



Dia De Los Muertos

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Dia De Los Muertos, also known as the “Day of the Dead” is a holiday that people in Mexico and other Latin countries celebrate on November 1st and November 2nd. This holiday celebrates people of the dead and it’s also a way to remember them so that their souls won’t disappear forever. It’s a way to honor their ancestors.

Day of the Dead has become such a widespread holiday that students in 7th-grade English classes here at JMS make their unique altars to remember the dead. These altars get showcased at the JMS Dia De Los Muertos Festival and around the school, where there are taco trucks and traditional dancers.

The taco trucks served— well, of course, tacos, but also quesadillas. On the taco plate were three tacos (chicken, beef, and pork,) with rice and beans on the side, and the quesadilla plate had the same. Plus, volunteers from WHS (West High School) served concha bread, which is a sweet bread roll with crumbly cookie dough.



(Student volunteers serving concha bread.)

Now, enough about food, let’s talk about the traditional dancers! A Mexican dance class offered to perform some of their dances for the Dia De Los Muertos festival at JMS. These traditional dancers wore costumes, went in solos and pairs, and performed beautiful traditional dances for the audience to watch while they munched on their tacos and quesadillas.



(A traditional dancer performing on the stage.)

Also, each of the traditional dancers wore a special type of mask or face paint, such as a skull. These masks are worn during Dia De Los Muertos to honor the dead and scare them away at the end of the festivities, sort of like wearing a costume on Halloween to scare ghosts away!

On the tables were altars also called an Ofrenda, which students made here at JMS to remember those special people in their lives who passed away. In the center is a photo of a loved one with orange and yellow flowers named Marigolds surrounding the photo. There were also different stations to get face paint. Many students decided to get a skull painted onto their faces, which is a way to honor and celebrate the loved ones who passed away.

According to Mrs. Hagermen, “The games that were played during Dia De Los Muertos were just for fun, and are usually played during celebrations, it’s in the Mexican heritage and it’s somewhat of a bingo game.” Just like any other game, the games that were played at Dia De Los Muertos, it’s mostly used to have fun with friends and family during holidays and special occasions.

Mrs. Hagerman also states, “The dancers that performed are called Floerke dancers, each of the dances they did represented a different area in Mexico, and so the different types of dances the dancers did symbolized the different parts of Mexico.”

The goal of bringing cultural events to JMS is also explained by Mrs. Hagerman, “The goal for Dia De Los Muertos here in JMS is to bring a fun cultural event to families and have people come together, eat food, and remember. So throughout the year, we’re going to do different cultural activities for families and kids to understand different cultures all around the world.”

Arts & Craftsmen Guild

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More than 50 years ago there were artisans who were brought together from their joy and enthusiasm to make handmade crafts. Over time they were able to grow and form the Torrance Craftsmen's Guild organization. This organization was chartered (to be granted jurisdiction) from the City of Torrance, California. After Guild members handcraft items they sell it to the public during the seasons of Spring and Fall. They were able to grow so big that they provided scholarships to high school seniors within the Torrance Unified School District.

The event had so many people selling so many different things like pottery, utensils, tiny houses/buildings made of different materials, and so many other things. A lot of people bought many of the different items being sold.



(Man selling his woodworking items)

Two of the people selling items were interviewed, one of them was a man named Richard Querry. The other man was named Robert Pitt. When Richard Querry was asked when he started attending and selling his items at the event, he said he started in October. He was also asked how much money the item's he sold cost. He said that they cost around \$50 dollars. He also said that he usually makes \$1,500 a day at the events. He also said that around 30 people a day buy from him.

He also stated that you could also buy from him online or at the Brea Nutcracker Event next month.



(Richard Querry's Table + Items)

The next person that was interviewed; Robert Pitt, was asked the same questions as Richard Querry. He said that he had been attending the event for 5 years! That is a long time of selling and probably a lot of money made along the way. He said that he doesn't sell things, but his wife does. He stated that her items cost around 15 - 40 dollars and that he makes the cost of every item he sells + a little in a day. He also said that his wife gets around 15 - 20 customers a day. He also stated that you could probably only get the items that wife sells there.

The Torrance Craftsmen's Guild provides scholarships to people who are studying things like sewing, painting, drawing, and really anything along the lines of arts. The scholarship award differ from \$250 - \$1000. If you would like to learn more about their scholarships, visit <https://torrancecraftsmensguild.org/scholarships/>.

Once again, there were many people selling many different amazing things. It was really cool how much talent was put into each item that was being sold. Whether it was something simple like utensils or something that took a lot of time like something that was hand-crafted and made from scratch, everything there was and looked amazing. You should definitely check an event like this one day.

Lakers Experience in the In-Season Tournament

By: Harshil Polina, David Oh

The NBA is currently hosting an in season tournament. The in-season tournament consists of six groups split between east and west. Three groups consisting of west teams, and three groups with east teams. The Lakers are in west group A. Group A's other teams are the Memphis Grizzlies, Phoenix Suns, Utah Jazz, and Portland Trail Blazers.

8 teams will advance from group play, which are tournament games, and enter the knockout rounds. Knockout rounds are games that consist of single elimination games and teams that win would move to the neutral site for semifinals and later for the championship. The Lakers are going against the Phoenix Suns on November 10, 2023 and the Trailblazers in their first two games.



Lebron shooting on a Suns player.

The Lakers won the game against the Suns 122-119, the first quarter was won by the Suns, the Lakers 25, and the Suns 34. The Lakers offense was decent, but their defense wasn't as great. The Lakers were struggling on defense because of the Sun's great offense. In the end, the Lakers came out on top and won the game. The Lakers are currently first in their group. They have two wins and zero losses.

The Lakers have had a crazy season so far. They are slowly adapting to their new roster. The Lakers are changing and redeeming themselves. They are slowly getting better.. Although the Lakers are doing better, many hope that the Lakers will finally shoot three pointers well!

Season is Not Looking Too Good for the Rams

By: Ashley W

The Rams are not looking too good, only winning 3 games. Their win-loss rate is now 3-6 and 2-3 away. They started strong with a 30 to 13 win against the Seattle Seahawks. In the next game, against the San Francisco 49ers, they were tied in the first half, but soon fell short the rest of the game, losing by 7 points, 30 to 23. When they played against the Cincinnati Bengals, they fell shy of just 3 points, the final score was 16 to 19.

On October 1, 2023, they were up against the Indianapolis Colts. The Colts were able to pull through in the last quarter, evening the score and going to overtime. During the overtime, the Rams were able to score the final point, winning by 6 points.



Puka Nacua catches a 22-yard pass for a winning touchdown.

When they played the Philadelphia Eagles, they only managed to score during the first half, while the opposing team was far ahead. In the end, they were down by 9 points. The following week, the Rams dominated the Arizona Cardinals. The Cardinals were ahead by 3 points after the first half, but they quickly fell behind during the second half. The Rams were able to score 20 points in the last half while the Cardinals scored none. The Rams were up by 17 points.

Unfortunately, the Rams were not able to win against the Pittsburgh Steelers, Dallas Cowboys, and the Green Bay Packers. They were ahead of the Steelers by 7 points in the third quarter, but in the end, the Steelers won by 7 points. They didn't have any luck in the game against the Cowboys either. They were behind by 24 points by the end of the second quarter and continued to stay behind for the rest of the game.

In a game that took place on November 5, they were playing against the Packers. Their quarterback, Matthew Stafford was out with a thumb injury. They only scored 3 points during the second quarter for the whole game while the Packers scored 20. Needless to say, they didn't win and they have yet to win on the Lambeau Field since 2004. Hopefully, they have better luck during their game on Sunday, November 9, 2023, when they play the Seattle Seahawks.

Alternative Energy

By: Mason W. Daksh P. Ali A.

The planet is dying, or is it? Dinosaurs and their fossils are our main energy source today. But eventually we will run out and the gas they produce is very toxic. It is killing our atmosphere. Luckily we have alternative energy.

Those being the air (wind turbines), water (hydroelectric power), nuclear (nuclear power plants), solar (solar panels), and geothermal (straight from the earth like a hot spring).



Picture of a Solar Panel Field

Solar panels are a pretty good source of energy. We can have the power of the sun in the palm of our hand. One solar panel can generate about 400 watts of power at the max. One solar panel cost about \$1,004. At most it takes 22 solar panels to fully power the average American home. That is \$22,088. You would still have to pay for an electric bill but it would be 80% less than what it was before.

There are also solar panel fields. Basically a big field just covered in solar panels. The field powers up an electrical grid. That grid's power can then be used to distribute the electrical energy to people. National Geographic goes a lot more in depth with this. Here is the [article](#) on the subject.

Water power is also promising, hydroelectric dams are already a thing and in action, they both serve as a dam and also as a clean energy source, the water spins a turbine and the turbine creates electricity. This process is good, however, it costs a lot of money to make,

“These dams can take decades to build, cost billions of dollars, and on average, end up exceeding projected costs by 90 percent.” This proves that dams are a good clean way to get energy but they are simply inefficient.

Another alternative energy source is air, or wind.

This source of energy is probably the least effective. There is only one way to use wind energy and that is wind turbines. Wind turbines work by wind pushing on the blade which causes it to spin and generate electricity. The reason this isn't really effective is because it's not always windy. The wind turbines would still spin even if there was a slight breeze but there would be very little motion.

Geothermal energy is much more reliable than wind energy. Geothermal energy is the heat within the earth that we can use. Geothermal energy is mostly used for agriculture. Growing crops and such. Geothermal energy could be great for producing food. It could also be used to heat and cool homes. However, that is about it. Geothermal energy can't really be used at a larger scale.

Nuclear energy is probably one of the most powerful, but there are some risks. Big risks. Nuclear energy works through nuclear fission and fusion. Nuclear fusion produces much more energy than nuclear fission. Nuclear fusion works by essentially combining two atoms together, which produces a lot of energy.



Picture of nuclear power plants

Nuclear energy can be used to power thousands of homes. The only drawback is the radiation it produces. This drawback is enough to shut down the whole thing. Nuclear radiation is extremely dangerous. It can destroy our DNA, give us cancer, and also make our or whoever was exposed to it and survived long enough to have kids will make the kids have genetic defects.

So now we go back to the only right answer, solar. It might be a bit expensive but it still does no damage to the environment after some time, it is independent, and it is easily accessible to the public. You would only need about a 100 by 100 mile field, this would be enough to power all of America, and that's only like a corner of a place like Utah, so tell me, do you think solar is the way to go?

Matthew Perry's Sudden Death Announcement

By Diya S., Sophia A., Mari G. and Arya B

Matthew Perry was found drowned to death in his hot tub on Saturday, October 28th. He was 54 years old and is most known for acting on the show *F.R.I.E.N.D.S*, which aired for 10 seasons. He was also on *Ally McBeal*, *The West Wing*, and *The Ron Clark Story*. Although the cause of his death remains unknown, an article by the LA Times, says a drug overdose is suspected by police and others.

“No drugs were found at the scene, medications were recovered at the home and hence toxicology will be part of the investigation.”

For those who don't know who he is, Matthew Perry was born August 19, 1969 in Williamstown, MA. he officially died October 28, 2023 in Pacific Palisades, Los Angeles, CA.

Back to the investigation. No illicit drugs were found, but police sighted medications for antidepressants and anti-anxiety, they also recovered pills for chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD). He's also had a long and public battle with drugs and alcohol, as well as being a smoker. An article by *NBC News* says

“In the final years of his life, he wanted to leave a legacy of inspiring and helping other addicts overcome life's most difficult hurdles.”



Matthews Co-Stars from the show “Friends”

In Perry's memoir titled “Friends, Lovers and the Big Terrible Thing,” he talked of his near death experience.

“Perry's colon burst because of his opioid use. He was left in a coma for two weeks and hospitalized for five months, and he had to use a colostomy bag.” Another article by *NY Times* states,

“Perry had spoken openly about his struggles with sobriety after an injury in 1997 set in motion an addiction to painkillers.”

To add to all that he'd gone into rehab 15 times, been in detox 65, and gone to 6,000 AA meetings. At

one point he admitted to having ingested 55 pills a day. Through all that he stayed strong and was able to become sober for the final years of his life.

“We are all so utterly devastated by the loss of Matthew. We were more than just cast mates. We are a family,” Courteney Cox, Jennifer Aniston, Lisa Kudrow, Matt LeBlanc and David Schwimmer said in a statement, from an article in *The New York Times*.

[Other Hollywood stars have also expressed their grief.](#)

The actress Selma Blair wrote on Instagram:

“My oldest boy friend. All of us loved Matthew Perry, and I did especially. Every day. I loved him unconditionally...and I'm broken. Broken hearted. Sweet dreams Matty. Sweet dreams.”

Gwyneth Paltrow, who dated Perry for a summer in the 1990s before he became a major star, wrote a tribute to him on Instagram.

“We drove out to swim in creeks... kissed in a field of long grass,” she wrote. “It was a magical summer. He had shot the pilot of *Friends* but it had not aired yet. He was nervous, hoping his big break was just around the corner.”



Matthew Perry six days before he died

Matthew Perry's sudden death was heartbreaking to all, especially to his friends and family. Michelle and Robert King, (The co creators of *The Good Wife* and *The Good Fight*) share some nice memories of the actor.

"So many people have talked about Matthew Perry's struggles, and, yes, that's probably true; but can we just go on for a minute about how much fun it was to collaborate with him?" - Article by *People*.

Perry's family seems sad about the sudden death of their son and brother. Perry's family said: “We are heartbroken by the tragic loss of our beloved son and brother. Matthew brought so much joy to the world, both as an actor and a friend.” - *The Guardian* Article.

Matthew Perry lived a long life as a beloved actor, friend, and son. He will be missed by everyone.

R.I.P. Matthew Perry.

[Hollywood reacts to Matthew Perry's death](#)

Israel and Hamas

By Zara K., Kara K.

Did you know that the Israel and Hamas war is still ongoing? It's been almost a month, and nobody knows for sure who may win. So far, the death toll for Palestinians is at least 10,022, while Israelis are at about 1,400. Nearly 530 Palestinian-owned structures have been destroyed and taken by Israelis already.



The aftermath of the bombing in Hamas.

Companies such as McDonalds, Starbucks, Burger King, Walmart, Dominoes, and plenty of others support Israel, while other companies such as In-N-Out, Jack in the Box, Panda Express, Krispy Kreme, and others are siding with Palestine! The total amount of money donated to Palestine is about \$5.2 billion, while for Israel, they've gotten \$3.3 billion.

Attacks are even getting much more brutal than before. Israel is bombing Hamas' camps, hospitals, and shelters, which is affecting a lot of innocent Palestinians there. Egypt is helping Palestinians out of the country through the Rafah crossing, which is right between them. Some Palestinians are unable to go to a different country because they don't have passports to live there.

Other countries seem to be siding with Palestine because Israel may have taken their attacks way too far. Palestine has already been stripped away from fresh food, water, and electricity. Their hospitals are crowded and don't have any electricity, plus they have a shortage of supplies. This is a huge problem for Hamas already, which is probably an advantage to Israel.

“This is a UN shelter that was indirectly hit during the war. The sanitary conditions are appalling, according to him. People live on the very basics, just little bread and whatever is left of some water. Our staff are dedicated, they keep going, but they're also finding it extremely challenging to operate given the little humanitarian supplies that have been coming into Gaza,” Juliette Touma reportedly said. Hamas is not giving up though, they're still determined to show resistance to having their land taken.

Both sides of the war are determined to erase each other. Recent news states that a Pakistani woman was arrested in Israel for showing support to the Palestinians. Many more are also getting arrested for siding with the Palestinians.

“We ran out of medical supplies, we cannot accommodate the high number of victims, and in a few hours time, the generators will come to a stop,” A paramedic had said. “The morgue of the hospital is totally packed. We are keeping the dead in our freezer trucks.” Hamas is low on supplies and protection, yet they refuse to give up.



Bombing in Hamas has progressively gotten worse.

Israel continues to bomb and attack Hamas. So far, they've targeted their hospitals, shelters, and some cars as well. Israel attempted an airstrike on Al-Aqsa Mosque. We received more than 50 people killed and wounded in the recent Israeli bombing. Still, Hamas is not giving up to the Israelis!

Sources: [Cnbc](#), [CNN](#), [Times of Israel](#), [Aljazeera](#)

Thanksgiving Recipe - Mashed Potatoes

By: Tim Vieira Lisboa

Thanksgiving is a big holiday. You have a week off of school, you get to see family and friends you haven't seen in a long time, and all the amazing food. Well in this article you will be learning how to make a popular thanksgiving recipe. This recipe will be able to be used before or after thanksgiving at different times. The recipe is Mashed potatoes.

For the ingredients of this meal your going to need 4 cloves of garlic (Peeled), 3 pounds of potatoes, 2 tablespoons of sesame oil, ½ cup of milk, 1 teaspoon of salt (+extra for salting water), 2 tablespoons of chopped green onions (optional), and lastly 1 teaspoon toasted sesame seeds (also optional).

To make the mashed potatoes first preheat the oven to 375 °F. Place your garlic clove in the center of a piece of aluminum foil. Drizzle some olive oil on top. Wrap all of it together and place it on a baking sheet. Put it inside the oven. Roast it for 30-35 minutes. When you take it out the cloves should be ready when they are a rich brown color and they are soft. Cool at room temperature and in the meantime and prepare the potatoes.

To prepare the potatoes you're going to want to peel and quarter (cut) the potatoes. Add to a large pot and cover it with water. Salt the water and bring it to a boil over medium heat. Boil for 15-17 minutes until the potatoes are fork tender. Next drain the potatoes and return to the pot. Add some butter, sesame oil, milk, your roasted garlic cloves, and salt. Use a potato masher to blend the garlic into the potatoes until the potatoes are mostly smooth (Try not to overmix). Lastly transfer the potatoes into a serving bowl and you can drizzle some sesame oil if you want. Lastly if you want you can top it with green onions and toasted sesame seeds.

No, you have made mashed potatoes that you can eat. This meal is delicious and very fun to eat. Also you can make this at any time instead of just using it only for thanksgiving. Who knows, try it out and you might have a fun time cooking. This is Tim wishing you a Happy thanksgiving.

Black Friday and Cyber Monday Deals

By Diya S. and Sophia A.

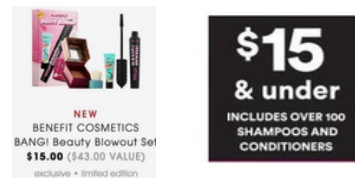
Thanksgiving is right around the corner so here are some of the best deals before they run out! For those who don't know Cyber Monday is an event right after thanksgiving to encourage people to shop online for electrically charged products. Amazon is already offering some good discounts on electronic inventions, they've lowered the price of a 4-series smart fire TV to \$269.99, it's original price was \$519.99. Walamrt is following right behind with the TVs, and lowered the price of LG C2 65-Inch 4K Smart TV to \$1,399 (formerly being 2,0099.99.) Amazon is also offering deals from over 40% to 50% percent off. Some things they're offering are tablets, 3D printers, security, and many more. These are just a few of many stores doing cybermonday, but for now let's move on to black friday!



On the left is Walmart's TV, and on the Right is Amazon's TV.

Now it's time for everyone's favorite day....

BLACK FRIDAY! There are deals everywhere including the most popular makeup and cosmetics store Sephora. they're having some deals on makeup and skincare sets. Benefit cosmetics is selling their beauty blowout set and continuing with the skincare collection, Ulta is selling some nice conditioners and shampoo products for \$15 and under!



Benefit cosmetics and Ulta deals

This year though, a very special black friday deal has arisen. The mean girls cast reunited for a special deal with Walmart. An article by *KSBY news* writes, "Gretchen spins up in a pink convertible and she's still trying to make "fetch" happen. Cady fails to impress her students, and Karen is giving a second-by-second weather report. Enjoy your black friday!

Shout-Outs!

Community Circle Leaders: Great work with Ms.Junker During your training!

- Ms.Nunes

Conflict Presentation Team Members: Awesome job at training representing jms

- Ms.Nunes

Eli Milner and Paden Berger: 8th Grade -Thank you for cleaning up the cornhole tournament. You were very helpful!

-Mrs. Sapien

Antonio D and Chin C: 7th Grade -Thank you for being respectful and helpful, during your time working with us.

-Ms. Maribel and Eric

Rocky R: 7th Grade -Thank you for working hard and being respectful.

-Ms. Maribel and Eric

Madeline N: 7th Grade -Keep up the great work! Thanks for being a fantastic leader!

-Ms. Inouye

Dina T: 8th Grade -Your hard work does not go unnoticed. You are a pleasure to have in class.

-Ms. Inouye

Mary E: -Thank you for always being so kind, thoughtful and hardworking! So glad you came to JMS! -Mrs. Aragon

Phoebe: - I greatly appreciate all of your hard work, participation and kindness!

-Mrs. Aragon

Jit P: 7th Grade -For outstanding effort in Language Arts.

-Mrs. Hagerman

Amaya B. & Ishaan H: 7th Grade -For excellent participation. You make our class a better place!

-Mrs. Hagerman

Taylor B: 7th Grade - Thank you for being an awesome student and the best cornhole partner in the world!

-Mrs. Aragon

Caelyn O: - I appreciate all of your hard work and your kind spirit!

-Mrs. Aragon

Thank you to Edmund C., Ryan M., Zayaan A. for diligently performing their classroom jobs!

-Ms Campbell

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Five Nights at Freddy's Movie

By: Daksh P.

Spoiler Alert! Five Nights at Freddy's(FNaF) is a popular hit video game franchise that recently got its own movie. The movie did not disappoint the fans as it contains things such as the original five animatronics, Freddy, Chica, Foxy, and Bonnie. It also has some extra things that the fans would immediately recognize such as Chica's Cupcake and Balloon Boy, they also added a bit of humor to the movie with little jokes such as the Balloon Boy mini jumpscares.

The movie was focusing more on the story and

not the horror,

the horror

came second

and the story

came first.

The movie

had a great

start with a



group of people who wanted to trash the place so that the night guard would lose their job but the animatronics each took on one of them and they all killed them, this was a great demonstration of the animatronics and their characteristics.

The movie was really made for the fans as fans had been waiting for one for years, and they finally got one. It had a lot of cameos too, it had some staple members of the FNaF community such as some popular youtubers who played the game a bunch and made it famous, those guys were often in the background. However, some more popular members were more major parts in the movie, still small but much more than any background piece. For example, one of the most popular theorists in the community, Matpat.

He was a waiter in a restaurant named Sparky's, this serves as a double cameo as he finally gets a small but noticeable part in the movie and a fan made animatronic called Sparky the Dog does as well. They also gave a very well known youtuber, CoryxKenshin, he played a taxi driver and he added a small sense of comedy just like how he does in his videos. Overall, this movie was really well made and it did NOT disappoint. And as rumor has, a sequel might be in the making.