



## JMS Winter Concert

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The JMS beginning, advanced bands, and choir perform yearly at the winter concert. The winter concert is a live band of the Jefferson kids playing their instruments. Mr. Gelbaum, our music teacher, leads the concert. Mr. Gelbaum has conducted many concerts before, and he's a very experienced veteran teacher, teaching here at JMS for around 20 years. The winter concert was open to everyone from parents to students.

In the winter concert, two bands performed: the Beginning Band and the Advanced Band. The Beginning Band comprises 54 new music players in JMS Music (6th and 7th graders). At the same time, the Advanced Band is a band composed of students who have been in either band classes for one or more school years (7th and 8th graders), and both of them kept the night going with their outstanding performance. The concert was from 6 to 7 pm. It was on the 12th day



(Mr. Gelbaum conducting the beginner band)

Hamilton songs, a nice peaceful song called 'Stopping by on Woods on a Snowy Evening', and a fun song called 'Cold and Fugue Season'."

Just like the band, the choir will be performing a variety of different songs. However, instead of using instruments to make different sounds, they will use their voice and sing all together at the winter concert.

Mr. Gelbaum says, "After school, we did a Halloween concert, and the winter concert was a big one open for anyone, and at the end of the year, we do a spring concert with both the advanced and beginner bands and the choir does a musical."

Like every other year this year won't be much different, all three of the chorus, beginner band, and advanced band will be performing at different times of the school year, and they will continue to amaze us with delight from music!

Finally, we have a word from Mr. Gelbaum. "My favorite thing about the concert is seeing the parents being so happy and impressed with how well their kids are playing, and that makes me happy." Thanks to all the students in JMS Music for bringing a lot of joy and delight into our Winter Holiday season

Just like the previous years, the choir, beginner, and advanced students were able to give a great performance during the Winter Concert, giving us all a smile on our faces and bringing in the Christmas spirit. Great thanks to the one and only Mr. Gelbaum who conducts all the concerts and to all the students in choir, beginner band, and advanced band for giving it their all to spread some of the holiday spirit and smiles throughout the night.



(Mr. G conducting choir and three solos.)

A few days before the concert Mr. Gelbaum states, "The different instruments that will be played at the concert are all band and voice instruments. Such as flute, trumpet, clarinet, saxophone, trombone, tuba, french horn, etc." As you can see, the winter concert will be composed of all these different instruments, played by different groups of students in both the advanced and beginner bands.

For the choir, Mr. Gelbaum states, "The choir will be performing five different songs for the winter concert. They'll be doing 'All I Want for Christmas', 'This is Halloween' from 'The Nightmare Before Christmas',

# San Pedro Parade

By: Anthony M., Aidan O., Tim V.L

What do you feel is the best part of a holiday? Some people think that it is all the good food you get to enjoy. Others might think that it is meeting some family members. But lots of the younger age of people might think that it is the parades. What isn't there to love about giant balloon cutouts of your favorite characters? Whether it be Snoopy from Charlie Brown or Mickey Mouse from Disney, all your favorite characters are floating around the city.

On December 3rd, there was the 43rd annual San Pedro Holiday Parade.



(Dragon Boat Group Photo at the San Pedro Parade)

Three people were interviewed at the parade, Ed Eyas, Lorraine Knight, and Officer Morales, with the L.A.P.P.D. (Los Angeles Port Police Department). Ed Eyas and Lorraine Knight are a part of the Los Angeles Dragon Boat team. Here is what they had to say.

When asked the question, “How many parades have you been in,” Ed said this was his first one, and Lorraine said this was her fourth one. “Have you ever been in the parade before you joined the Dragon Boat Club?” They both said that they hadn’t. “What do you like about the parade?” Ed said “I get to see things that I’m not involved in. I always like looking forward to the horses.” He also said that he likes the folklorica groups and he thinks the community vibe is neat. Lorraine said that she liked it because it was festive, colorful, fun, and joyful. A lot of the people in the crowd and the parade were very happy and smiling a lot.

When we asked them what their favorite part of the parade was. Ed said that his favorite part of the parade was the horses. Lorraine said that her favorite part was either the equestrians or the marching bands.

The last question that they were asked was if you could change 1 thing about the parade; what it would be. Ed Eyas responded with “I wish that we had a float.” Lorraine Knight explained how she would want “More restaurants to sit at to watch the parade.”



(L.A. Harbor Dragon Boat Team During Parade)

Officer Morales of the LAPPD (Los Angeles Port Police Department) was also interviewed. He said that they were there to display their police vehicles. The vehicles that they brought were a dually truck with PWCs and a patrol vehicle. They also had some motorcycle units at the front of the parade. He also said that it was their 10th year being in the parade.

To describe the L.A. Harbor Dragon Boat team’s part in the parade, they had a small van that was leading everyone. The van had stickers on both sides of the team’s logo. Hooked to the back of the van was a traditional Chinese dragon boat that had a traditional drum on the inside. Suko Gotoh, one of the members of the team, sat on the inside of the boat while playing the drum. Behind that, the other members of the team lined up in two lines, while the captain of the team, Jesse Oani, yelled out commands.

At the event, there were a lot of different parts in the parade. There was the L.A. Harbor Dragon Boat Club, the Equestrians (the Horses), the Folklorica groups, teams of girl and boy scouts, cheerleaders, and many more participants. Many announcers were telling the crowd what they were looking at which gave an introduction and a backstory. This event was filled with fun and surprises.

If you would like to try dragon boat one day, please go to 3000 Shoshonean Road, in San Pedro, CA, 90731 Sunday morning.

## Chargers Continue to Struggle Through the Season

By Ashley W.

Since the last article on the Chargers, the L.A. team has gone against the New York Jets, Detroit Lions, Green Bay Packers, Baltimore Ravens, New England Patriots, Denver Broncos, and the Las Vegas Raiders. On the 6th of November, the Chargers traveled to East Rutherford, New Jersey, to play against the Jets at the MetLife Stadium. During this game, Keenan Allen reached his milestone of 10K receiving yards. The Chargers forced 3 turnovers and were able to win 27 to 6 for their fourth victory this season.



Allen becomes the 54th player in NFL history to reach 10K yards.

After their win against the Jets, the Chargers played against the Lions at home on November 12th. The score was 38 to 38 towards the end of the last quarter, but the Lions kicked a 41-yard field goal at the very last second so the Chargers ended up losing by 3 points (41 to 38).

Next up, was the game against the Packers which was held at Lambeau Field in Green Bay, Wisconsin on November 19th. Before it took place, the Matchup Predictor on ESPN said that the Packers had a 32.7% chance of winning and the Chargers 67%, but the Packers were the ones who ended up winning, 23 to 20.

A week later, the Chargers went up against the Ravens on November 26th at home. By the end of the game, the Chargers had a total of 4 turnovers which is the most they've had since 2020 when they lost to Carolina. In the end, it was the Ravens who got the win, and the Chargers lost 20 to 10.

On December 3rd, the Chargers went all the way to Massachusetts where they played the Patriots at the Gillette Stadium in Foxborough. A total of 6 points was scored throughout the whole game when the Chargers kicked two 38-yard field goals in the second quarter. Even with only 6 points, the Chargers still won 6 to 0.

The next matchup was another home game where they went against the Broncos on December 10th. Allen reached yet another milestone during the game, becoming the fastest receiver in NFL history to reach 900 catches. However, the Chargers lost 24 to 7.

Shortly after, the team traveled to Allegiant Stadium in Las Vegas, Nevada, where they faced the Raiders on December 14th. Essang Basse left the game with a concussion as well as Will Clapp with a knee injury. The Chargers got crushed, losing to the Raiders 21 to 63. Let's hope they have better luck in the next game against the Buffalo Bills on December 23!

## The Lakers Started Bad And Are Getting Better This Season

By David O

The Lakers started off deficient this season but are slowly getting better and better with each match that goes by. Despite the downgrade in their roster and their awful 3 point percentage, they still push on and continue to win games. Their performance at the In Season Tournament is also quite decent despite their main players getting injured.

The Lakers have also been winning most of their games. Their recent games with the Houston Rockets, the Phoenix Suns, and the Indiana Pacers were successful. Currently, LeBron is scoring the most points, getting the most steals, and getting the most assists and Anthony is getting the most rebounds and blocks.

Aside from Anthony and LeBron. The current roster of the Lakers are struggling against the other teams. Their offense is underwhelming and their defense is all over the place. Anthony and LeBron are their main players that are supporting the Lakers the most.



Lebron dunking against the New Orleans

So far, the Lakers are performing well in the in season tournament finals. Winning against the New Orleans and the San Antonio Spurs. Only losing against the Dallas Mavericks. Recently, Anthony got an injury so the Lakers were missing one of their main players. Anthony also is known for getting rebounds so both their offense and their defense has significantly decreased. This is showing that the main players are very important.

Controversies about the Lakers are also very common this season. Lebron mentioned he would skip games for his son, which some fans don't like. The controversy is affecting Lebron. Some fans are saying things like "I enjoyed Lebron's injury." They even describe him as disloyal. This is because he plays for other teams too. On the other hand, some fans love Lebron. They describe him as inspiring, being great at basketball and starting a charity foundation at one point. The latest Phoenix Suns game against the Lakers has some NBA fans angered. They believed that Lebron cheated by asking for a timeout because one of the Sun's players lost the ball.

Aside from the controversial takes from NBA fans, this season for the Lakers is going pretty good. Although they started off bad, they improved more and more. They started with a 33.9 percent 3 point percentage but increased to 34.6. Their roster has worsened this season so the Lakers rely on Anthony and Lebron to win now. Their performance this season still is significantly worse than last season. Not only did they attempt less shots than the last season, but they missed more shots.

Some Lakers fans have predicted and hoped that the Lakers would win the in season tournament (championship). After they saw the roster workout at the gym, they were convinced that they would win. This also shows that the Lakers are determined to win the tournament. The current roster even is improving, which gives even more hope that they would win.

## Uprising of Esports

By: Harshil P

Esports is a new topic many people are talking about in the 21st century, as video games become popular, so does its collaboration with competitive events. Esports began in the late 2000's. The first esports tournament was "Space Invaders", a historic video game.

Recent games have come online, and have evolved to become an actual event such as Valorant. There are many types of games that are played in Esports. Many consist of team play or just individual skill. Esports takes place in a virtual environment usually using a keyboard and mouse.

One example is Valorant, a first person shooter. The goal is to plant the spike (a bomb that detonates 45 seconds after being planted onto a site). There are multiple characters, and they have a role, Sentinel, Duelist, initiator, and controller. Each role has a job, for example duelist is supposed to be aggressive, and be the mvp on the team and provide space for the rest of the team to take control of. For sentinel you play defensively holding down different areas of the map, Initiator gathers information about where the enemy team is, and provides utility to get onto a site, Controller cuts off dangerous angles.

Game Changers is a tournament hosted by Riot Games. The tournament even has VCT champions 2023 winners EG.



Valorant image, showing what it looks like

Esports is a new trend that is coming into the world. We even have an Esportsteam here at JMS. Our JMS team plays students from other middle schools online. Our team says "I like participating in the events and enjoy playing competitively." "We believe esports is a fun hobby."

Many fans believe esports will become a popular thing among the world, and is already becoming popular. Maybe becoming an Esports player will become a real profession that is admired by many people in the future as it has been part of TV programming. Its popularity is growing with 57% of people wanting to be an influencer or gamer, according to CBN.

# Keep Our School Clean

By: Mason W. Daksh P. Ali

Recently there have been some changes in our schools bathroom policy, both good and bad. Firstly, the bathrooms used to be free as in you can enter whenever and also just enter immediately, but then you had to wait to sign in according to Mr. C. It's because there was a lot of vandalism of the bathrooms. However it was not a singular thing, no it was the accumulation of many different things.

For example, one time I found a full burger in the urinal and Mr. C had found an apple that was thrown at the wall. Floor was also extremely wet, and it wasn't just water it could have also been juice or maybe even pee. It made it very slippery and gross. This went since September all the way up to a few weeks ago. That is because of the change they made.



Picture of the Vice Principal (Mr. C.)

“What had happened was, since September people have been trashing the bathrooms, so for example they would get all the toilet paper liners, and they would take all of it and just jam it in the toilet bowl.” Mr. C also says, “some people would take apples and stuff and smash it against the wall. Some other people would take food and put it in the urinal.” These are just a few of the reasons why the bathroom policy changed and why students had to sign in.

The sign in sheet has actually been used before, according to Mr. C, “I asked our staff, what did you guys do when you had this problem?” And that's when they told me, “What we used to do is we had students sign in when the bathroom was opened, and after each signed in, the adult would check the bathroom to make sure it

would stay clean.”I suppose this means this strategy has proven to be effective in the past.

This is probably true considering that recently they had caught whoever kept doing it and now have gone back to the regular bathroom policy. The method does seem to be effective. At first it may not but it didn't last that long.



The bathroom that was vandalized

The Egyptian garden has also fallen victim to being trashed. A lot of times before as well. People have just dropped their leftover food and wrappers on the floor. Actually for a period of time people could not eat in the Egyptian garden because of the insane amount of trash. However, sadly the Egyptian garden and the bathrooms are not the only place, there are too many to talk about in this article but some of them are things such as the field which is a big one, also the halls, and there is even more. Luckily, the Egyptian garden reopened however the same can't be said about certain things such as the field and other stuff we stated before.

If we were able to keep not only the bathroom clean but also the field we may be able to eat wherever we want, like the field again or the big tree. We used to be able to eat on the grass and the big tree, but due to the amount of trash left over, we are no longer allowed to eat there. As we discussed in a previous paper most people dislike the rule that only allows you to eat in the quad because it makes it cramped and also sometimes forces kids to eat on the ground bas

So, in conclusion, we should all as a collective student body stop throwing trash on the ground and start throwing trash in trash bins. On top of that we should also stop vandalizing and ruining parts of our school, basically just keep our school nice, clean, and beautiful because at the end of the day, this is where we all stay regardless of what happens so make it nice.

## What's Happening in Iceland?

By Zara K., Kara K.

Iceland has been having many earthquakes and volcanic eruptions. The land is diverging from each other, creating huge cracks of lava in the ground near a town. This has been ongoing for about a month now, and it definitely won't be going away for now.

About 170 mini-earthquakes have been detected over the course of only an hour. People have been making protections, or borders, against the lava so it can't spread in the towns in an attempt to protect their people. Luckily, Iceland's trenches were very ahead of schedule so nobody should be harmed.

Iceland is located on the Mid-Atlantic Ridge, where two tectonic plates, the North American tectonic plate, and the Eurasian tectonic plate, rest. Lately, the boundaries have been moving apart.



Huge cracks in the ground caused by earthquakes are growing.

The coastal fishing town of Grindavik, which is also a popular tourist attraction in Iceland, has been prompted to evacuate because it sits right next to the course of the dike. The place is going on closure due to ongoing earthquake activity in the area. Meanwhile, an uplift in Svartsengi, north of Grindavik, continues to rise.

The last time Iceland has had a major eruption was back in 2010. The Eyjafjallajokull (AY-UH-FYAT-LA-YOW-KL) volcano erupted several times, causing a massive ash cloud to spread over Europe and North America, creating a severe disruption to air travel. Many people have hopes that the same thing won't happen the

exact way that it had taken place a little bit after a decade ago.

Iceland is one of the few places on Earth where you can see the effects of plate tectonics above ground. The place is known to have some of the largest glaciers in Europe. They also have a handful of the world's most active volcanoes as well.

Iceland is known to be a popular tourist destination with two main areas, Blue Lagoon, and Thingvellir National Park, which are always bustling with people.



Hundreds of earthquakes are increasing the possibility of a volcanic eruption.

About 1,500 to 1,800 earthquakes have been recorded since November 10th to last week. Authorities have built walls, along with conduits and canals along Svartsengi and Grindavik in a bid to direct lava away from buildings in the event of an eruption. The Icelandic Met Office said that the earthquakes were measured at a depth of 1.8 to 3 miles (3 to 5 kilometers) along the dike, with the greatest number occurring to the northeast of Grindavik in Svartsengi. They brought up that the highest likelihood of eruption was in the middle of the dike.

There has been an odd decrease in seismic activity while magma continues to accumulate underground in Iceland is troubling scientists, since they are unsure about what might happen next. They have not determined whether an eruption might occur in the place that they conjectured it should occur or not.

It's not that much of a surprise that Iceland may have another volcanic eruption since it is located in a volcanic hotspot. Iceland has 35 active volcanoes after all! Those created mini islands along Iceland!

Sources: [Newsweek](#), [Independent CO](#), [Iceland Monitor](#)

## 2024 Grammy Nominees

By Arya B, Sophia A, Diya S, and Marisel G

The 66th annual grammy awards will be happening on Sunday, February 4th, At Crypto.com Arena in Los Angeles and will be broadcasted on CBS and Paramount plus.

The nominees were announced Friday, Nov 10th. While the host of the show has yet to be announced, some nominations have been released.



Grammy awards gifted to nominees.

Before we get to that, what are the Grammy Awards? A Grammy Award is any of a series of awards presented each year in the United States by either the National Academy of Recording Arts & Sciences, or, the Latin Academy of Recording Arts & Sciences.

The Grammys, as are commonly known, are meant to recognize spectacular work in the music industry. Now, for the nominations, three new categories have been added.

An article by *Euronews* states: “Best Pop Dance Recording, Best African Music Performance, and Best Alternative Jazz Album.”

Harvey Mason jr. states their reason for adding them, “we are able to acknowledge and appreciate a broader array of artists.”

Moving on,

The record of the year being:

“[Not Strong Enough](#),” boygenius

“[Flowers](#),” Miley Cyrus

“[What Was I Made For?](#)” from “Barbie,” Billie Eilish

“[Vampire](#),” Olivia Rodrigo

“[Anti-Hero](#),” Taylor Swift

“[Kill Bill](#),” SZA

And a few more.

The celebs were quite fond of their nomination:

Ice spice wrote on X, formerly known as Twitter, "FOUR GRAMMY NOMINATIONS ?! Are u s---tin me!!! Thank YOU."

Miley Cyrcus wrote on Instagram,

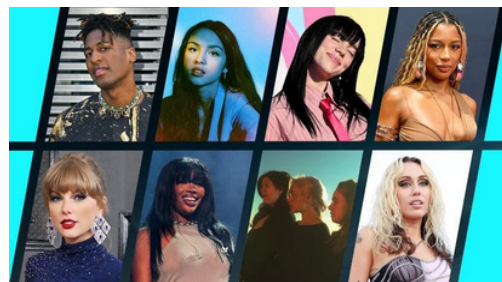
"Congratulations to all of this year's Grammy nominees. Watching women win & rule the music industry makes me proud. It's fun to be nominated..."

Tyla, after being nominated in the Best African Music Performance category, wrote on Instagram Stories "No way."

Bebe Rexha reposted the Recording Academy's video of the Best Pop Dance Recording nominees to Instagram and told her followers, "Wooooo you gotta watch till the end!!!!"

There are many different awards that are going to be given out on February 4th, such as: Record of the year, Album of the year, Song of the year, producer/songwriter of the year, best pop solo performance, best pop group/duo performance, best pop album, etc. With many amazing artists, one artist stood out. Can you guess who? The artist that has received the most nominations is SZA with 9 nominations!

There are a lot of steps you need to accomplish in order to be able to qualify as a nominee (album of the year.) First step is being able to get an album 20% playing timen(theartist,featuredartist,songwriter, producer, engineers.) Previously, you didn't need to do that in order to qualify. I bet you couldn't wait to see the nominees. So far all artists are working hard and trying their best to be given a Grammy, and to be nominated.



Celebs that are attending the grammys.

In conclusion, the 66th Grammy Awards is shaping up to be a night to remember.

With big-name performers, celebs and actors, potential milestones, awards being handed out to the best music, new categories, and more representation it is sure to be a highlight of the music industry in the upcoming year.

[2024 GRAMMY Nominations: Watch Live Here on yt](#)

## Christmas Gift Ideas

By Sophia A. and Diya S.

Buying gifts for people can be hard as you may not know what they want, and getting the wrong gift can be just as embarrassing as getting none. Here's a list of some of the most commonly wanted gifts for friends and family! Gift preferences can vary from gender to gender so we'll first start with gifts boys would likely want. An article by *verywellfamily.com* listed a \$70 NBA



2K24 that you can buy at target. The game lets you play as any basketball character, and build your own team.

Next on the list is the Sony WH-CH520 headphones.

They're very affordable (only \$37) and can be found on Amazon and Buydig.com, they come in black and white with impressive sound and battery. A funny gift that any friend will enjoy, is socks printed with your face on them! You can get them done on Amazon for only \$14.

Ever need a safe place to put your passwords? An article by *goodhousekeeping.com*, has a book just for that, coming in at \$15 dollars on Amazon, there's even a lock on the book so only you can open it. Lastly, before we move into other gifts, shoes! Presumably Nike shoes, an article by *marathonsports.com* listed some different styles of running shoes. From asics to regular shoes, Nike has almost every shoe for sports. HEY SISTERS <3

Now moving on to gifts that are most likely wanted by a girl. Sometimes girls can be very precise about what they want or like. On the *CollegeFashion* article they have a planner so that girls can keep organized, you can get it on the online store Papier. To stay fresh and clean you can get this Sol De Jainero body set at Sephora for \$30. To update your device you can get a new phone case on Casetify 50 to 90 dollars. We all love reading, especially *The Summer I Turned Pretty* books. Well the article *The Strategist* you can get the whole *The Summer I turned Pretty* Trilogy for \$54 dollars on amazon! Happy Holidays and enjoy these new gifts you probably never thought of! BYE SISTERS!

## Top 5 Christmas Movies

By: Santa Clause

5. Frosty the Snowman. Frosty the Snowman was a movie I always loved to watch when I was little.
4. Home Alone. Home alone is a staple in Christmas movies, a must watch, a, what some would say, "Classic."
3. Elf. Elf is really funny and iconic.
2. How The Grinch Stole Christmas. Jim Carrey did good.
1. A Christmas Story. This movie is great for anyone to watch. It's super funny.

## Guess The Christmas Quote

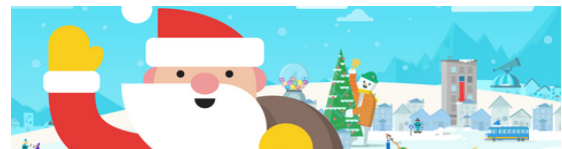
By: Mason W.

Christmas is almost here. Time to cuddle up with that special someone and watch Christmas movies (by someone I mean Netflix and a blanket and such). If you really do enjoy your Christmas movies then let's see if you can guess the Christmas movie quotes.

- "Seeing is believing, but, sometimes, the most real things in the world are the things we can't see."
- "This is my home. I have to defend it."
- "You stink! You smell like beef and cheese, you don't smell like Santa."
- "What's this? What's this?"
- "It's because I'm green, isn't it?"
- "When the temperature goes up, I start to melt! And when I start to melt, I get all wishy-washy."
- "we're looking for the legendary Kevin Bacon"
- "Yikes, I did it again"

### Possible Movies Quote Answers:

Guardians of The Galaxy Christmas Special, The Nightmare Before Christmas, Elf, Home Alone 2, How The Grinch Stole Christmas, Polar Express, Home Alone, Frosty The Snowman.



[Get festive with this Santa tracker!](#)

Want to play some holiday games? How about a countdown until Santa himself could come to your home!



## Shoutouts!

**Brandon T.:** 8th Grade -Super impressed with your leadership skills in our Constitutional Scramble. Whoo - Hoo!

-Ms. Numark

**Shoutout** to all of my 7th graders for their effort in using their city's mitigation plan for research. You all managed to deal with documents that contained hundreds of pages! I am very proud of your positive attitudes & perseverance in tackling this task.

-Ms. Ludwig

**Kailey Grajeda:** 6th Grade -Thank you for always being so positive and helpful in class.

-Ms. Lindeman

**Zac Kureshi:** 6th Grade -Thank you for being respectful, responsible and safe in class.

-Ms. Lindeman

**Kayla G.:** 8th Grade -For being the best volleyball scorer.

-Ms. Swartz

**Bisweth, Vihaan, and Harper:** 6th Grade -for volunteering with the cart and attendance in 3rd period PE.

-Ms. Swartz

**Sreehari V.:** 7th Grade -Keep up the great work! Your effort shows.

-Mrs. Sapien

**Irini and Hope:** 8th Grade -shoutout to you guys for being stand up citizens

-Nunes

**Tiana G.:** 6th Grade -Your help around the library definitely did not go unnoticed. You're awesome! And, thank you for your smile while doing it. You shine bright!

Ms. Dela Cruz

**Nilgoun J.:** 8th Grade -You were a tremendous help with iredy testing. Sana and I appreciate you!

Ms. Dela Cruz

**Margaux:** 6th Grade -You are always such a friendly face to have in class and see on campus! I really enjoy our conversations between classes!

Miss Hailey

**Fatima S.:** 6th Grade -You always have a smile on your face and a simple hello from you makes my day! Keep being you!

**Shayla Perez:** 6th Grade -You are so bright and your contributions and questions show your interest and dedication to learning. Keep it up!

**Liam C.:** 6th Grade -You are always so helpful and always include others in activities. Keep up the kindness!

[Click here to play a Christmas word search!](#)

## The Origins Of The Ugly Sweater

By: Elise B., Jessica M.

When someone thinks about Christmas, a few things come to mind; presents, santa, snow, festive cheer, and maybe [ugly sweaters](#). But why are ugly sweaters associated with the holiday season? Well let's start with the beginning, in the 1950's the first batches of christmas themed sweaters were released, but they didn't take off. It wasn't until the 1980's where they were worn in many comedies and shows such as "National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation," Bringing a more festive theme to the ugly sweater. However, this wasn't the thing to kick the ugly sweater to the mainstream, as the sweater soon faded out of popularity in the 1990's. A resurgence came when In 2001, a new movie called "Bridget Jones Diary," came out. In the movie, there's a scene where someone greets Bridget wearing a knitted sweater with a large, red-nosed reindeer. People began to see the comedic side of the sweaters, increasing its popularity. Around this time, ugly sweater parties started to appear. The popularity only grew from there and pretty soon big fashion brands joined the trend and started releasing ugly christmas sweaters. UK charity Save the Children, had a fundraising event encouraging people to don their most ugly Christmas sweaters which caused more fundraisers to start to have ugly sweater themed fundraisers. It wasn't just fundraisers, even businesses, pubs, and community events embraced the ugly sweater. Soon even celebrities hopped on the trend too and it eventually became how we know it today, a tradition, a silly joke, or a reason to host a christmas party.

Sources: [Hola](#), [CNN](#), [Placeit](#)