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Above: Celebrants of Dia de Los Muertos in traditional clothing and masks.

Día de Los Muertos

By: Lourdes Trujillo & Ytsel Gonzales

Día de los Muertos is an amazing Mexican holiday. It starts on November 2 and ends on November 4. This Holiday is descended by Mexicans all over the world. Día De Los Muertos is known to be celebrated for more than 2,500-3,000 years. DDLM was developed from ancient traditions from its pre-Columbian cultures. Traditions are followed from years ago like construction alters and decorating with the Día de los Muertos flower marigolds and create candy such as sugar skulls. And Mexicans also preform rituals to the assisters who died in the past. And celebrate them by giving offerings to their gravestones and decorate with candles and flowers. Then set off fireworks. On Día De los Muertos many make food such as churros. Churros are a soft bread stick with cinnamon sugar. And there is also chicken tamale pie. This dish in a mixture of a tames ingredients mixed with chicken all baked in a pie. One of the favorites is known is the Mexican hot cholate. This is regular hot cholate with a hint of cinnamon and peppermint. All these traditions are just examples. You can celebrate toooooo!

Halloween History

By: The Sisters

Halloween is an annual holiday celebrated each year October 31, and Halloween 2019 occurs on Thursday October 31. It is originated with the ancient Celtic festival of Samhain, when people would light bon fires 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 evolved into Halloween. Over time, Halloween evolved into a day of activities like trick-or-treating, carving jack-o'-lanterns, festive gatherings, donning costumes and eating sweet treats.

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Tryst

A Restaurant Review
by Ria – 4th Grade

Have you ever been to a restaurant called Tryst Café? If so, you must know that the food is great over there. They have many delicious options to choose from. They also have beer & wine.

On the weekend before Halloween I went and ate a wonderful dinner there. That night my mom and I had Desert Ridge Summer Rolls, the Naturally Raised Buffalo Chicken Wrap, and Sweet Potato Tots.

The Desert Ridge Summer Rolls were made with daikon sprouts, shredded carrots, cilantro, cabbage, and mango wrapped in rice paper. It also comes with some sweet and sour sauce. It almost tastes like salad. The rice wrapped around was a little chewy, but tastes like nothing. I'd give this dish 4/5 stars.

Nexxt I got 2 Naturally Raised Buffalo Chicken Wraps. This dish was made with chicken tossed in a spicy buffalo sauce, lettuce, tomato, pepper jack cheese, in a tomato basil tortilla. There was way too much buffalo sauce in the wrap, but everything else was wonderful.

In all the restaurant was amazing. The waiter was nice. I would give it four and a half stars out of five.

Favorite Holidays Around Campus

By Jessica

Holidays are a fun some are even a time where people come together to celebrate. These are the holiday's people at Santan Elementary love. Who knows, you may like them too. As you can see Christmas, Halloween, and Easter are the favorite holidays. Hanukkah, day of the dead, and thanksgiving are the least favorite holidays.

Lots of people have voted and this is their opinion.

Favorite Holiday Survey

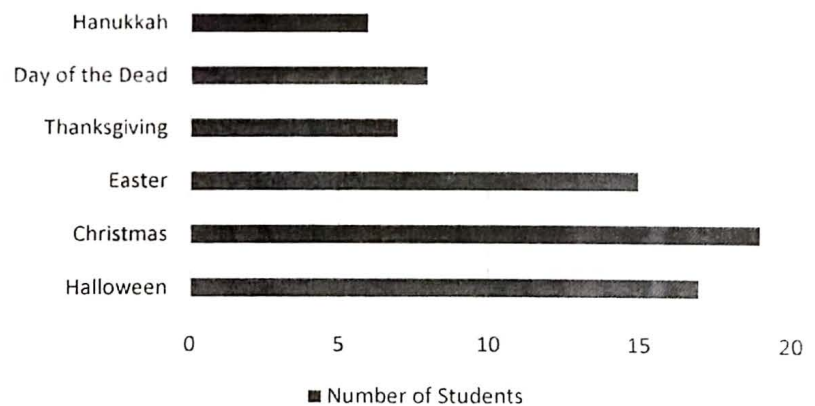


Chart data is real. Students gave their own opinion. Lots of people have voted. Please respect their decision.

Dear Ms. I-Know-It-All,

I hang out with boys. I feel **very** unwelcome to the rest of the girls, and I am a girl!

A Girl Outcast

Dear A Girl Outcast,

No need to be worried about hanging out with boys, everyone has their own type of crowd. I'm very sad to hear that you are having trouble fitting in with the other girls. Try to introduce yourself and be friendly to them. I hope things will work out in the end.

Miss I-Know-It-All

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An Interview with a Miss Saadi

by Ava

Q: Do you like being in charge of P.E and why?

A: Yes, for sure because I love teaching my students how to be active and stay healthy. Plus we have a lot of fun.

Q: Do you do anything other than P.E if so what?

A: I do STUCO. I help with intramurals at recess for 5th and 6th.

Q: When did you start teaching P.E. at Santan?

A: My first year was the 2010 and 2011 school year.

Q: Do you coach anything?

A: I do. I've coached at Jr. High softball and basketball. I've coached at ACP I've coached soccer and softball.

Thanksgiving Facts

Did you know there is a lot of fun facts about Thanksgiving? Including facts about the first Thanksgiving, what Thanksgiving means, and more.

- The first Thanksgiving was held in Plymouth in 1621.
- The first Canadian Thanksgiving was thought to have occurred in 1578 when an explorer, Martin Frobisher, held a Thanksgiving celebration for surviving his journey from England.
- On average Americans eat around 46 million turkeys a day
- Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin's first meal in space after walking on the moon was foil packets with roasted turkey.
- Turkey wasn't on the menu at the first Thanksgiving. Venison, duck, goose, oysters, lobster, eel, and fish were likely served, alongside pumpkins and cranberries
- Abraham Lincoln proclaimed Thanksgiving a national holiday on October 3, 1863. Sarah Joseph Hale, the woman who wrote "Mary Had A Little Lamb," convinced Lincoln to make Thanksgiving a national holiday after writing letters for 17 years.
- The average number of calories consumed on Thanksgiving is 4,500

How to Get the Most Halloween Candy!

By: Josh and Jonah

1. You can dress as a mail man so you have a pouch to carry extra candy and you have a bike if you move farther distances.
2. Listen to this: Cute=Candy.
3. If you can make the costume light, do so because you can put candy in the costume and also make sure to have space to put the candy.
4. Make sure that your costume is recognizable so they can give you candy faster and people don't have to ask you "Oh, who are you dressed as?" Believe me I know from experience.
5. Now this is a joke but really, if you want to you can just buy candy from the dollar store, it's that easy!
6. I'm not going to lie but a simple costume like a ghost made from a bed sheet will work too.
7. Make sure whatever your costume is it can be considered "cool".

Now not all of these will work but I will say at least one should work for everyone.

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Pumpkin Cheesecake Bites By Vivia

Makes 14 servings

Ingredients:

- 3/4 cup crushed ginger snaps
- 3/4 cup crushed graham crackers
- 4 oz cream cheese, softened
- 2 1/2 cup melted white chocolate, divided
- 1/2 cup pumpkin puree
- 1 tsp pumpkin pie spice
- pinch of kosher salt
- 1 tbsp coconut oil

Directions

1. Line a large baking sheet with parchment paper.
2. In a small bowl, mix together ginger snaps and graham cracker crumbs. Set aside.
3. In a large bowl, beat cream cheese until light and fluffy. Add 1/2 cup white chocolate, pumpkin puree, pumpkin pie spice, and salt and beat until incorporated. Beat in cookie crumbs until well mixed.
4. Scoop mixture into tablespoon-sized balls and freeze until solid, about 30 minutes.
5. Mix together remaining 2 cups melted white chocolate with coconut oil, then dunk truffles to coat. Place back on baking sheet, and sprinkle with remaining cookie crumbs.
6. Refrigerate at least 10 minutes, or until ready to serve.
7. Enjoy!

Fall Recipe – Pumpkin Pie

By: Reyna

*please have adult supervision while making and especially when using the oven!

Ingredients

- 15oz of canned pumpkin
- 14oz of sweetened condensed milk
- 2 large eggs
- 1 teaspoon of ground cinnamon
- 1/2 teaspoon of ground ginger
- 1/2 a teaspoon of nutmeg
- 1/2 a teaspoon of salt
- 1 premade unbaked piecrust 9 inches

1. Ask an adult to preheat the oven to 425 degrees F
2. Mix the canned pumpkin, condensed milk, and eggs into a medium bowl.
3. Mix all the spices together in a small bowl
4. Slowly stir in the spices into the pumpkin, condensed milk, and eggs.
5. Mix until all the ingredients are blended together and there are no bumps in the batter.
6. Poor into the crust
7. Bake in the oven for 15 minutes
8. Reduce the oven temperature from 425 degrees to 350 degrees
9. Bake 35-40 min
10. Cool and enjoy!

Joker's Joke Book

Q: Why do cave man have easy homework?

A: Because they had no history!

Q: How do bees get to school?

A: The school-buzz!

Q: Why was the balloon scared to go to class?

A: Because there was a pop-quiz!