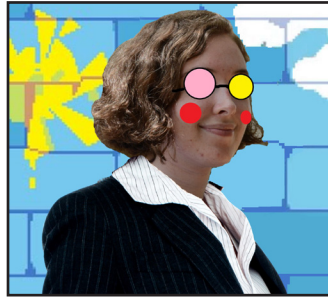




Simple Halloween Reminders

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Halloween is right around the corner! As we head toward this spooky holiday, here's some things to remember:

Respect People's Boundaries

Don't send people jumpscare videos, gore, or other such content unless you know they're okay with it. Don't make fun of people for trick-or-treating or wearing certain (non-offensive) costumes. Don't

pressure people into going to parties or haunted houses if they don't want to. Don't be mean to people for not sharing your taste in Halloween movies.

"Tricks" Should Be Simple and Safe

Halloween pranks should never risk harming someone in any way. If it involves harming someone, stealing or damaging a person's property, it's not a prank – it's a crime. If it involves being offensive or hurtful to the person you're pranking, it's not a prank – you're a jerk. If it's anything you don't think the person you're pranking will walk away from laughing, it's not a prank – it's a bad idea.

Don't Bug People About How They Celebrate

Some people celebrate Halloween by decorating their living space, wearing spooky clothing for the whole month of October and planning elaborate costumes for Halloween night. Some people only dress up on Halloween night, and don't wear anything very elaborate. Some

people don't celebrate Halloween at all. All are valid, and no one should be made fun of for how much they celebrate.

Don't Wear Problematic Costumes

Cultures aren't costumes. Don't dress up as another race or culture you aren't a part of. No Native American headdresses or blackface. It's not funny, it's not cool. Don't do it.

Don't wear costumes where the point of the costume is to make fun of a group of people, either.

Be Cautious Of Activated Charcoal Foods

Yes, that solid black ice cream looks cool and turns your teeth black, but activated charcoal can deactivate medications. If you're taking any regular medicines (i.e. birth control or antidepressants), activated charcoal can stop them from working. Be careful what you're putting in your body (well, aside from all the sugar) and take care of yourself.

Don't Do Anything Dangerous

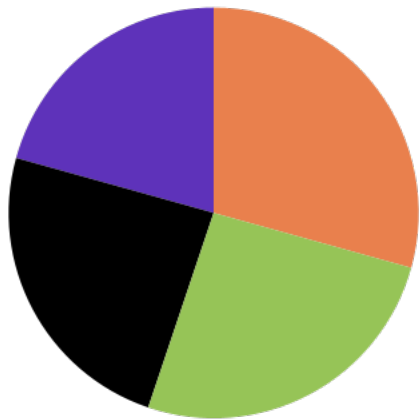
I'm definitely not trying to tell anyone not to have a good time on Halloween night, but considering the holiday falls on a Sunday this year, we should be cognizant that we still have class the next morning. Have fun, but don't get lost in the woods, summon anything evil or vandalize someone's property. If you do party, stay hydrated. Don't make Oct. 31 the best night of your life at the expense of Nov. 1 being the worst morning of your life.



What's Your Opinion?

This week, we asked students what their favorite thing about Halloween was.

- Out of 58 responses:
- Candy/Food – 17
- Parties – 15
- Scary Things – 14
- Costmes – 12



● Scary Things ● Costumes
● Candy/Food ● Parties

Next Poll:

Regi-Struggle

Did you have any trouble registering for classes for next semester?

Students can answer the poll on The Herald's Instagram page, [@astateherald](#). Instagram polls are posted on Mondays. Previous poll results can be found on [theherald.home.blog/category/opinion/poll/](#).

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Art Block: Our Ideal Halloween Costumes

For this week's art, I told my creators Think Vu and Fran Bollinger to draw their ideal Halloween costume. I also made an image with this theme (it's what I used for my headshot on the story above). Happy Halloween!



Art by Think Vu | Content Creator

Think Vu is a junior computer science major from Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam.

Costume: Spider-Man

"I designed this costume as a way to express my admiration for Spider-man, or Peter Parker. Despite being a gifted genius, he has always tolerated a lot of hardship and low points during his life, and yet he can still crack jokes and be very optimistic about everything. I chose to design this costume of Spider-man to be a budget version so that it would fit more for a teenager. Black and red colors are also what I usually combine in my everyday outfit, and they are the color theme of our school as well! A perfect opportunity!"



Art by Fran Bollinger | Content Creator

Costume: Pirate

"I've loved pirates since going to summer camp where we went on treasure hunts and had 'sea battles' on the lake. They are also easy to dress up as considering I have most of these items in my closet, and they are super fun to draw!"

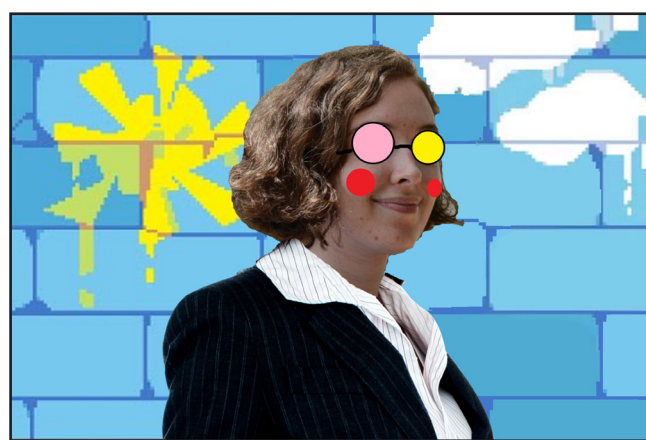


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Costume: Spamton from Deltarune Chapter 2

"I played chapter two of Deltarune when it came out and I really loved Spamton's whole vibe. He's such a funny little guy and I wanted to be him for Halloween this year, but I couldn't get all the costume parts together in time. Fun fact – there isn't a version of Spamton's blue brick background without him in it, so I had to edit the whole background together myself. It was more fun than you'd think!"

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