

# TIGER TIMES

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### Witness the Miracle of ‘Anyone can Whistle’ *IBHS Drama Club kicks off its first performance of the school year with a Sondheim classic.*

By Ethyn D.  
Junior Reporter

The IBHS Theater Department is no stranger to putting on a grand performance, such as that of “Charlie Brown” or “The Crucible,” but this year’s musical “Anyone Can Whistle,” is unique because its music is written by the renowned Stephen Sondheim, who truly reinvented the ideal American musical by creating famous productions like “Sweeney Todd” and “Into the Woods.” “Anyone Can Whistle,” one of Sondheim’s classics, follows a dwindling town that’s cold and starving until a “miracle” occurs that changes the town forever.

When asked about the best part of this production, Mrs. Roderick, who has been directing shows at IB for over 9 years, stated that “This group of kids has been my favorite part of directing this show--They are well-rounded theater kids. So many have been in our program since middle school that this feels like a special year. I think I’m going to have a hard time saying goodbye to this group of kids.” This show was chosen because it is a very niche musical with a lot of comedy while still talking about some more

modern idea. The theme is pushing the boundaries of what society thinks is “normal.” From the use of comedy and catchy songs and overall quite silly characters.

For the past two months, the IBHS Drama Club has been working tirelessly on the stage and behind the scenes to give life to this classic. All around, the cast of the show is enjoying themselves and are very excited to perform. Grace T., playing Treasurer Cooley, says, “I absolutely love playing Cooley since he’s a whole different character that I have ever played. Overall I’m just excited to bring this character to life in this show.”

The crew, who work backstage and in the booth by controlling the lights, microphones, and tracking of the cast, plays a very integral part of the show despite not being onstage. Dylan W., an IB junior and the microphone technician, says that this show is “a bit difficult because there are a lot of people on stage. It’s hard trying to figure out who to switch mics with who, but it’s part of the fun and will turn out great.”

Amanda J., senior here at IB, is playing the lead Fay Apple. The head nurse of The Cookie Jar.

She has been a part of the IBHS Drama Department since 7th grade, about five years,. Not including the countless number of Arc Light shows, singing in the church chior, and being a part of the Chamber Singers here at IB. “This has been incredible experience so far. I absolutely love his show. Fay is such a dynamic character, she has multiple sides to her and finding a balance between her more stoic personality and the most flirty side has been such an interesting process that I love.” Amanda is incredibly dedicated to the show and talks about how lucky she is to have such a supportive cast for her last musical here at IB.

Despite the challenges of complex choreography, mic and scene changes, and illustrious set and costume pieces, the cast and crew have managed to create something meaningful and compelling for audience members to enjoy. Overall, it’s a fun and exciting show that the Drama Club is beyond excited to perform.

If you’re curious about the show and would love to see the passion people have on and offstage, come witness the miracle of “Anyone Can Whistle” on October 21st and 22nd at 7:30, or October 23rd at 2:30.



Photo Taken by Kristina Petrey

### Editorial: Campus Cat will be Missed

BY KRISTINA PETREY  
Editor-in-Chief

Tupperware, also known as Tup to some students, made an appearance at IBHS during the summer of 2022. Instantly, he was beloved by many and purred his way to fame. Students would stop on their way into school to give him a little pat on the head before continuing on with their day. He would roll over to his back and give everyone something to look forward to before sitting in class all day.

Sadly, due to health concerns, such as severe cat allergies, the potential of him scratching young children who don’t know how to interact with animals safely, and his neverending curiosity about what was happening inside the school building, administrators said it would be best to remove him from the school’s premise. The owner of Tup was notified that if they didn’t keep their cat away from students who could be potentially harmed by him, the school would have to call animal control. Unfortunately, Tup did end up being taken away.

Many students of IB fondly reminisce about their experiences with Tupperware. Tupperware loved affection, ranging from cuddles and pets to just sitting next to someone while they worked. Belle B.

tells that when working on a homework assignment, “Tupperware woke up from a nap and gave a BIIIIIG stretch onto my leg.” Student Grace T. stated that one day she was walking on the track with her peers when Tup just walked with them for a couple of laps. At the Senior Sunrise, Tup made an appearance and sat with the class of ‘23 and enjoyed the dawn colors and donuts. Senior Emily T. reminisced on the summer show they did, WCKY, Mr. Tup escorted them and a former student out to their car.

After talking with the teachers, they understood that the students were upset about losing the beloved cat, but they understood that it was for the best. Mrs. Coulter said, “When the therapy dog didn’t show up on Mental Health Day, students were upset. There’s a lot of science out proves that animals can be theraputic. Perhaps some sort of campus animal will provide the same comfort Tupperware provided.”

Tup will be missed, but, after weighing out the pros and cons, it makes sense that he had to go. Hopefully someday IB can look into other methods of having animals on the property to provide the same comfort and support that Tupperware provided.



Photo taken by Kristina Petrey, L to R Katie R. as Cora Hoover Hooper, Grace T. as Cooley, Lexi R. as Magruder, and Ethyn D. as Schub



# Opinion: The Case for Banned Books

With banned books week being October 1st through 7th, student Bre S. voices their opinion on the idea of banning books as a whole.

**Bre S.**  
Library News Reporter

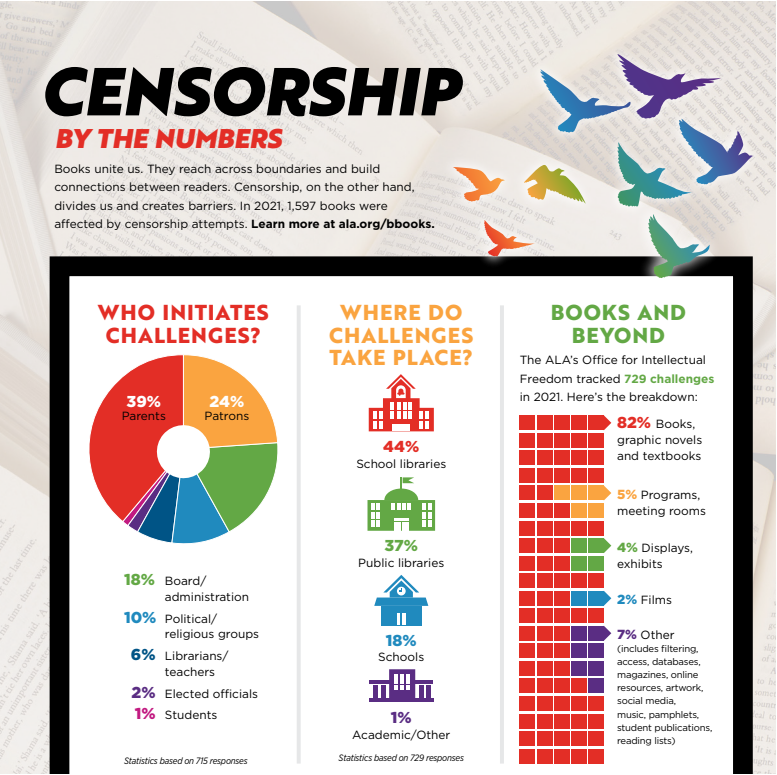
Books ranging from “The Lorax” by Dr. Seuss to “Speak” by Laurie Halse Anderson, are being banned in various schools, libraries, and classrooms across the country and have been for decades. To be clear, there is no set of books universally banned from schools, but rather, the concept of “banned books” refers to texts that are frequently questioned in schools and libraries throughout the nation.

Many books being banned include literary classics that have been taught in many classrooms. For example, international classic “Fahrenheit 451” has faced many challenges since its publication in 1953, although many find it ironic that this book ABOUT censorship often FACES censorship.

Fahrenheit 451 is often challenged for many of the same reasons that other texts commonly face censorship, including the use of profanity, content deemed too sexual, and/or a character’s suicide or drug abuse. These topics are seen as controversial, even though they’re very real in the modern world. Discussing such topics in a controlled environment where students can safely learn about them, such as a classroom, can be more beneficial than hiding them away.

Many of the books that top the American Library Association’s Banned and Challenged List for 2021 are written by or about individuals from marginalized communities. By banning these books, we erase those communities’ struggles and triumphs from our history and prevent significant numbers of students from seeing themselves represented in our schools and libraries. Schools are a place where students can learn, and the controlled environment of the classroom is the perfect place to have these sometimes heavy conversations that allow students an amazing opportunity to learn and grow. Teachers shouldn’t feel as though they should shy away from teaching books with quality content, but rather they should lean into it as an opportunity to help students develop their own thoughts, opinions, and ideas about the realities of the world around them.

After acknowledging the damage that banning a book does, you can take a step towards keeping other banned books on the shelves by signing petitions that protect banned books and joining banned books clubs in order to protest this modern wave of censorship. Keeping challenged books around will have a positive impact on the education system today and can lead the world to a more empathetic and understanding future.



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# Happy Birthday



- October 1st- Sean D.
- October 2nd- Mrs. Roderick, Mr. Hallstrom
- October 5th- William D.
- October 8th- Kylene W.
- October 10th- Jaiden D.
- October 12th- Niki O., Anna S.
- October 15th- Toby C.
- October 18th- Belle B.
- October 20th- Alex R.
- October 23rd- Autumn G., Lexie L.
- October 29th- Devon W.
- October 30th- Jessica S.
- October 31st- Lydia G.

# Senior Send-Off

Seniors sit down and talk about their time at Illini Bluffs Highschool.

**Kristina Petrey**  
Editor-In-Chief

70 seniors in our school of 250, have been at this school for almost all their lives. Three seniors, Kylene W. Malachi F. and Evan T. sat down with me to talk about their time here at IB.

Malachi, a very artistic student, has a tattoo on his arm designed by him! He enjoys lettering, a style of tattoo, and plans to get more in the future. He loves cars and one day would love to have a Skyline GT, a Nissan sports car. His plans after highschool are to be an underwater sea welder because “that’s where the money’s at.”

Evan T. works at Hardee’s and claims he is “a pretty quiet guy, but once you get to know him, there’s a lot there.” He enjoys watching local football games, his favorite team being the Pekin Dragons. Evan intends to go to Joliet Junior College, but is unsure what for. He plans on moving out of Central Illinois and would love to go to Michigan to live in a smaller town on the lake. “Maybe a little bigger than Glasford, since there’s like... not much here.”

Kylene’s goal is to become a Forensic Phsycologist. “The idea of figuring out why criminals do their crimes has always been really intresting to me.” She plans on going to college, unsure where exactly. But in state for sure. Kylene is the Head Editor for the IBHS Publications staff. Roderick applauds her ability to work alone since she is unable to be in the class for it due to scheudeling conflicts.

The seniors reminisce on their time here and the teachers that were along with them. Señor Wirth, “provided a place where I can voice my thoughts without fear of judgment.

Overall he’s just a really quirky character who I’m going to miss once I graduate,” Kylene remarked, smiling about the time in his classroom.

Mrs. Edmonds always goes above and beyond when it comes to the students here at IB. Evan talks about how you can always count on getting at least 1 birthday card from her. When Scholastic Bowl went to state, she made cards for every student, congratulating them and wishing them luck. She goes out of her way to give each student a card for any kind of special occasion. “Overall, she’s just a kind person who makes everyone feel included.”

Then, a school-wide fan favorite, Mr. Hallstrom. Malachi talks about Hallstrom’s ability to talk to each student as if they were adults, and how he doesn’t shy away from difficult conversations. His ability to support students and provide them with a safe space is something Malachi says he’ll miss when he leaves the school

Of course with the time in IBHS coming to an end, there are things that will NOT be missed. For example: homework and having to get up so early in the morning. That is to say, they’re all ready to face the future and start this new chapter in their lives.

Overall, talking to Evan, Kylene, and Malachi has provided a glimpse into what they’re like outside of the classroom. The sense of connection that they’ve grown here at our small school is something that they will definitely miss, but that longing for something bigger is very prevalent and a huge motivator.

# Student Council

**Autumn G.**  
Student Council President

Hi Illini Bluffs High School!

The Student Council wants to thank everyone for a great Homecoming week! We loved seeing all the participation in the Spirit Days, the great competitiveness between the grades during Powderpuff, and the awesome dance

moves at the Homecoming Dance!

For the month of October, be on the lookout for Halloween Spirit Days and other exciting Halloween activities! We are still in the planning phase, so if you have any suggestions, please contact us!

The Student Council’s goal is to make our fellow students make lots of memories and have fun while in high school. We love to hear from you and are always on the lookout for new ideas! Our Student Council email is [ibstuco@ib327.com](mailto:ibstuco@ib327.com).



Celine L.  
Junior Contributor

FOOD REVIEW:

SECOND WEEK OF OCTOBER

TUESDAY: HOT DOGS

On Tuesday this week, we had hot dogs and thunder fries for lunch. In previous years, most students were not impressed by the hot dogs. I wasn't too excited at first to try it because of last year's hot dogs, but really they weren't too bad. Though some people still dislike them, I think it's safe to say that this year the hot dogs are mostly a hit. Students used to be worried about the odd colors on the hot dogs, but now they are a reddish brown color, which looks pretty normal. They even taste better. One student said the hot dogs are "pretty good. It's kind of like the stuff you get at Portillo's." Students also loved the "thunder fries," which are essentially just curly fries. Many thought that the fries were a great addition to the menu.



Tuesday's Hot Dogs

WEDNESDAY: STUFFED CRUST PIZZA

For lunch on Wednesday, we had stuffed crust pizza. There was an option between pepperoni and cheese. The pizza in previous years wasn't too bad, but there was still room for improvement. Now, the pizza isn't too different in my opinion, but many other students loved it. The slice of pizza I got didn't really have stuffed crust, but that doesn't take away from the overall quality of it. Overall, the pizza was pretty good, but not really amazing.



Wednesday's Stuffed Crust Pizza

THURSDAY: CRISPY OR SPICY CHICKEN PATTY

Thursday, we had chicken patties and honey cinnamon carrots. I was excited to try this one because I have always thought that the chicken patties were really good. Though most students aren't fans of the honey and cinnamon carrots, most still love the chicken patty. This year, we have the choice of regular or spicy chicken, when in previous years we only had the option of a regular patty. I believe that the chicken patties are mostly the same as they have been, which isn't a bad thing. Most seem to have liked the chicken patty before and still do now. I also think students will like the chicken patties more with the option of spicy or regular patties.



Thursdays Chicken Patties

FRIDAY: BOSCO STICKS

On Friday, the lunch was Bosco sticks. Living up to its name, the fan favorite bosco sticks are a popular choice when it comes to our school lunches. The bosco sticks were topped with some seasoning, which added a lot to their flavor. I tried it with some marinara, but it wasn't as good dipped in the marinara because it kind of took away from the flavor of the seasoning on top. The cantaloupe that was added to this lunch also had an odd flavor, which seemed weird for cantaloupe. It wasn't bad at all, but still tasted unusual for the fruit.



Friday's Bosco Sticks

Student Spotlight

Katie R.  
Managing Editor

Here at Illini Bluffs, staff and students alike take notice of people who excel not only in the classroom but also outside. Overall friendliness, dedication to extracurriculars, and general awesomeness is something IBHS stands for. This month Nathan H., a senior at Illini Bluffs High School, was recognized by staff as one of the students who goes above and beyond in all regards. His positive attitude and sense of humor make him stand out in any crowd.

Nathan is known for getting along with everyone here at Illini Bluffs, regardless of grade or interest. He's involved in several clubs and activities, including the wrestling team, chamber singers, bass fishing, and is looking to rejoin track and try his rusty hand at shotput and discus.

His optimism and charisma have not gone unnoticed, as demonstrated by the fact that Nathan was recently crowned homecoming king! He says, "It was a perfect way to kick off the ending of senior year. It was seriously amazing. 100%"

Along with being such an extroverted character, Nathan is also an extremely hard worker. He says, "I like to work hard, I like to get things done on my own. I just like being able to do what I can for myself." Teachers recognize that he is able to talk and joke with others and still get work done in a timely manner, which is a wonderful quality to have. "Coming out and being able to express how I really am- being able to be excited, energetic, and hardworking 24/7 just keeps me going."

The school spirit is alive and well in people like Nathan. He's almost always seen at events like volleyball, basketball, and the shows that the drama department puts on. Nate loves watching his peers do something they're dedicated to, no matter the history they may have. He never likes to hold onto grudges because, "That kind of negativity isn't going to get you anywhere. If I can connect with someone and make them feel better, it will make me feel better always."

Teachers recognize his passion, dedication, and drive. They're very proud to applaud him. Ms. Gresham talks about how, "Nathan definitely brings a good vibe to any classroom he's in. He's inherently curious and it's definitely infectious."

Overall, Nathan is an outstanding student and person who loves "to go with the flow." His ability to take the past and push it to a better future is something that is not often seen at the high school level. Illini Bluffs is very lucky to have such a caring, enthusiastic, and overall pretty awesome kid here at IB.



Photo of Nate after being crowned Homecoming King

Current Events:  
Impact of Ian

September 28, Hurricane Ian swept across the state of Florida. Causing nothing but destruction in its path

Anna S.  
Current Events Reporter

Hurricane Ian made its first landfall in Florida on September 28th. The Category-4 storm would go on to wipe about a quarter of Florida's power out, a total of over 6,400,000 power outages. As if the situation wasn't already dire enough, the hurricane had a death toll surpassing 100, and it left an estimated 10,000 residents homeless.

Organizations all throughout the country are trying to reach a lending hand to these families who are left with virtually nothing to restart with. Unfortunately, most of these organizations lack the money to help the majority of the families affected by Hurricane Ian. While there isn't much that we can do, the Red Cross recommends that everyone that wants to—and has the means to do so—donate to the cause at <https://www.redcross.org/donate/hurricane-ian-donations> or provide donations to other organizations trying to help these families with their basic necessities. While donating ten dollars might not help everyone, it could certainly feed a child in need.

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# IBHS Volleyball Team Digs Deep to Set Record Donations in Second Annual Pink Out Night

**Ms. Sewell**  
Advisor

On Thursday, October 13, the IBHS volleyball team held its second ever Pink Out Night against Hartsburg-Emden after adopting the event from IBHS girls basketball. The event featured twelve silent auction baskets and a raffle in order to maximize contributions to breast cancer research, raising nearly \$1,250 for the Susan G. Komen Foundation, a breast cancer research organization.

This number does not include the money raised from t-shirt sales, with that aspect of the fundraiser estimated to bring in around \$300. Regardless, the amount raised is quite substantial considering that this is the event's first year as a fundraiser attached to a volleyball game.

Last year, the team hosted a pink out night simply to raise awareness for those impacted by breast cancer or the loss of loved ones to breast cancer.

This year, though, Head Coach Ms. McCormick and her team decided to partner with Illini Bluffs High School's National Honor Society in order

to organize an event that would be able to bring in money for this important cause. October 13 is Metastatic Breast Cancer Awareness Day, so the game date lined up perfectly in order to create the most impactful event to raise awareness and money for breast cancer.

"Since we're such a small community, giving to this cause is a great way to show support for our breast cancer survivors," said Brooke B., IBHS junior and volleyball player.

At the game, cancer survivors were asked to stand up so that they could be recognized for their courage and bravery. Three survivors were in attendance, including Illini Bluffs custodian, Shirley Lee.

"This event means a lot to me. It's so important to see these people come out for this cause; It's amazing to see," said Lee.

Truly, the students on the IBHS National Honor Society and the IBHS volleyball team have demonstrated what it means to be leaders in their

community by creating a united coalition dedicated to helping find a cure for breast cancer. Our hearts go out to all survivors and loved ones of individuals who are fighting, or have fought with, this devastating disease.



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gets donated to help out St. Jude." Eric has many great things ahead of him, and IBHS can't wait to see what he can do and are proud to celebrate his accomplishments.

## Rising Cross Country Star Dominates Competition

**Lillian K.**  
Sports Reporter

This cross country season had many benefits for student Eric P. Eric, a freshman at Illini Bluffs High School, has been running since middle school. This year he has received awards placements. Places include first, second, third, fourth, and sixth in several of his events. When asked what he enjoyed the most about the sport he partakes in, and the reply was, "It's the competition racing against people you know, that makes you able to push yourself beyond your limits."

Eric had a great kick-off to the 2022 season and resumed to improve each time. In the future, Eric expects to see many advancements for himself. He mentioned, "I hope running in my future can bring to a D1 and compete at LSU for running, either track or cross-country, I would also love to have a fundraiser where each mile I, money

## 6 Word Horror Stories

In honor of spooky season, Mrs. Coulter's Creative Communications Community Hour students were challenged to write their own 6 word horror stories. Their only instructions: create 6 word spooky stories that give readers just enough and let their imaginations fill in the rest. Please enjoy a sampling of their 6 word "horror" stories in honor of Halloween.

Dear diary, yesterday I died. Again.

Deep, dark smiles carved into faces.

Too old to trick or treat?!

You'll live.

Until the ticking stops.

Wore complicated costume. Impossible to pee.

The autopsy showed he never died.



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## Senior Golfer Makes State

*Mia H. ends her HS Golf experience by going to state.*

**Lillian K.**  
Sports Reporter

Senior Amelia H. attended the girls' state golf tournament on October 7 and 8 where she competed at Red Tail Run in Decatur, Illinois, earning 62nd in the entire state.

Throughout the season, she performed incredibly, with an 18 hole average of 83.

When asked what she enjoyed most about golf, Amelia responded, "the environment. golf is a lot different from other sports. It is the fact that you get to meet so many people, with very little pressure compared to other sports."

She enjoyed the early matches they participated in, waking up early, getting on

the bus, and just relaxing before the long day ahead. Mia's grandpa would bring their whole team breakfast to eat on the bus. Her favorite part, though, was the apple juice. "There nothing better than apple juice early in the morning."

Mia has been golfing since her freshman year at Illini Bluffs Highschool, and it is easy tell that the hours and determination have paid off.

When reflecting on her performance at state, Mia stated, "It wasn't to best I could've done, but I learned so much and it was once in a lifetime experience."

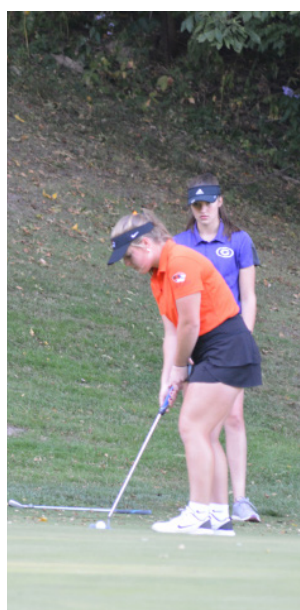


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# STAFF PICKS

## Best Halloween Episode of a TV Show



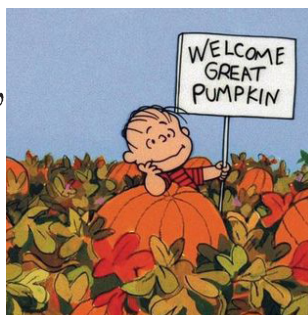
Staff of the IBHS Tiger Times

Every TV has at least 1 episode that they release around Halloween Time. The staff picked the show's that are their favorites.

**Katie A.**

### 'The Great Pumpkin, Charlie Brown'

This was the best show I watched as a little girl; since then, it has been my favorite show! It has always made me smile, and I think of all of the previous Halloweens that continue to make me smile. "The Great Pumpkin, Charlie Brown" is a show that I watch every year with my family. Every time I watch it, I am reminded of how easy it is to love the silly, wild, and crazy characters!



**Lillian K.**

### 'Jessie'

The spooky season brings many great TV series on Disney Plus! My favorite is the Jessie episode because you could sense the tension as a youngster. I adored how Cameron Boyce (Luke Ross) was so sarcastic and funny, but the series set the mode of Halloween. From the parties on the rooftop to the spooky stories by the green fire, a child could not be more entertained!



**Anna S.**

### 'Stranger Things'

"Stranger Things" is never a let down when it comes to creeping me out, and this episode is no exception. Although, perhaps my favorite part of this episode was the group dressing up as the Ghost Busters! It's always fun when shows meet up to the hype in scares, and still provides smiles and laughs.



### Kristina Petrey 'Brooklyn Nine-Nine'

Bored detectives on Halloween Night decide who's the best detective by trying to steal random items from each other??? Sounds perfect to me. They continue that idea throughout the entire series and each time they escalate the situation and it's genuinely so funny. It's genuinely the best Halloween-themed episode in my opinion.

**Katie R.**

### 'The Office'

I am somebody who loves "The Office". I find all of the episodes hilarious so when I was asked to pick a favorite Halloween-themed episode from a TV show, I knew exactly what I was going to pick. I honestly enjoy them all. The costumes the office workers wear are creative and usually provide for a lot of fun gags and jokes. Overall, I am just a big fan of the show and I think the Halloween episodes are hilarious and creative.



**Bre M.**

### 'The Simpsons'

"The Simpsons" is just an iconic tv series, their Halloween episodes are amazing. Every year, they somehow come up with new creative ways to make Halloween episodes that are not only funny but also are entertaining to the audience. The Simpsons isn't for everyone, but it is still an iconic show and their Halloween episodes are well known.



## Halloween Hotspots

Katie A.  
Freshman Reporter



### Trick-Or-Treating

Are you the type of person who is always stuck looking for Halloween items last minute? Fear not; a few of your classmates came to the rescue! Here are the best places to get all your Halloween necessities!

When asked where their favorite trick-or-treating spot was, 2 out of 5 students answered that Glasford, Illinois. Glasford has many opportunities to fulfill your Halloween spirit. On October 31st, Glasford has their annual Halloween Parade at 5:30. Trick or treating takes place from six p.m. to eight p.m. How exciting! Trick or treating is a great opportunity to spend time with friends. It is a tradition that all young and old alike enjoy. This makes spending time with your friends or new friends that much better especially so close to your school and the community surrounding it!



### Haunted House

Imagine this; you're with a group of friends walking outside with only the sound of nature and your group. Suddenly something jumps out from behind and chases you! If this sounds fun, you may want to check out the student-recommended Spook Hollow. Many students have been there, but for those who haven't, it will make you shake in your boots, your bones will rattle, and you will want to scream! Are you brave enough to face the challenge of death? Will you tempt fate? Who knows if you'll make it out alive?! So in the words of Spook Hollow, "Be Afraid.... Be VERY Afraid!"

Spook Hollow has been in the Haunted House business for over forty years! Spook Hollow: founded by the Marquette Heights Men's Club of Central IL. In 2021, Spook Hollow had approximately 3,300 people participate in their spooky events. The terrifying nights benefit local community groups including; the fire department and schools, the library, cub scouts, and girls scouts.



### Stores

With Halloween in the name, Spirit Halloween has got to be a place to go.! Students at Illini Bluffs agreed, Spirit Halloween is the favorite store to buy every possible Halloween supply. There are over 1,400 Spirit of Halloween stores across the United States, including 2 in Peoria! Spirit Halloween has everything you need, from costumes to decorations. Their variety of costumes is out of this world! Some popular licensed costumes include: Disney Princess, Ghostbusters, Chucky, and Hocus Pocus along with so many more. Now stores open as early as June, depending on where you are located.

A more convenient place for your Halloween pleasures is Amazon. The perfect place to find all the pieces to make your costume. It has all of the interior decorations you need, along with little trinkets for little ones if you ever need a Halloween gift.

These student-picked, trick-or-treating favorites, the spookiest haunted house, and the best place to find all things Halloween will surely not disappoint. Don't be afraid to try them out for yourself!





# BEST STARTER HORROR MOVIE

DEBATE

## Scream

**Katie R.**  
Managing Editor

As Halloween goes by every year, more and more movies appear in the horror genre. And with the new technological advancements, they only get scarier.

I have seen everything from “The Leprechaun” to “Hereditary,” and, to this day, the best horror movie, the horror movie I would recommend to anyone to hasn’t seen it, is the original “Scream” movie. A ghost-faced killer had gone around attacking students and teachers alike at Woodsborrow High School. Several precautions were put in place, but that never stopped the 90s from having a party.

The story follows student Sidney Prescott. She survived multiple attacks and was determined to put an end to the attacks that were going on in the town she loved. Due to event’s that happened

in the past year, these events struck a little to close to home. But she never let that stop her.

I think this movie is an excellent starter because not only does it lay out all of the basic horror movie rules, but it also has an excellent story for a horror movie. It’s funny, it’s gory, it’s simple, it’s clever, and it’s an all-around fun horror movie. Not to mention, it’s a classic. You can watch this movie with either friends or family. There’s not an excessive amount of gore or awkward scenes that make it difficult to look your parents in the eye.

If you are looking for something scary but also fun and interesting to get you into the Halloween spirit, “Scream” is the horror movie for you.

## Evil Dead

**Krista M.**  
Contributor

“Evil Dead” is a personal favorite of mine, although I love any movie that has to do with horror.

The movie starts out with character Ash Williams and a couple of his friends as they’re hiking to the cabin they’re going to stay at. After arriving and settling in, they begin to eat dinner when the cellar door swung open on its own. While Ash and his friend Scott go to investigate, the other members of the party remain upstairs. While they went downstairs they found a book and a tape recorder.

Playing through the tape recorder was a very demonic voice which instantly started a very big chain reaction of poltergeist activity in the cabin. While sleeping, a character in the film gets attacked, which makes

everyone try to leave. But, in their effort to leave, they find the cabin entrance is completely covered and blocked off.

While everyone is trying to escape, potentially dying or getting possessed, Ash finally manages to walk away... or does he? There’s only one way to find out.

This movie is an ideal place to get into horror movies due to it being a classic horror movie and the scary nature of the film. It was filmed in the 80s, so it’s not as scary as modern day film.

Along with that, it’s also a pretty short movie! It doesn’t hesitate and gets straight to the point. So, it’s perfect to watch with friends, or family when you have an evening hangout. It keeps you interested the entire time and leaves you wanting more.

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# Student Survey: Horror Movie Characters

*IBHS students talk about what horror movie character archetype they relate to.*

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You’re sitting on the couch with your friends. The lights are off and it’s just you guys in a basement. The clashing chords of the horror movie get you thinking. Who would I be in a horror movie?

A good majority of the IBHS students think they’re pretty funny and find a sense of relatability in characters who are seen as the “comedic relief” in movies. The ones who make terrible puns whilst in the middle of a crisis. Some kids, such as Ethyn D., claim this because “I remain optimistic in dire situations,” or, Morgan L, says, “I’m pretty funny when I get scared.” These statements are truly up to their friends to decide.

On the other side of the spectrum, there are the kids who think they are “The Horror” in a movie. Characters ranging from a clown in a storm gutter or the unknown creature that haunts the woods. Some say it’s because their

friends think they can be scary. Or because some think, “they could get away with it.” (Their words...) So... just keep a close eye on them I suppose.

You know how in horror movies, there’s always that one old person who makes some random comment about everything that happens. The ones who make comments like, “It’s always the one you least expect.” Or, “No one has ever entered those woods and come out alive.” One student, Carson B., is the only one who identified with the role. Her book smarts, and her intuition for what may happen next in the next pages gives the ability to tell when things aren’t right. One can assume that she can tap into the unknown energies of the universe, to change the course of events before they even unfold. Others say, “ehh.”

Some students have seen enough horror movies to know exactly how to survive. They’re smart enough to know, when there’s a ghost-faced killer on the loose, not to separate

from their group. They know not to call out, “Who’s there?” when camping in the woods. Freshman Ayden B. thinks he would survive because “there’s no way I’m going to the basement.” Which, looking at the track records of horror movies, is a pretty good way to survive.

Less than 10% of students think they’d be the the last one standing. The ones who survived by either following the rules of a horror movie or as Senior Grace H. says, “having sheer dumb luck.” The ones who make you say, “how did he not die?” Some say their ability to sneak stealthily around gives them an upper hand, besides, you can’t catch something you can’t see. It truly makes sense.

The majority of the school states they’re the ones who make the wrong choice in every situation ever. The ones who decide it’s okay to split up from the group, or think they’re too macho for some creepy doll to attack them. They’re the first to go. The ones who make you want to throw popcorn at the screen and yell, “WHY ARE YOU GOING INTO A SHED WITH 300 CHAINSAWS!” The ones who kick off the movie and set you up for what’s expected to come. Sophomore

Annabelle S. says “I’d be the one who walks into danger unsuspecting and ignorant as always.”

Based on the poll, IB’s chances of surviving a horror movie aren’t looking too great. But, hopefully, this school won’t ever have to deal with scary clowns or possessed dolls. Let’s keep it that way. No messing with Ouija Boards or performing creepy rituals on school grounds, please!

