

Central York High School



On The Prowl
Holiday Edition

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Seniors share how they celebrate Hannukah during the holidays

By Lilly Horn
Staff Writer



When we look around us during December and even November, we can be overwhelmed by Christmas, but we don't see other holidays represented during the holidays. With the decorations and music, it seems to go on forever. Here's a look into what it's like for people who celebrate Hanukkah during the holiday season.

For Hanukkah, a menorah candle is lit once each night, for eight nights and a present is received each night. You say prayers and play a game with a dreidel, which is like a spinning top.

One Central senior, Ryan Fahs, celebrates Hanukkah. His favorite part of the holiday season is when he goes to

visit his grandparents in Florida, where they vacation every year. Hanukkah sometimes falls before Christmas, so he doesn't get to celebrate the eight days with his grandparents. One special thing Fahs's family does is have a tree with ornaments, his family also uses a dreidel with Disney characters on it.

"It's kind of a forgotten holiday," Fahs said.

Since the majority of Americans celebrate Christmas, it's hard to see representation for the other holidays. His family has to buy all of their decorations on Amazon since the stores don't offer a variety of decor for Hanukkah.

Senior Raya Levine, celebrates Hanukkah as well. Each year, her family picks one of their many decorative menorahs to put up. She likes to visit her family in New Jersey where she spends some

of her holiday. Her mom's side of the family celebrates Christmas at her grandma's house, where her family visits on Christmas Eve. Levine's family tries to incorporate Hanukkah into their celebration to include Levine. Her stocking at her grandma's house is shaped like a dreidel.

Like Fahs, Levine said she has trouble finding her holiday decorations. Her family buys all of their decorations in Baltimore, where she sees more representation for Hanukkah.

"When you go into stores [around here] it looks like there's a big section, but when you actually go up it looks like it has been picked through. It is weird because there aren't many Jewish people around here. I do wish people would realize there is a different holiday going on," she said.

Levine continues a tradition of her own each year by



Senior Raya Levine (standing above) hosts her annual Hanukkah party with her friends. Pictured (left to right): Prachi Patel, Anna Roberts, Allison Twigg, Maggie Shenberger, Raya Levine, Ashton Kroeger and Leah Parson.
Submitted photo.

throwing a Hanukkah party during the holiday. She noticed that they didn't know a lot about Hanukkah, so she has a party where she makes latkes and matzo ball soup.

During December, most of the students at Central will be focused on Christmas, but with our school being so diverse, just remember there is another holiday to include in our festivities.

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Christmas music playlist: A festive song for each of the 12 days

Marissa Marsh
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1 "Mistletoe" - Justin Bieber	2 "The Christmas Song" - John Legend	3 "Have Yourself A Merry Little Christmas" - Sam Smith
4 "Santa Tell Me" - Ariana Grande	5 "You're A Mean One, Mr. Grinch" - Jordan Smith	6 "Christmas Eve" - Kelly Clarkson
7 "Grown-Up Christmas List" - Pentatonix & Kelly Clarkson	8 "When You Believe" - Pentatonix & Maren Morris	9 "Where Are You Christmas?" - Pentatonix
10 "Believe" - Josh Groban	11 "All I Want For Christ- mas is You" - Mariah Carey	12 "Cold December Night" - Michael Bublé

What are Central's favorite things about the holiday season?

By Molly Reinhard

Editor-in-Chief
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"The holiday cabaret is a very exciting part of the Christmas season to me. I have a lot of fun playing Christmas music with my friends."
-Rachel Rambler '19

"I like to shovel for my mom and dad on snowy days because it makes them happy." -Eric Bowman '19

"Every year I celebrate my birthday with my family. I also like to go to Christmas parties." -Xavier Castillo '20

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"I appreciate the fact that people become more generous and compassionate towards people in need." -Mrs. Lisa Sands

Central teachers share their unique holiday food traditions

By Ashley Billet

Staff Writer



During the holiday season, many families have their typical traditions, some including their favorite foods for the holidays.

Miss Amanda Fisher, a family consumer science teacher, shares her favorites for Christmas and New Years. She said she loves all holiday food items during the holidays, but her favorite tradition is her families homemade sauerkraut, which comes from the German culture.

"We developed this recipe from my grandparents, they always made their own

sauerkraut. It takes six weeks to make starting in a large crock to ferment the cabbage, in brine and then we can into mason jars," she said.

"This year Fisher says, we cut 14 heads of cabbage, which yielded 21 quart jars of sauerkraut!" The extras are used for Christmas gifts.

Fisher said she thinks that this recipe is not common because people normally replace it by buying canned or bagged sauerkraut at the market. "Most people are too busy to take the time to make their own."

Fisher's tradition over the holidays is to eat their sauerkraut at midnight on New Year's. Her grandparents

started the tradition, they believe it brings good luck and prosperity.

"My dad even ate sauerkraut on New Year's, even though her does not care for it, he believes in the luck factor."

"My families traditions are important but I have never contributed."

Fisher also enjoys her great-grandmother's secret homemade cinnamon rolls recipe.

"Yes, it's a secret, that only she knows." Fisher said her grandmother often says you just have to have a lot of practice and "eyeballing" the recipe amounts to get them just right.

This recipe is going gen-

eration to generation. "I plan to pass the sauerkraut making tradition and cinnamon roll making techniques to my future children and grandchildren," said Fisher.

Dr. Turner, an English teacher has her family traditions as well. Their family tradition is a U.S. originated recipe, Creamed Chipped Beef.

"My family loves to have Cream Chipped Beef on New Year's morning. "We have changed dinner's we have over the years, but for several years this has been the best tradition we have had," Turner said.

She has been eating chipped beef ever since she was a little girl. "Creamed

chipped beef was a Christmas breakfast I had since I was a little girl.

"The recipe was passed down to me from my grandmother and mother."

"This recipe is rather straightforward recipe. There's nothing special about the way I make it except that I work very hard to make sure the sauce is thick and creamy. Most people don't like a thin and watery sauce."

"Most people don't know of or do not like creamed chipped beef, however from the generations I have been used to the idea," she says.

How to have a holly jolly snow day at home

Grace Montgomery
P.R. Manager



Snow days can be amazing for a sleep-deprived high schooler. Once you wake up, it's important to fill your day with fun winter activities. Here are a few ideas to keep your day interesting:

Play in the snow



Having fun in the snow isn't just for little kids. There are plenty of fun activities to do outside during a snow day. Sledding is great, even if you don't have a traditional sled. Anything similar in size or shape works: cushions from your outdoor furniture, a cookie sheet or a boogie board are all good options. Building a snowman or having a snowball fight are some other

fun snow activities. These can be the best moments to share with some friends, any loved ones for that matter.

Watch holiday movies



Being a high school student leaves little time for sitting down and relaxing, but it's very important to leave room in your busy schedule to do just that. Throw on a pair of your coziest wintry pajamas, grab a blanket and snuggle up on the couch with your favorite holiday movie.

For me, it's Will Ferrell's "Elf." If you're having trouble deciding, Netflix has plenty of great options to choose from.

Treat yourself



Taking care of yourself should always be a prior-

ity, but it can be hard to fit it in during an average school day. Start with a long, warm bath to unwind. While you're in there, put on your favorite cleansing face mask and let it soak in before washing it off.

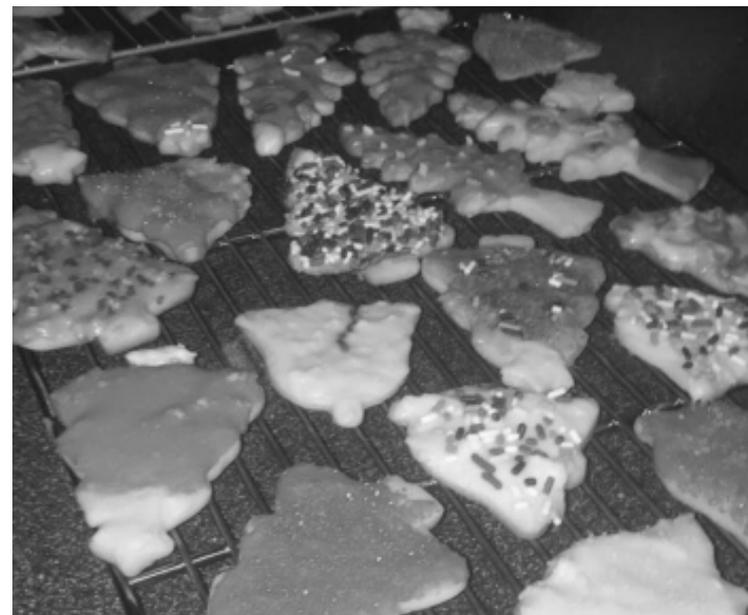
Once you're out of the tub, it's important to replenish with a moisturizer since the cold months can be harsh.

Next is the time to do anything you find enjoyable. I enjoy painting my nails, reading a book or watching my favorite TV show. This time is for you.

Purge your closet



A great time-consuming activity is cleaning out your closet. Throughout the year, your sense of style can change and it's common to grow tired of old clothes. Start by going through one item of clothing



Use colorful icing and sprinkles to spice up your Christmas cookies.
Photo by Grace Montgomery.

a time to stay organized; I start with shirts and go from there. Salvation Army, Goodwill or Lifepath Christian Ministries are all places in York that will gladly accept any clothing

or shoe donations. The holiday season is the time to give back, so use this day off to do your part. The holiday season is meant to give back, so use this day off to do your part.

What to do when you're "home for the holidays"

Laila Samphilipo
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It doesn't take long for the anticipation and excitement of the holiday season to wear off, leaving the rest of winter break seemingly uneventful. Here is a list of four fun things to do over winter break:

Hershey's Chocolate House



2018 marks the tenth annual Hershey's Holiday Chocolate House, a hand-built chocolate home that fea-

tures 30 different Hershey's confectionery products. This year, over 100 employees volunteered to help construct the home, spending nearly 400 hours perfecting the structure's details. For each hour of labor, \$8 was donated to the Children's Miracle Network, totaling nearly \$3,200 in donations after its completion.

It'll be open to visitors until January at Hershey's Chocolate World in Hershey, PA. The company urges those interested to visit the home. If you visit, take pictures and tag them on social media at @ChocolateWorld, or use the hashtag #ChocolateHouse.

Roundtop Mountain Resort



For those who seek adventure, a visit to Roundtop Mountain Resort is a given. Their outstanding snowmaking system allows them to create the perfect environment for skiing, snowboarding and snow tubing—regardless of the weather. Roundtop also offers lesson packages for beginners to easily learn the basics with rental equipment.

Employees recommend that those interested in visiting dress in insulated layers, that allow for adjustment

during potential temperature changes, as well as water, gloves and a hat.

Bake some goodies



A long break is a great opportunity to develop different, new hobbies like baking. Whether it's the pre-made Pillsbury cookies or thoughtfully crafted pastries, baking is an easy way to unwind before going back to school.

Not only is it a customizable and great creative outlet, but it also serves as an exceptional opportunity to spend time with family and friends.

Skate at York Ice Arena



York Ice Arena has been south central PA's premier ice sports facility for years, possibly due to their consistent community involvement. They hold public skating sessions during varying times throughout each week, where people can pay admission, rent ice skates and take skating lessons. There is also a concession stand with hot chocolate and other snacks, making the York Ice Arena a great place to spend an entire day.

Where should you buy your Christmas tree?

By **Katie Kruza**
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Christmas trees embody the spirit of Christmas and bring a little more holiday spirit into your home. Where should you get your tree?



A tree from The Family Tree Farm decorates the Kruza family home.
Photo by Katie Kruza.

Brown's Christmas Tree Farm
1515 Parkview Rd, York, PA 17406
(717) 757-4324
Mon-Friday 11-5
Sat-Sun 9-5

Brown's offers fresh cut trees, trees you can cut down yourself and fresh wreaths.

The tree farm is family owned by five generations.

They have a crew ready to help you haul your tree and drill them to make them ready for home.

For those interested, they offer tree tours for anyone who wants to learn more about the perfect tree for them.

Family Tree Farm
4688 Dairy Rd, Red Lion, PA 17356
(717) 332-6365
Mon-Fri 12-6:30
Sat 9-6:30
Sun 9-5

Here they have different fields of various types of trees. They offer tractor rides to your desired tree field if you chose to self cut a tree. They offer pre-cut trees along with wreaths and other christmas decorations.

If you're hungry, stop in for some cookies and hot chocolate.

Warner Christmas Tree Farm
8508, 433 Rocky Ridge Rd, Spring Grove, PA 17362
(717) 259-9906
Mon-Thur 3-5
Fri-Sat 9-5
Sun 1-5

They sell douglas fir trees up to 12 feet tall. This farm is different from others where the size of your tree determines how much it costs. To cut a tree from this farm is \$45 plus tax.

They also offer gourds and wreaths. If you can't make these hours to cut your tree, you can call to make a special appointment.

Haring Tree Farm
1705 Valley Rd, Etters, PA 17319
(717) 938-6669
Mon-Thur 10-7
Fri 9-7
Sat-Sun 9-6

This tree farm, like many others, offers pre-cut trees or ones you can cut yourself.

This is a family owned farm that makes wreaths and other festive decorations.

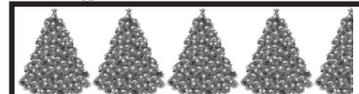
They offer a wide variety of trees so you should have no problem finding the kind you would like.

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Real vs. fake Christmas trees: The debate rages on

By **Marita Blake**
Managing Editor of
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Everyone has an opinion on the subject. What is the truth behind the debate of: Real tree or fake tree?

The holiday season is approaching and there's one question on everyone's mind. Fake tree or real tree? This

question has plagued all tree-getters since the beginning of time. Sure, a real tree makes your whole house smell like the classic evergreen, but is the extra work and maintenance worth it? Do you go with the less authentic, but more environmentally friendly fake option?

Senior Rachel Rambler says that fake trees are just, "too much work." Rambler says that the assembly is a hassle and it's much easier for her parents to get the real tree.

While fake trees do take some time to assemble, it is much less time than it takes to choose and cut down a tree.

Additionally, it is better for the environment to reuse the same tree every year instead of cutting down a tree.

"Fake trees are less of a mess..."

Not only does this take a tree away from the environment, where it could be a home for animals and provide oxygen, but it also becomes a large amount of waste when you are done with it.

Senior Jacob Stewart agrees, saying, "Fake trees are less of a mess and easier to set

up and take down."

Real trees can also be a large financial burden. You have to buy a new real tree year after year. Fake trees are a larger cost up front, but with good care, can be used for many years.

The main argument I tend to hear for real trees is about the smell. If you buy an evergreen candle, the same scent can fill your home. Additionally, you then have the choice if you want to smell it or not. I mean, constant evergreen has to get tiring after a month.

Fake trees are also a huge plus if your family has plans to leave town or go on vaca-

tion during the holiday season. There is no need to worry about taking care of a fake tree when you are gone, which means you can enjoy your time away from home more.

Personally, I prefer a fake tree because I've always had one. Fake trees can be much larger than real ones, and look just as good. I appreciate the low-maintenance of fake trees and how I don't have to do any upkeep. Sure, there's a little dust come the beginning of every December getting the tree out, but some sneezes are worth it for a better look and more environmentally-friendly option.

Holiday horoscope happenings: The signs on Christmas morning

By **Molly Reinhard**

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Aries (March 21-April 19): The one who rushes through opening gifts

Opening Christmas gifts would get boring and tedious to an Aries. As the most impatient and impulsive of the signs, they would be the one who'd most likely rush through unwrapping all of their gifts.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): The one who wants to sleep in

Some signs might want to rise early to see if Santa made it to their house--but not a Taurus. They'd love to relax and spend a little extra time in bed on Christmas morning.

Gemini (May 21-June 20): The one who wakes up early

Geminis are commonly curious and they probably didn't sleep a wink on Christmas Eve. They are likely to jump out of bed and open their Christmas gifts as soon as possible.

Cancer (June 21-July 22): The thoughtful gift-giver

Cancers are very thoughtful and care deeply about the people around them. Instead of opening their own gifts, they would rather watch the joy on the faces of family and friends as they open their gifts.

Leo (July 23-August 22): The "all eyes on me" unwrapper

Leos love to be the center of attention. They would be the person on Christmas morning to open their gifts and make sure everyone is watching their reaction.

Virgo (August 23-September 22): The wrapping paper saver

Virgos are organized and attentive. They'd ensure that their gift opening process is methodical and they'd be most likely to carefully unwrap their gifts and save the paper for next year.

Libra (September 23-October 22): The gift organizer

Libras like everything to be balanced and in place. They'd be likely to unwrap their gifts, immediately dispose of the paper and organize their presents nicely.

Scorpio (October 23-November 21): The secret spoiler

Scorpios are determined to discover the truth, especially when it comes to their Christmas presents. They are most likely to search their entire house to discover their gifts. They're very difficult to surprise.

Sagittarius (November 22-December 21): The big spender

A Sagittarius is likely to give some special gifts to their friends and family due to their generous nature. They love to make people happy and will stop at nothing to have a great time, as well as supply that to others.

Capricorn (December 22-January 19): The tradition-follower

Capricorns are known to be serious about their traditions, especially when it comes to holidays. They are likely to have a certain way Christmas morning should be, and this should not be disturbed.

Aquarius (January 20-February 18): The individual unwrapper

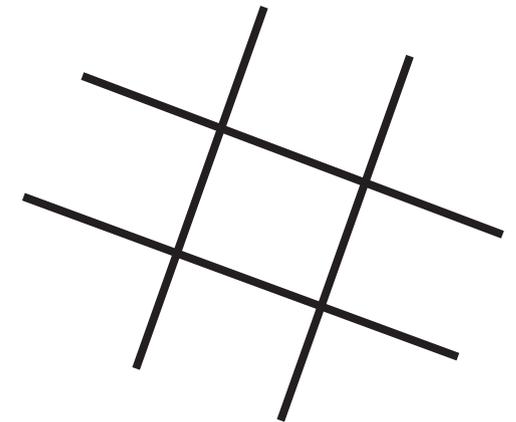
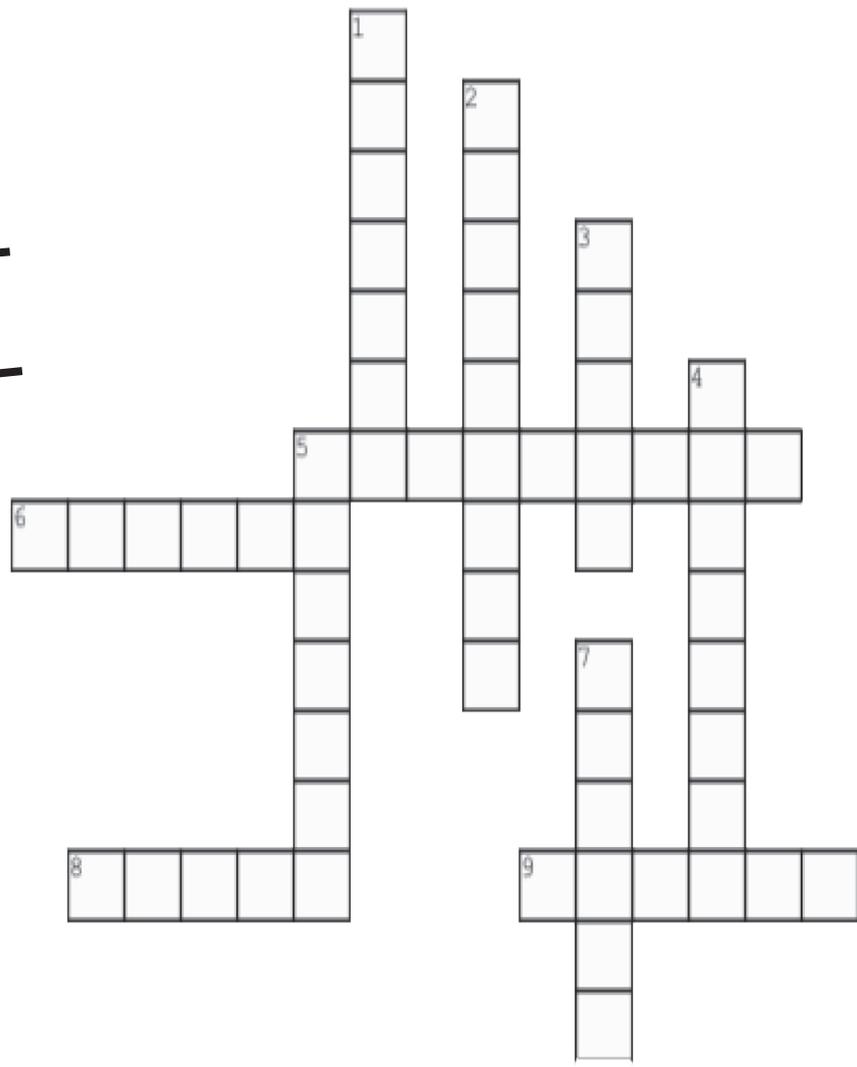
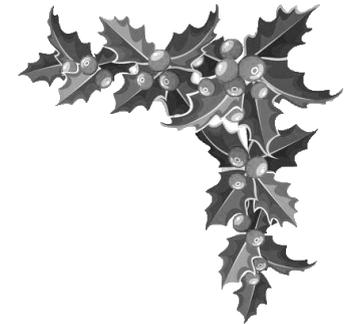
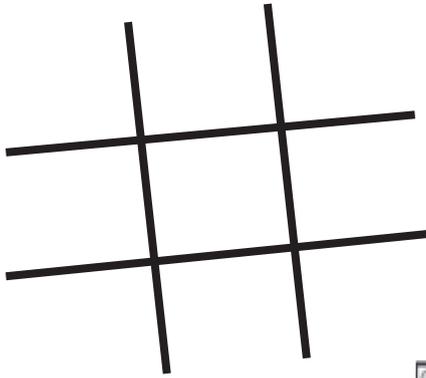
An Aquarius likes to be independent, making them likely to go off on their own and open their presents without the pressure of others. They probably prefer a more low-key Christmas morning.

Pisces (February 19-March 20): The overly emotional reactor

It is common for a Pisces to be very emotional. When opening Christmas presents, it is highly likely for them to react in an emotional way. An extremely thoughtful gift could even cause them to break out into some happy tears.

Get in the holiday spirit: Complete this festive crossword, tic-tac-toe

By Nick Guadagnino
Sports Editor



Across

5. 'Twas the night before
6. This holiday celebrates African American heritage
8. Family and friends give each other _____ during the holiday season
9. When driving through your neighborhood, a lot of houses have strands of these hung up in outside.

Down

1. This holds the eight candles during hannakah
2. These are hung above the fire place
3. Hohoho, he gives gifts to all the good boys and girls
4. The holiday celebrated Dec. 2-10 this year
5. There are eight of these in the menorah
7. People spend time with their friends and _____ during the holiday season

Illumination Studios presents new twist on old classic

By Grace Strayer
Features Editor



"The Grinch" opened in theaters Nov. 9.
Photo by Grace Strayer.

Nov. 9 brought change to the Christmas movie industry as a new take on an old movie made its debut; Illumination's "The Grinch" opened in theatres.

This version featured new songs, new characters as well as new concepts. But, the overall message stayed true to the original Seuss classic, which came out in 1966.

When watching the movie, the first change that becomes apparent is the newest rendition of "You're A Mean One, Mr. Grinch" by Tyler, the Creator.

While it has the basic tune of the original song, the words are modified and sound effects with beats are added which muddle the actual lyrics. This was the worst part of the movie experience. It was too modern for a classic Christmas movie, which it

made it hard to sing along.

The Grinch's house was neat and modern compared to the original film. His crib atop Mount Crumpit was decked out considering it housed the Grinch. The decor and layout was the least bit menacing, and to add to it, other than a few poor pranks that the Grinch played, the Grinch himself was not very threatening overall.

Whoville was the best part; the layout was smooth and the town flowed together. The mix of Christmas decor, colorful housing and decorations made the overall aerial view of the town resemble that of a castle. The ramps, bridges and snow-capped buildings served as an appropriate setting for the Whos.

Speaking of Whos, apart from Tyler, the Creator's song, the characters served as an-

other major change. However this time, I have nothing but praise. The cast change was refreshing. Star Cindy Lou Who differed from traditional Cindy.

Cindy shined as a leader. Newer roles like Cindy's gang of friends were introduced, and Cindy gracefully took charge amongst her friends. She was witty and creative, and a mastermind of inventions and plans which she often used throughout the film.

Cindy most likely gained these traits from her mother. Cindy's father was not present throughout the film, allowing her mom, a single mother of three, to be able to shine and thrive while representing single moms well. Cindy's mother cared for her and her two younger twin brothers, in addition working to provide for her family.

In conjunction with the characters, humor was a large component within the movie. The Grinch's dog, Max, as well as a reindeer, Fred, served as comic relief. Some parts of the movie that were meant to be humorous fell short, leaving the theater silent. But, Max and Fred were always able to pull a giggle out of the audience.

Throughout the movie, the changes made and the slight humor balanced with the elements of the story that stayed the same.

Together, they conveyed the classic movie's message beautifully. With the help of Cindy, the Grinch came to realize what Christmas about.

Proving his lesson learned, the Grinch concluded in, saying, "To kindness and love, the things we need most."

Perfect last minute gift ideas for any occasion

By Lily Kirstein
Staff Writer



The busy holiday season sometimes leaves people absent-minded. A last minute gift may be the only option, but that doesn't make it any less meaningful.

A classic last minute gift is a nice fuzzy blanket or a pack of colorful socks. Who doesn't love a new, soft blanket for the cold season?

Senior Grace King said, "I always get my friends blankets because it's a safe option." Buying your friends the same things is a good idea because one won't feel less

important if you spend less money on them.

If you want to show all your friends that you love them equally, try planning a set amount of money for everyone. That way they all feel just as appreciated.

Other gift ideas include gift cards for something the recipient needs, pictures of nice memories with neat frames to go with them or their favorite candy.

According to some students at Central York High School, a popular place to buy these last minute gifts is Target.

"You can find anything at Target," junior Athena Swords said. You could find

things like earbuds, a sports team's hat or a funny movie.

Another popular destination is the mall.

Junior Wyatt Thomas said, "The mall has a wide range of stores." The perfect gift is a breeze to find at a mall.

Gifts like makeup, keychains and popsockets are a cheap but thoughtful gift idea and are easy to find at the mall as well.

If you can't make it to a store, you can never go wrong with Amazon or any online department store. Always be sure to plan a few days ahead when ordering gifts or else it might not come in time.

Some unplanned gifts

are things like pants or underwear. Clothing is too personalized; there are different sizes and designs that might not work out for the recipient. Gathering a friend's sizes and style also gives away the surprise element of a present.

"I give [last minute gifts] all the time,"

It turns out that a majority of students that were questioned give last minute gifts.

"I give [last minute gifts] all the time," Thomas said.

Any gift is special, no matter what it is or when you get it. That gift may be the same

\$10 Amazon gift card every year, or it could be a new pair of fuzzy slippers, but that doesn't decrease the value. It's the thought that counts.



Garrett Scully sits beneath the Christmas tree, holding a package.
Photo by Lily Kirstein.

The Prowler hosts annual cookie bake-off, editors compete

Journalism students carry on the holiday tradition of baking cookies for judging.

By Anna Holly
Living Editor



Sometimes it's okay to cheat on those seasonal diets when holiday cookies like these are presented. Editors Marita Blake, Anna Holly, Katie Kruza, Joelle Pacheco, Laila Samphilipo and Grace Strayer all accepted to face off in the third annual, light-hearted baking competition that took place in late November.

Among the tasty entries included hot cocoa, red velvet, candy cane, brownie, snickerdoodle and "kitchen sink" cookies. Additionally, the recipes for these cookies were derived from many different sources. Some were family favorites, others were last-minute Pinterest discoveries, and most commonly the desserts were found from simply searching the web. The judging of these treats was carried out by the Life Skills class and the journalism class where the cookies were graded on appearance, taste, and holiday spirit.

The final results were close, but the overall winner was the snickerdoodle cookie baked by the Editor-in-Chief of OTP, Joelle Pacheco. As for the other cookies, they were still thoroughly enjoyed by all critics and participants of this sweet showdown.



Participating editors and judges share smiles in the heat of the competition.
Photos by Katie Kruza and Marissa Marsh.

Where to go on New Year's, what different events take place

By Cassandra Rosario
Staff Writer



Over the holidays, many people travel out of state or even out of the country. But for the New Year's Eve countdown, people go to New York City to see the ball drop or to their families house to watch it drop on television.

Senior Ashley Blaine said she stays in the state for the New Years countdown. Blaine goes to her aunt's house in Manchester.

A large group of people 10 plus, play games and listen to music. As the countdown approaches the family drinks sparkling grape juice and gather around.

Blaine said she likes going there every year because she gets to spend time with her grandparents, cousins, aunts and uncles, but also has

a desire to travel in the future. "I would like to be able to be in Japan to see what it is like in a different country," Blaine said. She said she would also like to go to her friends houses one year and see how they celebrate New Years.

Former graduate student Gabriel Reyes goes out of state for the new years countdown. Reyes goes to New Jersey and New York to see his family.

While in New Jersey, he stays with family and also goes to the \$5 movie theater. While in New York, he stays at the Marriott Hotel he also goes downtown and goes shopping with his family and he said he really enjoys it.

"We stay up until midnight and as soon as the ball drops, we run around the streets banging pots and pans" Reyes said.

One place Reyes would really like to go for the new years countdown is time

square to see the ball drop in person.

If you are planning on staying home for New Years but want to go somewhere for the countdown itself, here are places to go for New Years that are unique...

York:

On 1 E Market St, York, PA 17401 you will see a white rose dropped.

Hershey:

On 48 W Chocolate Ave, Hershey, PA 17033 you will see a Hershey Kiss dropped.

Lancaster:

On 120 N Queen St, Lancaster, PA 17603 you will see a red rose dropped.



New Year's Eve fireworks go off in York county.
Submitted Photo.

Dillsburg:

On 109 South Baltimore Street, Dillsburg, PA you will see a pickle dropped.

Hanover:

On 22 Carlisle St Hanover, PA 17331 you will see a Pac-Man dropped.

Central York student's 2019 New Year's resolutions

By Katie Kruza
Managing Editor of OTP



Students all around the school are busy thinking of their New Year's resolutions. Whether they are simple and small or something huge, 2019 is the time for change. One way to start is to go into the new year with a plan.

The following resolutions are your peer's. If you don't already have one in mind, take a look at these for some possible inspiration.

"I want to practice everyday and be prepared for assignments."
-Ainsley Buia '21

"I want to start saving more money for college."
-Jennifer Ngo '19

"I want to be able to win in a tennis league this coming year."
-Jacob Stewart '19

"I want to make more of an effort to incorporate exercise into my life."
-Mathew Guadagno '20

"I want to buy a planner and organize myself a little better."
-Daniella Feistritz '20

"I want to stop procrastinating so much next year."
-Elizabeth Rader '19

"I want to watch the all of the office continuously."
-Josh Perkins '19

"I want to get a job and make a positive change in someones life."
-An Lai '21

"I want to decide on a college that I was accepted to."
-Rachel Rambler '19

"I want to try to work harder in and out of school."
-Seth Balderston '19

"I want to connect with at least one old friend a month."
-Kyra Heap '19

"Next year I want to be a more positive person."
-Caroline Blalock '19

What to wear: New Year's Eve fashion

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New Year's Eve is a time for celebration. It's a night full of parties, cheers and, of course, fashion.

When searching for that perfect outfit for a New Year's Eve party, look no further than H&M. Offering many different styles, this store has something for everyone.

Your outfit for the evening should include some black, white or gray. These neutral colors, complimented by some pops of color or sequins, are very fashion-forward for a New Year's Eve party.



1 For someone who wants to dress a little nicer for New Year's, this white button-up shirt with small black dots (\$19.99) is tucked into burgundy chinos (\$29.99). This form-flattering fitted shirt is comfortable enough to wear all night while still keeping up with current trends. The burgundy chinos add a pop of color that everyone can enjoy.

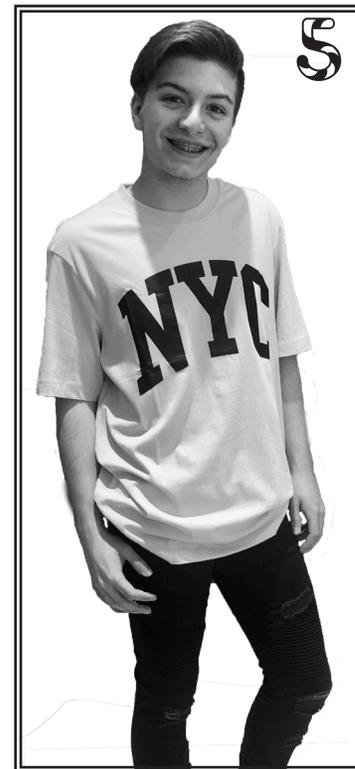


2 For someone who isn't afraid of a little cold, this glittery bodysuit (\$17.99) goes well with a patent skirt (\$29.99). Skirts like this are very trendy right now, and glitter is something many wear on New Year's Eve. You're sure to shine when wearing this to any party this season.



3 If you're looking for something a little more seasonal but keeping up with the New Year's trends, this outfit is for you. This gray textured-knit sweater (\$29.99) worn with navy chinos (\$29.99) will keep you warm for a chilly celebration. This is a simple look that is sure to wow the crowds.

4 If you're wanting a more fun look to celebrate the new year, try this white tank top (\$4.99) tucked into this faux leather skirt (\$29.99). This outfit is bold compared to traditional patterns, and won't break your budget.



5 This edgy and stylish outfit is perfect for those who aren't looking to get too dressed up. This yellow graphic tee (\$12.99) with a pair of black ripped biker jeans (\$39.99) is a simpler look. The biker jeans give it an

edgier look, but any black jean would do just fine. The graphic tee shown is oversized, but it comes in smaller sizes for those who aren't going for that look.



6 This outfit incorporates the same skirt from outfit two (\$29.99), with a different top. This glittery cross-over top (\$17.99) looks like it was made for New Year's Eve. An all black outfit is sure to make a statement while still staying on trend for the evening

New Year's Eve is a time to reflect on the past year and celebrate the incoming new year. What better way to do that than in the perfect outfit? These six looks from H&M will keep you looking trendy for your upcoming celebrations.

Christmas Day: This year's NBA lineup, predictions, preview

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The first NBA basketball game played on Christmas was 71 years ago and will continue this year featuring ten NBA teams. The games are scattered throughout Christmas day ensuring that fans are able to watch regardless of their schedule.

Bucks (18-9) vs Knicks (8-21)

The first game starts at noon in New York City at Madison Square Garden the home of the New York Knicks. In 1947, the first Christmas Day game feature the Knicks (formerly the Knickerbockers) against the Providence Steamrollers (a team no longer in existence) This year, Milwaukee Bucks will visit the big apple. Milwaukee is lead by forward Giannis "The Greek Freak" Antetokounmpo, who is a future MVP and superstar in the making. He is only

23 years-old and is already showing he is a top player in the league. The Bucks are currently fighting for the top seed in the Eastern Conference and have goals to represent their Conference in June when the NBA finals begin. On the other hand, New York will be looking for a leader to step up after their star, Kristaps Porzingis, tore his ACL. Despite New York's early struggles, they still have the ability to make a playoff push when Porzingis returns later this season.

Thunder (17-8) vs Rockets (12-14)

The second game takes place in the wild, wild west of Houston, Texas at 3 p.m. Before the Thunder relocated to Oklahoma City, they were the Seattle SuperSonics. The SuperSonics are previously 0-11 on Christmas day but the change of scenery seemed to help because the Thunder are 5-2. The star-studded Thunder are led by superstar point guard Russell Westbrook, and all-star forward Paul George. The have Rockets

started out slow this season, but are beginning to return to their winning ways. After the Rockets released Carmelo Anthony in mid-November, former MVP James Harden and longtime point guard Chris Paul took over as leaders. Despite the slow start they have plenty of time to turn things around.

Sixers (19-10) vs Celtics (17-10)

The next game is an Eastern Conference rivalry to young and up and coming teams. Tip-off is at 5pm. at the TD Garden; home court of the Boston Celtics. The Sixers are giving the city of Philadelphia something to cheer about. They are led by young prodigy, Ben Simmons, Joel Embiid, and a newly acquired guard, Jimmy Butler. After getting knocked out in the second round last year to the Celtics, the Sixers will be looking to spoil Boston's Christmas Day. The Celtics look to defend their home court, led by superstar point guard Kyrie Irving and forward Gordon Hayward. After losing in the

Eastern Conference Finals last year, the Celtics are looking to reach the NBA finals this year and extend their record of most NBA championships with 18.

Lakers (17-10) vs Warriors (19-10)

Lebron's Los Angeles Lakers will be going against two time reigning champions, The Golden State Warriors. The Lakers made a big splash signing Lebron James, along with veterans Rajon Rondo, and JaVale McGee in the off season. He also hopes to lead the Lakers back to the finals for their 32nd time. Golden State has the nucleus of Steph Curry, Klay Thompson and Kevin Durant. They also signed big name free agent Demarcus Cousins. Golden State started slow this year but they are still the clear favorites to win the NBA Finals for the third year in a row. Cousins has been sidelined while recovering from an achilles injury from last year. Once he returns, the Warriors should have no problem achieving back-to back-to back-titles.

Blazers (15-13) vs Jazz (14-15)

The fifth and final game (10:30 p.m.) on Christmas day the Trail Blazers travel into Salt Lake City hoping to continue their hot streak and maintaining a spot in the Western Conference Playoffs. They could surprise a few people with their talented backcourt of Damian Lillard and CJ McCollum. After being upset by the New Orleans Pelicans in the first round of the playoffs last season, the Blazers who are 10-2 on Christmas, hope to spoil Christmas in Utah while continuing to make a run at the NBA finals. Utah is playing in their first Christmas day game since 1997 where they defeated the Houston Rockets. The struggling Utah Jazz look to turn their season around and sneak in to the Western Conference Playoffs. The Jazz are led by young guard Donovan Mitchell and defensive mastermind Rudy Gobert. If the Jazz manage to turn their season around, they could pull an upset in the playoffs just like last year.

* RECORDS UP TO DATE 12/13					
TIME AND PLACE	NOON @ NEW YORK CITY	3 P.M. @ HOUSTON	5 P.M. @ BOSTON	8 P.M. @ OAKLAND	10 P.M. @ SALT LAKE CITY
KEY PLAYER	GIANNIS ANTETOKOUNMPO (MIL)	JAMES HARDEN (HOU)	JIMMY BUTLER (PHI)	STEPH CURRY (GSW)	DAMIAN LILLARD (POR)
KEY MATCHUP	KHRIS MIDDLETON (MIL) VS TIM HARDAWY JR. (NYK)	RUSSEL WESTBROOK (OKC) VS CHIRS PAUL (HOU)	KYRIE IRVING (BOS) VS BEN SIMMONS (PHI)	LEBRON JAMES (LAL) VS KEVIN DURNT (GSW)	CJ MCCOLLUM (POR) VS DONVAN MITCHELL (UTA)
DARK HORSE	ALLONZO TRIER (NYK)	CLINT CAPELA (HOU)	JASON TATUM (BOS)	JAVALE MCGEE (LAL)	RUDY GOBERT (UTH)
KEY INJURIES	KEY INJURIES	KEY INJURIES	KEY INJURIES	KEY INJURIES	KEY INJURIES
SCORE PREDICTION	BUCKS 113 KNICKS 104	THUNDER 120 ROCKETS 117	SIXERS 98 CELTICS 103	LAKERS 131 WARRIORS 130	BLAZERS 122 JAZZ 108

2018 overview filled with popular movies, music, memes

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January

Logan Paul suicide forest controversy
Tide Pods
Somebody touch my spaghetti meme
Maze Runner: The Death Cure
Culture II by Migos



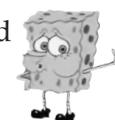
February

FBI memes
Drake Hotlinebling memes
Black Panther



March

Gru slides meme
Krusty Krab vs. Chum Bucket memes
Evil Patrick meme
Bobby Tarantino II by Logic
My Dear Melancholy by The Weeknd



April

Yodeling boy
Gorls memes
A Quiet Place
Infinity War
KOD by J. Cole
Beerbongs and Bentley's by Post Malone

if you don't love me at my



then you don't deserve me at my

May

Infinity War "I don't feel so good" meme
This is America by Childish Gambino
Goodbye and Good Riddance by Juice Wrld



June

Ihob publicity stunt
In my feelings challenge
Scorpion by Drake
This is so sad Alexa play Despacito
Youngblood by 5 Seconds of Summer
Pray For The Wicked by Panic! At The Disco

July

Cardi B kid "My momma said" memes
Ant-Man and The Wasp
Mama Mia! Here We Go Again



August

Jojo Siwa
Change my mind memes
Dele Alli Challenge
Astroworld by Travis Scott
To All the Boys I've Loved Before
Johny Johny "Yes Papa?"



September

"Y'all hear sum?" memes
The Nun
The Carter V by Lil Wayne
Iridescence by Brockhampton



October

"That ain't it chief"
Miley Cyrus with crazy eyes memes
Trump presidential text memes
"Weird flex, but okay"
"Let's get this bread"
A Star Is Born
Invasion of Privacy by Cardi B

November

They did surgery on a grape memes
Thick neck mugshot memes
Bohemian Rhapsody
Creed II
Dr. Seuss' The Grinch
Fantastic Beasts: The Crimes of Grindelwald
The Pains of Growing by Alessia Cara



December

Spider-Man: Into the Spider-Verse

When you got alot on your mind and someone asks whats wrong





Happy Holidays From the OTP Staff