

Is George in Boiler, Bath or -- Beyond?

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"I know a lot about George the Janney Ghost. There have been sightings. Like if you come by the school at night, you'll see shadows that are cast, even if the lights are out.

"And sometimes," she confided, "you see strange movements in the cupola."

Cupola? What's that?

"The thing on top of the school that has the weather vane," Ms. Hunter explained.

She told me that Ms. Osterman's room is very haunted.

"Doors will open. There are sounds, too," she said.

I heard lots of rumors about George. Some said that he likes to play with the plumbing in the bathrooms, flushing toilets, opening doors and running sinks.

Ms. Hunter said George comes out at night and only in the oldest parts of the school, meaning not the office bathroom.

Most of the people I questioned agreed that George was a student at Janney who died when he was pushed down the stairs leading to the boiler room, which they said has been the Ghost's home ever since.

So I checked out the boiler room.

I stepped on planks of wood to avoid the water on the floor. It smelled of

WHAT WE HEAR

There are myths and stories of where he lived

He died in the boiler room, that's what we hear

Mysterious things happened in the night,

But all you can hear are screams of fright,

Who was this? we all ask. It was

George the Janney ghost

--- Mica House

something that I just couldn't put my finger on. I heard some creepy sounds. I saw shadows.

I wondered why George would want to live down there in the boiler room. It was kind of spooky.

I needed one more piece of information. I resorted to an obvious and easy source, the Internet, where accurate information is hard to find.

The Washington Post archives showed that no students have died at Janney. But Janney might not have wanted something like that getting out.

And so I concluded that Janney's disputable mystery might never be solved. The tales of this trickster, this 21st century Casper, are a tradition now.

So whether you believe in him or not, think of George the next time you lose your pencil.

The Ghost's First Day Out

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