

# it's spooky season

What inspired your costume this year?

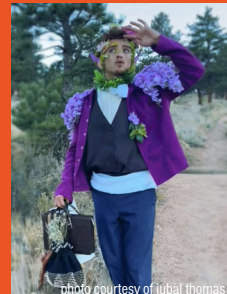
**MR. WORLDWIDE** Liliith Bottomley (9) and their friend Sage Seeley (9) dress up as the singer Pitbull, which proved to be a popular costume this year. "During the month of October, we were brainstorming, and eventually our friend was telling us about how they had gone to a Pitbull concert, and it just clicked that we should be Pitbull," Bottomley said.



**AS YOU WISH** Mackenzie Seeley (12) and Buck Coleman (12) dress up as Buttercup and Westley from the "Princess Bride," an important movie to the couple. "The costume was very meaningful for both of us," Seeley said. "The Princess Bride was something we bonded over because it was a story we both really enjoyed."



**BEAUTIFUL FLOWERS** Jubal Thomas (12) films a part of his music video "The Seed." Thomas wore an outfit from his video to school on Halloween. "I wanted to do something different for the look because all of the other looks were based on flowers, so the venus fly trap was a twist on that," Thomas said.



**CRAFTY** Serenity Villafuerte (9) dresses up as the live-action Cruella. The villain was a popular costume for Halloween, but there was another reason Villafuerte wore this particular costume. "I chose to be someone creative because my mom is," Villafuerte said. "She's amazingly crafty and great at everything she does."



**I'M NO JEDI** In a galaxy far far away, or just walking around the Monarch hallways, Elizabeth Kugler (11) dresses as her favorite character Ahsoka Tano from Star Wars. Kugler made her costume entirely from scratch. "I started it over quarantine," she said. "It was sort of like my quarantine passion project. So it's been a hot second."



# spine-chilling science

Anatomy teacher brings subject matter to life, or death

The students of Laszlo Vass' anatomy class walked in on Halloween day expecting just another dissection. However, as they entered their classroom they were horrified to discover a zombie conducting their lab. Or maybe, more specifically, their teacher dressed as one.

While this costume fit in perfectly with the lab he was doing with his anatomy class, this wasn't the costume Vass had planned on wearing.

"I was going to come as Insta-gram," he said. "A grandmother with an Instagram symbol, my skirt didn't fit. So my backup was the Grateful Dead. I had the word grateful on my shirt, and I dressed as a zombie."

Vass enjoyed dressing up for Halloween and had

even dressed as the walking dead before.

"I've been other zombies," he said. "I was a zombie Elvis years ago. I've done other things, too. Some years we have a theme in the science department. Most years we just kind of do our own thing, but I always try to dress up."

The science department is known for doing something festive for the spooky holiday.

"We try to do something interesting and Halloween-y," Vass said. "Especially in my anatomy class I try to bring in some Halloween stuff."

Vass thought the students enjoyed his efforts.

"It was a lot of fun," he said. "We had Halloween music going, and we were cutting into brains and stuff. It was a good time."



**BOOM** Teacher Rob Linnenberger blows up a pumpkin as a part of the science Halloween festivities. Many science classes watched the experiment throughout the day. "Overall, it was a great experiment to do for Halloween because everyone wants to blow up a pumpkin," Kaden Wank (11) said.

**ANOTHER DAY IN ANATOMY** Rachel Pliik (12) and Keiran Singh (12) dissect a sheep brain on Halloween. Pliik loved her time in anatomy class. "It was one of the best days in anatomy. My whole table group dressed up," Pliik said. "Who better than a surgeon, Timothee Chalamet, and Pitbull to dissect a sheep brain?"

**BRAINS!!!** Dressed as a zombie, science teacher Laszlo Vass holds a brain ready for dissection. Vass loved teaching science. "It's the best subject on the planet," he said. "Science is always changing and moving forward. It's interactive and hands-on. We're always doing something, and we're getting out of our seats."

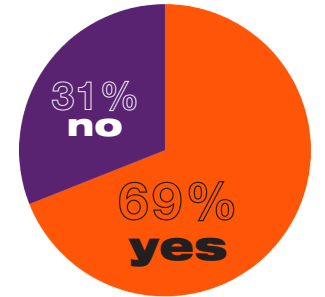


# DID YOU...

...watch a scary movie this year?

"I watched a scary movie. It was Sinister, the first one, not the second one, but it was pretty good."

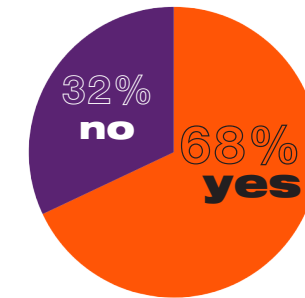
-JJ Dennis (11)



...dress up for Halloween this year?

"I dressed up in pajamas with my friend. It was a Bob Ross shirt and plaid pajama pants."

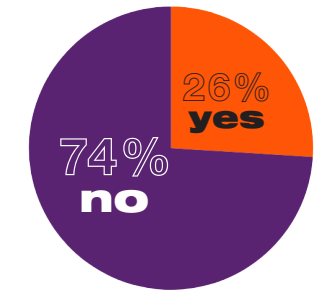
-Isabella Pereira (10)



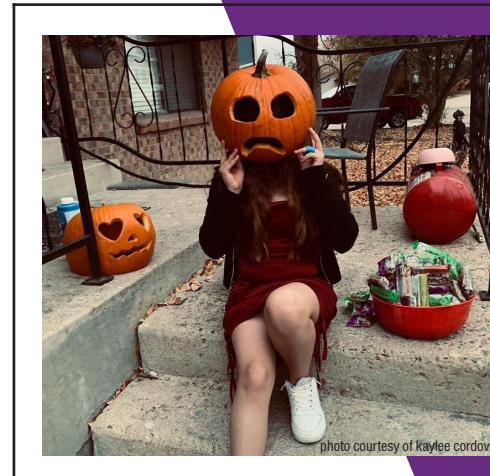
...go Trick-or-Treating this year?

"Me and my group just stayed at home and did other fun Halloween activities."

-Meghana Kumar (11)



Pumpkin trend inspires junior



TikTok always brought something new to the table. Kaylee Cordova (11) jumped on the trend of wearing a jack-o'-lantern on her head. Here's why:

How did you go about participating in a TikTok trend like this one?

"You cut out the bottom, and then you have to scrape really well. So, like the inside of the pumpkin is white, so you don't get your hair all dirty. We kind of just put bandanas on our hair, and then me and my cousin switched off taking the pictures."

What was your inspiration behind these?

"My cousins sent it to our group chat, and we had just seen it on TikTok. It was all over TikTok."

Any cool behind the scenes?

"It was really hard to do it. We first tried to do it at night, so we finished it around two in the morning. But it wasn't really working, so we did it the next day on Halloween."

# oh. my. gourd.