

Happy Holidays!

By: Caleb, Nina, and Madeline

Christmas is the time for giving and joy, not receiving and gaining. On this holiday, joy rings around the world, hope fills all of the children's minds, and happiness lights up the universe. Now it is time for the reward, presents. On top of this, you can show others how much you care about them. It's coming, The joy, happiness, and best holiday of our lives, and the emotions are starting to spread. Christmas is the pinnacle of our lives. The snow falling to the ground, lights illuminating neighborhoods, Carols singing, and hot chocolate are all signs that Christmas is nearing. Hanukkah, Ramadan, Kwanzaa, and all other holidays are important as well. They all make people feel elated and loved, and that is all that matters. These holidays bring together families and friends to show each other love and care. Happy holidays!

Black Friday Davis T

Welcome young lad, the 27 of November marks the day of the almighty discounts. Remember that one thing that you wanted, but you couldn't because it was too expensive? Well, this day of discounts is called, Black Friday. Many go crazy on this terrific day because the lord of discounts have shun on us humans, "LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, TIS DAY HAS FINALLY COME, ALL THE COINAGE SAVED UP, ALL THE WAITING , ALL OF THOSE COUNTLESS TIMES TRYING TO FIND DISCOUNTS HAS FINALLY ENDED, THE NEW ERA HAS BEGUN, LADS, YOU MUST PREPARE FOR THE ONE AND ONLY BLACK FRIDAY, THE DAY OF THE ALL MIGHTY PRICES GOD OF THE STORES HAVE BLESSED US HUMANS WITH THE GLORIFIED GIFT OF DISCOUNTS, HUMANS, HE HAS SHOWN US HIS POWER, WE MUST STRIVE FOR THIS DAY OF BUYING, WE MUST ACT NOW, LADS THIS IS THE TIME FOR YOU TO GET EVERYTHING YOU'VE BEEN WAITING FOR, GO FORTH AND STRIVE FOR THE DISCOUNTS, FOR YOU SHAN'T LET THIS OPPORTUNITY BE WASTED, WE MUST MAKE HASTE! -Amen"

If you can't make it on Black Friday, remember, it lasts all the way Sunday. However if you don't feel like going into stores, there is still Cyber Monday. Cyber Monday is November 30, and on this day, there will be many discounts online, like on Amazon, Ebay, and any online shop, for example Best Buy or Apple. Cyber Monday will have at least everything on discount.

Let's interview a few lads who have survived Black Friday 2015 and ask of their stories.

Interview with Davis Truong:

"So, what did you do for Black Friday?"

"So I was on a search for the almighty discounts, and there I found it, at the Micro Center, iPad Pros that were a whooping 10\$ off, so we bought 2, I still thank the discount god till this day, oh and I got a keyboard that was 80\$ off."

Do you understand LADS? The true power of discounts, the ultimate prices have shun on Davis and he managed to save 100\$ off on only 3 items.

Interview with Christian Drevon:

"What did you do on Black Friday?"

"I don't understand how people can do Black Friday, so I didn't go, I would rather do Cyber Monday." Do you see this? The influence that discounts can have? It causes trauma on people who are hesitant to participate, but still they strive for discounts, there for there is an alternative, Cyber Monday. For example Davis' friend got \$130 off on a Canon T6l camera.

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The Hopeostas

The Hopeostas are a group of merry creatures that go around the world and spread Christmas cheer. The leader of the group, Clausnet, is Santa's great granddaughter. Her specialty is spreading joy by singing. Second in Command, Frostbite (Frosty the Snowman's son), he is the bravest member of them all and will do anything to spread holiday happiness. Rudolph's daughter, Speckle, acts as their transportation and light source, not only this but she also spreads joy to all animals she touches. Sandboy, Sandman's son, not only spreads sweet dreams but he also holds candy for kids.

The town of Non-Hoppelous was a town that was suffering of poverty. The town's food supply was curtailing every second, along with its hope. Everything in this town was dark and gloomy. They had no joy and hope for the holidays. Only one group could save it, the Hopeostas. Davis the coupon master, was roaming Non-Hoppelous and draining away all hope. He was planning to make the citizens his Black Friday minions, and would send them to go into all the stores in the world to take advantage of the discounts. Davis needed to be stopped.

The Hopeostas were flying into Non-Hoppelous, Speckle called in some of her reindeer friends to pull the big sleigh of heros. As they were flying into the town, Davis the Discount Lord was stealing coupons from families in need. Frostbite then fired a wave of hope towards the villain, but, it stopped in mid-air and bounced straight back at the Hopeostas as a black beam. Speckle dived to protect Frostbite and took the sting. She became evil. The only way to turn her back and get rid of the Discount Lord was for the Hopeostas to shoot there rays of hope at the same time, and risk them all dying of too much power. Speckle would also have a risk of dying as well, because of an overload of hope. The Hopeostas had a decision to make. Have her stay evil, or risk her life.

It took a lot of courage, but the Hopeostas finally decided to try and save Speckle. They all shot out a ray of hope and hit Speckle. They saved her.

For the next five years the Hopeostas fought the greedy man, and came out with the win. It took them a teeming amount of hope and joy. Things went back to how they were before Davis the Discount Lord's evil was around.

Christmas Poem by Mercedes and Sarah

Oh,
Window
panes, the icy
frost leaves feathered
patterns all crissed with
crossed. But in our House the
Christmas Tree is decorated oh so
festively. With tiny dots of colored light
that cozy up this winter night. Christmas songs,
familiar, slow, and beautiful play softly on the radio.
Pops and hisses, from the fire whistle with the bells and choir.
I am now fast asleep, on my back and dreaming deep. When the fire
makes me hot, I turn to warm up wherever it's not. Propped against the
soft blue rug, I give my dog a gentle hug. Tomorrow's what I'm waiting for,
but
I can wait a little more.
I awake with a bright
glow, as I watch the
winter snow fill my
heart with a feel of
home. Time to open
up my gifts with time
to spare and hearts to
lift.

In the Christmas Spirit by Isaiah C

So, this Christmas Story is an unusual one. This is a weird story just due to the fact it has an encrypted meaning. One windy and snowy day on a mountain far, far away laid a boy and his sister watching the Christmas Tree. This Tree was their favorite thing in the entire world. They knew not why, it just simply was there, unliving after being tugged free of its roots. Maybe, they thought, it was like them. Their parents had died a long time ago, and they lived with a Butler who cared for them very much. The kids never went to school because everyone would harass them. Teachers were constantly nagging at them if they did not do something right the first time. Every mistake was constantly nagged at. If the kids weren't able to cope well enough they would have gone insane. The other kids just pushed them outside of their circles. No one accepted them, so the generous Butler pulled them out.

The kids were hopeful they would get something good for Christmas at least, but they felt as though they were horrible children because of their short presence in school. In reality though, they in fact were what most people would consider "Angel Kids" very good kids. Then, their demeanor changed. They felt like they were horrid, they hated it.

On Christmas Day, there were presents under the tree. The kids reluctantly woke and walked over to the tree. The Butler walked in as the kids woke. He smiled and sat down next to them.

"Good Morning Evan and Eve! How are my two little angels doing?" the Butler asked with a smile.

"Good Morning Rudolph!" the kids said in unison.

The Butler smiled and looked to the tree, and in a flash his face shock and back to the usual again. There were a ton of presents lying there. They got up and opened a few. The Butler arose and pointed out which were his to the kids. The kids opened all of the Butlers gifts, and he said to open the rest. The kids opened all the presents and had a good time with their caretaker.

The next day, the Butler walked home with a serious expression. He chose not to even talk to the kids about the troubling thing, as to not destroy the joy they were feeling. Although, the other side of him wanted to express it to them. So, he waited a few hours then decided to confront them about the situation.

"With a heavy heart, I must say that I have been fired from my work. I may not be able to pay for you two any longer." the Butler said.

"Why? We do not want to leave you Rudolph!" Evan pitched in.

"Hrm, I wonder if we could sell those presents you said you didn't buy for us." Eve said as she picked up a box off the ground.

"That's not a shabby idea, Eve." Evan replied.

"Would you guys really be so kind to do that?!" the Butler inquired.

"Yes, we would!" the Twins said in unison.

The children sold their toys, which actually brought in a fair bit of money. Enough money for the Butler and kids to be fed with until the Butler got another job. The unusual thing about this was that on New Year's Day, the Butler started to work for a higher-paying job. He was no longer a mere Butler, but a Chef now. The kids never regretted selling those things for the greater good, they had finally felt like they were good. And that was all, they all lived a happy, good life.



Heavenly Hash Recipe By Judd B.

This recipe has been in my family for years and it is up to me to share it with the world. Enjoy.

Ingredients:

One bag of marshmallows, a jar of cherries, a can of pineapple slices, and cherry juice.

What to do:

Cut the amount of cherries you have in half, save the cherry juice

Pour the marshmallows into a bowl

Use a beater on the marshmallow/cherry juice mix

Open the can of pineapples and get as much of the liquid out as possible

Pour the pineapples into the bowl, along with the cherries

Mix until the marshmallows are mushy

And viola! You have another meal on the menu for a family gathering.

Things to do in the Winter Kenzie, Amari, Bella

Winter is a fun season because there are so many things to do! When you're bored, look at this list and get some ideas.

- Make a big Giant cup of hot chocolate with whipped cream and giant marshmallows
- Build a fort in the snow!
- Make an upside down snowman
- Have a snowball fight
- Make paper snowflakes
- Go sledding on a big hill.
- Make a snow angel
- Go ice skating
- Put bubble wrap on floor and walk on it.
- Get food coloring and water into a spray bottle, and spray it on your yard
- Go snowboarding, or skiing
- Make cookies
- Make a fire, and make s'mores
- Make hot chocolate and sit next to the warm fire
- make a gingerbreadman house

Diy's:

- Take some thin string, and with a needle push it through several cotton balls. After you make at least 10 snowflake garlands hang them up on your ceiling.
- Make homemade snow Recipe

(<http://pagingfunmums.com/2014/07/01/how-to-make-homemade-snow/>)

- Fill a balloon with water, add food coloring and then put it outside (when it's below freezing) and then leave it outside. Cut the balloon off and now you have a giant marble!
- take a string of regular white lights, and taking burlap fabric, tie small strips of the fabric to the lights.



- Festive mason jar take glue and spread all around the mason jar and take little buttons and orange paper.
- Make a snowglobe with a mason jar, Get a small figurine and glue it on the cap of the jar, mix water and glitter in the jar, and glue the cap on to the jar.

Winter

By Calvin O. and Joey V.

The coldest time of the year has come. We now welcome cold temperatures and a whole lot of snow. Winter break is a time of enjoyment because we celebrate Christmas, New Year's, Hanukkah and many more holidays depending on your culture or religion during this time of the year. We also have time to spend with family and friends whether or not you are inside, or outside. Winter can also be a bummer because your parents will probably tell you again and again to shovel the driveway, or you may be sick of spending all your time inside. Winter consists of many pros and cons, but it will always be a good time of the year because you get to miss two weeks of school, and we get to celebrate controversially the best holiday of the year... Christmas!

Snow Day

I lay awake at night.

ugh tomorrow's Monday I thought as I went to sleep.

THE NEXT DAY

knock knock knock knock knock

"Do you want to build a snowman?" asked my annoying sister.

"No. it's not even snowing." I replied

"Yes it is. We got a snow day!"

"Oh well I'm sleeping. Leave me alone."

"No you're not, you're talking to me right now."

"LEAVE ME ALONE, HADLEY!"

I finally fell back to sleep, but then suddenly I woke up again by some noise. It was coming from my window, I looked out to see my sister, Hadley, outside. She threw a snowball at my window, and it made me flinch.

"COME ON OUT, VIOLET! COME PLAY WITH ME!" Her voice was faded, due to the window between us, "IF YOU DON'T I'LL BRING SNOWBALLS INTO THE HOUSE AND THROW THEM AT YOU!"

"I'M COMING!" I told her, I honestly don't know if she heard me or not. But I got ready to go outside anyway, I put on a big fluffy coat over my long-sleeve shirt, boots, gloves, and a hat. I made my way outside, "Brrrr it's cold." I shivered.

"Hadley, I'm here," I replied bluntly.

"Then come over here."

I followed the voice and walked towards the back of the house.

"Help me build this snowman."

"Let me get the things from inside," I walk inside and got a hat, a scarf, coat, and a carrot. I went back outside. Me and Hadley started building the snowman. We were making his middle at the moment, my sister was trying to put on the coat before I even made the head.

"Hadley, don't put on the coat yet, we didn't even make the head. We can decorate afterwards."

She crossed her arms and made an angry face before she said, "Fine."

We finished making the snowman after a while. The snowman had a funny looking body, he had a middle, very close to the size of the bottom. Except the middle was a little ruff, and the other parts were smooth. The snowman had three rock buttons and some eyes, some sticks as arms and hair, A scarf and a jacket, and had a... wait a second where's his nose? I turned to my sister she had stars in her eyes, she was so impressed by the snowman.

"Umm, Hadley, I think you forgot something."

Hadley looked at me in confusion until she realized what I was talking about.

"OH!" She looked behind her, and grabbed the carrot and placed it on the snowman's face. "There we go I almost forgot."

I rolled my eyes, "You did forget."

"Like you didn't!" She yelled at me.

"Actually, I'm the one that reminded you," I replied back.

"Whatever, anyway I already named him. His name is

Olaf."

"Olaf? That's a weird name, it should be frosty."

"No, it's Olaf."

"Fine, it's Olaf."

"YAY!"

Our mom took our pictures with Olaf. We all had a big snowball fight, in the backyard, we also made snow angels. It was so much fun! But the best part of today was when we went inside and drank hot cocoa. With a bunch of blankets around us that kept us warm, we all watched the movie FROZEN, and I now know where my sister got that name from.

The next day

"Violet guess what?!"

"What?" I was half asleep, and wasn't really listening anyway.

"WE HAVE A SNOW DAY!"

"Huh? Again?"

"Yeah, you wanna go build a snowma..."

"ACHOOO!" I rubbed my nose. "No, I think i'm sick."

"Awww really? Why are you so boring?"

"It's not my fault, it's because of all that snow yesterday."

"You got a point, do you want to go watch FROZEN?"

"Yeah, I do, let's go." I raced my sister down the stairs.

I love snowdays!

Winter Break By: Christian, Walter and Mackensi

Winter break is near, are you ready for the holiday cheer. There are many different ways to spend winter break. Some people go on vacations, while some people just stay home and visit family while celebrating the holidays. There are many great things to do over winter break here in Colorado. One is obviously, skiing. Many people love to ski in the mountains, and there are many places to do so such as; Steamboat ski resort, Aspen/snowmass, and Breckenridge ski resort. Also there are amusement parks. Some in Colorado include Elitches, North Pole, and Lakeside. It will be chilly though! Different amusement parks have many different rides and activities to do. There are rides for all ages throughout these amusement parks. Also places inside like Sky Zone and Jumpoline are great places to go during winter break because they are inside. One of the best and most important things to do is visit family. Visiting family is always special because they are such a big part of you. Weather staying home or going out of town it's always nice to spend time with your family and appreciate them. Most of the great vacation spots to go during winter are warm places. Have fun this winter break, and stay warm!

Winter Treats- Savannah, Ashley, Michelle

Chocolate Pretzel Craft

2 ounces melted orange Candy Melts*

1 bag Snyder's of Hanover Pretzel Dipping Sticks

16 ounces melted and tempered pure white chocolate*

or melted white confectionery coating/Candy Melts

8 ounces melted and tempered pure semi-sweet chocolate*

or melted dark cocoa confectionery coating/Candy Melts



24 snowflake sprinkles

Apple Muffins- Food Network

Ingredients

Cooking spray

1/4 cup chopped pecans

3/4 cup plus 2 tablespoons packed brown sugar

1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon

1 cup all-purpose flour

1 cup whole wheat pastry flour

1 teaspoon baking soda

1/2 teaspoon fine salt



1/4 cup canola oil

2 large eggs

1 cup natural applesauce

1 teaspoon vanilla extract

3/4 cup low fat buttermilk

1 Golden Delicious apple, peeled, cored and cut into 1/4-inch pieces

Directions

-Preheat the oven to 400 degrees F. Coat a 12-capacity standard muffin pan with cooking spray.

-In a small bowl, mix together the pecans, 2 tablespoons of the brown sugar and the cinnamon.

-In a medium bowl, whisk together the all-purpose and whole wheat flour, baking soda and salt.

-In a large bowl, whisk the remaining 3/4 cup sugar and the oil until combined. Add the eggs, one at a time, whisking well after each addition. Whisk in the applesauce and vanilla.

-Whisk in the flour mixture in two batches, alternating with the buttermilk. Whisk just until combined. Gently stir in the apple chunks.

-Pour the batter into the prepared muffin pan and sprinkle with the pecan mixture. Tap the pan on the counter a few times to remove any air bubbles. Bake until a wooden pick inserted in center of one of the muffins comes out clean, 20 to 25 minutes.

-Let cool on a wire rack for 15 minutes. Run a knife around the muffins to loosen them and unmold. Cool completely on the rack.

Young Santa by Isaiah Cordova

One night, at midnight, there was something going down the chimney. It wasn't a bird, and it wasn't a cheeky mouse. No, it was Santa Claus. This Santa, however, was quite naive, as he was only a little older than twelve. He seemed to be the 'Peter Pan' type, all about fun and not growing up. It was peculiar to the three kids watching from upstairs though, they were always told Santa was a jolly old man who gave out presents on Christmas. But this year, something was off. The children were all given coal instead of presents. They darted downstairs and confronted the young Santa.

"Hey, we don't deserve that for Christmas!" the youngest said.

"Erm... Hello Children, I suggest going back to sleep." the young Santa said.

"Then you should take some stealth classes, mister." the middle child responded matter-of-factly.

"I'm working on it." he said with a dangerous glare.

The eldest chose to not speak, after weighing out the pros and cons. The young Santa noticed it, and gave the eldest one something good, not coal.

"Hey! That's not very fair, mister!" the youngest responded with outrage.

"I have a name you know. It's Nico the Second, Nico Claus in other words." he said seeming to have given up on the children. He started to slowly float back to the chimney.

"At least stay here and play some board games with us, if we're your last house." the eldest said.

"In fact, this does just so happen to be my last house. And I wouldn't mind staying for a tad longer." Nico Claus said.

The now party of four played board games until 3 A.M. in the morning, then they all dispersed and the three children went to catch Z's, while Nico retreated back to the North Pole. So every Christmas after that, Nico Claus was greeted with open arms by the Trio of Children. Every year they grew together on Christmas Eve. They grew until Nico Claus was now the Jolly Old Santa they first thought he was.

Winter Wonderland Wordsearch

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CHRISTMAS	PRESENTS	SNOW
HANUKKAH	TREE	STAR
ORNAMENTS	GINGERBREAD	COOKIES
MILK	FIREPLACE	CHIMNEY

Word Scramble~Holiday Edition - by Isaiah C.

RISMATCH = _____

Hint: Falalalalala la la la, 'Tis' the season to be jolly,

SONWLALB = _____

Hint: *blank* fight!!! Get to the snow fort!

SPEENRT = _____

Hint: You get them on Christmas Day

HTO HCOTACOLE = _____

Hint: Yumm

TANSA = _____

Hint: Hohohoho

DLPODUR = _____

Hint: Big ol' Red Nose

STOFYR = _____

Hint: Stay...

RINGCH = _____

Hint: Hehehehe what a scheme

HAKKHAUN or CKHHNUAA = _____

Hint: Dreidels and Menorah

WKZAAAN = _____

Hint: Seven Candles...

MNADSNA = _____

Hint: He makes you have good dreams