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Tis' the Season! Deck the Halls!



Check out inside this issue for holiday facts, and why so many people celebrate during this time of year!



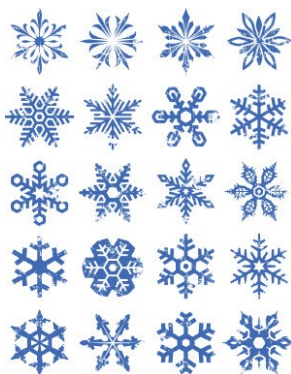
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Operation Positive Snowflake

Responsibility...
Helping Others



This month during Advisory we have been hearing about ways in which we can help others. We have had daily positivity reminders, and we are working on snowflakes as tokens of how we can use our special talents and gifts to benefit others.

But, why a snowflake? A snowflake was chosen because it is unique. There are no two snowflakes that are alike. Each one of us is unique in our own way, and we can all contribute to make this school, our home, our community, and our world a better place for everyone.

In an article from *Fulfillment Daily* (*Daily Science-backed News for a Happier Life*) entitled: "Why Helping Others During The Holidays Helps You", NOVEMBER 19, 2015, they suggest that a healthier way

to cope with the perils of stress is by helping others.

From the article: In a study, led by Michael J. Poulin of the University of Buffalo, he followed 846 people over five years. "Over the five years of the study," said Poulin in a press release, "we found that when dealing with stressful situations, those who had helped others during the previous year were less likely to die than those who had not helped others."

So, in turn, helping others with their stressful situations helps us to deal with our own stressors, and can ultimately extend our own lives.

Compassion



World Affairs Council - 2018 International Summit

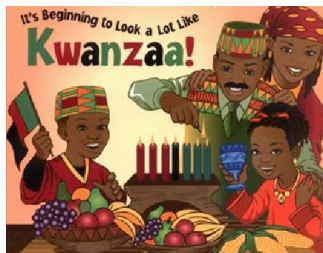
Submitted By: Mr. William Gallagher

The Girard College High School World Affairs Council would like to congratulate our members who attended the 2018, International Student Summit at Temple University on December 11, 2018. Our student delegates joined students from twenty four high school from the Philadelphia region in finding a path to a sustainable, egalitarian future for the countries in Africa. Elise Phipps and Kelandra Murphy served as student leaders for this event and led regional breakout sessions for student delegates from the invited schools.

The event was very successful, and resulted in a resolution passed by the entire gathering of student delegates. This included contributions from all African countries that would be based on GDP and would be matched by foreign investors.

This money would then be used to improve infrastructure and strengthen business start ups. There were approximately five hundred students at this summit. Awards were presented at the end of the event and Victoria Kolawale won "Outstanding Student Delegate." Elise Phipps received an "Honorable Mention" for her role as a student leader.

Congratulations to all members of our delegation who attended this important event.



Why Do We Celebrate Kwanzaa?

Taken From: *History.com*

Dr. Maulana Karenga, professor and chairman of Black Studies at California State University, Long Beach, created Kwanzaa in 1966. After the Watts riots in Los Angeles, Dr. Karenga searched for ways to bring African-Americans together as a community. He founded US, a cultural organization, and started to research African "first fruit" (harvest) celebrations. Karenga combined aspects of several different harvest celebrations, such as those of the Ashanti and those of the Zulu, to form the basis of Kwanzaa.

The name Kwanzaa is derived from the phrase "matunda ya kwanza" which means "first fruits" in Swahili. Each family celebrates Kwanzaa in its own way, but celebrations often include songs and dances, African drums, storytelling, poetry reading, and a large traditional meal.

On each of the seven nights, the family gathers and a child lights one of the candles on the Kinara (candleholder), then one of the seven principles is discussed. The principles, called the Nguzo Saba (seven principles in Swahili) are values of African culture which contribute to building and reinforcing community among African-Americans. Kwanzaa also has seven basic symbols which represent values and concepts reflective of African culture. An African feast, called a Karamu, is held on December 31.

The seven principles, or Nguzo Saba are a set of ideals created by Dr. Maulana Karenga. Each day of Kwanzaa emphasizes a different principle. They are: Unity: Umoja, Self-determination: Kujichagulia, Collective Work and Responsibility: Ujima, Cooperative Economics: Ujamaa, Purpose:

Nia, Creativity: Kuumba, and Faith: Imani.



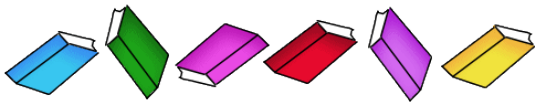
Kwanzaa
A Celebration of Family,
Community and Culture



Actress Serinda Swan Discusses Books With Students

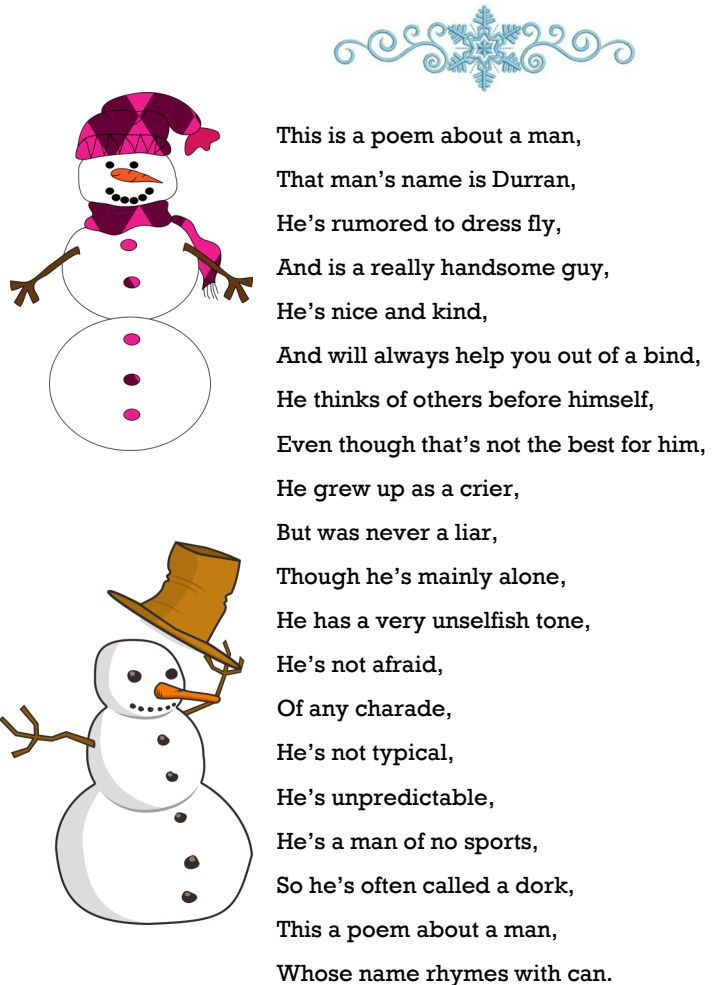
By: Victoria Kolawole

On November 20, 2018, after having graciously donated an assortment of books to our students for them to read, Actress Serinda Swan (As seen in: *Ballers* and *Percy Jackson and The Olympians: The Lightning Thief*) reached out to Ms. Sarah Richman to talk to a few of us students about our experiences with our favorites of these books, among other topics. I think that I speak for all of the students who attended when I say that this was a wonderful opportunity to engage in such insightful and thought-provoking conversation with someone from the big screen! Thanks to Ms. Richman for making this possible! I hope we'll have more interactions like this in the future!



Sketchbook #9 Draw the Kraken

By: Christian Scott



This is a poem about a man,
That man's name is Durran,
He's rumored to dress fly,
And is a really handsome guy,
He's nice and kind,
And will always help you out of a bind,
He thinks of others before himself,
Even though that's not the best for him,
He grew up as a crier,
But was never a liar,
Though he's mainly alone,
He has a very unselfish tone,
He's not afraid,
Of any charade,
He's not typical,
He's unpredictable,
He's a man of no sports,
So he's often called a dork,
This a poem about a man,
Whose name rhymes with can.

Poem By: Durran Hyland

Political Current Events:

Michael Cohen Sentenced to Three Years in Prison

By: Kelandra Murphy

Michael Cohen was President Trump's private attorney during the Mueller Investigation, and for the years 2006 to 2018. The Muller investigation is a probe regarding Russia involvement in 2016, President Election. Robert Mueller is leading this investigation, and is the former Director of the FBI. Mueller believes that Trump knows about Russian tampering / involvement in US polling / election system.

Mueller found out that Trump attorney Michael Cohen had been sending hush money to women who claimed to have affairs with President Trump, was involved in tax fraud, lied to Congress, help develop projects in Moscow, Russia, and made false statements to the bank.

As the evidence built up against Cohen, he had no choice but to submit to the court. With his confession, Cohen was sentenced to three years in federal prison. On March 6, 2019, Cohen will have to surrender himself to federal prison.

This situation is very similar to The Watergate scandal of President Nixon, when he sent people to spy on the Democratic Party at The Watergate Hotel. Nixon had no choice but to resign when the evidence that built up against him. Unlike President Nixon, there is no cold hard evidence of Trump's direct involvement in meddling with Russian meddling, but the men that are protecting Trump are falling like dominos. George Santayana said it the best: "those who do not remember the past are condemned to repeat it."



Photo From: twincities.com / Twin Cities Pioneer Press



Student Council Monthly Update

Hey Everyone! This is your monthly Student Council Update. Currently, we are running the Door Decorating Contest which ends December 19th. This year's theme is WINTER. Please encourage your homeroom to participate and let's see who comes out on top! We are also looking for improvements to make in our high school and we would like your input. If you have any ideas or concerns that you would like brought up at our next meeting, please let your homeroom representative or class president know.

By: Djeneba Coulibaly

Happy Holidays!



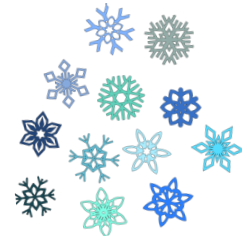
Sketchbook #10 Draw an Armadillo

By: Victoria Kolawole



SkyZone!

Ms. Sarah Richman's advisory went on a "bonding" trip to SkyZone on December 5, 2018! A great time was had by all.

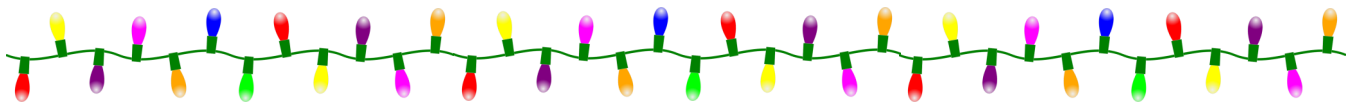


December is here

It's the special month of cheer

The end of the year

Poem By: Kelandra Murphy



As I land into that big gray tower,
I scavenge around for the right weapon
A blue tac. Yes! I now have great power
But I still need armor for protection

There. I find them: one pot and three minis
Full health and a tac. No excuses now.
Now is not the time to be a ninny
Around the corner, two players. Pow Pow!

I take out one, adrenaline Rushing
I turn to the other, ready to Strike
He crouches. I miss now I am pushing
Nothing can stop me from winning This Fight

But even with, hundred health, hundred shield
He pumps me once in the head. My life yields

Video Game Sonnet

By: Bunthone Kan



What is Hanukkah?



Taken From: chabad.org

Chanukah is the Jewish eight-day, wintertime "festival of lights," celebrated with a nightly menorah lighting, special prayers and fried foods.

The Hebrew word Chanukah means "dedication," and is thus named because it celebrates the rededication of the Holy Temple (as you'll read below). Also spelled Hanukkah (or variations of that spelling), the Hebrew word is actually pronounced with a guttural, "kh" sound, kha-nu-kah, not tcha-new-kah.

In the second century BCE, the Holy Land was ruled by the Seleucids (Syrian-Greeks), who tried to force the people of Israel to accept Greek culture and beliefs instead of mitzvah observance and belief in God. Against all odds, a small band of faithful but poorly armed Jews, led by Judah the Maccabee, defeated one of the mightiest armies on earth, drove the Greeks from the land, reclaimed the Holy Temple in Jerusalem and rededicated it to the service of God.

When they sought to light the Temple's Menorah (the seven-branched candelabrum), they found only a single cruse of olive oil that had escaped contamination by the Greeks. Miraculously, they lit the menorah and the one-day supply of oil lasted for eight days, until new oil could be prepared under conditions of ritual purity.

To commemorate and publicize these miracles, the sages instituted the festival of Chanukah.

At the heart of the festival is the nightly menorah lighting. The menorah holds nine flames, one of which is the shamash ("attendant"), which is used to kindle the other eight lights. On the first night, we light just one flame. On the second night, an additional flame is lit. By the eighth night of Chanukah, all eight lights are kindled.

Television and On-Line Show Reviews



The Haunting of Hill House is a Netflix Original TV series that appeared on the international streaming service on October 12. It is inspired by the novel of the same name written by Shirley Jackson in 1959. There have been many adaptations of *The Haunting of Hill House*, the TV series being the most recent. It follows the Crain children, Steven, Shirley, Theo and twins Nell and Luke. The show is told in the five perspectives of the Crain children through episodes starting with the oldest and ending with the youngest. It tells the stories of some of the terrifying things that they experienced while at the Hill House in their childhood. The show also switches between the present and the past to see how the things at Hill House impacted them as they grew older.

Through the series, it also shows what happened the night the kids left Hill House, after their mother went "crazy." It appears that the same thing that happened to their mother is happening to the youngest sibling Nell, and to the Crain siblings along with their father have to uncover the mystery at Hill House.

By: Kyanna Blunt-Cooper



Madam G.'s News on France

Submitted By: Ms. Lolita Gaillard

On Tuesday December 11, 2018, a man launched a rampage attack on the Christmas market, armed with an automatic pistol and knife. Four people were killed and 12 others wounded, some with life-threatening injuries. On the night of December 13, 2018, the suspect, Cherif Chekatt, was killed in the Neudorf district of Strasbourg following what police described as a counter terror operation. Chekatt was on France's S-list of potential security threats.



Above:

Attaque Terroriste à Strasbourg le mardi 11 décembre 2018 (Christmas-market shooting in Strasbourg, France.)

To the Left:

Manifestations à Paris, en France : journées de grève et de manifestations pour défendre le « modèle social »

France: National public sector strike November / December 2018

Anime Corner!

By: Shymell Jackson

ハッピー
Happy
シュガー
Sugar
ライフ
Life

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This is a shivering-pure love-psycho-horror-story of a girl named Satou Matsuzaka, who has someone that she cares for. That "someone" is named Shio and Satou will do everything in her power to protect the life she has built for herself. Satou experiences a "sweet feeling" when she is with Shio, and thinks that it must be love. Everything will be forgiven as long as she protects this feeling, even if she tricks, commits crimes, blackmails, steals, or even kills (or so she thinks). Everything will all be worth it to protect Shio. However, Satou has her work cut out for her when her best friend begins snooping around in her life. One of her coworkers has an unhealthy obsession with Shio, and even the last of Shio's family is looking out for her (a little too much), not to mention her creepy teacher is on to one of her darkest secrets.

With this anime just wrapping up last month I am recommending it to all of my readers. But, I must warn you, this may look like a cute anime about a cute school girl, but trust me, it is anything but that. There were times when I had to pause the anime to think if what I just saw really happened. This truly deserves a spot as one of the best horror Shounen Animes.

Ratings-

Visuals- 8/10

Characters- 9.5/10

Opening and ending- 5.5/10

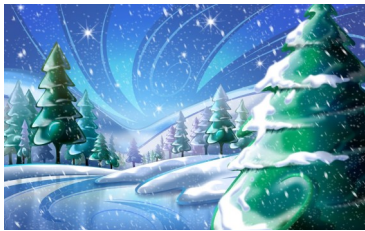
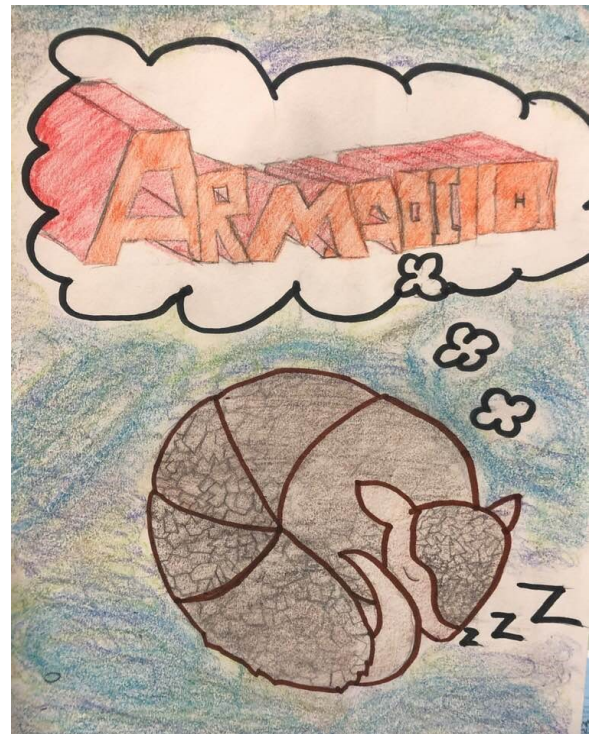


Photo Submitted By: Ms. Monet Thomas-Anderson

On November 28, 2018, the 12th graders cheered on the Sixers during their game against the Knicks.



Sketchbook #10 Draw an Armadillo

By: Kalen Davis



Thelma Davies is using her talents to crochet hats for her family and friends during the winter season! Great job Thelma!

Winter Haikus

December is here

Friends and family are near

Happiness to share

Snowflakes are falling

Stay warm and wear a sweater

Drink some hot chocolate

We're in December

It's finally Christmas time

Wish for many gifts

Almost a New Year

Think and reflect on the past

Be someone better

By: Thelma Davies



Movies to Make Your Holiday!

By: Victoria Kolawole

Santa Claus is Comin' to Town (1970)

Have you ever wondered where Santa Claus was born? How he met Mrs. Claus? Or, even Why of all methods he could have chosen, he chose the chimney as an entrance to the homes of young children? Lend your ears to the Mailman as he tells the tale of little baby Claus abandoned at the doorstep of the Kringles, a family of toymakers! This heartwarming and lesson-filled tale follows the journey of Kris Kringle as he attempts to bring happiness and good cheer to Sombertown, a dreary town run by the ruthless Burgermeister who is infamous for his ban on toys. As he meets obstacle after obstacle, whilst making friends along the way, prepare to learn more about Santa Claus than you ever thought you could!

Elf (2003)

Buddy is one of the happiest elves you would ever meet. So much so, that he himself is dumbfounded when he finds out that he's actually a human who was given up for adoption! After being told that his father, Walter Hobbs, is in New York, and on Santa's naughty list, he makes a daring journey to give his father and all of New York, a dose of good cheer! When metropolitan life doesn't exactly recognize the nuances of elf culture, Buddy pushes through and teaches everyone a little something about being of good cheer.

Frosty the Snowman (1969)

The one and only happy soul with a corn cob pipe and a button nose magically come to life after a few neighborhood kids placed an old magician's hat on some mounds of snow and these kids are in it for the snowboard ride of their lives, literally! Everything's great for Frosty and his new group of friends up until they realize that Frosty will melt when spring comes around if they don't get him to the North Pole in time. To make matters much worse, the magician who owns the hat is hot on their trail to the pole and will stop at nothing to get his hat back.

How the Grinch Stole Christmas (2000)

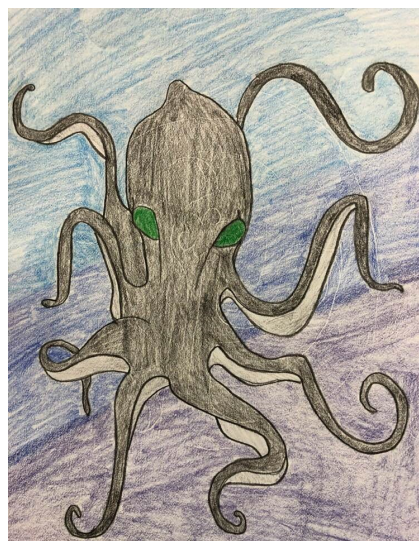
He's a mean one! He's the Grinch! In this remastered version of Dr. Seuss's holiday classic, this green hoodlum schemes and plots against the holiday-crazed town of Whoville. After having been humiliated on Christmas Day many years ago in front of all of his classmates, the Grinch vows to make sure that all of the Whos have ruined his Christmas will feel his wrath as he plans to loot the town of all of its holiday must-haves. Meanwhile, Cindy Lou Who, a young girl who has a bad case of the holiday doubts, makes it her mission to learn all that she can about the Grinch and in doing so, discover the true meaning of Christmas.



Learning Made Fun With Math Tiles

Submitted By: Ms. Annamarie McMonigle

Algebra tiles are used as a physical representation for complex mathematical problems. This is our first activity with them. The students made pictures in an attempt to become acclimated with the tiles. We did a gallery walk, and the class voted on the most popular, Samuel Okereke's tiles (the ones in the center) won!



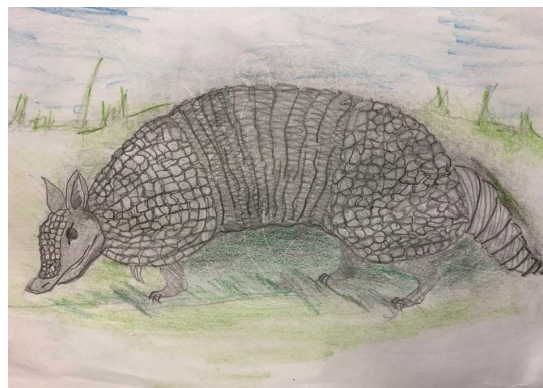
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By: Madison Roberts



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By: Briana Frazier-Johnson



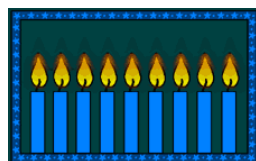
Sketchbook #10 Draw an Armadillo

By: Reggie Brasby

Hanukkah Interview

Interview of: Ms. Sarah Richman

By: Victoria Kolawole



Q: What is Hanukkah? A: Hanukkah is a historical holiday that celebrates a Jewish war victory that happened thousands of years ago, and it also celebrates our faith in God. Hanukkah is really fun because it is eight days long. On the first night, you light one candle, on the second night you light two candles, and so on, until the eighth night when there are eight candles burning.

Q: What are some of your favorite things about the holiday? A: On Hanukkah, we play a game called dreidel, where you place bets and then spin a little toy that is kind of looks like a top, and depending on which side it lands on you win or lose your bet. We usually wager using pennies.

Q: How do you usually celebrate? A: Other Hanukkah traditions include eating fried potato pancakes and jelly donuts. Some people give 8 presents, one night for each night of the holiday.

Sports!

By: Joe Habersham



Merry Christmas



NBA

76ers: Sixers superstar wing Jimmy Butler left in the first quarter of Monday's (December 10th) win against the Detroit Pistons, 116-102 with a groin injury. He was limited to just 10 minutes and went a total of 0-3 from the field, while adding four rebounds and two assists. Sixers then relied on international guard, Furkan Korkmaz, who contributed 18 points and seven rebounds in the win.

According to league sources, Butler is listed as doubtful for Wednesday's home game against the Nets. Butler had an MRI Tuesday, and appears to have no structural damage and could be looking at action sometime in the near future.

Since acquiring Butler, the Sixers have gone 10-3.

NFL

Eagles: The birds drop to 6-7 on the season as they lost an away game to the Dallas Cowboys in overtime, 23-29 on Sunday Dec. 9th. When all was said and done, Carson Wentz threw for 228 yards and three touchdowns. He completed 22 of his 32 passes. On the other side, Cowboys quarterback Dak Prescott passed for 455 yard and also had three touchdowns, BUT he had two interceptions to end the night. His last touchdown came in overtime as he hit Amari Cooper for 15 yards and the win.

According to Yahoo Sports, Carson Wentz is NOT expected to play this Sunday against the league's best, Los Angeles Rams, as he is experiencing back problems. There's a possibility Wentz could be shut down the rest of the year (which won't affect their chances of making the playoffs, as their chances are extraordinarily slim with the loss to their division rivals).



NCAA Basketball

NCAA Men's Basketball: New rankings have been put out for week 6 and there are new names on the list

1. Kansas (8-0)
2. Duke (9-1)
3. Tennessee (7-1)
4. Gonzaga (9-1)
5. Michigan (10-0)
6. Virginia (9-0)
7. Nevada (10-0)
8. Auburn (8-1)
9. Michigan State (8-2)
10. Florida State (8-1)
11. Texas Tech (8-0)
12. North Carolina (7-2)
13. Virginia Tech (8-1)
14. Buffalo (9-0)
15. Ohio State (8-1)
16. Wisconsin (8-2)
17. Villanova (8-2)
18. Mississippi State (8-1)
19. Kentucky (7-2)
20. Arizona State (7-1)
21. Marquette (8-2)
22. Iowa (7-2)
23. Furman (10-0)
24. Houston (8-0)
25. Indiana (8-2), Syracuse (7-2), Kansas State (6-2)

Sophomore guard Quade Green is transferring out of Kentucky as he is upset about minutes being given to him. Quade has seen limited minutes because of Kentucky's past recruiting class than includes five-star point guards Immanuel Quickley and Ashton Hagans. Last year, he started in 13 games and played more than 25 minutes per game, while averaging 9.3 points and 2.7 assists. During his short time in Kentucky, he helped get the Wildcats to the Sweet 16.



Sports! Continued



GC Boy's Basketball Schedule:

2018-2019 Girard College Mens Varsity Schedule	
11-30-2018	SLA Beeber @ Girard College - Scrimmage
12-01-2018	Bodine Scrimmage @ Girard College 1:00 PM
12-08-2018	Freiere Charter @ Girard College 3:00 PM
12-14-2018	Girard College @ Prep Charter- Tournament TBA
12-15-2018	Girard College @ Prep Charter- Tournament TBA
12-18-2018	Life Center @ Girard College 4:00 PM
12-22-2018	Palumbo @ Girard College 4:00 PM
12-29-2018	Scholastic Classic @ Chestnuthill college TBA
1-03-2019	New Foundations @ Girard College 4:00 PM
1-05-2019	Southern Show Case @ South Philly Highschool 6:30 PM
1-07-2019	Kipp Charter @ Girard College 4:00 PM
1-08-2019	Kings Christian @ Girard College 4:00 PM
1-10-2019	Girard College @ Solebury 4:00 PM
1-15-2019	Girard College @ Pine Forge 4:00 PM
1-19-2019	Cross Christian (DE) @ Girard College 1:00 PM
1-22-2019	Girard College @ Doane 4:00 PM
1-24-2019	Cristo Rey @ Girard College 4:00 PM
1-25-2019	Northeast High School @ Girard College 6:00 PM
1-26-2019	The City School @ Girard College TBA
1-28-2019	West Phila @ West Phila High 4:00 PM
1-31-2019	Girard College @ Pennington School 4:00 PM
2-04-2019	FLC @ Girard College 4:00 PM
2-08-2019	Girard College @ Haverford TBA
2-09-2019	Milton Hershey @ Girard College 4:00 PM

GC Boys Basketball: This past Friday, the boy's basketball team was a part of a tournament at Prep Charter at 7:30 p.m. and played the host team. Friday's results determines Saturday's schedule. The boy's first home game is Tuesday (12/18) against Life Center at 4 p.m.!!

GC Girls: The girl's basketball team had their first game of the season as they lost a home game against Morrisville, 15-32

Teachers cheering on the Girls Basketball team during their game against Morrisville on December 11th.

Photos By: Ms. Monet Thomas-Anderson



Students Learn About Pulse and Blood Pressure

Submitted By: Ms. Monet Thomas-Anderson

Vanessa Miller (Director of Health Services) came by the Anatomy and Physiology class to help students locate their pulse and learn the basics of reading their blood pressure.

Her insight was clear, informative and specialized for each student. It was great having a registered nurse to provide real-world exposure to the students.



Yule, The Pagan Winter Solstice Celebration

Taken From: *The Huffington Post*, Dec 22, 2016

The winter solstice is celebrated by many people around the world as the beginning of the return of the sun, and darkness turning into light. The Talmud recognizes the winter solstice as "Tekufat Tevet." In China, the Dongzhi Festival is celebrated on the Winter Solstice by families getting together and eating special festive food.

Until the 16th century, the winter months were a time of famine in northern Europe. Most cattle were slaughtered so that they wouldn't have to be fed during the winter, making the solstice a time when fresh meat was plentiful. Most celebrations of the winter solstice in Europe involved merriment and feasting. In pre-Christian Scandinavia,

the Feast of Juul, or Yule, lasted for 12 days celebrating the rebirth of the sun and giving rise to the custom of burning a Yule log.

In ancient Rome, the winter solstice was celebrated at the Feast of Saturnalia, to honor Saturn, the god of agricultural bounty. Lasting about a week, Saturnalia was characterized by feasting, debauchery and gift-giving. With Emperor Constantine's conversion to Christianity, many of these customs were later absorbed into Christmas celebrations.



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Yule, The Pagan Winter Solstice Celebration cont.

One of the most famous celebrations of the winter solstice in the world today takes place in the ancient ruins of Stonehenge, England. Thousands of Druids and Pagans gather there to chant, dance and sing while waiting to see the spectacular sunrise.

Pagan author T. Thorn Coyle wrote that for many contemporary celebrants, solstices "is a chance to still ourselves inside, to behold the glory of the cosmos, and to take a breath with the Sacred."

Note:

Winter Solstice is celebrated on December 20 into December 21, the first day of winter, and the shortest day (of light) during the year.



What is Tet?

Taken From: vietnamonline.com

Tet is the occasion for Vietnamese to express their respect and remembrance for their ancestors as well as welcoming the New Year with their beloved family members. Moreover, in the past, Tet was essential as it provided one of few long breaks during the agricultural year, which was held between the harvesting of the crops and the sowing of the next ones. To make it easier, one can imagine Tet as a combination of Christmas and New Year: every family will get together to have big meals, decorate Tet trees and eat Tet food but to welcome the new year instead of a religious cause.



Trip to the Mutter Museum

Submitted By: Ms. Monet Thomas-Anderson



The anatomy and physiology students visited the Mutter Museum on December 13, 2018. The students learned the process used to identify the age, sex, ancestry and stature of a human skeleton. Students held and compared the different skulls provided by the museum. The students then had a chance to visit the museum and look at all of the wax deformities, preserved specimens, and colorful illustrations.

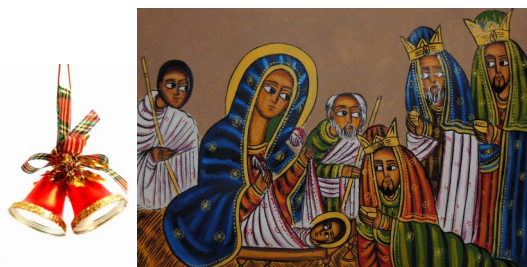


Christmas Traditions From Around the World

Taken From: momondo.com and one.org

Ethiopia

If you're spending Christmas in Ethiopia this year, you'll have to wait a little longer than December 25, as most people follow the ancient Julian calendar and celebrate the holiday on January 7. Traditionally referred to as Ganna, an Ethiopian Christmas typically begins with a day of fasting, followed by church services and a feast that includes stew, vegetables and sourdough bread. Though most friends and families do not exchange gifts, communities gather to play games and sports, and enjoy the festivities together before returning to work.



Ethiopian depiction of the birth of Christ

Sweden

Since 1966, a 13-metre-tall Yule Goat has been built in the center of Gävle's Castle Square for the Advent, but this Swedish Christmas tradition has unwittingly led to another "tradition" of sorts – people trying to burn it down. Since 1966 the Goat has been successfully burned down 29 times – the most recent destruction was in 2016.



People overlooking the Gävle Goat in Sweden, just moments before it's set ablaze

Nigeria

"In Nigeria, we believe in Father Christmas, our version of Santa, and we light up these things we call knockouts and banga, which are like fire crackers. We always spend all the money we get/have and we cook and share food in the neighborhood."

Austria

A beast-like demon creature that roams city streets frightening kids and punishing the bad ones – nope, this isn't Halloween, but St. Nicholas' evil accomplice, Krampus. In Austrian tradition, St. Nicholas rewards nice little boys and girls, while Krampus is said to capture the naughtiest children and whisk them away in his sack. In the first week of December, young men dress up as the Krampus (especially on the eve of St. Nicholas Day) frightening children with clattering chains and bells.



Scaring kids into the festive spirit, Krampus is the most chilling of Christmas traditions

Japan

Christmas has never been a big deal in Japan. Aside from a few small, secular traditions such as gift-giving and light displays, Christmas remains largely a novelty in the country. However, a new, quirky "tradition" has emerged in recent years – a Christmas Day feast of the Colonel's very own Kentucky Fried Chicken.

The festive menu is advertised on the KFC Japan website, and even if you don't understand Japanese, the pictures sure do look delicious, with everything from a Christmas-themed standard bucket to a premium roast-bird feast.



KFC Chicken dinner in Japan!

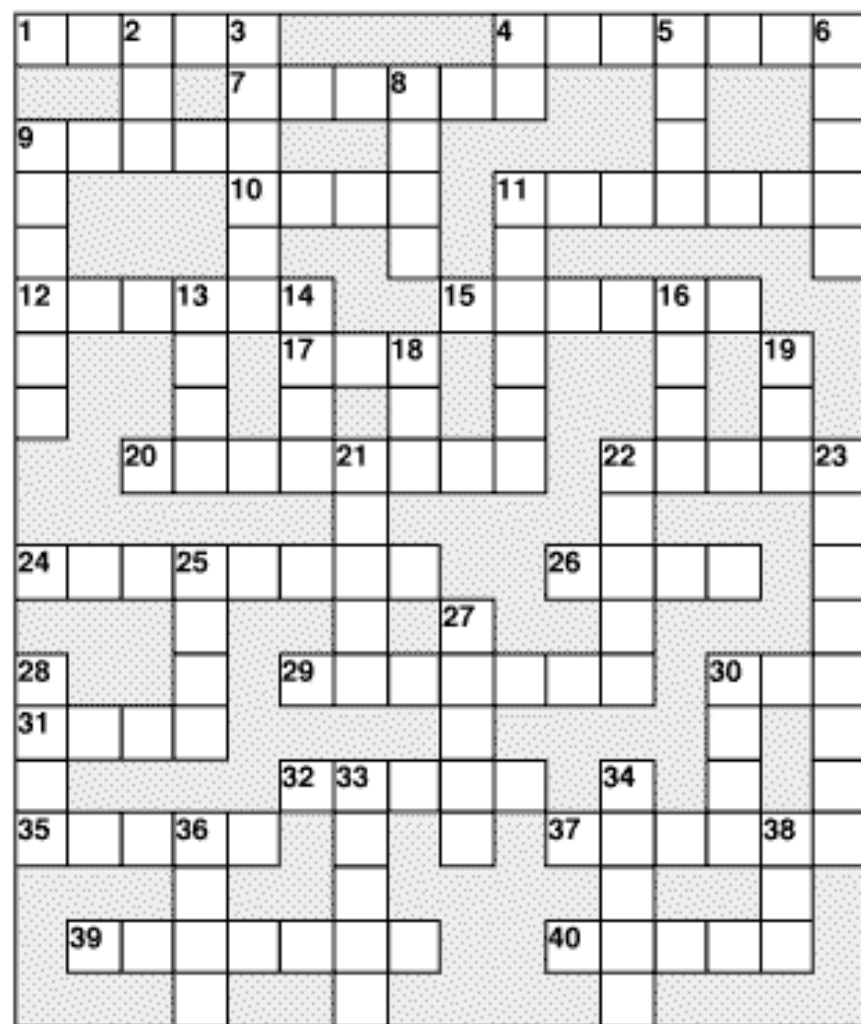


A women in Nigeria decorating for Christmas





Winter Crossword



Down:

2. Frozen water
3. Small
4. Myself
5. Small pie
6. Neck warmer
8. Chilly
9. Used to move snow
11. A season
13. Strong emotion
14. Ripped
16. Nil
18. Bath _____
19. Cloud of water vapour
21. Last month of winter
22. Wooden snow vehicles
23. Winter road condition
25. Be carried on
27. Locomotive
28. Carried along by wind
30. Piece of hockey equipment
33. Make this in the snow
34. Winter foot wear
36. Faucets can do this
38. You hear with this

Across:

1. Sudden cold breeze
4. Hand warmers
7. Hanging spike of ice
9. Freezing rain
10. Show and _____
11. Conditions outside
12. Flowering plant, colour
15. Achoo
17. Not in
20. Month of winter
22. Carols, etc.
24. Valentine month
26. Thaw
29. Keeps drinks warm
30. Small dog
31. Winter Olympic sport
32. Silky material
35. Breezy
37. Ice sport
39. Foot warmer
40. Direct a vehicle's course



Ms. McMonigle's Math Puzzle!



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