

THE PEMBROKE POST

FROM FOOTBALL TO FRIGHTS

By Lauren Feitshans

It's finally October, bringing the first full month of the fall season, colorful leaves, Halloween, and football season. Homecoming is starting up! The Homecoming Varsity Football Game is scheduled for October 16th at 6 pm, accompanied by the Marching Band halftime show. *The Night in Hollywood* Dance for high school students is Saturday, October 17th, with doors opening at 7 pm.

Halloween this year is on a Saturday—a whole day for preparing for late-night trick-or-treating, watching horror movies, or whatever traditions you have. The holiday of Halloween has roots in the Celtic festival of Samhain, which marked the end of summer and the beginning of the Celtic new year. People who celebrated Samhain believed that around this time, the boundary between the living and the dead became thinner, allowing spirits to return to Earth. They wore animal skins or animal heads as costumes, possibly to disguise themselves from spirits, a tradition that has similarities to the costumes we wear today.

Along with the usual animal symbols of Halloween—black cats, spiders, and bats—owls have also become associated with the holiday. In Celtic folklore, owls were sometimes viewed as messengers between the living and the dead. Today, we know that owls aren't sending messages from the other side. They may be heard more often during the fall, using their calls to communicate, defend territories, and attract mates.

HOMECOMING SPIRIT DAYS:

- Tuesday, 10/13 - USA Day
- Wednesday, 10/14 - Twin Day
- Thursday, 10/15 - Class Colors (**Seniors**, **Juniors**, **Sophomores**, **Freshmen**, **Junior High**, **Faculty**)
- Friday, 10/16 - Pembroke Gear

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**“Everything will
be okay in the
end. If it’s not
okay, it’s not the
end.”**

~John Lennon

THE DRAGON'S DEN

CLUB NEWS

By Mary McDonald

MARCHING BAND:

Marching Band is starting the fall/winter season as usual. Every Thursday, the whole band meets from 6–8 pm to work on music or performances. Their first big event of the year is on October 16th, where they will perform as the pep band to support our football team before ending the night with a Homecoming show during halftime.

JR. HIGH MATH TEAM:

Jr. High Math Team is open to all 7th and 8th graders. Meetings are held in Ms. Kiel's room every other week, so make sure you listen to the announcements or ask Ms. Kiel about the next meeting. Throughout the year, after some meetings, the team will go to Batavia three times to compete against other neighboring schools.

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NEW ON SORA



ON DISPLAY IN THE LIBRARY



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OCTOBER CONTEST

The school year is underway, the leaves are changing, and something spooky has appeared in Room 205! It's time to kick off another year of contests. Think you have a sixth sense for counting candy? Stop by Room 205, check out this month's spooky candy jar, and submit your best guess. Whether you're a seasoned champion or a first-time guesser, this is your chance to start the year with a sweet victory! The closest guess without going over will win the prize.



Deadline: Tuesday, October 27



Winner announced in the next edition.

THE DRAGON'S DEN

A DECADE IN PRINT



Ten school years. Countless stories. Hundreds of student writers. And one newspaper that continues to bring the Pembroke school community together.

This school year marks a special milestone for *The Pembroke Post* as the student newspaper celebrates its 10th school year of monthly publications! What began as an opportunity for students to share their writing and report on what was happening around school has grown into a publication featuring news, sports, clubs, teacher interviews, entertainment, opinions, contests, creative writing, and much more.

Over the years, *The Pembroke Post* has given students the opportunity to step into a variety of roles. Student writers have interviewed teachers and classmates, covered school events, reviewed books, movies, television shows, and music, written editorials and advice columns, created contests, and reported on the activities and accomplishments of their fellow Dragons. Students have also contributed photography, artwork, and creative writing to help make each edition their own.

A lot has changed during the past ten years, including the newspaper itself. Sections have been added, new features have come and gone, and each group of students has brought its own personality and ideas to the publication. What hasn't changed is the goal of giving students a place to write, create, share their ideas, and have their voices heard.

A monthly newspaper doesn't happen overnight. Each edition requires students to brainstorm ideas, conduct interviews, write and edit articles, take photographs, create features, and meet deadlines. It is a true team effort, and every student who has contributed to *The Pembroke Post* has helped make the newspaper what it is today.

As we celebrate ten years, we also celebrate the many students, teachers, and members of the Pembroke school community who have supported the newspaper along the way. Every article, photograph, interview, review, joke, contest entry, and creative piece has become part of the paper's history.

So, here's to 10 years of *The Pembroke Post*—and to all the stories still waiting to be written! Keep reading, keep writing, and keep an eye out for the next edition!



THE BUFFALO BILLS BLITZ

By Raegan Shay



Week one, the Buffalo Bills kicked off their 2026-2027 season with a win against one of the projected top defenses in the league, the Houston Texans. Josh Allen threw for 334 yards and rushed for two touchdowns, all while throwing in two touchdowns. Dalton Kincaid also had five receptions. The ending score was 36-31. It was the first time Buffalo beat Houston since 2006.

Week two, the Bills played the Detroit Lions, their first game in the new stadium. They entered the game with high spirits and destroyed the Lions in the first half. Buffalo had 32 first downs. The Lions came back later in the second half, but the Bills still beat the Lions. The ending score was 41-31. Josh Allen had 3 passing touchdowns and 2 rushing touchdowns, earning him AFC Offensive Player of the Week.

Week three, the Bills beat the Chargers 24-16, with 5 interceptions. The Bills also had 10 penalties. Josh Allen started rough and finished with two rushing touchdowns.

FOR THOSE OF YOU THAT DON'T KNOW... This year, Sean McDermott did NOT return as head coach; instead, offensive coordinator Joe Brady is the new head coach. **GO BILLS!!!**

THE DRAGON'S DEN

FALL VARSITY SPORTS 2026

By Raegan Shay

Varsity Girls Soccer:

This year's team is currently 0-8 but has had a good year with great teamwork and growth. We wish them the best of luck heading into sectionals!



PHOTO (left to right): 20 Madeline Gillard, 17 Ashlyn Robinson, 15 Emma Szatkowski, 14 Lauren Perry, 13 Maryanna Senko, 12 Isabella Mruk, 11 Taylor Fancher, 10 Hayden Dyalg, 8 Emma Teresi-Marchese, 7 Kathryn Eastman, 6 Raelyn Liss, 5 Madelyn Mahaney, 4 Sunset Crandall, 2 Hailee Wester, 1 Kirsten Wright, goalie Hannah Weyrauch.

Varsity Boys Football:

This is the second year of the Pembroke-Alexander Defenders. They are currently 4-0 and holding their reign as Class C defending Champions. On average, the Defenders score 36 points and hold the opposing team to 8 points.



PHOTO: Just a handful of our dragons: Brett Maloney, Hunter Mast, Nolan Peterson, Mason Weatherbee, Charles Stringham, Gage Baker, Brice Seelau, and Devin Wright.



**4TH ANNUAL
PEMBROKE TEACHERS' FEDERATION
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BOYS BASKETBALL

The Boys Varsity Basketball scrimmages and non-league games schedule was released. See who your Dragons are playing against this winter!

Scrimmages:

Fillmore (Class C)
Williamsville North (Class AA)
Honeoye (C3 defending champs)
Lancaster (Class AAA)

Games:

Pioneer (Class A)
LeRoy (B1 defending champs)
Roy-Hart (Class B)
Perry (Class C)
Williamsville South (Class A)



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TEACHER FEATURE

By Riley Tobias

Mr. Loeber has been teaching Social Studies at Pembroke Jr/Sr High School for 26 years. This year, he is teaching Global Studies 2, War & Holocaust, and AP World History.

Q: What would be your dream sandwich?

A: A ham and Swiss with mayo and lettuce on an everything bagel.

Q: If you could go back in time to any moment in your life, which would it be and why?

A: I'd go back to 15-year-old me to relive all of high school because it was such a great time. I didn't have a care in the world or responsibilities; it was just school, friends, and sports.

Q: You have to pull off a Bank Robbery. What's your plan?

A: Go get Mr. Wilson because he's smarter than me, and listen to his plan.

Q: Describe your worst school picture.

A: When you're as beautiful (handsome) as me, you don't worry about school pictures.

Q: If a celebrity were to walk into your room during class one day, whom would you want it to be and what would you say?

A: I would want it to be Tom Hanks, and I have no idea what I would say. I'd be in too much shock.

Q: Which breakfast food is better: pancakes, waffles, or French toast?

A: Pancakes all the way.

Q: What are the best and worst Halloween costumes you've ever had?

A: My best one was either when I was the German tourist or when I was the Oompa Loompa. Senior year of high school, I dressed as a giant pumpkin.

Q: If you had to be locked in a room with 3 teachers for 24 hours straight, who would you want it to be?

A: Mr. Wilson, Mr. Piccolo, and Mr. Moscato.

JR. HIGH MUSIC NEWS

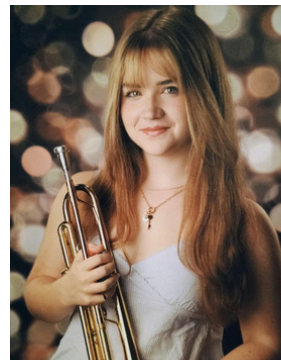
By Harper Ricci

Lessons are off to a great start; don't forget to grab your pass in the morning! Check your lesson schedules; be sure not to miss any. Both the Junior High Band and Chorus have started working on their concert pieces (it's never too early for Christmas music, right?!). Jazz Band is starting up soon. The Marching Band is going to UB on October 3rd to learn from the outstanding UB Marching Band, the UBuffalo Thunder of the East. Marching Band is also busy working on the Homecoming Show "Wicked" to be performed October 16th at the Homecoming Game. The musical reveal was very exciting, with the surprise of *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat* being chosen. Auditions will be November 16th-18th. Our first band and chorus concerts are on December 2nd.

SR. HIGH MUSIC NEWS

By Lauren Feitshans

Come see the halftime show that your Marching Dragons perform at the Homecoming Football Game! Bring your spirit! The musical for this year is *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*! Auditions will be held November 16th-18th from 3-5 pm. The holiday concert is going to be held on December 2nd at 6 pm.



**Congratulations to
Mary Benson for making
the Conference All-State
Wind Ensemble!**



**Congratulations to
Charles Stringham
for making the
Conference All-State
Symphonic Band!**

DRAGON CELEBRATIONS

SEPTEMBER



Braytyn Shultz
Miss Wydysh
Jacoby Ebersole
Sawyer Dilimone
Kennedy Brown
Roman Iannello
Jose Santiago
Veronica Wolcott
Morgan Sapp
Carter Thaine
Ashton Kelsey
Joshua Weiss
Jase Young

Belle Wolsiefer
Taylor Bischoff
Alora Duchene
Mrs. Fetzer
Jayden Hootman
Lucas Downs
Ashlynn Shisler
Archer Piecuch
Allie Humphrey
Aleanna Lang
Ashlyn Robinson
Cameron Lepsch
Miss Kaminski



Lilyana Winder
Eli Stringham
Kendall Johnston
Claire Vaughn
Millie Lang
Angelina Severino
Kaelyn Yager
Miss Alonge
DeSean Mileham
Kaleb Roll
Gabriella Steins
Mrs. Gugliuzza
Tanner Senko
Bethany Miller

OCTOBER

Liam Scheeda
Jamiah Krzyzanowicz
Mr. Clark
Owen Williams
Mrs. Hartl
Jackson Loggins
Izabellia Neuhaus
Aurora Ottaviani
Aidan Morgan
Everett Spaulding

McKenzie Mann
Jaxon Harman
Elizabeth Houseknecht
Mellody Kidney
Mr. Moscato
Ava Goetz
Dr. Work
Mr. Ricci
Mr. Beahan
Lillian Laughlin
Mrs. Quaranto
Audrey Robertson
Ruby Burton

Emma Mack
Heath Cromwell
Josephine Cromwell
Nathen Rendon
Mrs. Fitzsimmons
Brody Warchocki
Joshua Foss
Cooper Gietl
Eleanor Benson



THE DRAGON'S TAKE

TV SHOW REVIEW

By Riley Tobias

BOJACK HORSEMAN

If you know me, you've definitely heard of my all-time favorite show: *Bojack Horseman*. This is exclusively on Netflix and is six seasons long. It's an adult animation, but it has many jokes throughout the show while still properly handling serious issues. The show mainly tackles mental health struggles like depression, addiction, narcissism, and entitlement. More specifically, it follows the development of the main character, you guessed it, Bojack Horseman, and his complicated relationships with the other characters.

He starts off strong, revealing all of his flaws and nasty habits to the audience through his actions, especially how he treats his closest allies. However, by the end, you see a slight but prominent change in his outlook and way of life. The way the finale is played out makes you question if this change was truly permanent, though, considering his character development throughout the show, which is what really gets you to think.

The way this series handles these core concepts and the character development of not just Bojack but all of the supporting characters is phenomenally done and makes it a show you will never forget. If it doesn't cause even just a little self-reflection, then you didn't really receive the message the right way. People could learn a lot from a show like this.

THE POST KNOWS BEST

By Lauren Feitshans

- Always watch your surroundings, you never know what's waiting for you, especially with Homecoming and Halloween around the corner.
- Don't take things for granted; you never know when it will disappear.
- Have your own opinion; if you're wrong, you learn. If you're right, you gain more confidence.
- Giving up doesn't always have to be the last resort; taking a break will let you come back with energy.
- Not all people will appreciate you for who you are; find the people that do.
- Inspire people to want to be more like you, not less like you.

BOOK REVIEW

By Lauren Feitshans

THE ONLY GIRL IN TOWN

by Ally Condie



The Only Girl in Town is my all-time favorite book, with excellent writing and storytelling. It follows the story of July Fielding, a girl living in the small town of Lithia. She was captain of the cross-country team. She had her friends, Sydney and Alex, and also her boyfriend, Sam, until everyone was just gone. No trace was left of anyone. The only thing that changed was a message throughout the town: "GET TH3M BACK." The narrative switches from past to present, keeping it fast-paced. The book is a nice 322 pages long, with some pages not being full. I recommend it completely!

STUDENT INTERVIEW

By Riley Tobias

Here's my interview with student Madeline Gillard:

Q: What is your favorite birthday memory?

A: Picking the theme.

Q: If you were a farmer, what animals would you have? What kind of crops would you grow?

A: I don't know, a bunny and corn?!

Q: What is your Harry Potter house? Do you agree with the sorting hat's placement?

A: Gryffindor, and yeah, I agree because I'm kind, caring, and smart, I guess.

Q: Who is your all-time favorite Disney character?

A: I liked The Lion King when I was younger, so Simba.

Q: What is a question you'd like to ask your pets?

A: What would you say to me if you could talk?

Q: Are you a morning person or a night owl?

A: Oh, I am a night owl, not a morning person.

Q: What is the best thing to hand out on Halloween?

A: Twix is my all-time favorite.

THE DRAGON'S TAKE

EDITORIAL

By Harper Ricci

There is a certain vibe that comes with a home football game...like the whole community is excited and supporting each other. From the Marching Band playing pep tunes to fans cheering in the stands, everyone is hyped up and is leaning into the perfect chaos that comes with it. I personally LOVE home games where I play in the Marching Band and see my other friends at halftime. I adore how connected it feels...like you can't feel anything but happy when you're part of something big. Also, if you've ever stayed until after the game (especially one where we won), the atmosphere is completely different. It feels peaceful and victorious, and slightly eerie...an empty stadium at night can feel like that. I'm very excited for Homecoming and to experience that unique vibe again.

MUSICIAN OF THE MONTH

By Lauren Feitshans

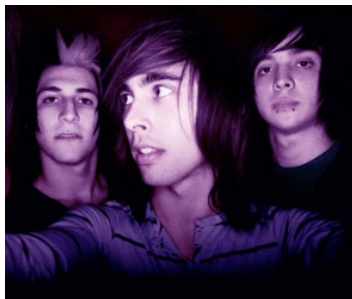


The musician of the month is Current Joys; you may know him from the songs "Become the Warm Jets" or "Fear." The genre is Indie Pop, but it leans more into a lo-fi feel. Nick's songs usually contain drums and guitar as the main two instruments. He is also part of the group Surf Curse, where he plays drums and sings. Current Joys is his personal project. My personal favorite album is *Voyager*. Two of his singles, "Kids" and "Televisions," were featured in the movie *Obsession*. He was inspired to compose music from a MySpace message, leading to The Nicholas Project, which was produced on Bandcamp. I personally love Current Joys, especially when I'm in need of some calm music. Go take a listen!

BAND OF THE MONTH

By Pearl Weber and Sophia "Violet" Heveron

Pierce The Veil is a post-hardcore band formed in San Diego, California, in 2006. It was founded by brothers Mike and Vic Fuentes after they disbanded their old band, Before Today. Vic is the band's rhythm guitarist and lead singer, while Tony Perry is the lead guitarist and Jaime (pronounced "hi-me") Preciado is the bassist. Vic's brother Mike was originally the band's drummer, but he was later kicked out of the band. Loni Robinson is currently the band's drummer, although he is not the band's official drummer.



Pierce The Veil currently has five albums, with a sixth album reportedly in the works. The band has over three million monthly listeners, with three of their most-listened-to songs being "King for a Day," "So Far So Fake," and "A Match Into Water." They have achieved mainstream success through their emotionally charged lyrics. The band's goal is to bring deep emotion through their music, and they are very artistic in the way they do so.

ARTIST OF THE MONTH

By Mary McDonald

BEN GILES

Before Ben Giles became a photographer, he was actually a surgeon. But over time and after life changes, he focused his passion on photography. His specific photography style is collage photography.



The way Giles does collages is unique. Instead of using random pictures or objects to make one whole image, he normally combines many things that don't match up. Usually, these photos combine two ideas; one is normally fauna, specifically very colorful flowers to contrast against a normally black-and-white photo. But another idea that he carried from his old job is surgical images from textbooks.

THE DRAGON'S TAKE

WHAT BECAME OF ME

By Lauren Feitshans

What contorted my mind to this?
 Ignoring every signal of help through the vast maze of my mind
 What day did it?
 Who did it?
 Why does it seem like it's only me?
 I do so many things that I would never want to do
 It comes to my throat like vomit, but nothing was there to get rid of
 Everything makes sense when everyone's gone
 But it gets lost when someone passed
 It's like I'm a beautiful toy that ripped itself apart to be thrown away
 It doesn't make sense, no
 My heart so tight and my stomach twisted
 Gone in seconds
 What does it matter?
 It wasn't something to be worried about; it was a simple gesture
 Yet I hide away, not letting myself have anything
 I stay in pain, so easy to ignore
 I know too much, I know too little
 Let me know
 A spiral into thoughts that have no real answer to my problem
 It was only a miscommunication
 Why did it feel so large, small to large, large to small?
 Just ignore it, all of it, and it'll sit away, knowing it's neglected
 It won't bother to come out and look for attention if you abuse it enough
 It'll turn to self-deprecation, an easy fix
 There was no reason
 No point
 Don't make it a problem

MUSICAL REVIEW

By Lily Schoff

Extra! Extra! Read all about it! The Pembroke Jr./Sr. High School Musical for this school year is *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*! It follows the story of Joseph, who lives in Canaan with his eleven brothers and his father, Jacob. Joseph was his father's youngest and favorite child, and his brothers resented him for it. They threw him into a well, but then changed their minds and sold him into slavery. They lied to their father, saying Joseph was dead, and pretended to despair over his "death." Told entirely through songs (with no dialogue), we follow Joseph's journey through slavery, prison, and eventually becoming second-in-command to Pharaoh. In the end, his brothers come to find him in Egypt, where Joseph has risen to power, and they all reunite.

Some songs include "Close Every Door," "Any Dream Will Do," and "Go, Go, Go Joseph."

The dates for the actual show are still to be determined, but auditions are November 16-18 from 3-5 pm. Callbacks will be on the 18th if necessary. The cast list will be posted on November 20.

So, if you are interested, come on down to the chorus room to audition for this year's musical!

TOP 10 UNIQUE HALLOWEEN COSTUMES

By Riley Tobias

1. Mothman (awesome if executed right)
2. The Ghostbusters logo (actually never seen this before)
3. A penny (even better since they're not around anymore)
4. A pinecone (not scary but hilarious anyway)
5. Elf on the Shelf (difficult but SO worth it)
6. A traffic light (simple yet unique!)
7. Grasshopper (now this would be scary at night)
8. Mr. Peanut (A guaranteed laugh at least once)
9. SUSHI (I'm obsessed; actually, this is adorable)
10. Any niche character from a show (exactly what I'm doing)

6 WORDS. 1 STORY. YOUR CHANCE TO WIN!

Can you tell a creepy, funny, mysterious, or totally unexpected story in EXACTLY SIX WORDS?
 Your challenge: Write a six-word story with a fall or Halloween theme.

Need inspiration? Try:

- The footsteps suddenly stopped behind me.
- Pumpkin carving took a deadly turn.
- Leaves fell. Then something else did.



🕒 Email to pembrokepost@pembrokecsd.org or drop off in Room 205 by Tuesday, October 27th.

🏆 Winners will be announced in the next edition and will win a gift card!

Six words. Make them count.

IT'S RAINING CATS & DOGS!

CATS: ABYSSINIAN

By The Pembroke Post

If you want a cat that is playful, curious, and super smart, the Abyssinian might be the right cat for you! Abyssinians are one of the oldest cat breeds and are known for being very active and affectionate. They love exploring, playing with toys, and climbing to high places, so they need plenty of things to keep them busy. They are friendly with families and children and enjoy getting attention, but don't expect them to sit on your lap for very long because they are always on the move! Abyssinians have short, colorful coats that can be ruddy, cinnamon, blue, or fawn, and they don't need much grooming. Fun fact: although their name comes from the old name for Ethiopia, scientists believe the breed actually originated near the Indian Ocean and Southeast Asia.



DOGS: AIREDALE TERRIER

By The Pembroke Post

Airedale Terriers are the largest of the terrier breeds and are known as the "King of Terriers." They have muscular bodies and a hard, wiry coat that is usually black and tan. Airedales are intelligent, confident, curious, and very loyal to their families, but they can be a little stubborn and may need an experienced owner. They need more than two hours of exercise and activity each day, which can include walks, playtime, and other activities—not just two hours of walking. Airedales originally came from England, where they were bred to help hunters catch otters, but they have also worked as guard dogs, messenger dogs, and police dogs. Fun fact: three U.S. presidents in a row owned Airedales!



ANIMAL OF THE MONTH: AMERICAN BARN OWL

By Riley Tobias

The American Barn Owl might have a cute heart-shaped face, but their silent flight makes them one of the scariest birds to be the prey of. But there is no need to worry; these adorable creatures feast on small rodents like moles, mice, and small rats, not humans. Much like snakes, they surprisingly swallow their prey whole, but instead they regurgitate twice a day to remove the compacted fur and bone. They typically live in North and South America, but were introduced to Hawaii in about 1958 to manage rodent populations on the island. Whenever you hear an eerie "who" late at night, just think of these gorgeous birds and the rodents they're taking care of.



THE DRAGON'S PLAYGROUND

THE 1950s

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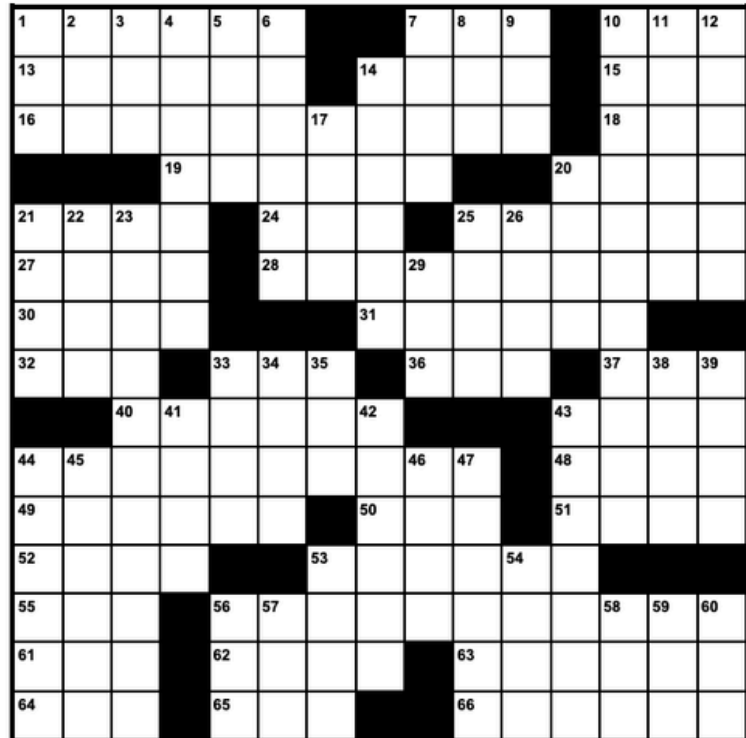


ACROSS

- 1 The Nautilus, launched in 1954, was the first of this kind of submarine
- 7 Fork out the bucks
- 10 To the ___ degree
- 13 Once in a blue moon
- 14 Patti who had a #1 hit with "Doggie in the Window" in 1953
- 15 Suffix with press
- 16 In 1956, Martin Luther King Jr. organized a boycott of these in Montgomery, Alabama: 2 wds.
- 18 Mean dog
- 19 Franklin ___ Roosevelt
- 20 ___ mater (school from which one graduated)
- 21 Arizona Indian
- 24 Nickname for a Yale student
- 25 "Ally ___" (old Fox series)
- 27 Sign of the future
- 28 Theme park opened in 1955
- 30 Pantyhose blemish
- 31 Noisy snake
- 32 ___-tac-toe
- 33 Nickname of the U.S. president from 1953 to 1961
- 36 Wife of 1950s vice president Richard Nixon
- 37 Common college degrees: Abbr.
- 40 Large, downy sea ducks
- 43 "Gee whillikers!"
- 44 In 1957, federal troops were sent to this city to ensure that Central High School's first African-American students were allowed to enter: 2 wds.
- 48 Letters between K and P
- 49 Britain, Egypt, 63-Across and this country were involved in the Suez crisis of 1956
- 50 ___-TURN (traffic sign): 2 wds.
- 51 Double-reed instrument
- 52 Female sheep
- 53 Shakespearean poem
- 55 Actress Michele who plays Rachel on "Glee"
- 56 Practice of forcing different racial groups to stay separated, ruled illegal in 1954
- 61 Granola bar grain
- 62 "See you later": Hyph.
- 63 In 1958, this country created a new government called the Fifth Republic
- 64 Dryly humorous
- 65 1951 and 1959, for example: Abbr.
- 66 Still awake in the wee hours: 2 wds.

DOWN

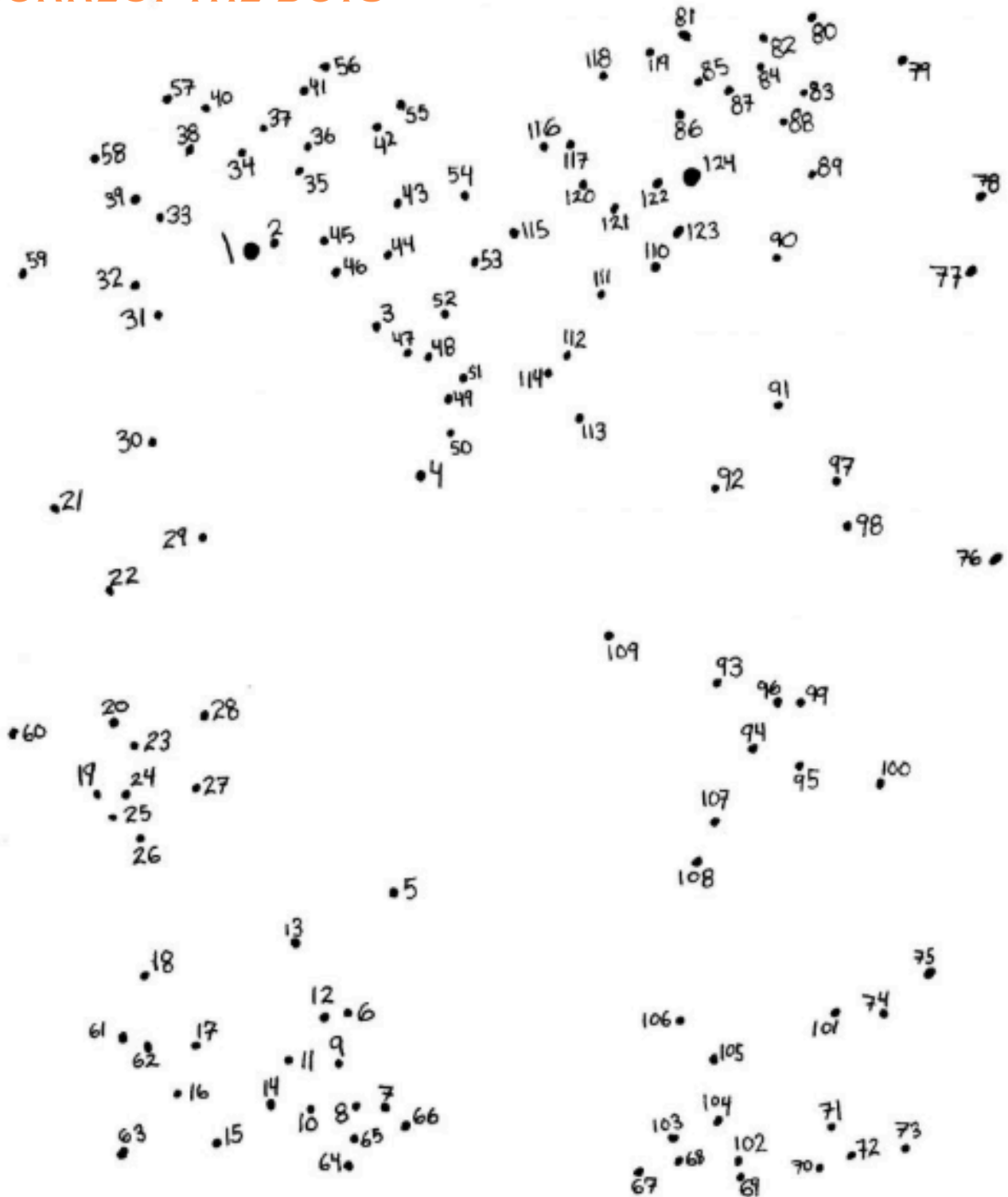
- 1 Avant-garde French painter/sculptor Jean ___



- 2 19th Greek letter
- 3 Spherical body
- 4 Blending
- 5 "Why would ___?": 2 wds.
- 6 Rode a bike
- 7 El ___, Texas
- 8 Space ___ (era that started with the launch of the Soviet satellite Sputnik in 1957)
- 9 "Absolutely!"
- 10 Weapon of mass destruction tested at Bikini atoll in 1954: 2 wds.
- 11 U.S. president during the Korean War of 1950–53
- 12 "Hark! The ___ Angels Sing"
- 14 Take disciplinary action on
- 17 Indonesian island east of Java
- 20 Competent
- 21 Greeter at a party, usually
- 22 Prefix meaning "all"
- 23 11-Down signed one with Japan in 1951: 2 wds.
- 25 Arizona's third-largest city
- 26 Abnormal sac in the body
- 29 Puppy's bite
- 33 Twiddling one's thumbs
- 34 Ship's backbone
- 35 Goof up
- 38 "It should come ___ surprise ...": 2 wds.
- 39 Sneaker or sandal
- 41 "Take ___ a compliment!": 2 wds.
- 42 Mexican state or Arizona desert
- 43 Pertaining to the opening at the upper part of the voice box
- 44 Hide out: 2 wds.
- 45 "It's the truth, really!": 2 wds.
- 46 Ice cream holder
- 47 Chinese self-defense system: 2 wds.
- 53 Officers ranking higher than corporals: Abbr.
- 54 "The Life and Legend of Wyatt ___" (1950s TV series)
- 56 Pigpen
- 57 Lobed body part
- 58 Every once ___ while: 2 wds.
- 59 Halloween month: Abbr.
- 60 Word preceding a maiden name

THE DRAGON'S PLAYGROUND

CONNECT THE DOTS



Me knowing I have 20 assignments due tomorrow



Me: Opens bag of chips
The class:



The Teacher: Don't worry. The Questions aren't that hard. The Questions:



THERE ARE TWO TYPES



THE DRAGON'S PLAYGROUND

SUDOKU #1655 (EASY)

		8	4					3
9		2	1				5	
	4			6		8		
		7					1	
4								
	2				3			
			9			3		
3			6	1		7		
8							2	

How to Play
Sudoku:

1. Each row must contain the numbers 1-9 exactly once each.
2. Each column must contain the numbers 1-9 exactly once each.
3. Each 3x3 box must contain the numbers 1-9 exactly once each.
4. Combining all the rules, every row, column, and 3x3 box must contain the numbers 1-9 with no double-ups anywhere.

SUDOKU #1656 (MEDIUM)

6			7					
				8	5	7	3	
4	5				1			
		5						
2	4				7			
	9					3	2	1
	6		9					2
5			4				8	6



CROSSWORD ANSWER

A	T	O	M	I	C			P	A	Y		N	T	H
R	A	R	E	L	Y			P	A	G	E		U	R
P	U	B	L	I	C	B	U	S	E	S			C	U
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H	O	P	I			E	L	I		M	C	B	E	A
O	M	E	N			D	I	S	N	E	Y	L	A	N
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T	I	C				I	K	E		P	A	T		B
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JOKES OF THE MONTH

By Riley Tobias

1. What kind of medicine do witches use on their warts?
2. What do short-sighted ghosts wear?
3. What kind of boats do vampires travel in?
4. How do monsters like their eggs?
5. Why are ghosts great cheerleaders?
6. What's the best lake to visit on Halloween?
7. Why did the invisible man quit his job?
8. What do you call a fat pumpkin?
9. What monster loves to disco?
10. What do creatures tell around the campfire?

JOKES ANSWERS

1. I don't know, but it's not working.
2. Spooktacles.
3. Blood vessels.
4. Terror-fried.
5. All they have is spirit.
6. Lake Eerie.
7. He couldn't see himself doing it.
8. A plumpkin.
9. The boogiemán.
10. Scary human stories.

PEMBROKE PLATES

APPLE CINNAMON OATMEAL COOKIES

Prep Time: 30 minutes

Cook Time: 30 minutes

Total Time: 1 hour

Yields: 24 cookies



Cookie Ingredients:

⅔ cup (160g) unsweetened applesauce
 2 cups (170g) old-fashioned whole rolled oats
 1 ¼ cups (156g) all-purpose flour
 ½ tsp baking soda
 ½ tsp salt
 1 tsp ground cinnamon
 ½ tsp ground allspice
 ¼ tsp ground nutmeg
 ½ cup (113g) unsalted butter, softened
 ½ cup (100g) granulated sugar
 ½ cup (100g) light or dark brown sugar
 1 egg yolk, at room temperature
 1 tsp pure vanilla extract
 ¾ cup (90g) finely diced apples
 ½ cup (63g) chopped walnuts (optional)

Maple Icing Ingredients:

2 T (28g) unsalted butter
 ⅓ cup (107g/80ml) pure maple syrup
 1 cup (112g) sifted confectioners' sugar

Directions:

1. Place applesauce in a medium saucepan over medium heat. Bring to a low boil and then simmer, stirring occasionally, until amount is reduced by half (to 1/3 cup/80g), about 10 minutes. Transfer to a bowl and set aside to cool to room temperature.
2. Preheat oven to 350°F. Line large baking sheets with parchment paper or silicone mats.
3. Whisk oats, flour, baking soda, salt, cinnamon, allspice, and nutmeg in a large bowl; set aside.
4. Using a handheld or stand mixer, beat butter, sugar, and brown sugar on medium speed until creamed together, about 5 minutes. Scrape down sides and bottom of bowl. Add reduced applesauce, egg yolk, and vanilla, and beat on medium-high speed until combined.
5. Add in dry ingredients and beat on low speed until combined. Beat in chopped apples and walnuts (if using). Cookie dough will be thick and sticky.
6. Using a medium cookie scoop, scoop mounds of dough (1.5T/35g) and arrange 3 inches apart on baking sheets.
7. Bake for 14–16 minutes or until lightly browned and set around the edges. They will look very soft in the middle but will continue to set as they cool.
8. Remove from oven and cool for 10 minutes on the baking sheet, then transfer to a cooling rack.
9. Make the icing: In a small saucepan over low heat, melt butter and maple syrup together, whisking occasionally. Once melted, remove from heat; whisk in sifted confectioners' sugar. Add a pinch of salt, if desired. Drizzle over cookies (set for 1 hour).
10. Store cookies in an airtight container at room temperature for up to 2 days, or in the refrigerator for up to 1 week.

Recipe compliments of <https://bit.ly/4yn2iNw>



PEANUT BUTTER BLONDIES

Prep Time: 10 minutes

Cook Time: 30 minutes

Total Time: 40 minutes

Yields: 4 servings



Ingredients:

¾ cup (170g) unsalted butter, melted, slightly cooled
 2 cups (400g) packed light or dark brown sugar
 ¾ cup (190g) creamy peanut butter
 2 large eggs + 1 extra egg yolk
 1 T pure vanilla extract
 2 cups (250g) all-purpose flour
 1 tsp baking powder
 1 tsp salt
 1 ¼ cups (about 260g) Reese's Pieces

Directions:

1. Preheat oven to 350°F and set oven rack to the center rack position. Line the bottom and sides of a 9x13 pan with parchment paper, leaving an overhang on the sides to easily lift the bars out of the pan. Set aside.
2. In a large bowl, whisk butter and brown sugar together until combined. Whisk in peanut butter, then add eggs, egg yolk, and vanilla until completely combined.
3. Add flour, baking powder, and salt; fold together. Fold in Reese's Pieces. Spread evenly into pan and sprinkle with extra Reese's Pieces on top, if desired.
4. Bake for 30 minutes, then test with a toothpick inserted into the center. If it comes out with wet batter, they are not done. If there are only a few moist crumbs, they are done. Check every 2 minutes until done.
5. Cool completely in the pan on a wire rack. Lift out of pan using paper overhang and cut into squares.
6. Cover and store at room temperature for up to 1 week.

Recipe compliments of <https://bit.ly/4hysdLb>



PEMBROKE PLATES

TURKEY CHILI WITH BUTTERNUT SQUASH NOODLES

Prep Time: 10 minutes

Cook Time: 50 minutes

Total Time: 1 hour

Yields: 8 servings

Ingredients:

1 T olive oil
2 stalks celery, diced
1 medium yellow onion, diced
1 medium carrot, diced
2 T tomato paste
1 T chili powder
1 tsp ground cumin
½ tsp cayenne pepper
2 cloves garlic, minced
Kosher salt and freshly ground black pepper
1 lb. ground turkey
One 28-oz can crushed tomatoes
One 15-oz can kidney beans, rinsed and drained
3 cups chicken stock
4 cups butternut squash noodles
Sour cream, for serving
Sliced scallions, for serving



Directions:

1. Add oil to a Dutch oven or large heavy-bottomed pot set over medium-high heat; heat until shimmering.
2. Add celery, onion, and carrot and cook, stirring occasionally, until the vegetables are softened and browned around the edges, 5-6 minutes.
3. Reduce heat to medium and stir in the tomato paste, chili powder, cumin, cayenne, garlic, 1 tsp salt and ½ tsp pepper. Cook until garlic and spices become fragrant and the tomato paste begins to brown, about 2 minutes.
4. Add the turkey, breaking it up with a wooden spoon. Season with 1 tsp salt and ½ tsp pepper.
5. Increase heat to medium-high and cook, stirring occasionally, until the turkey is cooked through and starting to brown, 6-7 minutes.
6. Add tomatoes, beans, and stock; bring to a boil.
7. Reduce to a simmer and cook until thickened, about 30 minutes. Salt and pepper to taste.
8. Stir in squash noodles and cook until tender, 5-7 minutes. Garnish with a dollop of sour cream and a sprinkle of scallions.



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CHICKEN ENCHILADA STUFFED SQUASH

Prep Time: 15 minutes

Cook Time: 25 minutes

Total Time: 40 minutes

Yields: 4 servings

Ingredients:

2 small acorn squash, halved and seeded
1 T extra-virgin olive oil
½ white onion, diced
1 small poblano chile pepper, seeded and diced
1 clove garlic, grated
½ tsp ground cumin
Kosher salt and freshly ground pepper
One 15-oz can red enchilada sauce
2½ cups shredded rotisserie chicken (skin removed)
½ cup fresh cilantro, plus more for topping
2 cups (8-oz pkg.) shredded Mexican-blend cheese
Sour cream, for topping



Directions:

1. Preheat oven to 425°F
2. Place squash halves in a large microwave-safe bowl with ¼ cup water; cover loosely with plastic wrap. Microwave until fork-tender, about 15 minutes.
3. Meanwhile, heat olive oil in a medium saucepan over medium-high heat.
4. Add onion and poblano and cook, stirring, until slightly softened, about 2 minutes.
5. Add garlic, cumin, ½ tsp salt and a few grinds of pepper; cook, stirring occasionally, until the vegetables soften, about 3 minutes.
6. Add enchilada sauce and chicken. Bring to a simmer and cook until sauce slightly thickens, about 5 minutes. Stir in cilantro and season with salt and pepper.
7. Place acorn squash cut-sides up in a 9x13-inch baking dish. Divide chicken filling evenly among squash halves and top with cheese.
8. Bake until the cheese is lightly golden and melted, 10-12 minutes. Top with sour cream and cilantro.



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DRAGON DATES

OCTOBER 2026

BOE = Board of
Education
Meeting
Only home
games are listed.

B = Boys
G = Girls
M = Modified
JV = Junior Varsity
V = Varsity

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 Picture Day 5pm G M Volleyball	2 5pm G JV Volleyball 6:30pm G V Volleyball	3 9am B M Soccer 1pm B V Football
4	5pm G M Volleyball 5pm B JV Soccer 7pm B V Soccer	6 6pm B M Football	7 5pm B M Soccer 7pm B V Soccer	8	9 Conference Day NO SCHOOL 5pm B M & JV Soccer 5pm G JV Volleyball 6:30pm G V Volleyball 7pm B V Soccer	10 5pm G M Volleyball
11 HOMECOMING WEEK	12 Columbus Day NO SCHOOL! 5pm B JV Football 5pm G JV Soccer 7pm G V Soccer	13 10 th : Games 5pm V Cross Country, G JV Volleyball, B JV Soccer 6:30pm G V Volleyball 7pm B V Soccer	14 10 th : Relay Races on the Track 5pm G M Volleyball 5pm G JV Soccer 7pm G V Soccer	15 10 th : Nitroball on Tennis Courts 5pm G M Soccer 6:45pm B V Soccer	16 7pm B V Football HOMECOMING GAME	17 7pm Homecoming Dance (Grades 9-12)
18	19 5pm G M Volleyball	20 5pm B M Soccer 6pm B M Football	21 5pm G JV Volleyball 6:30pm G V Volleyball	22 5pm B M Soccer	23	24 10am G M Volleyball
25	26 6pm B JV Football	27 6:30pm Board of Ed	28 4-8pm PTF Pizza Night at Homeslice	29	30	