

The main objectives of the Haunted House are to bring the Coppell community together, engage students as well as parents, and collaborate with various people as well as organizations. The Haunted House, hosted on October 25th, 2025, is available for anyone to experience as long as they pay a fee of \$5 or give 5 cans of canned food. The admission money then goes back to the Student Council as well as Single Parent Advocate, the senior charity for this year. The canned food goes towards a food drive we are doing which benefits Soupmobile, a local charity in Dallas. In this year's Haunted House event and past years, students from other schools, parents, and other community members have all come to enjoy the event. On top of this, students from New Tech High @ Coppell and students from other schools can volunteer to be an actor in the Haunted House. The Haunted House always has a yearly theme and this year, it was a haunted hospital. This unique theme, combined with elaborate decorations and enthusiastic actors created an immersive experience for all those who went through the Haunted House.

At 10:00 A.M. (9:00 A.M. for Student Council Members), volunteers who signed up for the first Haunted House set-up session come in for 3 hours to help set up decorations and line the halls as well as rooms with black tarp. The second set-up session takes place from 2:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M and this is where volunteers finalize decorations and actors start to prepare for their parts in the haunted house. The actual Haunted House Event starts at 7:00 P.M. and goes until 10:30 P.M. During the Haunted House, groups go through in an orderly fashion as volunteer ushers guide them through, actors work to scare, and Student Council Members are working behind the scenes to keep everything up and running. From 10:30 P.M to around 2:00 A.M. Clean-up volunteers and all student council members work to take down all the tarps and decorations, as well as return every room to their original condition.

a) student council members

Student Council members plan out the whole event and are the leads for set-up, clean-up, and the actual event. Each student council member is expected to communicate with one another and report problems to ensure everyone is on the same page.

b) other students

Students can sign up to be volunteers as either a set-up volunteer, a haunted house usher, a haunted house actor, or a clean-up volunteer. Students in these roles work alongside Student Council members to ensure the haunted house is running as it should.

c) other school organizations

While the haunted house was running, NTC (Networking Team Captains), one of the leaderships here at New Tech High @ Coppell was working the Fall Festival. Fall Festival was an opportunity for booths to be set up where groups could sell items related to their theme. This helped to bring in more community members for the Haunted House as well.

d) faculty

We collaborated with teachers and faculty to help with the setup of the haunted house. For example, one of our teachers was in charge of the makeup for the actors which helped to speed up the process and involve faculty.

e) community

The community can come in and experience the haunted house first hand. They pay the fee of \$5 or 5 cans for normal admission and \$10 for VIP admission to walk through the haunted house with the help of Student Council ushers and volunteer ushers.

f) other student councils

We reached out to the Coppell High School Student Council to advertise for the haunted house so that we would get more students and community members to come through the haunted house.

Evaluation of the Haunted House Event – October 25, 2025

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The Haunted House organized by our Student Council following the Fall Festival was an outstanding success and a true testament to the creativity, leadership, and dedication of our learners. The chosen theme, “Haunted House’pital,” was both unique and brilliantly executed. Each room depicted a different hospital scene where something had gone horrifically wrong, creating an immersive and thrilling experience for guests.

Event Highlights:

- Creative Design & Atmosphere: The makeup, decorations, and use of black tarps to guide guests through the experience were exceptional. The attention to detail in each room brought the theme to life.
- Operational Excellence: Student actors and volunteers staffed the event for its entirety, working in well-coordinated shifts. Two separate lines (one for general admission and one for VIP guests) ensured smooth crowd management.
- Community Impact: Admission was collected in the form of canned goods for the food drive, while the event also raised thousands of dollars. These funds will support campus activities, contribute to our school charity for the year (Single-Parent Advocate), and cover overhead costs.
- Skill Development: Learners gained invaluable experience in event planning and execution, including:
 - Set-up and clean-up
 - Financial accountability (with PTSO support)
 - Advertising and promotion
 - Management and security
 - Customer service and hospitality

Professionalism & Dedication:

I was impressed by the professionalism and commitment demonstrated by our Student Council and volunteers. Their ability to manage a complex, public-facing event with such success reflects the strength of their leadership and teamwork.

Overall Evaluation:

The Haunted House was not only a memorable experience for our community but also an educational opportunity for our students. It showcased their creativity, organizational skills, and sense of responsibility. This event sets a high standard for future Student Council initiatives.

