

Super study

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of using their laptops."

During this interval, students are asked to focus on class work only, and to adhere to the honor code.

"I believe students can accept the challenge and focus on coursework to do the right thing," Barber affirmed.

Looking back on their time, however, juniors who are exempted from the experiment feel that changes could be taken even further to suit individualized needs.

"I feel Super Study needs to be changed," Assa suggests, "the same span of time, no more forced attendance to one certain room, you're allowed laptops, and are supervised - It's not mandatory, it's 'patrolled'."

Other common ideas include shortening the length of Super Study, allowing laptops with drastically limited internet connection, selective internet censorship, somehow, and whispering.

Some would argue that Super Study should be an extension of tutorials, arranged by classes, with TA help, and quiet didactic interaction among students.

"Since we can't network or communicate with others, what would otherwise be a productive time slot for work becomes staring at a paper blankly for an hour or so."

"Change the name of Super Study," suggested another junior who wished to remain anonymous. "The current name makes it seem like the time period is supposed to be fun, but in reality, it shouldn't be that way. Study hall is a time for productive work, and its name should reflect this."

"In short, I don't disagree with what SS is trying to accomplish, but I do know from personal experience that the way it's currently being implemented is in need of vast improvement."

So while the availability of laptops is overdue for quite a few, it's reassuring that changes are being considered and piloted in response to student complaints. The days spent in Super Study dysfunctional with only WebAssigns or disconcerted without a clue, however, will be derisively looked back on as a wasted hour and a half.

TV shows return for fall

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"How I Met Your Mother" - After a not-so-great last season, HIMYM starts off this year with fresh plot twists and new drama.

Barney reignites his relationship with Nora, and Ted realizes he still wants to be with Robin. However, even with great storyline to build off of, HIMYM still has retained last season's feel, with its subpar humor, and causes viewers to reminisce about the first few seasons.

"South Park" - Producers Trey Parker and Matt Stone continue their season of South Park after a midseason summer break. The dispute between Stan's parents shown at the end of the first half of the season seems to be over, but Stan is still depressed. In the new episode, Stan gets diagnosed with Asperger's syndrome

due to his apathy towards life. Depression seems to be a continuous problem for Stan, and will definitely be apparent

on those living with Asperger's syndrome.

"The Mentalist" - At the end of last season, Patrick Jane seemed to have killed Red John for good. Jane is charged with first-degree murder, however during the trial, Jane realizes he has made a mistake and needs to get out to find the real Red John. Jane is released and continues his quest for Red John. The new season continues to be dramatic and compelling, this show is certainly heading in the right path.

"The Simpsons" - Even with contract disputes with the main voice actors, "The Simpsons" continues to be a great show with hilarious content. Last season ended with an open poll to viewers to help direct the storyline of the show, whether Edna and Ned should stay together or break up. The results were written into the plot, and Edna and Ned are still a couple in Springfield.

This new viewer interaction with the show seems to have worked well, and this timeless show keeps on running.



Courtesy of IMDB

In the next few episodes. The show continues to be mildly offensive to many, true to the show's roots, this time picking

10 WAYS TO MAKE HALLOWEEN AT NCSSM FUN

BY: MARCY PEDZWATER

Living in a residential environment can be difficult, especially around the holidays. With Halloween and exams both falling on Monday October 31, most students will be spending Halloween at NCSSM studying (or trying to study) for their exams.

Although it is difficult to have the traditional Halloween at NCSSM that might be experienced at home, here are 10 ways to help make Halloween (or at least the weekend before Halloween) fun at NCSSM and keep the spooky spirit.

Halloween Treats: Make Halloween-themed treats with a group of friends in Hunt or Reynolds Kitchen. Or, create Halloween themed Jell-o treats by making a pan of Jell-o and using Halloween themed cookie cutters to make pumpkins, witches, or bats. If you don't have cookie cutters, you can use a knife to cut your own design into the Jell-o. You can also make a 'candy-corn' cake, by decorating a cake with white, yellow, and orange icing.

Decorate your Space: Make Halloween decorations out of construction paper and

miscellaneous art supplies. These decorations can be used as room, lounge or door decorations.

Make Trick-or-Treat Bags: Using paper bags, make Trick-or-Treat bags with your hall. Use construction paper and art supplies to decorate and personalize your bag.

Have one roommate stay in the room and give out candy to hall mates who knock on the door, while the other roommate goes to each room trick-or-treating. When the first roommate is done, switch, and have the second roommate stay, while the first roommate trick-or-treats. Students in

will open up their rooms or offices for trick-or-treating the Thursday before exams. They love to see the creativity of the costumes students wear. Take advantage of this opportunity to wander around campus while getting free candy from your instructors

Wear Your Costume to

Class: Many students wear their Halloween costumes to class the Thursday before Halloween. Show your creative spirit as you spend class time with fairies, superheroes, and princesses. Most teachers allow students to wear costumes to class, but it is a good idea to check with your teacher first.

Hall Halloween Games: Play Halloween-themed games with your hall. These games can include playing musical chairs using Halloween

songs, 'ghoul, ghou, goblin' (duck, duck, goose), and 'witches and villagers' (sharks and minnows).

Haunted Houses (or Halls): In the past, some halls have turned their halls into haunted houses. See if there are halls

you can visit for a terrifying experience, or talk to your SLI about hosting your own haunted i-viz. You can also try talking to your SLI about organizing a hall loop to a haunted house or a corn maze, or maybe even a pumpkin patch. Carving pumpkins as a hall is a fun and popular activity for October.

Halloween Movies: Watch Halloween movies as a hall to embrace the Halloween spirit. These movies can be scary movies, like Halloween or Freddy vs. Jason, or perhaps some milder Halloween movies, like the Disney Channel movie from our childhood Halloweentown.

If you don't have any DVDs, check out the school library's selection, as well as the many Halloween movies TV channels will screen the weekend of Halloween.

Once Upon a Midnight Dreary and Halloween Dance: Come check out the theater department's Poe-themed spectacular on Saturday October 29th. Be guided by spirits of the undead as you tour the ETC and witness the chilling tales form the mind of one of the most nightmarish writers in America's history.

After making the tour with your friends, attend the school's Halloween dance starting at 9 p.m.. Come dressed in your best Halloween costume, while you dance and eat candy in the spookified PEC.



Joy Hill and Caroline Lamb dressed up for Halloween Courtesy of Joy Hill

Remember, anyone can organize a hall activity, and these are great ways to earn hall points.

Hall Trick or Treating: Trick-or-Treat with your hall by buying candy, and then filling bowls with candy.

singles, or students missing their roommate can leave their candy bowl outside of their door as they go trick-or-treating.

Teacher Trick-or-Treating: During Halloween, many teachers and staff members