

Panther Post

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Candy Cane Taste Testing

Which flavor is your favorite?

Flavors: Starburst Cherry, Jolly Rancher Blue Raspberry, Skittles, Sour Patch, Nerds Grape and Strawberry, and Lifesavers Watermelon

Ms. Scattergood: My favorite is Lifesavers Watermelon.

Ms. Steer: My favorite is Jolly Rancher Blue Raspberry.

Ms. Clay: My favorite is Sour Patch.

Ms. Trujillo: My favorite is Starburst Cherry.

Ms. Bent: My favorite is Sour Patch.

Ms. Havrilak: My favorite is Jolly Rancher Blue Raspberry.

Ms. Sayers: My favorite is Skittle.

Student of the Month, Nolan Lang: My favorite is Sour Patch.

Winner: Sour Patch!!!!

The Story of Christmas

One night, the Angel Gabriel told Mary that she was going to have a son (Jesus) who would be the Son of God.

Mary and Joseph would then go to Bethlehem for Jesus' birth. When they got to Bethlehem, they couldn't find shelter.

The innkeeper told them there was no more room, but the kind innkeeper told them to stay at the stable. After a couple of hours, Mary gave birth to Jesus! Then an angel appeared to shepherds in a nearby field and told them to go to the stable and praise Jesus.

How Christmas is Celebrated Around the World



Germany, Austria, Czechia, and Lichtenstein: The Krampus. A tall, horned figure that arrives on the night of December 5th to reward good kids with small gifts and bad kids with birch rods.

Japan: KFC Christmas Dinner. Many households in Japan order Kentucky Fried Chicken for Christmas dinner. The "affordable, modern Christmas dinner" has been marketed by KFC Japan since 1970.

Sweden: The Gävle Goat. The significance of goats in Swedish culture goes back to the two goats who pulled Thor's chariot, "teeth-barer" and "teeth-grinder". Each year on the first day of Advent, the Swedish city of Gävle raises a 43-foot-tall goat to inaugurate the Christmas season.

Italy: La Befana. La Befana is the good witch that flies around Italy on January fifth, delivering small gifts and stocking stuffers to good children to close out the Christmas season. She was a devoted housekeeper who was too busy to follow the Wisemen to the manger. She chased after them with gifts, only to find that she had missed the big event. She brings extra cheer at the end of the Christmas season.

Newspaper Staff!

James McFaul, Jack Myers and Caroline Schwartz- Design

Sean Weekes and Silas Sommerville- What Students Want for Christmas

Angie Bonilla Sanchez and Lea Catanzano- Candy Cane Tasting

Mabel Sauer- Middle School Christmas Favorites

Maddie Erfe, Lily Taylor, Caroline Schwartz- Favorite Christmas Movies

Max Bucheger, Tuck Wilson, and Jack Nolan- The Story of Christmas

Ryan Gotthold and Will Gershmel- Art Box

Teagan Hurley and Anneliese Wingert - Christmas Around the World

Jack Myers- Hockey Events

What do you want for Christmas?
George 2nd- Flylight Hockey Skates

Killian 2nd- Louisville Supra Bat & Bonesaber Ice Pop

Lorraine 3rd- Telescope, baking book, and new sled

Henry 3rd- Nintendo Switch

Teddy 3rd- PS5, Crazy Kart, & wood bat

Jack 3rd- Baseball cards

Wade 1st- Legos

Addy 1st- A wiener dog

James 6th- A blanket hoodie

Alex 5th- Madden 26

Isla 5th- A desk

Aidan 4th- A Zelda Switch 2

Alexandra 4th- A new ipad

Salah 4th- A new ipad and case

Abraham K- Advent Calendar or collector coins

Middle School Christmas Favorites

Ms. Scattergood

What is your favorite childhood Christmas present?

A: Barbie as Rapunzel with the Botticelli horse and carriage set

What is one thing you want for Christmas this year?

A: Noise cancelling headphones

Ms. OP

What is your favorite childhood Christmas present?

A: American Girl Dolls

What is one thing you want for Christmas this year?

A: A kit to crochet a dinosaur plushy

Ms. Jorayeva

What is your favorite childhood Christmas present?

A: Dog stuffed animal

What is one thing you want for Christmas this year?

A: a trip abroad



Hockey Events
Dec. 26 – Jan. 5 IIHF Men's World Junior Championship (St. Paul/Minneapolis, Minn.)

Jan. 2 2026 Discover NHL Winter Classic: New York Rangers at Florida Panthers (loanDepot park, Miami, Fla.)

10-18 IIHF Under-18 Women's World Championship (Sydney/Membertou, N.S.)

Feb. 1 2026 Navy Federal Credit Union NHL Stadium Series: Boston Bruins at Tampa Bay Lightning (Raymond James Stadium, Tampa, Fla.)

Feb. 6-24 2025-26 NHL regular season pauses for Olympic Winter Games Milano Cortina 2026

Feb. 11-22 Olympic Winter Games Milano Cortina 2026 (Milano Santagiulia Ice Hockey Arena and Milano Rho Ice Hockey Arena, Milan, Italy)

Feb. 25 2025-26 NHL regular season resumes

What is your favorite Christmas movie?

Ms. Padula: A Mickey Christmas Carol
Mr. Oei: Home Alone

Ms. Bent: Santa Claus is Coming to Town (Claymation version)

Helena Geboy: Home Alone: Lost in New York

Tommy Marshall: Home Alone: Lost in New York

Grace Lucas: A Christmas Story

CHRISTMAS ART

The winner of the PK - 1st Lions grade is Isabelle Polvinale in 1st grade
The winner of the 2nd – 5th Tigers is Anastasia in 4th grade

There is no winner for the 6th – 8th Panthers because of no submittance

