

No Shave November

by Richard and Erin

In its second year, No Shave November has quickly become an East tradition. Inspired by the television show *Whisker Wars*, Mr. Saltzgeuber decided to take the charitable effort to CB East to raise money for various organizations, including a Woman's Place.

"It's great fun and for a good cause. I like to high-five other teachers sporting beards because we are part of an elite club, plus I feel like a proper wizard, like Gandalf from Lord of the Rings," said Mr. Saltzgeuber. The contest consists of abstaining from shaving for the entire month of November: no trimming, waxing, or any other form of hair removal is allowed, raising awareness of associated charities, typically for men's health issues.

Contestants include students and faculty; students pay \$5 for entry, while teachers pay \$10, sparking fierce rivalries between the two levels. As Senior veteran Vincent explained, "I was in third place last year after starting ten days later, so I think I have a pretty good shot this year. I think I look ridiculous during it but it's for a good cause. And, it's cool to make fun of Mr. Shillingford when he grows his."

Beginning November 1st and continuing until the first Friday of December, entrants do not shave for roughly a month to draw attention to local charities through their efforts. The contestants' pictures are taken on the first and last days of the competition to show just how much they've progressed over the four-week period. After the month has passed, students and staff alike can vote at lunch for \$1 for their favorite facial hair.

All proceeds benefit the United Way of Bucks County, a conglomerate fundraiser that distributes donated money to charities including a Woman's Place and Meals on Wheels. Once the votes have been tallied, two winners are named: a student and a faculty member. The student victor will receive a Chipotle gift card, while the teacher winner receives a gift card to Shaving Grace, a Doylestown barbershop. However, the purpose of the event is not the competition. Rather, it is the community effort to benefit people in need.

Vincent added, "It's for a good cause which is why I'm doing it again this year. It makes my face warm, and it's exciting. It gives everyone something to look forward to since November is kind of boring."

The movement has taken on a national standing, inspiring people across America to retire their razors for Noshember (the strange moniker the movement is also known by) to promote awareness and encourage the recognition of worthy charities in need. Including both men and women at the national level, it encourages family and friends to donate in support of their hairy endeavor.

Internationally, one man is chosen from 21 national winners to be the face of No Shave November for the following year. The 21 involved countries have helped to raise approximately \$174 million in its brief history.

Encapsulating this charitable mindset, Mr. Saltzgeuber explained, "With a great beard comes great responsibility."



Students and faculty alike compete in No Shave November.



Matt leads the student competition.



Mr. Levy's beard is a fan favorite.



Mr. Clemens and Mr. Bauer represent the physics department in the contest.

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SPORTS AND RECREATION

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Girls' Soccer Makes History

by Annie

As senior captain Mariah explained, "All of our hard work paid off, we had a great season, accomplished so much, and had a lot to be proud of as a team."

Over the past months, the girls' soccer team has continued to surprise and wow the school with its seemingly effortless wins, especially after starting their season with a bang. After getting to the first round of states last year, the girls were hoping to exceed the past years' record this season. These girls did more than exceed expectations; they made history.

Earning their way to the district semi-finals, the girls lost a tough match to Boyertown. But, they were still headed towards the state playoffs.

After beating Archbishop Ryan in the first round, the girls had their chance at revenge against Boyertown in the quarter final. The team took full advantage of this opportunity and knocked Boyertown out of the state playoffs in penalty kicks, exciting the countless student fans that went to see the game. Holly, senior captain, explained, "I have never been so proud of a team, we accomplished more than anyone could've imagined."

The girls went on to play Neshaminy in the state semi-final, and unfortunately fell short of the state final. However, they did not do so without having gained one of the largest student sections out of any sports team at CB East. This senior class certainly "shocked the world" with their 19-4-3 record, one that will not soon - if ever- be forgotten. Paige, senior captain, explained, "Our team was really like a family this year. Through thick and thin, we were always there to support each other. That was a major key to our success. I couldn't have asked for a better senior season."



Abby takes the ball up field.



The seniors of the soccer team.



Varsity girls get ready for their game.



The girls goof around on and off the field.

SPORTS AND RECREATION

Ice Hockey Brings the Heat

by Phillip



Austin gets set on the ice.

The CB East ice hockey team is currently undefeated with a record of 7-0, defeating their rivals CB West in a recent 4-1 victory. Thanks to two goals and two assists by senior Zach, as well a goal and two assists from senior Joe, the team easily maintained its winning streak.

Juniors Nick and Austin supported the team on offense with consistent passing and quick defense.

Nick commented on this bright future, saying, "We have a great team this year, and we hope to take CB East as far as we can in the playoffs."

However, the humble team leaders insist that the early success of the club is due to a collective team effort.

Junior Nick added, "Hockey epitomizes the qualities of a team sport. It is always fun to compete with teammates, and this helps to improve our weaknesses on and off the ice. The camaraderie we experience on the ice is unlike anything else; I am so proud to be a part of this team."

As CB East ice hockey is considered a "club" sport, Central Bucks East does not sanction club activities and events. However, most Central Bucks School District high schools do have an ice hockey club, so it is really a de facto "high school sport." The team is part of the Suburban High School Hockey League, but all games and practices are held off-site from CB East.

The disconnect from the high school has made it somewhat difficult for the club to gather support in previous years. Many students were simply unaware of when and where the ice hockey team played. However, this year, there is a growing hub of support from students for the ice hockey club. Through the use of Twitter, students have been able to spread information about the hockey club almost instantaneously. Many East students see the games as an opportunity to hang out with friends and share in the excitement and success of the East hockey team. Anyone who enjoys arctic temperatures and soggy french fries is sure to find solace in the passion and exhilaration of East ice hockey games.

Nick reiterated the need for support, asserting, "It's always inspiring to see huge crowds at our games. It really shows how much school spirit our students truly have. The crowd is also instrumental to our success; they bring the emotional and moral support we need to win close games."

Nothing quite encompasses the passion of the CB East student body better than junior ice hockey fanatic Chris, who proclaimed, "Uhhh...I like hockey." With ice hockey proponents like Moran encouraging passion for the team, it is inevitable that more students will attend and support CB East ice hockey games.

As the season has only recently started, the CB East ice hockey club hopes to continue their success and encourages all students to attend games.



Austin and Nick laugh on the ice.



East pulls an early lead in their opening game.

Football Isn't Just for Boys

by Caitlin

This year at Central Bucks South High School, South, East and West participated in powderpuff. Not to be confused with the childhood television show, powderpuff is a girl's football tournament. The rules are similar to regular football, but with fewer players and without tackling, using two-hand-touch instead, as well as playing only on half of a field with eight-minute quarters. This year, two senior teams, one junior team, and two sophomore teams competed for the title of powderpuff champion. With an extremely limited knowledge base, none of the girls really knew what they were doing – however, that's part of the fun, conducive to the relaxed environment.

The tournament guarantees each team a minimum of two games, regardless of record. The outcome of the first game decides each team's place in either a winners' or losers' bracket for the second. The victor of the winners' game then advances on to the semifinals.

The only East team this year to move on to the semi-finals was the pink sophomore team. Both the navy blue seniors and red juniors lost to West's junior and senior teams; equipped with knowledgeable rugby players, the West



The navy blue seniors ended with a 1-1 record.

junior team actually ended up earning the champion title. Brennan, assistant coach of the junior team, explained, "We may have lost the physical fight, but we won in the fight of spirit."

Although the girls had a limited playbook and lacked the power to tackle, or even block for that matter, they had a good time attempting to emulate the sport. Wins and losses aside, powderpuff provided an excellent opportunity for girls to participate in the high school football phenomenon. Though typically a sport dominated by men, the tournament grants all ladies the perfect chance to show that girls can equally excel in the same sport as boys. "Powderpuff" as a term originates from the traditional practice of women using powder to brush up their faces in public; these girls proved just how much the times have changed,



Jackie gets ready to throw a pass for the red team.

participating in football, the American embodiment of camaraderie and teamwork. The excitement present on the field of play is truly something irreplaceable.

Looking to next year, Harrison says "We went out there, executed, completed our passes and next year, with some hopefully better drawn-up plays, we can get the big W."

To any and all girls who are interested in powderpuff, come prepared next November for a fun day full of sportsmanship and exercise (and, of course, a Chipotle lunch afterwards, as per tradition).



The pink sophomore team surprised everyone by upsetting the tough West senior team.

OUT AND ABOUT

The Fellowship of Christian Athletes *by Grace*



The Fellowship of Christian Athletes meets Friday mornings before school in Mr. Kelly's room.

One of the most exciting things about East is its variety of clubs; there is sure to be something for everyone. The Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) might scare off some who feel that they are not athletes or religious. However, students would be surprised to know that this club is actually a perfect match for their extracurricular agenda.

After joining this year, junior Erik said, "The Fellowship of Christian Athletes offers the perfect venue for students to connect with their fellow classmates in a way that they probably wouldn't otherwise. It allows every grade to get to know each other for a common cause."

FCA invites anyone who is interested to come to our weekly meetings. The name itself does not pose limits to membership, however: to join, you don't have to be an athlete, nor do you have to be an especially religious person either. All forms of worship are welcome! The principles of the club are absolute inclusion, striving towards its ultimate goal of bringing a diverse group of people together and starting your day off on a positive note.

Commented junior participant Anna, "I love the Fellowship of Christian Athletes because it's a great start to my Friday morning, and the atmosphere is so welcoming. Anyone can (and should) join!"

The meetings consist of a short theological discussion, typically containing a short, inspirational video and an opportunity for students and faculty alike to reflect on the lessons learned. FCA is also known for its awesome breakfast foods. The meetings are relaxed and open and lead by caring and charismatic students. The meetings are every Friday before school at 6:45 in Mr. Kelly's room. Hope to see you then!

Scholar's Bowl *by Chris*

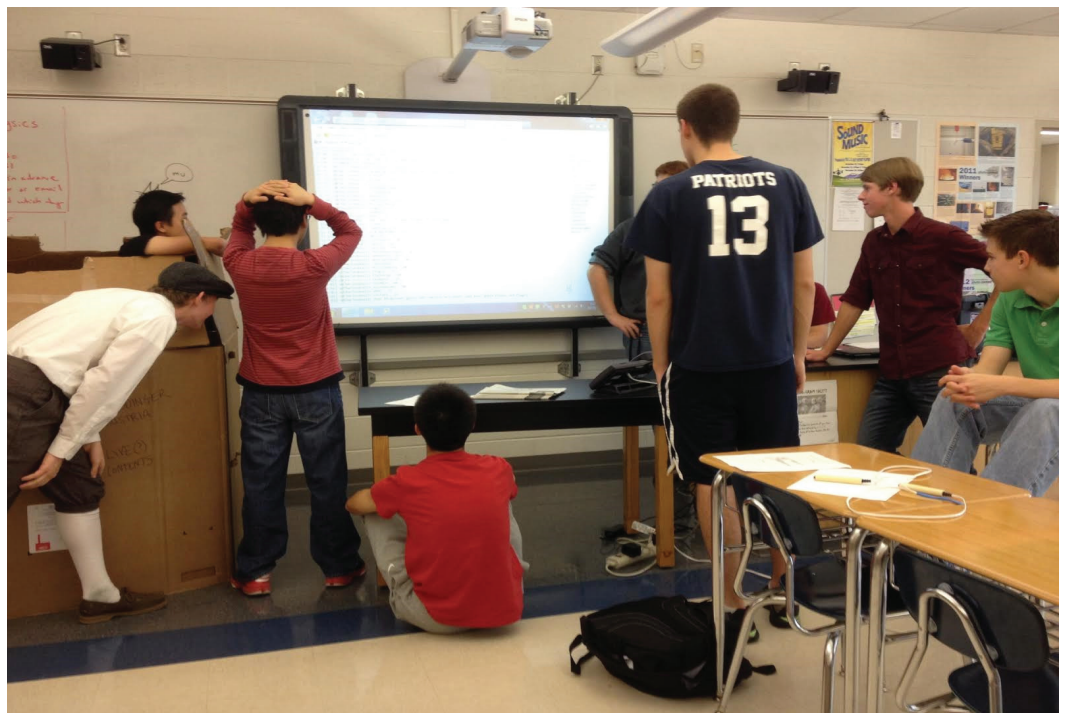
There are many clubs and activities at CB East, and they typically focus on a single topic. There is one, however, that does not fit into this mold. In this club, students are challenged to be knowledgeable a vast variety of categories challenging that of Jeopardy. The team is a competitive academic team, a group that answers trivia questions on an array of topics. The topics vary, and just about anything is fair game, from African geography to sports trivia of the 1990's. If there is a topic that has a Wikipedia article, it can be discussed in the Scholar's Bowl.

Known collectively as the Sea Beast, students from all three grades and with many different interests get together to practice trivia together on Thursdays after school and answer questions with a rising level of difficulty as the contest progresses through the multiple rounds of questioning. While there is no one way to categorize the students involved (they are a very diverse group), generally speaking, they could be considered the kinds of people who have memorized the CIA World Factbook, are someone's lifeline on a gameshow, or know exactly how many rubles Nicholas loses to Dolokhov in *War and Peace*.

The knowledge shown by members is certainly impressive. As junior member Mukul puts it, "Some of the people on that team make me look like an idiot, and I'm an honors biology student!"

The club is a full academic team that competes at the local, state, and national levels. The team has not gone without success, either. When one enters advisor Mr. Bauer's room, an impressive amount of trophies line the cabinets. In the last season alone, members of East's team went to the national competition. Hopefully, the success will be continued this year, as they are currently poised to participate once again in the national competition. The team's leadership is working on training this year's group, which is made up of mostly juniors and sophomores. With this depth, hopefully the team will be competitive for years to come.

East's Scholar's Bowl team is an unorthodox club. A group of students with a variety of interests that would impress da Vinci try to outdo each other by answering more and more obscure questions. There are few places in the world where knowing the 1892 Speaker of the House will gain you as much respect as it does in Scholar's Bowl. If you happen to know who it is, you just might want to check the club out.



The members of Scholar's Bowl pour over the internet competition.

HUMOR AND EDITORIALS

Humor: The Futures of Our Fathers

A Future Generation of Super Dads

Written by Dan

Technological advancements in internet accessibility have created a generation with the potential for infinite knowledge. In an age where information is unlimited, opportunity directly corresponds with ambition, and the ability to acquire skills is ever present through YouTube and Google.

It is the accessibility of information that makes the current generation of young boys more prepared for life as dads than any other in the history of the world. The amalgamation of handy abilities that comprise the dad repertoire is available to all people through the internet, producing a generation well suited for the around-the-house responsibilities of dadship.

The availability of technology in contemporary society has created a generation of future dads well prepared to paint ceilings and build tree houses. These skills that are ultimately necessary to the cohesion of American families will not lack in the future, as technology fills a knowledge gap that may exist. Technology has constructed a future generation of super dads, with the ability to meet and exceed all dad expectations that are present in American society.



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A Future Generation of Sub-Par Dads

Written by Bill, a Dad

The cornerstone of any productive society is a skilled population of dads to fix the refrigerators and grout the tile floors that our nation depends on. Without these croc-wearing members of our communities, who would crack the ingenious puns that define the classic American lifestyle?

Yet, the country, as well as the world, is experiencing rapid changes. Radical technological innovations have created a generation glued to their PhonePads and Facetweets, unable to socialize at the dad level. Just the other day, my daughter told me she was hungry, so of course I responded with the classic, "Hi Hungry, I'm Dad!" Yet, despite the pun's ingenuity, she simply groaned and pulled out her phone to tweet or something (probably the very joke I said).

For these reasons, I worry about the future of an America in which crocs are ridiculed, fanny packs are out of style, and scrolling Facebook replaces watching TV Land for a classic Tuesday evening activity. A future generation of sub-par dads threatens the United States of America, and I sincerely believe that this issue requires further attention across the nation.

Editorial: "Too Hard" or Too Lazy?

by Erik



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As soon as students begin to learn higher level concepts, many quickly find themselves frustrated by the challenging curriculum. As a result, any given day, any student should expect to be bombarded by complaints from their classmates regarding that AP class they decided to take or that elective they took expecting it to be a free block to get their homework for the rest day finished.

No matter the class, one classic complaint is used more widely than any other. If you haven't figured it out yet, I'm referring to the incredibly-overused, "When will I ever have to use this?" In addition to the fact that I simply disagree with the claim that there is a such thing as "useless" knowledge, this is also just an annoyingly uncreative complaint. The fact that the complaint is held against our entire school system asserts a certain idea of it being a revolutionary idea and, yet, I'm almost certain it is said in the school multiple times a day.

With all this talk of a change one would come to the conclusion that another might actually attempt to bring about such change. At this point, you would've expected there to be walk-outs and petitions and protests going on any given day at school.

And yet, nothing productive ever comes out of this viewpoint. This completely discredits the perspective for me because it shows that no one is truly serious about it; it is essentially another way of just saying "this class is hard and I don't like it." Many students seem to hold more "practical" courses with a higher regard. According to many of these aspiring educational philosophers, an accounting class is much more important than a physics class because of its practical uses. And, certainly, every student will go on to file their taxes as it is of life's only two certainties. Not to mention the fact that, nowadays, every student has the entire internet's wealth of knowledge and a multitude of electives at his or her disposal if they are truly so passionate about these practical studies.

Completely ignoring the obvious minority of students that are actually interested in physics and go on to do great things in the field, the importance of a less practical course resists the simplicity of direct everyday application. The most evident effects of these classes is seen more in the ability to think critically rather than recalling the learned information in later facets of one's life. A student's view of the world can drastically change as a result of these classes. No one class can be declared to be "more important" than another as that is completely subjective to one's lifestyle. I am as much a culprit of being a lazy complainer as any other student at this school. But the complaint of a class being completely unnecessary creates this idea that this isn't a problem with any one student. It establishes that it is the system that is broken and needs to be fixed. This is a form of denial of the individual laziness of a student to justify doing a less than satisfactory job. This is not meant to make anyone foolish, but rather to rectify the actions of our student body to create a more productive and prosperous group of people. In other words, if you're not going to do anything about it, quiet down and get to work.



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SEASONAL ACTIVITIES

Must-See Holiday Spectacles

by Madison

With winter quickly approaching, what better way to kick off the holiday season than to spend some time exploring a few of the local activities offered around town? Whether you enjoy holiday light shows or classic performances, there is always something for everyone!

1. Magic in Toyland – Get in the holiday spirit early by heading over to The Shops at Valley Square throughout the month of December. Spend the evening enjoying the different shops, then head over to the center court to see the giant Christmas tree! Live entertainment is offered and kids can visit with Santa and his special helpers, too!



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2. Shady Brook Holiday Light Show – Experience the magic of whimsical light displays offered at Shady Brook Farm! Open November 22 through January 5, visitors are given the option to drive through the event in their own vehicle, or enjoy the show on one of the farm's horse-drawn wagon rides, weather permitting! Guests can pre-purchase tickets and season passes, or buy them on the night of their visit.



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3. Under the Tree: A Century of Holiday Trees and Toys – Plan a visit to the Mercer Museum for their annual holiday exhibition featuring plenty of traditional Christmas trees decorated in styles seen in earlier eras, as well as an attractive display of toys and games that once delighted many young children from early times! The exhibit is offered November 23 through January 5, and visitors are guaranteed to have an enjoyable experience!



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4. Pennypacker Mills Holiday Tour – If you're interested in history, take a tour of the Pennypacker Mills mansion, originally constructed in 1720. Offered November 26 through January 5, the tour focuses on the historical interests of Samuel Pennypacker, a former Pennsylvania governor. Visitors can enjoy the Victorian style mansion's over-the-top holiday decorations, as well!



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5. *The Nutcracker* – A classic performance hosted by the Dance Theatre of Pennsylvania is sure to boost your holiday spirit! Held at CB South High School on December 14 and 15, this event attracts many ballet-enthusiasts, so be sure to get your tickets soon.

6. Peddler's Village Christmas Festival – If holiday parades and live entertainment excite you, make sure to visit historic Peddler's Village for a special and memorable time! Visitors can enjoy free admission and all-day access to many of the shops and smaller attractions offered on both December 7 and 8.



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Ski Club

by Olivia

While Central Bucks East provides a variety of different clubs to its students, one club stands out as particularly adventurous and sporty. This is East's Ski Club, a club described as "rad" and "killer" by its members. East's Ski Club advisors are Mr. Wolf and Mr. Dalmati, who oversee organized ski trips along with other chaperones.

Ski club usually hosts five trips to Camelback Mountain on five Fridays of the winter season. This involves the club members, described as "just a bunch of students who enjoy skiing and snowboarding a lot," being shuttled down to the mountain to enjoy a night of skiing, snowboarding, and hanging out.

Senior John has been a member of the club for all three years of his high school experience, and absolutely loves it. When asked to describe his experience with East Ski Club, John replied with, "Totally killer. It's a lot of fun, and makes it easy to get everyone together to go up to the mountains." Even if a student has never skied or snowboarded before, ski club provides a great atmosphere to learn.

The first half of the trips consists of lessons while the second half is left to students to "shred" and have fun with their friends. Presented with the question of what made him keep coming back to ski club all these years, John answered, "First, the fact that I get to ski and snowboard. That's just what I love to do. It's fun, you get to do it with your friends, we can all get together, and we get discounted tickets too." When traveling with the club, members get park passes for free. This is just an added bonus to being a ski club member. John describes the atmosphere of the club as, "Just fun. Everyone jokes around, even the teachers, who act more like people or friends on the trips than teachers. We all get to chill out, shred, and have a good time. It's a totally killer experience, and everyone should give it a shot."



The ski club at Camelback Mountain in January 2013.

SEASONAL ACTIVITIES

Best Gifts

by Carly and Colby

With the holiday season fast approaching, it's time to search for the perfect gift for your friends and family (and even to begin to write a holiday wish list for yourself!). Here are a few ideas to ensure a successful holiday this year.

1. iPhone 5S

Apple has recently introduced its newest edition of the classic iPhone, the iPhone 5S. This phone comes with a fingerprint identity sensor that unlocks the phone when the owner's fingerprint is placed on the home button. Other cool features like the slow-motion video recording and an improved camera lens make this phone one of the most coveted gifts this holiday season.



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2. North Face Jackets

With the holiday season arriving, the cold weather will go hand in hand with it. North Face jackets are the perfect balance between a warm coat and a stylish, casual jacket. North Face offers coats for men, women, and children, and is sure to have the right jacket for everyone on your holiday gift list. They are available in a wide array of colors, patterns, and fabrics. It's the perfect coat to hit the slopes in or just walk around town.



Photo courtesy www.nmwb.com

3. FIFA 14

If you've been searching for the perfect gift for a guy in your life, FIFA 14 is a great option. This soccer simulation video game has been a favorite amongst gamers since its release in September. The player can easily feel the excitement and thrill of every pass, shot, and goal made during this legendary video game experience. FIFA has superior graphics and is packed with many real soccer leagues, teams, and players. FIFA 14 is an awesome present for any gamer on your holiday gift list.



Photo courtesy phandroid.com

4. Concert Tickets

If you're searching for the perfect present that you and your friend can experience together, what better gift than concert tickets? A pair of tickets can be as affordable or as expensive as you choose, but either way you and your friend are sure to have a blast. There are a myriad of concerts coming up in 2014 like Justin Timberlake, Jay-Z, Demi Lovato, Zedd, Panic at the Disco, and Robin Thicke. Concert tickets are one of the best gifts you can give this holiday season because it's a gift that will create memories that will last longer than any other present.

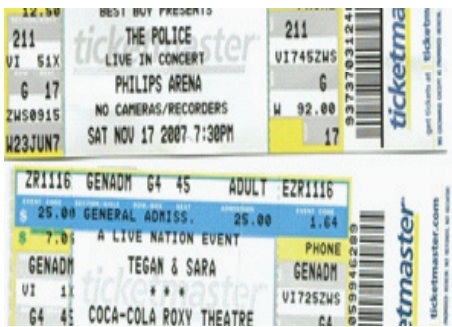


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5. Alex and Ani Bracelets

These bangles have been one of the most popular trends among girls this past year. Alex and Ani offers many different bracelets, each with a meaning behind the charm featured on the bangle. Not only are they stylish, but they are also eco-friendly and crafted from recycled materials. These bangles are inexpensive at about \$28, making them the ideal gift for any friend or sister. Available in gold and silver, there is sure to be a perfect bangle for anyone on your holiday shopping list.



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Holiday Movies

by Stephen

THIS HOLIDAY, DISCOVER YOUR INNER ELF

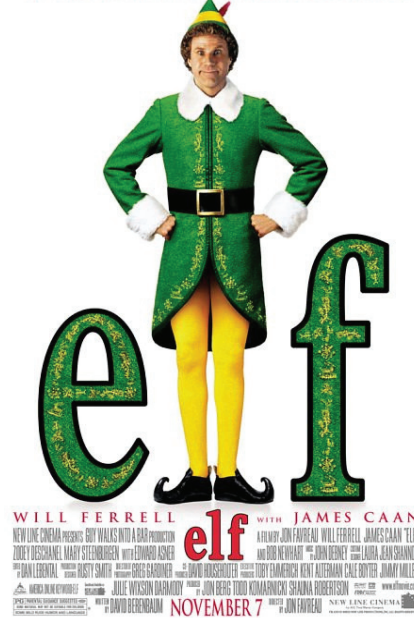


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The holiday season is a wonderful time of year and is uniquely special to all individuals. Some people enjoy taking family vacations to see relatives they haven't seen in months, opening gifts on Christmas morning, or having a big holiday feast. Undoubtedly, one commonality everybody loves about the holidays is all the timeless movies that let us all know the wintry events are approaching. There are countless movies that we've all come to love over the years such as *A Christmas Story*, *Christmas Vacation*, or *Miracle on 34th Street*. Each and every movie has unique qualities that have earned them the spot on our list of must-see movies of the holiday season.

One of my favorites is *A Christmas Story*. In this movie we get a glimpse of Ralphie Parker's third grade Christmas experience. All Ralphie wants for Christmas is a Red Rider BB gun and will stop at almost nothing to get it. To make things fun and interesting he has a wacky family that partake in obscure Holiday traditions. This movie without a doubt is great for a few laughs and a delightful story.

Among the most classic of Christmas movies is *Miracle on 34th Street*. This is a heartwarming story about a girl by the name of Susie Walker who refuses to believe in Santa Claus. Her mother falls in love with a lawyer named Fred Gailey who sets out to prove that the Macy's Santa Claus, Kris Kringle, is the one and only Santa Claus. The viewer gets to see Kris and Fred strive to prove their case by first establishing that there is a Santa Claus and then presenting evidence that Kris is the lone Santa Claus. The end of the movie leaves you wondering if Kris Kringle really is Santa Claus...it is a real tear jerker, but a Christmas classic!

A more recent Christmas movie that has grown to be a favorite among many is *Elf*. The plot begins when Buddy Hobbs falls into Santa Claus's toy bag and is discovered when he is accidentally taken back to Santa's workshop. Here the elves raise him as their own child, and Buddy grows up trying to prove he is a real elf. Upon discovering that he is not an elf but actually a human, his elfish father encourages him to go back to New York to search for his biological family. Here Buddy is given a cold welcoming by his father who has an intense job at a children's book publishing company. In New York, Buddy's antics substantiate the plot, and at the end, Buddy discovers just how to show his family and the world the true meaning of Christmas. It's a timeless comedy that is sure to put a smile on everyone's face.

No matter what your favorite holiday movie is, there is no doubt that each one is a seasonal reminder of just how great the holidays are, regardless of age. Whether you like *Home Alone* or classic animated Christmas movies, like *How the Grinch Stole Christmas* and *Frosty the Snowman*, there is sure to be at least one that we have come to love throughout our childhood. There is no doubt that Christmas movies are some of our holiday favorites.



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THE SOUND OF MUSIC

Tight-Knit Cast

by Mary Grace

The hills, or at least the hallways, are alive with the sound of music, and CB East's Patriot Players were a delight in their production of Rodgers and Hammerstein's *The Sound of Music* during their fall season.

Directed by Sasha Eisenberg and produced by Madame Fichtman, *The Sound of Music* tells the tale of nun-to-be Maria (played by Briana), who is sent to be the nursemaid for a family broken by the death of their mother. After restoring happiness and music to the Von Trapps, she falls deeply in love with their father, the Captain (played by Nick), all amidst a rapidly changing political climate. Selling out weeks in advance, in typical Patriot Players style, young and old alike came to see the family show.

In an instant, lavish parties, rolling hills, and of course, the Nonnberg Abbey came to life quite vividly on stage. Although the sold-out show was worth seeing simply to watch one's classmates parade around in nun costumes, the musical's story of courage, family, and true love set in Nazi-ridden 1930's Austria has captured the hearts of many throughout the decades, and is one that the Patriot Players most certainly did justice.

In addition to the acting skills of the cast, the show would have never come together without the lighting, sound, and set crews to add that professional touch. After all, how could Mother Abbess possibly sing "Climb Every Mountain" without, well, a mountain? Along with silver white winters and whiskers on kittens, the show was truly a pleasure for East's theater troupe to perform, and there's no denying audience members have added this performance to their lists of "My Favorite Things."

Join the Patriot Players in the spring for their production of Disney's *Aida*, an Egyptian Romeo and Juliet written by Elton John and Tim Rice. Tickets are predicted to sell-out, so be sure to purchase them fast!



Mary Grace, Sarah, and Morgan performed the waltz in the show.

Brianna takes the spotlight as Maria Von Trapp.



Rachel and Dylan waltz.



The children of the Von Trapp family had just as much fun as the Patriot Players.



The cast of *The Sound of Music*.



Isabel, Lizzy, and Kelsey were nuns in the play.



The Patriot Players crew.



Rachel Mahar, Brianna Webb, and Dylan Collie.