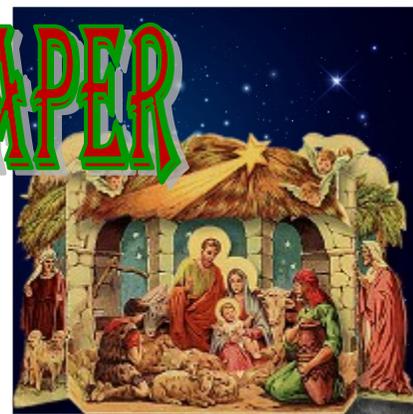




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Getting to Know...



Mrs. Berglund



Mrs. Therese Berglund is our new computer teacher. She was born in Melrose Park on June 20th at the end of the baby boomer era. She has 4 children: Eric, Jennifer, Nathan, and Julia. Did she graduate from college? Yes, she did! Which college? Lewis University in Romeoville. In the past, Mrs. Berglund has taught both children and adults. She created online classes at Lewis University where she also taught teachers how to teach online. Mrs. Berglund loves to encourage people. Her favorite Bible verse is Proverbs 3:5-8: "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight. Do not be wise in your own eyes; fear the Lord and shun evil. This will bring health to your body and nourishment to your bones." In her spare time, she likes to go on nature walks and geocaching. So, she has a pretty interesting life. By the way, did you know that she used to work for Comcast? Yeah, pretty cool.

by Antonio Llamas, 7th Grade



THE PRINCIPAL'S CORNER...

It is hard to believe that we are just a few days from celebrating one of our most important religious holidays, the birth of our Lord, Jesus Christ. I know that our students are excited to spend time with their parents and family members during this most joyous season and to get a few well-deserved days off. We are just two weeks away from the end of the second quarter and I would like to remind parents about some of our winter procedures. First of all, I want to remind all parents that we still go outside for recess during the winter. If it is snowing heavily or raining, we will stay inside. The minimum temperature for going outside is a wind chill no colder than 25 degrees. Classes alternate during the week on who has recess in the gym and who has recess in their classrooms. The teachers generally have games for students to play, although our older students usually use the time to catch up on work or socialize.

Winter is a time where we see an increase in the number of students who become ill with the flu or flu-like symptoms. If a student reports to us that they do not feel well, we take their temperature in the office. If they have a fever, we will call you to pick them up. The same is true when students vomit at school. You will receive a call to come and pick up your child. If a child tells us they are ill after 3:00 o'clock and they are staying for after care, we will still have you come and get your child. We try as much as possible to minimize the exposure to other students and adults. We ask that parents keep students home when they have a fever or the flu. Students should be free from symptoms for at least 24 hours before you send them back to school. If a doctor is asking that your children take medicine during school hours, we need to have a doctor's note as required by state law. I know sometimes parents feel that older children can take medicine on their own, but the law clearly states that this cannot happen without a doctor's permission.

Finally, I would like to review emergency closing procedures. When it snows so much that we have concerns about the safety of our parents driving their child or children to school, we will close the school. Often we cannot make that determination until morning. Once we make the decision, you will be notified by a phone call of the closing. In addition, we will put our closing information on our website, local TV and radio, and on the Emergency Closing Center. We would also follow this same procedure in case of a power outage or severe cold. If parents ever have questions about procedures, please call us at the school for clarification.

Happy Holidays to All!



This year's Christmas program was modeled after a game show. It was called *Fact or Fiction: The Christmas Edition*. There were two teams, the Eagles and the Lions. Jackson Bergeron played the part of the game show host; Blink Hostalot. The members of the Eagles team were: Anthony Ramona, played by Camryn Disser; Mia, played by Alison Pavoni; Jimmy, played by Chris Johnson; and Savanna, played by Karalyn White. The members of the Lions team were: Randall, played by Jeremy Faustin; Joy, played by Shama Patel; Hilary-Ann, played by Jasmine Nelson; and Zac, played by Gage Kosloskus. Let's also not forget Blink's helpers: Ivy, played by Chelsea Brooks, and Holly, played by Joely MacRitchie. The idea of the game was that Blink would ask the teams a question about God's Word. The teams' job was to decide whether it was fact or fiction. In this play, the eighth grade created a skit that was supposed to be a commercial. It was called Human Away, the spray that makes those you hate stay away. This year Adrienne and Allison choreographed the ribbon dance for the third graders. The dance members included Daija Black, Kendall Blohm, Caitlyn Disser, Sydni Hardy, Makayla Harley, Juele Jennings, Ahzjah Knight, and Emma Weeks. The play went really well. The nativity portrayers did great, too. The soloists sang wonderfully. The choir was good, happy, and loud. In the middle of the play there was a cool rap called the Wisemen Rap. Jacob Leary, Elias Ricks, Daniel Shapiro, and Todd Vinson all acted out the parts of the Wisemen Rap. After the program, the school had a bake sale. The purpose of the bake sale was to help pay for the cost of the production and other means. Treats included Christmas cookies, brownies, muffins, and bread. A big thanks to all our supporters, teachers, parents, and crew. They really made the play great. And that's a fact, not fiction!

by Allison Gillies & Adrienne Brown, 7th Grade



Annual Thanksgiving Luncheon

by Phillip White, 8th Grade



This year's Thanksgiving lunch went very well. The food was great! They had turkey, bread rolls, corn, mac and cheese, gravy, and mashed potatoes. The servers were very nice and gave good amounts of food to us. All the grades that paid \$5 for this lunch were eligible to eat. Each class ate at one big table and had a great time. The preschoolers made different kinds of headbands to look like the hats of the pilgrims and Indians. The younger grades wore different bags to look like Indians, and they were so cool. We also had lemonade as our refreshment and many desserts. The desserts were two types of cookies, brownies, and small cupcakes. This was a great Thanksgiving Luncheon. I have enjoyed this so much and I'm sure everyone else did as well.



CHS BOYS BASKETBALL



by Kristian Larimer, 8th Grade

Our CHS Lions basketball team is off to a great start to the season! The past outcomes of our games have been pretty good. Junior Varsity has 2 wins, but Varsity has not won one yet. They are making an amazing effort against the big men of the court. I feel like we have made big improvements on the court this year and that we will continue to get better! Our next game after break is on January 8th; it is an away game against HSRC. On January 11th we have a home game against Deer Creek. Then, after those games, we have the ICC tournament that is held at FOFCA and some games against Trinity Christian. The tournament is January 18th-20th. Make sure you attend and cheer on those roaring Lions!!!



RESTAURANT FUNDRAISERS

We have done a lot of fundraisers this year. CHS has raised over \$140 from Culvers, Burger 21, Blaze Pizza, and Portillo's. Most of the people at this school go to the fundraisers. I would say Portillo's is my favorite place to eat. Overall, we have made quite a pocket full of money. This money will go to the athletic department at CHS. We will be having another fundraiser after Christmas break. It will be at Chipotle in Orland Park on January 10th from 5-9 pm. Chipotle is known for their burrito bowls. They are so good. I get one every time I am there. Be sure to have dinner at Chipotle and support our sports teams!

by Niko Balaskas, 7th Grade



by Aylissa Powell, 8th Grade

Pearl Harbor Day is a memory of how many men and women lost their lives on December 7, 1941. On that early Sunday morning, the United States naval base was under a surprise attack by the Imperial Japanese Navy. More than 2000 American citizens were killed and more than 1000 people were injured. The Japanese military hoped that this attack on Pearl Harbor would prevent the United States gaining control of the Pacific Ocean. It didn't prevent them, it just made them angry and this made the United States escalate to World War 2. For the example of bravery set on this day, the USS Arizona Memorial in Pearl Harbor was built over the sunken USS Arizona which was dedicated in 1962. In 1991, which marked the 50th anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor, the United States Congress established the Pearl Harbor Commemorative Medal. This medal is also known as the Pearl Harbor Survivors Medal.



The History of St. Nicholas



Louis Longfellow, 8th Grade

St. Nicholas was a real person that is thought to be the inspiration for the character we know as Santa Claus. He was a bishop who lived in the fourth century in a place called Myra in Asia Minor, which is now Turkey. He was very rich because his parents died when he was young and received a lot of money from their estate. He was very kind to people. He helped the poor and gave secret gifts to people who needed it. He was so kind, that he was made a saint! There are several legends about him; most of them aren't true. He has also been nicknamed "Santa Claus" and "Father Christmas". Throughout history, his stories have been passed down. From generation to generation, St. Nicholas has always been known. Many writers have even written books and songs about him.



HOW CHRISTMAS IS CELEBRATED IN OTHER COUNTRIES

Have you ever wondered about how Christmas is celebrated in other countries? If so, this is the information you've been waiting for. The first country is Spain. Spain celebrates Christmas during a festival called La Misa De Gallo. This festival is also known as the Mass of the Rooster. The people eat before the Christmas service. They eat food like Pavo Trufado De Navidad, which is turkey stuffed with truffles. The truffles are mushrooms, not the chocolate ones, just so you know. Then, they go to the service. After the service, they walk around town singing, dancing, playing music, and carrying torches. The next country is The Netherlands. In the Netherlands, the people celebrate Christmas on December 5th. The name Santa Claus comes from Sinterklaas. The people in The Netherlands say Sinterklaas comes on a steam boat and leads a procession throughout the town on a white horse. Sounds like fun. The last country I will name is Sweden. In Sweden, the people eat a feast called Julbord on Christmas Eve. On Christmas Eve some people in Sweden watch Donald Duck!! These places sound fun. I hope I can visit all of them one day.

by Ethan Blohm, 7th Grade



Christmas Traditions

Sometimes we look at the Christmas tree and think, "Why do we have Christmas trees?" Well, I'm here to answer all your questions and more! First, eggnog was, and still is a very popular drink. But, did you know that originally only the wealthy drank it? Then, when it came to America, we put rum in it? I'm just glad we still have it! Did you also know that the tradition of the Christmas tree came from Germany? Some people think that Martin Luther saw some stars over some evergreens and wanted to recreate that in his home. They also say that he put candles on it too. I think that is why we put lights on our trees. Finally, we give gifts on Christmas because it reminded us of the giving of gifts from the wise men to Jesus. Thanks for reading and I hope you learned something!

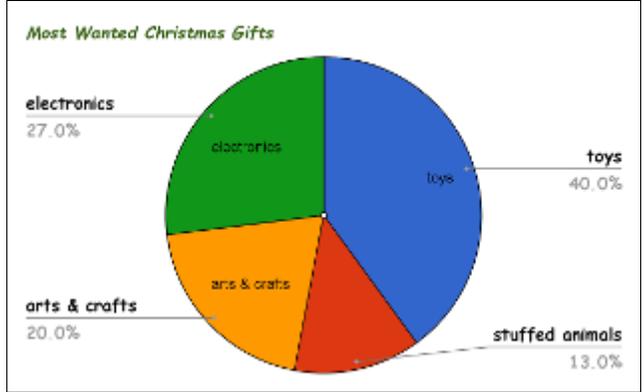
by Jeremy Faustini, 7th Grade

by Meher Swamy, 8th Grade



Christmas Gifts

This year's most desired kids' Christmas gifts range from a tiny stuffed animal to a gigantic playhouse. Children are also into fads and electronics. This proves true because some of the gifts recommended are fidget spinners and virtual reality headsets. Some gifts that are on the top of the list for most wanted gifts for girls are sewing machines, crafty playsets, and other arts. The most wanted gifts for boys include Pokémon cards and robot kits. Overall, these are just some good ideas for gifts to buy for Christmas. I am sure that all of these gifts will put a smile on any child's face!



HYPEBEAST CHRISTMAS

This year, there have been a lot of new groups created. One of these groups is the HypeBeast.

According to the Urban Dictionary, "a HypeBeast is a kid that collects clothing, shoes, and accessories for the sole purpose of impressing others." Most HypeBeasts are over the top, but some are just normal. If you still don't know what a HypeBeast is, it's pretty much a person who buys a lot of designer items. Designers such as Supreme, Louis Vuitton, Off-White, Gucci, Thrasher, Nike, Adidas and A Bathing Ape. Those are the main brands. HypeBeast items usually start anywhere from \$500 to \$30,000, and the price just goes up from there. So, with that being said, let's get to the list.

Hoodies

1. Supreme x Louis Vuitton hoodie
2. Thrasher hoodie
3. Supreme hoodie
4. Bape jacket/hoodie
5. Off-White hoodie



Next, we're going to talk about shoes. Now, since this is a HypeBeast Christmas list, I'm only going to do hype shoes even though they might be out of your price range.

1. Pharrell Human Races
2. Yeezy Season Boost 350 v2
3. 2015 Hyperdunks
4. Yeezy Boost 750
5. Jordan 1's



I hope you enjoyed my little Christmas list. Maybe in the future I'll do a HypeBeast clothing list. But for right now, that's all.
by Micaiah Klimek, 7th Grade

Christmas

As the temperature begins to drop,
Everyone starts to shop.

As the snow begins to fall,
It's time to give loved ones a call.

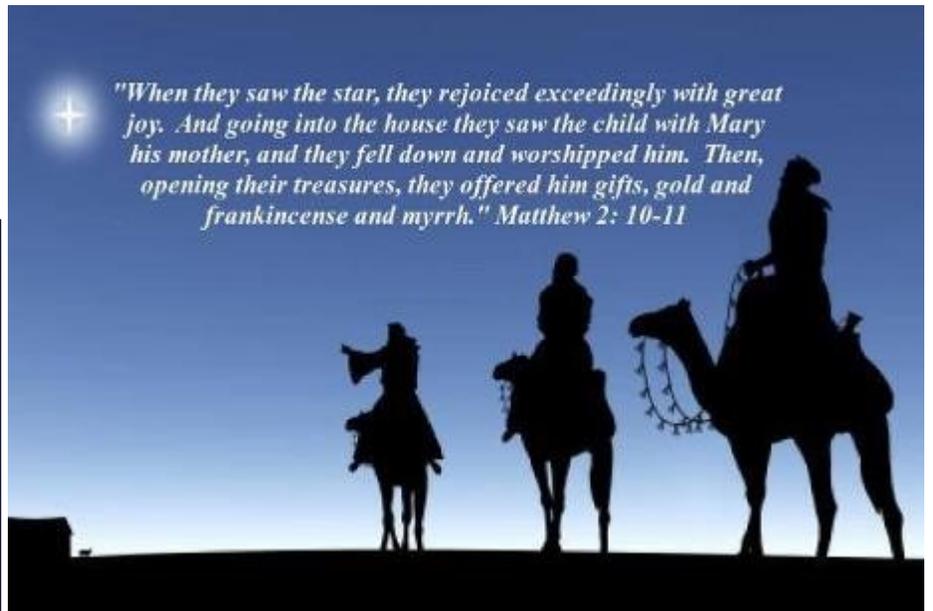
When we open up presents from under the tree,
We show our excitement with glee.

We all know Jesus is the reason,
For this awesome holiday season.

An original poem by
Marcello Gamboa, 7th Grade



"When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. And going into the house they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshipped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh." Matthew 2: 10-11



Verse of the Month

Presented by LJ Berry, 7th Grade

Going Home



Movie Reviews



A continuing story by Gabe Conway, 8th Grade
 “Alright, we may have screwed up in our past attempts, but this time we have this for sure!” Trip says triumphantly holding up two pickaxes. He tosses one to Brutus and says, “Let’s get to work!”

Two Hours Later

“How’s it going on your end?” Trip shouts through the tunnel. “Not bad!” Brutus shouts as he continues to pick away at some dirt. Trip continues to make some progress on his end when suddenly, “I think I can see some light!” Trip shouts excitedly and picks even harder and faster. “I can’t break it! Maybe if we both ram into it, it will fall out!” Trip thinks to himself. “Brutus! Come over here and help me ram into these rocks!” Trip shouts! Trip and Brutus stand side by side and Trip begins the countdown, “Ok, on three. One, THREE!” Trip shouts and laughs as they both barrel towards the rocks and break them open, only to find themselves falling off a cliff into a river! “Well,” Trip says after they swim to shore, “that could have gone better.”

There is a new animated Christmas movie for this year called *The Star*. The main character is a donkey named Boaz and well, let’s just say, that he is no normal donkey. This donkey also has a best friend Dave the Dove. In the movie, Bo, the donkey, is working for a crazy owner. He cannot stand him and runs away from his angry owner. Although an injury stops Bo from fleeing very far, he soon finds himself in the care of a young couple named Mary and Joseph. They are tender and caring owners toward him and treat him well. During this time, a star appears in the sky and catches the attention of three wise men named Deborah, Cyrus, and Felix. They were going...well, they didn’t exactly know where they were going but they suspected that this star would lead them to the newborn Child King. Along the trip of Bo, Dave, and Ruth (which is a sheep that they met on their trip to help their trip) go to Bethlehem and witness the birth of Jesus. Will they save the day or plunge into defeat? You must see the movie to find out. This movie is rated PG.

by Jackson Bergeron, 7th Grade

Justice League is a new movie by D.C. Comics. This movie is highly rated and very recommended. The main idea is a bunch of super heroes try to stop a guy named Stephen Wolf from trying to take over the world. His plot is to use three cubes, called mother boxes, by forming the trio to destroy all worlds. All of the super

heroes think all hope is lost and try to revive Superman. They have to go and find one of the mother boxes in General Zod’s ship. Batman is trying to form a team called the Justice League. All the characters of the team have messed-up personalities. Wonder Woman’s boyfriend died, Cyborg almost died becoming a Cyborg, Batman’s parents are dead, and the Flash’s mother has died. As you can see, these broken-down heroes will unite for the greater good to stop the destruction of the planet. Stephen Wolf is the universe’s most evil person who will do anything to get his way to take over the universe. It depends on the Justice League. The Justice League members at first are nothing compared to Stephen Wolf. He took over almost half of the universe by the time he got to Earth. The Amazon, aka Wonder Woman’s home, alerted the rest of Earth to stop Stephen Wolf. Bruce Wayne, aka Batman, started to gather the Justice League to help save the Earth. Nothing can stop Stephen Wolf except the dreaded kryptonite. The Justice League is helpless to stop this invasion without Superman. Superman is too mad at Batman because of what he did; which almost killed him. The fate of the whole earth and the Justice League lay on the hands of Superman. This movie rating is PG-13. by Camryn Disser and Zed Ruff, 7th Grade



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