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Why Williams Bay?

By Gavin Weber and Doug Barouski

I (Gavin Weber) stayed at the Bay because of the small class sizes. We get a personal connection with our teachers so we can ask for help more often. Another reason I stayed is because I wouldn't know what to do if I didn't know everyone in my school. The fact that all grades know each other, or at the very least know of each other, is a huge benefit to help with school spirit or simply making friends. The fact that people at bigger schools won't know half the people in their grade is mind blowing. In my opinion, the small school helps students get one-on-one help from a teacher. I like the Bay so much! My friends and I have been trying to get Douglas here for the past six years.

I (Douglas Barouski) transferred to the Bay because of all my friends. I have been friends with them for a long time and finally being able to go to the same school as them is really cool. I used to be at a big school where not everyone knew each other. Being here, I know everyone and have talked to a lot of new people. The classes are on a more personal level when the class size is small: fifteen or twenty students versus fifty. It becomes a lot easier to learn the material because the teacher helps me more and can provide explanations to make sure I learn. I would say that my decision to go to the Bay was a good one, and I don't regret it.

What is D.R.I.V.E.N?

By Lilly Robbins and Allison Wickersham

Many students wonder what D.R.I.V.E.N is. It stands for Desire, Responsibility, Inspiration, Vision, Empowerment, and New Birth. The ultimate goal for D.R.I.V.E.N is to unify the student body. During her first year as principal, Mrs. Soley-Johnson picked students from the sophomore to senior grade levels that she thought would help achieve that goal. D.R.I.V.E.N allows students to develop new skills that will positively impact their community. For instance, the stress relief day that took place right before spring break last year was planned and organized by D.R.I.V.E.N. Students were able to work with teachers to come up with activities for the relief day. Students also worked with the PTO to obtain funding. Another way D.R.I.V.E.N students are helping is by showing different skills each month to the middle school homerooms. Students talk to each grade level about ways to apply these skills both now and in the future.

D.R.I.V.E.N is looking for new members, so if you are interested, and are in grades 10-12, scan the QR code and apply.



2024 Homecoming King and Queen
Jose Pilo and Elliana Pape

2024 Homecoming Week Results
By Maisie Smith and Sophia Count

Homecoming Court

King & Queen: Jose Pilo & Elliana Pape
Senior Reps: David Saavedra & Joselyn Hernandez
Junior Reps: Aaron Diaz & Avery Kimmerly
Sophomore Reps: Jacob Haynes & Lauryn Sikes
Freshmen Reps: David Carbajal & Tatum Hermance



Overall

Seniors (814)
Juniors (643)
Sophomores (482)
Freshmen (404)

Hallway Decorating

Seniors
Freshmen
Sophomores
Juniors

Socktember

Seniors
Juniors
Sophomores
Freshmen

Girls Powderpuff

Seniors
Juniors
Sophomores
Freshmen

Dizzy Throw

Seniors
Juniors
Sophomores
Freshmen

Boys Powderpuff

Juniors
Seniors
Sophomores
Freshmen

Ski Race

Seniors
Juniors
Sophomores
Freshmen

Family Feud

Sophomores
Seniors
Freshmen
Juniors

Scooter Bowling

Sophomores
Juniors
Seniors
Freshmen

Scooter Races

Juniors
Seniors
Sophomores
Freshmen

Frozen T-Shirt

Juniors
Seniors
Sophomores
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Tug of War

Seniors
Juniors
Sophomores
Freshmen

Mattress Relay

Seniors
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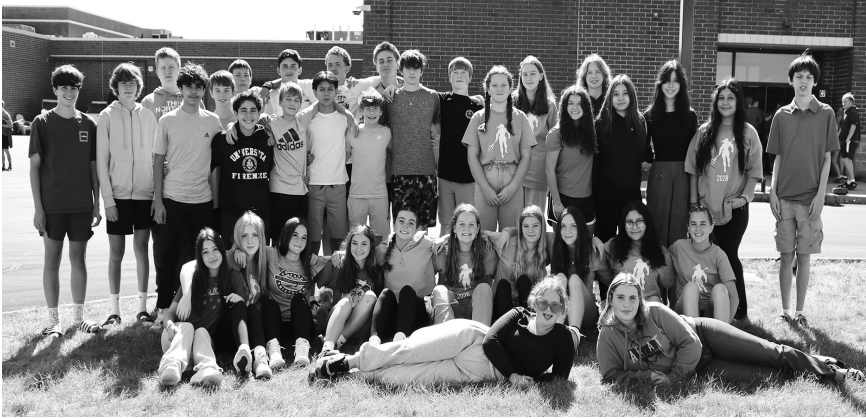


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Study Spots Near Me

By Jaylee Carr and Lindsey Dobbertin

Introduction:

As high schoolers, we often need a place where we can concentrate on our homework or prepare for our exams without the usual interruptions. As such, Lindsey and I have personally visited locations throughout Williams Bay to see which place is equipped with the best possible study environment. In this article, we explain the scholars' compatibility with a given space in coordination with atmosphere, amenities, and nutrition.

Green Grocer-

The Green Grocer has become an adoring spot for high school scholars. Tucked beside the Clear Water Salon, this cozy cafe offers an inviting atmosphere that balances relaxation and comfort. With an open-concept interior, comfortable seating, and excellent food, the Green Grocer creates an environment where students can focus on their studies while enjoying the peaceful ambiance. One of the Green Grocer’s standout features is its commitment to providing proper and diverse seating for its guests. I'd argue that a study space is incredibly dependent on the seating. Tables, chairs, inside couches, outside couches, you name it, and they have it. Their organized layout is perfect for both group assignments and individual studies, with tables that sit up to six, and pairs of puffy chairs for two. Additionally, the Green Grocer offers free Wi-Fi, an essential for students. The availability of healthy snacks and drinks also ensures that students remain focused on their studies rather than the grumbling of their stomachs. Overall, the Green Grocer combines a supportive study environment with the comforts of local business, making it a top choice for students looking to hit the books.

Boxed and Burlap (Williams Bay)-

Boxed and Burlap is a quaint coffee shop treasured by locals. Located in Williams Bay, Boxed and Burlap sits across from Mercy Health Hospital. When customers first walk in, they’re greeted with the sweet aroma of freshly baked goods. Rustically decorated, B&B has a quiet, farmhouse atmosphere with lots of windows providing natural light. Although the menu is somewhat limited, each option is fresh and uniquely delicious. Each baked good a customer orders is served on charming ceramic dishes. They provide a variety of coffee and tea options, along with fresh baked goods. Although they make each batch fresh every morning, they only make one per day. This means that if they run out of a certain product, they don’t make more. Aside from their food and beverages, Boxed and Burlap is a great option for studying. There are multiple areas with tables, couches, and chairs. The main level has a couch area with additional seating under large windows, providing a nice view of the outdoors. They also have an upper loft with even more seating and tables. B&B also provides free Wi-Fi, air-conditioning, nice restrooms, and a small selection of books customers can read if interested. Overall, Boxed and Burlap is a perfect option for students who need a peaceful study area where they can focus on schoolwork and snack on delicious foods.

What do WBHS Students Like to Write With?

By Lauren Schnobel

Lilly Robbins: “I have a lucky pen... I’m convinced my handwriting is better with it.”

Sarena Brown: “Mechanical pencil”

Mrs. Terrill: *walks to desk drawer* “a Pentel RSVP medium”

Carter Griffin: “A glue stick”

Dylan Karcher: “Chalk”

Jose Pilo: “A chisel”

Lacey Silverman: “I’ve never been asked this before... a Sharpie.”

Kalie Stanek: “Paper Mate Flair felt tip pens”

Brooke Nickelsen: “It’s like... a pen... the Pilot ones!”

Keegan Wehrwein: “Imma go with a Minions pencil”

Caleigh Gamble: “The cutely-colored really nice mechanical pencils”

Maisie Smith: “Sharpie pens”

Mrs. Gauger: “A blue pen. NEVER gel pens.”

Mrs. Williamson: *immediately after Mrs. Gauger* “A gel pen.”

Ford V Ferrari Movie Review

By Finn Goodman and Finn Pecht

Overall, this film was spectacular when it comes to acting. You know it should be a great performance when Christian Bale is in it because he transforms himself into the character so well. His method of acting paired with the great Matt Damon is sure to give us a great movie. While this movie is based off of real life events, Hollywood still tends to fabricate some of the events. Overall, we believe that this movie is one of the best films produced in recent times. Several of the characters, however, are static, lack character development, and have little to no contribution to the story. Writers could’ve given these characters more purpose to the story, and the characters could’ve added to the overall glory of the film. Many of the characters could have been shown as a more dynamic character rather than just being a side character with little to no connection to the plot. This movie also kind of dragged out for a little longer than it should have. We would’ve liked to see it go a little faster rather than just slowly dragging on. Directors could’ve shaved a ton of time off if they hadn’t played into the many struggles of Ken Miles and Carroll Shelby. This conflict could’ve been cut from the movie in order to make it more appealing to the audience and, in effect, decrease the movie’s length. However, those scenes added a more sensitive side to both of the main characters.

Overall, we give this movie a collective score of 9. We feel like there were many great elements to the movie; however, there were some drawbacks which kept it from a 10.



Most Unique Summer Olympic Sports Of All Time

By Derek Johnson and Quinn Peyer

The Summer Olympics are home to some of the strangest sports. Throughout its history, the Olympics have held competitions that spread upon a wide variety, ranging from common sports like basketball and track and field, to more obscure events like the horse long jump. Here are some of the weirdest sports to ever be played:

Racewalking

Racewalking first became an Olympic event in 1904. Racewalking differs from normal walking and running because of rules established by the International Association of Athletics Federation (IAAF). These rules state that the racewalker must maintain one leg in contact with the ground, and the front leg must remain straight from the moment of first contact with the ground until the vertical upright position. Racewalking competitions consisted of the twenty-kilometer, and the Marathon Race Walk Relay Mixed, in which each team has two women and two men who each walk ¼ of the marathon. Walking is usually seen as a casual activity, but the Olympics have been able to transform it into a competitive sport.

Equestrian

At the Olympic level, Equestrian is a horse-riding sport across three different competitions. In Equestrian Jumping, riders and horses compete against the clock while jumping over obstacles. Time penalties are added depending on how many obstacles are hit along the run. In Equestrian Dressage, a horse and rider perform a choreographed series of maneuvers around the course set to music, and judges evaluate both the difficulty and success. Eventing combines dressage and jumping with cross country, which consists of running a long course of designed obstacles. Versatility for both horse and rider is the key to success.

Hot Air Ballooning

Taking place in the 1900 Olympics, Hot Air Ballooning was a very strange competition. Hot air balloon drivers compete in terms of distance, altitude, duration, minimum distance from a point, longest distance traveled, and photography from a balloon. While soaring the air in a hot air balloon may be a great way to spend your peaceful afternoon, it wasn't too entertaining for the crowd and was removed by the next Olympics.

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The 2024 Williams Bay Bulldogs Football

By Doug Barouski and Gavin Weber

With the Bulldogs’ 2024 football season coming to an end, it is definitely one to remember. With a current season record of 2-3 (including non conference games), the Bulldogs have finally broken the losing streak and have gone on to win two out of the five games of the season. While they fought hard, the Homecoming game was not successful, but the Bulldogs did show the potential the younger players have, as well as the potential for the entire team.

After interviewing one of the players, Carmine Robbins, at the Homecoming game on Friday, September 27th, he expressed his love for the sport no matter win or loss: “Winning comes in second when compared to how much fun I have on the field. It really is a feeling I can’t get when doing anything else.” Carmine has broken the WBHS record for the most rushing yards in a season and has worked his way up to first in the conference for rushing yards. He was also awarded Athlete of the Week and was featured in the Lake Geneva News.

Interviewing the starting QB for the Bulldogs, Keegan Wehrwein, he said “I love football. It teaches more off the field than on and really helped me improve in a lot of other areas of my life.”

When asking other players, it was nothing but positive comments and memories of the season and of their time on the team. While the season is almost at its end, the coming seasons are going to get better and better. In the next few years, with the building of the program and encouraging more people to join, who knows? There could even be a conference championship.

Students Favorite Halloween Candy

By Finn Pecht and Finn Goodman

<i>Jose Pilo:</i> Reese’s	<i>Maisie Smith:</i> Heath
<i>Derrick Benitez:</i> Reese’s	<i>Nik Anagnos:</i> Skittles
<i>Andrew Nichols:</i> M&M’s	<i>Will Sorenson:</i> Candy Corn
<i>David Carbajal:</i> Reece’s	<i>Brooke Nickelsen:</i> Reese’s
<i>Evan Welsh:</i> Skittles	<i>Gavin Weber:</i> Hershey
<i>Derek Johnson:</i> Reese’s	<i>Ethan Welsh:</i> Reese’s
<i>Emmett Henry:</i> Twizzler	<i>Quinn Peyer:</i> Kit Kat
<i>Alora Rath:</i> Snickers	<i>Preston Sorensen:</i> Snickers
<i>Jack Schultz:</i> Nerd gummy clusters	<i>Carmine Robbins:</i> 100 Grand
<i>Lauren Schnobel:</i> Reese’s	<i>Sophia Count:</i> Snickers
<i>Samuel Normington-Slay:</i> Junior Mints	

Top 3 Accomplishments in NASCAR

By Braden Hayes

Last year was NASCAR’s 75th anniversary. To honor it, here are some of the top three accomplishments in NASCAR history.

Richard Petty’s 200 Career Wins

Known to many as “The King” of NASCAR, Richard Petty certainly lived up to the title. On July 4th, 1984, Petty made his 200th career victory at Daytona International Speedway at forty-seven years old. This marked the end of his winning era and the start of a new generation of drivers. Petty still holds the record for most career wins.

Jimmie Johnson Wins Seven Championships

In the modern era of the NASCAR Cup Series, it is unheard of for any single driver to accomplish such a thing, let alone have five consecutive wins. In 2016, Jimmie Johnson won the last of his seven NASCAR Cup Series Championships at Homestead-Miami Speedway. All but a few drivers dream of having this kind of honor. Johnson dominated the sport with five consecutive wins from 2006 to 2010, and then two more in 2013 and 2016. This accomplishment demonstrates Johnson and his team’s consistency both on and off of the race track.

Jeff Gordon Earns Over \$100 Million

Jeff Gordon was one of the most successful drivers in NASCAR history. Gordon currently holds third place for the most career wins with ninety-three wins. Though this may sound bad compared to Richard Petty, Gordon still was able to find success. Gordon was able to become the first driver to win over \$100 million from races. If Gordon had raced during Petty’s time, he would not have won as much money. The fact that races are able to have bigger prizes shows how the sport has grown and evolved over time.

These accomplishments of Petty, Johnson, and Gordon all point to the incredible hard work and determination that these three men had.

Source

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Williams Bay Student Council is hosting a blood drive on Wednesday, October 30 from 6:30am-11:30am in the gym. Signing up on-line is recommended. See Libby Anhold or Lauren Schnobel with questions.

Scythe Book Review

By Jaylee Carr, Lindsey Dobbertin, and Avery Kimmerly

Plot Summary

Scythe, by Neal Shusterman, is a dystopian novel set in a future where humanity has overcome disease, death, and the process of aging. In this future, an all-knowing AI system, the Thunderhead, is held responsible for academic progression and the sustenance of society; however, a group known as the Scythedom is held liable for population control. The two protagonists, Citra Terranova and Rowan Damisch, are faced with the golden opportunity of becoming apprentices under the renowned Scythe Faraday. The novel takes many twists and turns as the protagonists are faced with the social dilemmas of a corrupt system.

Personal Reactions

Jaylee Carr:

Throughout the novel, I found the plot to be uniquely fast-paced. Shusterman's writing is vivid enough to allow the reader to visualize the dystopian world as he created it. Additionally, the characters, Citra and Rowan, are well-developed and their struggles against the ethics and morality of taking a life feel real and engaging. As to my favorite character, Rowan undergoes a more significant and dramatic internal transformation, especially while enduring the torturous training methods brought forth by his mentor. Furthermore, the story's creativity highlights humanity's adaptation in correspondence to the evolution of artificial intelligence, which I found to be realistically ambiguous. Overall, the book did a great job masking the mystery behind the plot twists, although I would’ve liked to see more of a dynamic change within some of the characters. I would rate this book a six out of ten.

Lindsey Dobbertin:

I found *Scythe*, by Neal Shusterman, imaginative and intriguing. I enjoyed Shusterman’s unique style of writing, letting us see the inner turmoil both Citra and Rowan faced through dual points of view. The book itself has a nice balance of thought-provoking topics and entertaining scenes. Even though the book contains darker subjects such as death, Shusterman balances it out with humor and witty banter. I also liked the journal entries from different scythes that he included because it allowed us to see into the minds of other scythes while remaining focused on the two main characters. I enjoyed the development of Rowan and Citra’s characters from when they are first chosen as apprentices to the end when one is chosen as the final scythe. Overall, I would rate it seven out of ten because of the exciting plot, characters, and unique writing. I would recommend it to readers interested in dystopian/sci-fi books with thrilling plot twists and characters with depth.

Avery Kimmerly:

The book *Scythe*, by Neal Shusterman, is a thought-provoking book that begs all readers to take a step back and reflect on modern society and the direction of our ever-morphing world. In a day and age where technology is growing larger by the second, we are posed with the question of what will happen when we, inevitably, reach omniscience. This book delves into the potential ramifications of a population-regulating group being simultaneously over powerful and underprivileged, leaving the reader yearning to dive deeper into the plot. While reading this book, I found myself amazed with the amount of creativity that went into developing such a rich and distinctive dystopia, but I can’t help but wonder how much more eloquent this plot could have been if it had been either stretched out over the course of many more books, or if the narrator’s perspective had granted more insight into the lives of the protagonists. Many parts of this book felt quite static and underwhelming despite there being full opportunity for round and dynamic storytelling. Disregarding these shortcomings, I still found this book mildly enjoyable. I would rate this book a five out of ten.

Proposition

Over the course of this assignment, the three of us have had a really fun time discussing the plot of the book and our differing opinions about the characters and plot.

If you would be interested in joining or helping start a book club, let us know!

Get To Know Mr. Burchfield

By Avery Tyshenko & Sarena Brown

Q: Where did you go to high school?

“Lincoln-Way Central High School New Lenox.”

Q: How did you know you wanted to go to college for lacrosse?

“It was fun, I liked being part of a team, and I also really liked the coach and team when I visited.”

Q: What made you want to come to Williams Bay?

“I like this area and wanted to be a part of the community. I like that it is a smaller school, that it is very welcoming, and that it is a high-achieving school.”

Q: How do you like Williams Bay so far?

“It's great, all the staff are friendly and inspirational. The students are very interesting, fun, and engaging.”

Q: Do you have a favorite class to teach?

“Honors Pre-Calculus.”

Q: What would it be if you could choose a career other than teaching?

“Lego Master Builder.”

Q: Who is your biggest inspiration?

“My mom.”

Q: What would be your theme song? Why?

“Hmmm...” “Stand by Me” by Lil Dirk and Morgan Wallen (clean version).”

Q: What advice would you give your younger self?

“Just keep doing what you're doing and don't stress over things out of your control.”

Q: What is your favorite Gatorade flavor?

“Yellow, lemon-lime.”

Q: What would you do if you won the lottery?

“I would save a good amount, go on many ski and tropical vacations, buy a nice wake surf boat, and purchase a good cruising boat. I would spend a lot of money on food. I would donate to schools.”

Q: If you could have a time machine when would you go back to?

“I would go back to ancient Rome like 2,000 years ago.”

Q: What's an unusual talent you have?

“A front flip, but I haven't done one on the ground yet.”

Q: What video games do you play?

“Not really anymore. I used to play Madden and Fortnite.”

Who is Ms. Lloyd?

By Avery Tyshenko and Sarena Brown

Q: Where did you go to high school?

“Beloit Turner.”

Q: Where did you go to college?

“UW-Stevens Point.”

Q: How did you choose your career?

“I have always had a passion for music and wanted to be a good teacher for those who don't have that.”

Q: Have you enjoyed teaching music at the Bay?

“Yes, very much so.”

Q: Who is your biggest inspiration?

“Marge Austin, and my voice coach from middle school.”

Q: If you could choose a career other than teaching, what would it be?

“Tea shop owner.”

Q: What's on your bucket list?

“I want to hike the Lake Geneva path multiple times and go to every Wisconsin state park.”

Q: What would be your theme song? Why?

“The song “Look On Up” by Relient K, because it's about putting down devices, and living life device-free.”

Q; If you could have a time machine, when would you go back to?

“1940s.”

Q: What's your favorite drink?

“Hot tea.”

Q: Do you have a favorite class to teach?

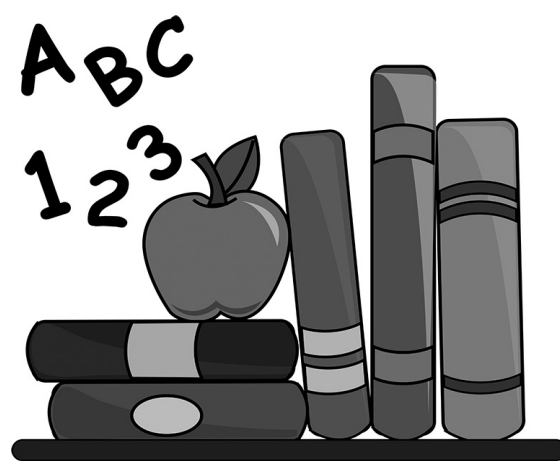
“HS choir.”

Q: What would you do if you won the lottery?

“I would go on a vacation to hike somewhere.”

Q: What's your favorite color?

“Cobalt blue.”



Three of the Most Effective Studying Methods

By Avery Kimmerly

The Feynman Technique is a learning method that enhances and simplifies the main ideas of difficult concepts for greater understanding and memory retention. This method is broken down into a few simple steps that focus on retaining the key ideas of a concept while, also, bridging information gaps:

- Identify an area or subject to study and conduct base-level research.
- Simplify the information and pretend to teach the concept (information) to someone else, typically a young/uninformed individual.
- Reflect on understanding gaps by identifying “weak” portions of the figurative lecture.
- Continue to research and strengthen understanding of concepts to build a stronger base of knowledge.
- Repeat.
- This method is extremely effective at not only identifying knowledge gaps, but it’s also effective at storing information in simple, understandable ways. While some concepts may be difficult to comprehend at first, simplifying information into bite-sized chunks can often make the learning process much more effective.

The Leitner System is the learning method of using flashcards and repetition to familiarize oneself with a given concept/topic. Being how universally available flashcards are, physically and digitally, this method is one of the most common test-prep and studying techniques. While this method may not have as much glitz and glam as other more methodical and planned-out techniques, it is incredibly effective. If you are thinking about trying out the Leitner System but would prefer to keep your studying digital, there are many apps/websites to choose from:

- Quizlet is a widely known study platform that offers many different study settings for users; one of the primary study setting being the flashcard mode. The main downside to Quizlet is that it now requires a fee for access to certain features and/or continued use of a given flashcard set.
- Knowt is essentially the same platform as Quizlet, except for the fact that it doesn’t have as many study features. The bonus to Knowt is that it doesn’t have a user fee, and it allows unlimited access to flashcard sets.
- Anki is a study app that uses an algorithm of spaced repetition through flashcards for users to better understand the concepts/principles that they’re learning. While Anki can be extremely effective and useful, the interface can be difficult for beginners, and it isn’t the easiest to access.

The Pomodoro Technique is a study method that utilizes small bursts of attention with spaced-out breaks to effectively complete work and make progress towards a greater assignment/goal. The principle of the Pomodoro Technique rests on completing twenty minutes of work and receiving a five minute break. This work-break cycle is repeated four times, in which the final break is twenty minutes. If users wish to continue working/studying they may, but their breaks would return to five minutes in length following the twenty-minute break. This method is really effective in capturing peak productivity and allows the brain enough time to rest, which, in the long term, prevents procrastination and boredom.

While students at Williams Bay High School no longer have to trouble themselves with the tempestuous study for finals, it’s still important for students to retain the information they learn. All three of these study methods are extremely effective, and each of them has an entirely different purpose. I would recommend anyone who hasn’t tried one of these methods to give them a shot and watch the impact it will have on overall concept retention and understanding.

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History of Jack-O’-Lanterns

By Quinn Peyer and Derek Johnson

The name, jack-o'-lantern, comes from an Irish folktale about a man named Stingy Jack. Irish immigrants brought the tradition to America, home of the pumpkin, and it became an essential part of Halloween festivities.

One version of jack-o’-lanterns may have originated from an Irish legend, which first appeared in print in the 19th century, about a man nicknamed “Stingy Jack.” According to the story, he invited the devil to have a drink with him. Stingy Jack didn’t want to pay for his drink so he convinced the devil to turn himself into a coin so that Jack could use it to buy their drinks. Once the Devil changed, Jack kept the money and put it into his pocket next to a silver cross, which prevented the Devil from changing back into his original form. Jack decided to free the Devil under one condition. That he would not be able to bother Jack for a year, and if Jack died, his soul would not be claimed. The next year, when Jack's promise was up, Jack tricked the Devil into climbing up a tree to pick fruit. While in the tree, Jack carved a cross in the tree, symbolizing the devil couldn’t come down until Jack was promised not to bother Jack for ten more years. After Jack died, God stopped allowing terrible people in heaven. When the Devil heard about it, he got upset at Jack for the trick he played, so he wouldn’t allow Jack into his Underworld. He sent Jack into the night with lit coal to lead his way. Jack put the coal into a carved out turnip and has roamed the Earth with it ever since. The Irish began to refer to this ghostly figure as “Jack of the Lantern,” and then, just “jack-o’-lantern.”

People soon started to make their own versions of jack-o’-lanterns by carving faces into turnips and putting them in their windows to scare away Stingy Jack and other evil spirits. People also started using beet roots and vegetable carvings before coming to the U.S. and helping change jack-o’-lanterns forever. The foreigners brought over pumpkins and the Americans decided to use those for their jack-o’-lanterns.

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6th Grade Interviews

By Maisie Smith and Sophia Count

Q: What was the hardest part about the switch from elementary to middle school?

- Tardies *student claims to not be tardy*
- Getting into your locker in time and getting all your stuff
- There are so many classes with different stuff... I have to remember binders and folders.
- Probably all the different kinds of classes
- Getting to my classes on time and remembering my supplies
- The restrictions
- You can’t get on fun games like Acceleration City and ABCya.
- Probably just getting to classes on time and just having to learn your schedule I guess
- Waking up early
- I think the short amount of time we have to get to each class and trying to find each class.
- Getting a locker
- It was hard to get my code down.

Q: What do you like about middle school?

- That we don't have to stay in straight lines anymore. I hated that.
- I like the lockers.
- How we don't have to walk in lines
- It's a lot more freedom than elementary and there isn't as many rules.
- I love that you have a little bit of time to talk to your friends in between classes.
- That we have more independence
- Well it's shorter.
- The classes go *snap snap snap*
- You have a lot of independence and freedoms.
- I like that I get to take more classes because in the lower grades I only got to do the basic things.
- Probably we have multiple classes and we don't sit in a class for a really long time.

Q: Do you have any goals for this school year?

- To get 85% or higher on tests
- To get good grades
- To not get C’s
- Do better in math
- Not really... just to have fun
- To turn all my homework in on time

-Hmmm, undeceived

Sophia: Undecided?

Oh yeah I just like to say undeceived because I’m tired.

- To have all A’s
- Get to honors
- Getting good grades
- Try not to get bad grades
- Stay focused
- Try to not forget to get to classes on time

Q: What are you looking forward to most this school year?

- Tech Ed
- FCE class
- Sports
- Leaving
- Probably Tech Ed
- Learning new things
- Different clubs and the other sports
- Probably one of the dances
- Uhm I actually don't know.
- I’m looking forward to talking my mom into E-Sports.
- The outdoor ed trip
- Band
- Basketball
- Probably trying the six-week classes
- Doing more activities than I did in elementary school

What is Going on in the Middle School Fashion World?!

By Lilly Robbins and Allison Wickersham

As you walk down the Middle School hallway, I'm sure we have all thought, “I didn’t dress like that in middle school.” So we decided to walk down memory lane and ask a couple of middle schoolers some fashion questions so that everyone could get in touch with the trends.

Q: Do you like the slick-back ponytails or buns?

Caroline Wickersham: “Neither they look greasy, I like when we used to wash our hair and not wait a week.”

Q: What are the top trending clothes of the middle school?

Abby Tyshenko: “Lululemon, Nike, Crocs, and lots of bracelets.”

Sommer Strom: “Yeah like your whole wrist has to be covered with bracelets.”

Q: Fav thing in your closet?

Landon Wyatt: “Nike and American Eagle clothes.”

Keegan Garcia: “Soccer jerseys!”

Q: Top water bottles

Landon Wyatt: “stans stans (Stanley) and Owalas.”

Q: What is your favorite color to wear?

Rachel Marten: “I wear a lot of colors but my favorite is black!”

Q: What is a terrible fashion trend right now in middle school?

Anonymous: “Utah Style.”

Q: Jeans or Sweats?

Coltin Ulczycki: “Um probs baggy sweatpants, oh! Then paired with some Jordans.”

River Smith: “Sweats. They are comfy and jeans are too tight.”

Q: Who do you think is the most stylish person in your grade?

Caroline Wickersham: “Camila.”

Q: What is your favorite brand of clothing right now?

Luke Galvin: “Definitely Adidas.”