

COUNT down

Students recall what "fall" means to them

1. "The first thing I think about at the beginning of fall is the beautiful leaves turning different colors. I love the season that fall brings to us."
— James Cain (10)

2. "Fall reminds me of when I was little and I would wake up early with no alarm. I would go downstairs and hear the birds. I want to go back there. Stress at that point in time was nonexistent."
— Max Burnett (10)

3. "When people say fall, I think about leaves and pumpkin everything. I guess it's an American tradition. I also think about Thanksgiving even though I don't celebrate it. But Black Friday is always fun, too."
— Zeynep Kucukatay (10)

4. "When I think of fall, I think about that smell of leaves, spices, pumpkins, and the cool morning air. I definitely think of sweater weather and colors, as well."
— Tessa Awald (10)

5. "Of course, my favorite part is stuffing my face at Thanksgiving and the fact that winter break and the holidays are getting closer."
— Elizabeth Butchko (12)

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BONDING through battle

Thespian event brings old and new members together



JOIN THE FIGHT Michael Ryterski (12) gets ready for the water gun battle at the Thespian Event, an event where the incoming thespians have a chance to bond with the old ones. "I was able to see everyone connecting, having fun, and playing outside together, which was something I hadn't felt in a while," Ryterski said.

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Jack Ford (12) and Max Goldman (12) meet the founders of Reza at an Indianapolis Colts game in September.
photo courtesy of Scott Ford

FALL means football

Minimal fans fill the bleachers at NFL games

Instead of attending NFL games in person, football fans watched their favorite teams play through the television screen. Some NFL games had fewer fans than Monarch's games.

Brian Waugh (11) considered how different the game experience must have been for NFL players and coaches, compared to what was considered "normal."

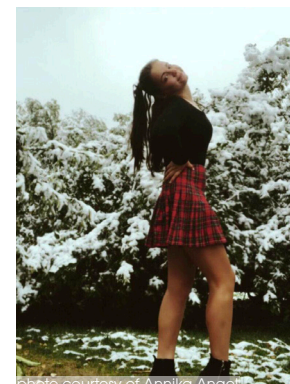
"I imagine it's even more strange for the NFL players because they were used to thousands of people going crazy and now it's pretty silent which is a weird transition," Waugh said.

Jack Ford (12) and Max Goldman (12) attended a masked and socially distanced game in Indiana.

"They only admitted 7,500 fans that day," Goldman said. "It was super cool though to see the stadium so empty, something not many people will get to experience during COVID-19."

standing OUT

Students share their favorite fall fashion



Annika Angel (11)

"For fall, I love plaid skirts (because) they are an essential for my wardrobe. I think they look cute with sweaters, overalls, and maybe with a cute pair of booties."



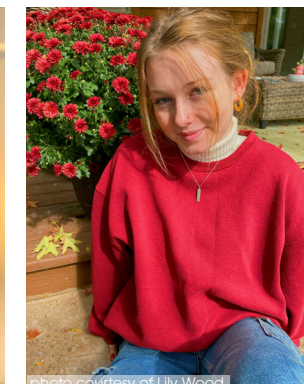
Keira Sager (11)

"My tan sweater is my fall fashion staple because it's super warm and goes with lots of different outfits."



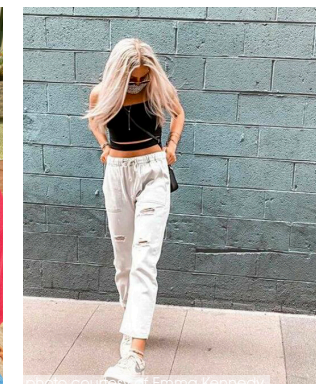
Gabe Thompson (10)

"This is my favorite flannel for the fall, I think flannels work perfectly with the fall weather."



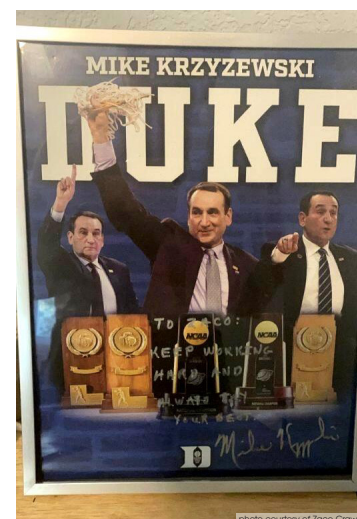
Lily Wood (10)

"I love my turtleneck for fall because it goes great under larger sweatshirts and sweaters. Layering pieces is really cute and fun."



Emma Kennedy (12)

"My favorite fall piece is my ripped jean sweatpants from Lizard Thicket. They look like jeans but are baggier and much more comfortable! And of course my mask!"



SUPPLIES for success

Students decorate desks for home learning

Online learning meant spending hours upon hours of time at the desk. Mia Manniko (12) decided to decorate hers to make the minutes tick by a little faster.

"I got a cardboard cutout of Guy Fieri and put it in the background of my video calls because everyone needs a little Fieri in their life," Manniko said.

Similarly, Zaco Crawford (11) let college basketball be his inspiration; Crawford had an autographed picture of one of his biggest role models on his desk.

"I've grown up a die hard Duke fan, and Coach K has been a lifelong inspiration for me," Crawford said.