

# The Bulldog Bark



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*Your Middle School News Unleashed!*

Winter 2018

## Career Caravan...coming your way!

By Kaitlyn Stock

*Team 7 Barker*

What do we want to be

when we grow up? Many of us don't know, but now, we have the chance to meet the people we may very well emulate in the future. For the first time ever, our school brought in

volunteers from various professions to educate the Northern Lehigh Middle School seventh and eighth graders on modern career opportunities.

Essentially, for each caravan, we signed up for particular professions we were interested in meeting during our Flex class period. The Career Caravan theme is "You can't be what you can't see." By being able to meet various people from different career backgrounds, we were able to envision what we may become.

During our first week of this new program, we started by

focusing on the military. We had the Army, Navy, Marines, and Airforce members come in and talk to students. The military members spread throughout all of our classrooms to talk to us about the requirements, skills needed, and the advantages and

disadvantages of their career. This was only our first stop on the career caravan train. The following week, we had workers from "Trades and Designs." We had some teachers, and graphic designers. This one seemed to spark some joy amongst the students. I know I enjoyed this session more than the others. All of us found at least one job that we were interested in.

During the third week, we saw

guest speakers from "Health Care and Emergency Services." This list consisted of EMTs, police officers, nutritionists, and so much more. As always, they told us the requirements for this particular job and bonus facts. For a lot of these jobs, you most certainly have to be able to speak to so many different types of people. If you don't like speaking,

these jobs might not have been for you.

Our last stop was with professionals in "Engineering, Manufacturing and Business." We learned a lot with hand-on demonstrations in particular for this day.

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# Around the World Celebrations

By Ashley Moyer

Team 7 Barker

Christmas, Hanukkah, Kwanzaa. These are all familiar holidays. Maybe you even celebrate them! Or maybe you don't. But what about other holidays? What about those other traditions? Well, keep reading to get a look into those crazy traditions! The first tradition we'll jump into is probably one of the scariest and most common! Austria, Hungary, Germany, Slovenia, and the Czech Republic all have one freaky Santa Claus counterpart, Krampus. Krampus is described as a half-goat, half-demon man who usually has brown or black fur, two goat-like horns, and cloven hooves. His job? He eats the bad children!



**Krampus (left)**

Moving on, we get to the Nordic traditions, where they call Christmas, Yule! Sweden, a country in Northern Europe, has a pretty gigantic tradition! Called the Gävle goat, it is a 43-ft tall straw goat! It is a traditional Swedish Yule Goat and stands in Slottstorget for a period of two days. But, it is

also famous for being burned down. The straw goat has been damaged over 37 times!

**Gävle Goat (below)**



In Norway, people believe that Christmas Eve coincides with the arrival of evil spirits and witches! Therefore, households hide all their brooms before they go to sleep. Lastly, in Iceland, thirteen nights before Yule (Christmas), children put shoes out on their window sills and every night a yule lad will fill it up with either gifts, or rotting potatoes.

**Yule Lads (above)**



In Asia, they have very unique traditions. In the Philippines, they have a special tradition called, paról, where they make a star-shaped, paper and bamboo lan-

tern, in remembrance of the star of Bethlehem.

**Paról (below)**



The last country tradition we'll be getting into and probably the weirdest, is Japan. During Christmas time, the Japanese celebrate the holidays with, KFC! Yes, it's true. It became a holiday tradition when, Takeshi Okawara, opened the first KFC restaurant in Japan! Happy Holidays!



# The History Behind Christmas

By Brittney Diehl

*Team 8 Barker*

When someone hears the word, “Christmas,” many visualize the classical Christmas tree and stockings hung up above the fireplace. For two millennia, people worldwide have been practicing its traditions and religious aspects. Christmas day, relating to the Christians, is celebrated as the anniversary of the birth of Christ. There are all those people who exchange gifts and family that is reunited for that particular time of the



year. As for the younger generation, Saint Nick is known to fly his reindeer-pulled sleigh and deliver presents during that much-awaited night.

The middle of winter has been a time celebrated around the world. Many are joyous about the beginning of longer days and much more sunlight. In Scandinavia, the Norse celebrated Yule, which starts December 21st (winter solstice) and goes through January. Fathers and sons would bring large logs and burn them in acknowledgement of the return of the sun. During the log burning, they would feast which could last as long as twelve days! The Norse thought that each spark from the inferno depicted a new calf or pig that would be born next year. A perfect time for most European celebrations were in December. During that time of year, cattle were slaughtered so they would not need to be fed in the winter

and provided a fresh supply of meat. This was also a time when most beer and wine was fermented enough to be used. The pagan god, Oden, is honored in Germany during mid-winter. Terrified of

Oden, the Germans believed that he would fly across the night

sky and observe the people to see if they

would flourish or rot.

Since winters were not as harsh in Rome as those in the far north, a holiday in

honor of the god of agriculture (Saturn) called Saturnalia was celebrated. Starting in the week before the winter solstice and lasting a month, Saturnalia was a period when an abundance of food and drinks, as well as the normal social classes, were disregarded.

Winter time also meant another Roman holiday called Juvenalia which was a feast commending the children of Rome. Additionally, the upper class would celebrate the sacred birth of Mithra, the god of the unconquerable sun, on December twenty-fifth. In the



beginning years of Christianity, Easter was a major religious holiday due to the birth of Jesus not being celebrated. However, in the fourth century, church officials petitioned to make Jesus’s birthday a holiday even though there was not a date in the Bible. Even though there was speculation that his birth was in the spring, Pope Julius I picked December twenty-fifth. Many believe that the church chose this date in order to absorb the traditions of the pagan Saturnalia celebration. The custom was first called the “Feast of Nativity” and it spread to Egypt in 432. Then to England in the

sixth century. Christmas had spread to Scandinavia in the eighth century. Currently, Roman and Greek Orthodox churches celebrate Christmas thirteen days after the twenty-fifth (also known as

Three Kings Day).

In the early seventeenth century, religious reformation altered the way Christmas was celebrated in Europe. When the Puritans took over Europe in 1645, they also cancelled Christmas. Despite this, King Charles II restored the throne and brought back the holiday. Although Christmas was re-established in Europe, the English separatists that went over to America in 1620, declared that Christmas will not be a holiday. After the American Revolution, Christmas was not celebrated.

# *A Christmas Carol: The Inspirations of Dickens' Classic Characters*

By Ayden Scanlon

Team 7 Barker

It's that time of year once again when all you Christmas lovers can enjoy yourselves by the fire. You may be roasting chestnuts, partying, presents, baking, and staying up late. Not to mention the frigid temperatures are making us want to curl up on the couch! And what's a better way to spend that time warm indoors than watching holiday movies or reading books? We're talking about the timeless classic *A Christmas Carol* that you may find yourself enjoying this season. This article will hopefully teach you some new things about how the famous original book was written.

You've probably heard of Charles Dickens, haven't you? You know, the famous eighteenth-century author. Well, you'll have learned a lot about him by the end of his article so don't worry if you have no prior

knowledge of him, everything will come in good time.

Let's start with the characters. You know Jacob Marley, he was inspired by a real person.

Charles Dickens was attending a St. Patrick's Day celebration when he came across Dr. Miles Marley. As you can guess, his last name inspired the iconic character's last name, Jacob Marley. Charles Dickens was so fond of Miles' last name that he used it in his novel. Now, how about Tiny Tim? Well that wasn't his first name. In the first drafts of the book, he was named Little Fred. It really doesn't have the same ring to it, does it? He was originally named this because of Charles Dickens' younger brothers Frederick and Alfred. In case you didn't get the connection, both have Fred in the name. How about how the creative process?

Charles Dickens was in a rush to finish the book. It only him six weeks to finish *A Christmas Carol*. He also was a bit of a strange fellow indeed. Charles Dickens used to take extremely late walks through London, far past the time when anyone normal was awake. I guess people find inspiration in some of the strangest things in life.

Well, now you know more about *A Christmas Carol*. I hope you all have a Happy Holiday and spend it doing what you love.




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## The North "Poll": Christmas vs New Years

By Dean Frear the III

Team 7 Barker

Hey Bulldogs! I'm back with another survey. I took the survey of how many people liked Christmas over New Year. It didn't surprise me that 87.5% of the school liked Christmas more than New Years. I personally like New Years better because it's time for parties, and celebrating years past. We get to launch the New Year

appropriately. That's my opinion. I understand multiple people like presents, but I feel like New Years is my favorite. I do have to take the other side however. I love spending time with family and giving gifts. It's fun, but I feel New Years is better for my personality. If you disagree, I would love to hear why! Just email me at [df13254@mylnsd.org](mailto:df13254@mylnsd.org) and your

answer may make it into my next submission!



# Here Comes The Snow!

By Haven Moore

*Team 7 Barker*

Winter is definitely an exciting time of year. Compiled with Christmas, school breaks, and of course, the snow falls. We get an exceptional amount of snow here in Pennsylvania. However, some places get amounts of snow beyond our dreams! It would be hard to imagine this much snow in this area, but anyway, these are the top 10 destinations in the world that have/had a record amount of snow:

1. 680" Paradise Rainier Ranger Station, Washington
2. 552" Thompson Pass, Alaska
3. 530" Mt. Baker Lodge, Washington
4. 530" Crater Lake, Oregon
5. 516" Alta, Utah

6. 471" Soda Springs, California

7. 445" Tamarack, California

8. 442" Stampede Pass, Washington

9. 436" Wolf Creek Pass, Colorado

10. 429" Silver Lake, Brighton, Utah

For perspective, some of these snow records' snow total is equal to the height of in between nine or ten basketball goals stacked on top of each other or running the distance on a football field from the goal line to just a little bit past the 30-yard line. That's an incredible amount of snow!

Altogether, these sites are the most likely to get a whopping amount of snow, and/or have already gotten a history-making amount of



## Do We Actually *Like* Winter?

By Kaitlin Stock

*Team 7 Barker*

Imagine this: A huge snow storm is coming, threatening your safety out on the roads. So, your school decides to dismiss early. No big deal, right? Until you hear twenty five kids saying, "I love the snow because we don't have to go to school."

But have you ever stopped and thought about this: How much of what they are saying is actually true. They can't love the cold, frigid temperatures more than the beautiful summer.

We are going to put this theory to the test. I have sheets made, one

for each classroom, that you must say whether you like summer better, or winter. After this I will gather the data and find out the truth.

After going to all the homerooms, more kids do in fact like summer better. Out of the 173 kids and teachers who voted, 128, or about 74%, said they like the season summer more. While the other 26% percent prefer the winter season.

A large majority of each class voted for summer. Most of the homerooms had about 75% of the kids vote for summer. However, Mr. Meixell's homeroom had every-

body vote for the season. In comparison, Mr. Hluschak had 55% of the students vote for winter. This class was the only one to have the more students vote for winter.

Now we can clearly see that most of the 7th and 8th grade students and teachers prefer summer more than winter. What are your thoughts? Did you think that winter would have had more votes than summer? Who knows, maybe it will change next year. But for now, the large majority likes the season of summer.

# Santa Who?

By **Jasmine Silvestri**

*Team 7 Barker*

Around this time of year, little kids are starting to write Santa a letter asking him to get them their most desired toys and gifts. They go to their local malls to take pictures with the famous guy in red. They even leave cookies and milk for him the night of Christmas Eve. But why do we admire the jolly old guy? And most importantly, where did he come from?

In around the 3rd century (280 A.D.) in Patara, which is near Myra in modern-day Turkey. A man named St. Nicholas became the subject of many legends because of his impeccable generosity. He had inherited a large sum of money in which later he traveled to the countryside helping the poor and ill. Over the course of years, Nicholas's popularity spread and he became known as the protector of children and sailors. His feast day is celebrated on the anniversary of his death, which is December 6th. This was thought to be a lucky day to make large purchases or to get married. By the Renaissance, St. Nicholas was the most beloved saint in all of Europe.

In December 1773, and again in 1774, a New York newspaper announced that groups of Dutch families had gathered to honor the anniversary of St. Nicholas death. The name Santa Claus emerged from Nick's Dutch nickname, Sinter Klaas, a shortened form of Sint Nikolaas (Dutch for Saint Nicholas). In 1809, a man

named Washington Irving, helped to spread the Sinter Klaas stories when he referred to St. Nicholas as the patron saint of New York in his book, *The History of New York*. Sinter Klaas was described as everything from a "rascal" with a blue three-cornered hat, red



waistcoat, and yellow stockings to a man wearing a broad-brimmed hat and a "huge pair of Flemish trunk hose."

Stores began to advertise Christmas shopping in 1820, and then by the 1840s, newspapers were creating separate segments for holiday advertisements, which often featured photographs of the newly-popular Santa Claus. In the early 1890s, the Salvation Army needed money to pay for the free Christmas meals they contributed to needy families. They began dressing up unemployed men in Santa Claus suits and sending them into the streets of New York to solicit donations. Those familiar Salvation Army Santas have been ringing bells on the street and corners of American cities ever since then.

In 1822, Clement Clarke Moore, an Episcopal minister, wrote a long Christmas poem for his

three daughters entitled "An Account of a Visit from St. Nicholas." He was originally hesitant to publish due to the frivolous nature of its subject, is largely responsible for our modern image of Santa Claus as a "right jolly old elf" with a portly figure and the supernatural powers to ascend down a chimney with a mere nod of his head. His poem helped popularize the now-familiar image of a Santa Claus who flew from house to house on Christmas Eve—in "a miniature sleigh" led by eight flying reindeer—leaving presents of

all sorts for deserving children. In 1881, political cartoonist Thomas Nast drew on Moore's poem to create the first image that matches our modern picture of Santa Claus. He made Santa look like he had a bright red suit trimmed with white fur, North Pole workshop, elves, and his wife, Mrs. Claus.



Hence, it turns out the jolly old man has a lengthy and complex history. So next time you see a mall Santa or a Salvation Army Santa, remember that they all originated for one man, St. Nicholas. And from one man wanting to do good he created the legendary Santa Claus. The man that watches very day and night, making sure that you either get the gift that you want or the most dreaded gift, coal. So make sure you don't end up on the Naughty List! And lastly, enjoy the holidays and spent time with your families.

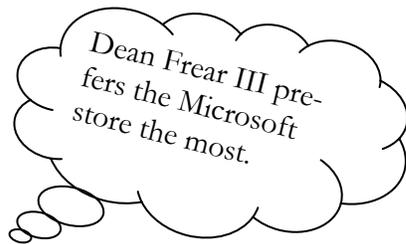
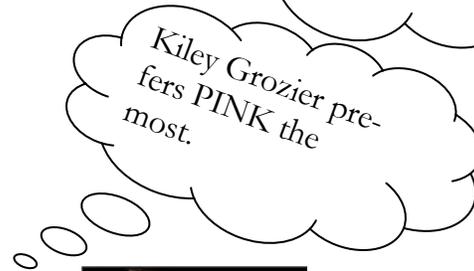
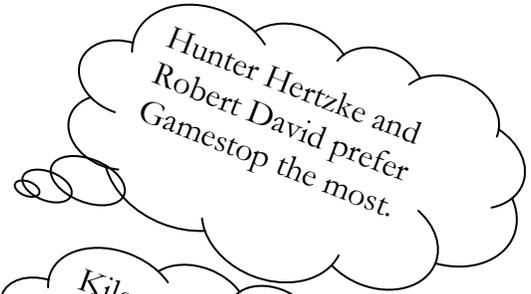
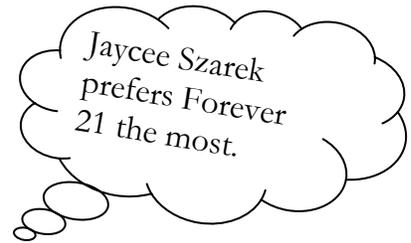
# Top Shops for the Holidays

By Kamryn Fink  
Team 7 Barker

Many of these can be found locally at the LV Mall, and the strip mall by the cinema.



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| 1. Abercrombie & Fitch | 11. Under Armor  |
| 2. Hollister           | 12. North Face   |
| 3. Aeropostale         | 13. Adidas       |
| 4. Forever 21          | 14. Michael Kors |
| 5. For The Girls LLC   | 15. Nike         |
| 6. H & M               | 16. Hot Topic    |
| 7. PINK                | 17. Vans         |
| 8. Apple               | 18. Gap          |
| 9. American Eagle      | 19. Foot Locker  |
| 10. Kohls              | 20. Gamestop     |



# Top Three Gifts for the Holidays

By William Doll  
Team 7 Barker

## 1. Alexa Show!

Alexa Show can let you watch TV, Youtube, Hulu and many more. As long as you have Amazon music, the limits are limitless! This will surely be a hit for friends and family!



## 2. Beats Solo 3!

These beats are completely noise cancelling, Bluetooth, and you can get them in a wide variety of colors! These are very useful when trying to block unwanted noise.



## 3. Fire TV Stick!

With this handy dandy fire stick, you can get all your favorite shows and with Amazon Prime. You can also get Hulu, Amazon Music, and many more!



# California Engulfed in Flames

By Lily Groover  
Team 8 Barker

On the East Coast of the United States, we seem to be doing just fine. Nothing extremely terrible is happening. On the west coast, however, it's not the same. Unfortunately, on November 8th

near Camp Creek Road in Butte, California is where our hysteria begins.

No one really knows how the Camp Fire, named after its origin on Camp Creek Road in California, began. But that isn't where our focus should be. We should focus on the 13,972 homes and 18,733 buildings that have been destroyed due to this enormous wildfire. The 2018 wildfire season

is the most destructive wildfire season on rec-



ord in California, with a total of 7,579 fires burning an area of 1,667,855 acres, the largest amount of burned acreage recorded.

The fire left 88 dead, 249 injured, and 11 people still missing. As of November 25th, the Camp Fire was 100 percent contained after its first sparking. Celebrities such as Caitlyn Jenner, Khloé Kardashian, Kim Kardashian-West, Lady Gaga, and Miley Cyrus have also been affected by this tragedy.



## American Red Cross

Even more, Frances Stead Sellers, Scott Wilson, and Tim Craig wrote in the Post, noting that more than 120 people have contracted what appears to be a highly contagious infection called norovirus at

the evacuation facilities. Sometimes known as the stomach flu or the stomach bug, norovirus causes pain in the stomach area with symptoms including vomiting and diarrhea. More than 40 people have been moved to the hospital for medical support.

To help all the people affected by this catastrophe you should, with a parent/guardian's permission, donate to the American Red Cross and/or the Humane Society. This will definitely help all those who are in need of your support.



## America's Morals Have Diminished

By Brittney Diehl  
Team 8 Barker

Torture. From the beginning of civilization, previous and current generations have been taught to not express oneself violently. Recently, President Donald Trump ordered for the expansion of waterboarding and different types of torture in order to get information from suspected terrorists. President Trump told the "Today Show" that, "Waterboarding would be fine... If they could expand the laws, I would do a lot more waterboarding". Even though some Americans did not

agree fully with the forty-fifth president, is it still okay?

Despite how often we stress that violence is definitely not the key, a Reuters/Ipsos poll found that sixty-three percent of Americans said that torture can be used to pluck information from suspect terrorists. Throughout history, the United States of America has been the example for other countries. We are one of the "superpowers" of the world and we have developed unbelievable technology. Yet, when met with merely a person, we are resorting to savage ways.

The reality is that all of civilization is susceptible to attacks on the general population. It does not matter how severe a method is, you can still be given false information. Putting that aside, it is still wrong to abuse someone the way officials are today. Expanding torture laws would not make America great, but push us farther from the point we are trying to achieve. Even though we are exposed to danger, we will not be ruined unless we set aside the moral footholding that our country was formed on.

## Careers, from Page 1

In total, we had 44 presenters, a third of which (15) who are Northern Lehigh School District alumni, a third of which (15) who were family or close friends to faculty and staff in our building, and 6 of which were actual employees of Northern Lehigh School District. All of the career opportunities are relevant



(STEM) field as well as a part of 21st Century Skills. Who knows, maybe at the end of the year we will all know what we want to be when we graduate. The stops from volunteers around the community will help with our future decision-making skills. We are the future of this planet, and it is important that we help make it the best it could possibly be.

to the Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics

**Below is a list of some of the industries that were represented for each round. Thank you to all those who came to Northern Lehigh to inspire us!**

**Career Caravan #1**  
**Military Branches**

- Army
- Marines
- Air Force
- Navy

**Career Caravan #2**  
**Trades and Design**

- Landscaping
- Maintenance
- Marketing
- Secondary Teacher
- Elementary Teacher
- Web Graphics
- CAD
- Apprenticeship
- Marketing

**Career Caravan #3**  
**Health Care and Emergency Services**

- Pharmacist
- Sports Medicine
- Surgical Technician
- Veterinarian
- Nursing
- Respiratory Therapist
- Police
- Physical Therapist
- EMT

**Career Caravan #4**  
**Engineering, Manufacturing, and Business**

- Mold Shape Apprentice
- Entrepreneur
- Project Manager
- Technical Consultant
- Chemical Engineer
- Civil Engineer
- Mechanic
- Newspaper Reporter
- Diesel Mechanic
- Automotive Mechanic
- Supervising Engineer
- Maintenance Technician
- Broadcasting





**THEY'RE SO COOL WITH SOME MANUFACTURING**

**What's So Cool About Manufacturing is a yearly video competition where student teams tour area business and create a short video based on what the company does. This year's team toured Nestle Waters. There many different categories for our team to win, including a viewer's choice award. This February, stay tuned for the link and help vote for your NLMS team video!**



**The Makerspace crew created a custom doorstop for Mrs. Bailey. If any teacher needs something for their classroom feel free to reach out to Mrs. Frank or any other Makerspace participant.**

# Advice Corner!

By Giana Rosario

*Team 8 Barker*

For this season, we didn't get a lot of questions for the advice box. So, I decided to just give you the few that we had. I hope you will benefit from my answers to your questions. Thank you to all the people who asked questions. Remember that the box is at lunch every season, so keep the questions coming!

**How do I find time to study?**

You need to manage your time. Right, when you get home from school do all of your work, and do all of your projects right when you get them. It does seem kind of hard, but if you get all your work done ahead of time, you'll have all this free time after you have finished. So, don't wait until last minute.

**Should I be friends with someone who acts cool in front of people?**

If they are fake in front of people don't be friends with them. Also, it depends on if you enjoy having them as a friend, and if they are nice to you.



**Why are people rude to me for no reason?**

They probably just want attention or they just don't know how to act like middle schoolers. A lot of people still aren't mature, but you just have to go through it.



## The Money Machine: When Fundraising Pays Back

By Tyler Sywensky and Dean Frear the III

*Team 7 Barker*

Previously in our school, we were doing a fundraiser called Joe Corbi's Pizza. If you were to sell 20 items or more, the info sheet said you had a chance to win money! You would get the money in a money machine. What is a money machine, you ask? Well it's a big see through box or bag with a bunch of air being blown through the box or bag. Money is whipping around so fast, it makes winning money fun!

You're supposed to reach around and grab as much money as you can in the time span of one minute. And the young man who was lucky enough to sell enough items and get a chance in the money machine was Tyler Sigley. Tyler sold 20 items and won 17 dollars! He said he will use the money to buy the Season 7 Battle Pass for Fortnite Battle Royale! Fortunately for Tyler, he was the only one who sold 20 items so no one else got a chance in the machine. Great job Tyler! Way to sell and grab that cash!





# Pumpkin Rollin'

NJHS members baked over 550 rolls to raise funds for the Senior Prom. Way to go!

## Team 8—We're Great!



# Winter Sports Roster/Upcoming Games

By Haven Moore

*Team 7 Barker*

## Boys Basketball:

Seth Adams  
 Josiah Burton  
 Nicklaus Buskirk  
 Jayden Carl  
 Trentyn Cole  
 Tylor Cruz  
 Lawson Hoffman  
 Ethan Karpowich  
 Ian Kerekes  
 Ethan Kunkle  
 Donovan Long  
 Bryce Lopinto  
 Conner Martinez  
 Owen Mikulski  
 Nathan Smith  
 Brayden Tocci

## Girls Basketball:

Kaylee Wilk  
 Cadence Whalen  
 Emma Wensing  
 Ceeana Rivera  
 Daisy Richards  
 Delia Quier  
 Aubrey Pollard  
 Cadence Peters  
 Calista Joy  
 Jordyn Hemingway  
 Jannezta Guzman  
 Nevaeh Garrison  
 Kamryn Fink  
 Danielle Dougherty  
 Aricka Creyer  
 Jordan Chando  
 Aiyana Bosch  
 Jesenia Beltran

## Wrestling:

Mason Zoll  
 Jonanthan Zemplansky  
 Jack Tosh  
 Austin Rex  
 Chase Moffit  
 Michael McGeehan  
 Nathan Farmer  
 Lucas Farmer  
 Dylan Bandle  
 John Abidelli

**Congratulations to all who made their respective teams! We look forward to a great season in 2019! Go Bulldogs!**

## Upcoming Games (Boys Basketball)

 Friday Dec 21 @ 4:00PM (H) vs Leighton Area HS
 Wednesday Jan 2 @ 4:00PM (H) vs Pen Argyl Area HS
 Wednesday Jan 9 @ 4:30PM (A) vs Saucon Valley HS

## Upcoming Games (Girls Basketball)

 Friday Dec 21 @ 4:00PM (A) vs Leighton Area HS
 Wednesday Jan 2 @ 4:00PM vs Pen Argyl Area HS
 Friday Jan 4 @ 3:45PM (A) vs Catasauqua HS

## Upcoming Games (Wrestling)

 Today @ 6:00PM (A) vs Northwestern Lehigh HS
 Saturday Dec 22 @ 9:30AM (A) Hawkeye Memorial JH Invitational
 Wednesday Jan 9 @ 6:00PM (H) vs Southern Lehigh HS

# Winter Concert 2018

**By Sabrina Marsh**

*Team 8 Barker*

So, many of us have at least heard of the Winter Concert, and you may have even attended! It included the Middle School Choir, the High School Choir, Middle School Concert Band, and the High School Concert Band. A special show included two seniors, who are part of the Color Guard, and Winter Guard who wanted to do something special for their last Winter Concert before they graduate.

The combined concert choir included the selections "Cold Snap" by M. Hayes, and "The Chipmunk Song" by R. Bagdasarian, arr. A. Snyder. The solos were sung by two talented 7th graders, Nathan Farmer, and Jessica Erking. The Color Guards' performance was created, designed, and coordinated by Shayla Smith and Julia Thomason. The combined concert bands performed Themes from "The Nutcracker" by Tchaikovsky/arr. Huckleby, "Snowfall" by Chris Bernotas, "I Saw Three Ships" by arr. Kerchner, and "We Wish You a Merry Christmas" by arr. J. Rizzo. The Concert finale the High

School Choir sung "Silent Night" by F. Gruber in its original written language. Later on, everyone was free to join in humming.

The following are a part of Middle School Concert Choir: Seth Adams, Elizabeth Binder, Ally Chase, Kayla Edwards, Jessica Erking, Lucas Farmer, Nathan Farmer, Alexandra Feifel, Dean Frear the III, Cala Hersh, Jackson Hunsicker, Natasha Kiffer, Emily Koch, Makayla Kruger, Cameron Kuntz, Zachary Lehman, Landon Meckes, Breanne Mitchell, Chase Moffitt, Leah Muthard, Dailani Pagan-Acosta, Abigail Peartree, Austin Rex, Ceeanna Rivera, Giana Rosario, Emma Smith, Kaitlyn Stock, David Sutliff, Nakayla Swanger, Joshua Weaber, and Taylor Welter.

The Middle School Concert Band includes: Seth Adams, Bianca Carrion, Brittney Diehl, Diego Fenstermaker, Dean Frear, Connor Griffith, Cala Hersh, Jackson Hunsicker, Caitlin Kirk, Makayla Kruger, Cameron Kuntz, Zachary Lehman, Griffin Marti-

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## Why Christmas Is Important

**By Madison Weber**

*Team 7 Barker*

Numerous people do not like Christmas because it is a way to spend tons of money on gifts you did not even want. However, Christmas is mostly about spending time with your family. In 1870, Christmas became a holiday because of the Christians who believe in Christ and his birth. They also took over some of the customs from the Winter Solstice and gave them Christian meanings, like Holly, Mistletoe and even Christmas Carols! This caused them to come up with the holiday name, Christmas. Despite the name we know, Christmas was called something different before. It was originally called Yule, which was

**See Page 9, Christmas**

# Avengers 4 Preview

By **Giana Rosario**

*Team 8 Barker*

Avengers: Endgame is going to be the greatest Marvel movie of 2019. Marvel fans cannot wait for this final chapter. Many people want to see this movie. On rotten tomatoes, it shows that 99% of people want to see it! As you may know, this is the last Avengers movie in the series, so fans are very sad that it is coming to an end. This movie is expected to be equally exciting and heart-wrenching.

If you watched the trailer you can see that some very devastating things happened since the

last movie. To sum it up, Thanos was successful in his plan to get the six infinity stones to cause destruction. Endgame picks up where Infinity War left off. Thanos destroyed everything and



a lot of people died...or so we think they did. The new trailer reveals that they, in fact, didn't die. 50% of the population of the world is gone. The remaining of The Avengers are fighting to fig-

ure out what happened to the rest of the world.

There are still a lot of questions to be answered. This movie will answer all the questions you have asked. It will be coming out on April 26th, 2019. So, get your tickets because it will be here before you know it!



# Unfortunate Losses of 2018

By Lily Groover

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The holidays are supposed to be a time of joy and happiness. Tragically, this world lost a lot of great role models throughout the holiday season.

On November 30, we lost our 41st President of the United States. George H. W. Bush died of old age, shortly after his wife, Former First Lady Barbara Bush, who died in April. President Bush did a number of things for our country. Bush led the United States' response to the 9/11 terrorist attack. He also initiated the Iraq War. We have, unfortunately, lost a great role model to this country.

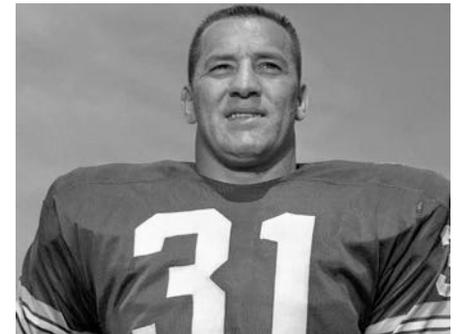


on November 12, 2018. He was an American comic book writer, editor, and publisher. Stan Lee co-created Marvel in 1961 with Jack Kirby. It all started with the Fantastic Four. Then he went off to create popular characters like Spider-Man, the X-Men, the Hulk, and Thor.

A lot of people know who SpongeBob SquarePants is. But no one probably knows who created the yellow sponge. Stephen Hillenburg tragically lost his life on November 26, 2018. He directed, produced, and wrote the famous TV show, SpongeBob SquarePants. It has gone on to become the fifth longest-running American animated series, which, by the way, is a huge accomplishment.



Katherine MacGregor passed away on November 13, 2018. She was best known for her role as Harriet Oleson in Little House on the Prairie. She died at the old age of 93. Little House on the Prairie aired its first episode on March 30, 1974 and stayed on air until 1983.



James Charles Taylor was an American football full-back who played in the NFL for 10 seasons with the Green Bay Packers from 1958 to 1966. He then moved to the New Orleans Saints in 1967. He also was put into the Hall of Fame. He sadly died on October 13, 2018.

Most people don't know

who Stanley Martin Lieber is. But, they do know who Stan Lee is. Stan Lee lost his life

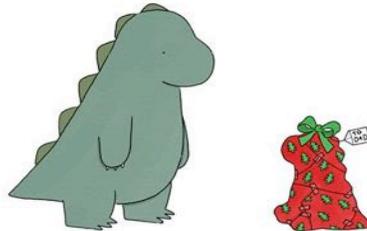


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held in late December to early January. Some people ask, "Why do we say Merry Christmas and not Happy Christmas?". That is because in a world where it's normal to say "Happy Easter" and "Happy Birthday," the "merry" in "Merry Christmas" is unique. It stuck around in common phrases like "the more, the merrier,". This phrase was also in writings like Christmas carols and stories, largely due to the influence of Charles Dickens. Besides the history of Christmas, it's also a good opportunity to spend time with loved ones, and showing them your appreciation by giving them a gift. And that, everyone, is what Christmas is all about.

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## “The Creature in Snow”

By Diego Fenstermaker

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It was the middle of winter and in a forest the snow fell. The snowflakes fell quietly and peacefully, without the force of a blizzard. Even with the specks of white coming down, you could still see the tiniest rock, not covered in a white blanket. Despite the peacefulness, the cold still came. This cold still froze the lake over and sent many animals into shelter. All that were out were the deer, who knew of a harsher cold. The freezing cold that even covered the trees in ice. When all seemed silent and the deer left, a thing came out of the cave. It had long sharp claws and white fur. It looked out into the woods and walked around. Glancing at the trees as it traveled along, it picked up any acorns or walnuts it could find. The thing had not been outside for a long time. The temperature wasn't cold enough most of the year for the thing to travel out of its lair. It survived solely on the nuts and berries it harvested and took back to its cave for the rest of the year. It holds the nuts and berries it had collected in its arm and looked out into the lake. Finding a rock, the thing laid down its food on it and sat by the lake. It looked through the ice to see the fish still swimming, unfazed, after the frozen water locked them in the lake. This happened every year and the fish did not need to concern themselves with the world above the water since they could not survive there any way. The thing walked away, continuing on its journey. It passed the plain dead trees without leaves which lost all their beauty during the season. This thing had only seen it once since it was a cold year. The snow had come before the leaves had given up and let go of their branches. It was beautiful to see the colors of the leaves against the white snow. As it collected berries it was so fascinated by the colors it took them back to its cave. The pile still stood there in the cave, although some turned brown and some were protected by a fine coating of ice. This cave was one of the necessities



of the creature. The cave went deep into the mountain and left a big opening that was filled with ice and coldness. The ice stayed there year-long as the cave never reached the temperature of even seventeen degrees which kept it freezing cold. The creature could not live in the heat and would retreated to the cave after every winter to survive. The nuts and berries now piled up on the creature's arm as it trudged through the snow reaching the outskirts of the forest. The creature then stopped at a new sight. A brown animal with antlers stood next to a brown animal with out any. It had never seen deer before and stood there with fright as it watched them. The deer in return stared at itself, not moving. As the creature took a step forward the deer, they ran and disappeared in the woods. Looking at the spot where the deer were, the thing was wondering where they went. It took heavier steps causing a crunching of the snow. It exited the forest without knowing it and stood still again. Here, strange shapes were all next to each other. The different colors did not bring beauty to it, but fear. The shapes had smoke coming out of them and a path of stone stood between the shapes. Lights were all over the place and only one held the creature's curiosity. The creatures that lived there were scary and powerful enough to shorten the forest every year. This time the forest ended more abruptly than usual. As much as the creature loved this forest, he turned around for he was too scared. The creature returned to his cave knowing it will have a less time to gather food this year. It had lost its huge source of berries and nuts this year because of the forest shortening. The creature sat down looking at the colored leaves from the past.

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## Student Poetry

### “Winter Cries”

By Ashley Moyer

*Team 7 Barker*

The snow falls,  
As do my tears.  
In sync together,  
So elegant.  
They touch,  
and they melt,  
Just like we used to.  
Do you remember,  
My cold tears?  
The desire?  
The pain?  
Do you remember,  
My winter cries?



### “Cold Love”

By Haven Moore

*Team 7 Barker*

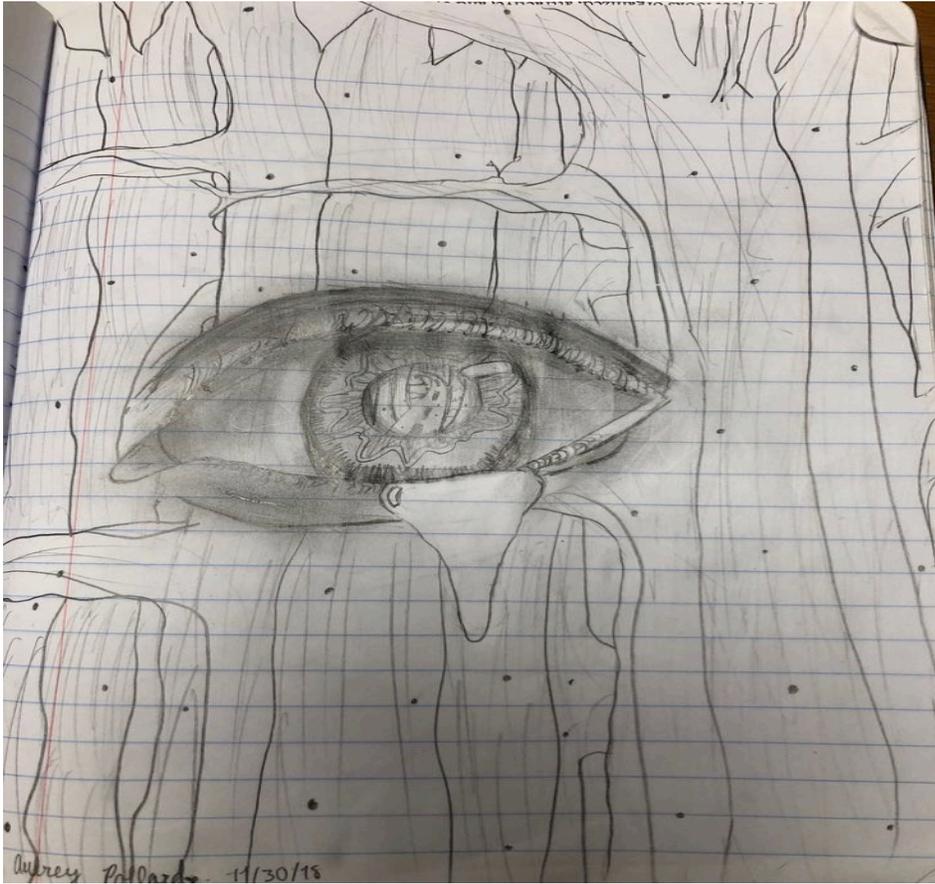
Ah, snow...  
The way it falls  
makes my heart  
glow.  
The little-crystalized  
flakes gently caress my face  
like a hand yearning for  
love.  
My boots are heavy, but  
my worries are light.  
Today is a hard day to  
imagine anyone having any  
fights.  
But everything has a  
dark side.  
The wind turns brutal,  
Covering the sky with  
clouds that make the world  
seem closer to the end.  
Trees falling slowly, but  
surely,  
like trust after heart-  
break.  
The light flakes trans-  
form into sheets of ice.  
They slice through the  
wind,  
Like a dagger going  
through a heart.

# Holiday Art for 2018



Left: "Festive" by Haven Moore; Right: "The Grinch" by Trentyn Cole;  
Below: "Cocoa Love" by Dailani Pagan-Acosta







Above Left: “The Magic of Creation” by Jalyn Lesher; Above Right: “Untitled” by Logan Galloway;

Below: “Error: A Reflection on Modern Society” by Alex Neas



# Mrs. Frank's Art Highlights



## “12 Days of Art Mess” by Mrs. Frank

- 12 paint-tracked footprints
  - 11 overfull trashcans
  - 10 messed up paint palettes
  - 9 mysterious puddles
  - 8 scraps of paper
  - 7 blobs of wet glue
  - 6 ruined sharpies
  - 5 pointless pencils
  - 4 sticky tables
  - 3 lost sketchbooks
  - 2 left on glue guns
- And one very frazzled Mrs. Frank!



Above: Robert being a 3D Printer master!

Below: Zoey Haines is featured here with her amazing canvas work!



# Letter from the Advisor

By Mrs. Dunham

'Tis the season to be thankful! As always, I feel blessed to have some amazing students, staff, and faculty that I get the pleasure of working with each and every day.

I wish everyone a restful break. We all worked hard the past few months, so we should spend our break with those we love most and re-charge. We need to come back to school ready to lead in 2019.

Feel like joining us after the New Year? *The Bulldog Bark* serves to represent students' voices at Northern Lehigh, so speak up! *The Bulldog Bark* is always looking for more barkers to add to the pack; even if you would like to contribute to just one issue. This paper serves to represent all of us. If you have any article ideas or are interested in writing at any point, please see me in Room 30 or send me an e-mail: [bdunham@nlsd.org](mailto:bdunham@nlsd.org). Also, if you are a talented artist, I would love for you to feature your artwork! We have plenty of room to show off your skills!

I would like to take this time to especially thank the following Bulldog Barkers for helping not only contribute to the content of the newspaper, but also took time out of their day to help with the layout and proofreading of the paper. This takes hours of work and plenty of tedious attention! This edition's VIPs are:

**Delia Quier**  
**Kaitlyn Stock**  
**Haven Moore**  
**Brittney Diehl**  
**Sabrina Marsh**  
**Ayden Scanlon**

Have a great winter break everyone! See you next year. :)

