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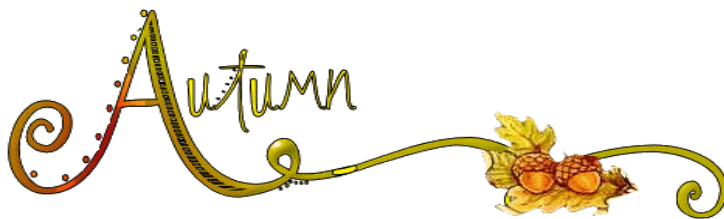
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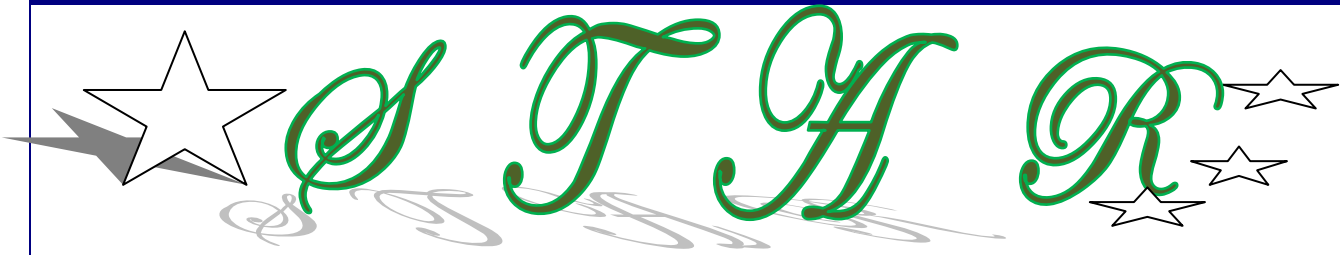
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We live in a temperate-continental climate. Everybody knows this from the Geography classes. But we are probably not very much aware that the geographical location of our country on the globe comes with this advantage of being able to experience the beauties of each season. Some might say that global warming has affected and changed our climate in such a degree that the seasons aren't what they used to be. However, the golden leaves, the rather cold mornings and the beautifully coloured forests let us know that autumn has come.

A new school year has started and we invite you to read another issue of our school's English magazine. You will discover new and interesting things. In the Students' Corner we want to show you the work of the 9th and the 11th graders who have chosen to write about how it feels to be a teenager nowadays.

Star's Editorial Team

Welcome to October!



The time of pumpkins and Thanksgiving

With the month of October, autumn moves into full swing. Who doesn't love donning a sweater for a walk in the woods, or a stroll through an apple orchard to enjoy the season's bounty?

*Listen! The wind is rising,
And the air is wild with leaves,
We have had our summer evenings,
Now for October eves!*

Humbert Wolfe

Calendar

October was the name of the eighth month of the year in the ancient Roman calendar. In Latin, octo means eight. When the Romans converted to a 12-month calendar, the name October stuck, even though it's now the 10th month.

The early Roman calendar, thought to have been introduced by Rome's first king, Romulus (around 753 BC) was a lunar calendar! This ancient timekeeping system contained these 10 months: Martius, Aprilis, Maius, Iunius, Quintilis, Sextilis, September, October (the eighth month), November, and December. Martius, Maius, Quintilis, and October contained 31 days, while the other months had 30, for a total of 304 days. In winter, the days were not counted for two lunar cycles.

It wasn't until about 713 BC that a calendar reform, attributed to the second Roman king, Numa Pompilius, added the months Ianuarius and Februarius.

Later reforms organized the months as they are arranged today in the Gregorian calendar, whereby October became the 10th month in spite of its name.

- The Anglo-Saxons called October "Wintirfylith", meaning "fullness of winter" because it had the first full moon of the winter season.

- The traditional flower of the month of October is the calendula, symbolizing comfort, healing, protection and grace.
- Special holidays in October include Columbus day (the second Monday of October), Yom Kippur, Diwali, International Peace Day (October 2nd)

Punky Night

Punky Night falls on the last Thursday in October and it is a Somerset tradition. Some time ago in the Middle Ages, all the men of Hinton St George went off to a fair. When they failed to return that evening, the women went looking for them by the light of *punkies*.

Punky is another name for a pumpkin which has been hollowed out and has a candle standing inside it.

Traditionally on this night, children in the South of England would carve their 'Punkies'(pumpkins) into Jack O'Lanterns. Once carved the children would go out in groups and

march through the streets, singing traditional 'punky' songs, calling in at friendly houses and competing for best lantern with rival groups they meet. The streets would be lit with the light of the Punkies.

Nowadays, on Punky Night in Hinton St George, Somerset, local children join a procession through the village streets, swinging their homemade lanterns and going house to house, singing 'punky' songs and sometimes getting a few pennies at the front door.

November: Fun Facts, Holidays, Historical Events

November was the ninth month of the ancient Roman calendar and has retained its name from the Latin novem, meaning "nine." It is one of four months with a length of 30 days on the Gregorian, or modern, calendar. The flower for the month of November is the chrysanthemum. The word chrysanthemum comes from the Greek words chrys and anthemum, meaning

golden flower. In the language of flowers, chrysanthemum is considered to symbolize honesty, joy, and optimism.

Thanksgiving, perhaps the most popular of all American holidays after Christmas, is celebrated on the fourth Thursday of November every year. Thanksgiving Day bears its origin from the harvest festival. Generally, Americans give thanks to God for their autumn harvest and every other success they have achieved in the year. Thanksgiving Day in the US is observed on the fourth Thursday in November. The day was declared a federal holiday by Abraham Lincoln in 1863.

According to historians, a sailing vessel called Mayflower crossed the Atlantic carrying about 102 pilgrims. The journey was arduous because of terrible storms in the sea. The passengers comforted themselves by singing.

After 66 days, they arrived in Plymouth and could not proceed to their initial intended destination, Virginia because of bad weather. The

survivors learned how to grow food from Squanto, a native Indian.

Thanksgiving Day is traditionally a day for families and friends to get together for a special meal. The meal often includes a turkey, stuffing, potatoes, cranberry sauce, gravy, pumpkin pie, and vegetables. Thanksgiving Day is a time for many people to give thanks for what they have.

Special thanksgiving symbols prevalent world over are: pumpkin, turkey, corn, cranberry, cornucopia, beans.

Thanksgiving Day parades are held in some cities and towns on or around Thanksgiving Day. Some parades or festivities also mark the opening of the Christmas shopping season. Some people have a four-day weekend so it is a popular time for trips and to visit family and friends.



Learn about the Smallest Countries In The World.
Some of the cosiest nations, islands, and places on the planet.

1. Vatican City - 0.44 km²

The world's smallest country is the Vatican, also known as the Holy See. With only 0.44 square km, Vatican City is the world's smallest country by land area. This country fits entirely within the Italian capital city of Rome, and is the centre of the Catholic Church. It is also home to the biggest church in the world – St. Peter's Basilica, which holds some of the most significant art works of the Renaissance such as The Pieta and the Creation of Adam.

2. Monaco - 2 km²

Located on the French Riviera, Monaco is home to the largest number of millionaires and billionaires in the world per capita. It is also the world's

second smallest country, with only 2 square kilometers in total land area. Bordered by France on three sides and on one side by the Mediterranean Sea, the residents of Monaco are mostly French-speaking. With a population of over 36,000, Monaco is the world's most densely populated country. The most popular annual event is the Formula 1 race, with tracks passing through the city streets.

3. Nauru - 21 km²

An island nation located east of Australia, Nauru is the smallest island country in the world. It was known in the 1980s for its booming phosphate mining but is now a quiet island off the radar of tourists. Nauru is also known as the country with the most obese people in the world, with 97% of its men and 93% of women being obese or overweight. Because of this, Nauru is also home to the world's highest level of type 2 diabetes, with 40% of its population suffering from the ailment. Nauru has a total of 21 square kilometers, which makes it the world's third smallest country.

4. Tuvalu - 26 km²

Formerly known as the Ellice Islands, Tuvalu is located in the Pacific Ocean northeast of Australia. With a total of 26 square km, Tuvalu is the fourth smallest country in the world. There are about 10,000 inhabitants, with 8 km of roads, and only one hospital present on the main island. The country was once a British territory but became independent in 1978. Due to the country's location further afield, tourism is not very significant.

5. San Marino - 61 km²

Surrounded completely by Italy, San Marino is also known as the Most Serene Republic of San Marino. With a total of 61 square kilometers, it is the fifth smallest country in the world. It claims to be the oldest surviving sovereign state in the world, and is also one of the wealthiest in terms of GDP per capita. The 3rd smallest country in Europe, it has a population of only 30,000, boasting of one of the lowest unemployment rates in the world.

Students' Corner



**My name* is Georgiana. I am 17 years old. I live in Podoleni, in Neamț county. I study at The Technical College of Forestry. I have blonde hair, brown eyes, I am of average weight. I am stubborn but friendly.

I love animals and motorcycles. My favourite sports are football and handball. My favourite football player is Ronaldo and for handball, Anja Andersen. I like to go out with my friends and help them when they need me. Sometimes I am bad. I get annoyed very fast but I am also very shy. I do not like to be addicted to the phone as many teenagers are. I love watching the stars and making wishes. I'm a great fan of artistic posters and I like to see that the people next to me are happy. I like to spend time with my family and I like to add new friends to my life. I like summer even if I'm born in

April. All these things are a small part of how I can characterize myself



**Georgiana Elena
Ploscaru- XI A**

**I am* a teenager, too Being a teenager means that you start to realize how life really is. It is a stage in our life when we try to make new things and we have unrepeatable experiences in life. We, teenagers ask thousands of questions, trying to find answers to them; we blame ourselves and we expect time to heal all our problems. Teenagers spend their time in their own style, according to their entourage and following the education they received at home because family education is reflected in the way you grew up and in the way you choose to express yourself. These years are the most beautiful years of our life.

Maria Petronela Stancu- XI A

**My name* is Cosmin Miron. I am seventeen, I live in Făurei and I

study at The Technical College of Forestry. I have blond hair and blue eyes. I like to go out with my friends or play football with them. I like travelling a lot. I admire people like Cristiano Ronaldo and Lionel Messi. They inspire me and that is why I like this sport so much. My favourite music genres are pop and techno.

I am tall and sporty.

Cosmin Miron- XI A

Did you know?

The Romans were first to settle where London is today. They called the place Londinium.

**My name* is Sidonia. I am 17 years old. I am short and slim, I have blonde, shoulder-length hair. I like to have fun, I like music and dancing. I am very energetic and strict in what I do; I am also very ambitious when it comes to school.

I am also very religious and I go to church all the time.

I'm very cute and I am often very sensitive. I am also a very tidy person and I like to have my room

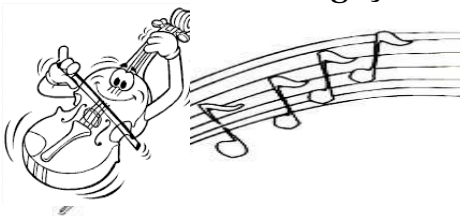
clean all the time. I like watching TV and taking photos all the time. This composition is a short description of myself.

Andreea Sidonia Dorcu –XI A

**What is Music?*

To me music means: life, relaxation and hope. It is a way through which I can express my thoughts, experiences and feelings without making any mistakes. Each and every sound, no matter how small represents a note on the staff. Even if many people say music is very simple, I want to say that they are wrong. Music includes several genres: opera, jazz, rap, reggae, pop, etc. All these music genres have a degree of difficulty and in order to become proficient, you have to study a lot.

Dragoş Sava –XI A



*Hi there! My name is Ingrid. For starters, I am a very shy person. I always have emotions when it comes

to getting to know new people. If you're different it doesn't automatically mean that you're weird; you're just unique. The world would be monotonous if we were all the same. It would become boring and it would be hard to find the meaning of your existence knowing that everyone is the same. This would be one of the reasons why we are all different. I'm otaku, I mean I have been watching anime

since I was little; at first, I didn't



find it interesting but in time I realized that I really like it. One day I

hope I would become a manga editor for a successful publishing



house in Japan. The first anime I watched was Sailor Moon.

My passion for drawing began when I was five years old when I started painting the walls. My grandmother bought me notebooks to draw on

hoping that I would give up drawing on the walls.

I really like the Victorian Era and the High Tea. I'd like to live in that time because it was much nicer and there was no technology to steal people's minds. I wanted to go to the Art high school but I didn't succeed; however at this high school I feel like I found myself somehow. It's more than I wanted or expected.

Ioana Ingrid Lupu- IX A

(the drawings are made by Ingrid)

*My name is Ana. I am 14 years old (in Romania) and 15 in Korea. I am the youngest in my class. All my colleagues are born in 2002 or 2003 and I am born in 2004. In some years, when I will introduce myself I would like to say that I am a dancer.

Of course, if it was up to me I would like to do a lot of things. For

example, I want to be a cartoonist and a writer, writing romance or action books or historic romances.

I would also like to be a film director or an actress. When I was younger I wanted to be an astronaut. It's not my fault I love so many things. Anyway, for this life, being a choreographer it's the most important thing. Because I am a dancing machine. I have been dancing since I was six. First I studied modern dance for a year then I did a little bit of classical dance and when I was nine, I discovered hip hop;

I also love learning foreign languages. I know Romanian, Italian and English. My mom speaks Spanish and I know some Spanish, too. I also know how to read Korean, basically the Korean alphabet. Later I will start learning Korean because when I finish university I will move to Korea to pursue my career.

Ana Fodor- IX A

*Hello, I'm Andreea, a 15 year old student that is also an otaku. In



modern Japanese, the term otaku is mostly the equivalent of nerd but in other

countries the term of otaku describes a person who just likes animes and manga. Being an otaku is a sort of a life style, since I spend most of my spare time watching anime. I started watching Japanese cartoons since the age of 4 or 5, by watching "Naruto" and I spend hours watching anime series or movies. My favourite anime follows the character Angelo Lagusa and his quest to seek revenge against the Vanetti family. That show was amazing and it deserves more fans. I really recommend this show.

Andreea Vinca- IX A

(the drawing is made by Andreea)

How Fast Can You Speak English?

Do you speak English quickly or do you speak it slowly? One way to find out is to count the number of words you say

in one minute. In a friendly conversation, most people speak English between 120 and 180 words per minute. Many things can affect how fast you talk. For example, if you feel sad or tired you might speak slowly. If you feel nervous or angry you will probably speak faster. Also, where you live may affect your speaking speed. Your personality is also important. Some people just "naturally" speak slowly or quickly. Finally, if you are still learning English as a second (or third) language, you will probably speak it more slowly than native speakers, people whose first language is English. The fastest female speaker in the world is Fran Capo. She is from New York City and she is an actress and a writer, and she is often a guest on many radio talk shows and television programs. Amazingly, she can speak a little over 600 words per minute! Steve Woodmore, from the United Kingdom, is the fastest speaker in the world, and he can speak 637 words per minute!

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THANKSGIVING DAY

Hi Friends! My name is Jason.

I am fifteen years old and I live in

Chicago in the USA.

It is November and our special family holiday, Thanksgiving is coming. This festival is on the fourth Thursday of November every year.

There is no school on Thanksgiving Day and there is no school on Friday. That's great!

We – our family – get together on Thanksgiving Day and invite our friends. We always have a big dinner. My mum makes a lot of food and I always help her in the kitchen. We eat roast turkey, sweet potatoes (called yam), corn, pumpkin pie and cranberry sauce.

Before dinner we give thanks God for the things we have.

I love this holiday because all my family is together and we have a great time.

Happy Thanksgiving to all of you!

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Thanksgiving

The year has turned its circle,
The seasons come and go.
The harvest is all gathered in
And chilly north winds blow.
Orchards have shared their treasures,
The fields, their yellow grain.
So open wide the doorway-
Thanksgiving comes again!

WAYS TO SAY CONGRATULATIONS

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- Well done!
- Good job!
- You did it.
- Good for you!
- That is great.
- That is good.
- Sensational!
- What a good try.
- Felicitations.
- Way to go.
- Greetings.
- That is clever.
- Tremendous.
- Outstanding!
- Fantastic.
- Nice going.
- I am impressed.
- I knew you could do it.
- Keep up the good work.
- That is better than ever.
- That is first class work.
- You did it that time!

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