

THE CELTIC RAMBLER

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Everyone has fond childhood memories of getting dressed up for Halloween. Wearing the dress of your favorite princess or a superhero's cape gives any child bubbling excitement on this fun day. Not only do they get to emulate their role models, but they also get to fill a pillowcase full of candy, which is a dream come true for every child! Everyone, young and old, enjoys going to pick out a pumpkin in a field of orange, bouncing along on a hay ride, or getting lost in a corn maze.

Once, the pumpkin is chosen, carving it into a Jack-o-lantern becomes the next order of business! Whether the face is happy or scary, Jack-o-lanterns always offer a satisfyingly spooky glow. After placing the Jack-o-lantern at your doorstep to greet visitors, the only item remaining on a "Halloween to do" list is to put on the classic Halloween

movies because it just isn't Halloween without watching *It's the Great Big Pumpkin*, *Charlie Brown!*

Through the years, Halloween has transformed with the changes in society. Scary movies that were prevalent in the '80s and '90s are making a come back today, and costumes continue to evolve with current trends.

Although teens and adults are less likely to go trick-or-treating, children are still out and about as they gather treats into the late-evening hours.

Fortunately, for those of us who are past the age of trick-or-treating, there are still activities to make it an exciting night. While younger siblings fill their mouths with candy, haunted houses and cornfields provide the perfect opportunity for a good scare! The thrill of being spooked in a haunted house never gets old.

If you do not like to be scar-

ed then sit back and watch Halloween classics, such as: *Hocus Pocus*, *The Nightmare Before Christmas*, and *Casper*.

So, whether you get decked out and prepare your sweet tooth, or you prefer to keep the festivities simple and hide away, Halloween, like most holidays, quickly passes. Be sure to seize the day! Because it's moments like these that always stay in your most cherished memories.



Haunted Halls By: Chris Pyle and Isaac Chitwood

The seventh graders eagerly await the arrival of late October, which means a ghoulishly good time planning for and decorating a haunted hallway in the middle school. This year seventh grader Harry Barger created the theme of a *haunted school*.

"I've always wanted to decorate the hallway, and I'm excited

for the haunted school theme, said Ryan Wimbish.

Mrs. Schlessler agreed, stating, "We try to unify the middle school and give them something to look forward to during their years here."

The hallway includes a haunted nurse's office, haunted classrooms, and scary teachers.

Nearly everyone contributes as they bring in the supplies to be used. Elizabeth and Ben Safford enjoyed visiting the Halloween store to purchase the cobwebs and fake blood for the nurse's office.

The seventh graders worked to make this the best haunted hallway ever!

Layman Family Farm Adventure By: Amelia Safford and Sydney Reichardt

As autumn falls upon the harvested countryside, pumpkin patches and haunted mazes pop-up everywhere, as they beckon visitors to fill the empty fields with laughter and screams. One such local attraction in Blue Ridge, Virginia, Layman’s Family Farm offers something for everyone. The various attractions include: a pumpkin patch, an intricate corn maze, a frightening haunted maze, a quaint country store, and other games and activities.

After paying a general admission entrance fee, which includes three pumpkin tokens that can be used for the pumpkin blaster and powerful corn cannon, visitors can decide to purchase additional tokens for the more elaborate activities.

The aroma of kettle corn permeates the chilly air as families enjoy

BBQ sandwiches, hot dogs, and lemonades together in the picnic area. Parents linger over the edible treats, and children hurriedly scamper off to play on the large bouncy pillow, catch a ride on the cow train, or to blast another pumpkin off into the air!

No matter your preference, one thing is certain. When September arrives, everyone heads east along 460 to Layman’s Family Farm to share a day in the crisp, autumn air with family and friends in a harvested field dressed in pumpkin patches that lies among the apple orchards.



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WSLS 10 Pep Rally By: AJ Bennett

Roanoke Catholic woke up before the sun on Friday, October 20, to fill the gym and cheer for the Celtic fall sports teams who were featured on WSLs 10’s “Team of the Week.”

This morning news event offers schools the opportunity to showcase their sports teams and school spirit, and the Swamp did not disappoint. Fans cheered in the stands as the band

pumped up the crowd with the Fighting Irish song.

The volleyball and cross country teams spoke first as they delivered the season stats to WSLs’s viewing audience. The event concluded with a final highlight on our Celtics football team, who continued their winning streak the next night beating North Cross to become 18-0.

We know our school is passionate about sports, but their determination to come at 5am was unbelievable. It’s amazing what donuts and coffee (and Celtic Spirit) can motivate people to do!



Upcoming Events By: Isabella Jessee

At Roanoke Catholic School

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| Nov. 1 | All Saints Day |
| Nov. 6 | Early Dismissal @ 1:30 pm |
| Nov. 7 | No School |
| Nov. 8 | Make-up Picture Day |
| Nov. 10 | Grandpals' Day & 9th Grade Retreat |
| Nov. 10-18 | Book Fair at RCS |
| Nov. 20 | 11th Grade Retreat |
| Nov. 21 | Interims Posted |
| Nov. 22-26 | Thanksgiving Break |
| Nov. 28 | Upper School Reconciliation |
| Dec. 2 | Lessons and Carols |
| Dec. 8 | Feast of the Immaculate Conception/ Mass @ 9am |
| Dec. 14-19 | Upper school exams |
| Dec. 19 | Noon dismissal |
| Dec. 20-Jan 2 | Christmas Break |

Around Town Events

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| Nov. 4 | Smith Mountain Lake Chili and Craft Festival |
| Nov. 11 | ELF the Musical @ The Berglund Center |
| Nov. 18 | The Grandin Village Holiday Children's Parade @ 11 am |
| Nov. 22 | Elmwood on Ice opens |
| Nov. 23 | Drumstick Dash 5K |
| Nov. 25 | Historic Downtown Food Tour @ Hotel Roanoke |
| Dec. 1, 8, 15 | Dickens of a Christmas in downtown Roanoke |



Homecoming Game and Dance By: Megan McEvoy and Lily Krychkowski

Friday the thirteenth usually means bad luck and mishaps, but this was not the case for our RCS football team! RCS played Hargrave Military Academy for the first time in 10 years for Homecoming game. During the second quarter, Alex Vaught picked up a fumble and scored a touchdown, making the score 15-7. This proved to be a game changer and fueled the team's momentum.

Senior Chris Pyle stated, "We faced a great deal of adversity against a team

with more size and skill, yet we pulled together and persevered."

RCS left the field victorious, defeating the Hargrave Tigers with a final score of 44-14. The team's performance at the Homecoming game prompted WSL to chose RCS' football team as the "Team of the Week" and will highlight their game this week.

After a thrilling win on Friday, students ended the weekend enjoying a sensational Homecoming Dance on

Saturday night.

Junior Meaghan Glenney said, "The dance was amazing! I always enjoy seeing everyone's dance moves."

Students let go of stress as they showed off their cool moves and glowed in the dark! It definitely proved to be a night worth remembering.



Sports Update By: Spencer Krohmer, Meaghan Glenney, and Maret Whalen

Volleyball: Our lady Celtics are giving us a reason to show off our Celtic pride! Coming into the season without a setter, they now have a record of 13-7. The team made great memories on Senior Night beating Miller School. The seniors were honored for their contributions and dedication to the volleyball program.

Cross Country: With over 50 runners, the cross country team is doing exceptionally well. The girls varsity team has had many key finishes, namely hosting the CHARCS meet. The boys varsity finished second in this meet aiding in the Celtics great conference victory!

Football: After beating Fuqua on the road, the Celtics enjoyed a true homecoming on Friday, Oct. 13, when the team played their first home game of the season against Hargrave and had a blow-out victory 44-14. The next weekend, against our in-town rivals, the football team beat North Cross, 30-22. Bryant Guilfoyle had an exciting last second touchdown to give the Celtics the win.

Fun Page

By: Catherine Carroll

Spooky Halloween Word Search

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