



CEDAR CHIPS

October



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- *Jaden teaches us*

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the rats your cat was
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Thinking about college?
Now do you want to be
paid for college? If so read
about it with **Damian.**



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Cedar Lane Celebrates with Homecoming Dance!

On Friday, October 16, Cedar Lane celebrated fall with a homecoming dance. Student council member Damian W. had the idea, conducted an interest poll, and brought his idea to the Student Council, who brought the idea to life.

Students purchased tickets to the dance with 150 Panther Points; there were about 20 attendees. They were invited down during 8th period until the end of the day.

Student council members decorated the space for the festivities during 6th period and made it party-ready with all kinds of Halloween decor, including paper chains that still festoon the railings, spooky decor on the tables, and lights to create ambience.

DJ Zachy B kept the party moving by taking requests. The crowd especially enjoyed *Apple Bottom Jeans*, when everyone got low to the ground. They also had fun making conga lines, and doing the Cha Cha Slide, the Cupid Shuffle, and the Wobble.

Overall, it was a fun way to spend a Friday afternoon. As Jaden B. said, "It was better than being in class!"



42 YEARS OF TEENAGE MUTANT NINJA TURTLES

By Jaden B

What is TMNT?

The TMNT was just an original created by Kevin Eastman and Peter Laird in March of the year 1983. In the year 1984, the very first issue of the Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles was released to the public.

The story was dark and gritty with the subject of murder, vengeance, and a lot of other dark subjects. Later, the dark and gritty turtles were replaced with kid-friendly, funny, and lovable versions of the main characters in the 1987-1996 TV show *Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles*. The show's massive success led to many other things: merchandise, movies, collabs, video games, and many people who fell in love with the turtles.

Though there are still semi-dark and gritty comics shifting the turtles to their old routes, there are also kid-friendly comics and media.

The recent TV show *Tales of the Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles* was canceled due to Paramount corporate restructuring and cost-cutting.

Though the show's last season in December 2025, there was another announcement of a new TMNT show mostly for little kids called "Teeny Mutant Ninja Turtles".

Throughout the years TMNT is 42 years old and still going.



The Numbers That Define Basketball

By Damian W.

In professional basketball, records aren't just statistics, they're monuments. And lately, more monuments than usual have been getting renovations.

The 100-Point Game Still Reigns

More than six decades after Wilt Chamberlain scored 100 points for the Philadelphia Warriors against the New York Knicks on March 2, 1962, the single-game scoring record remains untouched. For years, Kobe Bryant's 81-point performance in 2006 stood as the closest any player had come — until this past season, when Miami's Bam Adebayo erupted for 83 points, becoming only the second player in NBA history to score at least 82 points in a game and producing the highest-scoring night the league had seen in over 60 years.

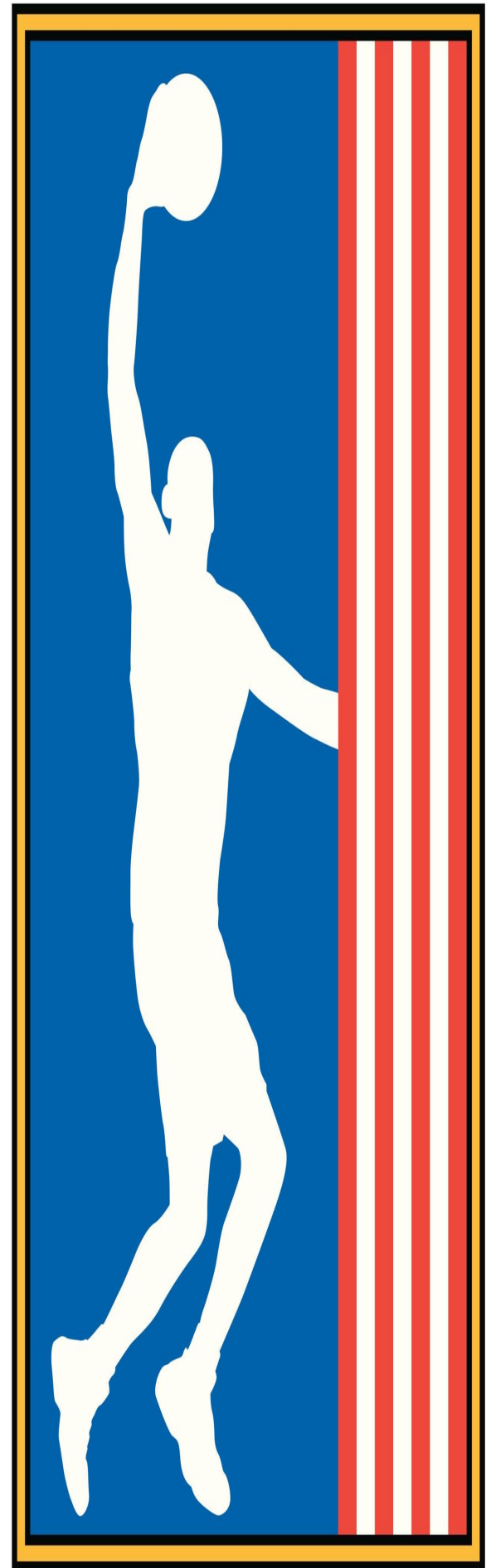
Chamberlain's dominance of the record books doesn't stop there. He still owns the highest scoring average ever (50.4 points per game in 1961–62), the most points in a single season (4,029), most rebounds in a game (55), and a staggering 118 career games of 50 or more points — nearly four times Michael Jordan's total of 31 points.

LeBron's Longevity Revolution

While Chamberlain's records were built on peak dominance, LeBron James has rewritten what a career can look like. After passing Kareem Abdul-Jabbar's long-standing mark of 38,387 points in February 2023, James has pushed the all-time scoring record past 43,000 regular-season points — and became the first player in league history to surpass 50,000 combined regular-season and playoff points.

His supporting cast of records is nearly as impressive: 8,289 playoff points (most ever), 20 seasons averaging at least 25 points, and a streak of more than 1,290 consecutive games in double-figure scoring — a run of consistency unmatched in any major sport.

Which Records will Fall Next?



Top 10 Fun Facts about Pet Rats!

By Anthony W.

1. Did you know that rats love tickles? Pet rats specifically love tickles, and actually emit a high pitched laugh so high that humans can't hear it.
2. Rats are one of the cleanest pets you can have, since they clean themselves (and each other) more often than cats do!
3. Also, when a pet rat is deeply relaxed, content, or happy their eyes may bulge out, this is called "eye boggling" and it's completely normal and does not harm the rat.
4. Rats sleep like us humans, including going through REM cycles, meaning they can dream, too!
5. A rat's whiskers are more sensitive than a human's fingertip, which helps them map out where they are and what's around them while in the dark.
6. Building off of the last fact, rat teeth are a 5.5 on the Mohs hardness scale, making them harder than copper and iron. And while they *can* chew through poorly cured or weakened slabs of concrete, they aren't going to be chewing through your sidewalk anytime soon.
7. Because of their unique throat and stomach anatomy, rats are physically incapable of throwing up.
8. Rats have flexible skeletons, meaning if they can fit their head through a hole, so can their body.
9. Studies have shown that when given a choice between a treat for themselves, or a treat for a hungry cagemate, pet rats would often choose to feed their cagemates, showing that they have empathy.
10. A group of rats is called a 'mischief'.

Wednesdays Cedar After 3:00



Pick up a permission slip in the main office. You MUST have this submitted before you can stay! Then tell your 1st period teacher at lunch order time Wednesday that you are staying so they can order a bus. Food options are TBD.

Interested in working on individual projects in Art? Here's your chance! Stay after with Ms. McHugh and create your masterpiece- painting, drawing, sewing, you name it!

If you can dream it, you can make it!



Upcoming Holidays & Celebrations

November is coming and it's a festive month! Take a look at all that is happening.

Dia de los Muertos, also known as Day of the Dead, is a vibrant Mexican tradition celebrated November 1-2.

Families build beautiful altars (ofrendas) decorated with yellow marigolds, sugar skulls, and favorite foods to welcome back the spirits of departed loved ones in joyful reunion.



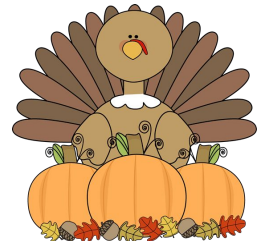
Election Day in the U.S. is coming on November 3. While it is not a Presidential election year, the midterms are important because having a majority of seats in Congress can influence the direction of the country and reflect Americans' feelings about the current administration. If you are 18, time to cast your vote!

Diwali is a five-day festival of lights that is India's most important holiday of the year. It celebrates the triumph of good over evil, light over darkness, and hope over despair. It was originally celebrated by Hindus, but now includes Jains, Sikhs, and some Buddhists. Followers do different activities each day- from cleaning and decorating their homes, to lighting oil lamps and candles, feasting with loved ones and celebrating the new year.



Veterans Day is a holiday celebrated on November 11 in the United States to honor veterans who have served in the U.S. Armed Forces. It honors both the living members of the armed forces as well as the deceased who have served in both war and peace time (Memorial Day in the spring honors those who are deceased.)

Thanksgiving is celebrated not only in the United States, but also in Canada, St. Lucia, Liberia, and Australia. It originated as a day of giving thanks for the harvest and did have some religious roots, but is mainly celebrated as a secular holiday today with gatherings of family and friends, feasting, and football.



HALLOWEEN HA HA'S

1. Why did the skeleton go to the hoco party alone?
2. How do you fix a broken pumpkin?
3. What do you call two witches trick or treating together?
4. Why do demons and ghouls hang out together?
5. What is in a ghost's nose?



1. He didn't have anybody to go with. 2. With a pumpkin patch. 3. Broommates. 4. Because demons are a ghouls best friend. 5. Boogers.

The USMA

by Damian W.

USMA stands for the United States Military Academy. It is a college in New York and is very hard to get into. It has an acceptance rate of 9%, and you need a secure recommendation which normally is congressional.

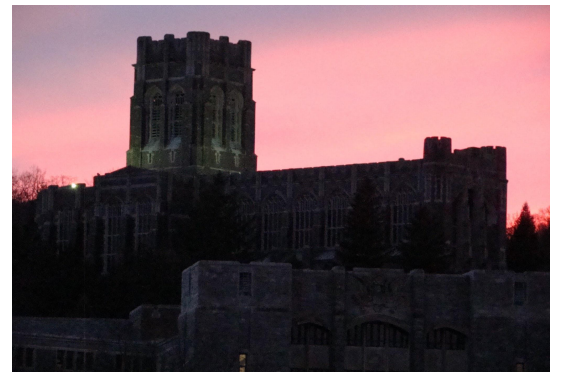
To join or get into the United States Military Academy, you can't be married or have any dependents. You need to be a U.S. citizen between 17-22 years of age. You would need to have a holistic evaluation of 55% academics, 30% leadership and character, and 15 % needs to be physical fitness.

USMA is one of the best colleges, but there are some things that you should be aware of. If you graduate from USMA you have to serve eight years in the Army. Five years of active duty and three years in the reserves. You actually get paid to go there.

A fun tradition at USMA is that cadets say that if you spin the spurs on the statues boots the night before a big test, you will have good luck- just as long as you don't get caught.. It can be a hard life, but if you make it through the hard parts, you can come out of the Army fifteen- twenty years later as a very successful person. You will get the opportunity to do things that most people will never be able to do. Then you can retire

My Dad was in the Army, and I've gotten to travel and live in so many places including Tokyo, Thailand, Taipei, Vietnam, Kinmen, and California. I am so lucky to have been able to travel to all of these places, and I have learned about the culture and I've gotten to experience all the different ways people make music and cook food in other countries. All of those travels and trips are because of my dad going to USMA and graduating.

Along with the travel, if you go to USMA you will be able to do clubs and sports like football, crew, track and field, cross country, baseball and marksmanship. The Army offers you the opportunity to be an astronaut, military police officer, dentist, veterinarian, or work in civil affairs, etc. It is a great career and should be considered. It is a path that I am considering and you might think about it, too.



Hugs



- 😊 pumpkins
- 😊 chilly nights and mornings
- 😊 hot cider
- 😊 crunchy leaves
- 😊 treats
- 😊 TURKEY BOWL!

&

Hits



- 😞 pumpkin spice EVERYTHING
- 😞 morning darkness
- 😞 no heat in the building yet
- 😞 raking leaves
- 😞 tricks
- 😞 end of the quarter

TOP 10 MONSTERS

By Anthony W.

- Zombies
- Vampires
- Werewolves
- Doppelgangers
- Clowns
- Demons
- Mummies
- Gnomes
- Ghosts
- Cryptids



TOP TEN DRINKS

-By Jaden B

1. Apple Juice
2. Pepsi
3. Rootbeer
4. Cherry kool-aid
5. Water
6. Cherry coke
7. C4
8. Red Bull
9. Chocolate milk
10. Rootbeer floats



BOXING

Ready to get moving? Join Coach Josh at TITLE Boxing every Wednesday for a fun, high energy workout! Build strength, boost confidence, relieve stress, and learn some boxing skills along the way. No experience necessary! Interested? *See Ms. Ayoub for more info.*

The **Best** and **WORST** Halloween Candies

1. King-size Anything!
2. M&Ms
3. Kit Kats
4. Sour Patch Kids
5. Butter Fingers
6. Reese's PB cups
7. Milky Way
8. Twix
9. Swedish Fish
10. Sour Balls



1. Good n' Plenty
2. Almond Joy
3. Peanut butter taffy
4. Black licorice
5. Bit o' Honey
6. Milk Duds
7. Candy Corns
8. Circus Peanuts
9. Q-Tips
10. Jelly Beans

42 Years of the Transformers

By Jaden B.

What are the Transformers?

Hasbro's Transformers originated in 1983 as Japanese toys that were able to transform from robots into vehicles. One year later, the Transformers came to the screens- a cartoon TV show related to the toys aired. It was a story that follows the war between the heroic autobots led by Optimus Prime. The treacherous decepticons led by Megatron, because of their long war, destroyed their planet known as Cybertron. Both the autobots and the decepticons left Cybertron and made their way to planet Earth and continued their fighting.

On August 8, 1986, *Transformers the movie* was released to the public and had a huge impact on the young community. The death of Optimus Prime left trauma and emotional distress for the children watching the Movie in the theater. Because of the massive backlash and emotional distress, Hasbro had to quickly revive Optimus Prime in later shows, movies, and media. This PR move worked out for the best in popularity

In the years that followed, the Transformers continued to grow and became one of the biggest franchises on earth with the emotional scenery, the lessons you learn, and the relatability of the characters. The Transformers franchise is 42 years old. While they used to be affordable (\$10), now they cost an arm and a leg (\$30.) most reasonable prices on old vintage transformers you can get on ebay.



Top 10 Costumes

By Damian W.

1. K-Pop Demon Hunters
2. Buddy the Unicorn
3. Nikki from *Obsession*
4. Agamemnon from *The Odyssey*
5. *Disco Scooby-Doo*
6. Verity from *Minecraft*
7. *The Backrooms*
8. *Coraline*
9. *Harley Quinn*
10. *Minions*



Basketball

The Basketball team is starting soon!

Players must complete a physical exam and sign the contract in order to be able to play.

See Mr. Patel or Ms. Clarkin to get the physical form and sign the contract.



TOP FIVE HAUNTED HOUSES

By Anthony W.

In this day and age, most people probably know what King's Dominion is; a theme park, simple as that. But did you know that, like most theme parks, King's Dominion does a Halloween Haunt! And like most Halloween Haunts/Frights, they have haunted houses every year. Today, we will be ranking the best haunted houses around the country..

5. Trick or Treat

In a realm between the living and the dead, trick or treaters get lost in what was once a suburban neighborhood, now turned into demonic summoning grounds for entities beyond comprehension. Knock if you dare, because once that door opens, it'll be too late.

4. Blood On The Bayou

Deep in the swamps of New Orleans, a voodoo priestess and a sinister coven claim the land as their own, where trespassers are subjected to horrific rituals and cannibalism. Try to stay alive as you are hunted down, and no matter what, always keep your eyes peeled.

3. The Grimmwoods

In a magical world, the classic fairytales you grew up with are now trapped within a forest, no longer the loveable characters you knew, now bloodthirsty monsters. Wolves, witches, and monsters are out there, and they are determined to make sure your story doesn't have a happy ending.

2. F.E.A.R

Within a long forgotten forest stands a decaying factory on the outskirts of town, named the "Observers domain" where inside, fear meets reality. Walk into the psychological experiments of the Observer, witness the creatures of your nightmares, and escape before you are chosen for the next experiment.

1. Cornstalkers: Blood Harvest

A rural farmland has been overtaken by something sinister rooted in the soil, the scarecrows built to protect the land have taken on a sentience of their own, fueled by a desire for a human harvest. Navigate the maze, avoid the monsters, and get out of there with all of your organs still intact.

HALLOWEEN JUMBLE

Unscramble the mixed up words to find the letters to solve the riddle.



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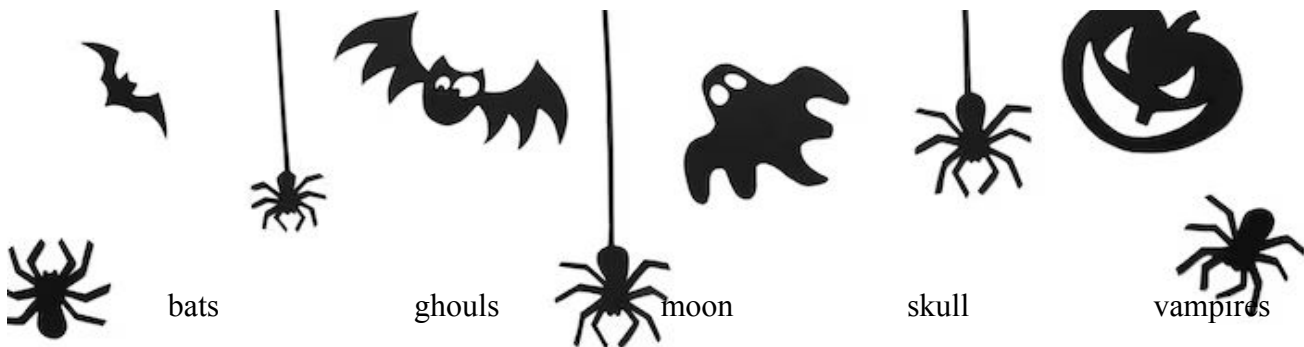
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What kind of music
do mummies like?

HALLOWEEN WORD SEARCH

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candy	grandma	pickles	spooky	werewolf
costume	haunted	pumpkin	toads	witch
frogs	jackolantern	scary	trickortreat	zombies
ghost	mask	skeletons	undead	

