

THE CHOCOLATE SALES ARE RIGGED

By Jareth Klassen

Before I explain my accusation, why don't I share some facts of the sales. In a recent interview with Mr. Zwaagstra, I got some statistics just so that we know what we are dealing with. I can prove my statement, believe me.

Last year there were a total of 375 cases brought in, with 253 of those being sold. That means that there was just over \$25,000 in sales! Unfortunately for this year, the school lacks the grade 5 students, who regularly sell the most out of all the other grades. Because of the missing grade, the goal is to make the same amount as we did last year. At the time of the interview, we were almost exactly even with last year in terms of sales.



Zwaagstra also gave a piece of advice for the students when selling: never miss an opportunity to find someone who might be interested. In other words, don't assume that someone has already been asked to buy. Sell at family gatherings, parent workplaces, other relatives, and even your friends.

Here's another fact that can prove my point: the previous winners of the big prizes. Last year, Thomas Dueck won the scooter. Janaya Friesen won the Jets tickets, and Jayce Penner won the PlayStation 5. Take note of their last names. That's very important.

So now that we know the facts, I'm sure that my "theory" is obviously the truth. The sales tactics, people who have won in the past, it's all there. After countless minutes chasing the truth, and many dead ends, I can now present this statement in surety: the chocolate sales are rigged for Mennonites. Think about it! The way to sell lots of boxes, and therefore win, is to have many connections who are willing to buy from you! Who would be the most willing to buy from you? Your relatives. Mennonites have extensive family connections, giving them more people to sell to as opposed to someone who isn't a Mennonite. So if you aren't a Mennonite, you're either going to have to hustle like never before, or just accept the fact that you will never win.

SPOOKY MONTH

BY JANAYA FRIESEN AND LILY ABRAMS

Hi Green Valley students! It's getting close to Halloween so me and my colleague Lily decided to interview some students for good trick or treating spots. So here's what we got!

St. Pierre was one of the recommended ones, and also go to rich peoples' houses. They have great candy most of the time. Mitchell was also a highly recommended spot.

When I was younger we would switch off from Steinbach and Grunthal and just go to the coolest looking houses, but now I trick or treat with my friends and just walk around and get candy.

I hope this helps you find where to trick or treat this year, and enjoy your Halloween!

Now it's time for opinions on Halloween. Since this is a more controversial topic I am gonna put in a lot of opinions, not just the ones I agree with.

A lot of people think it's fun to get free candy, and that's where I stand, but I also understand why some people would be skeptical. There have been a lot of bad things that happen on Halloween. A lot of people have said that they like dressing up for the day, and I do too. But I do understand why parents might keep kids home because it could be dangerous for a kid to walk around in the dark. On the other hand I think it's quite safe especially when you go with a group. And if you do go alone, you're around a bunch of houses with old people giving away candy. I think it's pretty safe but I know a lot of people would disagree and that's okay! For me, I like dressing up and getting candy. I always eat the best candy the night of and just store the bad ones away. I also love having a Halloween movie marathon on Halloween night with my friend.

I hope you enjoy your Halloween! Stay spooky!

And now over to Lily!

Hello GVS students! As you know the Halloween season is approaching, spirits are high and people are rushing to get their costumes done. Naturally so are we or at least most of us anyway, I know a few of us are dressing up but we'll get to that later. We've asked a couple GVS students what their plan is for Halloween and of course we'd like to have asked everybody but that would take forever and the article would be really long. If this article helps you with your costume then we've done well. Many people had more uncommon ideas such as House from the show House MD [I'm extremely biased and I believe this is the best one out there]. Princess peach was mentioned as well as a clown. Those are like polar opposites. I really hope I get to see all these costumes. Someone mentioned they might be wearing the same thing that they're planning on wearing to comicon which is a younger Gandolf! I don't think I've ever heard that one before. Another individual said they were planning on going as an angel. If you're curious as to what we're doing, keep reading!



Lily Abrams - Writer

I personally am going as Gerard Way lead singer of My Chemical Romance from the Three Cheers For Sweet Revenge era. This was their second album and naturally my second favourite.

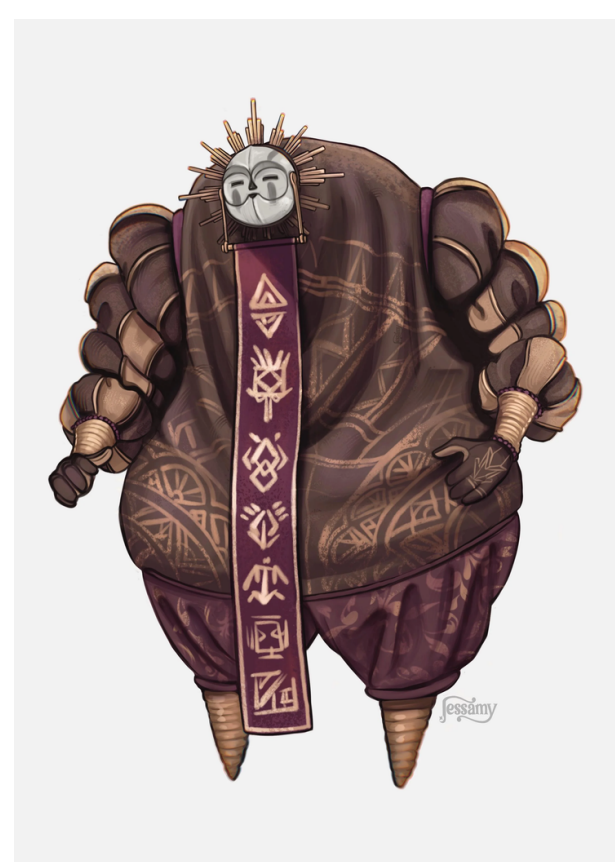


Janaya Friesen - Writer

Hihi Green Valley students! You probably wonder what the tribune members are dressing up as (actually who asked this?)* So I'm gonna tell you a little bit about my costume!

I'm sure a lot of you read the book The Bad Case Of The Stripes by David Shannon, and i will be going as the main character for Halloween!

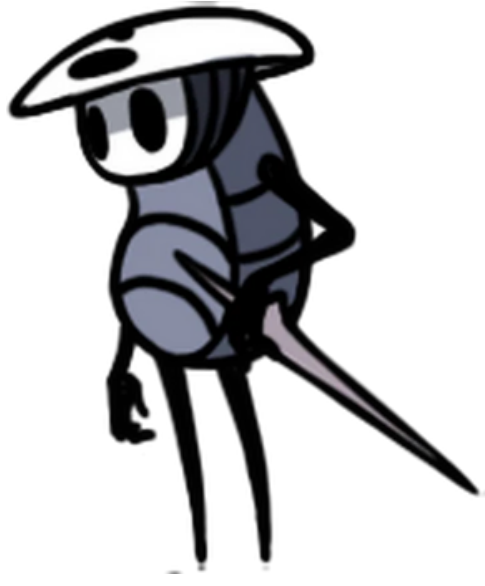
I personally have never read the book but I really liked the look and I just could not find a good, easy costume so I picked this! If you see me on halloween, first of all no you didnt, and second of all i hope you like the costume!



Liam MacPowell - Editor/Writer

I am going as Esque from the new indie game Clair Obscur: Expedition 33. He is one of the most powerful beings in the game and is also obsessed with his pet rocks. It is a very good game and I'd encourage anyone who hasn't played it yet to do so! Happy Halloween!

*Editors note: Thanks for that Janaya...



Jareth Klassen - Writer

I plan to dress up as a character called Quirrel, if I have the time. He is from the popular indie metroidvania game “The Hollow Knight”, by Team Cherry. I hope to wear it to comic con in Winnipeg.



Jayce Penner - Writer

This year I am planning to go as Eazy-E, one of the most influential rappers in the industry, who was a part of the rap group NWA. The group also included some names you may be familiar with such as Ice Cube and Dr Dre.



C.B. - Writer

For Halloween I am going as a reporter because I have to live true to my role in the Newspaper. And also reporters are cool. I usually create my costume from clothes I can easily access from my closet (or if need be my older sister's...) I'm looking forward to seeing how it will all come together.

CALLING ALL GVS ALUMNI...

BY JAYCE PENNER

With volleyball provincials right around the corner, we are hoping to bring home 3 more banners this year for volleyball. The varsity boys volleyball team is led by head coach Ken Friesen, the varsity girls volleyball team is led by head coach Justin Hart and the JV girls volleyball team is led by head coaches Cheryl Froese and Coralee Warkentin. Let's show our teams some love and support by cheering them on as they head into provincials. Now, if you take a look in our gym, you'll notice that GVS has a long history of sports championships. Volleyball and basketball are by far the most popular sports at our school and we have banners to show for it. But it isn't exactly cheap to play these sports as it costs a whopping \$250 dollars to play! That's a pretty large amount of money. So how can we make sports more affordable at GVS? We are calling on our GVS alumni to help out by making donations so our students can play the sports they love and bring home more banners to show off in our gym. If there are GVS alumni out there who would like to make sports more affordable for current students, contact Ken Friesen at (204)-434-6566. Once again, good luck to our GVS volleyball teams and go Pirates!

All's well That Ends Well

C.B.

*This book is dedicated to all the people who have ever handed me a book.
and to all my ELA teachers: Mrs. Epp who encouraged my writing and
always has a smile, Mrs. Little whose positive energy never fails, and to Mr.
Martens whose imagination never ceases.*
- C.B.

LAST EDITION:

John cleaned up the bowl of water, the bowl of broth. He got a glass of water and a sandwich. He sat down in the wooden chair and ate his sandwich. He then started reading To Kill a Mockingbird, looking up every now and then to make sure Lily was still asleep. Once, he reached over and tucked one of her black curls behind her ear.

Lily stirred and opened her eyes, her black eyes meeting John's for the first time.

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Her black ones met John's chestnut ones for the first time. John smiled at her.

"Glad you're awake. Are you thirsty?"

"Yes, thank you," Lily replied. John helped Lily sit up and she gladly accepted the glass of water.

"So do you play the violin, Lily?" John asked.

"Yes, my father taught me." She looked at her lap and John took her hand.

"I'm sorry about your father, Lily," he said sympathetically.

"Thank you, John," she said quietly. Lily picked up the violin and set it on her lap. She opened the case and lifted the violin delicately out of its case and raised it to her chin. She picked up the bow and started playing softly.

The melody was sweet and calm, sometimes the volume escalating and the tune speeding up or going quiet and slow.

John sat silently through it all and when she put the violin down he applauded her.

"That was beautiful, Lily," John said softly.

Lily looked sadly at the violin she had put back in its case. "It was a song my father and I composed together. We called it 'Moonlit Rain.' There is a story that goes with it, about a girl whose boyfriend broke up with her. The moon is full and bright when he brings her home from a date but it starts to pour when she finds out his love was never real. So she goes out and sings out in the rain. It's quite depressing, sorry."

John got up and sat beside Lily. "You play very well. The song was perfect. Not one squeaky note," John praised.

Lily fingered her locket, clutching the pendant.

"Lily, while Dr. Reynolds and I were trying to figure out who you are. We did a few things. We read the inscription inside your locket and read Charles' letter."

Lily's eyes widened; her look clearly said one thing: Betrayal

"I'm sorry, Lily. I realize now it was an invasion of privacy. Please forgive me."

Lily was silent for a bit.

"I forgive you, John. I understand you were in a tough spot," Lily said quietly.

"Thank you, Lily," John squeezed Lily's hand.

"I know you don't know a lot about me, John, so I think you deserve to know about Charles. He's my boyfriend. We were friends during childhood. Then I had an awful relationship with another guy who was abusive, wanting me for my father's wealth. One day I refused to give him what he wanted, and he got angry and hurt me. Father found out and had the police put him in jail. Charles was a steady companion during my darker days. We slowly fell in love. Charles went to university to study law. When he wrote that letter, we had three more months apart, now only a week remains," Lily explained.

John sat silently, never interrupting. Then he asked, "Lily, would you like to phone Charles and tell him what happened?"

"That would be perfect. Thank you."

John led Lily to the phone in the hallway, putting his arm around her shoulders, steadying her because she was still weak from the ordeal. He helped Lily sit down in a chair and then left to give her privacy.

Lily dialed a number and picked up the receiver. "Hello? This is Lily Fitzgerald. Could I speak to Charles Brown, please?" She waited a moment and then...

"Charles? Oh, Charles! I missed you so!" Tears started falling down Lily's face. "I'm sorry, Charles, but I had to call you. Something happened. My father—he—he died. In a—a fire. Our mansion burned down. Father was still in there. I—I couldn't do anything." Now Lily was sobbing into the receiver.

"Nothing's left, Charles. All I was able to save was his violin and your last letter. Father—he told me to go, save myself. I tried pleading, helping him out, but he wouldn't come with me. He said it was his time. I did something stupid, Charles. I left. He told me to take our violin, and I—I don't know what possessed me to do it, to leave. How can I live with myself, Charles? Knowing I left my father to burn alive!? I know I tried to save him, but in part, I am responsible for his death!"

She stopped; Charles seemed to be talking to her. Lily eventually ceased sobbing. "Thank you, Charles. You always know what to say. For now, I'm staying with a man named John. If this happens to change, I shall let you know." Her voice softened.

"Love you too, Charles. Bye."

Just as she hung up, John entered the room. If he noticed her tear-stained face, he didn't say anything. He just smiled at her and said she could stay at his house for as long as she liked.

John wrapped his arms around Lily's shoulders and led her to her room, then bade her good night and left. Lily climbed into bed and fell asleep.

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THE TALE OF MR. MONKEY

By Liam MP





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