

The Halloween Special Issue is here! Check out some of the origin story behind one of our favorite holidays, popular costumes and places to go trick-or-treating, and a Bishop’s preview, as well as a killer Halloween recipe and some fun. We hope you enjoy!



Celtic Origins of Halloween

By KC Cooper

Did you know that Halloween started about 2,000 years ago with the Celts? They held a yearly festival called Samhain (SAH-win) on November 1st. People would light bonfires and wear costumes to ward off ghosts. They also started the tradition of carving pumpkins, although they used turnips instead. There was an old tale about a man named Stingy Jack. He consistently trapped the Devil and only let him go when he agreed never to take Jack to Hell. When Jack died, he found out that he wouldn’t be able to go to Heaven either. Now, he wanders the earth holding a gift from the Devil: A carved turnip with a piece of coal in the center.

There are two main theories about how trick-or-treating began. The first one is that people left food out for the wandering spirits in an attempt to appease them. Then, people began to dress as those spirits to receive offerings of their own. Finally, there is a theory that suggests poor people would collect food and money from people and, in return, would give prayers to the dead. Eventually, they stopped offering prayers and instead performed songs, games, and other “tricks.”

Information found from History.com

Now that the main traditions are done, here are some fun (...not so fun) facts.

1. Human heads may have been the original Jack-O-Lanterns
 - There is another claim that the Celts would behead their enemy and protect themselves from evil by mounting the head near their homes.
2. Many masks were made from animal skins
3. Children were sacrificed
 - There is an ancient book that claims that every year during Samhain, the firstborn child was sacrificed. There is no real evidence to prove this... but also no evidence that disproves it.
4. A typical “sheet” ghost costume is inspired by the white sheet that covers dead bodies.

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Costumes for the Year

By Chelsea Her

Most people have at least seen someone, maybe even themselves, wearing the same costume as another. This is likely because the costume is popular for that year. Every year, there are certain costumes that always show up again and again because of trends on social media. This year, some popular costumes that MCAA students talked about were the duo costumes: ladybug and bumblebee, an angel and demon. A trio costume is kiss, marry, kill, Powerpuff girls, and We Bare Bears. Some solo costumes that were talked about were Ghost Face, clowns, ghosts, and The Lorax. Most people find these costume ideas through Pinterest, TikTok, Instagram... you name it. (I also used these to find Halloween inspo... shh).

With social media, costume ideas start to spread like wildfire and become trends quickly. People choose these costumes because they seem fun and exciting to dress up as something that is recognizable to all. With this, let’s continue to ask some MCAA students what they think is a popular costume this year.

What do you think is a famous costume this year?

- “Definitely Rio birds for girls. If you know, you know. Another is Alvin and the Chipmunks. It’s always popular for Halloween.”
Annalia Gutierrez Ruiz (10th) and Alison Perez (9th)
- “Lorax and Alvin and the Chipmunks.”
Nathan Keo, Tristan Toth, Aaron Thompson-Diaz (9th)
- “Lots of silly costumes. I feel there are some cute-ish costumes too.”
Caleb Petty (7th)
- “I see a lot of *Scream*. People are also doing scary costumes this year. I also heard people will be people dressing up as werewolves and vampires.”
Elijah Boatright (7th)
- “The Lorax. I would like to be the lorax.”
Levi Benites (7th)



Caramel Apple Pie Bombs

By Luka Swindle

Apple filling
2 apples, peeled and finely chopped
2 tbsp brown sugar
1 tsp cinnamon
Pinch of salt
1 tbs butter (melted)

For assembly
1 can (16.3 oz) refrigerated biscuit dough
8 pieces soft caramel candy
2 tbsp butter (melted)
Cinnamon sugar (optional)

Directions
Preheat oven to 350°F and grease a medium baking dish
Melt butter in a medium saucepan over medium-high heat
Add in apples, brown sugar, cinnamon, and salt
Cook, stirring occasionally, for about 5 minutes until apples are fork tender and the mixture is bubbling
After cooked, set mixture aside to cool briefly
Remove biscuits from can and stretch each biscuit slightly to form a thin, even circle
Add about 1 tablespoon of apple filling into the center of each biscuit
Add one caramel candy on top of the filling
Pinch dough together to seal filling into a ball
Place each dough ball into greased dish seam side down
Brush top of all dough balls with butter and sprinkle cinnamon sugar on top
Bake for 30-35 minutes or until golden brown
Make sure to let them cool before serving, for some extra pizazz top with vanilla ice cream and caramel sauce





Where to Go for Halloween Night!

By Elyas Herrera

Do you like Trick or Treating? Are you having trouble finding the perfect neighborhoods to do said tricking or treating? Then here are a few spots that we found to help enhance your spooky experience.

If you're looking to fill your candy bag, take a trip to Bogue rd, a neighborhood completely decked out with scary decorations, fun activities, scary costumes and most importantly, king sized candy bars.

While it might be mostly laid back during the day, on Halloween night River run dr becomes a spooky haven with delicious halloween sweets at every turn, extravagantly decorated houses, and people ready to scare.

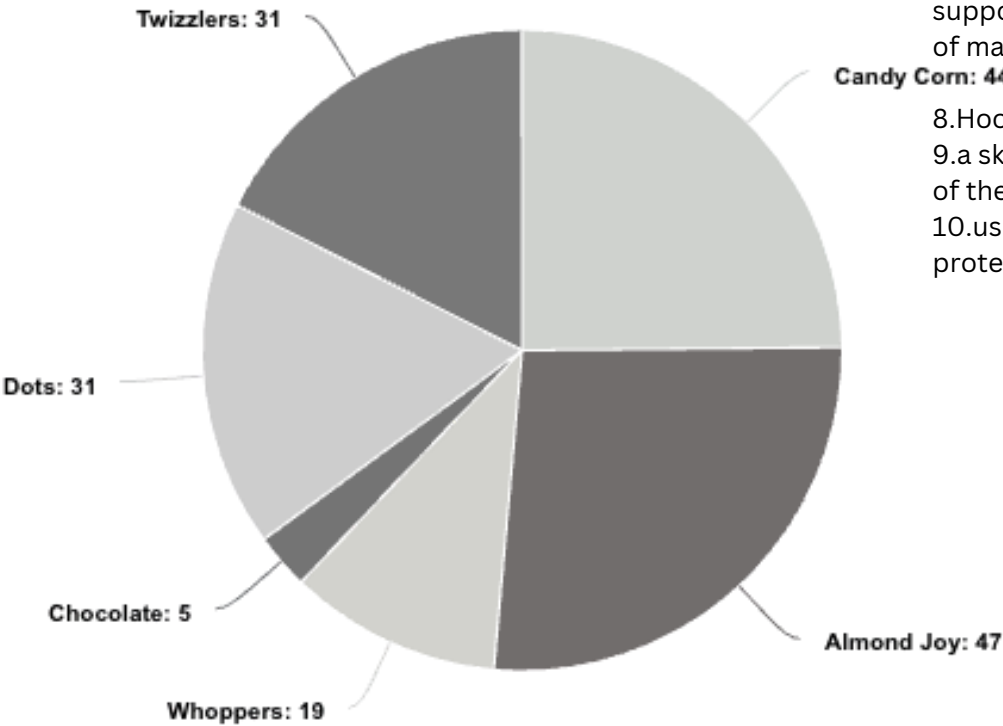
If you are looking for delectable Halloween treats, come to Edgewater. There's a mystery lady who bakes cookies for her trick or treaters to decorate, snacks and other spooky treats. I was unable to find where her house was located but if you're looking for a fun scavenger hunt and a spooky snack, then head over to Edgewater.

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All Aboard the Crazy Train



Tips, Tricks, and Treats at Bishop's Pumpkin Farm

By Andrea Guerrero Vargas

Everyone in Northern California knows of Bishop's Pumpkin Farm in Wheatland. It's commonly associated with teen jobs, free admission, and aesthetic fall photos, but there's also some tips and tricks to having even more fun! Maybe these questions and answers will help you decide how to plan out your day at Bishop's.

We decided to interview some of the employees at Bishops about inside info, good food, popular spots, and more!

What's your favorite attraction/food/spot?

Maverick Keonla: "The food at Bishops is so good, I recommend the Corn Dog and Garlic Fries at Pig-A-Deli, and the Pumpkin Apple Muffins at the Bakery. My favorite attraction is the mega slide they added recently. It's super fun, and you go really fast, like super fast. The line can get pretty long but it's definitely worth the wait."

Pietro Vargas: "My favorite spot to be is definitely the hayride, plus it's free. My favorite attraction is the train and the best food is the corn dog or just a big thing of fries."

Alexa Galvan: "My favorite spot is the food store near Coyote mountain because it has pretzels and they are so good."

Lily Baynes: "[My favorite] food is the corn dogs because they're actually good, or the chicken strip meal."

What hours do you recommend to visit?

Maverick Keonla: "The hours I recommend to fulfill your Bishop's experience has to be before noon. It can get super busy in the afternoon and you'll have to wait in long lines and walk through crowded areas."

Pietro Vargas: "I recommend you to come during Tuesdays at any time!"

Alexa Galvan: "I recommend you come during the week because there really aren't many people, and that means there's no line for the rides."

Lily Baynes: "Hours recommended are NOT weekends at all. I mostly recommend weekdays and at latest, Friday! Monday is actually pretty fun!"

Where do you work?

Alexa Galvan: "I work at the new attraction, the Golden grain race way. The average day is just switching positions, communicating with others and my co-workers, so overall, I think Bishops is a good place to apply for if you wanna start working. It's simple and easy."

Maverick Keonla: "I work in the bakery. There is the Baker side where the bakers make food, and the sale side where we sell and box up the food. It can get pretty hectic at times, but it's super fun with my coworkers. They are super nice and everyone gets along well."

Lily Baynes: "I work at the cornmaze, and I do a lot! We cashier, take tickets, sell tickets/drinks, clean the maze, help customers!"

Bonus Question: Is Bishop's a good job to prepare you?

Alexa Galvan: "I personally think [Bishop's] is [a good starter job], it really prepares you for an actual good adult job and teaches you how to manage your money and socialize with others."

Be sure to check off Bishops on your bucket list because November 9th is the closing date! Now that you have an idea of all the food, attractions, and hours, you can plan your day easier!

Down

- what you get from trick or treating
- what do witches brew in?
- blood sucking monster
- a bony sort of fellow
- a woman who is supposed to have powers of magic
- Hoo... Hoo...
- a skeleton is just a bunch of these
- used for hiding or protecting the face

Across

- a witches favorite pet
- candy ____
- not living
- ____ or treat!
- used for hiding or protecting the face
- main ingredient in a popular fall pie
- what do witches fly on?
- casper the ____
- nocturnal winged mammal
- you put them in jack-o'-lanterns
- disguise
- animal that creates webs
- what you yell to scare someone
- the walking dead