

FALL IS LIFE

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Perfect weather, Friday night lights, comfy sweaters, pumpkin spice lattes--it's official, fall is here. Don't panic over getting stuck on what to wear to fit the weather or what to do on the weekends; this festive guide will help the seasonally-struggling student keep it casual and have fun this season.

Fall Fashion

By Mommina Tarar



The next big wardrobe piece for fall has arrived: trousers. Either black, brown, or white, they match with everything. Another fall staple: black trousers paired with a white top as shown in this

outfit. The denim jacket completes the outfit oh so well, along with the hip, new, Jelly sandals. Now there's a style to suit every shape. Trousers can also be paired with crop-tops and blazers. To keep the outfit casual but cute, wear a crop-top. To achieve a more professional look, pair the trousers with a blazer.

"I get my inspiration from YouTube," sophomore Akhfa Fakhar said. "Maddi Bragg is my favorite. Her style is amazing. Very edgy and also very chic."

Men's fall fashion consists of a bold piece: Chubbies. They represent the classiness and the more preppy side of men. Chubbies come in pastel colors and pastel tops as well. They can make any outfit appear more stylish and high-class. Chubbies usually look good with a long sleeve shirt tucked into them.

"I draw my inspiration from three words... Country club casual, out on the golf course you can find similar styles to mine," junior Stone Pearson said. "I like to think I'm always ready for a

nice dinner but still casual enough to come to school. My style has established itself as a staple in my community and I plan to convert as many humans as I can to the refined and cordial side of style."



High-waisted items complete an outfit for fall. Pair them with short or long sleeves, boots or sandals. Mixing and matching with different colors can also make any high-waisted item look

nice. While adding a sense of chicness, high-waisted items give a whole new meaning to bottom wear. Available in jeans, shorts, skirts, trousers, and even swimsuits, high-waist has taken over the world.

"I think you should wear what you want," sophomore Cornelia San Diego said. "When you're following trends, try to incorporate your own style into it."

Another menswear piece for fall is suits with bow ties. They, just like Chubbies, add classiness and prep to a man's style. Suits are good for all types of fall festivities, including dates, Halloween parties, a corn maze or a pumpkin patch. Bow ties give an extra "wow" to any outfit, and they sure help make any wardrobe look phenomenal.

"I got into bow ties when I was younger," senior Noah Briley said. "I usually style around them, and I have an obsession. I own 74 bow ties."



Festive Flavors

By Mary Williams

When it comes to fall food, apple pies, pumpkin, corn, and cinnamon on everything pretty much take the win for some of the best autumn tastes. This season, however, switch it up and put a new twist on some old favorites like pumpkin cupcakes instead of the traditional pie, or a turkey chili rather than the traditional full-sized bird. Try something new!

Love the pumpkin spice lattes from Starbucks but don't have the money to buy them all season long? Whip up one for half the price with a store bought espresso, vanilla extract, and some pumpkin pie spice.

(Recipe courtesy of The Kitchn)

Needed Ingredients:
2 tablespoons canned pumpkin,
1/2 teaspoon pumpkin pie spice (plus more to garnish)
freshly ground black pepper,
2 tablespoons sugar,
2 tablespoons pure vanilla extract,
2 cups whole milk,
1 to 2 shots espresso (about 1/4 cup),
1/4 cup heavy cream,
whipped until firm peaks form

Equipment: Mixer, whisk, or hand blender, to whip cream, saucepan, wooden spoon, whisk, blender, espresso maker or coffee maker

What To Do:

1. Heat the pumpkin and spices in a small saucepan over medium heat, cook the pumpkin with the pumpkin pie spice and a generous helping of black pepper for about 2 minutes. Stir constantly.

2. Add the sugar and stir until the mixture looks like a bubbly thick syrup.

3. Whisk in the milk and vanilla extract. Warm gently over medium heat, watching carefully to make sure it doesn't boil over.

4. Carefully process the milk mixture with a hand blender or in a traditional blender (hold the lid down tightly with a thick wad of towels!) until frothy and blended.

5. Make the espresso or coffee and divide between two mugs and add the frothed milk. Top with whipped cream and a sprinkle of pumpkin pie spice, cinnamon, or nutmeg to taste.



Frightful Films

By Devon Overstreet

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"The Nightmare Before Christmas"

A skeleton named Jack Skellington becomes tired of Halloween all the time and explores an iconic forest to find different doors for each holiday. Skellington finds Christmas Town and immediately falls in love with all the lights and snow. However, after returning to Halloween Town to tell everybody about the new holiday, Skellington then decides to become Santa Claus himself and take over Christmas. Although everybody in Halloween Town tries to help him create his Christmas, they don't necessarily start with the right idea, leaving chaos to ensue.

Autumn Activities

By Mary Williams

With the arrival of fall, many people look for new exciting activities to do on the weekends. Though the days of taking road trips to the beach must come to an end, the city offers plenty of amusing things to keep the weekends busy.

Looking for something to do with the family after school and on the weekends? Get lost in the South Texas 7-acre MAIZE in

"The Addams Family"

The spooky, kooky family, the Addams Family. Gomez Addam's lawyer owes money to Abigail Craven, a loan shark, and her son, Gordon, who are out to get the Addams family fortune. Gordon dresses himself up as Uncle Fester to infiltrate the Addams family's safe full of money. Gordon stays with the family, however, everybody except Gomez, Fester's brother, has a suspicion of the imposter. But "Uncle Fester" eventually creates a bond with the Addams family, especially the kids.

"Halloweentown"

It all starts with a typical "all the other kids are going" when Marnie and her mother, Gwen, argue about going to a costume party or taking care of her younger siblings. Marnie's grandma, Aggie, tells her a story about Halloweentown and as the grandmother later gets on a bus to Halloweentown, Marnie and the kids follow her there. However, once it's discovered that Kalbar, the mayor of Halloweentown, developed an evil plot, it's up to the kids to save the day.

"Beetlejuice"

Beetlejuice... Beetlejuice... Beetlejuice!!! The ghosts of Adam and Barbara Maitland live in a house, soon overrun by a living family, the Deetzes. Unable to scare away the unwanted housemates themselves, the Maitlands take refuge in the attic and call in Beetlejuice so that he can get rid of the new owners... Well that doesn't exactly work according to their plan.

"Corpse Bride"

"Corpse Bride" tells the story of Victor Van Dort, a groom living in a dull world in London. While practicing his wedding vows, a girl awakens from the dead and thinks he proposed to her. She brings him to the underground with the rest of the dead and Van Dort begins to marry the corpse bride. However, Victoria Everglot, the girl he originally planned to marry crashed the wedding, leaving Van Dort to decide who he will marry and love for the rest of his life.



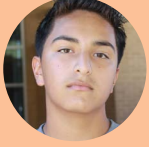
What's Your Favorite Thing About Fall?



Derek Brown, 11th grade
"Halloween; pumpkin pie (whipped cream), turkey, family time."



Micah Flowers, 11th grade
"The feeling outside; the leaves"



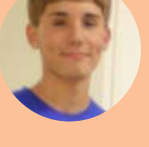
Juan Gomez, 9th grade
"It gets really cold and football gets better."



Beth Weber, 10th grade
"My birthday is in October on the 26th and it starts getting real chilly."



Jaquez Wingfield, 12th grade
"Perfect weather for football; just nice weather in general."



Joseph Avalos, 10th grade
"The wind and leaves make it feel nice, you know? When you go outside and it's looking pretty but then you have to rake leaves which I don't like doing."