Wesley High School

Newsletter
October 2026 Edition

Quote of the Month

Cheers to October – a month of growth, change, and endless possibilities!

Early Dismissals and Closings

Monday, October 12 –
No School, Teacher in-service day

Wednesday, October 28 –
Early Dismissal at 12:00 PM

OCTOBER FUN FACTS

- October was the eighth month in the early Roman calendar before January and February were added!
- October's birthstones are opal and pink tourmaline.
- Ireland and Scotland, the first jack-o'-lanterns were carved from turnips and potatoes, not pumpkins.
- Halloween originally started as an ancient Celtic end-of-summer festival called Samhain over 2,000 years ago.

Important Dates

Monday, October 5 –
Taco Day

Wednesday, October 7 –
Kindness/Picture Day

Tuesday, October 13 –
Trax Farm Field Trip

Friday, October 16 –
Learn a New Word Day

Wednesday, October 28 –
Early Dismissal at 12:00 PM

Friday, October 30 –
Halloween Dance

FOOTBALL SEASON

Flag Football Practice will be happening...

Thursday, October 1

Tuesday, October 6

Thursday, October 8

Tuesday, October 20

Flag Football Games will be on...

Thursday, October 15 - AWAY

Thursday, October 22 - HOME

PBIS

Students are looking forward to the field trip to Trax Farm. Students will enjoy a hayride, going through the corn maze, seeing farm animals, playing games and pumpkin picking.

Students are working towards an all-school incentive once the school receives 80% on their 4th goal of "Using Positive Greetings".

2026/27 CLUBS

The Clubs Offered This Semester Are...

- Video Game Club
- Greenhouse Club
- Chess Club
- Art Club

Happy October!

It is hard to believe that we are already well into the school year! As we welcome the cooler temperatures and changing leaves, October is a wonderful time to reflect on the positive start we have had and look forward to all that lies ahead.

October is filled with many school activities to look forward to. From football games to a pumpkin patch field trip as well as a school-wide Halloween dance, to name a few. We hope students enjoy all the festive activities while continuing to learn and make progress towards both their academic and personal goals.

As the season changes, I encourage our students to continue bringing positive energy to school each day by supporting one another, making good choices, and finding opportunities to learn and grow.

Thank you for being an important part of our school community. I look forward to another great month together!

Happy Fall!

Christie Caparelli-Nixon

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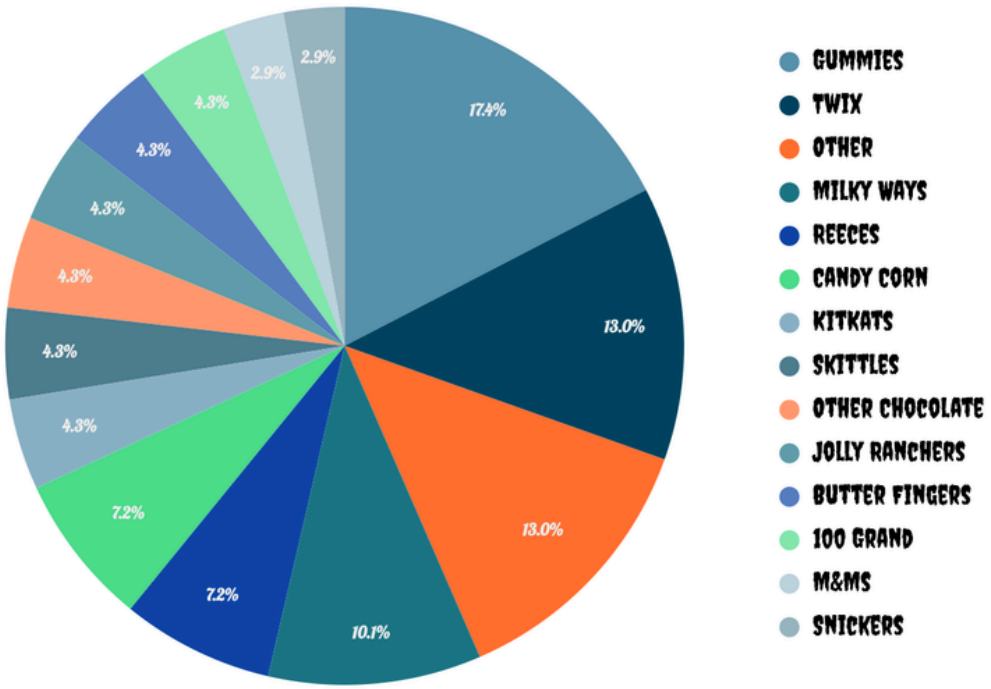
FAVORITE HALLOWEEN CANDY



Staff Interview

Mr. Rush

Mr. Rush grew up in Canonsburg, but now lives in Washington County. He graduated from Canon-McMillan High School before continuing his education at Indiana University of Pennsylvania (IUP). There, he earned a bachelor's degree in psychology, with a minor in sociology. A little-known fact about Mr. Rush is that he is ambidextrous, meaning he can write with both hands! A fun fact about Mr. Rush is that he can play the theremin. The theremin is an instrument that synthesizes sound through hand movements around metal antennas. Mr. Rush also grows wildflowers and collects medieval swords as another pastime!

Mr. Rush is an ETS (Educational Therapeutic Support) who teaches SEL (Social-Emotional Learning). He thinks this subject is fun because it's important and applicable to his job. Mr. Rush likes to draw. It helps him express his inner world, and he started when he was only six years old. He often likes to draw comics. Mr. Rush's favorite song is 'Head in The Ceiling Fan' by Title Fight because he connects to the lyrics.

When asked if he could choose something to be famous for, he told us that he'd be famous for not being famous. He lives a private life, and it would be a hassle to deal with paparazzi when you're trying to get to work. Mr. Rush's favorite childhood memory is when he played with sparklers on the Fourth of July. He liked the look of the trails they made in the dark, and he enjoys the late summer because he thinks that's the best weather. His favorite snack is honey-mustard and onion pretzels. In his free time, he likes to play video games! He told us that he'd play any video game.

Staff Interview

Nurse Laurel

Nurse Laurel chose to be a nurse at our school because she wanted to help people. We are grateful to have her at Wesley because she is such a great nurse! Her favorite hobby is hiking, because she likes nature and animals. She enjoys gardening and being outside with plants. Her favorite song is 'Amazing Grace'. If Nurse Laurel could choose something to be famous for, it would be for saving someone's life.

Nurse Laurel's favorite childhood memory is horseback riding with her family when she was thirteen. She cherishes this memory because family is important to her and she loves horses. Her favorite snack is the original Lays potato chips. She likes to enjoy a bag after cleaning her house. Nurse Laurel grew up in Pittsburgh, Moon Township Area. Now, she lives in McMurray. She attended school in the Moon Township School District, and for college, she went to Penn State, which was her first choice! She selected Penn State due to its reputation as a good school.

Nurse Laurel's favorite season is Spring. She enjoys springtime because that is when everything is new, and spring symbolizes renewal, rebirth, and new beginnings. She also likes wildflowers and animals – more specifically, she likes frogs. Nurse Laurel enjoys ponds and likes snakes and bugs. She is an RN (registered nurse) and has two sons. Something she'd like us to know about her is that she's currently waiting for her first grandchild to be born, which is going to be a girl, and she's incredibly excited to welcome the baby.