

# THE BARRACUDA NEWS REPORT

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## Sports

Everything is winding down in the realm of fall athletics at UCHS. Tennis ended their season in the semifinals in the state NCISAA 1A championship. Men's soccer was wild-carded into the state playoffs, but were defeated and ended their season. Cross country finished their running season at Hagan Stone Park in Greensboro this past Saturday. Sarah Roseman, Tate Eckard, and Tommy Little were named All-State runners, finishing in the top 11 in their 1A category. Overall, men finished 3rd after a close tie with Halifax. Women finished 4th in the 1A NCISAA division. We now look forward to beginning the winter sports seasons this week. There will be try-outs for swimming (co-ed) and basketball (men and women's). The Barracudas had every fall sports team enter at least the beginning rounds of the 1A NCISAA state division playoffs, so go Barracudas! We all congratulate our fall athletes for strong seasons!

-Kennedy N.



HAPPY HALLOWEEN

## Culmination of the Season

Seasons in life are a constantly shifting cycle of coming and going, starting and stopping, and beginning and ending. The physical season of summer is not the only season that is shifting into a new gear. Yes, as fall starts to whisper its cool breath into the air, leaves start to fall, and summer stops. A chapter has been turned, yet the story has not been completed. Our country's current chapter of governance is going, but a new chapter is coming in these weeks ahead. The midterm reports were given out, closing the start of a new school year, and as each quarter moves forward, the countdown begins for all seniors. They will write their new chapter of life in a new, unfamiliar place. As students we recognize that these seasons in life are being altered, shifted, and transformed into a new series of life, but the book is not finished. Yes, the midterm is over and summer has ended, but we are not finished. This old season of life has brought elections, college acceptances, midterm grades, and summer into fall just so we can comprehend the culmination of it all. As we enjoy this Halloween season, we take note of the passing season and look forward to a new one that will begin in this coming month. Let us not lose our motivation in the school year either, as we start to receive schedules for next semester, we should remember to finish out the current one strongly. Just as October is ending and November is beginning, so is a new season of life for all members of the UCHS community. -Kennedy Norris



## Feeding the Fish

Junior Brock Pate recently earned his Eagle Scout award this past September after only five years of being a Boy Scout. His Eagle Scout project combined his passion for music with his dedication to service, a pillar of the UCHS motto. He dedicated himself to remodeling the campus of Hickory Music Factory, a non-profit music school that serves the greater-Hickory area. An accomplished musician, singer, and songwriter, Brock has been performing in the community for years. With appearances at Cafe Rule and Wine Bar, Hickory Wine Shoppe, Bistro 127, Hickory Oktoberfest, Copperbean Coffee, Taste Full Beans, and even UCHS functions, he has created a reputation of outstanding musical skill accompanied by a kind and humble persona. The combination of dedication, optimism, and natural leadership ability has steered him to success in music and Scouts, which can only lead to even greater accomplishments in his life. Don't forget us when you're famous!

-Carolyn Oursler

## Suha Speaks

Boo! It's time for the Celtic festival of the dead. That's right, the Celts, the four-leaf clover enthusiasts, are the same people who started the whole deal of Halloween. Toward the end of October and the beginning of November, the Celtic people acknowledged the ghosts that were wandering around the world at this time of year, whom they called the Samhain (Sah-ween). The Celts believed that they needed to leave produce and meat outside so that the Samhain could feed on it. So, how does this all tie into the Halloween we all celebrate in 2016? Our traditions come from the ancient Celtic practices, trick-or-treating especially. But now, instead of picking up some rotten meat from my neighbor's porch, I think I'll grab a Snickers. -Suha S.

## The Reef

Happy Halloween from UCHS clubs, councils, and NHS! UCHS has exciting festivities for this Halloween season including a Halloween dance, trunk-or-treat community service, and...feeding homeless dogs? The Halloween dance got "spooky" with fun on Friday as the UCHS Student Council put on an awesome event. The costume contest, food, and dancing were just some of the highlights.

Friday night got the NHS club in the spirit of the holiday so they can mirthfully serve the Concordia Trunk-or-Treat Bash this Monday night from 5-9. So, if you have a little brother or sister stop on by, it should be a fun and candy-filled night! As you're eating your candy this Halloween season, don't forget about all those hungry dogs out there. UCHS has been having a food drive for pups these past 3 weeks and will continue through the first week of November. Any and all donations of dog food and cat litter are accepted and much appreciated for our furry friends at the Humane Society.

-Kennedy N.