

“A GOOD NEWSPAPER,
I SUPPOSE, IS A
NATION (OR SCHOOL)
TALKING TO ITSELF”
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**Special Halloween
Addition!**

Which Costume Best Fits You?

Circle the response that fits you best.

- What would be your perfect Halloween night?
 - Going to a Haunted House
 - A movie marathon with your best friends
 - Staying out all night to pull pranks
 - Going to a costume party
- Which movie would you most enjoy?
 - Texas Chainsaw Massacre
 - Ferris Buellers Day Off
 - The Hangover
 - Iron Man
- What type of music is most likely on your iPod?
 - Metallica
 - Katy Perry
 - Weird Al Yankovic
 - George Strait
- How much money are you willing to spend on a costume?
 - I have no limit, anything to make a convincing costume
 - Somewhat limited
 - Not much—it's only one night
 - Not concerned with cost, only to get my costume all in one package
- Which describes your trick-or-treating trend?
 - I visit every house
 - I go to only the houses I know so they're sure to see my costume
 - I go to every house and make a video to put on YouTube of me pulling pranks
 - I go to the houses my little siblings want, because I'm escorting them
- Which candy do you prefer?
 - Chocolate
 - Anything homemade
 - Anything sour
 - Candy made especially for Halloween
- What would you consider a good Halloween prank?
 - Playing dead in the street
 - Hiding and throwing corn at cars
 - Switching your neighbors lawn furniture and decorations around
 - I don't play pranks on Halloween
- How much time do you consider appropriate to get ready?
 - A couple of hours—and no one can see me until I'm finished
 - An hour but I need someone to tell me if it looks okay
 - Only 30 minutes—the effect can be lost if you spend too much time
 - A few minutes—I bought a pre-packaged costume anyway
- When you were a kid, what was your favorite Halloween costume?
 - Count Dracula, witch, anything scary
 - Anything that matched your best-friend
 - Clown
 - Superhero
- What is the best device to hold your candy in?
 - Anything that serves as an accessory to my costume
 - A huge pillowcase
 - Anything you can grab
 - The traditional pumpkin bucket
- What do you say when you knock on doors?
 - Nothing, I just hold out my bag
 - I argue with my friends over who says “trick-or-treat” next
 - “Trick or treat, smell my feet, give me something good to eat”
 - “Trick or treat”—and say “thank you”

To find out which costume best fits you, refer to page two.



10 Reasons to Fall in Love With Fall

- There are more places to go with your friends—Haunted Houses, Corn Mazes, FearFest, Festivals, etc.
- Everything outside suddenly goes from monotonous and boring to beautiful and vibrant.
- The smell—everyone loves the smell of leaves.
- Apple, pumpkin, blueberry—it's the perfect weather for pie!
- Planning for all the upcoming holidays—Halloween, Thanksgiving and Black Friday!
- Cold weather is the perfect excuse to go out in public in sweatpants and a sweatshirt and nobody can judge you.
- You can finally drink hot chocolate without people calling you crazy (because who in their right mind would drink hot chocolate in the middle of July?)
- Pumpkin carving is something nobody ever gets too old for.
- Football season. Even if you don't watch sports or never care, it's the perfect excuse to get together with friends and have a party.
- Bonfires are more fun in the fall, since the weather is just right.

“Spooks”

There’s a goblin at my window,
A monster at my door,
The pumpkin at my table,
Keeps on smiling more and more.
There’s a ghost who haunts my bedroom,
A witch whose face is green,
They used to be my family,
Till they dressed for Halloween.
- by Sandra Liatsos



Congratulations!
New NHS Members

Ainsley Camp

Brooke Dunn

Amy Myers

Mariah Phipps

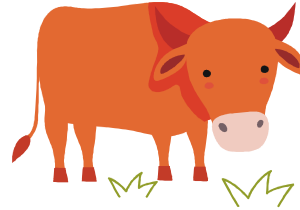
Elizabeth Polley

Megan Thomas

This Day In History

1871 - When Mrs. O’Leary’s cow kicked over a lantern in the barn, it was no laughing matter. The barn, on DeKoven Street in Chicago, caught fire. The fire spread, scorching almost four square miles, killing about 300 people and leaving a path of destruction that cost over two hundred million dollars.
<http://www.440.com/twtd/archives/oct08.html>

1950 - Cleveland Browns play Pittsburgh for the first time, beat Steelers 30-17.
<http://www.historyorb.com/day/october/8>



1992 - The US Postal Service issues a booklet of commemorative rock and roll stamps featuring Elvis Presley, Buddy Holly, Otis Redding, Bill Haley, Ritchie Valens, Clyde McPhatter, and Dinah Washington.
<http://oldies.about.com/od/oldieshistory/a/october8.htm>

Fiction Contest!

The next issue of “The Chatter” will be a special Halloween issue, so we’re asking for the readers’ help! Write a short story (no more than 500 words) and enter it in our Halloween Fiction Contest. Make it scary, funny, surprising, anything you want, as long as it’s associated with Halloween. To submit your story, go to your F drive on a school computer, click on the folder titled “!Turn in”, then click on the folder titled “Newspaper” and save your story. Make sure it’s submitted by October 20th. Include your name (unless you want to submit it anonymously) and the title.

Scoring Your Costume Quiz

For each of your responses from the quiz, give yourself four points for A’s, three points for B’s, two points for C’s, and one point for D’s. Add all points together and use the descriptions below to choose the costume just for you!

Traditional

Score of 11-17 points— You are a traditional Halloween. You have always liked the holiday and the costume part, but you aren’t willing to plan for months or sacrifice an entire paycheck for one night. A traditional costume would work best for you. A witch, a superhero, or a television character. You want a quick and simple costume, preferably all in one package.

Funny

Score of 18-26 points— Your best choice is a costume designed to bring laughs. For you, the funnier, the better. This may or may not be an expensive costume; after all, some of the funniest costumes are homemade. Some choices you may like are a cow, a penguin, a whoopee cushion, or a sumo wrestler. Dress up and laugh the night away!

Best Friends

Score of 26-32 points— You believe that Halloween is best experienced in groups. What you decide to dress as is not near as important to you as who you decide to dress up with. For this reason, the best costume for you involves a friend or two. Choose a duo or group and dress up together. After all, the fun part is the process of getting into costume and snapping pictures of yourselves. This year, try dressing as the cast of Jersey Shore, the Smurfs, or the Fantastic Four.

Scary

Score of more than 33— For you, it is not Halloween until you’ve scared or shocked at least a dozen people. You are not concerned with people recognizing you behind the mask or face paint; you are only concerned with the fear of the holiday. Cost is not a factor for your costume. For this reason, nothing short of Freddy Krueger will do. This year try a zombie, a vampire, an evil clown or Frankenstein.