

Headlight



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Fall into Autumn

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Reporter in the Field

Anyone who knows me has heard my anticipation for Thanksgiving...starting in August. Look I love fall, okay? If you need any help in how to get ready for fall, I hope that this article will assist you.

If you don't know how to prepare your magical wardrobe, the following are tips to help get you started:

1. GET A PEA COAT. Last year my all-time favorite, cranberry red, amazingly soft pea coat from Target was stolen in the locker room. Quick side note: if the person responsible reads this, you have caused me great grief. A week ago I found an even better one at H&M, and if you need a place to find one I suggest you venture to the North Shore Mall.
2. Boots are essential. This includes booties, riding boots, Uggs, and any type of boot that floats your boat.
3. Go and buy yourself some oversized sweaters. I can assure you, when you walk into Mrs. Humphrey's room and it feels like the Arctic, you will be eternally grateful.
4. You can never have too many pairs of jeans.

If you need some suggestions for décor, I have a few to share.

1. Candles are not overrated. Marshalls and TJ Maxx have some inexpensive ones, and Bath and Body Works is always a favorite (Frosted Cranberry is a staple).
2. Soft, fluffy comforters are necessary for those cold Sunday mornings.
3. Maybe get a pumpkin or two? Or ten?

Lastly, find yourself a nice, addictive TV show. When you just want to chill out but don't know how to spend your time, some zoning out may be nice. If you're into action-y stuff I suggest Game of Thrones. I recently became addicted, and now I annoy all of my friends because I love it so much (I'm on season two, so no spoilers please). If you like cop shows, maybe turn to Law & Order SVU (actually, please do, because it is amazing). If you prefer comedy, The Big Bang Theory is hilariously funny. If TV shows aren't your thing, I heard of this really cool place downtown. What's it called...Chet's Video? I think they rent tons of awesome movies and sell every type of candy you could imagine. Whatever your preference, I'm hoping this has been a helpful guide as you fall into autumn.

Fall Fun!

Lily Frontero, Sophomore
Reporter

Canobie Lake Park's Scream Fest is an amazing Halloween adventure that is well worth the drive. It is much more than just a haunted house and a few rides. To give customers the full Halloween experience while walking through the park, decorations, such as headstones and body parts, are hung everywhere, and monsters monitor every lane. There is no waiting around because of the amount of rides there. Imagine going to a park with no lines-I would want to go! What customers most enjoy is that even though there are so many rides, they can also spend time eating, talking with friends, and running away from one or many of the monsters!

Scream Fest is famous for its three haunted houses. Two of them, Merriment Incorporated and Dead Shed, are in the roller-skating rink, which creates a creepy setting for the stroll to begin with. Both are incredibly creative and definitely give you enough frights for a night! The third haunted house, The Village, is outside. There are even more monsters in this one! The employees begin the experience by giving each customer a really tight squeeze, which sets the mood for the rest of the walk through. You will never stop being entertained at this park, so do not miss out at Scream Fest during the remaining time in October!

Another experience you cannot exclude from your fall To-Do List is making a trip to Brooksby Farm! Most people go for apple picking, however, Brooksby also offers "seasonal pick your own fruits" for strawberries, raspberries, blueberries, and peaches. If you do get there this fall, do not forget to visit Brooksby's delicious bakery. They are famous for their cider donuts, cold and hot cider, and coffee. When leaving, go by the unique gift store that sells ornaments, decorations, soy candles, fudge, candies, and gift baskets. It is quite the inviting atmosphere to spend such a fun Saturday with family and/or friends.

Make it a point to have fun by visiting Scream Fest and Brooksby Farm this Fall!

American Culture Shock

Drew Faria, Senior
Reporter in the Field

After spending a solid twenty minutes fixing my printer, I finally copied a list of French vocabulary for my family. It has the basics: "Would you like anything," "Where is so-and-so," and pretty much anything an American family would need to accommodate a French exchange student and prevent them from helplessly playing charades trying to communicate to my pen pal when I am not around.

For the past two years, our French class has corresponded with pen pals from Grasse, a small Mediterranean town in Southern France. Our teacher, Madame Francois, has been working hard to arrange an exchange program between the Marblehead and Grasse students. This will be the first time in many years that a class of Marblehead High School students has participated in an exchange. Anticipation runs high as we prepare to host French students this Tuesday for two weeks!

The French students will hit the ground running on everything American. Conveniently for them, they arrive just as Halloween is kicking into full gear. Madame Francois meticulously laid out an itinerary for the next two weeks. Our visitors will take tours of Marblehead, Salem, Plymouth Plantation, Boston, and even Harvard (of course, we will have to show them to pronounce it correctly: "Haahvaahd"). On Halloween, they plan to go to the New England Aquarium and make the trip into Salem, which promises to be lively and exciting to say the least! My family has also generated a few ideas on how to best expose our correspondents to American culture. I proposed that pizza, burgers with fries, and incredibly intricate Starbucks drinks are a must!

When the exchange students are not viewing tourist sites, they will follow our daily schedules. When I wondered how French-speaking students would be able to understand some of my more complicated classes, my biology teacher responded that he doubts that all of the English-speaking students can comprehend lectures on the Krebs cycle! Regarding sports and extracurricular activities, our class has divided itself into small groups to spend time with each other after school in case an American student has another commitment.

All possible complications aside, the next two weeks should be awesome! In addition to sharpening their English, our pen pals will get to experience some of the coolest places I have been to and spend time in my favorite city, Boston. I look forward to sharing my culture with them, and I cannot wait to go visit them in Grasse next April!

A New Experience

Alicia Katz, Sophomore
Reporter

On Monday, October 13, 2014 I was lucky enough to attend a Bastille concert at the Agganis Arena in Boston. Bastille is a popular English rock band noted for their song Pompeii, released in February 2013. Their current album *Bad Blood* was released fully in September of 2014.

I attended this concert more as a fan of music rather than Bastille. My friend had wanted to go with a friend. I volunteered. I was not upset about going, but rather I had doubts about the experience. My father had always told me that "Live music is magical." I once again had my doubts.

A little about me, I am not optimistic in the slightest. I am not someone who can go into a new situation and find the positive. With almost everything in my life I see negativity. I am, by nature, an extremely cynical person. This is not something I have done purposefully but have rather come to realize about myself. This outlook affected my perception of the concert. I remember sitting in the stadium seats, with my friend shaking with excitement next to me, as the house lights were lowered, and my last thought was, "Well, live

music is live music. Can't be that bad."

When Bastille finally came out, the arena erupted in screams of happiness. Since the idea of screaming in happiness has never made sense to me, I merely clapped, while the band began their first song, "Things we lost in the Fire." As the night continued I began to immerse myself more and more into the experience. I began to clap and sing along to the parts I knew, and at one point I stood up, and never sat back down for the duration of the concert. I even screamed in happiness. It was a unifying experience, especially with the energy and joy palpable in the arena. All of these strangers had gathered together to sing, dance and appreciate not only this band, but also their music.

Unfortunately, a last note was played, a final word was sung, and the concert ended. The night of October 13, 2014 turned into one of the best nights of my life because attending the concert changed me into someone more open. I have not completely changed my outlook on life, but I have come to realize the importance of trying new things. They are not always bad. If there is anyone who has never gone to live music, I implore you to go. You may not have the same experience as I did, but at least you will get to see a group of people do what they love.



On October 15, Paris Tully, a representative from Marblehead High School attended the Magic Hat meeting to receive the MHS funding allocation. Thanks to over 500 volunteer hours, the allotment was outstanding. Out of the six Marblehead schools awarded money from the Magic Hat, MHS earned \$10,844. This is greatly appreciated by MHS and is crucial to funding student enrichment. If you would like to volunteer at the Magic Hat, sign up links are posted on the MHS homepage.

Pictured with Ms. Tully are Magic Hat Board President Wendy Roworth and MHS Magic Hat advisor Michelle White.

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