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Powderpuff Football Game

Through the Eyes of the Junior Quarterback

CALLE HENNE STAFF WRITER

A typical Friday night football game consists of guys playing football, girls cheerleading, and adults coaching. Powderpuff is not your typical football game. Powderpuff is an annual role reversal game between the junior and senior classes, that involves girls playing flag football with football players as their coaches, and boys cheerleading with actual cheerleaders as their coaches. I had the opportunity to be the quarterback for the junior class.



Ashley Woodward

At our first of two practices, I was tossed a football, and one of our coaches, junior Bradan Lenz, said, "Here ya go QB1." Two weeks later, it was time to take the field.

During the first half, our team relied heavily on the run game. Junior Tanner

Cunningham was the offensive coordinator for our team, so he was in charge of calling plays for the most part. We consistently ran the ball with juniors Georgia Rottinghaus and Madeline Mill. Rottinghaus scored multiple rushing touchdowns which gave us the lead as the first half came to an end.

"It was super exciting to score multiple touchdowns and it made the game a lot more fun."

- Georgia Rottinghaus

Once we got to the second half, we started to take some more risks. We started throwing the ball deeper and mixing up our plays to throw off the defense. Playing quarterback was much more stressful than I was expecting it to be because there were usually three or four seniors lined up in

front of me who were counting to five to rush me. Since we didn't have much time to practice, our plays didn't always work the way they were

intended to, so making a quick decision and looking for an open receiver was difficult. With 4 seconds left on the clock in the 2nd half, we were tied 26-26, so a trick play was drawn up for Rottinghaus, Mill, and myself. I called for the snap, handed the ball off to Mill, and then started running down the field. As I was running, Mill pitched the ball to Rottinghaus who took the place as quarterback. She threw the ball downfield to me, but I collided with a defender and was unable to catch the pass. Tie game. We needed overtime.

The coaches met in the middle of the field with the referees to go over the rules of overtime. Each team got one chance from the 10-yard line to score a 2-point conversion. Juniors were up first.



Junior Team



Senior Team

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WEEKLY WEATHER REPORT
DEC. 21-DEC. 27



THURSDAY
DEC. 21

HIGH: 42
LOW: 28

FRIDAY
DEC. 22

HIGH: 44
LOW: 34

SATURDAY
DEC. 23

HIGH: 45
LOW: 38

SUNDAY
DEC. 24

HIGH: 50
LOW: 37

MONDAY
DEC. 25

HIGH: 54
LOW: 43

TUESDAY
DEC. 26

HIGH: 51
LOW: 44

WEDNESDAY
DEC. 27

HIGH: 48
LOW: 39



I called for the snap and handed the ball off to Rottinghaus, but the senior defense was expecting it so it didn't work. Seniors were up. I was in charge of double-teaming 6 '0 senior Madison Zavasky, who was responsible for scoring most of the senior's points. We kept her from scoring as the senior quarterback threw the ball to a different target who couldn't complete the catch. We got another chance. We huddled up around one of our coaches, Sam Heckert, as he told us the plan for what was potentially the last chance we would get.

Delaney Jamison was instructed to run from the left, over to the right side of the endzone, and then I would throw a deep pass to her.

My heart was racing as we lined up for the play because I knew the play would only work if my throw was perfect. The ball was snapped and I faked a hand-off to Rottinghaus and took a few steps back. I watched Jamison as she ran from one side of the endzone to the other, and then there was only a small window of time that she was open. I released the ball and watched as Jamison jumped up into the air, and I just hoped that she would come down with the ball in her hands. Her feet landed and the ball was in her arms. We scored! The entire junior team stormed the field and surrounded Jamison in celebration as everyone jumped up and down and cheered. I found Jamison through the crowd and the smile on her face was incredible. But we still had to play defense before the game was over.

I watched from the sidelines as senior quarterback, Jocelyn Langer, threw the ball up in the air into the endzone. On the way down, junior Erin Murray batted the ball out of the air and it fell to the ground.

The juniors stormed the field one last time as everyone realized we had won!

The final score was 32-26.

Junior coach Sam Heckert said, "I can't take complete credit for the [final] play call. Tanner [Cunningham] and Bradan [Lenz] called a great game all night, but it was Delaney [Jamison] who came and said 'Give me the ball'. So

that's what we did. We had faith in our QB to get the job done. We drew up a play to get the defense flowing one way, and hopefully get Delaney open across the field. Calle made her read, and the rest is history."

Powderpuff was more than just a friendly game between the junior and senior coaches.

"There was a lot of tension and trash talking throughout the season between the senior and junior coaches. The game became really personal when they made a group chat trying to get in our heads. To be able to beat the senior coaches felt great."

- Sam Heckert

He chose to coach after seeing how much fun his older brother had during his junior and senior years.

"I have always been the player and never the coach, so being able to coach with the guys was a lot of fun. The best part about coaching the junior team was to see how much fun everyone was having, along with the competitiveness between both sides."

Heckert says he will coach again during our senior year and he

plans on going 2-0. Along with Heckert, I will play again next year. Celebrating after every minor event and being able to help my team win is something I would love to experience again.



Georgia Rottinghaus scoring a touchdown



QB Calle Henne

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Starbucks Holiday Drinks: *Read About Seasonal Delights*

IZZY BANJAK STAFF WRITER

Starbucks strongly embraces the holiday spirit every year with their selection of seasonal drinks. They also have quite a wide variety of seasonal goods. Starbucks has warm and cold festive drinks along with bakery items. Don't forget about the best part: the magical red cups.

Beginning with hot drinks, Starbucks has a total of eight warmed, festive drinks:

1. Chestnut Praline Latte
2. White Chocolate Mocha
3. Hot Chocolate
4. Peppermint Mocha
5. Caramel Brulee Latte
6. Gingerbread Oatmilk Chai
7. Gingerbread Latte
8. Sugar Cookie Almond Latte



Starbucks Peppermint Mocha

This is quite a variety of options considering this is just the hot drinks list. The store tends to switch out old and new flavors each year. The drink that was introduced this season is the Gingerbread Chai Oat Milk Latte. A popular flavor during the Christmas season is the Peppermint Mocha because it gets them in the 'holiday spirit.'

Next up on the list we have cold drinks.

Eight icy drinks are hosted this season:

1. Gingerbread Oatmilk Chai
2. Peppermint Mocha Frappuccino Blended Beverage
3. Caramel Brulee Frappuccino Blended Beverage
4. Iced Sugar Cookie Almond Milk Latte
5. Iced Peppermint Mocha
6. White Chocolate Mocha Frappuccino
7. Iced Caramel Brulee Latte
8. Chestnut Praline Frappuccino Blended Beverage



Starbucks Iced Gingerbread Oatmilk Chai

Although it's pretty cold out this holiday season, Starbucks still delivered with eight different cold drink options. The new flavor is also the Gingerbread Oatmilk Chai but iced.

Saving the best for last, Starbucks' baked goods. Six Holiday sweets are provided this season:

1. Snowman Cookie
2. Sugar Plum Cheese Danish
3. Cranberry Bliss Bar
4. Gingerbread Loaf
5. Cranberry Bliss Bar Tray
6. Peppermint Brownie Cake Pop



Peppermint Brownie Cake Pop

Finishing off with dessert is a great way to end. This year the store featured a lot of cranberry items especially in the bars. This is slightly different from previous years at Starbucks, but no new festive sweets were offered this year.

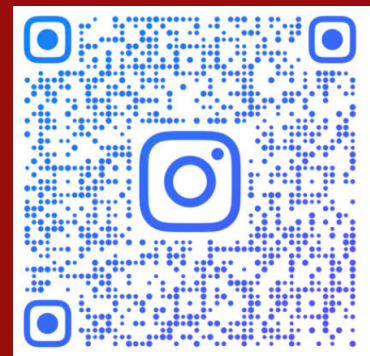


Starbucks Snowman Cookie



Starbucks Gingerbread Loaf

We made an Instagram! Scan the QR code or follow us @pinerichlandrampage .





A Message to Santa: *Mama Bear Needs a Break*

ANDIE BOWSER STAFF WRITER

Dear Santa,

I know you're probably busy this time of year and have a lot going on. I mean, let's face it, you have an important job. But, I have been meaning to ask you something for a while now and I really hope you can make my wish come true.

This Christmas, there is one thing (and one thing only) that I want more than anything in the world. It's not some

silly gadget or an ugly Christmas sweater. In fact, it's not even a gift you can unwrap. It is more of a wish for someone else in my life. Someone who could really use some cheer in their life: my mom.

You see, my mom works her butt off every day and every night trying her hardest to make my family happy and comfortable. She doesn't get the credit she deserves and she really needs a break. A vacation of some sort maybe. My mother is the strongest and most hardworking person I know. She spends about 99% of her day working and the other 1% thinking about work. She even works while she's on vacation!

Now, my mom doesn't have the craziest job on earth. She works in the HR field and gets good pay. She has been in her field for a long time and has worked hard to get to where she is now.

So Santa, all I'm asking you is to help my mom out a little this Christmas and give her the break she deserves.



Andie Bowser and her mom. Photo from freshman Andie Bowser.

My Christmas List: *What I Want as a 16-Year-Old*

TRISTAN FARRAR STAFF WRITER

This year for Christmas, I would love to have more cologne.. I already have a decent amount and a solid collection, but it could never hurt to enhance my collection. This year I would like to acquire Versace's Eros Flame, Valentino Uomo's Born in Roma, and Jean Paul Gaultier's Le Male Elixir. I want the *Versace Eros Flame* because I



Versace Eros Flame

already have the original *Versace Eros*. Once I get *The Versace Eros Flame*, my collection will be complete. Versace Brand and the *Versace Eros* have a more summer/spring smell, so I need one once fall/winter time comes along. The *Versace Eros* has a more light feel, while the *Versace Eros Flame* has a little bit more of a spice kick and a somewhat dark smell to it. The *Versace Eros Flame* also works very well in the fall/winter as I said before.

I would also love to have *Valentino Uomo's Born in Roma*. This cologne smells phenomenal. The *Valentino Uomo Born in Roma* has notes of apple and sage, this cologne gives away masculine, bold fragrances of cinnamon. Trust me it smells terrific. I first smelled this cologne, in the mall, walking past the cologne section. The aroma of this cologne made me know, I had to have this scent.



Valentino Uomo's Born in Roma.

The last cologne, I want is Jean Paul Gaultier *Le Male Elixir*. This cologne is iconic in the industry. Jeremy Fragrance always shows off this cologne on his social media, and I need to have it. Jean-Paul Gaultier *Le Male Elixir* smells like a quick lavender that takes on a carnal breadth. The cologne is enhanced by the fragrant richness of benzoin with vanilla. The tonka bean enriches the fragrance with a honey smell.



Jean Paul Gaultier Le Male Elixir



German Vs. American Christmas

I know most people are probably tired of me pointing out that I'm German and don't want to hear it anymore, but I promise I'm just doing it to show something new.

LILY REMBECKI STAFF WRITER

These usually last between 3 days and 2 whole weeks. They are, in my opinion, one of the best things in Christmas time since it is filled with good food, beautifully decorated cities, and Kinderpunch. There are of course many more differences, these are just the things that I think are the most significant. If you ever end up having the opportunity to spend Christmas in Germany, I can guarantee you it'll be one of the best you ever had.

Some Americans are offended whenever I point out stuff where they are just doing something different than the rest of the world for no good reason, but please don't think I'm trying to disrespect you in any way. This time I'm actually pointing out how Germany differentiates itself from the rest of the world when we're talking about Christmas.

Imagine this-it's Christmas Eve, and you just had a filling dinner with your family. Now you're getting ready for bed, excited to wake up to a bunch of presents under your Christmas tree the next day. Classic Christmas tradition, right?

Well, there is not a single German family that I know that does that. Typically the big dinner happens the same day as opening presents. This is the 24th of December. Not only Germans do this, though, as people in Latin American countries do this too.

The following two days are still considered holidays as well, so that means that nothing will be open besides bakeries. If you didn't already know, Christmas traditions are actually originated from Germany, but there are still some that were never adopted.

You guys probably know about advent calendars, which count down the days until Christmas Eve, or sometimes Christmas Day. A big part of my culture is making something called an advent wreath, which contains four candles. The first candle gets lit on the Sunday exactly four weeks before Christmas Day and the last one on the Sunday before Christmas Day.

We also have a Holiday called "Nikolaus," also known as "Saint Nicholas Day." Children put a boot outside of their room on the night of December 5th, which then get filled with sweets, fruit and small items overnight. Nikolaus is the one who fills them up... at least that's what parents tell their children.

One last example is our Christmas markets. I know that Americans have those too, just not to the extent that we do. Starting in December, there will be a Christmas market in every single town no matter how big the town or city is.



Bensheimer Christmas Market

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Christmas: The Season Of Giving

Discover a Few of the Charities That You Can Help this Season

ELLA DAVIS STAFF WRITER

Christmas is the most wonderful and exciting time of the year. The lights, the trees, and the presents are all things that we spend the whole month of December enjoying. It's such a magical time for people young and old. However, some people are too busy worrying about more serious things that prevent them from experiencing the magic of Christmas. Maybe they can't afford coats to keep them warm or they just lost their job and can't make room in the budget for all of the extravagant gifts. Whatever the situation may be, everyone deserves to have a wonderful Christmas. Here are some ways that you can do to make someone's holiday season extra special!

1. Donate your old, gently used coats to a local Pittsburgh coat drive.

Some families aren't able to provide warm coats and gloves to keep them warm during the holidays. Dig through your closet and pull out those coats that you don't wear anymore! There are plenty of associations sponsoring these drives that will allow you to drop off your winter clothes. The coats should be clean and have no stains or holes.

2. Donate newly purchased toys to Stuff A Bus or Toys For Tots campaign.

Sometimes, spending the money on toys and gifts isn't realistic for some struggling families. By donating a newly purchased toy, you are making a child's Christmas ten times better! Our school even has a Stuff A Bus, which is a great and easy opportunity that everyone should take advantage of. The toys don't have to be expensive, just something that will make another kid smile. If you aren't able to donate to the school, many restaurants and stores have donation bins for you to put the newly purchased, unwrapped toys.

3. Donate food to the Pittsburgh Food Bank.

Everyone deserves a delicious Christmas dinner. By donating non-perishable food items to the Pittsburgh Food Bank, you are helping those struggling during the holiday season. You could collect items from your friends, your neighbors, or family members and bring all of the items that everyone brings. This doesn't necessarily have to be a "personal" project, either. You could work together with those listed before and donate all together!

4. Make a foster love bag for a child going through a tough transition time.

Just because the holidays are just around the corner doesn't mean that children stop going through foster care. Pittsburgh's Foster Love Project makes their transition just a bit easier. You are able to pack a bag with essentials, warm clothes, and other items to keep them entertained and comforted during this difficult time. For more information, you can visit

fosterloveproject.org.

5. Make homemade scarves for the homeless.

Whether you're extremely creative and crafty, or you're just looking for a fun activity to do good in your community this is definitely for you! Central Pennsylvania Operation Warm Hearts allows you to donate handmade, knit, or crochet scarves and gloves to keep the homeless warm during the colder months. If knitting or crocheting aren't your thing, then you can easily make scarves by cutting fleece fabric into thick strips and cutting the ends of the strips and tying them in order to make a fringe.



Homemade Scarf Example

There are also plenty of things that you can do just to make someone around you smile! Slipping a handmade Christmas card in your neighbor's mailbox or baking one of your friends their favorite cookies are some acts that you can do to make someone's day just a little bit better. Christmas isn't about receiving gifts. It's about giving them and giving back to your community. Make it your mission this year to make someone's holiday season better.



Yearly Christmas Traditions

Getting Into the Holiday Spirit One Memory at a Time

ELLA BARKLEY STAFF WRITER

Throughout the entire year, the holiday season is a time when most people look forward to all the sorts of entertaining rituals that are included with it. Not only does the holiday season allow people to feel excited for the upcoming year, but it also allows people to get together with their families and friends and create unique traditions. Each family is different when it comes to traditions, but that is what makes them so unique and entertaining. Whether it is a simple tradition such as decorating the Christmas tree with your family on December 1st, or it's unique to your family, all traditions create memories in your mind. With these memories, you are transported back into that time and want to relive each moment. Holiday traditions only happen once a year, so when it comes time to it, you want to soak up every second. Traditions are so important because they are what you think of during this time of year. For some Pine-Richland students, they look forward to the traditions that come with the holiday season the most.

Junior Nicolina Phillips looks forward to going out with her family to cut down a Christmas tree on a Christmas tree farm.
“This tradition really gets me into the holiday spirit and it is actually really fun to go out there, pick out the best tree, and cut it down yourself.”-Phillips

Getting into the holiday spirit is extremely easy when surrounding yourself with the people you enjoy hanging out with. But when you add a fun tradition along with it, it can be even more rewarding. Junior Kate Iams counts on this time of year to go driving around looking at Christmas lights on December nights.
“It is such a magical feeling and always so fun to go and see all the different types of lights every year.”-Iams

Junior Josie Arthur looks forward to her mom’s cinnamon rolls shaped like a Christmas tree each Christmas morning.
“When I wake up early on the 25th, my mom already has them in the oven and you can smell the sweet cinnamon smell filling the house. It’s something my siblings and I look forward to each year.” -Arthur

As you can see, Pine-Richland high schoolers have a wide variety of different traditions that they enjoy doing over the holiday season. Whether it is a tradition that has been made before you were born or one that you have just created last year, each tradition is special in its way. These special memories during our lives give us a sense of comfort. We can reconnect with our loved ones and spend some good quality time together doing fun activities. During this holiday season, try and come up with a unique tradition to do with your family and who knows maybe you’ll still be doing it in 50 years. Wouldn’t that be a cool experience to see how much the tradition has evolved.

Junior Makailea Harrer enjoys watching the movie Christmas Vacation while sipping warm, delicious hot chocolate with her family on the evening of Christmas day.
“After the busy day spent hanging out with extended family, it is definitely fun to come home and relax on the couch after a long eventful day. Honestly it’s what I look forward to every Christmas.”-Harrer

For junior Anna Amato, her family has made the tradition of going over to her grandma’s house on Christmas Eve and exchanging their Secret Santa gifts.
“When all my cousins get together on Christmas Eve and exchange our gifts, it is one of the best memories I have as a child growing up. Every year, I look forward to picking out the perfect gift for my Secret Santa.”-Amato



Christmas Tree Farm in Zelenople - Photo from Nicolina Phillips



Dear Santa: *I Don't Want a Lot*

ADDISON BARNES DESIGN EDITOR

Dear Santa, while I know you may be busy I think you can fit my Christmas list in because I know your secret. Some might say this is blackmail, but let's not forget that "apparently" "you know when we are sleeping and know when you're awake, he knows when you've been bad or good, so be good for goodness sake," which to me sounds like stalking which is a crime, so when you think about it, it evens out and neither of us can be mad at the other.

Let's get on with the list. Like I said, it's not a lot but it might be prickly, but you have unlimited money because you are magic, so I know that it won't be a problem. Oh, I have been stalling for too long, so I know what I want...

First things first: LuluLemon; while I know this brand is a bit pricey, I like their workout clothes. Their tops are good, but their leggings and shorts are even better. Now I won't bother you with shorts or even biker shorts because I have enough of those and don't need any more. What I do need though: tops and leggings. I just recently bought one of their tops AND LET ME TELL YOU they are AMAZING. I mean, the leggings don't roll down like other leggings I have worn, and they come in lots of cute different colors; speaking of the color, I would like Dark Luxe. Now, for tops, I only need three: dark lavender to go with one of my biker shorts, Dark Luxe to go with the leggings, and black because that goes with everything. I might add poolside, but like I said, too much blue.



Lululeon Wunder Train leggings in Dark Luxe. Photo from Lululemon

Moving past workout clothes because that is probably very annoying to read... I would like a new pair of Converse; I already have two pairs, but I need a pair in my favorite pink color. My love for the color pink is unmatched; I mean, my wallet, AirPods case, car keys, and even car accessories are pink, so why not also have my shoes match? I already have them all "custom" made so no work needs to be done on your end. I just need them to be here by December 25th.

If you are thinking to yourself, "Man, this kid needs to get to the stocking stuffers part so I can be done reading..." don't fret; I'm almost there. I just have a few last requests before



Pink Converse. Photo from Converse.

moving on to stocking stuffers. For my last and final "clump" of gifts, I would like to have a few more car accessories. These will also have to come in pink, because you guessed it, that is the theme for my car: gray and pink-- just like almost every girl's college dorm room. The first thing I would like to add is a seat belt cushion. I currently have one, but it belongs to my mom, so I need to give it back; but don't worry, I found the perfect one on Amazon that will work just as great. Next, I could use some organization. I don't know exactly what yet, but I bet with the help of TikTok, I can find something.

Now we have ended up with the part of the list that is your favorite: stocking stuffers (jazz hands). I don't want anything special. Just a few face masks, chocolates, and gift cards, preferably a visa, so I can spend it wherever I want.

I hope this isn't too much; I mean, it doesn't matter because I know your secret and you don't want something like that getting out. I hope to have everything nicely wrapped and underneath my tree by December 25th. Have a Merry Christmas.

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What is your Favorite Christmas Movie?

Find Out What Pine-Richland Students Think

TRISTAN FARRAR STAFF WRITER

Pine-Richland students were sent a survey earlier this week about what their favorite Christmas movie is. Students were given options about what to choose from and also given the option to write on their own that wasn't on the list. Here are Pine-Richland Student's favorite Christmas movies.

At number one we have *Home Alone*, the famous 1990 comedy film with famous actors Macaulay Culkin, John Candy, Joe Pesci, Daniel Stern, and many more. "Home Alone" revolves around 8-year-old Kevin McCallister, played by Macaulay Culkin, who accidentally gets left behind when his family goes on vacation for Christmas. Initially, Kevin is relaxed with his freedom, but soon realizes he must defend his home from two burglars, Harry and Marv, played by Joe Pesci and Daniel Stern, using creative traps. The film is known for its humor, heartwarming moments, and Culkin's charismatic performance. *Home Alone* is a loved holiday film for Pine-Richland students.

At number three we have *Elf*, the famous 2003 comedy film with famous actors Will Ferrell, James Caan, Jon Favreau, and many more. In this holiday film, Will Ferrell is Buddy, a human raised by elves at the North Pole. Upon discovering his true identity, Buddy travels to New York City to reconnect with his biological father, played by James Caan. This leads to many comedic situations as Buddy

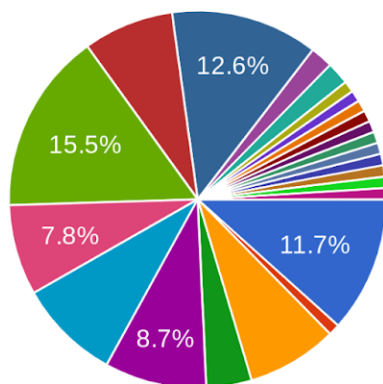
embraces the Christmas spirit and spreads joy throughout the city. His childlike innocence and enthusiasm clash with the harsh and rude tone of New Yorkers, creating a humorous narrative.

At number two we have *National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation*, the famous 1989 comedy film with famous actors Chevy Chase, Randy Quaid, Johnny Galecki, and many more. *National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation* follows the Griswold family's attempts to create the perfect Christmas. Clark Griswold, played by Chevy Chase, decorates his home with thousands of lights, leading to chaotic and hilarious mishaps. The arrival of extended family members, including an interesting cousin Eddie, adds to the chaos. As the Griswolds go from one disaster to another, the film humorously explores the challenges and some absurdities of holiday traditions. The movie delivers a heartwarming message about the importance of family and the unpredictable nature of the holiday season.

It can be concluded that Pine-Richland students love their comedic holiday films as the top three were all comedy films. *The Grinch* and *The Polar Express* were tied for fourth. Hopefully, you entertain yourself with those hilarious films if you have not already seen them. From the Rampage Staff have a Merry Christmas!!

What is your Favorite Christmas Movie?

103 responses



- Elf
- Christmas with the Kranks
- A Charlie Brown Christmas
- Rudolph the Red Nose Reindeer
- The Polar Express
- The Grinch
- A Christmas Story
- Home Alone

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Christmas Carols: PR's Top Holly Jolly Melodies

FRANCESCA GUZZY STAFF WRITER

Last Christmas by Wham was a fan favorite of the Pine Richland High School. The melody is in the slower, pop genre, which is different from other Christmas songs. *Last Christmas* is about a failed relationship during the holiday season and witnessing your ex-lover with another. Either the students of PR are all hopeless romantics, or they are just in love with George Michael, like myself. But according to freshman Eva Bloom, the melody “makes me boogie, makes me sad, makes me happy, and most it makes me glad.”



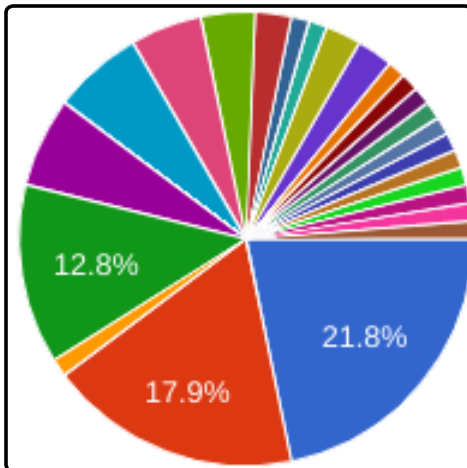
Wham's Last Christmas.

All I Want for Christmas Is You by Mariah Carey was the runner-up in the Google Form, taking up 17.9% of the vote. The jolly tune is more upbeat, and Carey's vocals are outstanding. Released in 1994, Carey's song is a cover of the original song by Vince Vance & the Valiants. Whether the jolly, upbeat aesthetic of the tune or the amazing vocals and all the covers, the Pine-Richland High School is very merry for the melody *All I Want For Christmas Is You*.



All I Want for Christmas Is You by Mariah Carey

Feliz Navidad by José Feliciano placed number 5 on the Google Form. The upbeat melody brings joy to Christmas. It's a beat that just makes you wanna dance and drink hot cocoa with your family after a long day out in the snow. The song was originally written in Spanish but then was made bilingual to increase radio play. It sure did, as seen by its 5th placing in the form.



It's Beginning to Look a Lot Like Christmas comes in at 3rd place on the Google Form, with at 12.8% of the vote. The High school's students for sure love its slower, jazzy tune. The song reminds Natalie Stewart about “being by a fireplace with hot chocolate and a cookie”. The first recorded version of the song was made by the Italian-American crooner Perry Como, with the more well-known version today being done by Michael Buble. The song was a hit back then and is still today.



Michael Buble.

Rockin' Around the Christmas Tree by Brenda Lee was the 4th most voted song. The song was the favorite of many but sophomore Conor Barcaskey loves how the song "really immerses you into the wintery Christmas aesthetic". With a positive and jolly beat, the melody brings out your Christmas spirit. The beat was featured in the widely known Christmas movie *Home Alone*, but the song is famous in its own right. Hopefully this holiday season you will be *Rockin' Around the Christmas Tree* yourself.



Rockin' Around the Christmas Tree by Brenda Lee

José Feliciano



Feliz Navidad by José Feliciano

- Last Christmas
- All I want for Christmas
- Jingle Bell Rock
- It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas
- Rockin around the christmas
- Feliz Navidad
- White Christmas
- Winter Wonderland



Merry & Bright: Embrace the Beauty of the Holidays

BROOKE DEEGAN STAFF WRITER

As snowfall begins to coat the blackened streets of our city and icicles delicately ornate the window panes of nearly every building and vehicle in site, it becomes clear that the holiday season is upon us at last. For many people, especially those who attend PR, this joyous stretch of celebrations is cherished and looked forward to greatly. There are a seemingly infinite number of heart-warming traditions and holiday-esque rituals that enhance the essence of this whimsical season, fully allowing people of all ages to embrace the beauty of the wondrous winter. Here are a few ways that fellow PR students indulge themselves in the holiday spirit, and how you can, too!

1. Baking and decorating delicious delicacies, such as cookies or little cakes, is one holiday season staple that practically screams “Christmas!!” at the top of its lungs. When the homely aroma of melted chocolate and slightly burnt butter wafts throughout a room filled with your favorite people (friends, family, or both), you will surely be catapulted into the jolly vibrations of the season.

“I love baking and decorating Christmas cookies with my family. We have Christmas music playing in the background, and it is just a great time. Doing that really puts me into the holiday spirit every year!”-Junior Ella Barkley

2. Speaking of Christmas music, that is another fantastic way to truly celebrate the holidays. Classic tunes such as *Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas* and *Jingle Bell Rock* is a wonderful way to indulge yourself in the nostalgia and comfort of the season, whereas more popular modern songs, like Kelly Clarkson’s *Underneath the Tree*, showcase the current glamor of Christmas time. All Christmas songs are unique in that they evoke different sorts of emotions in the listener. Whether the melody feels as if it is winter’s warm embrace or a dance party in ultra color, it is certain to put you in the perfect state to celebrate.

“I love Christmas music. I almost listen year-round, but it truly feels more special around this time. It always puts me in such a happy mood!” -Sophomore

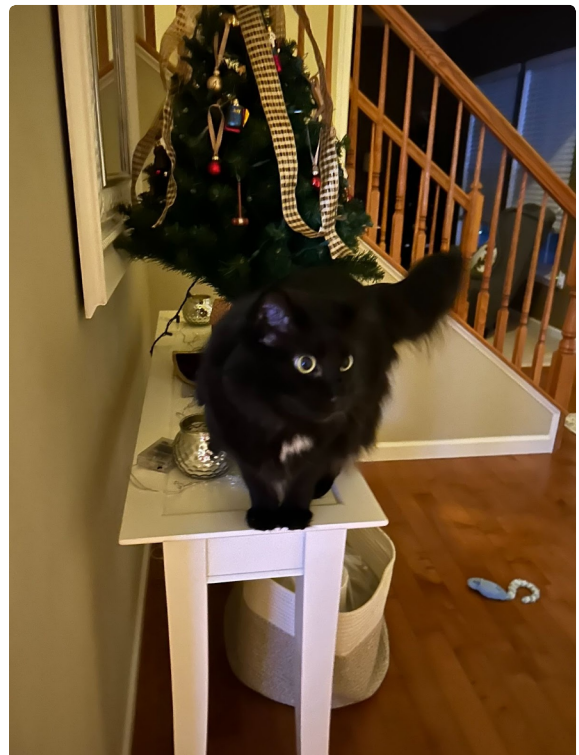
Brian Ock.

3. The act and art of decorating your home for the holidays is extraordinarily vital to feeling merry and bright during the month of December. Accessorizing both the inside and outside of your home alongside your family, particularly with festive garlands, vibrant poinsettias, and gleaming string lights, brings extreme levels of serotonin to a person without fail. Even if you do not have decorations yourself, you will be able to see plenty of beautiful buildings if you go for a walk or drive around local neighborhoods or the city.

“I love seeing the Christmas lights people put on their houses, including my own! It really gets me excited for the holiday season and everything that comes with it. Holiday decorations are just so adorable and fun.”

-Sophomore Abby Fuller

Christmas time unfailingly presents a myriad of enchanting traditions and activities to make people the happiest they have ever been. This year, do not let the holiday season pass you by so simply. Truly take your time to treasure it to the best of your abilities... When the sweetness of the season is carefully embraced and appreciated by a person, that is when it becomes the most wonderful time of the year, after all.



Brooke's cat in front of a Christmas Tree. Photo by Brooke Deegan.



Take a Trip with Me: *Read about Experience at Indiana*

ADDISON BARNES DESIGN EDITOR

After an eight-hour drive to Indiana, and arriving around 1 o'clock in the morning. I was not excited to wake up on the morning of November 17th, just to have a tour at 10:00 am.

To kick off the tour we walk out of the Indiana Memorial Union building or for short IMU. This building is about 500,000 sq ft and holds over 700 clubs so that all 30k students have something to do. Something I want to add is that when I was outside of this building I saw the biggest squirrel in my life and that is not a lie. When it tried to jump on a twig branch, the branch dipped so low I thought it would snap, but the little but massive squirrel ignored that and climbed up the rest of the tree like it was nothing. If you want to see huge squirrels, go there because they are all massive. Let me get back on track now. IMU was built in the 1930s and was founded as a student organization to bring everyone old and new together in harmony.



Rose Well House

Moving along we made our next stop at Owen Hall and Wylie Hall, which are the only two buildings in Indiana that are made of brick after the fire of 1883. In between the two, you will see the statue of Herman B. Wells, who was a loved professor, president, and chancellor. The reason why I mention him is because, when you go up to his statue you will see that his hand is out. People say if you shake his hand it is good luck, so during midterm and finals week students will shake his hand in the hopes they will pass. It's not just students but parents as well during admissions week parents shake Wells's hand in hopes their kid will graduate with good grades. If you walk a few more feet you will step into Rose Well House where legend has it that if you kiss your significant other at midnight you will be together forever. "Herman B. Wells also has a library named after him, which features two towers made of Indiana limestone. It houses various student and researcher spaces including the Learning Commons, Scholars' Commons, and Grad Commons. The Learning Commons is designed to serve undergraduate students with presentation rooms, group workspace, and state-of-the-art technology.

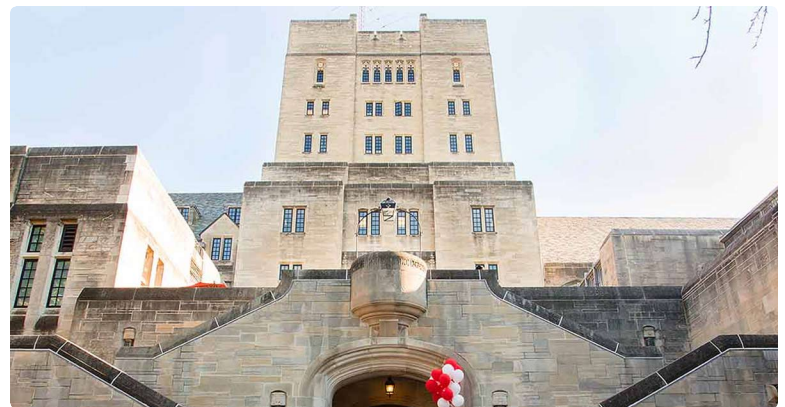
Each floor of Wells Library is dedicated to a specific learning style. Some floors are quiet while others are for group projects. Some student services are located in the Wells Library, like the Crimson Cardoffice and the University Information Technology Services (UITS) office

where students can receive expert tech support."

"The Fine Arts Plaza is the heart of IU's art scene, with the Showalter Fountain and its Birth of Venus sculpture at its center. If you swim in it, it will also bring good luck.

Right by Fine Arts Plaza you will see The Eskenazi Museum of Art which is free to all. The building was designed by famed architect I. M. Pei is open seven days a week; the galleries are closed on Mondays. The Eskenazi also features several galleries and art-viewing rooms, including spaces that feature rotating exhibits, not only that but it also holds more than 45,000 works of art representing nearly every art-producing culture throughout history from around the world. The collection includes works by Pablo Picasso and Claude Monet, African art, ancient jewelry, and contemporary art. The museum is home to a popular IU tradition. Students will lay on the ground outside the museum, put their feet on the wall, and watch as the Light Totem changes the color of the façade.

Up next is "The Arboretum" which was once home to the football stadium and bike track. The old Memorial Stadium used to host the Little 500 bike race and was used in the filming of the 1979 Academy Award-winning film, Breaking Away. When the stadium was demolished in 1982, the university created a green space for students to enjoy. There are still remnants of the old football field with two big poles where the old field goals used to be and the old ticket booth is still there. If you are wondering about the Little 500 it still goes on just at the new stadium. Now the



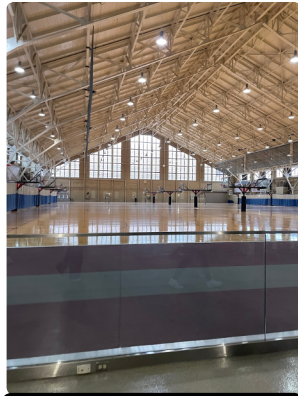
Indiana Memorial Union building

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Arboretum offers a beautiful view from the heart of IU's campus. One of the main highlights of the Arboretum is the Arthur R. Metz Bicentennial Grand Carillon Bell Tower. The tower stands more than 127 feet tall and features 65 bells. It is one of less than 30 grand carillons in the world. It even contains a micro classroom where students can learn to play the carillon.

If you are a big basketball fan you will not want to skip on this paragraph. Bill Garret Fieldhouse had to be my favorite building because that is where the gym is. You will probably be in heaven if you ever go there, because there are about 20 hoops to play on. Now, if you can't dunk, but I don't think that



Basketball Court

will matter once you see how huge the court is, and what makes it better is that there are two of them. The building is named after the late Bill Garrett, who played at Indiana. Garrett was the first black basketball player to play regularly in the Big Ten Conference.

Just like the tour, we are coming to the end of this article, but before I go I am going to tell you some cool facts about Indiana that didn't fit nicely with the article. Some of you

may know that Purdue and Indiana are big rivals, but would you believe me if I told you that Purdue gave Indiana clocks as a gift? Yes, Purdue indeed gave Indiana 5-7 clocks, but there is a twist to them: if you look at real close at the 4 you will see that there is no "I;" there is just a V. That is because Purdue thought that IV looked too much like IU. While my dad was attending the university, The Frances Morgan Swain Student Building roof caught on fire. You heard that right:



Indiana clocks gifted from Purde

could tell which was a frat house and which was a sorority based on the outside of them (and the outside decor).

the roof got caught on fire and the way my dad found out was on the news. Don't worry: they quickly rebuilt the building and it has new bells. When thinking of college some people think about Greek life, while the tour didn't include Greek life the school does have it. This was my first time seeing sororities and frats in person and online. While I know it is nothing compared to Alabama, I still thought it was cool how big these houses were, you



DELTA GAMMA

Fun Winter Activities: What to Do in the New Season

JACK HADLEY STAFF WRITER

Now that fall is over, it got me thinking about the activities that make the winter season so special. Like everything that deals with winter, snow is the first thought that popped into my mind. What I'm about to say might sound crazy to some, but I very much enjoy driving in the snow, even though driving in the snow can be hectic for some drivers. For me, I am just mesmerized by the magical snow falling all around me.

Skiing and snowboarding is a more popular route when thinking about fun winter activities. Whether you are a skier or a snowboarder, everyone will admit it is a fun thing to do. Flying down on a blanket of fresh snow always puts me in a good mood, plus the bonus of the scenery is always nice.

On a more wholesome note, you can never go wrong with just playing with your pet in the snow. I know not everyone has pets, but if you do, you should try taking them out in the snow; whether it's taking my dog out in the snow and seeing her go crazy or playing fetch with her with snowballs, I always have a good time.

The last activity I love to do during this chilly season is watching movies. Watching a movie while it is cold outside always puts a smile on my face: even the thought of cuddling up with a nice warm blanket and a cup of hot chocolate puts a smile to my face.

Whether you're enjoying the holiday season out in the snow or inside, there are plenty of fun-filled activities to do during this winter season.



"Mamma Mia! Here We Go Again"

Read About PR's Upcoming Spring Musical & Director

CALLE HENNE STAFF WRITER

Honey, Honey, Mamma Mia!, Dancing Queen, and Slipping Through My Fingers are just a preview of the songs included in Pine-Richland's upcoming spring musical, *Mamma Mia!*. The musical director, Mrs. Morrissey, has been dreaming of the opportunity to put on this show. "This is it," said Morrissey in regards to what her dream musical to direct would be.

Morrissey has a strong passion for this musical because she can relate to the strong, empowering women who find a way through struggle, specifically Sophie's character. Therefore, she needed to make sure she chose the perfect year to put on the show in order to have the right actors.

"The show is chosen after evaluating the students we have and thinking about the roles they would fit," said Morrissey.

"This show works perfectly with the students we have this year." With 55 students, the largest cast in a long time, there are the perfect students to portray the powerful women, confused men, and jukebox style. A jukebox musical is composed of already popular music, opposed to original music. It is also common for all the music to come from one singer or one band. *Mamma Mia's* soundtrack falls into that category. All of the music was originally created by a Swedish pop group, ABBA. As a result of the music style, Morrissey had to adjust the audition process.

"We had everyone sing together in auditions in order to harmonize because there are many songs that are sung by multiple people. That is the first time we have had more than one person sing at a time during auditions," Morrissey said. This year's cast is not only the largest in a long time, but also the youngest. Complete with nearly 20 freshmen, seniority was not the only factor when selecting the lead roles. Sophomore Elise Duckworth earned one of the lead roles, Sophie. "Having the opportunity to play Sophie means the world to me. *Mamma Mia* has always been one of my favorite musicals and I am totally living out one of my childhood dreams by just being in this show," said Duckworth.

Sophie played by Duckworth will be surrounded by Donna played by senior Lauren King, Sky played by junior Jake Pazin, and Sam played by sophomore Conor Barcaskey.

The process to become performance-ready is not a short one. Rehearsals began during the week of December 11 and will be four days a week, three hours a day, and then during January, rehearsals will be Saturday's as well. Hundreds of hours go into practicing lines, building sets, preparing lights, and all the small details in between. "It is very stressful, but it's worth every second of it," said Morrissey. Through the hundreds of hours that Morrissey spends with the students

involved, she builds many strong relationships. These relationships and connections last a life time.



Morrissey has a lot on her plate while preparing for the musical. She oversees the entire process along with being the director. No matter how many things she needs to fall perfectly into place, she said her "goal with any show is for every kid in the show to feel seen and to feel like they've had a special, wonderful, fun experience."

"My relationship with all the students and the connections we make is so rewarding. It's so wonderful when the bell rings at the end of school and I know I get to spend three hours with these amazing students." said Morrissey.

After months of preparation, the show will be ready to debut on March 14 along with three more shows on the 15th, 22nd, and 23rd of March.



Mamma Mia, A Cinematic Feast: *Read a Glittering Review*

ANARELLA PENA STAFF WRITER

Step into the magical world of Greece, where sun-drenched landscapes and infectious ABBA melodies travel around to create a cinematic symphony of joy. This film embarks its viewers throughout a heartwarming tale with love, laughter, and timeless music. *Mamma Mia* is a musical romantic comedy film that revolves around Sophie Sheridan, played by Amanda Seyfried. Set on a fictional Greek island, the story begins as Sophie prepares for her wedding.

However, there's a problem: she discovers her mother's journal, revealing that three men could potentially be her father. Sophie, motivated by the desire of to meet and have her father at her wedding, invites the three of them. Sam Carmichael, Bill Anderson, and Harry bright. The problem? Her mother doesn't know any of them are coming. Even worse, she hasn't seen them in over 20 years. As the three potential fathers arrive to the island, chaos begins with Sophie trying to discover her biological father. The narrative of this movie contains timeless and catchy songs of ABBA who perfectly describe the feelings of the scenes and seamlessly integrate into the storyline.

If you are an ABBA fan, this movie is definitely for you. Meanwhile, Sophie's mother Donna Sheridan, played by Meryl Streep, is confronted with her past, leading to a series of emotional and comedic moments. The songs help capture the essence of family, friendship, and spirit of love, not only for Sophie and her fiancée, but also for Donna and her past.

The Greek island setting provides a visually stunning backdrop, enhancing the film's overall charm. It definitely became a summer movie for many women around the world.

The cinematography captures the beauty of landscapes, and the vibrant colors help with the movie's feel good atmosphere. One of the film's strengths is the celebration of empowerment and self discovery, not only for the women in the movie, but also for the men. Sophie's journey to find her father becomes a catalyst for understanding her own identity.

Now, why is this a fantastic choice for a school musical? The answer lies in the universal appeal and the joy it brings. The abundance of musical numbers provides millions of opportunities for a diverse cast to showcase their vocal talents. The range of songs, from energetic tunes like "Dancing Queen" or "Voulez Vous" to emotional ballads like "The Winner Takes It All," allows for a dynamic musical experience. Moreover, the characters are well-defined and relatable, offering students the chance to explore different facets of their acting abilities.

This is a cinematic gem that combines stellar performances, a captivating storyline, and a soundtrack that will have audiences signing along. It's adaptability to the stage makes it the ideal choice for the annual PRHS musical, that promises not only a memorable performance, but also a valuable lesson, and certainly should be a good time.

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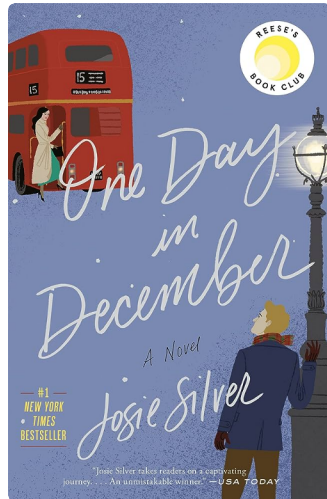
Books to Get You in the Christmas Spirit

Cozy up this winter with a great read

ANDIE BOWSER STAFF WRITER

Struggling to get into the Christmas spirit this year? If so, grab some hot cocoa, change into your favorite PJs, and listen up! Here are some of the best books you can read to help boost the holiday vibes in your life.

The first book is called, “One Day in December” by Josie Silver. This novel follows a woman named Laurie who has never believed in love at first sight. However, one night, through a misted bus window she sees the man of her dreams. Their eyes meet for a split second and then her bus drives away. Ever since then, Laurie has been searching every bus stop and every cafe in London to find him again. She never does. One day at a Christmas party, Laurie’s friend Sarah introduces her to her new boyfriend. His name is Jack, the man from the bus stop. The years that follow for Laurie, Sarah, and Jack are full of friendship, heartbreak, missed opportunities, and destinies reconsidered. This book is truly a heartwarming read. Interested in finding out more? Read “One Day in December” by Josie Silver this holiday season.



“One Day in December”

The next book is called, “A Christmas Hat Corgi Cove” by Annie England Noblin. This is a perfect feel-good Christmas novel. This book follows a young girl named Rosie, who is abandoned by her mother at lakeside Corgi Cove with her aunt and uncle. There she discovers that she loves that it is a true place to call home. She loves her Corgis, Bonnie and Clyde; loves that lakeside life; and loves her aunt and uncle most of all. However, when she finds out that her aunt and uncle’s struggling inn is about to be bought out by a big city chain, Rosie is determined to save it. During her attempts to save



“A Christmas Hat Corgi Cove”

the inn, Everett St. Claire, a big city guy, shows up to try to convince Rosie’s aunt and uncle to give it up. During his time at Corgi Cove, Everett thinks Rosie is a big pain in the backside. With the holidays getting closer, Rosie and Everett are about to discover the magic of a Christmas at Corgi Cove. What becomes of Rosie and Everett? Find out and read “A Christmas at Corgi Cove by Annie England Noblin this Christmas.

The last book is called, “Last Christmas in Paris” by Hazel Gaynor and Heather Webb. This novel takes place during the four Christmases of World War 1 and tells the story of Evie and Thomas and their struggles with love during the hard times. Evie watches her brother, Will, and his best friend, Thomas, depart to fight in the war. Evie believes that the war will be over before Christmas and the trio plans to celebrate the holidays in Paris. While at war, Thomas and



“Last Christmas in Paris”

Evie write to each other about their hopes and their fears. The two slowly grow closer to each other from afar. Will Evie and Thomas be able to fall in love in the middle of a World War? Find out by reading “Last Christmas in Paris” by Hazel Gaynor and Heather Webb this holiday season.

“Problem of the Month” is the monthly math competition posted by the Math Club. All students can participate by solving the problem on the posters located around the school building. Students can submit their answers by scanning the QR codes. The winner earns a 5-dollar gift card to Sheetz, a certificate, and will be recognized in our next poster and on the PRTV morning announcements.



Holiday Word Search

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Learn about PR's Ski Club Experience

Here's What Happens, and Why You Should Join This Season

ELISE DUCKWORTH STAFF WRITER

It is officially the best time of the year: it's ski season. Ski season is loved by many students in PR which is why so many people belong to the club. But what exactly is a ski club? What happens on these trips? In this article, you can read about the experience and what to expect if you join the club this year.

To start, you have to join the club. To be able to go on trips, you need to access Google Classroom to get a form to be filled out by parents. Then, you need to fill out a Google form. On this form, you will need to answer the basic questions: your ski level, if you rent or own equipment, and what kind of pass you own, and it also gives you details on how much money you need to pay for the transportation. Once you get that all situated you are set for the upcoming trips. Now what are the trips going to look like?

Well, the school usually has a few coach buses to pick everyone up after school on the scheduled Fridays. The drive is usually a little over an hour and everyone socializes, watches movies, and eats food. Senior Ethan Wygant has been in the club for three years but his freshman year was cut off by COVID-19. He told me, "The best part of the ski club, to me, is the bus ride. Going up there is always a ton of excitement and on the way back it is always a blast reflecting on the evening." Many students love the bus ride to the destination. On the bus, your ski/snowboards are put in storage underneath the bus. Then once you get close to arrival everyone begins to put on their snow coats and pants and organize their gloves and all their needed equipment. Everyone then leaves the bus. If you already have personal equipment, you grab it and then you and your friends can go skiing as long as you stay on the property of Seven Springs. People who don't have skis will have to go through the rental process.

Many people keep their equipment in the locker room. If you own a locker you can use that but often people just hide their stuff in corners. Then you are free to explore the mountain with your friends. Sophomore Giuliana Derenzo has some favorite memories from the mountain. "There was this one time on the ski lift whenever my friends and I made snowballs and attempted to throw them at people below us. We were successful multiple times. We also sometimes dared our friends to go on jumps they obviously couldn't do and they failed." You can ski, hang out in the lodge, and just socialize. It is amusing and then once you get cold you can go inside and eat in the lodge. Sophomore Maya Rippole, says,

"I love being able to enjoy the winter weather with friends, doing something we all love. The lodge hot chocolate is great too."

At the end, usually around 9:30 pm, everyone makes their way back to the buses to go home. For some students who might have housing up there with family, they can be picked up and excused from the mountain by a guardian. Everyone else then makes their way home and a parent meets the bus at the high school parking lot.

Ski Club president Nate Christy remembers some of his favorite ski club moments. "The best part is last night's run when nobody else was on the mountain." Christy also had a word of advice for anyone who hadn't done the trips. "Ski club is the perfect way to end a long

week." Sophomore Cori English joined the Ski Club for the first time this year. She says,

"I'm so excited to hang out with all my friends, and to embarrass myself on the slopes!"-Cori English

Ski clubs can be fun for everyone, at any ski level.

Overall, the trips are fun and if you have never done it, it's a great experience. It's a perfect time to hang out with friends, meet new people, and have fun on the mountain. Hopefully we'll see you at the Ski Club!



Sophomores L-R: Nikki Ebner, Elle Cassidy, Elise Duckworth, and Maya Rippole. Photo by sophomore Bella Fritz.



Growing up at Pine-Richland: *Getting Old too Fast?*

MADDY HOMER STAFF WRITER

Have you ever heard the saying, “You are growing up too fast?” I honestly never really understood what the saying meant until I reached high school. The realization finally hit me, that not only will I be starting the next big chapter of my life which is college, but I am also saying goodbye to my childhood. We need to remember that our past is something we can’t get rid of, but something we can benefit from. It is crazy to think that we have known some of our friends since preschool and we are now close to graduating in a few years. With all said and done, I had the opportunity to gather some thoughts from students here at Pine-Richland on this topic.



Sophomore Addilyn Nichols stated, “In the past year, I’ve learned how to manage all the different parts of my life. It can be a lot with so many activities, work, school, and then homework, but I’ve gotten really good at handling it all.”

Her favorite memory from growing up in Pine-Richland was the holiday sing-alongs; she explained:

Three year old Addilyn with her dad.

“It was a nice break from school and we got to learn so many fun songs and sing them together.”

Addilyn feels that she has grown up so much since she was a kid, especially just in who she is. The older she gets, the more confident she becomes in everything about her.

“Growing up, the best thing I’ve learned was that just being kind is always the best way to deal with any situation. You get what you give, so just be kind. It’s really not that complicated.”



Freshmen Addilyn Nickles and Siena Smith

topic.

Freshman Siena Smith’s favorite memories of growing up in the district include cheering with the PR youth cheer team. She made friendships very young that she has maintained throughout all her years at PR. Smith has always believed in setting goals for herself.

“With the transition to high school and being part of the varsity golf team and JV cheer team, I had to learn how to manage my time to balance good grades and team commitments.”

Siena is proud of her accomplishments and she has learned to keep a positive attitude when challenges get in her way.

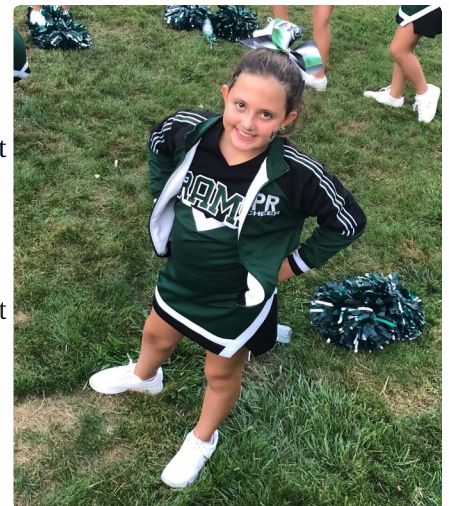
“The main thing I’ve learned about growing up that I will use in the future is that to achieve your dreams, believing in yourself and having confidence is half of it, and practicing and persisting are the other half.”

- Smith

Growing up gives you the chance to expand your thinking, to delve into the weird and the wonderful, and it will encourage you to create your own beliefs, opinions, and values. So while it’s scary, it is very important to have that growth to build your character and make you who you are.



Freshman Siena Smith



Seven year old Siena Smith

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