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Fear—Nothing to be afraid of....

By Sophia Pirone and Cate van Riet, seventh grade

Have you ever experienced a feeling of dread so intense that it prevents you from doing something potentially life-changing? Well, the feeling we've just described to you is fear. The more proper definition is a distressing emotion aroused by impending danger, evil, pain, etc. whether the threat is real or imagined. Sometimes, our minds trick us into setting mental limits, or blocks, caused by first or second-hand experience. Even just witnessing

something our mind perceives as alarming or dangerous can be scarring. The mind is a complex asset to the body and is capable of fighting and limiting itself. In this article, we will share our findings in our research about

this very common, and intriguing psychological state/emotion.

Fear is a universal emotion between all humans because our brains work so inexplicably well to give us the ability to think, process information, and send signals to the rest of our body, earning them their complexity. When we feel this dreadful and stomach-churning emotion it is simply our body's response

to a stimulus. This response will cause a change in metabolic and organ functions which ultimately leads to a change in behavior. The cause of this response can be in the present or in anticipation/expectation.



Some of the Most Common Stimuli of Fear:

- Flying
- Dark
- Contracting a disease
- The sight of blood
- Violent weather
- Dying
- Heights
- Public speaking
- Insects
- Needles



As the writers of this article, we have identified our fears as Thanatophobia (fear of dying), Emetophobia (fear of getting sick), and Entomophobia (fear of insects). When we feel this powerful emotion, it is nothing to be afraid of. In fact, it is a survival mechanism that lets our brains know when we are in danger. Franklin D. Roosevelt once said, "The only thing to fear is fear itself." This reminds us that we are our worst enemies, and the human mind is capable of so much more than we could ever comprehend.

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Stetson's 12 Days of Winter Break

By Gabby Kahng, sixth grade

Stetson's winter vacation started on December 23rd (With the extension of the weekend of the 21st) and ended the day after New Years, January 2nd. That's 12 days of sleeping in late, and (hopefully) stomping through at least an inch of snow. But what do other people do? I took a survey about what people were doing. Thank you to everyone who answered the survey!

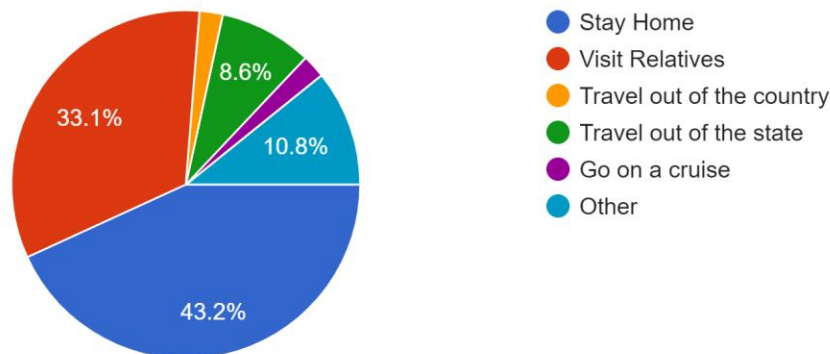


139 people participated in this survey

- 3 people traveled out of the country, 2.2% of the people surveyed
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- 12 people travelled out of the state, 8.6% of the people surveyed
- 15 people did something else, 10.8% of the people surveyed
- 46 people visited relatives, 33.1% of the people surveyed
- 60 people stayed home, 43.2% of the people surveyed

What Did You Do During Winter Break?

139 responses



Stetson Welcomes Mrs. McKenna

By Jackson Ward, eighth grade

Mrs. McKenna joined the Stetson faculty this year as a seventh and eighth grade science teacher. You can find her in room B101B, or wheeling her science experiments from the C-Wing to her classroom.

Q: Why did you decide to come to Stetson?

A: I decided to come to Stetson because I really like the community and the people. I get a good vibe from the school and the kids are eager to learn. The teachers are very nice and friendly.

Q: Do you enjoy being a teacher here at Stetson?

A: It has been very enjoyable. All the kids are very enthusiastic and are ready to learn. Everyone is very kind as well.

Photo credit: Jackson Ward

Q: Was science always your "passion?"

A: It was. I love science a lot. It has always been a passion of mine. In college I majored in Biochemistry. I love to teach science because the kids are eager to learn.



Q: When did you decide you wanted to be a teacher?

A: It was about my senior year in college. I studied Biochemistry, and though it did interest me, I wanted to teach. I was shy as a kid so it was kind of ironic that I wanted to be in front of people talking and teaching.

Q: Were all the teachers welcoming when you started at Stetson?

A: Yes they definitely were. The teachers definitely helped me when I was first starting out. They also help me with getting ideas for lessons. They were very welcoming in general.

Q: Did anyone inspire you to be a teacher, or did you decide to be a teacher on your own?

A: My 12th grade science teacher really inspired me because he made science fun. I actually got to student-teach in his class during college so that was interesting. He was definitely a role model for me.

Q: Did you teach somewhere else before Stetson, or did you come straight here?

A: I did. I taught at a high school for seven years, and I decided to come to Stetson and teach seventh and eighth grade.

Q: What do you do outside of school?

A: I enjoy running and being active. I am a distance runner. I like running far distances like 5ks and 10ks. I also like to cook. Cooking is very fun to me and is a nice hobby.

ARBORDAY FOUNDATION + MR. BEAST = #TEAMTREES

By: Abe Hagenbuch, eighth grade

<https://teamtrees.org/>

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCX60Q3DkcsbYNE6H8uQQuVA>

^ Mr Beast ^

ANYONE CAN BE A HERO!

If you haven't already heard Mr. Beast (A YouTuber) and the Arbor Foundation have teamed up to have 20 million trees planted. Every dollar donated is a tree planted. So anyone even you can donate. You yourself can go to TeamTrees.org and on the site it shows Tobi "Lorax" Lutke with the most donations of a million and one trees. He upped Elon Musk by 1 dollar. Lutke is the owner of a Canadian based company called Shopify. At this time, late January we have all 20 million trees, but donations are still open. If you keep donating it's a good indirect way to help Australia, and other countries having lots of forest fires right now. Donating to this is important for our future being that global warming is becoming increasingly more present. Mr. Beast still goes on to do more interesting things, and his channel is still growing. If you want to you should go check out his channel. He's a great person, and shows what we all should strive to be... charitable. So go out there and do something good. Maybe plant a tree, or give food to a homeless shelter. There are endless ways to help people.



Credit: teamtrees.org

Music Throughout the Decade

By Diya Lakshmanan and Ella Gentile, seventh grade

Our decade is over! As you read through this list, we hope this takes you down memory lane. We still cannot believe that some of these songs came out in years as early 2009, like “Fireflies”. It was very fun to do some research and see all of the great songs throughout the years! For this list, along with the runner-up songs, we asked our fellow journalists at newspaper club for song ideas, along with having them vote on songs for each year. Some nominees were good songs that just didn’t quite make the cut, which is why they went into the runner-up list! Now onto the lists:

Top Songs of Each Year:

- 2009- *Fireflies* by Owl City
- 2010- *Hey Soul Sister* by Train
- 2011- *Someone Like You* by Adele
- 2012- *Payphone* by Maroon 5 ft. Wiz Khalifa
- 2013- *All of Me* by John Legend
- 2014- *Shake It Off* by Taylor Swift
- 2015- *Cheerleader* by OMI (Felix Jaehn Remix)
- 2016- *Cheap Thrills* by Sia
- 2017- *Havana* by Camila Cabello
- 2018- *thank u, next* by Ariana Grande
- 2019- *bad guy* by Billie Eilish



All these songs are amazing and were on Spotify’s playlists for each year! You can check out other good songs from each year on Spotify as well! This next list is a bunch of songs that were very close to being the top song of their year.

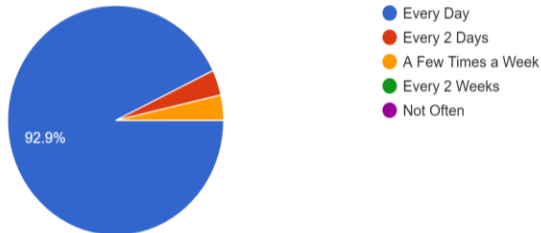
Some runner ups:

- *Hello* by Adele
- *Despacito* by Luis Fonsi ft. Daddy Yankee
- *Senorita* by Camila Cabello and Shawn Mendes
- *Just The Way You Are* by Bruno Mars
- *Chandelier* by Sia
- *Blank Space* by Taylor Swift
- *Problem* by Ariana Grande
- *Baby Shark* by Pinkfong

In addition to the top songs of the decade, we had people take a survey on music styles. In all, 35.7% said that another genre of music was their favorite that we didn’t include, 28.6% of people said they preferred pop music, 21.4% of people chose musicals as their favorite, and country got 14.3% of people’s votes. Interestingly, 26

people said they listened to music daily, one person said they listened to music every two days, and one other person said they listened a few times a week. The next question of the survey was which artist out of certain ones was the best. Twelve people said other, seven said Billie Eilish, four people said Shawn Mendes, three people said

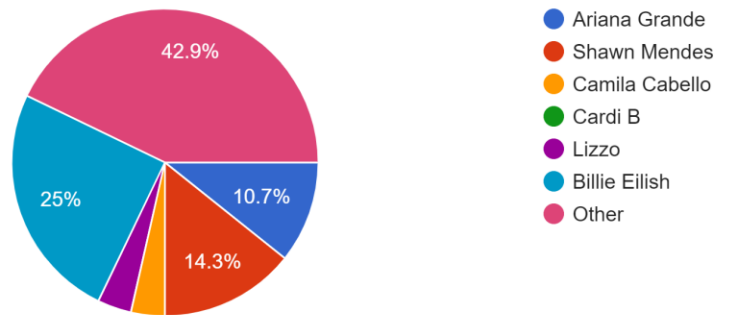
How Often Do You Listen To Music?
28 responses



Ariana Grande, one person said Lizzo, and one person Camila Cabello. After that question came the question of “On a scale of 1-10, how much do you love music?”. One meant they hated it, while 10 meant they loved it. Two people said one, one person said five, one person seven, two people said eight, five people said nine,

and 17 people said 10. And finally, the last question was “On a scale of one to five, how do you rate the currently released music?”. For this question, five meant they love it and one meant they hate it. Two people said one, three people said two, 12 people said three, seven people said four, and four people said five.

Who is Your Favorite Artist? (Out of these options)
28 responses



This survey really opened our eyes to how diverse everyone’s music styles are! Early November to mid-January is when most artists release new music, so look out for some new songs!



Photo credit: Google Images.

Winter Movie Marathon!



All photos from [google images](#)

By Alena Sinton and Manuela Dutra



Ready to bundle up with hot cocoa, and binge watch winter and holiday movies until midnight? Here is your list:

- **Last Christmas**
- **The Princess Switch**
- **Home Alone (The first 2 movies)**
- **The Knight Before Christmas**
- **Klaus (animated, BUT AMAZING!!)**
- **Groundhog Day (perfect for Feb. 2)**
- **Nightmare Before Christmas**
- **Ice Age**
- **Jingle All The Way**
- **The Santa Claus (all of them!)**
- **A Christmas Story**
- **It's A Wonderful Life**
- **The Christmas Chronicles**



MOVIES AND TV SHOWS WINTER EDITION

By: Jane, Jackie, and Georgia

THE GRINCH

This classic is about a Grinch who tries to stop Christmas. But instead a little girl named Cindy Lou-Hoo changes his motives and helps him see the real meaning of Christmas. This movie has a great moral and teaches kids that it's not about what you get, it's about what you give: The true meaning of Christmas.



RISE OF THE GUARDIANS

Rise of the Guardians is a fascinating story featuring all of your famous holiday characters from Santa to the Easter Bunny. They must work together to defeat the Nightmare King and save kids' beliefs. In doing so, Jack Frost finds himself and why he was given his powers. This is also about facing your fears to help those in need.

ELF

This movie is an amazing comedy for the holidays. With all of its funny moments this movie is perfect for all ages. It puts a twist on the holidays and gives you a glimpse of the elf way of life. This film is about an "elf's" travels to find his real father. Though he may be a little dunce this "elf" can do extraordinary things.

POLAR EXPRESS

This Christmas story is a captivating film with amazing creativity in mind. This movie captures the festive season in the perfect way. In the film a mysterious train called the Polar Express arrives to pick up a boy named Christopher, and to take him on a ride he will never forget. This classic is enjoyable to everyone and a great way to get in the holiday spirit.



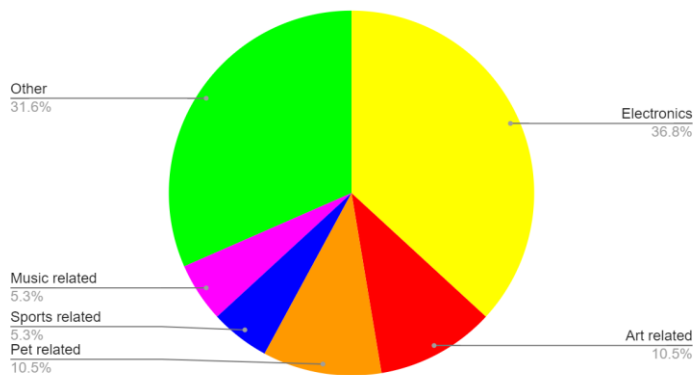
Gift-giving all year 'round: What gifts do kids really want?

By Jackie Behrens

Ah, the holidays. Generally around December kids start to make lists of what they want for Christmas. So, what was the hottest type of gift on the market? And what should you keep in mind for gifts when holidays and birthdays roll around? I asked 16 different kids, ages 11-14, what they want for the holidays.

I took the responses and put them into categories and then created this chart:

What Do Kids Want For The Holidays (Ages 11-14)



As you can see, the majority of kids asked for some sort of electronic device, and to be honest, I'm not surprised. The second largest piece of the chart is the Other category, this includes things like food, or other intangible items, such as "a life." Since this category mostly includes joke responses, I'm going to skip this one and go to the next largest pie piece - Art Related. This includes

things like pencils, markers (high quality ones), and colored pencils. If you are ever buying for someone who wants something Art related, DO NOT get those little art kits. Trust me, that's not what they want. The next largest would be Pet Related. This includes pet toys and pets themselves. Mostly dogs, but cats were also named. Music Related and Sports Related tied in last.

So, what does all of this mean? It shows that electronics are definitely becoming more important in this world. Also, that kids value phones, iPads and laptops as important. Also more and more kids are becoming interested in the arts. So, what is the item I would suggest for you to keep in mind? The iPad Pro. Why? Well, the iPad Pro is compatible with Procreate, one of the more popular apps for digital art. I would recommend keeping in mind buying your kids the iPad Pro with the pen and Procreate for the next holiday season or birthday.



Oh, Cupid! By Leah Ambrosine

2-14-20 (VALENTINES DAY!!!)

Dear Diary,

It's Cupid and guess what today is?! The most **insane**, *marvelous*, romantic, **SCRUMPTIOUS**, *exciting*, and awesome... **VALENTINES DAY!!!** It's finally here. I had to wait 364 days for this romantic day to come again and..... it finally did. I am so *excited* I could scream!

My day started, waking up in my *beautiful* home made of **love** in the sky. I flew down from the clouds and saw everyone **on Valentine's Day**. They were so **happy** and full of **love** and wait... NO, THEY'RE NOT! They are all glued to their phones! I saw this boy walking in the street with little white thingies in his ears. He was looking down at his phone before he walked right into a lamp post and fell to the ground! Can you believe this!!! I flew over to him and of course he didn't see me because, well, DUH...I am *invisible!!* I picked up his phone lying next to him on the ground to see what he was doing. I saw that he was texting someone and because of her profile picture, I could tell she was *beautiful*. I texted her from the boy's phone and said: "Meet me here at the lamp post."

A couple of minutes later, the boy got up from the sidewalk to find his **true love!!** Or at least I thought she was his true love until the boy said, "MOM!!!! What are you doing here?!?"

And that was just the beginning of my day. Wish me luck!

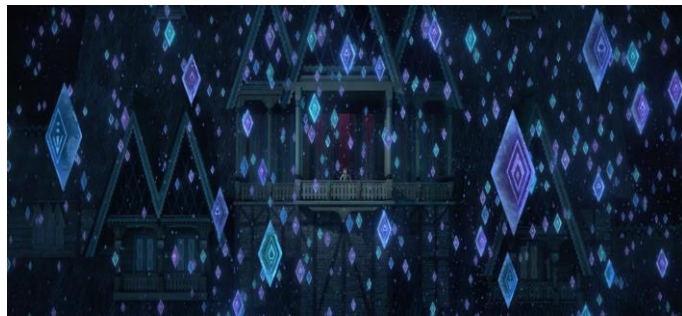
LOVE ALWAYS, CUPID

FROZEN II

Was it worth it?

Written by Leah Ambrosine, 7th grade, and Georgia Green, 6th grade

SPOILER ALERT! IN THE ARTICLE WE TALK ABOUT THE ELEMENTS OF THE MOVIE. IF YOU HAVE NOT SEEN THE MOVIE, PLEASE SKIP THIS ARTICLE!



Was going to see *Frozen 2* worth it? We took a survey of kids in this school (6th, 7th, and 8th) and

asked them some questions about the movie. Here is their response...

1. Did you see *Frozen 2*?
10 said yes and 10 said no.
2. Did you like the ending?
6 people thought it was ok, 2 people said yes, and 1 person said no.
3. Did you like the songs?
8 people liked the songs, 2 people thought they were ok, 1 person said no.
4. Who is your favorite character?
1 said Anna, 1 said Elsa, 5 said Olaf, 1 said the head knight, 1 said the rock giants, and 2 said Sven.
5. What was your favorite song?

8 said "Into The Unknown" and 1 said "Show Yourself"



After this data it shows that most people enjoyed *Frozen 2*. We both personally thought that the animation was amazing and the songs were, too. We could see that the movie clearly grew with its audience and matured as well. It

had more mature themes than the original while still having it's element of fun that all Disney movies have.

The ending was a bit disappointing to a lot of people including us because it changed what we grew to love. The original Frozen movie was about Elsa coming to terms with herself and becoming Queen while forming a bond with her sister. The second movie seperated Elsa and Anna again while pushing her into something new. This separation seems that even though the sisters have grown they were still farther apart than they had grown to be. Another thing that bothered us and many others was the fact that Anna just left Kristoff with rock monsters and strangers! The odd fact was he was ok with it. Anna left him in the middle of a dangerous situation not caring about anyone else and left Kristoff with people he didn't even know.

Overall there were many overall fantastic parts about the movie, the songs and animation were good and had toes tapping. "Into the Unknown" was a classic song that we all had probably heard before, and it's still stuck in everyone's head. The song "Show Yourself" was Elsa finding who she really is and was an amazing display of animation. Another fan favorite that wasn't mentioned, but should be, was Kristoff's first solo song, "Lost in the Woods." It was an 80s themed song that was hilarious, but showed Kristoff's love for Anna after he left her to go follow the voice with Elsa.

After all of this, we can say that the wait was worth it. It may be a bit controversial and have some questioning actions made and not explained but in the end it did have an amazing message and the characters grew with the audience. It shows us everything changes, but it doesn't have to be for the worse.



Winter Holiday and New Years Crafts

By Anna Barrett and Mariam Waseem, eighth grade

This recipe bakes delicious soft Christmas cookies. This recipe is also very simple and easy. Buttery soft cookies can brighten up the holidays. These are the ingredients.



- 3 3/4 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1 cup margarine, softened
- 1 1/2 cups white sugar
- 2 eggs
- 2 teaspoons vanilla extract



Sift flour, baking powder, and salt together, in a separate place. In a large bowl, cream together the margarine and sugar until light and fluffy. Beat in the eggs one at a time, then stir in the vanilla. Slowly mix in the flour until completely assimilated.

Preheat oven to 400 degrees F (200 degrees C). Grease cookie sheets. On a clean floured surface, roll out small portions of chilled dough to 1/4 inch thickness. Cut out shapes using cookie cutters.

Bake 6 to 8 minutes in the preheated oven, or until edges are barely brown. Remove from cookie sheets to cool.

Recipe and pictures from allrecipes.com :)

Gourmet French Hot Chocolate Recipe

1. Break your chocolate into pieces in a pot. Set the pot over medium-low heat and add the milk, cream, brown sugar, and vanilla extract.
2. Simmer and the drinking chocolate is completely smooth and thickened.

3. The drinking chocolate should be thicker than regular hot chocolate, but not as thick as chocolate fondue. If it is too thin simmer it a little longer. If it's too thick add a $\frac{1}{4}$ cup of milk. Pour into mugs, and enjoy!

Recipe and pictures from www.aspicyperspective.com

Paper Plate Party Animal



This is a fun, extravagant, bright craft for your New Years needs!

You will need:

1 paper plate

Yellow and light blue paint

2 large pink pom-poms (or any color)

Scrap of black felt

Party blower

<https://www.kixcereal.com/kix-cereal-paper-plate-party-animal/>

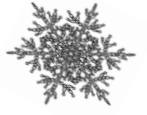
Paint the backside of the paper plate light blue and allow to dry. Paint the top side of the plate yellow and allow to dry.

Cut circles from black felt and glue to the pink pom-poms. Fold the plate in half but do not crease it. Glue pom-pom eyes to the top of the blue side of the paper plate. Cut a small hole in the center of the plate and insert the party blower. You can secure the blower with a small amount of hot glue, however tape can also be used.



Holidays Around the World

By Brianna Ambrosine, 8th grade



I am sure you know that the holiday you celebrate is not the only one, or that everyone celebrates that same holiday. There are many different holidays that are celebrated around the world and each one has special traditions. These traditions could be associated with objects being symbolic, time duration, food, and more!! You hear the world tradition used a lot when talking about holidays, but why? Since a tradition is a belief or behavior that has been passed down through generations and usually has symbolic meaning, holidays used these objects or beliefs during its festivities. There are many holidays in the winter and below is just a handful!

Some common holidays during winter are:

- **Kwanzaa**
- **Diwali**
- **Hanukkah**
- **Three Kings Day**
- **Christmas**
- **St. Lucia's Day**



Kwanzaa

Kwanzaa is an African- American holiday celebrating their culture and community. It is a seven-day holiday that occurs on December 26th and runs till January 1st. Some traditions including holding a big feast on the 6th night called a Kwanzaa Karamu, gift-giving, music mixed with dancing, lighting a candle on the Kinara, and discussions of African principles and history. Activities during this holiday are focused around the Nguzo Saba or The Seven Principles.

Diwali

Diwali is a Hindu holiday also known as the Festival of Lights. It is celebrated mainly throughout India and has a duration of five days. It starts on the 15th of Kartik which is a month on the Hindu calendar that falls in October or November. One tradition people take part in is lighting clay lamps to celebrate the goddess Lakshmi. The celebration represents the victory of good over evil expressed through fireworks, feasts, and family gatherings.





[Hanukkah](#)

Hanukkah is a winter holiday celebrated usually in the Jewish religion. Hanukkah lasts eight nights each including games and gift-giving. The holiday begins on the 25th of Kislev on the Hebrew calendar, which usually occurs sometime in November or December. The history of Hanukkah is the rededication of the Second Temple in Jerusalem. This was during the time of the Maccabean Revolt against the Seleucid Empire. Some traditions include lighting a candle on a menorah each night, large meals with traditional food, dreidel, and

gift-giving.



[Three Kings Day](#)

Three Kings Day is known as Día de Los Reyes in Mexico and is celebrated on January 6th to honor the Three Wise Men that were present at the birth of Jesus Christ. Many kids place their shoes and wishlists the night before in preparation for the Wise Men to leave them gifts their on the next morning. Another tradition is hiding a little plastic baby Jesus in the Rosca de Reyes and whoever finds it had good luck in the New Year.

[Christmas](#)

Christmas is a Catholic Christian holiday celebrated throughout the world. It is celebrated on the 25th of December. There is a period of four weeks in the Catholic calendar called Advent that represents the preparation for Jesus' birth at Christmas. The holiday celebrates the mother of Jesus, Mary, and her wife, Joseph, struggling to find a place to give birth to Jesus. Some common traditions include gift exchanges, Christmas Eve/Day mass, feasts, decorating a tree and more. The theory is that on December 24th, Santa will leave you presents if you are good and coal if you are bad.



[St. Lucia's Day](#)

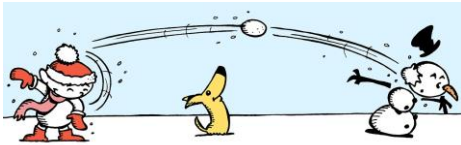
Last but certainly not least, Saint Lucia's Day is celebrated in parts of Sweden, Norway, Italy, and Finland. This holiday takes place on December 13th and honors St. Lucia. Lucia was a Christian martyr who was killed by the Romans in the year 304 A.D. People will celebrate this holiday by selecting a young girl to represent the saint. That girl will walk through the town leading a procession singing traditional songs.

Even though all of these holidays occur in the winter season, they are all very different. A holiday is a joyful time spent with family and friends! The actual celebration might seem to go by fast, but the traditions created will last forever!

Winter This or That! ❄️

If you don't know how to play this or that, this is how! You have to choose an activity we have provided, and then you choose which one you would rather do. **WARNING!!** Some will be hard!

By Manuela Dutra, Nina Sinton, and Alena Sinton, 6th grade



Have a snowball fight

OR



Build a snowman?



Make hot chocolate

OR



Bake some cookies!!!



Go to the movies with friends...

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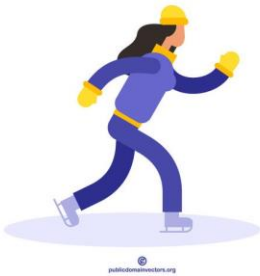


Go shopping with your friends...



Go sledding

OR



Go ice skating



Girls B-ball builds teamwork and skills

By Brianna Ambrosine, eighth grade



The girl's basketball team had a good season filled with highs and lows! We started the season with rocky start having a mix of wins and losses, but ended the season on a high! The season started early November having almost two whole weeks of just straight practice. The practices started out with conditioning including sprints, drills, passing, shooting, and ball handling. Our coaches, Mr. Ascareggi and Mr. Busz, made sure we were well-conditioned for every game, which resulted in us being able to easily outthrust every team! The team is a great way to stay physically active in the winter and learning new techniques and skills.



The team was made up of thirteen girls who were each assigned to one of the five positions on the court. Each girl came with a different level of skill, and we all had a different skill set. These skills determined what position would suit us best on the court.

The positions are:

- **The one- the one is the point guard, they bring up the ball on offense**
- **The two- the person who is on one of the wings and usually helps bring up the ball**
- **The three- they are the other wing and are usually the center on a press**
- **The four- is someone on the block or high post. This person picks and posts up a lot**
- **The five- This person gets tons of rebounds and has similar jobs to the four**



Once the team figured out where we should be placed, we started to make plays. Each player was responsible for knowing their position in an offense play, a defense set up, and an out-of-bounds play. The plays worked like a machine and included many successful shots!

Our season concluded on a high note since we played in the Gold Game on January 30. Throughout the season, you would either have practice or a game every day after school. The practices went to five each day at first, but when the boy's season starts, we only have the gym until 4 p.m., and then we went into a nearby classroom to watch footage of previous games. At that time of watching, we talked about what worked well, and what didn't work well!

If anyone reading this is interested in trying out for girl's basketball next year, you should talk to seventh-grade Coach Busz, a six-grade history teacher, or eighth-grade coach Ascareggi, a special education teacher. You will also see flyers around the school before tryouts. I encourage anyone who is interested to try out! I had a great time, and I feel like I have improved a ton since the season started. If you don't make it in seventh grade, practice over the summer and tryout again in eighth grade. If you love basketball, never give up on it!

Winter: A Beautiful Time of Year



By Diya Lakshmanan, seventh grade

Winter,
Ice and snow,
Never ending hopes that snow makes us have no school,
The leaves of trees die and wither away,
Enchanting with its shades of blue and white,
Reveries of hot cocoa by the fireside,

Incredible landscapes coated with snow,
Santa comes with gifts and maybe some coal,

Angry skies lash out,
Windy skies and frozen tears,
Eerily gorgeous reflections at night,
Silent whispers of dying trees,
Only sounds after the death of light,
Marshmallow dreams creeping into mind,
Enjoy the winter, it's a beautiful time!

(Image is from Google Images)

New Year's

By **Likhit Ganduri, eighth grade**

The sky exploded into color
And the streets lit up
With thousands of smiling faces

Jack Boost surveyed the crowd.
There was a wild combination of people here, he noted.
There were kids just starting grade school,
There were kids who were trying to be cool,
And there were kids obviously “under the influence”.



He looked to his left,
And saw one of his close friends, Jill
Who he had known since about 3rd grade.

Jack and Jill went up the hill...

The rhyme floated into his head
As looked at her.
He blushed and looked away

To fetch a pail of water...

His mind floated around
And bounced glimpses of memories

Around in his head
It was funny to see
his prouder
moments
Through older
eyes.

His game winning
catch,
An aced science
test,
Getting a job,
All mushed into a big blob

Jack settled down...

A kid he had known for about 3 years
Tugged at his sleeve
Jack picked him up
And he and Jill leave

Jill came around...

Paxton fell asleep
While Jack carried him
Jill said “your son is so cute!”
Jack replied “well he’s your son too....”

And Paxton came running after...

Jack looked up at the night sky.
It seemed like just yesterday it was 2019
But, as the multiple glowing signs reminded
him,
It was 2032.



STAR WARS BATTLEFRONT 2 -

TIPS + TRICKS FOR A CLASSIC GAME

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Star wars Battlefront 2 came out November 17, 2018 and since then it's been a very good game to me personally. I don't know about anyone else but it's been like a brother to me ever since my parents got it for my 11th birthday!

Ever since that day I've been leveling up my characters and so has every other player.

TIPS AND TRICKS!

Now for some tips and tricks: one tip is that when taking fire (fired at) make sure you throw grenades where you think the enemy is. Then when you throw 1 or 2 grenades if you're still being fired at then keep throwing grenades if not then scout the area for any more enemy's (players). Time for a trick, when heading to whatever your trying to get to, if you see an enemy tank or other type of vehicle but not a flying vehicle, and if you are a heavy and you have a minigun with explosive rounds on it, then go around it, and when your behind it RIP OUT THAT MINIGUN AND START FIRING AT IT. If it turns around then do the same thing I just told you, but if it doesn't react then keep firing at it!

CLASSES!

So the classes you can spawn and respawn with are available as long as you have the credits. Now let's talk about the four main classes that you can spawn and respawn in. There's the "assault, heavy, officer and specialist." These are the ones that are free, so they don't need any credits, and you can use them to get points to gain more powerful buddies!

CREDITS!

The way to get credits is by killing players, doing the objective, boarding gunships and other accomplishments.

DETAILS!

Here are some details about the old and the new game on Geonosios. In the background, there are many destroyed vehicles like At-et, Dwarf Spider Droids, and Hailfire Droids. The Geonosians fling through the air. In a newer version, people want to play as the geonosians, not just see them like they do in this version. They could do it in the last game, so why not this one?

MOVEMENT'S

So the movement is something that is key to your success so here are the movement's you can roll in to cover if you need to run to an objective. You can also use your points and buy a vehicle!

OP PLAYERS

So there are some overpowered (op) players in games a lot of the time so here are three of them:

- The "shotgunner." The shotgunner can pull out that mean shotgun and can take out your entire squad without you even knowing!
- The "pesky sniper." The sniper is op when you are pesky at it in that way you can headshot players ever where even when you are in mid air!
- The "noob." The noob is the one that doesn't use his points and that uses the wrong class on the wrong map like a sniper on a close range map!

PLANETS

There are a lot of planets in the Star Wars galaxy and here are some of them Krait, Death Star 2, Ryloth, Jakku, Endor, Hoth, Kamino, Naboo, Geonosis!

HEROES AND VILLAINS (from all the maps)

There's Finn, Rey, leia, Luke, Han Solo, Darth Maul, Yoda, Greedo, Boba Fett, Anakin, Obi Wan, Darth Vader, Iden Versio, Chewy, Houndo and Grevious!

STAR WARS JEDI THE FALLEN ORDER

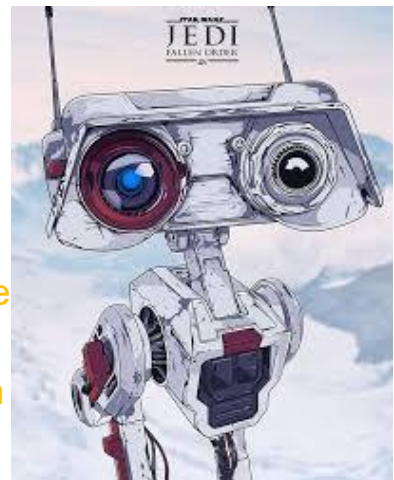
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Star Wars Jedi the Fallen Order is a very good game, and it has been getting good reports about the gameplay, controls and strategies so I'd like to talk about it myself to rate it!

I enjoy playing the game myself right now, I want to point that out that the controls in my perspective are good. They are not awesome, but also not terrible. However, the gameplay is awesome in my opinion, although others might think it's bad!



The boss's so far for me are pretty easy to defeat, except for the second sister. That one almost got me. So compared to other people, I'm a bit behind but I'm sure other people are, too! The bosses in the game where I am are pretty easy but they are going to get harder the farther I get through the game. I'm sure of it!

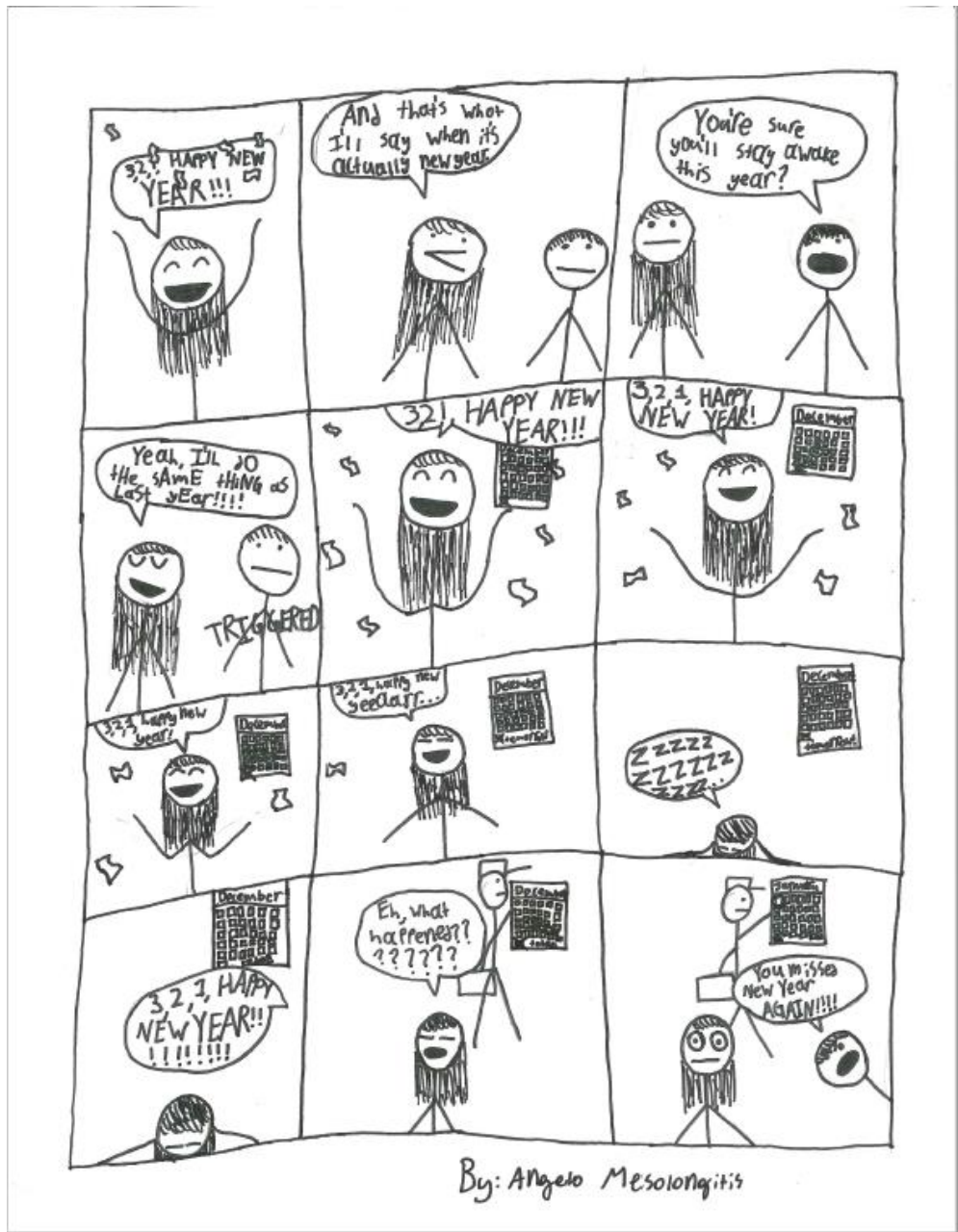


The hardest map for me, for sure, was Dathomir. Other people's greatest challenge would be Endor, Zeffo, Bogano, Ilum, Kashyyyk.

Jedi the Fallen Order is a game of story adventure and bosses! So if any person likes anything with those kinds of options this game is for you! Jedi the Fallen Order is full of Easter eggs and secrets so if you're a Easter egg hunter or a secret hunter (looks for secrets in games) then this is definitely the game for you!

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