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CV HALLOWEEN SURVEY

BY WALLY HAMULA AND TANNER GEORGE

THANK YOU FOR THE 108 VOTES ON THIS SURVEY!



WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE CANDY?

RESULTS: 41.1% REESE'S PUMPKINS, 37.4% KIT KATS, 9.3% AIRHEADS



WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE HALLOWEEN MOVIE?

RESULTS: 31.1% HOCUS POCUS, 27.4% TERRIFIER, 23.6% NIGHTMARE BEFORE CHRISTMAS, 17.9% HALLOWEEN



WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE HALLOWEEN ACTIVITY?

RESULTS: 32.7% GOING TO HAUNTED HOUSES, 23.4% WATCHING SCARY MOVIES, 17.8% GOING TRICK OR TREATING, 16.8% CARVING PUMPKINS, 9.3% GOING TO THE HALLOWEEN PARADE





HALLOWEEN COSTUME DRAWING CONTEST



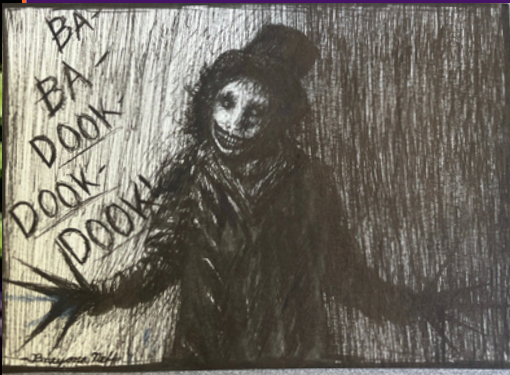
BY LACEY LEE MATALA-URBAN



AND THE WINNERS ARE...



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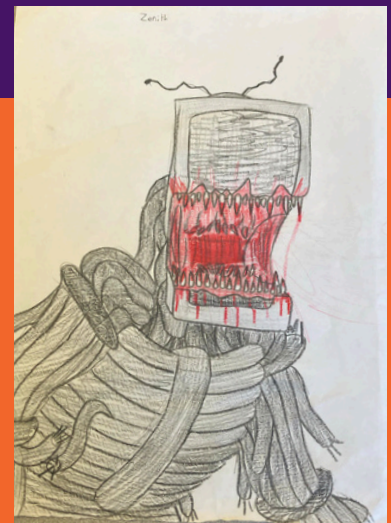
BY BREYONA NEFF

CUTEST



BY KAYTLYN SWARTZ

FUNNIEST



BY BOBBY WEIMER

HONORABLE MENTIONS

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO PARTICIPATED IN THIS YEAR'S CONTEST AND TOOK THE TIME TO DRAW SUCH AMAZING AND APPRECIATED DRAWINGS. YOU REALLY ALLOWED YOUR CREATVITY TO SHINE THROUGH AND HERE'S TO HOPING THAT CREATVITY KEEPS UP THROUGHOUT THE REST OF THIS SCHOOL YEAR, BLUE JAYS!



BY COLTEN HEISER

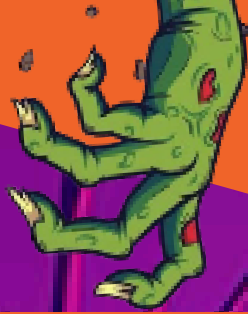


BY ELORA SCHERER



by Zach Blair
and Michael Morales

Elementary Costumes



It is that time of year again. Halloween is here. While some of us at the high school may be too old to trick-or-treat, the little Jays at our elementary school are busy getting ready to get their candy. Zach and Michael visited the youngest Jays and asked them what they are planning to dress up as for Halloween. Here are some of their responses.

RICKY, KINDERGARTEN – A FOOTBALL PLAYER



KANE, 1ST GRADE – THE GRIM REAPER

GENESIS, 2ND GRADE – A SCARECROW



PAIGE, 3RD GRADE – A GHOST BUSTER

HENRY, 4TH GRADE – SECRET SERVICE AGENT



TYLER, 5TH GRADE – A PUMPKIN

Hoco 2024 Wrap-Up

by Jenna Rose

OUR ANNUAL HOMECOMING WAS HELD FROM SEPTEMBER 30 TO OCTOBER 5, 2024.

CASANDRA SKEBECK WAS CROWNED QUEEN AND ZACH BLAIR WAS THIS YEAR'S KING. CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF THE MEMBERS OF THE HOMECOMING COURT. FROM A FUN SPIRIT WEEK, TO PERFECT WEATHER FOR THE PARADE AND BONFIRE, TO THE AMAZING PEP RALLY, GAME, AND DANCE, OUR STUDENTS WERE ABLE TO CELEBRATE AND MAKE WONDERFUL MEMORIES.

Queen, Casandra Skebeck and King, Zach Blair



LEFT TO RIGHT:

SECOND RUNNER-UP - AMBER NELSON

HOMECOMING QUEEN - CASANDRA SKEBECK

FIRST RUNNER-UP- SYDNEY HEINLEIN



LEFT TO RIGHT:

SECOND RUNNER-UP - LOGAN HEINLEIN

HOMECOMING KING - ZACH BLAIR

FIRST RUNNER-UP- JEREMY DIETZ

2024 HOMECOMING COURT





AIDEN BLAIR, 9TH GRADE
WHAT WAS YOUR FAVORITE PART ABOUT HOMECOMING?
“MY BROTHER WINNING HOMECOMING KING”



ETHAN HILL, 11TH GRADE
WHAT WAS THE BEST SPIRIT DAY?
“JERSEY DAY”

DALLAS MANES, 8TH GRADE
WHAT IS YOUR IDEA FOR A FUTURE SPIRIT DAY?
“SUPERHERO DAY”



HoCo 2024 Wrap-Up

by Tanner George and Wally Hamula



RILEY RICHARDS, 10TH GRADE
WHAT WAS YOUR FAVORITE PART ABOUT HOMECOMING?
“DANCING”



KADENCE MOSER, 7TH GRADE
WHAT WAS THE BEST SPIRIT DAY?
“RHYME WITHOUT REASON DAY”



ADAM ALLISON, 12TH GRADE
WHAT IS YOUR IDEA FOR A FUTURE SPIRIT DAY?
“ANYTHING BUT A BOOKBAG DAY”





Monday, September 30th

JERSEY DAY





BAT AND CAT



PERRY AND STRAWBERRY



WINNIE, MINNIE, AND KINNY

RYME WITHOUT REASON

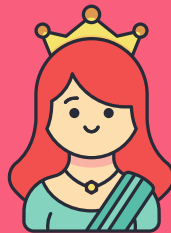
Tuesday, October 1st



PICASSO AND FRAT BRO



QUEEN AND CRIME SCENE



PEPSI AND MESSI



Wednesday, October 2nd



COUNTRY VS COUNTRY CLUB



Thursday, October 3rd



CAMO DAY





BLUE AND WHITE

Friday, October 4th



Mr. Beiter: Dean of Students

by Hayden Gates

When the 2024-2025 school year began, we had some changes in our administration. Dr. Randall became our principal and science teacher, Mr. Beiter, became the new Dean of Students. Hayden Gates sat down with Mr. Beiter to find out how he is doing in his new position here at CV.

HAYDEN: WHAT IS IT LIKE TO BE THE NEW DEAN OF STUDENTS?

MR. BEITER: "IT IS A NEW ADVENTURE IN MY LIFE THAT I AM EXCITED FOR. I AM HOPEFUL THAT I CAN MAKE A POSITIVE IMPACT AT THE SCHOOL IN MY NEW ROLE. AS A TEACHER, I WAS ABLE TO IMPACT THE STUDENTS THAT CAME THROUGH MY CLASSROOM ON THE DAILY BASIS. AS THE DEAN OF STUDENTS, I HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO HAVE AN IMPACT ON ALL THE STUDENTS WHO COME THROUGH THE DOORS AT CONEMAUGH VALLEY."

HAYDEN: DO YOU LIKE TEACHING OR BEING A DEAN BETTER?

MR. BEITER: "THIS IS A HARD QUESTION TO ANSWER AS IT IS EARLY IN MY ROLE AS THE DEAN. I LOVE TEACHING AND WAS ALWAYS PASSIONATE ABOUT THE SUBJECTS I TAUGHT. I BELIEVE THAT I AM A LIFE-LONG LEARNER WHO WILL MOST DEFINITELY MISS SHARING MY EXCITEMENT AND LOVE FOR LEARNING WITH MY STUDENTS. HOWEVER, MY NEW ROLE ALLOWS ME TO HOPEFULLY HAVE A POSITIVE IMPACT ON ALL THE STUDENTS HERE AT CONEMAUGH VALLEY IN A DIFFERENT CAPACITY SUCH AS BEHAVIOR, ATTENDANCE, AND COMMUNITY OUTREACH PROGRAMS."

HAYDEN: WHAT IS THE MOST CHALLENGING THING YOU HAD TO DEAL WITH THIS YEAR SO FAR?

MR. BEITER: "IN MY FANTASY WORLD, I WOULD LIKE TO SEE ALL STUDENTS COMING TO SCHOOL EACH AND EVERY DAY, EAGER TO LEARN AND EXCITED ABOUT BEING THE BEST STUDENT EACH AND EVERY ONE OF THEM CAN BE BY LIVING UP TO THEIR FULL POTENTIAL. THE MOST CHALLENGING PART THAT I HAD TO DEAL WITH SO FAR IS THAT MY FANTASY WORLD DOESN'T ALWAYS REPRESENT THE REAL WORLD, BUT IT WON'T STOP ME FROM GETTING THERE."

HAYDEN: WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE IN THE FUTURE FOR CONEMAUGH VALLEY?

MR. BEITER: "DR. RANDALL IS OUR NEW PRINCIPAL AND I AM EXCITED TO BE A PART OF HIS TEAM. I TRULY BELIEVE THAT DR. RANDALL HAS AN AMAZING AND BRIGHT VISION FOR WHAT HE WANTS TO SEE HAPPENING AT CONEMAUGH VALLEY, AND I AM PROUD TO BE A PART OF THAT JOURNEY. THERE ARE GOING TO BE SOME GREAT THINGS HAPPENING HERE IN THE FUTURE. SOME MAY TAKE MORE TIME THAN OTHERS, BUT WITH A POSITIVE ATTITUDE AND PERSEVERANCE, CONEMAUGH VALLEY CAN AND WILL BE A GREAT PLACE TO GET AN EDUCATION. "

Mr. Beiter





Mallory's Music

by Mallory Fitzpatrick



THIS MONTH'S ARTIST IS LUKE COMBS. HE WAS CMA'S ENTERTAINER OF THE YEAR FOR 2021 AND 2022. THE THREE-TIME GRAMMY-NOMINATED ARTIST RELEASED HIS FIRST HIT SINGLE "HURRICANE" IN 2017. OTHER HIT SONGS INCLUDE "WHEN IT RAINS IT POURS", "SHE GOT THE BEST OF ME", "BEAUTIFUL CRAZY", "I HOPE YOU'RE HAPPY NOW", AND "FOREVER AFTER ALL"

10 FACTS ABOUT LUKE COMBS

LUKE COMBS

- 1) HE STUDIED CRIMINAL JUSTICE IN COLLEGE.**
- 2) HE IS AN ONLY CHILD.**
- 3) HE DOESN'T KEEP HIS TROPHIES ON DISPLAY WHERE EVERYONE CAN SEE THEM.**
- 4) HE BATTLES OCD AND ANXIETY.**
- 5) ALL OF HIS SINGLES HAVE GONE ALL THE WAY TO NUMBER 1.**
- 6) HE IS AN ARTIST THANKS TO ERIC CHURCH.**
- 7) HE MET HIS WIFE NICOLE AT A SONGWRITING RETREAT IN FLORIDA.**
- 8) THANKS TO A LOST FOOTBALL BET, HE HAD TO EAT VEGAN FOR THREE MONTHS.**
- 9) HIS FAVORITE CEREAL IS APPLE JACKS.**
- 10) HIS LEAST FAVORITE JOB EVER WAS WORKING AT U-HAUL.**



Guest Writer, Kylee Ferguson: The Importance of Being Involved

There are approximately 315 students currently enrolled at our high school. However, fewer and fewer of us are involved in extracurricular activities. Low numbers has been an issue challenging many different teams, groups and activities. Junior Kylee Ferguson shares how participating in extracurricular activities has affected her life for the better.

AS LONG AS I CAN REMEMBER, PLAYING SPORTS AND DOING DIFFERENT ACTIVITIES HAS BEEN SUCH A BIG ASPECT OF MY LIFE. CURRENTLY, I AM A MEMBER OF THE VARSITY VOLLEYBALL, BASKETBALL, AND SOFTBALL TEAMS. I ALSO PLAY TRAVEL SOFTBALL AND BASKETBALL. I'M ALSO INVOLVED IN THE DRAMA COMPANY, MATHLETES, STUDENT COUNCIL, TRU, AND THE YEARBOOK STAFF. ONE THING THAT HAS ALWAYS BEEN SO IMPORTANT TO ME IS SURROUNDING MYSELF WITH POSITIVE PEOPLE. BEING WITH MANY DIFFERENT TYPES AND GROUPS OF PEOPLE HAS ALLOWED ME TO SEE VARYING BACK STORIES, LIFESTYLES, AND PERSONALITIES. THESE INTERACTIONS HAVE HELPED SHAPE ME INTO THE PERSON I AM TODAY. MY EXPERIENCES ARE ALSO ALLOWING ME TO BECOME THE PERSON THAT I WANT TO BE. WHEN I WAS A FRESHMAN, THE SENIORS OF THE CLASS OF 2023 TOOK ME UNDER THEIR WINGS AND WE ARE STILL GOOD FRIENDS TO THIS DAY. I WOULD NEVER HAVE BEEN ABLE TO MEET THEM IF I HAD NEVER PLAYED SPORTS. I EVEN MET MY BEST FRIEND TRISTA THROUGH SOFTBALL. IF I WAS NEVER INVOLVED, I WOULD HAVE NEVER HAD THAT OPPORTUNITY TO MEET A LIFELONG FRIEND.

ANOTHER REASON I WILL ALWAYS BE GRATEFUL FOR MY PARTICIPATION IN DIFFERENT ACTIVITIES IS THE FACT THAT I HAVE BEEN ABLE TO DEVELOP AMAZING TIME MANAGEMENT SKILLS. BEING A MULTI-SPORT ATHLETE, YOU NEED TO LEARN HOW TO ACCOMPLISH YOUR WORK IN ADDITION TO YOUR SPORTS OR ACTIVITIES. THIS SKILL WAS REALLY TESTED DURING MY SOPHOMORE YEAR WHEN I DECIDED TO PLAY BASKETBALL AND PARTICIPATE IN THE SCHOOL'S DRAMA COMPANY AT THE SAME TIME. THERE WERE MANY DAYS I WAS AT SCHOOL FROM 7 AM UNTIL 10 PM. THOSE WERE LONG DAYS, BUT I WILL NEVER REGRET THE TIME I SPENT WORKING ON MY GOALS. I HAVE LEARNED THE IMPORTANCE OF USING MY TIME WISELY AND NOT WASTING MY FREE TIME. I HAVE ALSO LEARNED HOW TO WORK WITH MANY DIFFERENT KINDS OF PEOPLE. I TRULY BELIEVE THAT EVERYONE BELONGS SOMEWHERE AND EVERYONE SHOULD BE INVOLVED IN SOMETHING. MAYBE FOR YOU THAT SOMETHING IS A SPORT, BAND, STUDENT COUNCIL, E-SPORTS; THE POSSIBILITIES ARE ENDLESS. I REALLY ENCOURAGE YOU TO CONSIDER JOINING ONE OF CONEMAUGH VALLEY'S ACTIVITIES AND GIVE YOURSELF A CHANCE TO BE INVOLVED.



Books of the Month

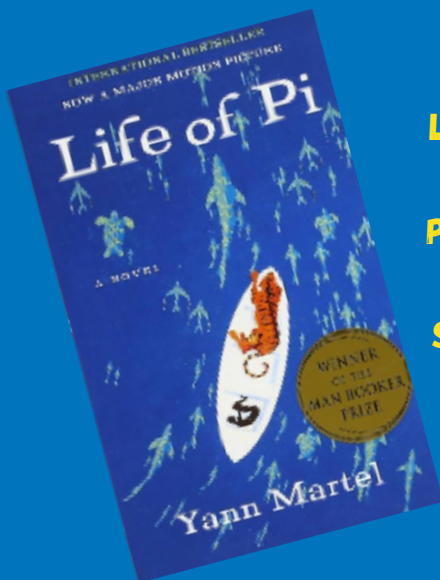


BY LOGAN HEINLEIN

SENIOR HIGH BOOK OF THE MONTH

LIFE OF PI BY YANN MARTEL

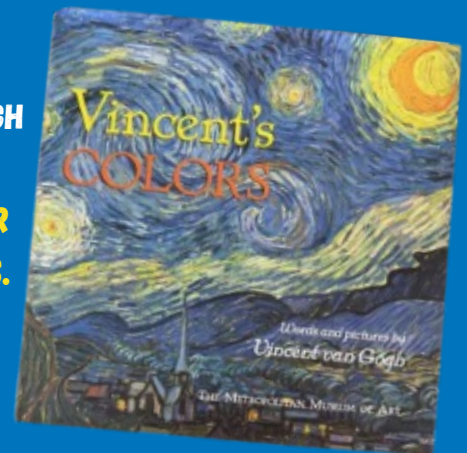
LIFE OF PI IS A FANTASY ADVENTURE NOVEL BY YANN MARTEL PUBLISHED IN 2001. THE PROTAGONIST, PISCINE MOLITOR "PI" PATEL, A TAMIL BOY FROM PONDICHERRY, EXPLORES ISSUES OF SPIRITUALITY AND PRACTICALITY FROM AN EARLY AGE. HE SURVIVES 227 DAYS AFTER A SHIPWRECK WHILE STRANDED ON A BOAT IN THE PACIFIC OCEAN WITH A BENGAL TIGER NAMED RICHARD PARKER. – GOODREADS



JUNIOR HIGH BOOK OF THE MONTH

VINCENT'S COLORS – WORDS AND PICTURES BY VINCENT VAN GOGH

VINCENT VAN GOGH IS ONE OF THE WORLD'S MOST FAMOUS ARTISTS. THROUGHOUT HIS LIFE, HE WROTE TO HIS YOUNGER BROTHER, THEO, ABOUT HIS COLORFUL, DYNAMIC PAINTINGS. THIS BOOK PAIRS THE ARTIST'S PAINTINGS WITH HIS OWN WORDS. THE DESCRIPTIVE WORDS COMBINE WITH SPECTACULAR REPRODUCTIONS OF MANY OF THE ARTIST'S MOST BELOVED AND IMPORTANT WORKS TO CREATE A PERFECT ART BOOK FOR YOUNG AND OLD ALIKE. – GOODREADS





THE CHALLENGE PROGRAM Inc.

BY ZACK CUSTER



What is The Challenge Program and how does it work?

The Challenge Program, Inc.'s mission is to partner with businesses to motivate high school students to develop the habits required to succeed in school and in their careers. Students are eligible to receive cash incentives in the areas of attendance, community service, STEM, most improved grades, and academic excellence. On September 19th, The Challenge Program presented cash awards to some of our juniors and seniors. Congratulations to all the winners!

Junior Winners

Attendance - Maddie Beiter
Community Service - Jaylen Henry
STEM - Gavin Buchan
Most Improved Grades - Chad March
Academic Excellence - Sam Oswalt

Senior Winners

Attendance - Joe Stuart
Community Service - Sydney Heinlein
STEM - Ryan Lawton
Most Improved Grades - Brie Chitester
Academic Excellence - Jeremy Dietz

How Can I Become a Student of the Year?

Every year, The Challenge Program, Inc. hosts a Student of the Year competition which offers \$2,500 to the top winner. To enter, students must be in grades 10-12. You do not have to be a past Challenge Program winner. You just need to fill out a survey and explain how The Challenge Program, Inc. and their business partner has affected you. Here is the link.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/FLY8L22>