



Youth of Today
Hope of Tomorrow



October Has Arrived



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Throughout our years of living on earth, we are destined to meet the different seasons, holidays, and temperatures the world has to offer. Within my span of 16 years, it is safe to say that October among all other months takes the trophy when it comes to the spookiest month of the year.

When you think of October a lot of people's minds automatically jump towards the excitement of Halloween, Halloween is the most anticipated holiday for both young and old, October is a fun month for a good reason, from the laughter of joyful children

wandering from house to house to the starry night sky that truly holds the spooky spirit together. Halloween allows not only a creative escape for children and adults but gives off the much-needed smiles worldwide to anyone and everyone involved. Did you know that October holds more to it than the eyes can see? For example, there are multiple small holidays that go with each day of October like World Smile Day, National Cat Day, and not surprisingly National Candy Corn Day. All beautiful holidays that focus on the external wonders of life as we know it.

I believe it is important to look past the circumstances facing us like the pandemic and use every bit of energy we have to see the charm and fun in the month of October. For all you know, this could be your last time experiencing the month that only comes once a year. So grab yourself a pumpkin, carve your negative energy away and enjoy the season and remember to wear your mask.

Finally the End of the Week!



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I've had a busy school week, and I'm thankful it's coming to an end! I have a well deserved weekend ahead of me. There were heaps of long and tedious work from a couple of my classes. I don't want to get into every detail, but it was mostly prolonged assign-

ments with later due dates. Don't worry, I do not wait till the last minute for anything. With these assignments, I tried to work on them little by little. By doing that, I was able to wither them away and get them turned in.

In all seriousness, my to-do list kept getting additions every day. Thankfully, they were quick and easy tasks! Some weren't. No big deal, that's alright. Somehow I managed to get (almost) everything done by Friday!

I've finished everything I had to do and I'm grateful for that! Finally, this week has wrapped up and come to an end. Even though I had a diligent week, at least I have a four-day weekend!

Black Lives Matter



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I'm pretty sure most of us have currently heard about black lives matter and what led up to these most recent events. Some people find this as a reason to twist into an opposing movement or to riot uncontrollably. But it's really about how blacks are treated by other races. For example, when I lived in Georgetown my mom was

driving us to see our grandparents and an office turned on his siren so my mom started pulling and over the intercom, he started screaming "pull over you N-word" and asking her about some German code. After that, I viewed somethings differently, like thinking that everyone treated each other the same to everyone isn't.

People don't understand the meaning of this movement. This movement is for the people who are in the black community that is being mistreated, not the people who shout thing they don't know about. People only talk about the bad police officers, but they aren't the only people hurting blacks. If you've heard about it do you know the meaning if not black Lives Matter is a decentralized

New Car Invention



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Currently cars are not the best for the environment because of pollution. In the US alone there are almost 273 million registered vehicles. If I made a car that could levitate, and not run on gas maybe pollution would stop coming from cars. First I would start by sketching the car. Next, I would make a list of what parts are needed to build the car. I would search for the car parts by going to junkyards and stores where they sell all kinds of motors, circuits, and wires. My invention would cause me to work day and night in my garage testing chips, circuits, mo-

tors, and wires. After the car is constructed and safety tested we are ready to ride. The car engine will have a wire in a little blue compartment next to it. In order to start the car and keep it charged you will need to pull the wire once a month.

Once the engine is on you will hear a little click. The click is the sound of the motor's lever which is flipped on by a metal rod. The car would be able to fit 6 people and there would be special seats for babies and toddlers. The car would go 140mph max. Some of the safety features are fans under the car. The fans that lift the car would be not too strong so the car levitates at least a foot off of the ground. There would be airbags in every corner and they would be set off if there were too much pressure on the engine, bumper, or sides of the car. The car name would be Elytra X and it would be sold in a car dealership and get sold for a lot of money. There would also be ads that pop up on your computer, TV, phone, YouTube, and Netflix.

Killer Mike Speech



SaNaya White
Ann Richards

For those of you that don't know, Killer Mike is a rapper/activist as well as the founder of Grind Time Official Records. Killer Mike was born in Atlanta, Georgia. He is a social and political activist focusing on police brutality, social inequality, and systemic racism. In my English class, for the past two class periods, we have discussed Killer Mike and a speech that he presented on the night of May 29. For some, you may have already heard this speech. For me, the first time I heard the speech was during my English class. We

were presented the video and then we were assigned to annotate his speech.

After watching the video and then reading over the transcript, I felt incredibly empowered. I feel that everyone needs to either listen or read his speech. On May 29, Killer Mike presented a powerful message encouraging protestors to protect Atlanta to stay calm and to discourage them from rioting. Killer Mike opens up his speech by saying, "I didn't want to come, and I don't want to be here." He did not open up with this to say that he didn't care about the matter, but rather to reiterate the fact that he cares deeply. He cares to the point where he doesn't want to be there, but he feels that he needs to be there to speak out to the community and protect the city. Even as I read his speech, I could feel the emotion behind it. I want to quote some of his speech within this article to encourage you to go and listen to yourselves.

political and social movement advocating for non-violent civil disobedience in protest against incidents of police brutality and all racially motivated violence against black people maybe you knew this already but if not know you know? What happened to Gorge Floyd has happened to many other blacks but no one spoke about it.

Have you heard about all the riots over Gorge Floyd, they say it was the blacks but when you see it on tv or in person the

people doing all that violence its not. It is the others that say they know but don't. All I'm trying to say is everyone is treated the same except for blacks you might say we all are but we aren't but if you know the feeling of being scared or judged on the color of your skin you know this feeling. When a white lady walks by you and clutches her bag as if I was going to grab it that's one horrible feeling but I want you to think about everything I just said thank you and have a good day.

Thankfulness



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Have you ever felt like you didn't have something that someone else had because you were less fortunate? Maybe you received a gift you didn't like? Either way you should be thankful. God wants us to

be thankful for everything we have and don't have. I think sometimes people forget that it's the thought that counts. Now don't get me wrong I love receiving gifts. It's the best part of being a kid. Christmas is my favorite holiday. I love having presents to open. Moving forward I would like to give to the less fortunate. I know that I am blessed and I want to be a blessing to others. In conclusion, I want everyone to be grateful and thankful for everything. I want people to make an effort to give back to the less fortunate. Even if you don't have money to give, do a good deed. Good deeds never go unnoticed.

Connally Football



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The Connally Cougars Football season has officially started. The first game of the season was on September 25th as a non-district game against Pflugerville high school. So far the Connally cougars haven't won a game yet but I have high hopes that we'll start winning games when we start having more games. As for the lady cougar varsity volleyball team

they are currently undefeated in their district. The lady cougars are looking to have a great season and hopefully make it to the playoffs.

Due to covid-19 students and family are allowed to attend these games but you have to social distance and have a mask on at all times. There are certain sections at the Pfield where you can be in close proximity with other people or other people in your party, if you choose too. Homecoming is arriving for Connally high school for the week of October 12th - 16th and the homecoming game is against the Rouse Raiders. I hope that everyone is staying safe and don't forget to wear your mask. Go Cougars!

Killer Mike says, "So, I'm duty bound to be here to simply say that it is your duty not to burn your own house down for anger with an enemy. It is your duty to fortify your own house so that you may be a house of refuge in times of organization. Now is the time to plot, plan, strategize, organize, and mobilize. It is time to beat up prosecutors you don't like at the voting booth. It is time to hold mayoral offices accountable, chiefs and deputy chiefs. I woke up wanting to see the world burn down yesterday because I'm tired of seeing black men die. He casually put his knee on a human being's neck for nine min-

utes as he died like a zebra in the clutch of a lion's jaw. And, we watch it like murder porn over and over again. That's why children are burning to the ground. They don't know what else to do." Killer Mike repeatedly reiterates how important it is to "plan, strategize, organize, and mobilize." I realize that this speech was from a while ago, but I still believe that it portrays complete relevance to this day. I encourage everyone to listen or read this speech as it provides hope and strategic ways for us to push forward as a community. Change takes time as well as support.



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