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Halloween Happenings

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Tomorrow, Saturday, October 25, Triton will transform into a spooky celebration for the whole district during Triton Trunk or Treat and Triton's Haunted Halls.

Do you love Halloween? Do you love scaring people or maybe just handing out candy to little trick-or-treaters and their best costumes? Or maybe you are simply looking for a fun way to earn community service hours while getting into the Halloween spirit. If so, then the student councils and Best Buddies have the perfect event for you, Triton's Haunted Halls!

Trunk or Treat

Trunk or Treat is a perfect event if you have little kids who don't like getting scared at all and just want to get some candy and toys. The night begins in the school parking lot where students, teachers, and staff members decorate their car trunks with creative Halloween decorations and creative themes.

Kids from around the district and community are invited to walk from trunk to trunk collecting candy, different treats, and showing off their best costumes. It's a safe and festive way to enjoy trick or treating while bringing together students, staff, and families. Everyone is encouraged to participate by decorating their vehicles, donating candy, or helping set up, plus it's a great way for students to earn community service hours while having fun. It is also highly encouraged to dress up in your best and most fun costume.

Triton alumni remember these traditions at Triton. Mr. Sean Godbout, guidance counselor and



former student, shared his memories about the school's long-lasting Halloween tradition.

Asked if Triton had its haunted halls when he went to school here? Godbout said, "They had Triton is Haunted. They would decorate the classrooms kind of like a haunted house."

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Superstitions in Sports Triton Athletes Share Their Lucky Charms

By Gracelyn O'Neill
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Have you ever scored the game winning point and swore it was strictly because of that one lucky item you never play without? Then you happen to be a part of the 55 percent of athletes who have a superstition in sports.

Simple things like lucky socks, pre-game handshakes, or specific routines before games play a crucial role in athletes' performance, these superstitious athletes say.

In the sports world, superstitions play a drastic role in athletes' performance; from D1 all stars to the high school JV warriors, almost everyone has pre-game rituals. These can be lucky charms that are gross but essential like wearing the same socks or simple like a handshake or listening to your hype song.

Sure, there isn't scientific proof that these superstitions work, but hey, they give athletes the sense of confidence and control they need before a game.

In an interview with the *Triton Voice*, several Viking athletes shared their superstitions.

"Before serving I set the ball three times at the ground, for people who don't know that means just bouncing it, and then I serve it," Triton volleyball libero Janey LeBlanc, claims. "I am the first person to serve for Triton every game and this gets me in the right mindset."

Triton soccer player Bella Burell has a different superstition.

"I always tape my ankles. BOTH," said Burell. "Because I'm scared I'm going to break them and I always put my left sock on my right foot and my right sock on my left foot."

Triton lacrosse player Olivia O'Leary also has a superstition featuring her feet.



Triton Volleyball player Janey Leblanc gets a dig (McClelland photo).

"Before every lacrosse game for club or Triton, I always make sure to put my left shoe on and tie it before I put on my right shoe," said O'Leary. "I've been doing it for years and I just haven't been able to do it any other way and I don't plan on changing it either."

Competitive dancer Izzy Smullin elaborated on her routine

"My friend Maddison and I poke each other's arm before we perform our dance routine," said Smullin. "It doesn't matter if it would be a solo or a group dance, we always poke each other the second before we go on stage."

Whatever helps you before a game even if it's absolutely nasty or extremely simple, superstitions give athletes a sense of comfort and concentration to fall back on before the big game or even the team scrimmage at practice.

Students Frown on Wednesday Half-Days

Switch Away from Friday PD Days Not Well Received by Students

By Maecy Gay-Killeen, Staff Writer

Starting this year, the first Wednesday of each month will be a half day for teacher professional development instead of Fridays like the years prior.

Last February the Triton School Committee decided that it would positively affect the school district if the half days at the beginning of each month changed from the usual Fridays to Wednesdays.

On Wednesday, October 1, Triton experienced the first half day of the year. As middle and high school students rushed out of school at 10:43 a.m., most were wishing this shortened day was 2 days ahead instead.

The *Triton Voice* set out to hear from people around Triton High about the change. Students and staff are experiencing and adjusting to the change, but opinions were mixed.

In an interview with the *Triton Voice*, Mr. Brian Forget, superintendent of schools, spoke about the reason behind why this switch was made. "The purpose of the half days is professional development and so for educators the idea is that for the middle of the week people are fresher and more prepared to learn new things so that was really the motivation," said Forget. Forget also stated that after this past half day "faculty and staff and teachers are more engaged and they feel more fresh and ready to learn new content, new methods."

The district has only experienced one half day so far this year and support teacher, Mrs. Carla Wagner said, "it's a little soon for me to say I would say initially my feeling is negative".

Students around Triton High have strong opinions towards the new half-day change, and interviews revealed they were mostly negative.

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Mixed Reactions to Lunch, Viking Block Changes

By Olivia O'Leary, Staff Writer

A major topic circling the halls of Triton this year is the new schedule that features a few changes made to the everyday rotation.

This year there was a change to the lunches as well as the time frame for Viking Block. This big question is: Do Triton staff and students enjoy the change or find it difficult?

Part of the schedule — the lunch time frame for instance — won't be staying for the whole year and is supposed to change in the second semester. The lunchroom staff said they do not have a huge issue with the new schedule.

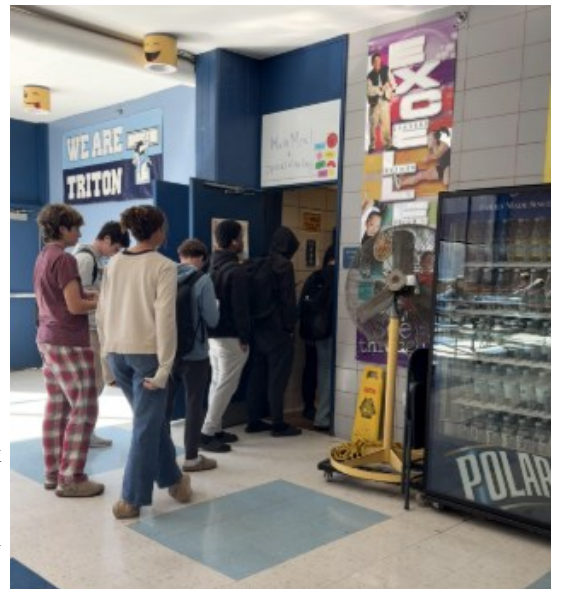
"Now that we have gotten used to the new schedule it has become easier, said Meghan Calix cafeteria director. "We have more time at the end of the day to clean up and prepare for the next day."

Roaming the halls one can hear students talking and holding a strong judgment towards this new idea first and second lunches as well as the change to having the Viking Block study and extra help block before class instead of after a class.

"I like having a Viking Block after third period

because having a break after class is nice," said Brooke Baumann. "Having the new lunch schedule makes the day way longer."

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Students wait in line for lunch on a recent school day (O'Leary photo).

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Pet(s) Of The Week

You All Submitted Your Pets but Only 3 Could

By Willow Murnahan
Staff Writer

All of Triton has some pretty adorable pets. Over 50 students and staff submitted pictures of their pets and why they should win “best” pet during a competition over the past two weeks. From the 50 submissions, the 2025-2026 journalism class chose 14. The students and staff of Triton were then **supposed** to choose three. From dogs, to cats, to snakes and horses, there could only one first place. This is how the competition turned out:

#3 (Tie): Gronk the Frenchie

Coming in 3rd place, Coach Mac’s dog, Gronk! Gronk is a 9-year-old goofball. Placing 3rd overall, this little Frenchie is one silly guy. Mac took this snazzy little guy home 8 ½ years ago, getting the name “Gronk” because of how crazy he is.



Gronk (Courtesy Photo)

“He’s a little crazy, just like (former New England Patriots Tight End, Rob) Gronkowski,” said Mac. While it may not be 1st place, Mac is still very happy with Gronk’s acknowledgement. “It’s fun he got acknowledged,” said Mac.

#3 (Tie) Frankie the Pomsky

Tied with Gronk in third place was Frankie! Frankie is an adorable bundle of energy, belonging to Ms. Julie Scarfo. She brought him home on December 31, 2024. Frankie is still a puppy in his heart, even though he is a year old. He is very well trained. “He rings a bell to go out,” said Scarfo. Frankie has a lot of fun quirks. One is his need to stand on his head whenever he is excited, and of course his best friend, Benny the cat. While it isn’t first place, Ms. Scarfo is still happy that this opportunity was provided. “I thought it was a great idea,” said Scarfo.



Frankie (Courtesy Photo)

#2: Arwen the Tabby

In 2nd place, Dr Adam Lothrop’s cat, Arwen. Arwen spends her day stealing food from her dad, and spending time with her little brother, Ben Lothrop, who has given her the nickname “Cat-Cat.” Arwen is not your usual cat.



Arwen (Courtesy Photo)

“She is remarkably friendly,” said Lothrop, “She’s generally not afraid of people.” While Ben is Lothrop’s first born, Arwen will always be his first baby. She was a Covid kitty, coming into the Lothrop household in October of 2020. While she may not be 1st place, Lothrop is still very happy she got 2nd. “I will take that,” said Lothrop.

#1: Elliot the Bunny

First place goes to a very unique pet. Elliot is a bunny who found his forever home with Alex Burns and his family in October of 2020 when he was just 6 months old. For his first competition, Elliot definitely won by a long shot, earning 20 percent of the votes between 13 other pets. Elliot may be five years old, but that has not slowed him down at all.



Elliot (Courtesy Photo)

“He will do crazy jumps when he gets excited or happy,” said Burns. Out of all the pets submitted, Elliot was definitely the least expected winner. Even Burns was shocked when he found out! “I feel great,” said Burns, “I’m still shocked he won.”

Honorable Mentions

I would like to take a moment to mention the pets of the English hallway, and the Triton Journalism class. Shoutout to: Mr. Joe Colbert’s dogs, River and Indigo; Mr. James Allen’s dog, Baisel; Sadie Deveau’s Dog, Tucker; CJ Weisenstein’s cat, Midnight; and my (Willow Murnahan) rats, Hot Dog and Chicken Wing.



Hot Dog and Chicken Wing (left)



River and Indigo (above)



Baisel (left)



Tucker (right)



Midnight (left)

Student Feelings on Phone Ban

Triton Voice Asks Students

By Sadie Deveau & Ava Brown
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EDITORS NOTE: This is the first of a two-part article about Triton’s new cell phone policy. This week we hear students reactions. Next week, we hear from teachers and administrators.

At the beginning of the school year, Triton decided to restrict phones in the classroom. For over a month, students have had to put their phones in teacher closets each period.

Members of the *Triton Voice* went around to get students' opinions on what students are calling a phone ban.

“I don't like it nor hate it,” said senior CJ Weisenstein. “I think it definitely makes you interact more in class, I’ve noticed I focus a lot more. But I would love to have my phone more for anxiety and stuff like that.”

Across Massachusetts for months there has been talk about a state-wide phone ban during school. For some districts that became reality for students this year, even without the state passing a law. According to the “General Court of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts” website, the senate has passed a law which requires a cell-phone free school environment, which all schools must adapt to these new rules before fall of 2026. The house of representatives still need to pass the ban, and the governor needs to sign it. The senate said phone ban aims to boost focus, improve mental health, and foster healthier learning environments.

Still, students views on the ban are mixed. “I don’t like the phone policy,” stated senior Kaylee Melanson, “Kids should be able to have their phones on them and not use them.”

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Tritons Haunted Halls

From 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. tomorrow, guests can head inside Triton High to experience Triton’s Haunted Halls or head outside to check out the trails. A creepy and scary walkthrough of transformed classrooms and hallways, the space will be filled with eerie decorations, creepy music, and plenty of jump scares hidden around every corner.

Or if you're feeling extra spooky, head outside for Triton's Haunted Trails, which are located in the back of the school, hidden in the woods, where you'll be guided through the dark and spooky pathways.

However, not everyone might enjoy getting scared, so you can pick up a glow stick at the front of the school if you want. This glow stick will prevent you from getting scared or jumped at. Just make sure you hold it up, so no one can get you. When asked about her favorite part of the Haunted Halls, event organizer and student council advisor Mrs. Stacey Beaulieu shared what makes the event so special for her.

“I think just seeing like little kids ...be brave and being like, I want to go through it. And you're like, seriously?” said Beaulieu. “It's really dark and scary. So I think seeing like the little, little kids – elementary-age kids – that want to go through it – I think that's my favorite part, which is how brave little kids can be. Students are also looking forward to this event and excited to participate in any way possible, so when the Triton Voice asked senior Autumn Lavalley what their favorite part of the Haunted House was, they were more than excited to share.

“Oh, I like the decorations,” said Lavalley. “It was very cool. I didn't know where I was in the building ever because it looked really weird and different.

Whether you want to volunteer, hand out candy, decorate a trunk, or brave the haunted house or trails, there are ways for everyone to get involved. Events like these bring the Triton community together in the best way through laughter, teamwork, and shared memories, so please put it on your calendars: tomorrow, Saturday October 25th and join student council and best buddies for a night full of fun, fright, and festivities. Come for the candy, stay for the scares and leave with memories that will last after Thanksgiving.



Students are instructed daily to put their phones into little pockets (Deveau photo).

Students say some of their peers around the school have been trying to either trick the teacher saying they don’t have phones, or using an old phone.

Senior Willow Murnahan said students should have their phones.

“I don’t like it because it feels very restricting, like overly restricting almost,” said Murnahan, “especially right now like my grandpa just had a major surgery and if he falls down at home I need to know that he's okay. If I don't know that he's okay I'm like panicking at school and if he were to fall down and doesn't have his phone by him I would need to call 911. I can't do that and it's like terrifying knowing that he's all alone right now and I can't text him to check up on him.”

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Others disagree “I hate it,” said London Stanley. “It makes the day go by much longer. It's an inconvenience when going to lunch between the middle of a period/ I'm doing my work I don't stop in the middle of it.”

Mr. Chris Gette, history teacher, shared his opinion as well. “I don't think it's ideal and not the best for student ability to focus,” said Gette, “but I also understand a necessary evil for the school size and having to fit lunches in.”

Students seem to be more upset and by the schedule changes. Principal Patrick Kelley explained the reason behind this change.

“The change was exclusively about making sure we could have a fully aligned schedule with the middle school,” said Kelley. This change allows for students in the middle school to access classes taught by high school staff, which has been a growing trend as our school population shrinks.

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Junior Jane Myette shared her thoughts and stated that, “it was disorientating to come back to school on a Thursday because half days have always meant an early start to the weekend.”

Junior Jack Atchinson had strong opinions. “I think that the half day switch has unnecessarily changed from something that teachers and students alike enjoyed,” Atchinson said. “I think it was nice to have a Friday half day so that the kids could enjoy a long weekend. If it were up to me I would reverse the change.”

Some students also think that this is an inconvenience and interferes with schedules and taking weekend trips. Staff and students around Triton would sometimes take the half-day Friday off since they would only be missing a half day instead of a full day.

“I think that the half day switch is inconveniencing families unnecessarily, especially when it comes to child care and weekend trips,” said junior Lucie Remignanti

Support teacher Mr. Kurt Reise is happy to have any half days, no matter which day of the week, saying, “Any half day is a good day even if it's on a Wednesday!”

While most students may not be fans of this new switch, but Mr. Forget said that this change may not be set in stone and the district is trying it out to see if it works.