



SBS Gazette

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Editorial

The Christmas season is here! It is the most wonderful time of the year. This week started the third week of Advent. Be sure you attend church and confession to prepare for Christ's coming. Be on your best behavior because Jesus and Santa are watching over you. Have a wonderful holiday! Always remember "he knows when you've been bad or good so be good for goodness sake!"

Color me!



Color me!

Random Facts

By: Nick Almeter, Ben Gianetta, and Ryan Scott

1. The Germans made the first artificial Christmas trees out of dyed goose feathers.
2. All the gifts in the Twelve Days of Christmas would equal 364 gifts.
3. In A.D. 350, Pope Julius I, bishop of Rome, proclaimed December 25 the official celebration date for the birthday of Christ.
4. According to the Guinness world records, the tallest Christmas tree ever cut was a 221-foot Douglas fir that was displayed in 1950 at the Northgate Shopping Center in Seattle, Washington.
5. Christmas trees have been sold in the U.S. since 1850.
6. Alabama was the first state in the United States to officially recognize Christmas in 1836.
7. Oklahoma was the last U.S. state to declare Christmas a legal holiday, in 1907.

Jokes

By: Heath Chase, Aastha Ladani, and Christian Moreland

- Q: What do you call people who are afraid of Santa?
A: Claustrophobic
- Q: What do snowmen eat for breakfast?
A: Frosted Flakes
- Q: What do you get when you cross an apple with a Christmas tree?
A: A pineapple
- Q: Why the Christmas tree can't stand up?
A: It doesn't have legs.
- Q: What do you call an obnoxious reindeer?
A: RUDEolph.
- Q: Why was Santa's little helper depressed?
A: Because he had low elf esteem.

Cool Activities in the 'Burgh

By: Caryn Caloiero and Abbie Kugler

Winter weather is coming! At the PPG Place, they have a new ice skating rink. Skate around a ginormous tree with friends, family, or just by yourself. It is open now, so be sure to have fun skating this Christmas season!

One cool thing that will be happening during the month of December is the performance of "The Nutcracker." It will be performed by The Pittsburgh Ballet Theater at the Benedum Center. The performances start December 2nd and run through December 27th. You can buy tickets online at <https://trustarts.org/production/47985/the-nutcracker> or you can call 1-412-456-6666.

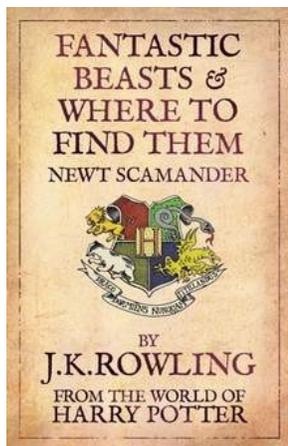
Movie Reviews

By: Madison Bain, Sarah Mazur, and Haley Moreland

7th and 8th Grade

Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them

There are some new creatures in the wizarding world, and I for one simply couldn't wait to meet them. In the prequel of *Harry Potter*, a book by J.K. Rowling, Newt Scamander, the protagonist of the story goes on a quest to find the escaped creatures that came out of his magical suitcase. He and his newfound friends Tina, Jacob Kowalski, and Queenie run all over New York in one wild night in order to search for four of the beasts that escaped. As all of this is happening, an evil force threatens the city and tries to jeopardize the wizarding world with the help of a young boy Credence. Watch this magical movie to find out more!



6th grade and below

The Polar Express

The Polar Express is a great movie that is based on a book. The movie takes place in the 1950's. In the movie a boy takes a train to the North Pole, and faces a few challenges throughout the movie. He meets many new friends and goes on a huge adventure. One of the people he meets is a girl who lost her ticket. The other person that he meets is a kid who thinks he knows everything even though he doesn't. The boy takes a fantastic journey and at the end of the movie everything turns out well for him.



Snacks & Crafts

By: Kaylee Toomey

Christmas Santa Hat Brownies

Ingredients

- Strawberries
- Icing
- Brownies

Steps

1. First make sure you cut the tops of the strawberries off.
2. Next ice the tops of your brownies.
3. Then place the strawberries on the icing.
4. Finally put a little icing on the top of the strawberry for Santa's puff ball.
5. Eat and enjoy!



Inspirational Quotes

By: Dominic Puzzanchara and Kayla Sapida

"The best preparation for tomorrow is doing your best today." - H. Jackson Brown JR

"Nothing is impossible the word itself says, I'm Possible." - Audrey Hepburn

"He who has not Christmas in his heart will never find it under a tree." - Roy L. Smith

"Christmas... is not an external event at all, but a piece of one's home that one carries in one's heart." - Freya Stark



Comic

By: Catherine Condrac and Eva Zigarovich



Brain Teaser

By: Madison Long and Christian Moreland

James, Kathy, Larry, Mike, and Natalie each performed a solo recital during a Christmas presentation. Each of them played a different song, using a different musical instrument.

Kathy played the guitar.

One played "The Twelve Days of Christmas" using the violin.

Larry played "We 3 Kings."

"O Christmas Tree" was played using the flute by a male.

Natalie played "The First Noel," but not with a cello, which another one of them used.

Mike did not use the violin.

One of them played "Jingle Bells."

One of them played a piano.

Find out what song each played and which musical instrument each used.

SBS Sports

By: Ryan Bozicevic and Noah Kessler



Sabers sports continue to make a name for themselves with multiple teams winning tournaments. The Varsity, JV, Jumpstart, girls and boys basketball teams have been doing great. All teams are working hard and they are showing it by winning games. So many students are wanting to play, that there are fifteen to twenty kids on each team. Hopefully we see a repeat of last year with all Saber teams!

Interviews

By: Rachel Artuhevich, Ariel Bluemling, Martina Fuller, and Kassie Rihn

Q1: What is your favorite Christmas tradition?

Q2: What do you want for Christmas?

K. Connor Roberts

A1. Decorating the Christmas tree

A2. A bike

1st. Quinn Thomas

A1. Opening presents

A2. American Girl Doll

2nd. Jason Ferry

A1. Decorate

A2. Lego's and army men

3rd. Grace Bernacki

A1. Watching T.V. shows

A2. A puppy

4th. Erik Ursiny

A1. Putting ornaments on the tree

A2. A giant teddy bear

5th. Breanna Rutter

A1. Celebrating with my grandma

A2. A new piano

6th. Cameron German

A1. Opening presents

A2. Laptop

7th. Anna Reynolds

A1. Seeing the Christmas lights

A2. Shoes

8th. Nick Almeter

A1. Putting ornaments on a Christmas tree

A2. Soccer equipment



Advice Cateers

By: Maria Brush and Jackie Moon

Dear Advice Cateers,

My best friend is in the other class. I like him/her so much but I never get to see him/her. What should I do?

From,

Sad and Depressed

Dear Sad and Depressed,

If you really want to hang out with this person you could hang out with him/her outside of school. Also, try to make friends in your homeroom class.

From,

Advice Cateers

App of the Month

By: The Editors

Elf Yourself

This Christmas you will have your family and friends laughing up their eggnog. Elf Yourself by Office-Max lets you create fun videos starring you and your friends as dancing elves to help you get into the holiday spirit. All you have to do to get the fun started is add photos and let the app do the rest. You can get this app for **FREE** at the app store. Enjoy!!!



Word Search

Snowman Word Search

COAL

SNOW

CARROT

STICKS

SCARF

TOP HAT



E	O	Y	C	Q	V	B
T	O	R	R	A	C	T
S	K	C	I	T	S	O
M	D	D	C	Q	G	P
C	S	N	O	W	R	H
K	F	R	A	C	S	A
F	C	M	L	V	W	T

Brain Teaser Answer:

Kathy – “Jingle Bells” – guitar

Larry – “We 3 Kings” – cello

Mike – “O Christmas Tree” – flute

Natalie – “The First Noel” – piano

James – “The 12 Days of Christmas” – violin