



Origins of Halloween

(STAFF REPORTERS: ATHENA MCCLOUD, MARIBEL MUNIZ AND DOLORES TORRES)

Our Halloween tradition has its roots in the 2,000-year-old ancient Celtic holiday of Samhain on the night of October 31st. Ancient Celts believed that ghosts would visit the Earth, so they would leave food and wine on their doorsteps to ward off evil spirits. Ancient Celtic villagers dressed up in disguises made of animal skins, seeking to chase away the spirits they believed returned to walk the earth. Banquet tables were set up with edible offerings to placate any restless spirits. In later years, Christianity brought about All Souls Day (later Hallows Day) to honor the dead. The day was celebrated with bonfires and masquerades to pay tribute to the dead. The poor children would offer "Soul Cakes" to the wealthy in exchange for prayers for their deceased loved ones. In later years, children became the main participants in "Guising", going door to door collecting money, sweets, foods, fruits, nuts, and wines, in exchange for singing, dancing, riddles, jokes, and poetry. Later, in the early 20th century America, British, Scottish and Irish immigrants revived some of their traditions of "Guising" and "Souling" in their newly adopted homeland. Early Halloween celebrations often consisted of hoaxes and pranks by teenagers. It was not until the 1950's that Halloween became a family friendly, festive holiday for American children. Trick or Treating, door to door, by costumed children, is an evolution of the earlier ancient Celtic holidays. Today, Halloween is big business, estimates of \$6 billion dollars in costumes, candy, and decorations. Today, hitting piñatas, bobbing for apples, costume contests, haunted houses, and horror films are all part of that big day. So, next time you hear that doorbell on Halloween Night, as you open the door and peer down at those little goblins, super heroes, and princesses, remember those trick-or-treaters represent a long history of tradition and fun. TRICK or TREAT!



PREPARED TO BE SPOOKED!

(STAFF REPORTERS, SABRINA PEREZ & NOEMI RODRIGUEZ)

It's that time of the year when people go to Haunted Houses with friends to enjoy an evening of laughs, thrills, and screams. Just like some people enjoy roller coasters, there is a big audience for the "scare" scene. Haunted houses are a popular tradition during the Halloween season. As shown by its long lines, the most popular haunted house in San Antonio is the "13th Floor". The Terror Mansion and House of Insanity are also popular spots. Six



Flags and SeaWorld celebrate Halloween in a big way, both incorporating haunted houses as part of their Halloween festivals. Reflecting on a recent visit to Six Flags, "It's fun but not as scary as I thought it would be" shared sophomore Megan Guevara. If you go to any of the haunted houses you can expect monsters jumping at you, maybe a little slime dripping on your shoulders, and long waiting lines. It's a great and safe night out with the friends and family. Next time you visit a Haunted House, remember to "Watch out for the Boogie Man!"

Candy Crush

(STAFF REPORTER, BRIAN ROEL)

It's that time of year when every kid gets excited – it's Halloween. Pull that Batman costume out from the back of your closet. Get your candy bag ready – it's time to rake in the goodies. Kids will be jumping with sugar rushes and tummy aches before you know it. Where siblings pour their candy out on the floor and trade for their favorites. Everyone has their different favorite candies that they crave on



Halloween night. I took an informal survey recently on the best Halloween candy. Reese's Peanut Butter Cups ruled supreme, coming in second was Twix. Kaitlyn Ramos said that "Reese's Butter Cups, Skittles, and M&Ms make me so happy." Old favorites like candy corn, popcorn balls, gumballs, and jaw breakers are still big favorites with teenagers. New candies like Sour Patch Kids, Sour Punch, Sour Skittles, Sour Air Heads are more popular with the younger kids. Many classmates remember parents checking their goodies for safety, and taking a few for themselves. Who doesn't love candy? What's your favorite candy? Enjoy the Halloween Season.

"Creepy Clown" Not So Creepy

(STAFF REPORTER, KRISTIN DE LEON)

The "Creepy Clown Craze" has gone viral. Even the City of San Antonio has been affected by this attention-getting hoax. The original sighting took place in Greenville, South Carolina this past summer. Since then there have been numerous alleged nationwide sightings. Like the Boogie Man, the Donkey Lady, or the Chupacabra, the Creepy Clown is the newest urban legend scare. The internet has fueled stories of Creepy Clowns haunting school children. Our SAPD police chief and SAISD superintendent have both issued statements to the community in response to concerns posted on social media. Both statements conclude that there have been no credible threats after SAISD high schools were named in some the postings. In response to the rumors, Target stores have pulled clown costumes from their shelves. As it turns out, this is just another spooky story for the Halloween Season. Boo!

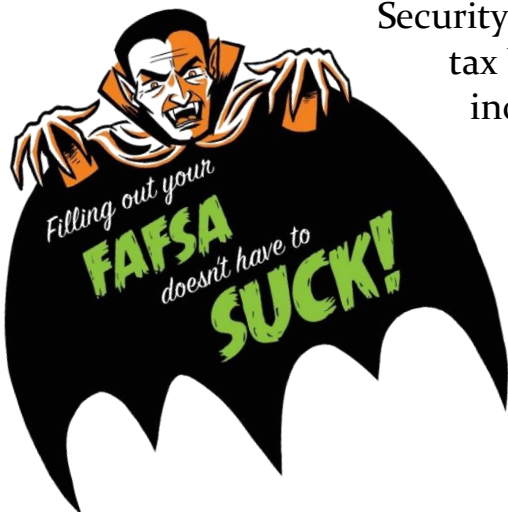


Nothing Scary About FAFSA!

(STAFF REPORTER, KRISTIAN CHAPA)

The Free Application for Federal Student Aid known as FAFSA, is a form that students can fill out to see their financial aid eligibility and awards. Federal financial awards are critical for paying for college next year. A student can apply for FAFSA by meeting the following criteria: The student is a U.S Citizen, maintains a "C Average or higher, has a social security number, and has signed up for the Selective Service if the student is a male, 18 years or older." Something new about FAFSA this year is that students can apply starting in October instead of having to wait until January. Need help applying for FAFSA? Seniors are welcome to go by the campus Go Center to get help with their FAFSA application. Students will need the following to complete their FAFSA: Social

Security cards (both student and parent(s), parents 2015 income tax W2 income tax forms (students too - if they filed for income tax in 2015), and FAFSA ID for both student and parents. The Go Center can help you sign up for the FAFSA ID number. Federal financial aid amounts are awarded on a first come, first serve basis. So, the earlier you apply, the better chances for a higher financial award. See, there is nothing "scary" about FAFSA. There is lots of help on campus, so don't put it off.



GOOD MEDICINE

(STAFF REPORTER, YULISSA CARDENAS)

Mrs. Villarreal begins her first year as a teacher by taking over the helm of Fox Tech's senior medical magnet program. She was born and raised right here in San Antonio. She is an SAISD alumni, having graduated from Edison High School's medical program. After Edison, Mrs. Villarreal pursued her Nursing degree at the University of Texas in San Antonio. In addition to teaching, she currently works part-time at St. Luke's Baptist Hospital. "I really enjoy learning in Mrs. V's class because since she works at the hospital she always has real life stories to share with us!" said senior medical magnet student, Kendra Turpin. With her big smile, Mrs.

Villarreal shared that "I was really nervous about starting a new career, but I'm truly happy to be here and enjoy working with the students." Beginning in late November, Mrs. Villarreal will begin escorting the senior medical magnet students across to Baptist Hospital for their clinical medical rotations and internships, providing students with hands-on experience working in a hospital. Mrs. Villarreal's real-world experience is a tremendous asset for our program. In many ways, Mrs. Villarreal is just like us, if she can make it in medicine, so can we. Her background is a real motivation for all of us. If you ever see Mrs. Villarreal walking in the halls, wish her a BIG WELCOME!



THE BEAT GOES ON

(STAFF REPORTERS, CLARISSA HARO & JASSON CAMPOS)

Drumline has been slowly re-growing in popularity at Fox Tech. After a brief hiatus, our Drumline made a comeback in last year's Fiesta Flambeau parade. Our drumline electrified the crowd striking a beat that sent ripples through the crowd. Since then, our marching band has performed in several events. "Being in drumline taught me leadership qualities, the ability to read music, and teamwork - some skills I use in the real

world" shared Vanessa, Fox Tech's drumline coordinator. However, drumline has affected more than just one student. Many music students are beginning to take interest. Each Drumline member gives their heart and soul into each cadence they execute, providing a heartbeat to the "Pride of Downtown." If you're interested in Drumline or Marching Band stop in and visit with our Band Director Mr. Navarro. Fox Tech Drumline is a fun and exciting - so catch the beat!

Some Things Never Change

(STAFF REPORTERS, CHRISTOPHER TREVINO & ONLEY GUERRA)



The San Antonio Spurs opened the regular season on October 25th, dismantling the Golden State Warriors with a score of 129-100 on the road. The television sports announcers could not recall the last time they witnessed the Golden State crowd leave for the exits so early. However, the Warrior fans were correct – the game was long over. The Warriors showcased big dollar - Stephen Curry, Klay Thompson, Andre Iguodala, and their newly acquired superstar in Kevin Durant (trade of the summer). No matter how great the jersey looks, it was no match for the strong foundation of Pop basketball. Spurs favorites, Kawhi "The Claw" Leonard, LaMarcus Aldridge, Tony Parker, and Manu Ginobili showed up in Golden State to play. San Antonio debuted their own newly acquired All-Star in Pau Gasol. While Golden State possesses awesome offensive power, the Spurs bring incredible defense and a bench second to none. San Antonio will miss Tim Duncan, but the new Spurs look like the old Spurs – and that's a good thing. Kawhi Leonard led the team with a career high of 35 points, LaMarcus Aldridge scored 26 points, and Jonathon Simmons hit 20 off the bench. It was a great start to the Spurs season. Golden State will not be celebrating their record setting home win streak this year – it's already over.

Dreaming of You

(STAFF REPORTER, KENNEDY MARTINEZ)

Have you heard about the new M-A-C Selena Collection? M-A-C introduces a cosmetic line inspired by the enthusiastic fans of Tejano Superstar Selena Quintanilla which premiered in Selena's hometown of Corpus Christi on September 20, 2016. Over 40,000 Selena fans signed a petition that motivated M-A-C Cosmetics to commemorate a Selena Quintanilla makeup line. Selena showed the world how to enjoy Tejano-inspired rhythms of music and dance. What her fans enjoyed most about Selena was her humble, beautiful and loving personality. The new product line incorporates Selena's signature color "purple." She was extremely passionate about fashion, introducing a retail clothing line. The colors integrated into the new collection were based on

Selena's own makeup case. The collection consists of four amazing eye shadows, liquid eyeliner, mascara, three lipsticks, powder blush, and a lip gloss. The cosmetics bear the names of many of her popular song titles - "Missing My Baby", "Fotos Y Recuerdos", "No Me Queda Mas", "Amor Prohibido", "Como la Flor", and "Dreaming of You." Reports of sales have been brisk, with many locations quickly selling out of the product. M-A-C's Selena inspired cosmetic line is simply another tribute to the fallen superstar whose fans lovingly enjoy her legacy.





Think Pink All Year



(STAFF REPORTERS, ELIANA MARQUEZ & DESTINY LECHUGA)

While October is Breast Cancer Awareness month, every day women should be aware of this deadly illness. Breast cancer is the 2nd most common kind of cancer in women. Approximately 1 in 8 women born today in the United States will develop breast cancer. Fortunately, many women will beat breast cancer if it's found and treated early. A mammogram – the screening test for breast cancer – can help find breast cancer early, when it's easier to treat. So, it's important for women to get regular breast exams. National Breast Cancer Awareness Month is a



chance to raise awareness about the importance of early detection of breast cancer. Wear Pink and Spread the Word! Spread the word about mammograms and encourage communities, organizations, families, and individuals to get involved. Remember, awareness, treatment, and research are the best options to combat breast cancer.

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