

## All Saints' Day

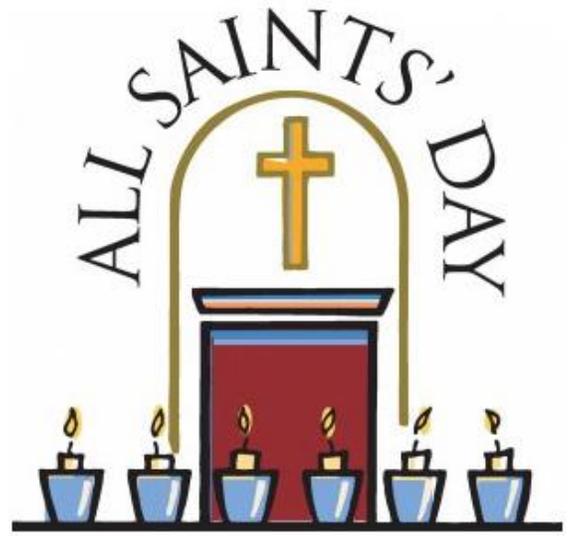
by *Winta K.*

All Saints' Day, also known as Hallowmas, Feast of All Saints, Hallows Day, or Holy Day, is a day that is devoted to commemorating saints on November 1st. As Lutherans, we acknowledge saints as believers in Christ. We remember those who died in the faith on All Saints' Day. The origin of this day goes back to the Roman Empire and the persecution of Christians. Many Christians at the time saw the cruelty and unruly punishment that was given by the Romans. Christians wanted to respectfully honor these martyrs, connecting the lives of the saints to Christ's resurrection.

Sometimes we forget the danger people across the world face because of their faith. It is important for us to take time to remember those who have died for believing in Christ.

We rejoice that we have the gift of eternal life

through the death and resurrection of Jesus. Jesus is the ultimate martyr because He gave His life for us. We give thanks for the hope we have in Him.



## Walk by Faith *By Rahel D.*

Every school year, Word of Life chooses a verse to study. This year our verse is, “For we walk by faith, and not by sight.” This verse comes from 2 Corinthians 5:7, explaining that we as Christians should rely on God to help us when we are troubled. Often times when we are struggling, we forget to stop and ask God for help. Sometimes we forget to turn to God when something wonderful happens; we forget to thank God for the good He has

given us. It also means that we should live our life according to how God wants us to. There



are many things that we could do that are significant to our lives. An example of us walking by faith could be doing community service or volunteering somewhere. You could go to church and pray for others. You could tell others about Jesus too. In conclusion, Christians should always follow 2 Corinthians 5:7 and walk by faith, not by sight.

## Preschool News

by Mya B.

This month Mrs. Maxfield's preschoolers have been doing tons of fantastic fun fall activities. They enjoyed a pumpkin experiment, and learned how they grow and develop. The preschoolers did many more exciting activities with pumpkins. They also celebrated Grandparent's Day with a special program. The preschoolers also enjoyed construction week. For construction week, the preschoolers built with various materials like pipes, cups, and cardboard. In conclusion, this month will be full of creative experiments and delightful exploration for the preschoolers in Mrs. Maxfield's class.



Brody from Mrs. Maxfield's class builds with cardboard.



A-Team players celebrate their 3rd place victory in their Word of Life home tournament.

# SPORTS

## Cross Country

by Sam C.

Cross Country has finished the race! They had six exciting meets where runners raced to the finish and put their training to action. Our runners had an amazing season of racing and did an outstanding job. This season had our runners giving it their all in the practices and meets. 8th grader, Derek P. exclaimed, "When you cross the line, you feel like you accomplished something." Great job to our coaches for training them and encouraging everyone to push forward. This season had an awesome ending! Everyone did great during Cross Country and we are all looking forward to next year! GO COUGARS!

## Volleyball

by Jaylee S.

The volleyball teams showed tremendous improvement over the course of their seasons. Both teams finished strong this month. The first game of the month was against Zion Harvester and the B-team sadly lost, but the A-team won. The A-team had a tournament at St. Mark's. The first game was against Child of God, and the referee even shared it was one of the closest and exciting games she has seen in awhile. They won the consolation trophy in that tournament. If you would like to see the trophy, it's in the office window. Word of Life hosted a tournament and the Lady Cougars got third. The second game of the tournament was the most exciting. They played St. John's in a very tight match that went to three games coming down to the last point.

The Lady Cougars have learned how to control the ball and get three hits, and their record showed improvement. Coach Maxfield says "Passing to the target has become one of the A-teams' biggest strengths."

Now that the season is ending, a few volleyball players shared their most cherished part about volleyball. Rahel expressed, "Having great volleys and the excitement from winning are two of the best things about volleyball." Naibishina from the B-team thinks, "The most exciting part is serving." The Cougars have had lots of pleasant times playing volleyball this year. GO COUGARS!



B-team players, Jeanine D., Sara D., and Summer G. prepare to serve receive.

# Celebrity Look-Alikes

by Janet P.

Fall is finally here, which means a new month and new look-alikes. This month's celebrity look-alike is our 8th grade teacher and Dann Florek. Dann Florek is a director and an American actor on the NBC show Law & Order: SVU. Mr. Dreessen and Florek are alike by their face shape, eye color, and smile.



Audrey B., 3rd Grader



Bailee Madison, Actress



Mr. Dreessen, Teacher



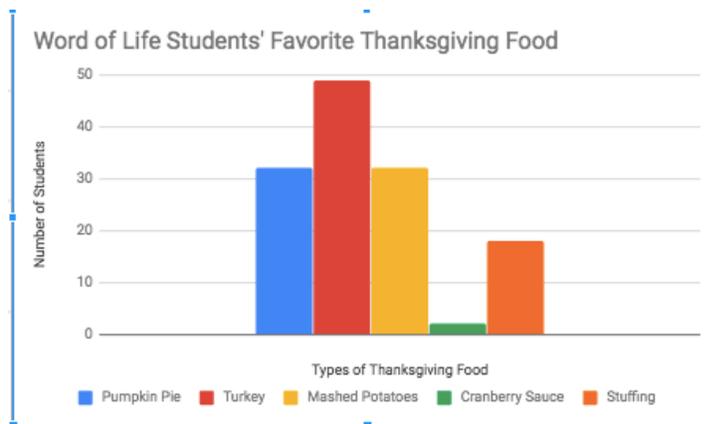
Dann Florek, Actor

Our second celebrity look-alike is 3rd grader, Audrey Blake, and American actress, Bailee Madison. Bailee Madison plays Maybelle in the Disney movie *Bridge to Terabithia*, Isabelle in *Brothers*, and Sally in *Don't Be Afraid of the Dark*. These two young ladies are alike by their smile and their hair.

# Favorite Thanksgiving Food

by Elga K.

This month, the K-8th grade students were surveyed about their favorite Thanksgiving food. This survey shows you what the Word of Life students' favorite Thanksgiving food is. The choices were pumpkin pie, turkey, mashed potatoes, stuffing, and cranberry sauce. The majority of the kids liked turkey the most.



# Restaurant Review: by Will M.

The restaurant review of the month is J.J. Twigs! Some of you may be familiar with this amazing restaurant, as we have had restaurant nights there. If you haven't been, then you are missing out, because they have superb pizza!



This restaurant is located on 5600 Hampton Ave. Even if you don't like pizza, there are many other tasty choices for you, like sandwiches and salads. My personal favorite is a pizza called the Louisiana Purchase. Next time there's a restaurant night, you should come and eat, but not just for the spectacular food, but also because a percentage of the proceeds come to support our school. Next time your family asks you where you want to go to eat, J.J. Twigs would be an exceptional place to go.

## Movie Review by Nabeyet G. and Jack J.

Do you think animals can talk? Well in this case, yes! The primary movie for this month is Christopher Robin. Christopher Robin is about a man who meets his old childhood stuffed animal, Winnie the Pooh. Winnie the Pooh is on the lookout for his group of friends. I rate this movie a 9 out of 10 because there are sad scenes in the movie. This movie should be viewed at the age of 6 and up. It came out on August 3rd. Enjoy!



In this amazing sequel to the original Ant Man movie, our beloved heroes face a new, frightening villain. In the newest edition of the Marvel Cinematic Universe, Ant Man is under house arrest. He then escapes to help his friends in their time of need. I can't tell you the rest of the plot, but I can say it is awesome!

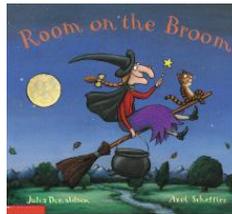
With hilarious lines and superb comedy, you are sure to laugh. This movie has insane action scenes that will leave you awestruck. I give Ant Man and the Wasp an 8 out of 10 rating for an intriguing, wholesome plot and a hilarious Stan Lee cameo.



## Book Review

by Winta K. and Will M.

The primary book of the month of October is Room on the Broom by Julia Donaldson. In this book, a kind witch decides to let a group of helpful animals hitch a ride on her broom. The first animal to come is a striped kitty cat. Then, when the witch's hat goes flying off her head, a midnight black dog comes and retrieves it. Over the course of the story many different animals, from dogs to frogs come to help the witch by finding things like her lost hair ribbons and hats. When the animals are threatened by an evil dragon, they form a "Bremtown Musicians" chimera to ward off the terrifying dragon. The moral of this story is that when you help people, they will help you too, and that good will always prevail over evil in the end. I think this book is for ages 4-8 and I rate it four out of five stars.



It's the first day of your second year in middle school. You're scared and you don't have many friends. Luckily, last year, you met an expert tour guide named Max Corrigan. All your worries and concerns about fitting in are no longer a problem. In this guide you get to learn about how to out-smart strict teachers, avoid mean bullies, and perfect a test. But, in return Max asks for you to vote for him as class president. Be sure to vote Max Corrigan as your class president! I recommend this book to anyone who loves a good laugh.



## Video Game Review: Fortnite Season 6 by Jack J.

Floating islands, purple cubes, corrupted zones, and Halloween, what do these things have in common? Fortnite Season 6 of course! The most recent season of Fortnite has brought many new things into the game. These include adorable pets, choice of music, new skins and gliders, new backblings, and so much more! This season's Halloween theme is shown around the map with decorations, haunted castles, and Halloween stores. Many gameplay changes include the addition of shadow cubes, which make you invisible, and the removal of multiple weapons. Epic Games, the developers of Fortnite, update their game weekly, so new changes will come soon. I give Fortnite Season 6 an 8 out of 10 rating for the new editions, interesting locations, impressive skins, and amazing new gameplay changes.

# FORTNITE

## Cougar Contest by Bella B.

Calling all spooky cougars! This month's contest will send shivers down your spine, as this contest is all up to you! The competition for this month is: Draw your very own Halloween Costume! Now, I know a handful of people here aren't going trick or treating, so for you I ask you to draw your favorite movie or book character. Make sure yours is appropriate for numerous age groups, and write your name, grade, and character on the back. All drawings may be turned into the white basket by the office by November 14th. Have fun with it, and make sure your drawing is as unique as your outstanding character.

## History of Halloween *by Bella B.*

October is arguably one of the best months of the year. It brings cool weather and of course, the spookiest night of the year, Halloween. Halloween is fun for all, whether you're dressing up as your favorite movie or book character, or if you're taking advantage of all the post-Halloween candy sales. Everyone can say that orange and black are their favorite colors around this frightening night, but how did we actually get Halloween? It started off with a certain festival, called the Celtic Festival of Samhain, where ancient people would dress up in all sorts of costumes, trying to ward off "ghosts". Of course we now know ghosts are just fictional campfire story characters, but this was before "ghosts and goblins" were proven fake.

Fast forward a few centuries and we meet a guy named Pope Gregory. He dedicated November 1st as All Saint's Day. He wanted people to honor this day where people could jubilate and pray for their friends and family that passed away by feasting, and doing things like lighting candles and praying for the dead. Once the feasting was done, they played games, including early versions of apple bobbing and nut roasting. In the sixteenth century, in Ireland, the people celebrating the exact same things added a

few twists to the celebration, a few being "mumming and guising". This was where people would dress up in costumes and go around to other houses. They would knock on the door and sing a song, or read a verse from the Bible in exchange for food.

In Europe, kids had some fun on this night, by playing jokes on others. They hollowed out turnips or other plants, and carved misshapen ugly faces into them. Then, they would put a light in the frightening vegetable, calling it a jack-o-lantern. These customs spread all over the world. During World War II in America, people started to call the old tradition of mumming and guising "Trick or Treating". Now, anybody can have fun with making jack-o-lanterns and exchanging jokes for candy.



## Halloween Worm Cupcakes *by Hawa S.*

Boo! Halloween is almost near and that means spooky treats. The recipe of the month is Halloween Worm Cupcakes. No, it doesn't have actual worms, but it makes a spooktacular treat, especially for a party. Grab your costumes and enjoy some trick-or-treating.

### INGREDIENTS

(18 1/4 ounce) box chocolate cake mix  
3 cups any flavor cookie crumbs  
1(18 ounce) can chocolate icing  
1(16 ounce) bag gummy worms



### DIRECTIONS

1. Preheat oven according to cake mix package directions.
2. Grease and flour a 12-cup cupcake pan.
3. Prepare cake mix according to package directions.
4. Pour batter into cupcake pans and bake as directed on cake mix box.
5. Let cupcakes cool thoroughly before frosting.
6. Spread cupcakes lightly with chocolate icing. Sprinkle cookie crumbs on top.
7. Cut gummy worms in half (as many as you like).
8. Put icing onto cut end of the worms and stick to the top of cupcakes.
9. You can use as few or as many as will fit on each cupcake.
10. Let icing set for 10 minutes and then enjoy.

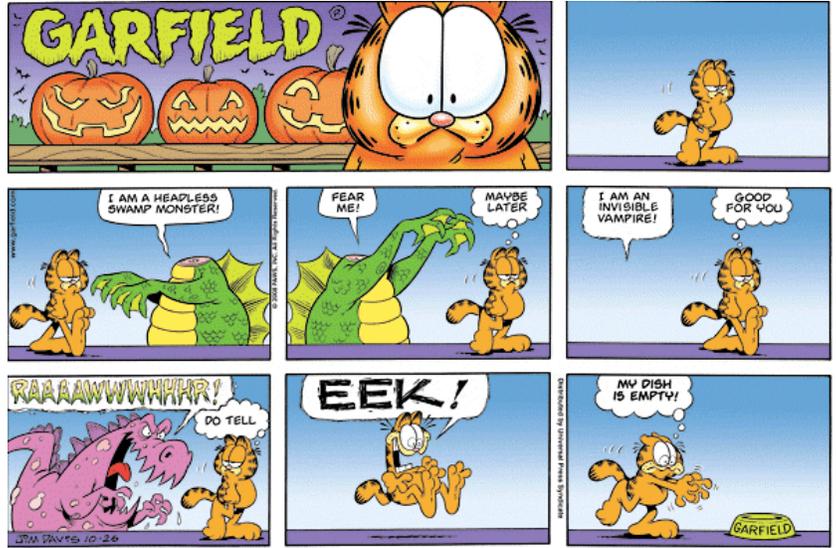
## Birthdays

Michael H. 10/3  
 Maqdes C. 10/4  
 Mellany W. 10/05  
 James P. 10/06  
 Will M. 10/08  
 Gavin M. 10/8  
 Benjamin R. 10/09  
 Jaylee S. 10/10  
 Sara D. 10/12  
 Alethea T. 10/14  
 Hannah R. 10/17  
 Ellie M. 10/24  
 Isatta B. 10/24  
 Mr. Maichel 10/25  
 Sophia I. 10/26  
 Lisa V. 10/26  
 Monila R. 10/27  
 Mrs. Jones 10/29  
 Aidan G. 10/31

## Baptismal Birthdays

Ivan A. 10/1  
 Tate B. 10/12  
 Eli B. 10/30  
 Donnie B. 10/30  
 Michael H. 10/30

## Comic by Sam C.



## Kids' Page by Mya B.

### Halloween Jokes:

Q: Where do werewolves store their things?

A: In a warehouse.

Q: What's a ghost's favorite fruit?

A: Booberries

Q: Which musical instrument do skeletons play?

A: Trom-Bone



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