

THE BASIS SCOTTSDALE GAZETTE

MEETING THE COLLEGE COUNSELORS

BY ZANDER HILL

For the last few years, our school has gone through several different college counselors. The past counselors have gotten amazing opportunities to be on the admissions committees of universities or start their own counseling services. And to make sure that students still have access to outstanding help, BASIS continues to hire highly experienced counselors. To help students connect with the current counselors for future years, or seniors who are scrambling to connect with their counselor, I interviewed Ms. Kadesh and Ms. Frigon about their experiences before and at BASIS. Both come from college admissions offices: Ms. Kadesh from the University of Arizona, and Ms. Frigon from Westmont College, and that experience helps them to offer students great advice for their college journeys.



Ms. Kadesh

Ms. Frigon

Both of you have experience with college admissions at different universities. How is the process different in a high school setting?

K: While working at the University of Arizona, I worked with over 50 high schools, so I was not able to create personal relationships with students like I am able to here. It's been really exciting to be able to follow the students' journeys from 9th grade through 12th grade and to see where they end up.

F: Also, finding a fit is totally different. When you work for one specific school, you are not able to suggest other

schools that may be a better fit for the student, whereas here, you get to really work with the student and have one-on-one meetings, which in turn results in us being able to help those students find their best-fit school.

What do you think is the most important part of the college application process?

K: Finding the right fit program-wise is really important. There are so many programs out there; if you look online, you can see lists and lists of schools that are the best for

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computer science or English or journalism, so helping students decipher which program is best for them is a really important part of this process. Also, though it's pretty obvious, making sure you meet deadlines is probably the second most important.

F: I would also say it goes back to finding fit. Too many students feel they have to go to the most name-brand, top school in the country, and that that's how they're going to get the best education. Really, there are so many options out there where students can still achieve a great education and get to where they want to be in life. Among those schools, they can find the best fit for them, their personality, and all their other interests on top of the education the school provides.

How have this year's seniors been? What have they done well, and how can they improve?

K: I personally feel that you guys are unbelievably on top of what you need to be doing. I feel like my classes work really hard and they're meeting all of their deadlines. When I ask a student to do something, they do it, which is wonderful. Also, I feel like a lot of my students are constantly meeting with me and making sure that they know what they're supposed to be doing, so they are able to meet those deadlines. In terms of what you could be doing better, I can't really think of anything off the top of my head.

F: For what you could do better, if anything, you should have more confidence in yourselves. Know that you are staying on top of it and doing really well, even if many will second-guess that and wonder if they should be doing something in addition. Trust yourselves, since thus far you've had some great resources and a great education available to you. You've been using them, so be confident in your abilities and what you've been taught up to this point.

We know the majority of your time is focused on the seniors right now, but what advice would you give to the other high schoolers in regard to summer programs, internships, etc.?

K: I would say it's very important to get an internship or attend a summer program during the summer before your senior year so that you can get a feeling for what you're looking for in a college program. Doing so in prior summers is a good idea, too.

F: I would say that the summer before senior year is most important as well, because it's the closest you'll be to choosing how you're going to spend the next four years. Exploring your interests through clubs and internships are a great way to do that. It may be valuable in summers before that, too, but you're not in a position to be prioritized, so it may be better to just be a kid while you can.

Is there anything else you'd like the students to know about you?

K: Here's a fun fact: in 2017, I was on Food Network for eating the world's largest burger. You can catch me on Ginormous Foods. I think it's on YouTube. (Editor's note: We haven't been able to find the video, sadly.)

F: I've been to roughly fifteen countries total, and Italy three times. Fifteen countries within two years, actually. That's what happens when you do a semester abroad: you go to a lot of cool places.

These counselors bring a lot of admissions experience to BASIS Scottsdale. Those who have more questions about the college process can often find them in their office to have a quick chat or can send an email to get in contact. Either way, building up that relationship early is a great way for students to get a head start on college.

EXCHANGE RATE: A CHINESE STUDENT NAVIGATES BASIS

BY DAVID YIN

Since the start of the school year, many students have seen some unfamiliar faces in their classrooms. These are the faces of this year's group of international students. Every year, BASIS invites a highly selective group of students from China to experience life in the United States while also getting an amazing education at one of the top high schools in the nation. The program not only helps the students like me experience American school life, but also improves collaboration, creativity, critical thinking, and problem-solving skills, all of which are not as accessible in Chinese schools. Despite the goals of the program, I and the other international students often struggle to adapt to the new environment.

Whether during class or lunch, I tend to separate myself and do homework instead of interacting with other students because everything is so unfamiliar. Imagine if you felt that way? What would you want? The answer should undeniably be to join a group of students and hear from them. An invitation to work together or sit together or even just a comment or question makes us feel welcome!

Honestly, as an international student, it wasn't easy for me to integrate into groups of other BASIS students at first. I found it especially difficult to find new friends, as I was too shy to ask questions or talk with students who had already been at BASIS for years. All the obstacles I faced are attributed to the language barrier: I was unable to use English to express my ideas as fluently as using my native language – Mandarin.

Also, I also have felt a difference in terms of the way of material is taught here. Firstly, the coursework that I learn in BASIS is very refreshing. BASIS employs the AP curriculum, which covers material most students learn in their first year of college. The BASIS curriculum will offer me a good transition from high school to college. For example, in Physics, I had never heard about thermodynamics before I came to BASIS. The only thing I learned before associated with it is the ideal gas equation. Another thing about BASIS is that everything is so fast paced. In about one week, we cover an entire chapter, while my previous schools spent a whole semester to elaborate on only one topic.

Fortunately, many students in my classes have been very willing to explain what the teacher teaches on days when I struggle with certain concepts. When they have some difficulties, I also try my best to help them. From Seminar to Vector Calculus, collaboration between me and other students has become more frequent.

Two months have passed, and I no longer conceal myself in the corners of the building. Lunchtime has become one of the periods I enjoy most! Rather than focusing on doing assignments, we discuss the test we just took or chat about anything that comes to our minds.

With the help of other students, I have also successfully overcome some academic struggles I faced at the beginning of the year, and everything is moving smoothly now.

I believe, with your efforts, foreign exchange students like myself can continue to gradually accommodate to the BASIS school life and we can share a memorable year together. So, why not reach out to one of us in our next class together?



David Yin

TRYPHOBIA: IS IT REAL?

BY ZAK HORI

Along with the release of the iPhone 11 in early September, a widely publicized debate about the device's new features arose. The iPhone 11 includes new color options, water resistance, improved battery life, slow-motion selfies, and much more. But one feature surprisingly incited a lot of controversy – multiple cameras. The iPhone 11 Pro features three different camera lenses, grouped closely to one another, on the back of the phone. The close grouping of lenses has sparked debate surrounding trypophobia, which is the fear of small, closely-packed holes. This debate begs the questions: is trypophobia legitimate, and what is the possible science behind it?

Although trypophobia has not been recognized as an official phobia by the American Psychiatric Association's Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders, many affected claim to suffer from this phobia, even at the sight of the iPhone 11's triple camera feature. Typically, trypophobia comes from objects that have small holes like sponges, honeycombs, strawberries, bubbles, and corals. People affected by the fear report symptoms like goosebumps, nausea, skin itching, sweating, and panic attacks.

The Internet has witnessed much debate surrounding the legitimacy of this fear. Scientists argue that trypophobia is actually due to factors other than holes themselves. They believe the holes are associated with dangerous animals or venomous organisms, which instill a more rational fear, yet are often associated with small holes. Scientists Geoff Cole and Allen Wilkins, two researchers at the University of Essex, compared 76 images that incited trypophobia and 76 that didn't. They concluded that the images causing trypophobia shared contrasting colors in a particular spatial distribution. Natural creatures like octopi, snakes, and frogs all display characteristics similar to those that these images share.

A study in 2017 by Michelle Vlok-Barnard and Dan J. Stein confirmed that long-term effects of trypophobia are real: 14.4% of the respondents surveyed reported no reaction, while 85.6% surveyed reported mild to severe anxiety. The most common symptoms included itchiness and goosebumps, describing around 67% of surveyed. Since the effects of trypophobia are real, the fear cannot be denied. However, scientists still need to analyze the associations related to trypophobia to gain a more complete understanding of the fear.

This is not the first time trypophobia has taken the Internet by storm. The term was rumored to be created by an anonymous user in 2005 on an Irish web service to spark conversation about a fear common among many of its users. After the original creation, it started to spread around 2009 and has grown in prevalence in the years since.

As a result, many people took to their accounts on social media and Internet services, sharing their opinions about the new iPhone 11. From Twitter to Reddit, many users claim they suffer from trypophobia due to the phone's cameras. Some people felt so threatened by the iPhone 11 that they asked people who own the device to keep the triple cameras out of sight.

Overall, the release of the iPhone 11 also brought increased discussion of the phobia. The symptoms of the fear seem very real, but scientists are still debating whether this fear can be classified as a mental condition. Although trypophobia may seem like a ridiculous fear, perhaps thinking about what could be lurking in small holes may make you start to sweat.



THE LOST CONTINENT

BY HARRY LI

We all know the classic seven continents, but recent developments point to the existence of an unanticipated eighth major landmass. A group of researchers from Utrecht University in the Netherlands discovered a hidden continent as big as Greenland that lies under Europe while analyzing the complex geology of the Mediterranean.

This new area has been named “Greater Adria,” after the Adria region where it is located. The continent is about 100 kilometers wide and lies totally underwater, connected to the Earth’s mantle. It broke off from North Africa more than 200 million years ago after the continental plates shifted. It is buried deep under modern-day Southern Europe, and the only parts of Greater Adria that remain visible are a few small islands between the city of Turin and the heel of Italy.

However, the revelation of the lost continent Greater Adria is not entirely unexpected. For several decades, geologists have speculated about the existence of a hidden continent under Europe that contributes to geographic features like the Alps. However, considering Europe’s complex geography, scientists found it difficult to obtain a complete model of this mysterious continent. Due to the difficulty of getting a clear image of the continent, Utrecht University professor Douwe van Hinsbergen referred to it as “quite simply a geological mess.”

In spite of this difficulty, after almost ten years of effort and with the help of modern technology, a group of scientists was finally able to develop a clear picture of the continent. Using plate tectonic reconstruction software called “GPlates,” scientists gathered data from more than 1,500 papers and systematically put them together to investigate the continent.

The Greater Adria is not the first hidden continent to be found, nor is it likely to be the last. In January 2017, a lost continent was found that is thought to have been part of the supercontinent Gondwana, and in September of the same year, scientists discovered the lost continent Zealandia in the South Pacific. We like to think we understand everything about Earth, but the discovery of Greater Adria suggests there is still lots of room for exploration and that finding such continents can lead to a greater understanding of the planet’s geological history that has shaped its current makeup.



Source: tellerreport.com

ASK M.E. – OCTOBER

BY MALIA KUO &
ESTHER LI-CHEN

Hey everyone, it's M.E. again and we're back to drop some pumpkin-spicy knowledge on all of you with some extremely credible advice. Though October seems to be filled with many opportunities for relaxation, like fall break, Halloween, and the alleged season of "autumn" (which is just summer, but about two degrees cooler), its true nature is pure, unadulterated struggle. We're here to help!

How do I find school appropriate spirit week/Halloween outfits?

As BASIS students, our actions are representative of the school as a whole, which is important to take into account, especially during the annual fire-drill/parade hybrid. In light of this year's stricter enforcement of the school's dress code, it's best to play it safe around this time of the year so you don't end up getting censored for bringing weapons to school, or worse, masks. However, at the same time, we still want to look stylish for our peers and show our creativity during the one time a year where we have freedom, albeit regulated freedom. Taking these factors into account, we know the perfect costume: a teacher. Think about it. Teachers are respected by everyone, embodying the power and intelligence of the school. What better way to simultaneously impress and intimidate your peers than by dressing as those who have control over their academic life? The perfection in this costume is that you can dress up or dress down the role as much as you like – try to go out of your comfort zone, by dressing just slightly more business casual than your normal wear! Now, don't get too intimidated – only true masters of disguise will be able to pull off the higher levels of dressing, such as slacks and a button down, or a dress, but none of us are ready for that yet. So, this year, I look forward to seeing you all dress as teachers. Personally, I will be dressing as a teacher posing as a high school senior, so keep an eye out, and stay creative!

I didn't do as well as I thought I would in the first couple months of Trimester One. How can I improve my grades during the last few weeks?

Well, for most high schools, I would say that your grade is final and that you should plan to improve in the second trimester, but we ALL know that BASIS is incredibly forgiving due to its lax curriculum. If you want to achieve higher scores in a short amount of time, here's what you should do: first, do not study for anything at all during the trimester. Instead, focus on kissing up to your

probably suffer, but do NOT heed any advice to improve because that will prove nothing. I'll tell you what the previous year's seniors once told me - just give up. Finally, when there's about one day left in the trimester, confront your teacher, bawling and whining about how you try your hardest and how you're not a natural test taker or a hard-worker. Humanize yourself! They'll totally forgive you and your utter lack of work ethic for the past three months. This process is 100% effective and will guarantee a 4.0 GPA. So, use those acting chops and get what you truly deserve!

When will the water fountains in the lower school bathrooms be fixed?

I'm so glad we can finally share this confidential information – it feels good to get it off our carapaces. The water fountains are currently undergoing renovation for a brand new project – the BASIS Scottsdale watering hole. That's right, MEaklings. BASIS is always about innovation, so they've taken BASIS' new hydration system straight back to their roots. Our original roots. The gorillas. In this effect, BASIS has opened up a small, planned hole in one of the pipes on the first floor. Imagine a roaring waterfall in the deepest jungle – this is what BASIS hopes to emulate. For now, it is merely a small, sad tributary, meekly trickling its way to the gaping maws of the lower school population. But worry not, this will inevitably change. BASIS, we're excited to announce, has plans to open thousands of these watering holes across its campus. So, if you see those streams of water making their way down from the pipelines, it's definitely not BASIS's inability to create a stable, good quality facility to house their students – it's all part of the plan.

Thanks for tuning in! We had a lovely time talking to you guys in our overwhelmingly supportive and positive column. Please, come by again.



COSTCO STOCK: TIME TO BUY IN BULK

BY ZAND GORGI

Few can deny how contagious and fun the Costco experience is. The free samples, the sheer size of the store, the food court, the large packages — Costco has it all. Yet many who love this symbol of American consumerism may not know that they, too, can share Costco's success. Costco's stock is on fire, for now, and I don't see why Costco's rally is going to end anytime soon. Costco's general business plan, which emphasizes selling lower-priced bulk items, opening new international locations such as one in China, and prioritizing the e-commerce market all point to the company's large presence in the retail market, and largely explain the 67% increase in stock price since the end of 2018.

Costco's business plan is very clever. Instead of purchasing 20 different types of Hot Pockets, they only buy the original variety. And instead of buying Hot Pockets in small packages, they buy them in bulk. This strategy is based around Costco's ability to move a high volume of products. For example, if the product sells at \$4 per pound, Costco will buy 50,000 pounds rather than 5,000. Then, they sell these products very close their purchase price (for example \$3.90 per pound), in order to sell out of the product quickly. It's a tradeoff—a lower price reduces profits, but helps sell more units. Nevertheless, this tradeoff has paid off.

When looking at Costco's balance sheet, it is impossible to ignore their growth. Costco's total revenues from September 2017 to September 2018 have increased by more than \$12.6 billion, a 10% increase despite the company's total current liabilities at about \$19.9 billion. Lastly, Costco's total assets increased by over \$3 billion

from 2017 to 2018, while total liabilities increased by only \$2 billion within this same time period.

As the consumer economy becomes further established online, Costco has altered its business plan and pursuits to address this shift. Costco has seen profound increases in its online sales in the last quarter in the hardware, health, toy, and apparel categories. One major reason to explain these increases has been Costco's success with the "Buy Online, Pickup in Stores" program. Costco's immense global presence has also bolstered the company's e-commerce success, as Costco has recently marketed its products online in Japan and Australia. Opening a fulfillment center in Mira Loma, California, has also allowed Costco to handle smaller packages to facilitate these purchases. Richard Galanti, Costco's CFO and Executive Vice President, stated that the fulfillment center is "a \$100 million investment," but it will prove to be well worth it as the company continues to grow.

Overall, Costco is a company that I believe BASIS students looking to start investing could see great returns on. From its growing overseas presence to its e-commerce growth, Costco offers great upside with few drawbacks. My price target for Costco by December of 2020 is \$365. While some may be skeptical of retail plays, as it seems Amazon's dominance online will hurt competing retail companies like Costco, the fact that the firm has seen immense growth even as Amazon continues to grow shows that it won't lose market share anytime soon. So, for many more years to come, continue to enjoy Costco's \$5 rotisserie chicken, bulk products, and most importantly, stock, which is a definite buy.



Source: Costco.com

LEAPING INTO THE 2020 TOKYO OLYMPICS

BY BOBBY YALAM

Get your American flag face-paint ready, people. In the week from October 4th to October 13th, the 2019 World Artistic Gymnastics Championships ushered in the start of the race for gold in the 2020 Tokyo Summer Olympics. Much buzz surrounded this competition, with renowned gymnast Simone Biles set to break a few records. And, did she ever deliver.

Pleasing fans worldwide, Biles incorporated her new skill, aptly named the “Biles II,” in each floor routine at Worlds. The skill consists of an inconceivable triple-twisting double backflip. Though she originally introduced the skill at the 2019 National Gymnastics Championships in August, 2019, she has honed her landings to be more consistent, adding to the thrill of the skill. Needless to say, the amazing maneuver propelled her to win not only the floor event-final gold medal, but also the individual all-around gold medal.



Source: PopSugar

On the other apparatuses, Biles was as stellar as ever. Earning the vault and balance beam event-final gold medals proved to be no challenge. Notably, fans were disappointed to see that Biles omitted the double-twisting double-flip dismount she debuted earlier at the National Championships. However, since the International Gymnastics Federation, or FIG for short, underscored the difficulty of the skill at the National Championships, Biles decided not to continue performing the skill, as it would not give her a significant score advantage even if executed perfectly.

The only disappointment for Biles was her failure to medal on the uneven bars during the event finals. This apparatus has long proven to be her nemesis: it was also the only event she missed the podium for during the 2016 Rio Olympics.

Despite this, with a total of 25 World Championship medals under her belt, Biles smashed the record set by Belarusian male gymnast Vitaly Scherbo, who amassed a still-impressive 23 medals. Among her individual medals, though, Biles also owes some of her success at this year's competition to her teammates, who complemented her efforts to attain the team gold medal, as well. Alongside Biles are two Arizona natives: Jade Carey, who won the silver medal on vault behind Biles, and MyKayla Skinner, who returned to competitive gymnastics this year following her NCAA career.

The unbeatable power that comprises the USA national team is sure to pique the excitement of any sports fan as the Tokyo Summer Olympics quickly approach. At this point, it's simply inevitable for Biles and her teammates to continue breaking records and captivating audiences worldwide.



Source: NBC Sports

THE FOREIGN CONCEPT OF “SLEEP”

BY ALLISON LI

As the first trimester of the school year reaches its close, it seems like my sleep schedule is at an all-time low. Between extracurricular activities, class assignments, and weekly tests, sleep just doesn't seem important. And so far, the lack of sleep hasn't had any effect on my grades, so does it really matter?

I am among the many students that feel this way. However, according to a 2010 study published in *The Journal of Adolescent Health*, only 8% of high school students in the United States get the recommended amount of sleep. And what is the recommended amount of sleep? Johns Hopkins pediatrician Dr. Michael Crocetti states that teens need 9 to 9.5 hours of sleep per night to support brain development, physical growth, and to protect from depression or drug use.

At a high-achieving school such as BASIS Scottsdale, we all know how important it is to maintain a good GPA. And to maintain that GPA, we stay up late studying for upcoming tests and completing homework assignments. We've all done it before. No matter how hard we try, it seems as if there's always that one test we haven't prepared for or that one project we still need to finish. Amidst all this chaos, we can never find time to take a nap. But often, sleeping late doesn't help one's GPA, unless you have a steady source of caffeine. While

we sleep, our brain prepares for the next day. So why don't we give our brains a longer period of rest so in order to study better and complete our assignments faster? The answer is quite simple: by the time we realize that we need sleep, it's already too late. When I realize the true importance of sleep, I am already behind on doing my homework and studying. I'm stuck between getting some sleep and prospering in the long run or studying some more in the short run.

Being a freshman in high school, I rarely look at what may happen in the long run, and instead, decide to study some more. One possible solution to sleep deprivation is sleeping in during school breaks. While many students use this time to stay up late and party, it is better to get enough sleep. By staying up till one in the morning and waking up at twelve in the afternoon, we disturb our sense of time. This can lead to more sleep deprivation, which defies the purpose of breaks. Thus, in order to battle sleep deprivation, it is best to have fun while going to sleep at a reasonable time. Still, it's inevitable that we'll all continue to follow our ingrained habit of making sleep our lowest priority – I guess that's just the nature of high school.



FINDING FORGOTTEN FACES

BY POOJA KOLLA

In most newspapers, at the bottom right corner, there is a section that shows a picture of a child who has gone missing. Information such as their age, height, hair color, the date they went missing are all included. While this is one way to get the word out about missing children, it is not very effective, and most of these children are not found for many years. But what if there was a way to incorporate advanced technology into the way we search for these children?

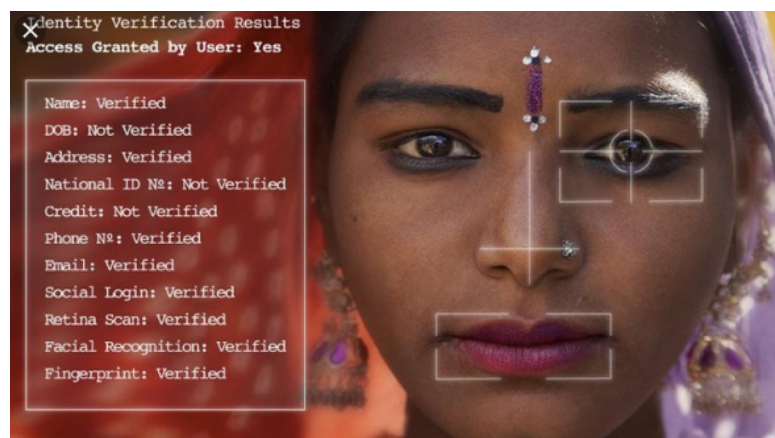
In July, 2019, Indian child rights activist Bhuwan Ribhu, who works for the Indian non-government organization Bachpan Bachao Andolan, started a program matching photos of all of India's missing children from a police database with another database that has pictures of all minors living in the country's various childcare institutions. With this method, Ribhu was able to match the faces of over 10,000 missing children with the photos of those currently living in care institutions across India. Now, all of these children will soon be reunited with their families. He states that these children are victims of human trafficking and are often forced to work on fields or factories as a source of free labor.

Currently, India has approximately 300,000 thousand missing children, and just over 100,000 of them are living in care institutions. As one of the most densely populated countries in the world, India cannot find all of the missing children and unite them with their families. But with the help of facial recognition technology, the lives of so many children can be changed.

To promote the use of this software, the Indian government has created a platform for police stations and officers from all across India to access a single, centralized database. The facial recognition system will map an individual's facial features mathematically and store the data as a faceprint. The data will be taken from newspapers, mugshots, licenses, passports, etc., and also through artistic renditions of people from descriptions. The police will soon be able to track all criminals, missing people, and crime around the country.

While there are a lot of benefits from implementing this technology, many privacy issues may arise, however, to combat this issue, a new bill, the Personal Data Protection Bill, has been introduced to require compensation for people who release their personal information.

With the expansion of this new technology, more countries will be able to place cameras around cities to collect data about citizens and cross-reference data to identify any missing people. So many people disappear every day, and while having Amber Alerts, newspaper ads, radio announcements, are helpful, facial recognition systems have the most promise for a solution to this rapidly growing problem.



Source: MobyGeek.com

SPOOKY ENERGY QUIZ

BY ANGIE WONG

It's that time of the year again: Halloween! Here's a quiz to test how easily scared or startled you are. Some people appear really strong, but startle easy. Some people appear very frail, but couldn't care less if you jumped up behind them. Or some are just exactly as they appear. Which one are you?

1. Thoughts on roller coasters?
 - a. I LOVE roller coasters. (0 pts)
 - b. They give me a headache. (1 pt)
 - c. No way! I'm afraid of heights. (4 pts)
 - d. I can do the tall ones, but not the loop ones. (2 pts)
 - e. Clinging to the railing for dear life. (3 pts)
2. A big wolf-dog comes running toward you. What do you do?
 - a. Hop the fence. (1 pt)
 - b. Run away screaming. (4 pts)
 - c. Puppy! (0 pts)
 - d. Flop on the ground and roll around so it can't smell you. (2 pts)
 - e. Freeze. (3 pts)
3. Your friend/sibling wakes you up by staring at you really close to your face and saying "hi". What's your reaction?
 - a. Punch them in the face. (2 pts)
 - b. Roll over and go back to sleep. (0 pts)
 - c. Leap out of bed with a screech. (4 pts)
 - d. Jump slightly, but make no sounds. (3 pts)
 - e. Continue sleeping because you didn't notice. (1 pt)
4. Your friends are all going to binge horror movies for Halloween. Do you:
 - a. Acquire new friends. (1 pt)
 - b. Cackle at them all as they scream while you remain unphased. (0 pts)
 - c. Hide under blankets the whole time. (3 pts)
 - d. Pretend to be the demon/monster while they're watching to scare them all. (2 pts)
 - e. Scream at literally everything. (4 pts)
5. How well do you do in haunted houses?
 - a. They're obviously fake. (1 pt)
 - b. WOO love that adrenaline rush. (0 pts)
 - c. I'm the idiot that trips and face plants when the hands grab my feet. (2 pts)
 - d. I don't. (3 pts)
 - e. I run through screeching like a banshee at the top of my lungs. (4 pts)
6. Your friend jumps out from behind a corner to scare you. What do you do?
 - a. I'm the friend. (2 pts)
 - b. Fall backward in panic. (3 pts)
 - c. *absolutely no reaction* (0 pts)
 - d. Call them dumb and proceed with your day. (1 pt)
 - e. Cry. (4 pts)
7. Which of the following would you most likely dress up for Halloween?
 - a. I wouldn't. (1 pt)
 - b. I would not show up and say I'm invisible. (2 pts)
 - c. Something easy like a cat or some sort of monster. (4 pts)
 - d. A full on cosplay costume. (0 pts)
 - e. A trash can. (3 pts)
8. Thoughts on ghosts?
 - a. Fake news. (2 pts)
 - b. Well, spirits are real, but ghosts aren't. (1 pt)
 - c. I only acknowledge Casper the Friendly Ghost™. (3 pts)
 - d. They freak me out. May the power of Christ compel you. (4 pts)
 - e. They're fine I guess? (0 pts)
9. How much gore can you take?
 - a. If I even see the color red in liquid form I will faint. (4 pts)
 - b. I want to be a surgeon so I'm fine. (1 pt)
 - c. It doesn't bother me at all. (0 pts)
 - d. Just ketchup and fake stuff. (3 pts)
 - e. Yes. (2 pts)
10. Do you fear the dark?
 - a. No. I fear what HIDES in the dark. (4 pts)
 - b. Um, Thomas Edison invented the lightbulb for a reason. (1 pt)
 - c. I swear if I have a limb sticking out from under my covers something will grab it. (3 pts)
 - d. Are you discriminating against blind people? (2 pts)
 - e. I am the dark (0 pts)

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11. You see a spider in your house. You immediately:
- Scream and run as far away from it as possible. (4 pts)
 - Either squish it with a tissue or put it back outside. (1 pt)
 - Slap it with your hand. (0 pts)
 - Call your parental unit to squish it. (3 pts)
 - Poke it. (2 pts)
12. You get one of those chain texts saying “send this to five other people or else you die” from an unknown number. How do you react?
- Call the number and complain. (2 pts)
 - Send it to one person because you don’t have more than five contacts. (3 pts)
 - Roll your eyes so far back you can see brain and delete the text. (0 pts)
 - Panic and send it to twenty people just in case. (4 pts)
 - Call 911. (1 pt)
13. Which level of horror can you take?
- Psychological. (1 pt)
 - Demons and ghosts. (2 pts)
 - None. (4 pts)
 - The movie trailer. (3 pts)
 - All. (0 pts)
14. You hear a sound outside when you’re home alone. What do you do?
- Go to sleep. (0 pts)
 - Immediately call 911. (4 pts)
 - Depends on how windy it is or if I live by noisy neighbors or if there are a lot of animals around or if I live in a safe area or (1 pt)
 - Make sure the door is locked, then go to sleep. (3 pts)
 - Go outside and slap Mr. Freddy Krueger in the face. (2 pts)
15. You come home one day to find your sibling/close friend (that conveniently comes to your house frequently) on the ground face down in your room. What do you do?
- Haul their buttocks up and toss them out of your room. (2 pts)
 - CPR. (3 pts)
 - Check their pulse, look for clues, call the authorities if they don’t wake. (1 pt)
 - Call their name out and poke them a few times in

- the face to see if they are alive. (0 pts)
e. Realistically, I’d completely freak out. (4 pts)



Results:

(0-12) The Strong Independent Spoofer: Congratulations! You got the strongest, toughest personality trait! Not only is it nearly impossible to startle you, but you are also calm and collected when faced with scary situations. You also tend to be more skeptical of certain superstitions and more reasonable in stereotypical horror situations.

(13-24) The Overly Logical: You are a true BASIS student. You are either fully aware of all the horror movie tropes, so much so that you over prepare to prevent the situations, or you are just slightly paranoid. However, you do the most logical thing to do in creepy situations and don’t startle very easily either.

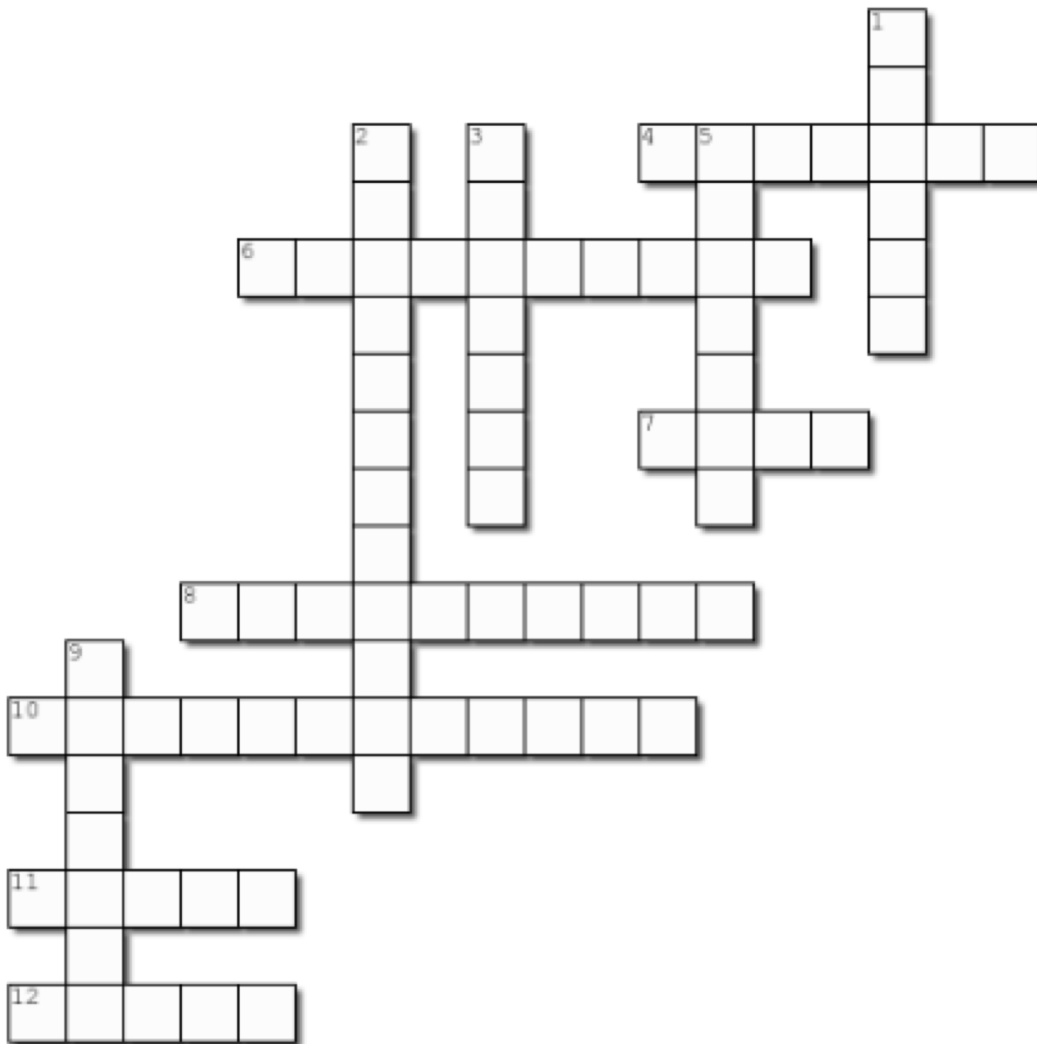
(25-36) The Prankster: You are the wildcard of the personality traits. Sometimes you spook easily, but usually you are the one spooking, jumping out at people and pranking them. If you do get startled, you won’t panic, but you’ll swear revenge on the person that startled you or find it humorous that you’ve been startled. In real frightening situations, you’d serve as comic relief in a movie because you are hyper aware of all the movie tropes.

(37-48) The Hider: You are a hider! This doesn’t necessarily mean you’re a panicker, but you do tend to want to hide rather than face the threat or do the most logical thing. You tend to avoid scary situations if you can, and horror movies definitely aren’t for you. However, in the presence of others, you may be able to take some of the scariness. Most of the superstitions don’t get to you, but sometimes you believe in some of them just in case.

(49-60) The Weak Noodle: Unfortunately, you got the most startleable personality trait. You jump almost always if someone tries to scare you and you absolutely cannot stand horror movies. You believe in more superstitions and tend to scream if something spooky happens. In a realistic scary situation, you would be the one to panic and freak out.

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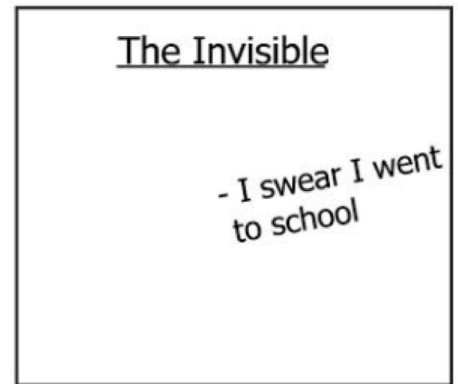
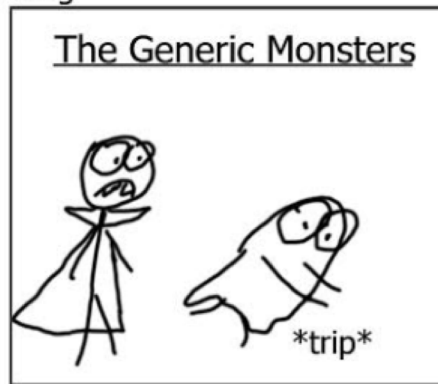
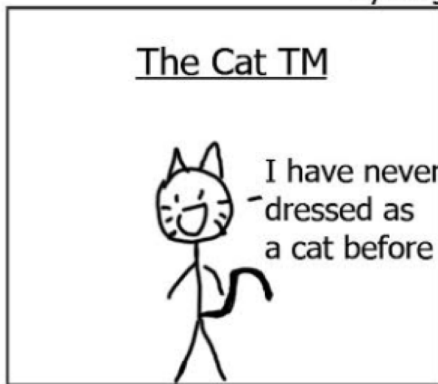
4. "Red rum" movie
6. Three witches seek immortality
7. Emotion felt at haunted houses
8. Handed out for children to clean the orifice which consumes the candy
10. Children say this line when they stand in front of a stranger's home
11. Body wrapped and ready to go
12. Sweet treats handed out to children

Down:

1. Name of the biggest Halloween costume store as well as a synonym for ghost
2. Pumpkin personified
3. Transformative outfit worn on halloween
5. When a ghost refuses to leave
9. Most famous blood sucker

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