



WINDSOR  
HIGH SCHOOL

## Halloween Special Edition

How much do Windsor High students know about Halloween?

The results:

- 57% of our students celebrate Halloween and when they celebrate the most popular activity is dressing up and walking the streets to trick or treat.
- Only 11% of our students are opposed to Halloween.
- A whopping 87% of our students had no idea where the Halloween festivity originated!!! The most answer was America.



### The Facts



Halloween is an annual holiday, celebrated each year on October 31, that has roots in age-old European traditions. It originated with the ancient Celtic festival of Samhain, when people would light bonfires and wear costumes to ward off ghosts. In the eighth century, Pope Gregory III designated November 1 as a time to honor all saints; soon, All Saints Day incorporated some of the traditions of Samhain. The evening before was known as All Hallows Eve, and later Halloween. Over time, Halloween evolved into a day of activities like trick-or-treating and carving jack-o-lanterns. Around the world, as days grow shorter and nights get colder, people continue to usher in the season with gatherings, costumes and sweet treats.

# Halloween Recipes

## Brownie Monsters

By Mckeely Whitmore

### Ingredients

500g Brownie Baking Mix

290g packet of white chocolate candy melts

Vegetable oil

Liquid food colouring

Mentos

Chocolate writing icing

### Directions

1. Prepare and Bake the Brownie Mix according to the directions on the mixtures box.
2. Allow time for the Brownies to cool, before carefully cutting them into different sized pieces.
3. Next, begin to melt your white chocolate candy melts, following packet directions.
4. Add 1tbs of vegetable oil and divide the entire mixture amongst three portions.
5. Now, tint the melted chocolate candy melts using liquid food colouring.
6. The next step is to dip half of each brownie into the melted chocolate of your choice.
7. Before allowing this to dry, take some mentos or tic tacs and attach them.
8. Lastly, taking some dark chocolate writing icing, add pupils to the centre of each brownie monster!



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## Graveyard Cupcakes

By Mckeely Whitmore

### Ingredients

- 1 chocolate cake mix.
- 1 packet prepared icing mix.
- 3/4 cup chocolate sandwich cookie crumbs.
- 24 biscuits of your choice, preferably rectangular sized biscuits

### Directions

1. Prepare and bake cake mix according to package directions for cupcakes.
2. Get the icing mix ready for icing the cakes when cool, make sure to keep aside 1/4 of the mix, this will be for decorating the cupcakes later on.
3. Now, fill up a piping bag, with your remaining icing. Draw a cross or R.I.P. on each biscuit. Next, place a decorated biscuit on the top of each cupcake, make sure they are standing and secured, these biscuits will act as a gravestone. Now, your cupcakes are done. You can serve them up however you desire!



# A Halloween Tale

By Jett Merryweather

I was nervous, my friends and I were standing in line, waiting for our turn to head into the school's haunted house. Now, I wasn't expecting to be scared much, after all, our *teachers* had organised this little event. The scariest they get is when you haven't handed in your assignment on time and they turn all psychopath on you. But, I couldn't help but notice the little fluttering in my stomach as we slowly moved along the line, closer to the front doors looming at the entrance of the haunted house. The house itself was just like any stereotypical house of horrors; there were fake tombstones in the front yard, decorated with plastic jack-o-lanterns. The house was a tasteless white, chipped and in need of a fresh coat of paint. All this place needed was the tentacle-like dead trees and loud thunderclaps whenever someone screamed inside. I don't usually get frightened easily, but I couldn't help but feel as though something very wrong was about to happen. . . Once all my friends and I had finally crammed into the front hall, a lady dressed in a long, white nurse outfit with dark, dried stains on it, came to greet us. Upon closer inspection I realised the woman was Ms Thompson, and that the stains were just paint made to look like blood. Ms Thompson didn't say anything, just ushered us into the next room and whispered for us to 'be careful'. Hah, like that was going to scare us! I sighed under my breath and whispered to whichever friend of mine was next to me. "Here we go." The minute we walked into the dining room and I was thrown off my feet. I was lying with my back to the floor and staring up at the ceiling. In all the commotion my friends had apparently run off without me. My breathing was heavy and slightly ragged from the fall, and there was loud, obnoxious, almost carnival-like music playing in the background. I pushed myself up into a sitting position where I was met with a creepy set of beady, watchful eyes.

He was crouching over me and suddenly swung a huge, glinting axe in front of my face. I screeched with fright and managed to roughly push him off me. By now, I was enraged by this blood-curdling freak. I violently grabbed his axe and threw it at the wall, it hit the wall forcibly and latched onto it. Now that my mind was no longer clouded by terror, I got a good look at the space. The long, dark oak dining table was decorated with a dusty old white tablecloth, shiny plastic silver plates and cutlery, and even fake, gothic candelabras. I cringed at the tacky décor choices the faculty had chosen, and looked again at the walls. The window curtains had been drawn but small trickles of light had managed to flood in giving the room some light. Speaking of which, I turned around when I heard a switch being flipped. Suddenly the room was filled with light and my 'attacker' was heading over to turn off the stupid music. He turned around to face me, and well, the axe murderer had been none other than Mr Hawes. . . and he did not look happy. He gestured over to where the axe hung, lodged tightly in the wall. "Do you have any idea what you just did?" he scolded. "Because of you, I and the rest of the Windsor High staff will have to pay for what *you* did. I will be seeing you in detention for the next week, now get out!" I looked down and walked out of the room dejectedly. "Great, just great, Happy Halloween to me," I said, deflated as I trudged out the back entrance of the house.



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