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St. Paul Of The Cross

By: Kevin Woodard



St. Paul Of The Cross' feast day is October 23. St. Paul is the founder of the Passionists. The Passionists are a Roman Catholic religious order of vowed priests and brothers, sisters and nuns operating with the full support and approval of the Vatican and the Holy Father. St. Paul Of The Cross

Top 5 Halloween Costumes

By: Finley O'Connor

1. Spider Man
2. Batman
3. Captain Jack sparrow
4. Ghostface
5. Teenage mutant



Unique Pumpkin Designs

Written by Brooklyn Bobb



During the halloween season, it is a common tradition to carve out pumpkins in scary or silly shapes. While there are some common themes we see, such as smiles or frowns, here are some unique designs.



Which is your favorite?

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Important Person: Susan B. Anthony

By Luciana Bertucci

Susan Brownell Anthony is best known for promoting women's rights and starting up the women's suffrage in the United States. She was born in Adams, Massachusetts, on February 15, 1820, and devoted most her life to anti-slavery and women's rights issues, including the right to vote. She died of heart disease and pneumonia in Rochester, New York, on March 13, 1906. In 1920, the "Anthony Amendment" was made to the U.S.

constitution, which gave women the right to vote. She was the first American woman to have her likeness on a coin in the U.S.



The History of: Jack O' Lanterns

By Ray Morris

The history of Jack O' Lanterns originally started in Europe and they used it to scare off evil spirits. They originally carved faces into turnips or potatoes and placed them into their windows to scare away demons. The original practice of carving pumpkins didn't start until the 19th century. Most of these practices were done to scare away evil as back then they believed in many superstitious things. Now it is more of fun practice with families so they can celebrate Halloween.



Upcoming Celestial Events By Lyla Jacob

New Moon Nov. 1: There will be no moon in the sky. It is the best time to view other planets and stars since there is no moon light.

Full Moon + Supermoon Nov 15: The moon will be fully illuminated and bigger than normal. It is the last supermoon of the year.

Mercury Nov. 16: Mercury will be at its brightest and highest point on the horizon. You will be able to see it in the west right after sunset.

Leonids Meteor Shower Nov. 17: The last time this meteor shower has happened was 2001.

You best see the shower the night of November 17 and early morning of November 18.



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OSM Highlights!

By: Ben Kepler

DEBATE

Debate has begun at OSM! Starting strong at tournament one, 8th grade student Brooklyn Bobb won 1st varsity speaker award! In Novice, Lucia Avitia got 11th place, and Osajie Akhigbe got 17th place! A great showing for OSM. The next tournament is December

14.



CHESS

Now, on to Chess! I had the pleasure to interview Coach Rob, the Chess instructor.

Me: Coach, what are you teaching in chess?

CR: For the beginners, I'm teaching them the basics, such as controlling the middle.

(Continued): For the advanced, I'm helping them develop strategy and their middle and endgames.

Me: Have you held any tournaments?

CR: Yes. and there will be one this year on April 5 at St. Lawrence

Now, I will interview some of the players.

Me: Zach, what do you like in chess?

Z: It's fun, I like the Scotch opening, because I'm good at it.

(To Albert) Me: What do you like about chess?

A: He likes beating people using the Sicilian opening.



Most Eaten Candy Brands on Halloween

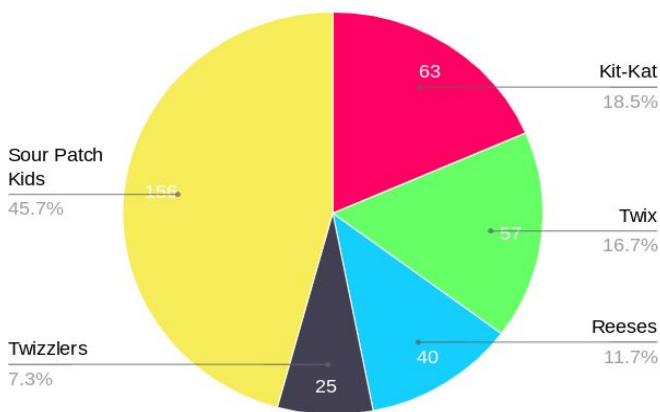
By Matty Manglavit

Jack O'Lantern Craft!

By Maya M. and Grace C.

In Halloween, we not only wear costumes and tell spooky stories, but we also get candy! We did a school wide poll, and found out what was their favorite candy. Out of Kit Kat, Twix, Reeses, Twizzlers, and Sour Patch Kids, we found out that Sour Patch Kids won by a landslide. About 156 students voted for Sour Patch Kids, and that was almost half of our participants. In second place we have Kit Kat, third was Twix, 4th was Reeses, and finally in last place, Twizzlers.

Most Eaten Candy Brands at OSM



First, fold your paper sideways 3 or 4 times. Be sure to leave space to draw HALF of a jack o lantern.



Next, while your paper is folded, cut out the shape. You don't have to cut out the face!



Unfold it. If you didn't cut out the face, you can now draw different faces!



Decorate however you want and hang it up somewhere!

Supplies: Paper, Scissors
Optional: Coloring Utensils



Teacher Interviews

By: Ella Zobitz, Nicole Brown, and Kate Pienta



Mr. Abraham is new to OSM this year and is our middle school science teacher as well as, a 6th grade homeroom. Mr. Abraham taught Biology and Physics previously. Make sure to give Mr. Abraham a warm welcome to the OSM family! He says, "I like the environment of OSM as the students come prepared to learn every single day. They love to participate in class and are eager to ask questions. The interactions with the students brighten my day with their funny and happy personalities".

Mr. Abraham

Ms. Houston is OSM's 5th grade ELA teacher! Ms. Houston loves how creative and fun her students are! She says "I love how this school creates communities and tries to do fun and exciting activities like, house activities, and mass buddies. I love how helpful teachers they are with each other and the kindness that we receive. The students are super creative and enjoy coming to school".



Ms. Houston



Meet Ms. Borzello! Ms. Borzello has been teaching at OSM for 3 years. Right now, Ms. Borzello teaches 1st grade (Star room) but during her 1st years she taught 2nd grade (Saint room). Ms. Borzello likes to do yoga and bake! Ms. Borzello loves the fun activities and community at OSM. She says "I like working at O.S.M because I love my students and their creativity. I also love that OSM always tries to do fun things around the school like the head walks, house pep rallies, service projects, singalongs and assemblies. I love how the teachers at OSM work together to create fun learning activities for students and love to help each other".

Ms. Borzello

Ms. Pinchback just started teaching at OSM this year! Before that, Ms. Pinchback was a substitute for 5 years! She teaches ELA to 6th grade and Writing to 7th grade! One interesting fact about her is she coaches 8th grade girls basketball! She loves to go to the beach during her free time! Her favorite place she has ever been to is Ireland! If she had one wish, she would wish for the Bills to win the Superbowl!

The biggest impact OSM has made on her is providing her with a great community when her family moved to Chicago. "You can't go back and change the beginning but you can start where you are and change the ending" (C.S. Lewis). This quote is one Ms. Pinchback has felt she wants everyone to understand and keep to heart! Lastly, she would like for everyone at OSM to know that being kind is easier not being kind.



Ms. Pinchback

Mr. Tapia has been at OSM for 4 years now! He does not teach, however, he is the tech administrator! One interesting fact was he won a award in college for foundations of fiction! He loves to draw and play video games! Mr. Tapia's favorite place he has ever gone to was Tokyo, Japan. If he had one wish, he would wish to provide for his parents forever.

The biggest impact OSM has made on him was the experiences with the unique student's perspectives and the ability to watch each and every person grow. "Reach for the stars and keep your feet planted". This quote is one he would like everyone at OSM to acknowledge. Lastly, he would like the OSM community to continue inspiring and making good choices.



Mr. Tapia



Mr. Carpenter

Mr. Carpenter has been working at OSM for 3 years! He teaches Social Studies to middle school (6 grade-8 grade) this year! One interesting fact about him is Lady Gaga Tweeted him once! He loves biking, running and gardening! His favorite place he has ever been was to Hawaii.

The biggest impact OSM has made on him was watching how involved the community and students are. It inspires him to be involved as well! "Everyday is a new day". This quote is one Mr. Carpenter thinks will help everyone out! He wants to thank OSM, for this is the school he started his career and helped build his teaching personality!



Mr. D has been at OSM for 3 years now! He teaches creative dance to every grade! One interesting fact about him is that he has been in a movie, Save the Last Dance. During his free time, Mr. D loves to go to the gym! Mr. D's favorite place he has ever gone was to Thailand. If Mr. D had one wish, it would be for the war to be over.

The biggest impact OSM has made on him is the caring, uplifting, and close community. Also, OSM has influenced him to become a better teacher. "Dance training is life training" (Joe Tremain). This quote is one Mr. D would everyone at OSM to take to heart. He would like to thank everyone at OSM for the unconditional love & light he has received since teaching here! Mr. D thinks it has been overwhelming in the best way!

Mr. DiFoggio

Ms. Calderone has been at OSM for 6 years now! She teaches student support (pre-school-2nd grade)! One interesting fact about her is she can do a handstand for at least 2 minutes! Ms. Calderone loves to refinish antique furniture! Ms. Calderone's favorite place to travel to is Twin Lakes, Wisconsin. If she had one wish, she would wish for all the animals in a shelter to be adopted.

The biggest impact OSM has made on Ms. Calderone is teaching her that "The grass is not always greener". Ms. Calderone believes that this quote teaches you not to compare yourself and you should be thankful where you are in life. Lastly, Ms. Calderone would like to thank the OSM community for giving her a place that she loves to come to everyday!



Ms. Calderone

Current Events

Hurricane Milton

By: Natalie Sandoval and Leah McCroskey

"Hurricane Milton rapidly strengthened into a Category 4 hurricane, on a path toward Florida population centers including Tampa and Orlando, threatening a dangerous storm surge in Tampa Bay and setting the stage for potential mass evacuations less than two weeks after a catastrophic Hurricane Helene swamped the coastline." (WLWT 5) Milton's center was about 150 miles west of Progreso, Mexico, and about 735 miles southwest of Tampa moving east southwest at 8 miles per hour. "We are preparing ... for the largest evacuation that we have seen, most likely since 2017, Hurricane Irma," Guthrie said. This shows how bad these hurricanes are getting and how climate change is worsening. Milton, currently a Category 5 hurricane with 175 mph winds, is located about 700 miles southwest of Tampa.

Hurricane Milton strengthened from a Category 1 hurricane to a Category 5 hurricane in just 10 hours. Milton now ranks as the third-greatest 24-hour hurricane intensification by wind speed in the Atlantic Basin. The only other hurricanes to intensify faster were Wilma in 2005 and Felix in 2007. Category 5 is the highest a hurricane can get to. There have only been 10 Category 5 Atlantic hurricanes since 2016. Even though Category 5 hurricanes only last for about 24 hours or less it is still very severe and many stores are out of supplies as everybody has seen what Hurricane Helene has done.

"As Florida continues to recover from Hurricane Helene, as many as 15 million people are under flood watches there and 11 million are at risk for tropical tornadoes tomorrow and Wednesday. Mandatory evacuations are underway along areas of the state's west coast." (NBC News) Some effects of Hurricane Milton are that NASA has delayed a planned launch of a mission to Jupiter's moon Europa. NASA said launch opportunities for the Europa Clipper mission extend until November 7. Also Orlando International Airport will shut down Wednesday morning, in anticipation of Hurricane Milton heading inland. Also Florida Universities have already called off classes this week as Hurricane Milton arrives.



The Presidential Debate

The 2024 presidential election in the United States is a big event! Americans have chosen a new president. For the next four years we will have former president, Donald Trump. Elections like this one also involve something called the Electoral College. Each state has a set number of "electors" based on its population, and these electors ultimately decide who becomes president. It's a unique part of the American voting system! You need 270 electoral votes. Kids like you can keep an eye on election news to learn more about how leadership is chosen and why it's important to be involved when they're old enough to vote themselves.



Popular Foods Eaten In October!



**By: Nino Capuano
and David Amoh**

In October, people enjoy foods like pumpkin spice treats, apple cider, hearty soups, and Halloween-themed snacks!

In October, people make most of their foods using Pumpkins making it one of the most used ingredients for October. Some places that serve these types of treats are Starbucks, Stans Donuts and many other places.



Pumpkin Pie!



**Pumpkin
Bakes!**

**Where in the World
Is Ms. April?!**

**By: Mackenzie
Sullivan**

CLUES!!

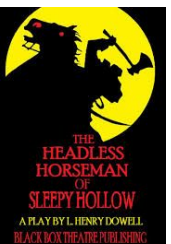
1. The construction of this place was started around 700 BC
2. It took 2,000 years to build!
3. It is a series of fortifications
4. It is sometimes called the “longest cemetery on Earth”
5. This place can be seen from space!

**The answer will be in the next
newspaper addition!**

Facts About the Headless Horseman

By: Emily Pienta

The headless horseman play is about Ichabod Crane, an awkward but liked schoolmaster who has moved to Sleepy Hollow. The headless horseman is reported to ride swiftly through the night. The headless horseman is the ghost of a Hessian soldier who was decapitated by cannon fire during the Revolutionary War causing his head to no longer be intact. The headless horseman rides at night to look for his head in hope of finding his head so he can be whole in the cemetery and rest in peace. The play goes through Ichabod's interaction with the headless horseman and how he disappeared causing people who live in Sleepy Hollow to think that he took Ichabod. The overall lesson of the play is not to let superstition guide your actions and overwhelm your reason. The headless horseman play was made in 1820. Personally, I think the play is very good and interesting to all ages if they were to watch. This play will keep you at the edge of your seat always wondering what will happen next.



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Athletics by : Oliver Thurston and Griffin Sinkovich

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OSM XC

Congratulations to all runners this year. All the hard work paid off. This year the team brought many trophies back to OSM. Shout out to the State Runners! It took more than three months of hard work. Runners learned a lot and had lots of fun practicing. Coach Flip was the coach of both lakefront and soldier field and managed it so well. Making new friends and a new sport. What a great season!



Boys (Team): 2nd
Girls 1 Runner): 60th

OSM Volleyball

Shout to all those who participated in Volleyball this year. It was a very strong season from all. Every team played very well. We had some teams who even made it to the playoffs. This year, the girls OSM 6th Grade girls team went to the finals for volleyball. They played a hard fought match and won the runners up trophy. See you this Spring!



If you signed up for basketball Good Luck this season!

Important Home Games Show Up!!

- 4th Boys: Osm Gold Vs Q of A 11/2
- 4th Boys Osm Blue vs St bens 11/2
- 4th Girls: Osm Vs Hardy prep 11/2
- 5th Boys: Osm Vs AACA 11/2
- 5th Girls: Osm Vs Olmca 11/16
- 6th Boys: Osm Vs Hardy Prep 11/16
- 6th Girls: Osm Blue Vs St Viator 11/16
- 6th Girls: Osm Gold Vs St Andrew 11/2
- 7th Boys Lakefront: Osm Vs AACA 11/16
- 7th Boys Skyline: Osm Vs ICSJ 11/8
- 7th Girls Lakefront: Osm Vs St Josaphat 11/9
- 8th Boys Lakefront: Osm Vs ICSJ 11/8
- 8th Girls Skyline: Osm Vs St viator 11/16



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Halloween Recipe

By: Veda Calhan

Witches Broomsticks:



Ingredients:

- Three string cheese sticks (cheddar, mozzarella, and twist)
- 9 pretzel sticks
- Chives

Supplies: Knives

Instructions: Begin by cutting your string cheese sticks into three sections each. Using a knife, slice vertical lines up the bottom of each section, mimicking the look of a broom. You can cut about halfway up the cheese, but be sure to leave the top portion of the cheese intact so it doesn't fall apart.

Double knot a chive around the middle section securely, and stick a pretzel partially through the top of the cheese base.

-Enjoy!

Upcoming Events

By: Aiden Rego

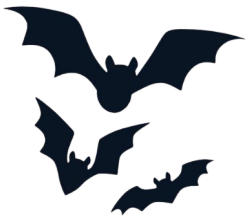
Fun and celebrations are here. This month is Native American Heritage Month. Some upcoming events are Diwali, which takes place on the tenth. Secondly, Veterans day is on the eleventh. The veterans have done so much for this country, make sure you say thanks. In addition, on the twenty second we have a House Pep Rally. Lastly, on the twenty eighth we celebrate Thanksgiving. It is finally here, so on Thanksgiving, there is no school. November is going to be very fun.

8th Grade Update

By Milosz Bobek

On October 29, 2024, the 8th grade went on a field trip to Lincoln Marsh. The trip inspired students to make new relationships with little to known people and to build teamwork by doing three activities provided. After three groups of 8th graders were done with one activity, they gathered together in a circle and talked what they could do to be strong leaders. They then took their lessons to OSM and led a leadership activity with the sixth and seventh graders. They plan to work with each grade to help each student overcome fears and open up about how we can help one another.





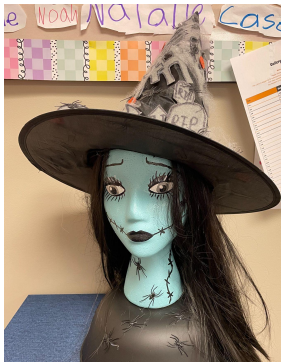
O.S.M HALLOWEEN



By: Samantha Tokarz and Nora Likavec

Halloween Head Competition

This year, we had a Halloween head competition! Each class was given a plain head to decorate, competing to win an award from one of the five categories we voted on. The most halloween-themed head was the Saint room's witch. The most comical head was the Daisy room's minion. The head with the best use of materials was the Firefly room's relaxing bubble bath. The most eye-catching head was the Caterpillar room's caterpillar. And lastly, the most original head was the Angel room's Noodle Nightmare. Congratulations all to the winners!



Saint Room



Daisy Room



Firefly Room



Caterpillar Room

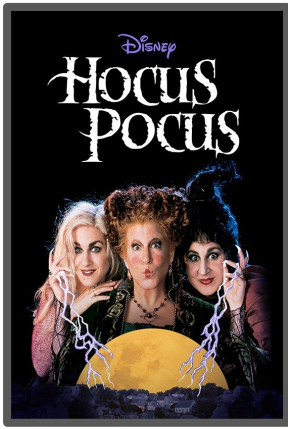


Angel Room

O.S.M Halloween Parade

On Halloween, we had our yearly parade. This year's was so fun with many contests and activities. All of the many contests we had were Best Group Costume, Best Duo Costume, Most Comical, and Most Original. Congratulations to all the students who won! Some winners were the Care Bears group costume, a Chick Fil A mascot costume, a Beetlejuice snake costume and lastly a duo costume of Grimace and the one of the many other McDonald's mascots.





Halloween Movie Recommendations

By: Marko Zafirovski



Hocus Pocus

The classic movie, Hocus Pocus, has constantly been a top Halloween movie. It follows the Sanderson Sisters, a group of three witches, who resurrect from the Dead on All Hallows Eve. A mischievous and curious group of kids accidentally let them free. Now, they have to get rid of the witches before midnight.

Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children

Next up is Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children. Although not a traditional Halloween movie, it has been adopted as one. The story starts with Jake, a regular boy, until his grandpa unexpectedly died. The last words he said was, "September 3rd, 1943. Wales, England." This leads Jake to travel to Wales and discover a whole new world of peculiar children.

Beetlejuice

Another classic, Beetlejuice. This film begins when the Deetzes moved into a new house. Little did they know, this house was haunted by Barbara and Adam Maitland, the previous dead owners of the house. As the couple tries to scare the new family, they end up summoning Beetlejuice, a reckless spirit.

The Nightmare Before Christmas

Lasly, we have The Nightmare Before Christmas. Too many classics! This movie is a little bit different as it bridges between Halloween and Christmas. It revolves around Jack Skellington, a skeleton that discovers the magic of Christmas. Soon, Jack throws over Santa, and takes over the role.

Comic Strip By Chris Johnigan



Match the Leaf to its Tree!

By: Fox Boveroux

A



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1. Dog wood

B



2. Silver maple

C



3. Red Maple

Answers on the next page

October Wordsearch



There are 20 words to find!

By: Patrick Quinn



P	S	M	E	R	T	F	A	L	L	H	Q	W	W	E	T	R	U	I	D
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Words to Find: Autumn, October, Spooky, Fall, Halloween, Scary, Boo, Pumpkin, Harvest, Hayride, Chilly, Crunchy, Foliage, Pie, Chestnuts, Orange, Scarlet, Cozy, Candy, and Flannel.

Answers to the tree leaves: A-2 B-3 C-1