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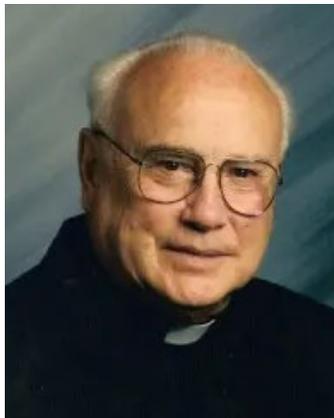
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It's Been 25 Years By: Emma Fox

In 1997, Seton seniors Jason Torres and Bill Powers wrote "We Are Catholics", a petition defending the Catholic Church against an attack. It was a direct response to a different petition, started in Germany, called "We Are Church" and was circling many countries, denying fundamental truths of the Catholic Faith. It included advocating for women priests and denying papal authority and priestly celibacy. Once it reached the USA, Sister Fielder (a liberal Catholic nun) fell into supporting this fallacy. The "We Are Church" petition was mailed out to all Catholic high schools asking for signatures. When Mrs. Carroll saw this, she read it to her senior religion class, and they immediately wanted to write their own petition defending the Catholic Faith. Both very good writers, Jason Torres & Bill Powers wrote "and edited [it] on a bench in front of the school just during lunchtime".

When asked about the petition, writer Jason Torres said, "We learned about a petition being circulated which was demanding harmful changes for the Church. While at lunch Billy Powell and I began discussing writing a counter petition refuting their assertions. One of the goals of the petition against the Catholic Church was that they wanted each signer to donate one dollar, so we specifically asked that no one send any money and just sign as a profession of faith. So of course, when we said we wanted no money people sent the school a fair amount of money."



WE ARE CATHOLICS

We do lovingly believe and defend every single teaching and doctrine of the Holy Roman Catholic Church, as defined, protected and taught by the Magisterium and the Holy Father, and we further acknowledge and proclaim our love, veneration and affection for His Holiness the Pope, John Paul II, sole Vicar of Christ on earth, possessor of the Keys to the Kingdom of Heaven, and infallibly guided by the Holy Spirit, the Third Person of the Holy Trinity. We declare our undying opposition to any and every organization which deliberately places itself in direct conflict with our Church by attaching and ridiculing any of these beliefs. We wish to make it forever known that we are dedicated to the defense, knowledge, and love of Truth, and consider it our mission on this planet to know, love and serve God, by being faithful to these ideals and following His will, so as to be happy with Him forever in heaven.

*In the name of Jesus and Mary
And in the Love of God
Amen.*

After the petition was written, the seniors began circulating it around Seton and receiving signatures. Bill Powers wrote to other Catholic schools in the area asking for their support in the petition; sadly, only one answered and they said no.

It did spread outside of Seton to Human Life International (HLI) in Front Royal VA and to Canada. A Canadian school supported the petition as did HLI. Father Paul Marx, the founder of HLI, and staff member Mrs. Sherrie McGrath, current office mom at Seton, both helped fundraise a pilgrimage to Rome. To be continued....

Look for the next installment of this story in our next issue.

How Old is Too Old For Trick-or-Treating

By: Matthew Baldwin

Trick-or-Treating is a fun Halloween tradition that many people look forward to every year, but when does someone become too old for this activity? According to Virginia State Law: if you are 13 years old or older, trick-or-treating becomes eligible for a fine, misdemeanor charge and maybe even prison time. I think this is an extreme punishment for someone who just wants to get candy on Halloween night, and I am assuming most of you would agree. Thankfully, this law is not heavily enforced, but it still leaves the question of how old is too old? Personally, I believe anyone over 14 should not be trick-or-treating. I am sure a lot of people disagree with me, so I'm going to try and support my claim with reasoning. If you are above the age of 14, chances are you are now a high schooler and are seen as one of the big kids at Seton. You are going to dances, eligible for National Honor Society and you can even drive yourself to school. Trick-or-treating is for the little kids to show off their costumes and get candy from adults. Big kids do not need to go trick-or-treating to do these things. If big kids want candy, they go and buy it themselves, and if they want to

show off their costumes, they can just go to the Halloween dance here at Seton. Trick-or-treating is not just about the candy anyways, it is also about the experience. We all remember what it is like to be out with our group of friends, knocking on doors and being given candy from adults. For older kids, it is just not the same experience. The night does not feel as long, the decorations are not as scary, sometimes even the candy does not seem as great as it once did. When you were a kid, you were filled with childlike wonder, but now it just doesn't feel right. Lastly, you must think about the people giving out the candy. These people bought candy to give to the little kids in their amazing costumes, not for the teens in their last-minute getup. If you bought a big bag of candy to give to little kids on Halloween night, you don't want to also be giving it to big kids ringing your doorbell at 10 p.m. Everyone loves to go trick-or-treating, but at some point, you have to stop. No matter how old you are, though, it should not stop you from enjoying Halloween night and having a fun time.



A Hair-Raising All Hallow's Eve Party

By: Matthew Baldwin

The Junior High All Hallow's Eve Party succeeds again in yet another year of giving the junior high classes a fun Halloween-themed break from school days. The JH All Hallow's Eve Party has always been a fun and exciting day for the junior high students and this year was no different. During their lunch periods, the students began dressing into their costumes, from pirates to leprechauns, before coming into the gym during 7th and 8th periods to join in the fun activities the student government had planned. The first game planned: musical chairs. The students began walking around the chairs as the music played, while the student government started slowly taking chairs away. Eventually, the students were left with only one chair and Maeve Burgess, 7th grade, snagged the victory in a tie-breaking game of rock, paper, scissors. The junior high had a great time, eagerly cheering on their classmates to victory.

After musical chairs, the student government began to prepare for the next game: limbo. The students got in their lines and the music started. Eventually, the contestants were whittled down to just a handful, and the student who took first with his impressive limbo skills was Kenny Nguyen. The students began to take their seats while the student government decided on who had the best costumes from each class. Eventually, the winners were decided and announced. In 7th grade, the best costume for the boys went to Philip Saffian and Ariana Ariasu for the girls. The 8th grade was competitive, but in the end Nick Moore won the best costume for the boys with his chessboard costume and Niamh Lawlor won for the girls with her Japanese Martyr costume.

At the end of the party, the junior high students helped themselves to treats and went outside to the front of Seton to eat. A special thanks to the student government and the Pogue family for helping run the JH All Hallow's Eve Party and giving the middle school students a fun day to look forward to.



Another Brewtiful Oktoberfest

By: Anneliese Orr

Seton is blessed every year to be able to have a taste of an authentic German celebration put on by Seton's German classes. Oktoberfest is a special tradition held in Munich, Germany each year for two weeks. It was started in the 1800's when the wedding celebration of King Louis I was so enjoyable, that they decided to have it annually. Girls dress in dirmdls and guys dress in lederhosen, while the whole town celebrates with food, fun games, and contests. Around six million people participate in the Munich Oktoberfest each year. The Oktoberfest that Seton puts on every fall gives a good representation of the outfits, songs, food, and the fun involved in the real Oktoberfest. Even though it only lasts a lunch period, it gives each participant a chance to enjoy an authentic meal while watching folk dances and songs put on by the German classes. The dances are not only for the German students, for at the end everyone gathers to join in the chicken dance. Mrs. McCaa, the head of the German Department at Seton, educates participants about German history and culture, making the entire experience fun, educating, and filling. All Seton students, from 7th to 12th grade, are welcome to share in a warm meal and a good time with friends. Oktoberfest is a truly special event that brings together the students of Seton. We look forward to next year's Oktoberfest for a small, but worthwhile, experience.



Two German students paint their faces and wear ridiculous wigs and bow ties to contribute to the spirit of Oktoberfest



German students clad in excessive clown accessories help Mrs. McCaa teach a German folk song

A Delightfully Horrifying Halloween Dance

By: Matthew Baldwin

Seton's traditional Halloween Dance succeeds again in giving the high schoolers a spooky and fun experience on Saturday, October 29th. Students arrived in their best Halloween costumes and were treated to a Haunted Hallway taking place in Corpus Christi before coming into the gym for the dance. The student government worked hard this year and it showed. The gym, where the dance was hosted, was well prepared for the night, covered in spooky lights and decorations. Even the music had Halloween-themed songs to complement the decorations. The students came in by the dozens and immediately were treated to a variety of food and drinks that had been prepared for them, before going onto the dancefloor to show off their moves. People came dressed as cowboys, princesses, pirates, and even as the cast of The Wizard of Oz.



"It was really cool to see all the costumes people came in this year," said Isaac Fleisig. Even some of the teachers came in costume, including Miss Erwin and Miss Vicente, dressed as a two-headed alien while they helped to serve the drinks. Near the end of the night, competitions were held with rewards for the Best Costume and the Best Group Costume. The students were determined to win those awards and were really thinking outside the box this year to do so, but the Best Group Costume had to go to the Top Gun group, with Cobra Kia as a close second. The judges had a hard time deciding on the Best Solo Costume award, but in the end, it went to Piper Reddington for her Bob Ross costume. There was even a Halloween Cupcake Bake-Off in which Haley Fifield took first place. Even though not everyone won a prize this year, everyone still had a fun time at the dance. At the end of the night, Seton ended the dance by playing "Sweet Caroline" and all the students got together with their class to keep an old Seton tradition alive. The Halloween Dance is a highly anticipated event at Seton, and it was good to see that the students were not disappointed by this year's spectacular dance.



Harvey: Family, Fun, and Rabbits

By: Titus Stanton

Every fall, Seton School gives both students and their families a break from all the stress and deadlines in the form of the annual Fall Play. Seton's plays, some being humorous and fun, others dark and grim, are an event that every Seton student and their families are excited for. This year, the privilege of being this year's Seton Fall Play goes to Harvey, a ludicrous comedy that has the audience rolling in their seats. The play's slap-stick comedy mixed with its intriguing characters gave the audience a night that they will never forget.

Harvey, which is written by Mary Chase and premiered in 1944, tells the story of Elwood P. Dowd (played by Seton student Nicholas Vaughan), an affable man who claims to have a friend named Harvey. Elwood describes Harvey as a six foot "pooka" resembling an anthropomorphic (human-like) rabbit. Embarrassed by her brother's theatrics, Veta Simmons, (played by Seton student Moira McCardell) commits him to a sanitarium. Thus begins a comedy of errors that will have the audience in a grip of non-stop laughter and fun.

Actor Joey Allan, who plays the stressed Dr. Chumley said that "working on the play is some of the most fun I have had in a while. Rehearsals are fantastic because you get to express a form of art that is entirely new to you with your friends." When asked what audiences should look forward to in the play, he said, "The play is full of heartfelt emotion and is filled with fun and sometimes hilarious parts. Look also for God's message when seeing it".

The play combines a steady and easy-to-follow story with superb acting from Seton students. The character's emotions

and struggles feel potent and real. Because Harvey the rabbit is invisible to the audience, it becomes crucial to make the audience believe that he is present by means of characters' reactions and timing. Seton's Harvey enacts this challenge almost perfectly, making the characters feel a sense of panic and dread whenever Harvey is mentioned. The set itself was physically painted and crafted to portray two different settings, the Elwood House and the Sanitarium. It does this by physically "flipping" the walls to have a different set on each side, like a two sided coin. This way of showing two separate areas pays off. Combining both the credible acting and the set, the story truly immerses you in both the plot and place. The comedy was a mixture of both conventional 1940's slap-stick comedy and 21st century humor. This combination successfully conveys humor to both young and old alike. There were many parts of the play where both parents and their children laughed out loud at the reactions of the characters. Even though it was an estimated two hours and thirty minutes, Seton's Harvey kept the audience's attention for the whole duration of the play. When it did end, the actors and actresses were showered with applause by the audience.

In the end, Harvey follows in the footsteps of formidable plays chosen by Seton and performed by their thespian students led by Mr. Moore. Seton's Harvey proves that with dedication and imagination, you can create an entertaining and Godly message about hope, friendship, and humor. Harvey will "hop" into your heart.



Fatima

By: Titus Stanton

For over 100 years, the story of Our Lady of Fatima has inspired and captivated the lives of millions. It has given the world a symbol of love and hope that will be venerated for many years to come. But what is the real story of Fatima, and how can we separate the fact from the fiction? Today, we will look at the true story of three children, Our Lady, and a message for the whole world.

In 1916, in the little town of Fatima, Portugal, three children, Lucia, Jacinta, and Francesco, were shepherding their flock, when all of a sudden, an angel appeared to them saying, "Do not be afraid." The angel proclaimed that he was the Angel of Peace and the guardian angel of Portugal. He told the children to pray fervently and daily for the salvation of souls. He then gave them Holy Communion and departed.

Months later on May 13, 1917, the children received an apparition of Mary. She told the children that she was from Heaven and that they would see Heaven themselves. She told the children that she would appear on the 13th of every month and that they must pray the Rosary every day. After she disappeared, the children told their parents what they had seen. Their parents, of course, were extremely skeptical and believed that the children were lying.

A month later on June 13th, Mary appeared to them again and told Jacinta and Francesco that they would be going to Heaven very soon and that Lucia's mission was to spread a devotion to the Immaculate Heart. On July 13th she told the children three secrets that would be revealed years after this event. The first was a fiery vision of Hell. The second was a request from Mary. She told the children that the world needs to perform acts of penance, prayer, and repentance in order to stop WWI, which was raging at the time. If humanity did not do these things, a greater and more terrible war would commence under Pope Pius XI and Russia would spread its error across the world. The last secret was a vision of an angel soaring through the sky repeating "penance! penance!" while spewing holy fire from a flaming sword. It also showed Mary blocking the fire with her mantle and saving the world from flame. After these three secrets were revealed to the children, Mary departed.

After this event, the whole town of Fatima knew about the three shepherd children and their supposed visit from Mary. The event was becoming so well known that the magistrate of the region arrested the children and put them into prison for interrogation. There, he psychologically tortured them, trying to force them to recant the events and confess that it was a lie. But the children refused to recant the event and were eventually released.

The last apparition was on October 13th, 1917. When Francesco, Jacinta, and Lucia went to see Our Lady, a crowd of 40,000-80,000

people had amassed. When Mary finally appeared to the children, she told them that she was the Lady of the Rosary and she wanted them to build a chapel where she stood. Then, she showed the children three images in the sky: one of the Holy Family, another of Jesus with Our Lady of Sorrows, and the last of Our Lady of Mount Carmel. While this all occurred, the massive crowd was not seeing what the children saw. Instead, they saw the sun "dance" around the sky in a multitude of bright colors. This concluded Mary's apparitions at Fatima, but the children, especially Lucia, would continue to have visions of Mary for years to come.

After Mary's visit, she kept her promise to Jacinta and Francesco that they would go to heaven soon. In 1918, both Jacinta and Francesco died of the Spanish flu. Jacinta's body was soon found to be incorruptible. Lucia lived out the rest of her life as a nun and devoted her entire life to enact Mary's wish of the whole world being consecrated to her. This wish was finally fulfilled March 25, 1984, when Pope St. John Paul II officially consecrated the world to Our Lady.

The story of Fatima is one of both warning and hope. It gives us a full perspective of God's vision for the world and humanity. It shows us that Mary is fighting to keep us on the path of righteousness and show us the way to our Heavenly Father. Humanity must remember that there is a God who loves us and who is willing to give us His own mother to guide us towards eternal life with Him.



All Saints Day

By: Briana Shillingburg

As Catholics we always celebrate the feast of All Saints Day, but how did this become a feast that we celebrate? There is not an exact date that we can track to when this feast day began but it is currently celebrated on November 1. The Catholic Church first started to recognize this feast day on November 1 under Pope Gregory III. Pope Gregory dedicated St. Peter's Chapel to all the saints. The people in medieval England called this day All Hallows and what we know to be Halloween was the eve of All Hallows Day. As Catholics we do not observe this day as All Hallows Day anymore, instead we refer to it as All Saints Day. This feast day is always the day before All Souls Day, which is the day we honor all those who have died. All Saints Day is considered a holy day of obligation in the church calendar. In the Seton community we have this feast day off from school so we can attend mass with our families.



Col P. Golf Tournament: A Seton Tradition

By: Henry Knight

Seton School has been hosting an annual golf tournament for 22 years in Honor of Colonel Michael Pennefather, who passed away in 1998. Colonel P. loved teaching and coaching at Seton and had a profound effect on many young people. The tournament is a way to raise money to assist the Seton athletic program, and includes many Seton parents, teachers, and alumni who participate in the event.

At this year's tournament, 121 golfers participated in various activities at the Piedmont Golf Club. At the tournament, participants enjoyed an outdoor lunch buffet and participated in multiple events. The first-place winners of this year's tournament were Joe Duda, Nick Guyton, Doug Peterson, and Darren Shaw. The winners of the closest to the pin contest this year were Taylor McCarthy, Nick Kenna, Charlie Goldsworthy, and Joe Pennefather. The longest-drive winners were Rob Hersch and Kim Graham.

All who participated in the tournament were winners, as everyone had a fun-filled time at the Piedmont Golf Club while also generously supporting Seton School!



Fall Sports Update By: Henry Knight

This fall the boys' soccer teams and the cross-country team at Seton have worked hard to perfect their play all throughout the season, and it is really paying off.

The Seton coed cross-country team has continued their weekly practices and have put in many hours of hard work throughout the season. Because of the time and dedication these runners have offered, members of the team from seventh grade up to seniors have all shaved time off their events and continue to work hard in hopes to be even better.

The junior high boys soccer team has continued to dominate opponents like they were at the beginning of the season, and show no signs of letting up either. This group of seventh and eighth graders has gone undefeated up to this point in the season, with eleven wins and only one tie. With this type of young talent at Seton, the future of the junior varsity and varsity team appears to be very promising.

The junior high team is not the only soccer team lighting it up on the field though. The boys junior varsity team has also proved consistent in their success as they hold a current record of eight wins and only two losses. Many of the boys on the junior varsity team will be moving

on to the varsity level next year. While this is a big step for them, they have proved that they are ready for the challenge.

Lastly, the boys varsity soccer team has continued to impress this fall. The varsity boys hold an outstanding fourteen-win record, with just two losses. It is very difficult to be so consistent at the varsity level, since it is the highest level of high school athletics, and the competition is brutal. Unfortunately, the boys lost to Northcross in the quarter finals of states, and ended the season earlier than they would have liked.



Ladies Fall Sports Update By: Briana Shillingburg

In the fall sports season, the ladies accomplished a lot. Each team worked very hard to improve. At the time this article was written, the ladies tennis team had a winning record of 10-5. The tennis team had a great season this year and many can't wait to see how they do next year! As for the volleyball teams, junior high had a record of 8-7, junior varsity a record of 5-12, and varsity a record of 16-4. As this season has come to an end, we are sad to see our senior ladies play their last season here with us at Seton but wish all them the best on what they conquer next. Great job on an amazing fall season ladies!



Queen Elizabeth II

By: Josiah Albin

With the recent passing of Queen Elizabeth II, the British people mourn her death. In her long and peaceful reign, she gave the people of England hope for better days and a monarch for the citizens to look up to. She served her people, as her people served her, and always tried to be a strong and joyful leader.

Queen Elizabeth II reigned as queen for 70 years and 214 days. A lot has happened in those years, and she had made many decisions as the Queen of England. During her reign, she also gathered many records for the royal family and was able to enact the first of many new traditions as Queen of England. The Queen served her people in many ways, and even before her reign, she served her people.

In WWII, she spoke publicly to her countrymen over the radio and motivated the citizens of England. Elizabeth also operated as a truck driver and mechanic. She was able to assist hands-on as this was before her eventual rule. The Queen would continue this until the time of her rise to the throne.

When Elizabeth's grandfather, George V, died in 1936, his eldest son, Elizabeth's uncle, became King Edward VIII. Edward, however, was in love with Wallis Simpson, an American divorcee, and had to choose between the crown and his heart. In the end, Edward chose Simpson and abdicated the crown. This event changed the course of Elizabeth's life, making her the heir to the British crown. Her father was crowned King George VI in 1937, taking the name George to emphasize continuity with his father.

Elizabeth was crowned Queen Elizabeth II on June 2, 1953, in Westminster Abbey at the age of 25. Elizabeth assumed the responsibilities of a ruling monarch on February 6, 1952, when her father, King George VI, died. For the first time ever, the coronation ceremony was broadcasted on television, allowing people from across the globe to witness the once-in-a-lifetime event.

Queen Elizabeth II's rule was relatively peaceful due to the better living conditions of her people. It can also be attributed to the country's global power and its involvement in the UN and England's positive view on the monarchy. Queen Elizabeth provided a strong rule, albeit less of a legislative role and more of a statesman's role, and served Britain in many ways to strengthen its diplomatic and economic relations.



The Origins of Halloween

By: Shannon O'Malley

October 31st is a day we all know and love: the day of dressing up in costumes, going to parties, trick-or-treating, and spending time with friends and family. Halloween is a holiday that people have been celebrating for hundreds of years, but where does it come from?

Halloween originated thousands of years ago in the festival of Samhain, celebrated by the Celts of Britain and Ireland. This festival was the mark of the end of summer and the beginning of winter. The Celts believed, during this festival, that the souls of all those who had died would come to visit their homes and the souls of those who had died that year would go to the otherworld. Some traditions they had included having bonfires on the tops of hills to scare away evil spirits and wearing masks and costumes to hide from the ghosts. This is how the common Halloween costumes of goblins, witches, and ghosts came to be popular.

During the fall season, we have many traditions to celebrate and prepare for Halloween.



Jack-o-lanterns

Carving pumpkins with friends and family is always an enjoyable way to celebrate Halloween. This tradition originated in Ireland where they would carve turnips and potatoes instead of the pumpkins we currently use. The name "jack-o-lantern" came from the Irish legend of "Stingy Jack". All the different versions of the legend have the same core: Stingy Jack tricked the devil; but, because of a deal they had made, Jack was banned from hell. Because of this, Jack had to roam the earth with only a block of coal that he put inside a turnip to light the way. The people of Ireland started carving versions of Jack's lantern out of turnips and they believed that they would scare off evil spirits. The well-known phrase "jack o' lantern" is a shortened form of "Jack (of or with) the lantern".

Candy Corn

Three different colors, one sweet taste: candy corn is a popular Halloween treat that has been enjoyed by people since the 1880s. It used to be known as "chicken feed" because it seemed to resemble the corn shaped chicken food. It became a very popular penny candy in the 1950s and continues to be a staple Halloween treat.



Yours Truly, Julie

I really want to play a sport, but my mom won't let me until I get my grades up. The quarter is almost over and I am so stressed! Do you have any advice?
- Sporty Student

Dear Sporty Student,
Playing a sport has numerous health benefits as well as being very fun, so I can see why you have a desire to play one. Although it can be frustrating when your mom doesn't let you do something you want to do, you must understand that she wants what is best for you. If playing a sport is very important to you, I would make a concerted effort to boost your grades. If you are having trouble in a specific subject, try going to your teacher at lunch, making study guides, and taking good notes. Sometimes we just need to find what works for us to succeed in just about anything in life. Find what will help you to raise your grades and work very hard on your schoolwork. If your mother does let you play a sport, remember to keep up with your grades and work hard to maintain the privilege of playing a sport. I hope that this helps and that you will be able to participate in a Seton sport this year!

Yours Truly,
Julie

I am feeling extremely lonely at school. I don't know where I belong among my classmates in my grade. What should I do?
- Anonymous Student

Dear Anonymous Student,
We all experience moments in our lives where we feel alone and as though we are an outsider to our peers at school. You need to remember that it is okay to not be in a big friend group and that having just one good friend is enough. Sometimes we just need a breather from the overwhelming feeling of school, family life, friends, etc. Try setting aside some time for yourself to do the things you enjoy so you can relax. This will also help you to appreciate some alone time because no matter how much fun it is to spend time with friends, it is just as important to spend time with yourself. Now when it comes to not knowing where you belong, I would notice how the people whom you surround yourself with make you feel. Spend time with the friends who lift your mood up and make you feel happy. I promise that you will find these people eventually, but remember that some things just take time, so do not be discouraged.

Yours Truly,
Julie

Creative Corner By: Emma Fox

Autumn Recipe: It is fall and who would not want to head to the apple orchard? Often when coming back from such a trip, you find that you have enough apples to last till next fall, if they would not turn brown and rot. Here's a solution: make a large pot of easy homemade applesauce to share with your families and friends.



Homemade Applesauce

Serves: 6

Ingredients:

- 8 apples – cored (& peeled)
- 1 tsp cinnamon
- 8-12 tsp water
- 4 tsp lemon juice or apple cider vinegar

Directions:

- 1) Stir all ingredients into a cooking pot.
- 2) Cover & cook on medium heat until you bring the mixture to a simmer.
- 3) Reduce to low heat until the apples are tender/soft. Stir occasionally.
- 4) Mash or put the mixture into a food processor until it is in a saucy consistency.
- 5) Add a dash of maple syrup or sugar to sweeten to taste.
- 6) Enjoy fresh and warm or store in fridge

Fall Fashion

By: Anneliese Orr

The leaves are changing and the pumpkin-spice latte is making its rounds in Dunkin'. The loose and cool style of summer is getting quickly unreasonable as the months get colder. Here are some tips and ideas on how to keep warm and stay fashionable for this fall:

Tops: When looking for a stylish top, oversized warmly knit sweaters are the way to go! Most commonly worn with jeans or skirts, sweaters bring out the most comfort in your wear without taking away from the look. Loose fitting shirts can also replace this look.

Dresses/Skirts: Dresses with flowy sleeves are the most preferred look for fall. Loose dresses with turtlenecks are also a very stylish option, most of which are often worn with a belt. High waisted skirts are very cute flares to an outfit, most are woolen and therefore very appropriate for the season.

Accents: Fall is all about bright colors, so while your shirt and pants might not look the most seasonal, nothing could fix that more than a bright colored beanie, scarf, or boots! If the problem with your outfit is looking bland, try adding a wool cardigan or a jean jacket and a scarf. Plaid accents also go very well with soft colors.

Footwear: When it comes to shoes, many styles can accommodate the fall vibe! Converse go well with just about any outfit, and they can be worn in many different colors. Ankle high suede boots or knee-high mushroom boots are the epitome for fall footwear. They are both stylish and warm shoes for walking around town.

Accessories: Accessories complete a look. Brass or rose gold jewelry often complement the fall aesthetic, and geometric or foliage shapes are the most preferred. Gray or muted pink make a wonderful color choice for handbags or backpacks. Accessories offer the finishing touch to whichever fall style you choose!

Color: Fall has a very distinct and wide variety of colors you can choose from! Traditional fall colors include red, maroon, orange, yellow, and brown, but recently the color palettes have added muted pinks, blues, greens, and grays to the fall aesthetic.



Halloween Polls with a Scary End!

By: Josiah Albin

For this Halloween season, the Inquisitor staff decided to take a poll of ten students from each grade, making a total of 60 participants. Five boys and five girls from each grade anonymously answered these questions and now it's time to give you the numbers.

For the first question, the students were asked what their favorite Halloween movie was. Not surprisingly the number one answer was the original "Halloween" by John Carpenter. Starring the famous antagonist, Michael Myers, it's no wonder that 23 students answered this as their favorite movie. On a more light-hearted note, the second most popular Halloween movie was "The Nightmare Before Christmas" by Tim Burton. It's controversial whether it's a Halloween or Christmas movie but in the eyes of the 14 students who called it their favorite, it's a certified Halloween movie. The third most popular Halloween movie is the classic, "The Blair Witch Project" by Daniel Myrick and Eduardo Sánchez. It was one of the first "found footage" style movies and its popularity skyrocketed the genre to the top. Its style allowed the movie to be produced for a surprisingly low cost of \$35k. It may not be an Infinity War-level production, but this movie is stellar to 12 of these Seton scholars.

The second question asked was a classic, "What's your favorite candy?" Lots of people gave oddball answers, one person even said they didn't like candy, but there were at least two who had solid backing. The support of M&M's and Milk Duds was very close. M&M's had the support of 15 students and Milk Duds barely lost with its 14 supporters. The two are both chocolate-based candies but they have one defining difference. M&M's are smaller and break easily, making them easy to snack on and easy on the teeth. Milk Duds are bigger and more resistant. They are softer due to their caramel consistency, making it a longer experience per box.

"What is your Favorite Halloween Tradition?" Most students just put down trick-or-treating, but one student had an especially fun tradition. He and his family would carve pumpkins midway through October and by the time Halloween was over they would smash them in their backyard. After that, they would enjoy all the candy that would go on sale at Walmart the day after Halloween as the store makes way for Christmas merchandise. This answer was the only unique answer and it really shined. It showed that Halloween is a holiday that you can enjoy even when you are not trick-or-treating.

The last question had two parts to it, "Do you trick or treat?" If you don't, then "What age did you stop?" Every high schooler who was asked, answered with a "no" and every seventh grader answered with a "yes". The tricky part was the eighth-grade class: six said "yes" and four said "no". This would make sense since the eighth grade is right before high school, and students would want to ditch things more associated with being a little kid and want to seem more mature for the up-coming high school Halloween dance. And for all the eighth graders who stopped trick or treating they all said

that their seventh-grade year was their last year trick or treating. For all the high schoolers who said no, the age they stopped was around seventh or eighth grade. The scariest part of all of this is that it is actually illegal to trick-or-treat over the age of 13 in Virginia. According to NBC Washington, it can be a class four misdemeanor in some parts of Virginia.

