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Editorial

We are currently in the Advent season. Countdown to Christmas break is on! The newspaper staff is getting into the holiday spirit. We hope everyone has a great holiday and don't forget to spend time with family and friends and go to church!



Color Me!

Random Facts

By: Ryan Bozicevic, Andy Fisher, and Will Roper

- Christmas trees have been sold in the U.S. since 1850.
- Alabama was the first state in the U.S. to officially recognize Christmas in 1836.
- Each year more than 3 billion Christmas cards are sent in the U.S. alone.
- Christmas trees are usually grown more than 15 years before they are sold.
- President Teddy Roosevelt, an environmentalist banned Christmas trees in the White House in 1901.

Jokes

By: Heath Chase, Sal Banks, Jet Johnston, and Paul Stalmaker

Q: What do snowmen do in the winter?

A: Chill out!

Q: What was the reindeer's favorite time of year?

A: The Rainy season.

Q: Where did Santa go for vacation?

A: Santa Fe.

Q: What did the present say to end the conversation with the wrapping paper?

A: Let's wrap it up.

Q: What nationality is Santa?

A: North Polish

Cool Activities in the 'Burgh

By: Kira Pavlik and Hannah Yorio

Holiday plays are at the Benedum Theater throughout the month of December. Some plays you can see include "How the Grinch Stole Christmas" and "The Nutcracker". If you are looking to see a play soon, "The Nutcracker" is showing in the beginning of December, while "The Grinch" is only showing towards the end of December.

Kennywood puts you in the Christmas spirit by offering millions of lights, local choirs, visits with Santa, and you can ride the gingerbread express around the park. You can visit Kennywood now through December 23rd and also on Tuesday Dec. 26th through Saturday Dec. 30th. Kennywood's operating hours are 5 P.M. - 9 P.M. Also, make sure you are aware of severe weather because the park will have cancelations.

Movie Reviews

By: Haley Moreland and Vivian Bui

Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer

(K-5)

Rudolph was born with a slight difference from every other reindeer in the North Pole: he had a shiny red nose. Because of this, he isn't accepted within the other reindeer and is deemed as a misfit. When he teams up with a misfit elf trying to be a dentist and an aspiring gold miner, he finds himself in a whole lot of trouble with the Abominable Snowman! To make matters even worse, Christmas is in jeopardy of being cancelled due to a blizzard! Will Rudolph be able to save Christmas and escape the Abominable? Be sure to watch this classic movie to get into the holiday spirit!

Elf

(6-8)

Buddy has been raised to believe he is an elf. But when he discovers his real father is somewhere in New York City, he instantly rushes from the North Pole to reunite with him. Unfortunately, his father and teen brother don't believe in Santa Clause anymore. Will Buddy be able to convince them otherwise? Watch this comedic Christmas movie to find out!

Snacks & Crafts

By: Megan McFetridge and Emily Cooper

Ingredients:

- 2 candy canes
- 1 big Kit Kat
- 10 mini Hershey bars
- Tape

Directions:

- 1.) Lay the Large Kit Kat down.
- 2.) Stack four mini Hershey bars.
-Tape them down
- 3.) Then 3 mini Hershey bars, then 2, then 1.
- 4.) Add the candy canes at the bottom of the Large Kit Kat.
- 5.) Add a bow on top for decoration.



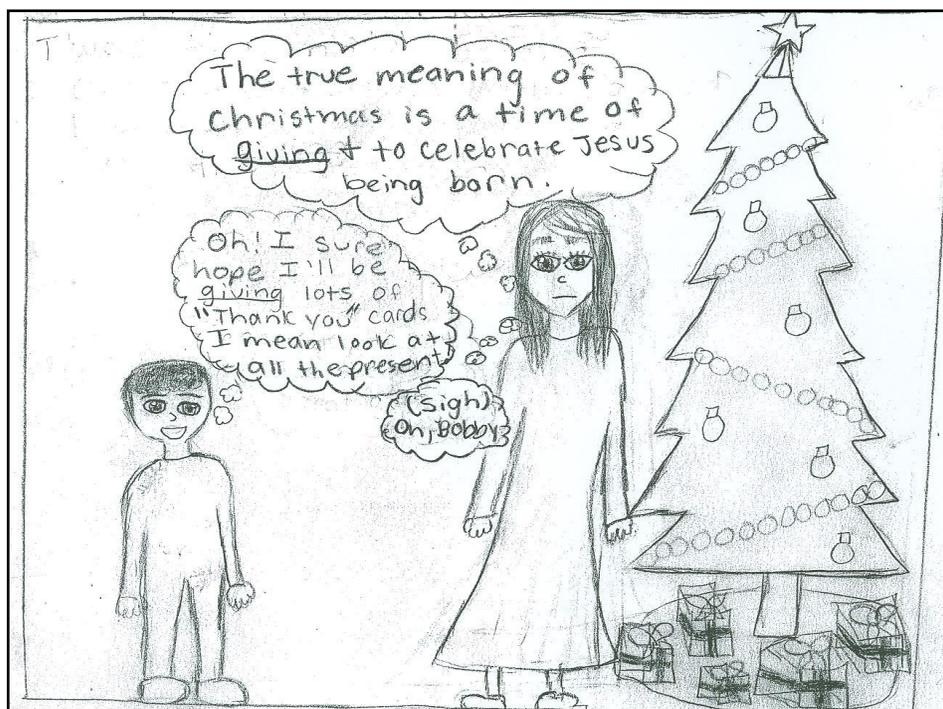
Inspirational Quotes

By: Madison Long, Sarah Penrod, and Allison DiPalma

- "Christmas is the spirit of giving w/out a thought of getting" ~Thomas S. Monson
- "Jesus is the reason for the season"
- "The magic of Christmas never ends"
- "For it is in giving that we receive" ~Francis of Assisi
- "Keep calm and jingle all the way"
- "Seeing is believing but sometimes the most real things in the world are the things we can't see"
- "When they saw the star they rejoiced with exceedingly great joy" ~Matthew 2:10
- "May the peace and hope of Christmas be with you always"

Comic

By: Lourdes Obeng



Brain Teasers

By: Emily Cooper and Megan McFetridge

1. "As a Christmas gift, parents buy 16 computer games for their 3 children (that's just asking for trouble)! The youngest gets $\frac{1}{8}$ of the games, the middle child gets $\frac{1}{4}$ of the games and the oldest gets $\frac{1}{2}$ of the games (seems fair...)"
How many games does each child receive and how many do the parents keep?"
2. "Two moms and 2 daughters went out for Christmas dinner each ate one portion, yet only three portions were eaten in total. How is this possible?"
3. If it takes 5 elves 5 minutes to make 5 dolls, how long would it take 100 elves to make 100 dolls?
4. Santa has a favorite number. It is large than 18 and smaller than 37. The sum of the digits is 7. It's an odd number What's Santa's favorite number?

Find the answers to these brain teasers hidden in the newspaper!

SBS Sports

By: Noah Kessler, Brandon Bell, Cameron German, and Jimmy Giannetta

The JV and Varsity girls basketball teams are off to a great start! They both came in second place for their Thanksgiving tournament. Hopefully they'll keep up the good work!



Interviews

By: Ariel Bluemling, Lydia Valentine, Madison Iacoboni, Caroline Malandra, and Christine Ursiny

Q1: What do you want for Christmas?

Q2: What's your favorite thing to do over break?

Kindergarten: Chase Caltz

- 1.) A monkey building
- 2.) Make angels in the snow

1st grade: Campell Homer

- 1.) A puppy
- 2.) Decorate

2nd grade: Lucas Atwood

- 1.) board games
- 2.) decorate for Christmas

3rd grade: Kree Bey

- 1.) a camera
- 2.) play games

4th grade: Nial Yavzytark

- 1.) ipod
- 2.) go to grandma's

5th grade: Tracey Livsey

- 1.) a phone
- 2.) sleep

6th grade: Zachary Bluemling

- 1.) video games
- 2.) play on my PS4

7th grade: Caroline Malandra

- 1.) money
- 2.) sleep

8th grade: Noah Kessler

- 1.) laptop
- 2.) hang out with friends



Advice Cateers

By: Caryn Caloiero and Erin Gurtner

Dear Advice Cateers,

Christmas is around the corner and I don't think that I have been very good this year. Do you think I will get a lump of coal?

Sincerely, Poor Pupil

Dear Poor Pupil,

I don't think that you will get a lump of coal this year. You might not get everything you asked for. Try to be extra good next year and until Christmas. There's always time to be good!

Sincerely, Advice Cateers

App of the Month

By: Jeremy Arbster, Joel Blake, and Jordan Rutter

Christmas Sweeper 3

The app of the month of December is Christmas Sweeper 3. In this game, you can compete against your friends as you battle through over 1,000 levels.

This game has been downloaded 15,495 times and has a 4.6 star review. As you go through the snowy levels you do tasks to help you advance through the levels.

So if you take interest in this game we recommend getting it.



Word Search

Christmas Word Search



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| 1. Bell | 6. Gifts | 11. Snowman |
| 2. Candy | 7. Jesus | 12. Star |
| 3. Christmas | 8. Manger | 13. Stocking |
| 4. Deer | 9. Santa | 14. Toys |
| 5. Elf | 10. Sled | 15. Tree |

1. Youngest Child: 2 games, Middle Child: 4 games, Oldest Child: 8 games, Parents: 2 games
2. It was a grandmother (who is obviously also a mother) mother, and daughter who went out for Christmas dinner together!
3. It takes one elf 5 minutes to make one doll. Therefore 100 elves making 100 dolls would, of course, still take 5 minutes!
4. His favorite number is 25.