

LUCKY NUMBER 7

Potter Film Casts a Spell on Audiences

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It is 8:30 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 18, and senior Kayla Kampschneider has waited for this night for a long time. A very special midnight premiere is almost here. She walks into AMC Theaters and hands her ticket to the clerk, who is dressed as a frightening Death Eater, clothed in all black.

She looks around the once-familiar movie theater and sees it is filled with all sorts of witches and wizards. She notices some very familiar characters around her. She spies the evil Bellatrix Lestrange and quirky Ron Weasley taking pictures together. To her right, Harry Potter whizzes past her, chasing a rather large Golden Snitch. And off to her left...

Wait a second. Is that Albus Dumbledore walking toward the concessions?

Kampschneider laughs to herself as she walks toward the back of the line with her friends, sporting her Dark Mark proudly. She takes a whiff of the buttery popcorn and listens as young muggles read their books aloud. She plops down on the multi-colored carpet and waits patiently for the Death Eaters, otherwise known as AMC employees, to allow the muggles to enter the theaters and take their seats.

The clock hits 10 p.m., and the line starts to move rather rapidly. People begin sprinting into various theaters in order to acquire the best seats in the house. She takes her seat in the middle of the theater next to all of her friends, as the room buzzes with hype of horcruxes and Harry Potter.

"Expelliarmus!" "Stupefy!" "Avada Kedavra!" "Ohhhhhhhhh!"

Wizards run in and out of the theater performing multiple duels, always ending in

the dreaded Killing Curse. Chants echo from theater to theater as the audience awaits Mr. Potter's arrival on the silver screen. The lights finally dim, and the crowd roars in approval. The previews fly by in a blur, and suddenly "Hedwig's Theme" reverberates through the speakers. These events can only mean one thing: Harry Potter has returned to theaters.

"Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 1" opened on Nov. 19 in theaters throughout the world. "It all ends here," is the slogan of the famous movie. The slogan holds true for many people, and only one movie remains of the Harry Potter saga. The tale is one of the tragically orphaned Harry Potter and his companions who travel to defeat the evil Lord Voldemort.

The seventh installment of this series is the best, according to many Marian girls. "This movie was a lot funnier than the rest and captured a lot more details from the book. It really followed the storyline better than the others," Kampschneider said.

The movie's special effects and gripping storyline kept audiences wanting more. "The Deathly Hallows" had the second largest Harry Potter box office opening with a whopping \$125.1 million, trailing closely behind "Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire," according to the "New York Times."

Kampschneider left the theater awestruck. The first part of the seventh movie exceeded her expectations, and she can only imagine what the last movie has in store for her. "Part of me wishes that they would've just made one five-hour-long movie; I just didn't want it to end," she said.



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Shelby Stefanski

Avada-whata?

On Nov. 19, any student would have noticed how quiet the halls of Marian were. Out of the 701 girls in the school, 231 girls either took their free day, were at All-State Music or just decided to not come to school.

Why take their free day on this day? A school revolt gone wrong? An outbreak similar to the bubonic plague?

No. Two words: Harry Potter.

Part one of the final movie is finally here. Marian girls were buying tickets early in advance. Before the big day, many students' conversations echoed throughout the cafeteria as they discussed where they planned on seeing the premiere and which character they were dressing up as. Other girls sat and clamped their ears shut, praying that all the Potter talk would cease.

The big day arrived. The hallways were quiet. The usual clusters of girls scattered throughout the hallway were no where to be seen. The unlucky souls who went to the movie, but came to school anyway, were sprawled out in the cold hallway floors. Everyone could tell that this was going to be one long, boring day.

Despite the low numbers of attendance, teachers carried on with regular class. Students tried to pull the, "But everyone else will

be behind us" card, but teachers stood their ground. Some teachers gave tests, others gave busy work and some went on teaching lessons regardless of how many students were there.

However, classes were much easier to get to. Usually girls are walking up the stairs like they are being led to Noah's ark. The hallways were drastically less crowded, and for once people weren't walking two-by-two. Things were much smoother than a regular day.

Lunch was eerie, almost like a ghost town. Usually seniors (and sometimes freshmen) are trying to dive after chairs, but on that Friday, getting a chair was the least of one's worries. Students spent no more than 5 minutes waiting in line for their food.

The Monday following the Harry Potter premiere, everything seemed back to normal. The once deserted hallways were once again populated with Marian girls; students were running around trying to figure out how to calculate velocities and trajectories, and others were hanging out in the quad telling each other about the weekend drama. Of course, people were talking about the movie to their friends that didn't go with them.

It just goes to show, you can take a Marian girl out of the Harry Potter premiere, but you can't take the love of Harry Potter out of the girl.



Kayla Kampschneider, senior

Early Savings and Doorbuster Deals

Black Friday with the Philbins

Molly **Misek**
Maggie **Rossiter**

Black suede boots: \$25.99. Columbia fleece jacket: \$32.50. Waking up at 3 a.m. to save upwards of 60 percent off of everything in the store: priceless.

So goes the Black Friday tradition of the Philbin family. On the day after Thanksgiving, the most infamous shopping day of the year, senior Emily Philbin and her mother Eileen wake up in the wee hours of the morning, prepared to snatch the best deals that retail stores can offer.

"I'm usually not that big of a shopper," Mrs. Philbin said. "Today's the only day I really go out and shop."

The Philbins began their journey at J.C. Penney's at Westroads Mall, arriving at 4 a.m. Although the store was set to open at 4 a.m. employees let customers through the doors an hour early in order to compete with other mall retailers. This is the earliest time the

Philbins remember stores opening for Black Friday.

As Emily and her mother walked calmly toward the shoe department, other shoppers scrambled to grab the last pair of half-price Steve Madden heels or buy-one get-one scarves. Although the Philbins weren't fazed by this mad behavior, they did take steps to circumvent the large crowds.

"We tried to avoid places like Walmart, Target and Nebraska Furniture Mart," Mrs. Philbin said. According to Emily and her mother, those places would be too crazy for them.

Although the Philbins aren't elbow-throwers, they do know how to spot a good sale. Carrying bags full of merchandise, they managed to spend only \$85 on clothing for Emily.

After loading the bags into the

car, they continued on to Younkers, where they found several doorbuster deals. Emily emerged with a fleece jacket, mittens, a hat and other clothing for around \$90. Though leaving empty-handed after a short trip to Dick's Sporting Goods, the mother-daughter shopping team grabbed breakfast at Panera around 6 a.m.

"I am *really* tired," Emily said with a yawn, eating a breakfast sandwich to restore her energy.

As shoppers joined the long lines in front of stores like

Victoria's Secret and Finish Line, the Philbins decided to venture outside of the mall, instead traveling to Gordman's. Finding good deals there – as well as waiting in the line spanning halfway across the store – their last stop of the day was Kohl's, where they spent \$50 on various clothing items.

After traveling across town in pursuit of incredible sales, the Philbins called it quits, exhausted yet pleased. At 8 a.m., they headed home, hoping to catch up on some sleep and perhaps dream of the savings that next year's Black Friday will offer.

The Philbin's
Total Savings:
\$198.30



Emily Philbin, senior

Photo by Molly **Misek**

EMILY'S BLACK FRIDAY



Graphic by Maggie **Rossiter**

Gifts that give **Back**

Tom's Shoes \$44-\$98
For every pair of shoes sold, another is given to a child in the world who doesn't have shoes.
www.toms.com

FEED Bag \$25-\$195
Every bag sold goes toward providing necessities or feeding hungry children in the world.
www.feedprojects.com

AKMD Skin Care Products \$25-\$74
Operation Smile, an organization that assists cleft lip and palate children, gets 5% of all sales.
www.akmdskincare.com

Divine Chocolate \$7.49-\$53.99
Part of the profit goes toward improving the health, education and lives of Ghana farmers.
www.buydivine.com

CamelBak Water bottle \$18.99-\$24.99
Profits are used to provide clean water to places around the globe.
gift.water.org

The hunt for Christmas gifts grows more intense as the holiday grows closer and closer. Here are some ideas for gifts that give back. The season of gift giving allows us to bring happiness to the people we love. Here is an opportunity to bring happiness to less fortunate people around the world.

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