

Napoleon Junior High

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Merry Christmas Wildcats!

BY: PAW PRINT STAFF

Can you believe we are almost halfway done with this school year? What a crazy, exciting, fun semester this has been so far. We can't wait for the second half to begin! Until then, enjoy spending some time away from school with your family and reflect on all of the positive things that have happened this year.

Take a look at some of the articles in this edition to give you some ideas about how to make this season memorable. Make some goals and plans to achieve those goals in the new year!

Have a great holiday; we look forward to seeing you all back here to finish the school year in 2023!



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7th and 8th Grade Choir

BY AALIYAH IMTHURN

The winter season is definitely very magical for both of the Junior High Choirs. The passion that everyone in the choirs has is absolutely amazing. During the Junior High Christmas concert on December 6th, they sang:

- Stille Nacht (Sung in German!) which is translated to "Silent Night" in English.
- "Yule Be Rockin" which features the songs: Rockin' Around the Christmas Tree and Jingle Bell Rock.
- "Jolly Old Saint Nick": (with choreography!)
- "It Feels New": a Christmas song which was written by Pinkzebra, an award winning recording artist and composer. Fun fact: No one really knows the true identity of Pinkzebra.

The 7th Grade Singers:

Sheadon Adams	Emmalin Pontious
Bennett Aderman	Shayne Roehl
Allen Barth	Gracie Rowe
Raydon Bostelman	Audrinna Scott
Joseph Calvert	Piper Shepard
Logan Case	Kathryn Stearns
Amirah Dortzbach	Abigail Stephey
Emaline Eggers	Mackenzie Tietje
Nina Fitch	Joseph Tonjes
Baylee Fortier	Trinitie Torres
Gerken Adrienne	Jessalyn Vansickler
Molly Huddle	Gael Vera Espinosa
Brianna Ingle	Rachael Wardinsk
Chloe Kersey	Brycelee Warner
Madilynn Metzger Danney	



The 8th Grade Singers:

Shyloh Adams
Gracie Aguilar
Kloie Ann Balser
Braylen Blue
Matthew Deblin
Elaynah Delgado
Estere Dotson
Hunter Ehlers
Emma Espinoza
Ki Lee Fields
Sara Ford
Emeri Garcia
Thomas Webb
Quentin Gutierrez
Ava Hockenberry
Katelyn Hoover
Joslyn Johnson

Zoey Johnson
Annaliese Kleinfelter
Delaney Lickly
Jack Love III
Zoe Lulfs
Benjamin Mann
Isabelle McMurtrie
Cesar Ramirez Morales
Felix Rodriguez
Perla Rojas Nunez
Ethan Saneholtz
Riley Schunk
Kolton Shomsky
Leia Wardinski
Lyla Wiemken
Destiny Zamora



5 Holiday Traditions YOU May Not Know

BY SHAYNE ROEHL

A Cobweb Christmas (Ukraine)

One of Ukraine's favorite festive traditions is not one for those with a fear of creepy crawlies! Where we would have ornaments, tinsel and stars, Ukrainians use decorations that mimic the natural formation of spiders' webs shimmering with dew.



Colonel Santa (Japan)

Back in 1974, the American fast food restaurant KFC released a festive marketing campaign in Japan. The seemingly simple slogan "Kurisumasu ni wa kentakkii!" (Kentucky for Christmas!) spawned a national tradition that still thrives to this day. Although Christmas isn't a national holiday in Japan, families from all over the country head to their local KFC for a special Christmas Eve meal.

Pickle in the Tree (Germany)



The Christmas tree tradition embraced around the world today is believed to have started in Germany back in the 16th Century. What you do for the tradition is to hide a pickle somewhere within the branches of the tree, and give a gift to whichever child in the household finds it.

Some claim that the tradition may not be German after all. One legend says that the Christmas pickle originated in Spain, when two young boys were held as prisoners inside a pickle barrel. The heroic Saint Nicholas rescued the boys and brought them back to life. Either way, a pickle on the Christmas tree is a tradition we can totally get behind.

Roller Skate Mass (Caracas)

In the Venezuelan capital of Caracas, swathes of city-dwellers make their way to mass on roller skates every year on Christmas morning. The tradition is now so well established that many of the city's streets are closed to traffic from 8am, so that the skating congregation can get to church safely. It's even said that children will sleep with one lace from their skates tied around their toe, the other skate dangling from the window so that their friends can wake them up with a friendly tug on the lace.

Christmas Boats (Greece)

The Christmas boat or "karavaki" as Greeks call it is the most Greek tradition you will find in the country around the holidays. In the past Greeks, being a nautical people, would decorate boats instead of Christmas trees



Winter Opinions

BY SHAYNE ROEHL



Many people think winter is great; there are snow fights, hot cocoa, and a big Christmas tree. While there are others who don't agree. They may think the snow cancels plans, it is cold, and there is ice everywhere! There are many different opinions but let's hear some from your fellow students.

Shyloh Adams 8th Grade- "Winter to me is a time for warmth and keeping close to my family while being cozy by a campfire outside. I love it because it's the one time it is acceptable to drink hot cocoa with marshmallows."

Ashlyn Emmel 8th Grade- "I think that winter is beautiful. No matter how cold it is, the snow and the fact that Christmas is around the corner is just great. You can do so many things in the winter. For example build snowmans, go sledding with friends, and family, and also have snowball fights. It's just a cozy season having some hot chocolate, and being by the fireplace."

Carter Bowen 8th Grade- "In my opinion, winter is one of the best times of the year. It's fun being outside, and there are lots of family celebrations around this time."

Ethan Saneholtz 8th Grade- "When it's winter, it's wrestling season."

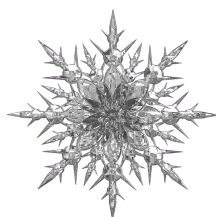
Delila Salinas 8th Grade- "I like winter, it's just i hate when its cold out."

Sheadon Adams 7th Grade- "Winter brings family together to stay warm burning wood on the fire drinking hot chocolate."

Gael Vera 7th Grade- "Winter is great. I love to watch Christmas movies with hot chocolate and spending time with family and friends."

Aaliyah Imthurn 7th Grade- "I like winter, because the beauty of the snow makes me happy, and it brings my family together."

Alexis Cobb 7th Grade- "I absolutely love winter for so many reasons! One reason is that there is plenty of time for hanging out with family and friends over holiday breaks. Another fun thing about winter is snowmobiling, and watching Christmas movies! There are so many more good things about winter, but those are my main favorites."



Emeri Garcia 8th Grade - Winter is my favorite season. I like winter because there is lots of activities to do in the snow.

Ashlyn Emmel 8th Grade -I like winter because thats the time when all the cozy clothes you can wear. But the downfall of it is the very very coldness.

Jacob Barton 8th Grade - I love winter because of snow

Ava Miller 8th Grade - I like when it snows because it looks pretty on the trees.

Zachary Barton 8th Grade - I love winter because of the snow.

Annie Donnelly 8th Grade - I feel that winter is beautiful because of the snow

Apple Schindley 8th Grade - I like winter only when it's snowing or it's Christmas. Otherwise I don't like it 'cause I get pale.

Layla Hagerman 8th Grade- I think winter is very fun, there are many activities that you can do like ice skating, snow boarding, sledding, which are all very fun to do while you can do them.

Jeremy Snyder 8th Grade - It's a beautiful time of the year. With all the snow and being able to slide down hills.

Kloie Balser 8th Grade- I like winter because the snow is beautiful and its the time of the year where you get to see your family.

Alyson Nieto 8th Grade - Winter is a nice time where I can bundle up in blankets.

Xavier Fortier 8th Grade - I like it, pretty much only because my birthday and Christmas is in winter... but I like snow. Sometimes the cold weather is bad... but sledding, hot coco, building snowmen etc.

Annaliza Martinez 8th Grade - I love winter. I love playing in the snow with my siblings and cousins and I love making snowmen.



Holiday things to-do

Isabelle McMurtrie



With a 2-week break for the holidays, you might be wondering what to do with your time. Here are just a few ways you can spend your time.

**Decorating a Christmas tree*

**Baking cookies*

**Sing Christmas carols*

**Watch Christmas movies*

**Organize a secret santa with friends or family*

**Build a snowman*

**Go sledding*

**Wear an ugly sweater*



Holiday Traditions

Isabelle McMurtrie



When I think about Christmas time I think about all of the fun holiday traditions that my family and friends have done. Here are some to try out during your break!

- Baking cookies, or making some sort of festive sweet treat
- Going sledding with you family or friends
- Wearing an ugly sweater, or learn how to make an ugly sweater
- Watch a christmas movie, or show
- Open one christmas present on Christmas Eve
- Building a snowman or snow sculpture
- Singing christmas carols/songs in a choir, or with family and friends
- Organize or participate in Secret Santa with family or friends
- Decorating a christmas tree, or decorate in your house (Inside and out!)

