

The EGSA Digest

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I refuse to even think about what week it is now.

For those of you who usually teach or tutor or some such thing on Friday, happy Fall Break! For the rest of you, who do not usually have anything on Friday, remember that this Friday is still special somehow, because it is a day of solemn remembrance. Or possibly of raucous jubilation? What IS Fall Break anyway?

Well, a brief consultation of the internet suggests some possible answers:

- 1) October 19, 1943: Streptomycin, the beginning to ending tuberculosis, is discovered! Graduate student Albert Schaltz isolated this antibiotic for the first time on that day, and then his boss Abraham Walksman got a Nobel Prize for it. Pour one out for Albert tomorrow, y'all.
- 2) October 19, 1745: Jonathan Swift passes on to the other side, where I expect he has found something to be snarky about. Remember his legacy tomorrow by talking to a horse or critiquing someone's social policies by telling them to eat babies.
- 3) October 19, 1216: [King John I](#) dies. King John's legacy includes the Magna Carta (sorta), one of the most frequently recurring villains in popular film, and the fact that no other English king has taken the name John, despite its being like the most common male name in the English language. Appropriate celebration could include [archery competitions](#) or [puppet shows](#).

Anyway, however and whatever you choose to celebrate, I hope you have an excellent break or "break." Any do take note of these upcoming opportunities below!

Sort of sincerely,

Clayton McReynolds

EGSA Secretary (a.k.a. Mister Secretary Sir, a.k.a. Minister of Misinformation)

Event Schedule: September 20-September 27

◆ **Tuesday, October 23: Just Write. 7:00 pm-10:00 pm. GRC Incubator.**

Come on out to the GRC to “just write,” while also enjoying some coffee and snacks and non-distracting comradery. It’s like normal writing but more productive and more fun. Definitely a win.

◆ **Friday, October 26: EGSA Halloween Party. 7:00. Partridge House, 2301 Sanger Avenue.**

You have by now received an e-mail invitation to the EGSA Halloween Party, so you should RSVP through that e-mail if you haven’t yet and then continue brainstorming that awesome costume. Everyone is encouraged to bring snacks, desserts, or drinks to share, and there will be prizes for the best costume.

◆ **November 1-4. Waco Library Booksale. Extraco Event Center.**

Come [buy books](#) for amazingly cheap prices from helpful [librarians](#)! What’s better than that? Well, a few things actually, including true love, the ultimate Form of the Good, and buying books for amazingly cheap prices from helpful librarians **with friends**! The latter of these things can be accessible to us all. Kelly Sauskojus (pronounced SAH-see-SKOH-johs) invites any interested parties to join her on November 2 for a pre-book sale breakfast at Café Capp off of Valley Mills (1101 Richland Dr, Waco, TX 76710) at 9:00 am prior to book-saling at 10:00. Consider your calendars accordingly.