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Ways to Study for a Test



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After winter break, you'll probably have some upcoming tests and quizzes.

So to start the new year off right and to help you with studying for those upcoming exams, here are a few studying methods, tips, and tricks to help you.

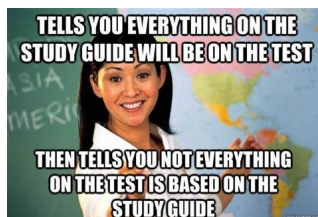
Use flashcards to study!

Using flashcards will help you with active recall. Active recall is using repetition to help you understand different topics. So, by using flashcards, you can understand the information you are learning.

More specifically, writing out the flashcards on paper rather than using websites will help you recognize different concepts.

Re-write notes

Take notes in class about the topics you are learning that you know will be on your exam. From there, when you get home, rewrite those notes! This tactical method of studying may help you with memorization. When doing this, you can make your notes easier to understand and study!



DON'T STUDY LAST MINUTE

As tempting as it is to study last minute to save some time, DON'T DO IT. You want to give yourself as much time to study as possible. That way you know that you understand the topic. Even if you're studying at least 20 minutes a day, it's better than studying last minute

Find websites for studying that work for you

There are many websites that can be used for studying. These websites can be used for active recall, to pace yourself when studying, or much more! One website that I like to use is called "StudyStack." Here you can create your study stack and it will be inserted into games, flashcards, and much more! Another story about websites you can use to help you study will be posted soon!

Explore different studying locations

For our final studying tip, trick, and method, is to explore different studying locations. When we explore different studying locations, we might be able to find more spots where we feel more motivated to work. So find what studying space works for you!

Part 2 is to be posted soon with more tips, tricks, and methods! Part 3 will be posted after; with websites you can use to help you study. Thanks for reading!



Is There Intelligent Life On Other Planets?



By Andrew Gutwillig
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There are many smart people in today's life, like Elon Musk, Bill Gates, etc. But is it like that on other planets?

Sometimes you see animals/people with traits that they could not possibly have inherited from a common ancestor. Some evolutionists think that if life evolved on earth, then life must have evolved on other planets, too.



The search for intelligence beyond earth has long been defined. In the late 1950s, scientists even

posted that these extraterrestrials might be interested in chatting with us.

The ultimate goal of NASA's Exoplanet Program is to find life on other distant planets. Our early planet finding missions, such as NASA's Kepler and its extended incarnation, K2, or the coming James Webb Space Telescope, could yield bare bones evidence of the potentially habitable worlds.

But unless we get lucky, the search of signs of life could take decades.

Pickleball is Really Catching On in the U.S.



By Julia Peanamanda
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I go to Vermont almost every weekend in the winter with my family, but when we go up in the summer, we like to play pickle ball at the tennis court.

Here are some fun facts about pickleball. Pickleball was created in 1965 by three farmers from Bainbridge Island, Washington.

Pickleball is most popular in Naples, Florida. The average age of players in pickleball is around 38 years old. A 36-inch-high net is used while playing pickle ball.

Something cool about pickle ball is that the Los Angeles Lakers basketball team is putting forward money for professional pickleball.

In 2021, The Economist magazine dubbed pickleball as "the fastest growing sport in America."

I got a pickleball net for my birthday a couple months ago so now I can play pickleball with my friends here in New York, as well as with friends in Vermont. My family and I go up on the tennis court and play on teams of two.

I hope you learned a little more about pickleball and decide to try it! some



Basketball's a 'Made in USA' Sport



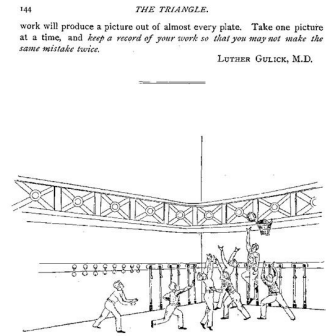
By Ava Schmidberger
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Basketball is a game, played between two teams of five players each on a rectangular court, usually indoors. Each team tries to score by tossing the ball through the opponent's goal, a metal hoop, and a net called a basket.

The only major sport strictly of U.S. origin, basketball was invented by James Naismith on or about December 1, 1891, at the International Young Men's Christian Association (YMCA) Training School (Springfield College), in Springfield, Massachusetts, where Naismith was an instructor in physical education.

For that first game of basketball in 1891, James Naismith used two peach baskets as baskets. The students were enthusiastic about this new game. After much running and shooting, William R. Chase made a midcourt shot—the only score in that historic contest.

Word spread about the newly invented game, and several organizations wrote to Naismith asking for a copy of the rules, which were published on January, 15th, 1892, in the issue of the *Triangle*, the YMCA Training School's campus paper. (See graphic above)



BASKET BALL.
WE present to our readers a new game of ball, which seems to have those elements in it which ought to make it popular among the Associations. It fills the same place in the gymnasium that foot ball does in the athletic field. Any number of men may play at it, and each one get plenty of exercise; at the same time it calls for physical judgment, and co-ordination of every muscle, and gives all-around development. It can be played by teams from different Associations, and combines skill with courage and agility so that the better team wins.
The ground is the gymnasium floor cleared of apparatus (it may be shored behind the side lines), though it could be played in the open air, at a picnic, etc. When there is a running track around the gymnasium,

A Hard-Earned Holiday Break



By Angie Perez
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I cannot believe Christmas is only a few days away! It felt like yesterday when it was just the first day of school!

I'm so excited to wake up on Christmas morning. I can already hear all the excitement and joy that will be going around in my house.

One thing I love about Christmas is that I get to spend a bunch of time with my family. I also love seeing the gifts I get! After



waiting for a while, it's fun to see what's inside all those wrapped up presents.

Christmas mornings are also the best, especially when it snows. Waking up knowing that the day ahead of you cannot be dull and will be only full of excitement, is fantastic!

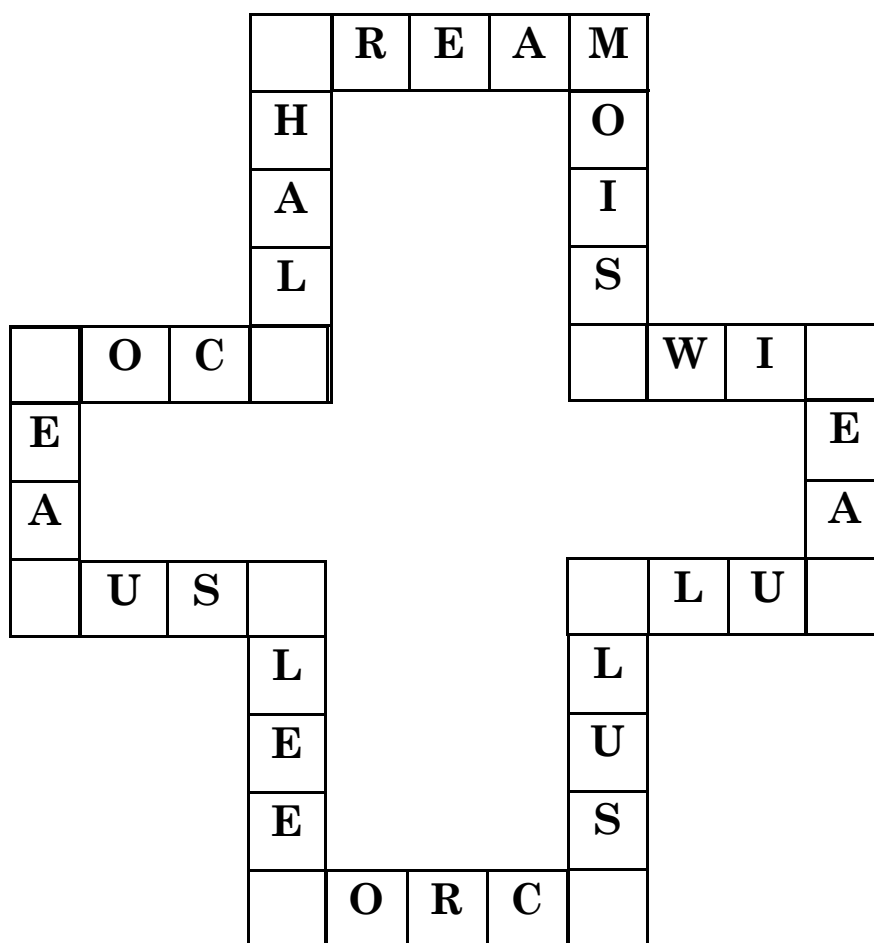
These past few days have been such a drag! I am so excited to get an entire week off from school! I think everyone has been working so hard and we deserve the winter break!

“Crossword+” Puzzle



By Derek Sheldon
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Like a crossword puzzle, but even better, the “Crossword Plus” Puzzle is a relaxing puzzle in which you must use the letters provided to find the remaining letter of the first word (in this case, MOIS_), and then use the letter you find to find out the remaining letter of the next word, and so on. It is recommended that you solve the puzzle going clockwise, as that is the way the puzzle was meant to be solved, and do not be alarmed if there are multiple possibilities for a word with the given letters (as it should all work out in the end). Good luck! Answers will appear in the January 6 issue of the Tusker Tribune.



CHISMAS WORD SEARCH by Nick Wintje*Answers to last week's puzzle!*

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 GIFTS * HOLIDAYS



The drawing at left is a comic drawn by Tusker Tribune Staffer Cooper Hewitt

Inexpensive (And Meaningful) Gifts for the Holidays



**By Reagan Ciccone
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Are you confused on what to buy for your loved ones for the holidays? Did you run out of time to buy a gift for a loved one? Do you want to get a gift for your loved one without spending too much money? Well, this is the right article for you! In this article, I will be sharing five great homemade gifts that you can bring to your friends or family.

Sugar scrub



This is a fun holiday gift that not only smells amazing and can also help with skin or hygienic care. There are a bunch of different recipes online showing you how to make it! Most, if not all of the ingredients can be found in your house! All you need is 10 minutes of free time, and you are set to go!

Homemade ornaments

I know some of you may read this and think, "Don't you need a plastic clear ornament to make a homemade ornament?" Well, originally, I had thought that, but it turns out you can make ornaments out of simple things from your house, such as paper, twigs, and even nail polish! There are a bunch of different crafts online that can guide you!



Jar Snow globe

Not everyone will have a jar in their house, but many people I know do. This snow globe can be easily crafted from things around your house! All you need is glitter, glue, warm water, and decorations of your choice! This can be a fun, yet amazing activity and a great gift to give!



A homemade card

Sometimes, it can seem sad to give someone just a card but honestly, that is all a person needs. Making a homemade heartfelt card can always brighten up the day of your loved ones. All you need is paper, markers, and a bit of creativity to make an unforgettable card.

\$10 Amazon gift card

I know this is not a homemade gift like the other four, but you can easily get an Amazon gift card from your loved ones along with a card. I know some of you might think that Amazon cards cost money, but they don't! By writing three stories for the **Tusker Tribune School Newspaper**, you can earn a \$10 Amazon gift card.

I hope these ideas were helpful and hopefully now you have an idea for what gifts to give to your loved ones! I hope everyone has a great holiday break and remember, the holiday season isn't just about gifts, but is also about spending time with your loved ones!

Christmas Celebrations Around the World



**By Ava Schmidberger
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Every family celebrates holidays differently, but how are they celebrated around the world? I researched how three different countries celebrate Christmas and here is what I found . . .

Germany



As is the case across most of Western Europe, Germany's main day of celebration for Christmas is the 24th, the so-called "Heiligabend". On the morning of the 24th, the Christmas tree is put up and decorated, and in the evening, children get to open their presents. Stores are usually open until noon (Unless it's a Sunday) and then everything closes for a night with the family.

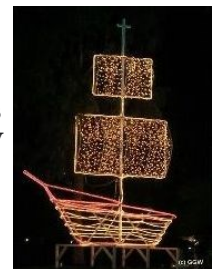


Italy

An Italian Christmas is a warm and joyful celebration, full of rich food, tradition, and family. From the Feast of Seven Fishes during La Vigilia on Christmas Eve and ends on the 6th of January, the festive traditions in Italy are unique, vivid, and wonderful.

Greece

There are no presents on Christmas Day in Greece. Instead, the Greeks hand out their gifts on New Year's to celebrate the feast day of the Agios Vasilis, whose feast day is January 1st. This is also the day the locals cut the traditional New Year's cake, the Vasilopita.



(Please Remember that Every Family Celebrates Differently)

Latest Avatar Movie Definitely Worth the Hype!



By Ava Schmidberger
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Summary

Jake Sully and Neytiri have formed a family and are doing everything to keep it together. However, they must leave their home and explore the regions of Pandora. When an old threat rises, Jake must fight a difficult war against the humans.

Rating

Personally, I would give this movie an 8/10. The movie was three hours and 12

minutes long, and because of this, I lost interest a few times, but my interest would quickly come back.

There was a ton of twists, turns, and dramatic/emotional moments. I saw the movie in 3D and the graphics were great! There are so many new additions to the family, which I loved. Overall, I think it was great and would

definitely recommend seeing it.

Avatar 3 & 4

Stay on the lookout. It has been said that an Avatar 3 will be coming out in 2024. It has also been released that Avatar 4 will come out in 2026.

Both movies are set to come out in December of their planned release years.



2009 Avatar Set the Stage for This Year's Blockbuster



By Ava Schmidberger
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Summary

On the alien world of Pandora, the Navi live, beings who appear rude but are highly evolved.

The planet's environment is poisonous, and because of this, human/Navi hybrids, called Avatars, must link to human minds to allow for free movement on Pandora.

Jake Sully,

(a paralyzed former Marine), becomes mobile again through an Avatar and falls in love with a Navi woman. As their bond grows, he is drawn into a battle for the survival of her world.

Review & Rating

Personally, I really liked the movie. I would give it a 9/10. It was a bit long at two hours and 42 minutes.

I really like the storyline and the graphics are very impressive for a movie made in 2009 (over 10 years ago!).

The movie had a lot of action and emotional moments. I recommend seeing the movie in 3D; it feels like you are really there. Overall it was a great movie and I definitely recommend seeing it!



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