



This fall, Spartans took Halloween to the next level by dressing up in unique costumes. Sophomores Sumika Thapa and Misty Marahatta decided to dress up as cowgirls, and the two attended a small Halloween gathering. Thapa said, "It is so important to stay safe during these unprecedented times. My friends and I wanted to celebrate Halloween and stay safe at the same time. A few of my friends and I hung out and watched Halloween movies to make sure we celebrated safely." On the other hand, Seniors Emmie Peters and Muskan Basnet dressed up in ghost costumes. Basnet stated, "This year was so different from any other Halloween before. My coworkers and I at Dunn Brothers Coffee dressed up for Halloween. Since most people couldn't attend Halloween parties this year, we wanted to celebrate by dressing up at work!"



Boo!



A FESTIVE FALL

Fall activities

Students found innovative ways to avoid boredom while the weather stayed warm throughout the fall. Some visited parks and stuck to outdoor areas while hanging out with friends. Some popular hangout ideas in the fall included going to pumpkin patches and apple picking. Other students said they enjoyed going to coffee shops to work on homework or participating in after school activities. Several students also noticed that staying at home enabled them to discover many new activities and interests. Cooking, baking, sewing, drawing, painting, and making music are a few of the interests Spartans discovered this fall. Most agreed that staying at home could be relaxing and a great opportunity to start a new TV show or film series. Several seniors tried to plan their fall activities around college deadlines finalizing around this time. Senior Paris Fietsam commented, "This fall was a lot different than I had hoped for because I did not get to do the usual fall things like go apple picking or haunted housing, but it was amazing being able to enjoy the weather as it constantly changed and also start really working towards finalizing things for college next year because a lot of deadlines start approaching towards the end of fall and beginning of winter." Even without

the normal agenda, students had no trouble staying busy. Spartan Assembly maintained tradition with some of its fall activities, ensuring fall remained a time of giving. Spartan Assembly participated in its annual trick-or-treating for cans fundraiser where its members go door-to-door asking for cans rather than candy. Freshman Annabelle Knaack shared her personal experience with the season: "This fall, I was unable to do much due to COVID-19. However, what I was able to do was tons of fun. I spent a lot of time with family and being at home. While not at home I was at school or with a few friends. I was able to take a few fall pictures, spend time with my step-niece and step-nephews, and enjoyed Halloween trick-or-treating for canned foods with Spartan Assembly and a few friends. All in all, my fall turned out pretty well." With more free time, students were able to hang out with their family and friends. This season made time available for more laid-back events. Spartans found fun and unique ways to enjoy this past fall. This year's fall festivities were endless!



"This fall I spent time shadowing a neurologist for pre-med experience and completing college applications. I am also a head section leader for marching band, so I helped out freshman students."
- Ani Pradeep, '21



"I am 100% online so I spent a lot of time at home. I traveled to Iowa City a few times, and I got some senior pictures taken! Overall, the fall of this year has been very pleasant for me."
- Callahan Morton, '21



"This fall I spent most of my time watching anime and working out on my 'off' days for school. I would consider going to the gym as one of my hobbies along with studying at Starbucks on the weekends."
- Kris Basnet, '22

Junior Niyati Kulkarni commented on how she spent her fall: "I spent this fall working on myself and my grades, as I had a lot of free time sitting at home. I started watching some new TV shows and I had a lot of time to work on school. When going out, I made sure to stay safe by only hanging out with a few of my best friends. We often went to the park to chill or we went to coffee shops to study."



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