overlook become all the more obvious this second time around.

Samsung's hook with the Galaxy S9 is a “reimagined” camera, but the camera's new features—namely Dual Aperture, Super Slow-mo, and AR Emoji—are equal parts gimmick and catch-up to competing models. And because Samsung is limiting the dual camera and Live Portrait mode to the larger Plus model, the S9 (the phone I'm reviewing here) feels less like a new phone than a mid-cycle refresh. As such, the S9 is a perfectly fine entry for

the first new premium phone of 2018, but there's nothing here that breaks exciting new ground for other phones to follow.

Dual aperture? We actually found it's not that necessary. Super Slow-mo? It works beautifully, but it's not a feature people will use all that often. AR emoji? It's fun and it works as advertised, but it also feels like a response to Apple, not a trailblazing feature.

In short: When we look back on 2018 and pick a defining handset, the S9 probably won't be it. But it's still a great phone. Also, it has the Fortnite skin which is called the “Galaxy skin.” It's the most expensive skin in Fortnite history.



Summer 2018 Media Recap

By Alex Feifel

Team 8 Barker

Between no school, beach weather, and vacationing, you probably didn't remember everything from the past summer. So, I am here to catch you up on some of the most important things in the media.

We hope you had your fair share of popcorn, because the summer blockbusters are killing it this year. From the flop of 'Solo,' and 'Deadpool 2', to the unexpectedly amazing 'The Meg', the movies were the place to be over the summer. Marvel's second and last movie of the year, 'Ant-man and the Wasp,' brought a funny and intense movie that was perfect for summer, it almost gave the fans time to quote on quote "heal" after 'Avengers: Infinity War.' Kids and adults were dazzled by the 14 year reunion of the 'Incredibles,' that came out with a sequel in June that was a must-see. The, by-far, blockbuster movie of the summer was 'Jurassic World: Fallen Kingdom,' ranking in a whopping 1.305 billion dollars. The dinosaurs really gave us a run for our money!

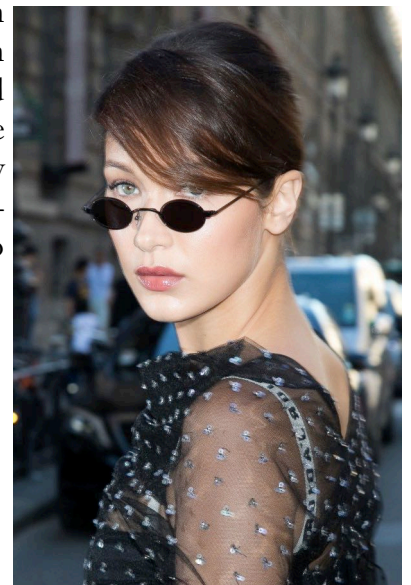


Without music, movies would be pretty boring and suspenseful; music this year really set the tone for the summer. With comeback albums like 5SOS's 'Youngblood' album, to Nicki Minaj's 'Queen,' the music industry has been thriving. Ariana Grande's anticipated 'Sweetener' album came out around the end of summer, and was streamed on Spotify over 1 billion times. Panic! At the Disco continues to amaze us with their 6th official album, 'Pray for the Wicked', this

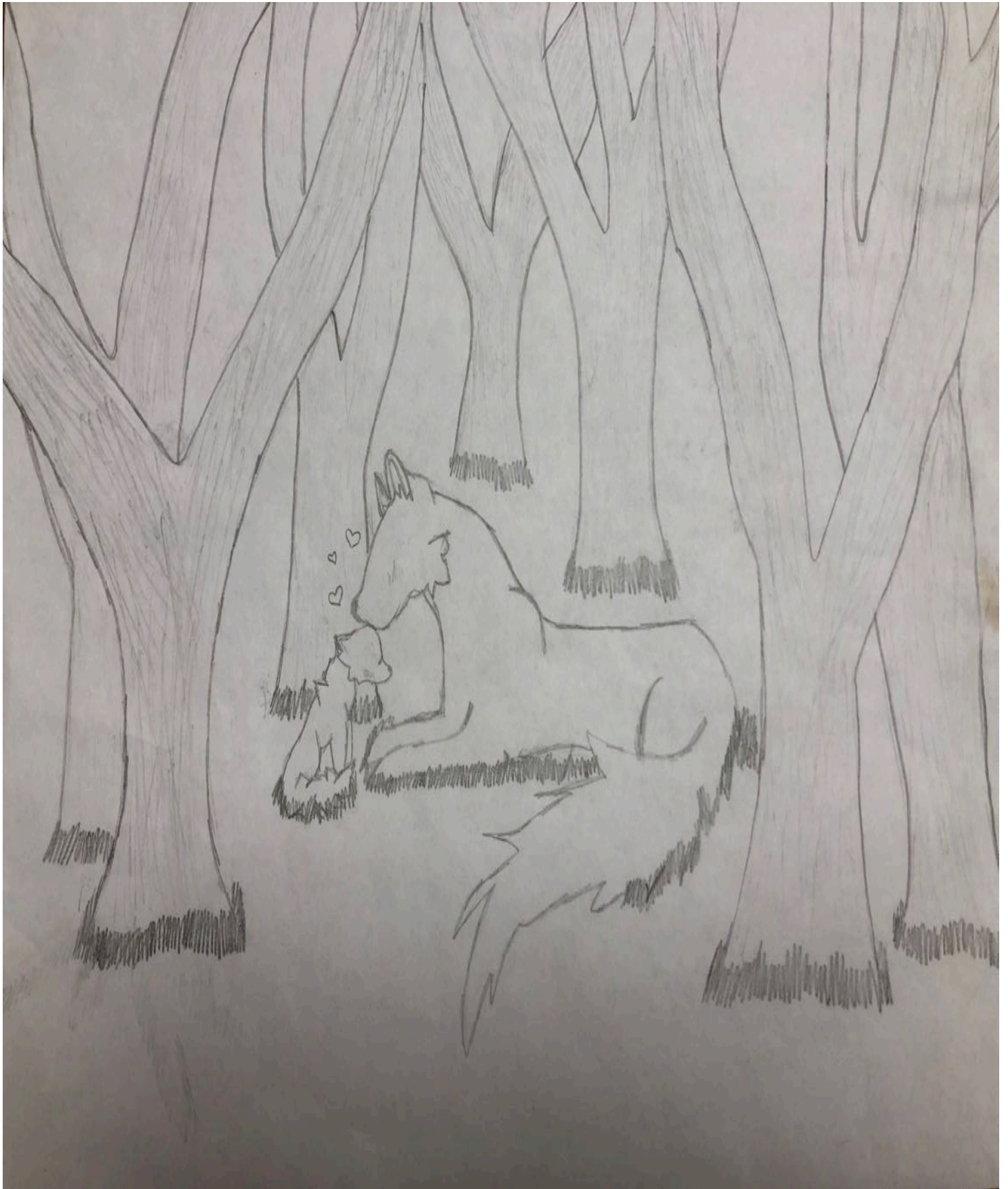


upbeat modern-pop/rock album sure kicked off the summer well. The songs of the summer, according to Billboard were 1: In my Feelings by Drake, 2: I Like It by Cardi B; Bad Bunny; J Balvin, and Girls Like You by Maroon 5 ft. Cardi B.

Musicians always look fashionable. Which reminds me, fashion is key to have a good summer. With fads of one shoulder shirts, floral patterns, to matching sets; the fashion industry has been making some good money. Mini sunglasses have definitely had a huge impact on the fashion trends. With influencers like Millie Bobby Brown, Gigi Hadid, and Kendall Jenner rocking the looks that once were just humorous glasses. Shoes have seem to become closer if they are bulkier, with huge soles. With colors like yellow and lavender coming back in style, the fashion trends are sky-high. I hope you enjoyed Summer 2018 as much as I did. Let's see what the rest of 2018 will bring to movies, music, and fashion!



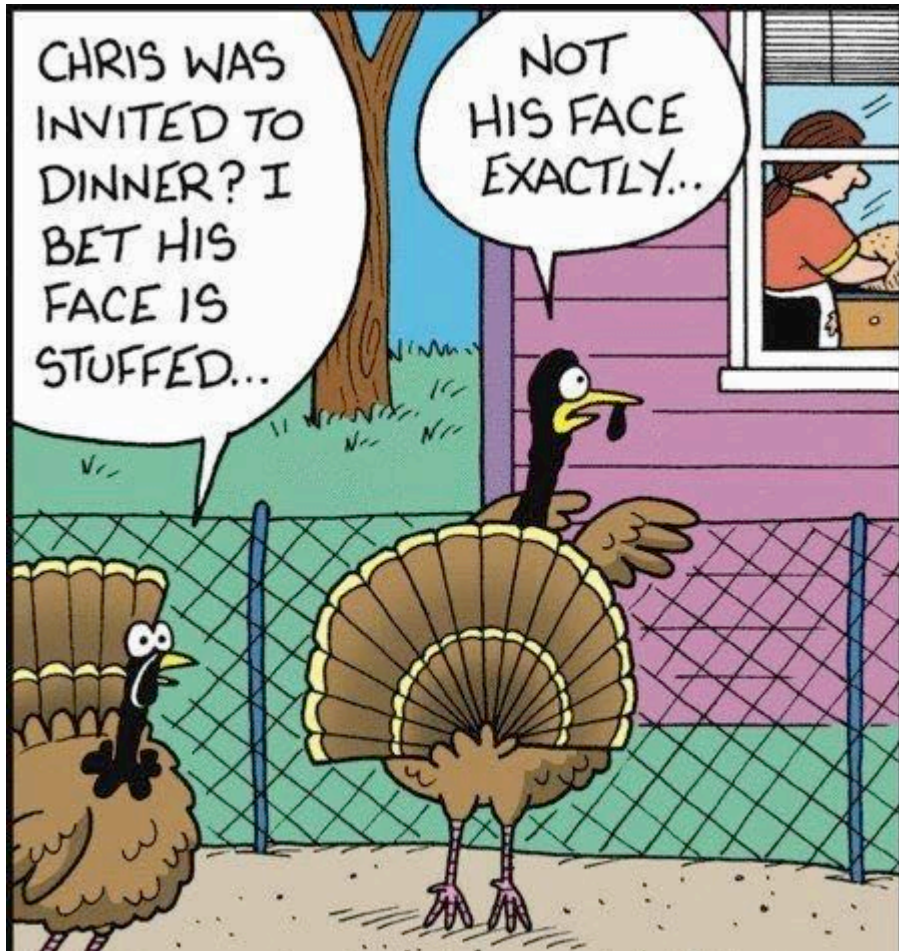
“Nature’s Love” by Haylie Fenstermaker



“Dr. Carver,” a short comic by Joshua Weaber



This operation will be hard, but I'll do my best.



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“Red Eyes”

By Diego Fenstermaker
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The air stood still with frost covering the colorless trees that stood in the golden reflection of the moon. Fog covered the forest as no sound was made. So, it would be foolish to go walking here in the middle of the night with no light except the moon and you can only figure out shapes not anything else. It was the middle of fall one night and a party just occurred. Somebody's birthday, and Jack was walking over to his house. He took a slow pace. He had the time it was the weekend and he had nothing the next day.

When he looked at the time though he figured he should get home soon and decided to take a shortcut. He trudged up the hill with the crunching of cold dead leaves under him. As the shadows of the oaks created darkness in the forest Jack felt this sense of something going wrong. He heard leaves crunching even though he wasn't moving. He looked around and saw figure dancing back and forth nearly escaping his sight. The shadows on the ground started to form fingers, then hands, thrusting out for him. The steps came closer with each crunch more louder. Then a creature with gray fur and long ears came behind the tree in front of Jack. Jack stared in disbelief because it was a single bunny that made all that noise.

He turned around and walked on. He saw the rusty gates that screamed you are almost through. When something jumped in front of him. With ridged teeth, stone dead grey fur, and devil red eyes the creature howled shaking the trees near. Looking up into the creature He saw the red eyes. Then in the red he saw a wreckage of cars. The metal bodies had been shredded, bent and flip. Lights red and blue flashed as the scene was being looked upon by several first responders. There stood a blue and yellow passenger car and lumps of coal layed on the ground. Jack then ran and threw the gape open. The gate groaned as he ran home.

After running a bit he looked back up at the forest and nothing was there. At home he thought about the encounter. He knew what he saw in the beast's eyes. In the past at the railroad crossing in the town an accident occurred. A bus going down a hill with too much speed swerved out of control crashed into a car passing the other way. They landed on the rails. Traffic was hold up as the wreck tried to be



cleared. Then a whistle of a streamliner yelled. The engineer saw the crash and threw the brake on but it was too late. The screeching of metal on metal passed through the wreck throwing wreckage onto other cars nearby and coal was thrown from the tender. The disaster shook the town.

Wondering what he saw was actually there Jack went back to the forest the next day. He came to the spot where he found the creature. He looked on the ground and everywhere. He found his monster. There stood a grey tree with two red leaves hanging from a dead branch. He heard a crack and looked and saw a deer. He wasn't going in these woods for some time. He walked back down as the sun was blocked from him. Jack looked up only to immediately go back down.

The creature flew over him it hovered in the air as it lifted it's huge wings and flew away. Jack ran after the creature for maybe a minute. Then it disappeared. He knew what he saw was true and ran to his friend's house. When he was on the block he saw a grey bulge from a diner. The bulge then came out and falled straight toward Jack. He dodged the attack and ran into the nearby over going forest. Everywhere he ran he saw the red eyes chasing after him. The creature's shrieks became louder as the it came closer.

Jack then saw his chance he jumped down into a hole covered by hanging grass under a tree. He used to hide there when playing hide and go seek. After an hour he came out of the tree. He started to walk to his friend's house again. He came to the bridge that separates the little town from a major town. As he walked to the road he heard a splash. He looked as the bridge collapsed. All the cars head down into the water. As he looked on the creature came from behind him and in the eyes Jack saw the bridge collapsed again.

Then a pinecone fell on the creatures head and then Jack saw a disaster that was too horrific to describe. The creature then disappeared never to be seen by Jack again. Only time will tell if the creature was a messenger, warner or a master of destruction. If humans can avoid the disaster that is next. Whether if the next disaster will ruin all life on this planet. You are now leaving the twilight zone.

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“The Abandoned House”

By Abigail Peartree

Team 7 Barker

I sat by the old park waiting for my best friend Lizzie. I looked at the run-down swings remembering the amazing memories from when we were kids. I looked at them and got a dark feeling like something bad was going to happen.

Suddenly I heard footsteps, I turned around and BAM! I heard giggling coming from the girl who had just attacked me in a hug. “Lizzie,” I said annoyed. She got up and walked over to me, her red hair shining in the October sun. I grabbed her hand and got up. “Good morning,” she said to me in a cheerful tone. I laughed and got up “Hi Lizzie,” I said out of breath. “Hey Ally,” she said batting her eyelashes. “What do you want?” I asked knowing she doesn’t use that tone of voice unless she wants something. “You’re my best friend right,” She said in the same tone of voice. “Yeah Yeah, what is it,”. “Do you wanna go to the abandoned house on 3rd Street with me,” she said really fast. “No, no way,” I said trying to act brave. “Why?” She whined. Suddenly, I realized we were walking towards the house. I stopped in my tracks as I saw the big wooden building. “DO NOT PASS,” a voice yelled from inside. We didn’t move. Then



a ghost flew out of the house and right into our faces “DO NOT PASS,” she yelled angrily. Lizzie and I ran as fast as we could to the park and didn’t stop until we got there. We never thought about going back to that place ever again.



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“One Haunted Night”

By Kaitlyn Stock
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The wind was rough this particular night. Last year, it was the same. But last year was a little different. Why you may ask? It was not just a regular night of October, for it was a night the unimaginable happened.

The poor, innocent girl was just walking to a friend's house, Amanda house to be exact, for it was her twelfth birthday. She invited a few friends over for a little celebration. As she was wandering by each house, rolling her suitcase and dragging a sleeping bag, all she could think about was how excited she was to see her best friend getting older, and getting closer to being a teenager. Tonight they were going to make cupcakes and tell scary stories, but it turned out to be more than that.

Lexi walked in the front door of the birthday girl's house. She handed the bag full of all sorts of candies, gift cards, and keychains to Amanda. “So guys, what do you want to do first?”, she said overjoyed. Kaylie chimed in saying, “Maybe we should do the painting first.” But Lexi had another idea. “We should go to the alley and scare the people of our town if they dare to enter.” Everyone in the room gasped.

One of the girls at the party even added to that idea. “What if we do that, but if someone enters, we throw a pumpkin at them?” “OK, everyone please, we are not going to do that.”, Amanda said. The group of kids got up and walked into another room, Amanda's room, where they would be sleeping in. Everyone started setting up their sleeping bags, pillows, and anything else they had brought.

Later that evening, after painting pumpkins, playing games, eating cake, and telling scary stories, they all turned off their flashlights, as they went into the sleeping bags. They all nice and cozy in them, and started to drift off to sleep. But then, something else happened.

Lexi was running, running fast and far from the scary clown with a chainsaw chasing her. She found a gas station, so as fast as she could, she ran into the convenience store located in the parking lot. However, the store clerk was also a clown, and said, “Hello little girl. Are you lost?” The word “lost” echoed for a

while. She was terrified of clowns, so of course, she ran out to find somewhere else to hide.

Everywhere she looked, there were clowns. No people, no animals, only clowns. She found an alley, so she slipped into there, making sure to be as quiet as she possibly could be. Some crazy old man jumped out, and scared her by saying, “You want some candy? It can be whatever you want?” Now she was terrified beyond belief.

At this moment, she instantaneously woke up. It was just a dream, that was a reality at some point for her. Lexi still scared out of her mind, found herself back in the real world. She was tired still, and she doesn't remember who it was, but someone woke up, having the same voice as the store clerk, saying, “Are you OK?”

As she drifted back to sleep, only her imagination knew what dream she would have next. Would it be another creepy dream about clowns? How about a dream where she is eaten alive? Only her imagination knew what was in store for her next.



Letter from the Advisor

By Mrs. Dunham

Thank you for taking the time to read the fall edition of *The Bulldog Bark*. Between all the changes at our school, including me taking over as advisor (Mr. Barnes was the previous advisor, who is now helping organize the high school's newspaper, *The Slate*), it's been quite the whirlwind. This newspaper would not be possible without all the hard work of this school year's student staff:

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Brittney Diehl, William Doll, Brenden Eck, Nathan Farmer, Alex Feifel, Diego Fenstermaker, Haylie Fenstermaker, Dean Frear III, Lily Groover, Lawson Hoffman, Cameron Kuntz, Sabrina Marsh, Haven Moore, Ashley Moyer, Abigail Peartree, Delia Quier, Ceeanna Rivera, Giana Rosario, Ayden Scanlon, Jasmine Silvestri, Kaitlyn Stock, Joshua Weaver, Madison Weber, and Callum Zimmerman.

The Bulldog Bark serves to represent students' voices at Northern Lehigh, so don't feel that your name needs to be listed here for you to be able to share your thoughts! *The Bulldog Bark* is always looking for more barkers to add to the pack; even if you would like to contribute to just one issue. This paper serves to represent all of us. If you have any article ideas or are interested in writing at any point, please see me in Room 30 or send me an e-mail: bdunham@nlsd.org. Also, if you are a talented artist, I would love for you to feature your artwork! We have plenty of room to show off your skills!

I would like to take this time to especially thank the following Bulldog Barkers for helping not only contribute to the content of the newspaper, but also took time out of their day to help with the layout and proofreading of the paper. This takes hours of work and plenty of tedious attention! This edition's VIPs are:

Delia Quier
Nathan Farmer
Haven Moore
Alex Feifel

You guys went way and beyond to help make this edition happen! Thank you! :)

Have a great fall, y'all!



