

KEEP SCROLL

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Our Staff

Happy Halloween! In our first issue of the Kee Scroll magazine for the 2023-2024 school year, the Waukee High School publications class orchestrated a photo-heavy collection of articles. For this issue, we have decided to highlight the fall play, “Macbeth.” Wesley McPike, who stars in the show as Macbeth, is photographed by Noa Nyguard on the front cover as well as Beverly Zheng, who plays Lady Macbeth, on the back cover. Noa said, “I am so happy that this is the Scroll cover because I don’t think we highlight the performing arts enough, and I’m happy that the people and the work in “Macbeth” got a chance to shine.”



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TWISTED TALES

ALONG WITH WATCHING SCARY MOVIES AND TRICK-OR-TREATING, WAUKEE STUDENTS ARE ALSO READING GOOD BOOKS. IT'S ALWAYS NICE TO CURL UP WITH A BOOK AND A LATTE IN THE FALL MONTHS, AND SPOOKY SEASON IS NO EXCEPTION. HERE'S A GLIMPSE INTO WHICH CREEPY CHRONICLES PIQUE THE INTEREST OF WAUKEE'S STUDENTS:

KIERA SHADD, A SOPHOMORE, ENJOYS READING A COMIC/WEBTOON CALLED "SWEET HOME." IT IS A STORY SET IN HIGH SCHOOL, BUT WITH A TWIST. THE SCHOOL UNDERGOES A MONSTER APOCALYPSE, "WHAT MONSTER THEY TURN INTO IS BASED ON THEIR INTENTIONS IN LIFE," KIERA SAID.

KATELYN RETZLAFF, A JUNIOR, CHOSE THE FANTASY NOVEL TITLED SIX OF CROWS BY LEIGH BARDUGO. IT IS A DUOLOGY FOLLOWING THREE PROTAGONISTS, SET ON A SMALL ISLAND CALLED KETTERDAM. "THEIR GOAL, STEALING THE JURDA PAREM SERUM, IS ONE OF THE KEY INFLUENCES IN THE MAGIC OF THE BOOK. IT'S THOUGHT TO BE SOMETHING THAT CAN HEIGHTEN THE GRISHA, THE MAGICAL PEOPLE IN THE LAND, AND THEIR POWERS, WHICH WOULD CREATE AN UNSTOPPABLE ARMY," SAID KATELYN.

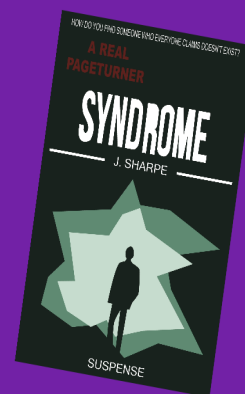
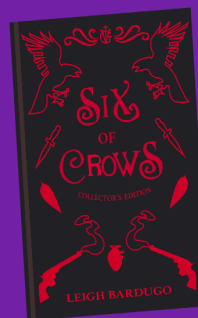
"SYNDROME," BY J. SHARPE IS SENIOR JACOB CUNNINGHAM'S TOP PICK. SYNDROME IS A STORY WITH ELEMENTS OF PSYCHOLOGICAL HORROR IN WHICH THE PROTAGONIST'S SISTER GOES MISSING. NO ONE AROUND HIM REMEMBERS HIS SISTER, SO IT IS LEFT UP TO HIM TO GO AND FIND HER.

QUESTION: WHAT'S YOUR FAVORITE PART ABOUT THE HALLOWEEN SEASON?
ANSWER: "I LIKE ALL THE HORROR MOVIES THAT COME OUT," JACOB SAID.

SOPHOMORE ALPHONSIA JILO LOVES TO READ JAPANESE HORROR STORIES, WHICH ARE ALSO AVAILABLE ON NETFLIX IN THE SERIES CALLED "JAPANESE TALES OF THE MACABRE."

Q: WHAT'S YOUR FAVORITE HALLOWEEN TROPE?
A: GHOSTS!

"PUNK'S WAR" BY WARD CARROLL IS SENIOR JAKE PALLISTER'S FAVORITE FALL NOVEL. THE FIRST OF A TRILOGY, THE STORY IS SET DURING THE COLD WAR AND IS CENTERED AROUND A FIGHTER PILOT STATIONED IN THE PERSIAN GULF.



FOR ALL THE DOGS

Building on last year's momentous collaboration with 21 Savage, Drake brings us his ninth studio album, "For All the Dogs." The lead single, "Slime You Out," features the phenomenal singer/rapper SZA. The song features vocals and production reminiscent of "Take Care," Drake's second studio album from back in 2011. Overall, the lead up to this record was all hype and hope for another instant classic by the 36-year-old Canadian-born artist.

The first song on the tracklist, "Virginia Beach," features a perfectly used Frank Ocean sample of the unreleased "Wiseman," once intended for the 2012 film "Django Unchained." Drake's singing and rapping are very normal for him and don't stick out as anything too interesting; however, he is saved by the amazing ending and overall production of the song.

Moving to the next chunk of the album, which features beautiful songs like "Amen (feat. Teezo Touchdown)," "Fear of Heights," and "Daylight," allows for Drake's singing and production to really shine. Teezo's feature on "Amen" is a perfect addition to the album and helps define Teezo as a future stud of the rap/rock game.

Moving to the meat of the album, the run of songs from "First Person Shooter (feat. J. Cole)" to "What Would Pluto Do" are textbook examples of great Drake songs. Featured artists like J. Cole, PARTYNEXTDOOR, and Yeat help to make some of the most memorable songs of this album. Then, we make it to the perfect "8am in Charlotte," which fulfills the role Drake tried to do on his 2021 album, "Honestly, Nevermind." The jazz rap beat and emotional performance from Drake make "8am in Charlotte" one of the only songs that has moved me to such an emotional level through music.

However, as we approach the conclusion of the album, the production and quality of songs takes a nosedive. Songs like "BBL (interlude)" and "Rich Baby Daddy (feat. Sexy Red and SZA)" are fun but droning songs, with "Rich Baby Daddy" having one the worst hooks of the album by Red. These songs are then followed by the worst of the filler of the album, "Away From Home." This song sounds forced, and I would've been fine without it, period. The closing track, "Polar Opposites," does help to save this subpar part of the album by delivering an emotional and melancholic ending to the album.

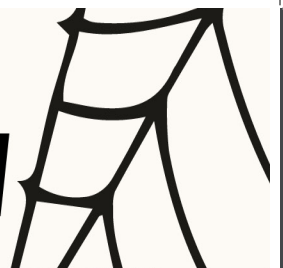
Overall, the album is a very solid album, but suffers from great highs and lows.

- 1: Nothing Was The Same
- 2: Take Care
- 3: Views
- 4: Thank Me Later
- 5: For All The Dogs
- 6: Scorpion
- 7: Honestly, Nevermind
- 8: Certified Lover Boy

Where does "For All the Dogs" fall in Drake's Discography?

Halloween Decoration Review

Bayla Boyce



Classic Halloween decorations, very nostalgic. I think the lights are cool and a nice touch.

I like how there's big decorations, but they're not tacky. I also like the cute skeleton details on the windows and little pumpkins lining the driveway.

I really like the spider web hanging from the roof, and the inflatable, but it's not very well supported for a windy day.

Pumpkin Spice Latte at home!

Ingredients

- 2 cups milk
- 2 tbsp pumpkin puree
- 1 tbsp sugar
- 1 tbsp vanilla extract
- ½ tsp pumpkin pie spice
- ½ cup of coffee - hot or cold ice - if you want iced coffee



Instructions

1. Start with heating milk, pumpkin puree, and sugar in a saucepan over medium heat. Heat until hot, not boiling.
2. Remove the saucepan from heat and stir in the vanilla extract, pumpkin pie spice, and the coffee.
3. Pour the mixture into 2 mugs. (If you want an iced pumpkin spice latte, pour it into a cup with ice.)
4. Sprinkle on some extra pumpkin pie spice, and enjoy!

Allison Corwin
recipe adapted from
Inspired Taste cooking blog

Childhood Memories of Fall

Paxton Houangvan

The autumn months are quickly approaching, bringing back the traditions, activities, and celebrations for many. When the Autumn Equinox kicked off on the 23rd of September, the environment began to change into the familiar sights that we all get excited about. Fall is a well-loved season amongst many, whether you celebrate the spooky season or not. Let us take a trip down memory lane, revisiting some of the most cherished memories of the season.

Armin Hodzic, a sophomore, shared one of his favorites. "Fall made the best episodes on kids' TV shows," he said. "I remember watching 'Curious George' inside of a fall setting talking about the seasons changing, or 'Dinosaur Train' talking about how the leaves change. My older brother and I would spend hours just eating popcorn and watching PBS Kids, it was like an uncertified tradition that was soon to be nostalgia."

Diving more into the thrilling holiday of Halloween, there are a lot of traditions that take place. **Drew Dieke**, a sophomore, stated, "I enjoy sorting out your candy at your friend's house and trading around the candy collected. It's been something I've done since I was a kid, and I still look forward to it every year."

Of all the activities to get hyped for this time of year, one of the most commonly visited places is the pumpkin patch. Sophomore **Maria Martinez** said that was her favorite tradition. "There's a lot of different things to do that always make it a memorable and enjoyable experience no matter what," Martinez said. Whether it be watching television, going trick or treating with friends, visiting a pumpkin patch, or any other tradition, autumn is a well-cherished time for many.

WAUKEE'S ESSENTIAL HORROR FILMS

THE KEE SCROLL TEAM TOOK TO SOCIAL MEDIA TO SURVEY THE BEST HORROR MOVIES OF THE HALLOWEEN SEASON, AND THE RESULTS MAY SURPRISE YOU!

As the spooky season approaches, the team at Kee Scroll had the idea to survey students from across Waukee High School to determine what to watch to get into the Halloween season. From psychological to comedy, these horror movies span multiple genres while having a level of quality that allows students of all grade levels to recommend them.

Us follows a family living at their beach house, but their relaxing vacation takes a terrifying turn when another family who looks identical to them arrives. According to a Waukee sophomore who responded to our survey, "[The film is] so well made, the plot twists are so unexpected, [and] the writer is also really underrated."

It Chapter Two tells the story of a group of childhood friends called to return to their hometown and defeat the supernatural entity that traumatized them as preteens. **Brooke Thompson**, a junior, commented, "It's hilarious because it has Bill Hader in it, but it's sad as well!"

The Conjuring depicts real-life paranormal investigators Ed and Lorraine Warren as they attempt to rid the world of a terrifying entity that haunts a family's new farmhouse. **Coria Chaloupecky**, a senior, said, "The cinematography is amazing, the special effects are perfect, and the acting is outstanding! [The Conjuring] is also one of the few horror movies that has a good storyline that's easy to follow."

The films listed span broadly in their tone, messaging, and artistic vision, but all of these horror movies have one thing in common: They are the personal recommendations of students at Waukee. This survey highlights the range of diverse perspectives and opinions within our student body, even on lighthearted topics like movie suggestions.



UNDER THE LIGHTS:



Tavian White



A Sophomore Spotlight



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Timberline head coach Mark Lachacz speaks to the class of 2026 freshman team after defeating Des Moines Roosevelt 78-12 on September 1, 2022.



The difficulties of playing football at the varsity level aren't a secret to anyone. All of the practices, the weightlifting, the crowds, the weather, the atmosphere. These factors are the main differences between freshman football and varsity football. For example, the freshman football team is far more likely to move practice indoors, or even cancel practice all together in harsh weather. They also have far less practice than varsity football. But the biggest difference of all is by far the crowd and atmosphere of the games. The average Timberline freshman football game has an attendance of around a hundred people, while in just the second game at Waukee Northwest, the varsity team had over a thousand total fans in attendance, as well as a live broadcast on WHO-Channel 13. So you can imagine what it must be like as a sophomore playing varsity football, and how big of an adjustment it is to go from small crowds and easier practices on the freshman team, to strenuous practices and huge crowds on the varsity level.

Sophomore receiver **Xavyer Gutierrez** expressed the difficulty of adjusting to the much brighter lights on Fridays than the ones on Thursdays. "Last year we just played ball. We just went out there and had fun. This year I just feel like everything is so serious." But the serious and intense atmosphere has not deterred Xavyer's love for the game; in fact, he explained that the intensity has actually increased his liking of the sport. "I love the way we're so serious about winning," Gutierrez said. "We value winning more than just getting a 5-4 record."

Sophomore right tackle **Colt Schipper** explained his gratitude towards the freshman team coaches. "They put us in a good spot. They always try to resemble the high school as much as they can, but it's never going to be exactly the same, but I think they did a good job." Tight end **Evan Jacobson** agreed with Schipper, stating, "The Timberline coaches prepared me well by helping me improve my skills at tight end, and increased my football IQ." Evan also expressed his appreciation towards Timberline head coach Mark Lachacz: "He was honestly one of the best coaches I've ever had." Jacobson said. Evan had a great freshman year, and has made a large impact on the varsity offense so far this season in the blocking game and the passing game. Evan hopes to carry his stellar season into the playoffs.

Jacobson, Gutierrez, and Schipper, as well as their sophomore teammates, are still adjusting to the contrasting climate of varsity football; however, they continually embrace the in opportunity to play under the lights.



Sarah Medher now

Are we too dependent on our phones?

In our world today, an important question is sparked: Are we depending too much on our phones? Especially as technology becomes an inseparable part of our daily lives?

One important aspect of this problem is addiction; for some people, constantly wanting to be on our phones, checking social media a lot, and spending too much time on the internet can make us feel like we have to use our phones all the time, even when it's not good for us. This can make it hard to concentrate, mess up our sleep, and make us less productive.

Being addicted to our phones, checking social media frequently, and spending too much time online can make some people feel as though they have to use their phones constantly, even when it isn't healthy for them. Being on your phone can affect your sleeping habits, causing your overall physical health to be affected, such as loss of sleep, short attention span, and deep derealization. Senior **Kyle Lin** said, "Spending excessive time on our phones and leading a mostly inactive lifestyle can be harmful to our health and leave us feeling less than our best."

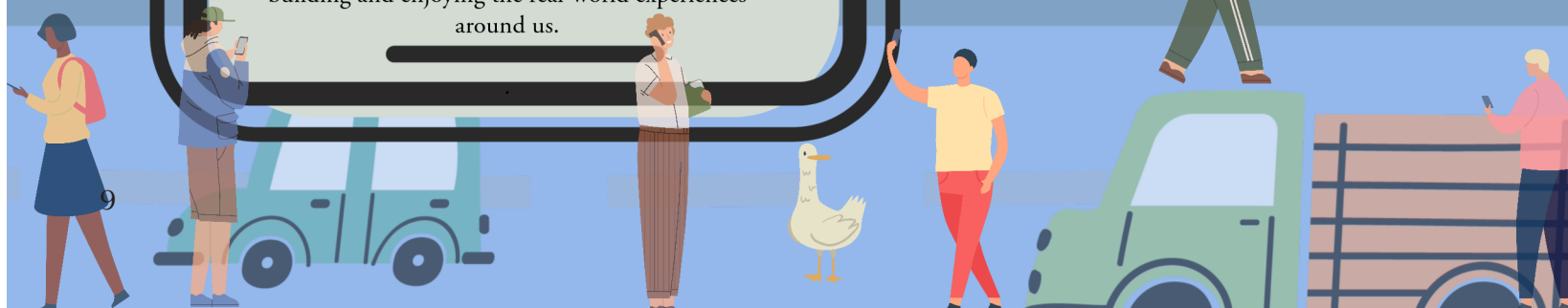
Moreover, our smartphone use can significantly affect our social lives. Despite smartphones being designed to help us stay connected with friends and family, they can paradoxically reduce our in-person interactions with them. When we're glued to our screens, we're missing out on valuable time spent building and enjoying the real-world experiences around us.

Additionally, using smartphones too much can affect our mental well-being. Seeing others' perfect--and sometimes fake--lives on social media can make people feel anxious, sad, and like they're not good enough. This can result in more anxiety, depression, and less self-confidence. A sophomore, **Fatima Beganovic**, stated, "It puts out a standard for just about every aspect of our lives and can belittle our mindset with just a few photos and can destroy our self-esteem in a blink of an eye."

Finally, another issue with relying too heavily on our phones is the distraction they can cause. The irresistible urge to check messages or endlessly scroll through social media can divert our attention from important tasks and situations. This distraction can even lead to accidents and slow our ability to concentrate on different things.

Junior **Mais Homedan** expressed strong opinions on this topic. "Although I think phones and access to the internet are excellent and can benefit us in amazing ways, they're also a big distraction for most kids our age," she said. "I think people become so invested in their phones now that they don't stop and appreciate the world around them. I know that sounds cheesy and old-fashioned, but I really think that if everyone spent a little less time on their phones, we would all live higher-quality lives."

So, do we depend on our phones too much? It's not a straightforward yes or no answer, as it can vary from person to person. What's important is finding a balance between making the most of the positive aspects of technology and not completely ignoring the real world. It's a personal choice to decide how much we want to use our smartphones and where to set our limits between what's helpful and what's excessive.

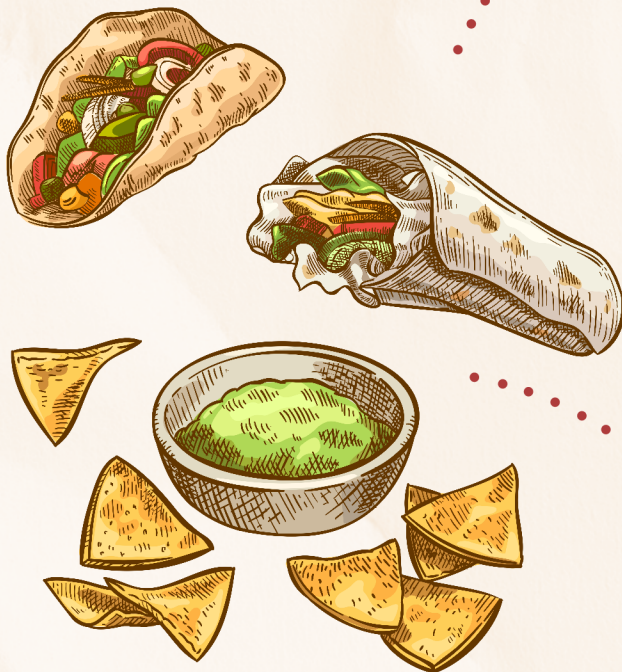
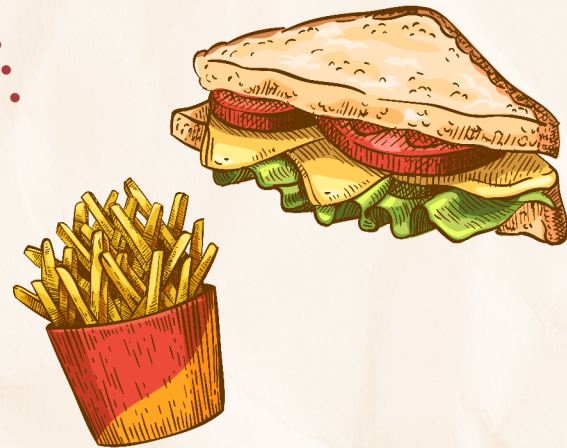


SHOULD LUNCH BE LONGER?

Alanna Evers

Have you ever sat down at lunch, and the time passed so quickly? Students go from their class to lunch and then have to wait for up to 10 minutes, depending on how many people are in the line. Once you sit down, you already only probably have about 15-20 minutes to eat. People also need time to go to their class after lunch, which leaves them even less time to eat and communicate with others.

Lunch is a break period for you to eat but also socialize with friends. Providing students with a short amount of time is just not enough. Lunch could be the only time a student gets to see or talk to their friends, they need more time to communicate with each other if they are also going to eat their lunch. Most people don't have study hall, leaving them lunch as their only time to study. When they are so focused on studying or catching up with friends, they don't have time to eat, and eating is very important because it gives you the energy to finish the school day.



Sophomore Michelle Tanui said, "I realized that I never end up finishing my food during lunch, I think lunch is too short." She also adds on by explaining how long she thinks lunch should be, "I think lunch should be around 40 minutes so you can have at least 30 minutes to eat while the other 10 minutes are for getting or going to classes and figuring out what you want for lunch."

Senior Haidi Duong doesn't think lunch is long enough. "A lot of the time, the line is super long and by the time many students get their food, they only have 10-15 minutes to talk and eat," Duong said. "I think it should be 45 minutes to an hour. That gives us time to actually have a break from class, socialize, do extra homework, etc."

Junior Riza Khan said, "Lunch alone should be at least 30 minutes, getting food and passing period should be separate from the 30 minutes so it would give us a good amount of time to eat and talk to friends."



After reviewing these interviews, it seems the majority of students are wanting a longer lunch duration. Lunch can be a crucial part of a student's day. Not only does it give students time to regain their energy, but it also can improve their communication skills. Communication is a very important skill that kids need in their lives in order to do future things such as work. Being in class all morning and finally getting to lunch will give them a break from learning and studying.

HOMECOMING

DRESS UP DAYS, PEP RALLY, AND PARADE

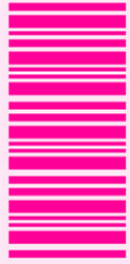


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HOMECOMING DANCE AND FOOTBALL GAME

Photos by Noa Nyguard, Tanner Lehtinen, Hala White, and Fatimah Williamson





Barbieheimer

More than just a movie

Bella Tsao



Barbenheimer. It's a word that has its own Wikipedia page, a homecoming dress-up-day theme, a mood, a vibe, and a color scheme of pink and black. It refers to the two highly successful movies "Barbie" and "Oppenheimer," hence, Barbenheimer. But they're more than just movies, they're what's described as a "cultural phenomenon," shaping not only the movie industry, but also fields of fashion, societal issues, and even the economy.

For starters, let's talk about money. As of mid-September, "Barbie" has made over \$1.4 billion, becoming part of the top 20 highest-grossing movies of all time, and "Oppenheimer" reached nearly \$900 million. These astronomical figures are not only a huge success for actors and film directors, but also for retail. While there isn't as much merchandise for Oppenheimer as there is for Barbie, many fans have still been able to create Oppenheimer shirts, pins, posters, and more. Sales of Barbie-themed merchandise such as sunglasses and lunchboxes have all sold out, showing the immense consumer demand for such collectibles. However, as Barbie-themed items increase, so do their prices. "[Because] everything pink or Barbie related is so hot, companies are increasing the prices for it," senior **Katie Carlson** said. The price increase of such items alongside the sudden spike of popularity for pink items are good for the economy, as the trade and sale help the consumer market.

In the fashion world, Barbenheimer has completely revolutionized clothing, style, and aesthetics. Barbie has had a multitude of effects on the fashion industry with its bright colors, bold elements, and the iconic pink color. These combinations and the different styles that Barbie has created new aesthetics, namely, "Barbiecore." Barbiecore typically refers to the way Barbie would dress, with heels, a signature bag, pink clothing, and accessories. However, Barbie isn't limited to this, because Barbie is everything, and flats, jeans, other colors, and accessories are also Barbie's style. In regards to Barbie's effects on women's fashion, a junior, **Maryum Khan**, said "I feel like a lot of girls' confidence is higher than before [and that Barbie] affect[ed] their way of expressing themselves." Barbie has made women more comfortable in what they wear and how they chose they express themselves through their clothing, showing the impacts of a seemingly innocent movie.

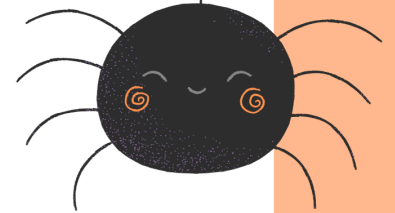
From "Barbie's" focus on feminism, women's empowerment, and the patriarchy to "Oppenheimer's" critique of nuclear weapons and focus on science, culture, and politics, it's clear that both of the movies have had major effects on societal issues as a whole. For the former, Barbie brings up unrealistic beauty standards and the patriarchal society. **Miku Mizushima**, a sophomore, said, "Oppenheimer" was a really good movie that explained a lot about atomic weapons and the weight they carry." Oppenheimer delves into the creation of the atomic bomb and the moral implications it carries, delivering a warning on how destructive weapons can truly be.

Barbenheimer transcends cinema and mere entertainment, and the complex and multifaceted movies of "Barbie" and "Oppenheimer" serve as the perfect example of this. Barbenheimer isn't just a silly meme or some overhyped trend, it's a vehicle for social commentary and exploration, mirroring the world's complexities and diving into what living as an individual in the world truly means.

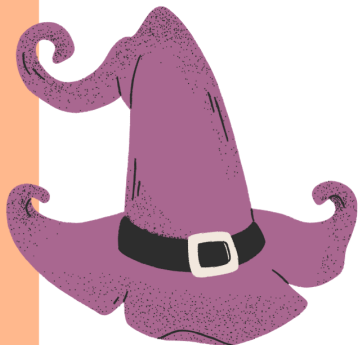
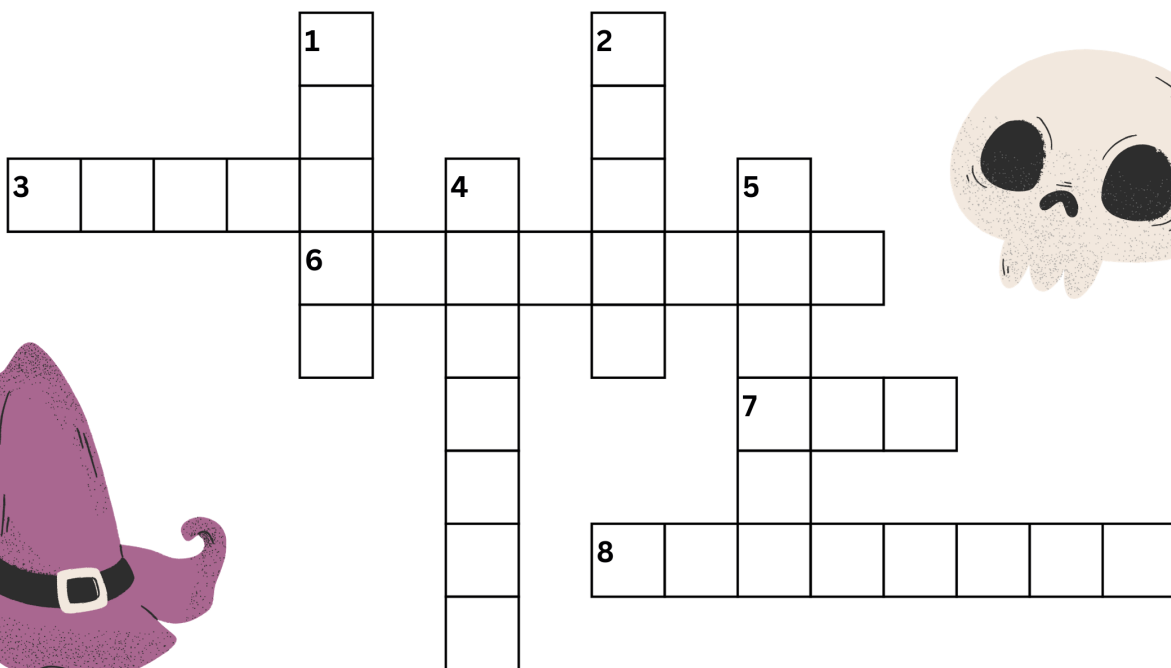




HALLOWEEN CROSSWORD



Read the clues and fill in the crossword grid.



Across

- 3.** A see-through, friendly or spooky spirit that can float around during Halloween.
- 6.** A big, bubbling pot that witches use to cook their magical potions.
- 7.** A flying animal that comes out at night and looks like a mouse with wings.
- 8.** The bones inside your body, or a spooky, bare-bone figure used for Halloween decorations.

Down

- 1.** A person who dresses up in a pointy hat and flies on a broomstick, often seen during Halloween.
- 2.** Sweet treats like chocolates and lollipops that make you happy.
- 4.** A big orange vegetable that's perfect for making spooky faces on Halloween.
- 5.** A pretend monster that looks like a person but acts really slow and funny, like in the movies.

