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DAYS SINCE THE EDITOR HAD A PUMPKIN SPICE LATTE

Why Pumpkin Spice is the Definitive Fall Flavor

The Great Pumpkin

The leaves are changing color, the air is getting colder, and the dulcet tones of Maria Carey are right around the corner. That's right folks: we're well and truly in Fall.

While we're all pulling our coats a little tighter from the brisk (icy) autumn breeze, or preparing our Halloween costumes (and copious amounts of candy) for the holiday at the end of the month, some might also be sipping a nice, warm, wonderfully aromatic Pumpkin Spice drink. Despite the fact that it neither is spicy hot nor containing precisely zero pumpkin, Pumpkin Spice is the greatest invention those capitalist boffins over at Starbucks have ever managed to produce. Why? Here are four key reasons.

1. Versatility. All the best things have Pumpkin Spice versions— Coffee, tea, pancakes, cookies, waffles, muffins, oatmeal, pie— heck, even noodles. Basically, think of any comfort food, then make it pumpkin spice. *BAM*, it's instantaneously tastier, autumn-ier, and just gives you that consistent warm and fuzzy feeling all through you. It makes you want to cozy up with a nice warm blanket as you listen to the wind and read a book after you spent the day jumping in leaf piles.

2. The Branding. Pumpkin spice is linked to fall, which is obviously the best season with the best holidays, best food, best weather, best sights and best spice mixtures. Pumpkin Spice flavored foods are always packaged in the *beautiful red*,

yellow, and oranges of fall. Even though it's available year around (fortunately for all of us who's spirit animal is a basic white girl), it's only prolific one season per year, allowing it to benefit off of the same seasonality craze phenomenon as Shamrock shakes and candy hearts. The important difference, however, is that while the

shake's color fools you into thinking it's better than D-grade ice cream mixed with off-brand toothpaste that consistently is so unremarkable that by next year you forgot how crappy they are, Pumpkin Spice truly tastes Fall-tastic!

3. The Ingredients. The delectable mix of cinnamon, nutmeg, ginger and cloves is

enough to get a Dutch East India spice trader to ascend into a higher plane of existence. The British would have colonized the shit out of my stash of at least 12 different pumpkin spice teas, along with my spice cabinet. But while the British wouldn't have bothered to use the spices, they don't even need to, because they even just *look* positively picturesque. Why do ads for ice cream and cookies always show cinnamon sticks? Why do sweets come with a delicate garnishing of nutmeg? Because they just look so damn good. And even when you don't want pumpkin spice right now, never fear, because cinnamon goes in literally anything, from curry to cookies to toast. A great excuse to keep some around always.

4. It pairs with Caffeine. Enough said.



Career Fair No Longer Hiring Careers

Jaexton Octothorpe

Desperation hangs in the air. The wind carries the odorous breath of corporate oligarchs, and vultures pick at the remains of poorly-worded resumes. This can only mean one thing: Career Fair has come and gone. Last week Tech's student body donned their ceremonial JC Penny clip on ties to participate in one of MTU's most hallowed traditions, waiting in line for half an hour to get a name tag that says information you're bound to tell people again anyway. Although this Career Fair seemed bog-standard on its surface, there was one key difference: no one was actually hiring. Career Services released a statement yesterday saying "most employers at Career Fair weren't hiring for any major, much less yours." Keen eyed participants may have noticed the 10 foot banner in the SDC multipurpose room that simply read "Sorry, kid, but we're really not looking for your major", a sentiment that was fervently repeated by nearly every single booth. Prospective employers gave out shrugs, eyebrows raised in sympathy, along with advice that made you feel like a fucking idiot for even once thinking that they would ever in a million years hire you. That was, of course, if you actually spoke to one. Braexton Octothorpe, a 2nd Year Computer Science major, waited in line to meet a representative for IBM for a record-setting 73 hours, where by the time he got to the front the prospective employer was long gone. "I really thought I had a chance,"

Octothorpe said "at least I can try again this spring!" But what poor Braexton doesn't know is that he has probably even less of a chance this spring. "W-what?" Braexton stammered "but I'm really counting on an internshi-" Shhh shhh shh shh, you're not in the article anymore Braexton, you can go back to not existing. Anyway, Career Services announced that next semester will bring back a new and improved virtual option for those who want to go to Career Fair but don't want to participate in all that pesky "socialization", "networking" or "bathing". Unlike last year's Covid N' Career Hoedown, this virtual option entails downloading the sum of all your consciousness into a computer, and then having an ethically dubious algorithm place you into the job that best suits you. The program already has its first successful placement, Gloria Blagloria, a 4th year Biomedical Engineering Major who was placed in the career of Masked Vigilante. Gloria said she was "very excited to start [her] new career ridding this city of its filth." So it looks like the program is a complete success! Finally, to all the disappointed folks out there, constantly refreshing their emails in the hopes of getting an interview, I have a piece of advice. Give up! College was a mistake that you will never make up for, even in death.

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