All Hallows’ Eve

Updates from RA Jaden

Hi Techies, I hope everyone is looking forward to a spooky Halloween this year. I think the theme for 2020 Halloween is a little more bizarre than scary though, so since things are a little different this time around I figured I would suggest a few ideas:

- Consider finding creative ways to decorate your dorm or apartment. Maybe hang some festive Halloween lights up on your walls, or put a spooky poster or decoration in your window for students to see when they pass by.
- Create a costume that finds a creative way to integrate a mask and embrace the absurdity of 2020 in style. Maybe decorate your mask to look like a zombie with their mouth stitched shut, or go for a more retro look and make yourself a plague doctor’s mask (Actually maybe don’t do that one, don’t need to tempt this year to bring back the Black Death).
- Spread the Halloween spirit (but not covid) by leaving ‘Boos’ at your friend’s doorsteps. Make some sort of decorated bag with treats (or tricks) and leave it with a message to carry on the idea.

See next page for more events and information!
EVENTS: RESLIFE & MORE
More updates from RA Jaden
• And of course, you can always have a Halloween game night with friends and/or family through things like Discord or other voice/video chat programs. The Jackbox Party Pack series makes for good crowd pleasers and works really well for online parties. Here’s some of what’s going on around campus and our community during these spooky two weeks:
• Visit the Fire and Ice Coffee shop and try to guess the amount of candy in the VERY scary floating skulls to win a Playstation 5. Regardless of your plans, please stay safe this weekend!

JACK O' LANTERNS: A HISTORY
PSA from RA Otto
The Jack O’Lantern is an integral part of halloween as we know it today. Jack O’Lanterns are the embodiment of halloween in today’s culture, but where did they originate from? The idea of the Jack O’Lantern originated in Ireland where people carved turnips and potatoes and put candles inside them. In Ireland the tradition originated with the legend of “Stingy Jack”. Jack was a man who invited the Devil to have a drink with him and later tricked him into imprisonment. Throughout the myth Jack is tricking the devil and making him promise not to take his soul to hell. Eventually Jack dies, however, God won't let him into heaven because of his unsavory character and neither will the Devil because of his promises. The Devil makes Jack wander the earth with only a burning coal, which Jack puts into a carved turnip. People began to call him Jack of the Lantern, which eventually just became Jack O’Lantern. Later when people were immigrating from Ireland and England to the United States, they brought the tradition with them and found that the native pumpkin made the perfect canvas.
COOKING CORNER

Vanilla Mug Cake

Recipe by Gemma Stafford

- Ingredients -
  6 tbsp self-rising flour
  1/4 cup white sugar
  1 tsp vanilla extract
  2 tbsp milk
  1 large egg
  2 tbsp unsalted butter

- Directions -
  Mix the dry ingredients together in a microwavable mug. Add in the wet ingredients, then mix together. Microwave for 1min. Enjoy straight away!

- Add in your favorites to make this recipe unique! Note that cooking times may vary based on microwave wattage.

A reminder that October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month AND National Bullying Prevention Month

AWKNOLEDGEMENTS

Thank you to RA’s Otto, Jaden, Autumn, and Jazmine for their contributions to the newsletter.

If you’d like to send anything for submission (comics, events, updates, PSA’s), send them to residential_life@nmt.edu

HELPFUL CODES

NMT ResLife community discord. Scan to join. Features lots of helpful information and resources.

The OSL discord is useful for help on homework and studying for tests.

ResLife also has a Facebook page that can be used to find useful information and connect with others.

DON’T FORGET! Wearing your face mask will help keep others safe and the campus open.