



BEHIND THE SCENES! It is Thursday after school on Oct. 24. A group of students joined teachers Mr. Seckar-Martinez and Ms. Rios-Tiessen to help decorate the front entry of the school for the Day of the Dead. Martinez walks along the empty hall, carrying a cart of decorations behind him. “I’m Latino, and Mexican traditions are a part of who I am,” Seckar-Martinez said. “I don’t really follow them now, but I definitely love the heritage that I had when I was a kid, and I try to follow that as an adult now. ... For me it’s all about tradition and family, and showing respect to your heritage and showing respect for the dead but also loving and feeling pride.” Photo by Camille Wilson.



SUPER SECKAR! Mr. Seckar-Martinez directs students during the after school Day of the Dead decorations on Thursday, Oct. 24. He points out a flaw in the setup of the altar and instructs the volunteers to change it. Martinez describes what the Day of the Dead means to him, “It is more of a celebration of life than it is of death, so you are of course sad that the person isn’t there, but you’re also happy that they were there and you were able to be part of their lives at some point..” Photo by Camille Wilson.