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La Fiesta de Navidad

Learn How the Spanish Club Plans to Celebrate Christmas

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Photo of students waiting in line for sweet treats during the Spanish Club Halloween party, photo by Ella Yanni

Do you like churros? Parties? Christmas? Maybe you've never tried a churro. Monday, December 18th is the perfect day to try your first churro. This is the day that the Spanish club, sponsored by Sra. Hough, plans to have their annual Christmas party.

Besides all the fun activities and sweet treats that will be at the party, the Spanish club will also be selling Pura Vida bracelets. Part of the proceeds from these bracelets goes towards relief in Puerto Rico.

Puerto Rico still hasn't recovered from a devastating hurricane, and all donations help.

There are only a limited number of bracelets left (the remainders from last year). They make the perfect Christmas gift, as they are stylish and go with everything. So make sure you bring money for bracelets they are \$10 each.

We hope to see you at the party; you won't regret it. Also, don't forget to bring an extra shoe to the fiesta for a surprise. Even if we don't see you,

Don't worry, you don't need to know any *Feliz Navidad.*

Spanish, or take any Spanish class to have a good time. The fiesta is open to any and everybody, taking place in the Global Studies room immediately after school until 3:30 p.m.

It's certainly not a party you want to miss. Thanks to the money raised from the Chipotle fundraiser, there will be a chocolate fountain (for the churros), karaoke, crafts (including the Tio de Nadal logs from last year if you attended), an M&M guessing jar, coloring, and much more.

If you've never been to a Spanish club meeting, I recommend going. There are lots of fun activities, as well as lots of people to talk to. Spanish fiestas are never anything short of a blast.

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Make sure to bring \$10 on Dec. 18th to purchase a Pura Vida Bracelet. Part of the proceeds go towards the Puerto Rican hurricane relief fund.





PR High School Stuff-a-Bus

Students Help Organize Toys for Those In Need

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On Friday, December 1st, students involved in student government and some TV crew members went to Robinson Town Centre to help Stuff-A-Bus. Families from



Students sorting through toys, photo by Mrs. Green, student government sponsor

Pine-Richland's middle and high schools sent in donations, and local radio stations and other organizations sent in unwrapped toys for the US Marine Corps' organization Toys for Tots. The large amount of toys were collected and student government members helped to organize everything.

When the day of Stuff-A-Bus came the students left the high

school at around 8:30 am and left for the long day of fun.

Once arriving at the Robinson Town Centre, the students immediately went into action. Many buses needed unloading and it took a lot of time and a lot of teamwork. Students would get on buses and unload the toys into shopping carts through the back. Other people, which included representatives of the US Marines, would take these carts once full to a large tent where they were sorted into large boxes then big bags. Once finishing the PR buses, students had a few minutes to take a break and warm up their hands by heaters. A radio station was playing so it was a fun time for students to talk and make new friends.

After the break, two new non-PR affiliated buses needed their toys unloaded. These had the toys donated from other places, such as the radio stations, not from Pine-Richland student donations. These buses were packed and took a very long time and a lot of people to get all of the items unloaded and sorted.

Students lined the inside of the buses to create an assembly line of toys until they were handed off to PRHS assistant principal Mr. Barlak to be loaded into shopping carts. I sat right near the opening of the bus and handed down all of the toys to him.

While yes, we were all tired afterwards, it was truly so fun. After we all got loaded back on to the empty buses, we got to end the fun school day with lunch.

We got dropped of at Ichiban and all enjoyed a large meal. While we were there, we celebrated Chris Camp's birthday (even though it wasn't his birthday), sang, and had ice cream.

Overall, for PR students and staff this was such a fun annual tradition that they can't wait to continue next year. Putting smiles on peoples' faces is one of the best parts of the holiday season.



All of the students who helped sort and send in donated presents standing in front of a stuffed bus, photo by Mrs. Green, student government sponsor



Asian Culture Club Hosts Holiday Party

Members Prepare and Enjoy Boba Tea at Club's First Meeting

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On December 12, the Asian Culture Club hosted their first meeting of the 2023-2024 school year. At the meeting, club members and friends were invited to make boba tea from scratch.

The recipe is fairly simple: first prepare or purchase iced tea (any flavor will do, but we used black tea). Next, boil the tapioca boba pearls (again, using the flavor of your choice; we used two fruit flavors and a brown sugar flavor), then strain into a colander. Combine the boba with the tea, adding a splash of milk and some ice cubes if desired and voila! You got yourself a cup of homemade boba tea.

To complete this preparation process, students were divided amongst each kitchen station in Mrs. Graham's FCS classroom. Each group boiled their own boba in an attempt at teamwork that wasn't perfect but was fun and humorous nonetheless. Cookies, chocolate, and rice crispy treats were provided in addition to the Taiwanese beverage.

In my own personal experience, I met several new, kind people and felt warmly welcomed into the space and environment as a whole. I learned facts about Asian culture of which I was previously unaware. For example, there are many different types of boba. At this meeting, we used tapioca pearls, but there are many other varieties too, including popping boba and jelly boba, for instance. There's even something called cheese-foam boba according to Google.

Overall, the event was both fun, delicious, and educational. If you have any interest in joining the Asian Culture Club, contact Ms. O'Leary, the club sponsor at koleary@pinerichland.org, or club officers Chloe Chiang and Jocelyn Curreri at 24cchiang65@prrams.org, and 24jcurreri81@prrams.org.



Group photo of all the students that attended the Asian Culture Club's meeting, photo by junior Nia Nadipalli



Sophomores Isabela Pader and Madelyn Lisjack, putting together their boba drinks, photo by junior Nia Nadipalli



Want to make your own boba?:

Supplies:

- Large Pot
- Strainer
- Ladle

Tapioca Pearl Steps:

1. Fill a large pot 3/4 of the way with water.
2. Bring the water to a boil.
3. Once the water is boiled, add your pack of tapioca pearls and stir constantly.
4. Once, the pearls float to the top, strain the water and add sugar.

Tea Steps:

1. Scoop some pearls and ice into a cup.
2. Fill the rest of the cup with tea and a splash of milk (if you have a lactose intolerance, you can skip the milk).
3. Add some sugar to taste and Enjoy!

German Club Gingerbread Houses

Find Out How the German Club Celebrates Christmas

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As winter break approaches, and the holidays creep on by, Pine-Richland's clubs celebrate in their own unique ways.

To celebrate Christmas, which is quickly approaching, the German club decided to do a classic German Christmas tradition: building gingerbread houses.

Many people are familiar with this unique sweet treat, but may not know the origin story.

In the early 19th century, after the release of "Hansel and Gretel" by the Grimm brothers, the popularity of gingerbread houses skyrocketed. The story has the two main characters stumbling across a house in the woods entirely made of sweets. Gingerbread cookies made into unique shapes were already a Christmas favorite in Germany for centuries, but after hearing this story, the gingerbread house became widely popularized.

Over time, it has become popularized in other countries as well, including the U.S.

On Dec. 7th, students were invited to stay after school and build gingerbread houses in the Global Studies classroom. All students were welcome, and no German language skills were necessary.

Everyone had fun building, even if their houses didn't turn out so great. Gingerbread houses might look simple and beautiful, and while they can be beautiful, they are extremely difficult to make.

The gingerbread houses were placed in the display case in front of the German classrooms. Students are encouraged to vote in Frau Potain's room. On December 14th the German club will have another meeting where students will find out who won and t they will win a prize.

Overall, this contest was a wonderful way to celebrate Christmas (the German way).



A collapsed gingerbread house, photo from the German club Instagram



(Left) Maddy Dorigo's and Dalisay Quemado's gingerbread house up close, photo by Maddy Dorigo

(right) Sophomores Maddy Dorigo and Dalisay Quemado with their gingerbread house, photo by German Club Officer Lauren Marisillio

