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Student Scientists. Science students participate in unique labs that evoke mixed emotions. The freshmen biology class dissected fetal pigs. Initially, Nick Rocco found the pigs off-putting, saying, "It was a dead pig that was not preserved well, it smelled awful." But after the initial shock he added, "It actually ended up being really interesting once you got past the gross part." Some students enjoyed the dissection as an opportunity to explore future careers. Sami Trujillo explained, "I want to go into medicine, and anatomy is a big part of that, so I think it was a good experience to have." Meanwhile, the chemistry class explored chemical reactions and performed labs that involved fire. Alina Wong, who lit magnesium on fire during the experiment, commented, "I wasn't expecting it to be so bright! It kind of hurt my eyes." Chris Rock found the experience of holding fire to be slightly therapeutic and shared, "It was calming, at the same time it was warm, and it was beautiful." No matter which one, the labs proved to be useful, hands-on learning opportunities for curious students.















Running for Refreshments. The cross country team participates in their Costco Classic run, where they run to Costco and enjoy snacks there to celebrate. The athletes thought it was a great team-building opportunity and **Maya Ross** commented, "It was really fun, everybody was just really happy and excited to be there!" After consuming pizza, hot dogs, ice cream, and churros, the boys team, including **Evan Mills**, **Beau Noland**, and **Noah Douglas**, raced back to see who would throw up first. The girls team, including **Maren Harding**, **Avery Linton**, and **Tessa Stadler** ran slowly back to the school in order to keep their food down.



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Frightful Night. As Halloween approached, the Frightmare Compound, a horror house, partners with StuCo to host a night where JA students got discounted tickets. Eva Lavenhagen, who attended with Lily Lorda and Felix McNeese, explained some of the attractions Frightmare offered: "They had a moving floor, a fake sand pit, a guy with a chainsaw, and a big hamster wheel. I actually think it could've been a little scarier, but it was fun." While it could have been more frightening, it still created a fun and spooky atmosphere.













Happy Campers Into the Wild. Students get the opportunity

Into the Wild. Students get the opportunity to show their leadership skills during the sixth-grade Outdoor Lab trip as they guide the young students and help them enjoy their Outdoor Lab trip through experiential learning. John Sanborn enjoyed the experience, but explained, "Working with the sixth-graders was incredibly difficult but it was still a lot of fun." Sofia Hiller said, "My favorite part of Outdoor Lab was interacting with the sixth-graders. It was fun to see them cheer each other on!" Sofia also had a blast spending time with her friends Sophie Renner, Tessa Stadler, and Addie Grip.