

A photograph of a Christmas tree decorated with multi-colored lights and ornaments. Several wrapped presents are placed at the base of the tree. The scene is lit with warm, golden light, and the lights from the tree are reflected on a surface in the foreground.

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MEET THE STAFF!!

Sydney Loeffler - We hope you enjoy this edition of Circuit Rider! Happy Holidays!

*Reece Winebrinner-
Happy Holidays! Hope you enjoy the newspaper!*

Karsi Lolling - Happy Holidays! I hope you like this month's edition of the Circuit Rider

Lily Brant- Merry Christmas. Happy Hanukkah. Happy Kwanzaa. Happy Holidays!

Merry Christmas

Editor's Page

Sydney Loeffler - editor - Happy Holidays! My friends and I can't wait for you to read this edition of Circuit Rider!

Karsi Lolling - assistant editor - Merry Christmas! I hope everyone has an incredible holiday season, even with everything that's going on. I also hope you enjoy this month's edition!!!

Christmas Tree Hunt

There are a certain amount of Christmas trees scattered all around the pages. (Not including this one) If you find them, email Mrs. Workman's at tworkman@lincoln27.net



Sydney L.

Christmas Drawing Winner



Logan Brant 6th Grade

****Christmas story winners will
be announced in the 2021
January edition.**

Christmas Around the World

Over the next few pages you will learn about different ways people celebrate Christmas around the world. Some are a lot like how we celebrate it, and others are very different. Read on to learn more about Christmas in different places.

All info from: whychristmas.com



-By Lily Brant

Japan

-In Japan, Christmas is known as more of a time to spread happiness rather than a religious celebration. Christmas Eve is often celebrated more than Christmas Day. Christmas Eve is thought of as a romantic day, and in many ways it resembles Valentine's Day celebrations in the UK and the USA.

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Fried chicken is often eaten on Christmas day. So is Christmas cake.

-In Japanese Happy/Merry Christmas is 'Meri Kurisumasu'. And it's written in the two Japanese scripts like this; Hiragana: めりーくりすます; Katakana: メリークリスマス

China

In China, only about one 1% of people are Christians, so most people know very little about Christmas. Because of this, Christmas is only often celebrated in major cities. In these big cities there are Christmas Trees, lights and other decorations on the streets and in department stores.

-Santa Claus is called 'Shen Dan Lao Ren'.

-Some people go Caroling, although not many people understand them or know about the Christmas Story. Jingle Bells is a popular Christmas song in China!

Italy

- One old Italian custom is that children go out Carol singing and playing songs on shepherds pipes, wearing shepherds sandals and hats.
- On Christmas Eve, it's common that no meat (and also sometimes no dairy) is eaten. Often a light seafood meal is eaten and then people go to the Midnight Mass service. The types of fish and how they are served vary between different regions in Italy.
- Some families have a 'Ceppo' or Yule Log which is burnt through the Christmas season.
- In Italian Happy/Merry Christmas is 'Buon Natale', in Sicilian it's 'Bon Natali' and in Ladin (spoken in some parts of the northern Italian region of South Tyrol) it's 'Bon/Bun Nadèl'.

Mexico

-From December 16th to Christmas Eve, children often perform the 'Posada' processions or Posadas. Posada is Spanish for Inn or Lodging. There are nine Posadas. These celebrate the part of the Christmas story where Joseph and Mary looked for somewhere to stay. For the Posadas, the outside of houses are decorated with evergreens, moss and paper lanterns.

-In each Posada, children are given candles and a board, with painted clay figures of Mary riding on a donkey and Joseph, to process round the streets with. They call at the houses of friends and neighbors and sing a song at each home. The song they sing is about Joseph and Mary asking for a room in the house. But the children are told that there is no room in the house and that they must go away. Eventually they are told there is room and are welcomed in! When the children go into the house they say prayers of thanks and then they have a party with food, games and fireworks.

Mexico Cont.

-Each night a different house holds the Posada party. At the final Posada, on Christmas Eve, a manger and figures of shepherds are put on to the board. When the Posada house has been found, a baby Jesus is put into the manger and then families go to a midnight Church service. After the Church service there are more fireworks to celebrate the start of Christmas.

-Poinsettia flowers are known as 'nochebuena' (Christmas Eve) flowers in Mexico.



Russia

-In the days of the Soviet Union, Christmas was not celebrated very much. New Year was made into the important time. Following the revolution in 1917, Christmas was banned as a religious holiday in 1929 and Christmas Trees were banned until 1935 when they turned into 'New Year' Trees! If people did want to celebrate Christmas, they had to do it in secret just in their families.

-New Years is a bigger holiday than Christmas in Russia.

-In Russian Happy/Merry Christmas is 's rah-zh-dee-st-VOHM' (С рождеством!) or 's-schah-st-lee-vah-vah rah-zh dee-st-vah' (Счастливого рождества!).

-There are Russian Christmas cookies called Kozulya which are made in the shape of a sheep, goat or deer.

My Christmas Tradition

My Christmas Tradition isn't actually on Christmas, but rather Christmas Eve. I've done this for as long as I can remember, and it's definitely my favorite part of Christmas time.

My mom will put several gifts into one giant bag. The gifts will usually be candy, popcorn, cheap little toys, Pajamas, movies, hot cocoa, and our own cups to drink our hot chocolate in.

All four of us, my siblings and I, will grab a corner and rip. All of the gifts will tumble out and we have to sort through them to figure out whose is whose. We put on our new pajamas and watch the Santa Clause trilogy while enjoying our treats. Then we go to bed!

-Karsi Lolling

My Christmas Tradition

Every year, sometime in November, my family brings out our Christmas tree (Fake tree). We grab all the boxes of Christmas ornaments and set the tree up.

My mom then sits down and unwraps each ornament. As she gives them to my brother and I to hang on the tree, she tells us the story of each one.

Almost any exciting place we go to we find a new ornament for the tree and get to hang it up in the tree. I love this tradition because I get to remember the thousands of things I got to do in my lifetime.

-Lily Brant



My Christmas Traditions

My Christmas tradition is that everyone sorts the gifts and gives them to who they belong to, and then one person will open them at a time. Some years we go from the youngest to oldest, other years we do the opposite. We open gifts like this so everyone can watch others open the gifts they bought for them.



Sydney

Corona Christmas Ideas

Since we are all stuck at home, why not have extra fun this year for Christmas?

1. Decorate your house extra this year - even if it's just adding some extra ornaments to your tree.
2. Bake something - You could bake gingerbread, christmas cookies, or even a Christmas cake.
3. Watch lots of Christmas movies - You could watch *How The Grinch Stole Christmas*, *The Polar Express*, and *A Nightmare before Christmas*.



Sydney L.

Gift Ideas

Sometimes coming up with gifts for friends and family members can be hard, so I, your trusty assistant editor, am here to help you out!

Do you happen to have a younger sibling? One who likes anything that has to do with royalty, perhaps? I have the gift for you! Make them a cardboard castle! It could be lifesize or it could be a small one for their toys.

Do you have a unappreciated parent? Why not organize a huge gift from you and your siblings to make them feel loved? Make them a coupon book! Basic, but appreciated

By Karsi Lolling!



Holiday Craft Ideas

Why not get crafty this holiday season?
Here are some fun ideas for this Christmas.

Make your own Gingerbread house.

Make your own Ornament for your
Christmas tree.

Practice your wrapping skills by wrapping
gifts.

Make origami with wrapping paper.



Sydney L.

Christmas Jokes

Q: How did Scrooge Win the Football game?

A: The ghost of Christmas passed

Q: Why are Christmas trees so bad at sewing?

A: They alway drop their needles.

Q: Why are Christmas trees so fond of the past?

A: Because the present's under them.

Q: What do you call a Santa living in the South Pole?

A: A Lost Claus



Christmas Word Scramble

SMASTIRHC - _____

EWN REYARS - _____

TFGIS - _____

SONWMNE - _____

MTNESRNOA - _____



Sydney Loeffler

November Word Scramble Answers

YKERUT - TURKEY

KGSVIINGHATAN - THANKSGIVING

LIPMAGRS - PIGRAMS

YILMAF - FAMILY

EB ULFKNATH - BETHANKFUL

The Christmas Story

God sent the angel Gabriel to Mary in the village of Nazareth.

The angel said, “Greetings! The lord has blessed you and is with you. You will give birth to a son and you are to name him Jesus. He will be called the Son of the Most High and will reign forever; his kingdom will never end.”

The angel also said, “The holy one to be born to you will be God’s Son. Even your cousin Elizabeth is going to have a baby in her old age. Nothing is impossible with God.”

“I am the Lord’s Servant,” Mary answered. “May everything you have said come true. Then the angel left her.

Mary was engaged to a man named Joseph, but before they came together, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream. The angel told him that Mary was to have a baby from God. Joseph was to name the baby Jesus because he would save his people from their sins. He would also be called Immanuel, which means "God with us."

At that time, a decree said everyone had to go to his family's town to register. Joseph was from the family of David, so he and Mary went to Bethlehem, which was David's home. When they got there they could find no place to stay that wasn't full so they found a stable.

While in Bethlehem the time came for the baby to be born, and Mary gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in strips of cloth and placed him in a manger.

Shepherds living out in the fields nearby were keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified.

But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloth and lying in a manger.”

Suddenly a great assembly of angels from heaven appeared with the first angel, praising God and saying, “Glory to God in the highest heaven and on earth peace to men with whom God is pleased.”

When the angels went back to heaven, the shepherds went and found the baby boy wrapped in cloth and laying in the manger.

After the shepherds had seen Jesus, they went around and told anyone who would listen that the savior had been born. All who heard were amazed.

Sometime later Wise Men came from the east following the star. God had said to follow this star to find the child who would be the savior. The star the Wise Men had seen in the east went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where Jesus lay. When they saw the star had stopped they were overjoyed. They found Jesus with his mother Mary. They bowed down and gave him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

This is the story of christmas. God so loved the world that he gave his one and only son, so that whoever believes in him will have eternal life.

Christmas Fun Facts

Jingle Bells was also originally a Thanksgiving song

Jingle Bells was the first song played in space.

There is a Christmas tree worth \$15 Million in Spain.

In the U.S. over a billion and a half Christmas cards are sent every year.

CHRISTMAS MOVIE TRIVIA

Grab your popcorn and make your hot cocoa because it is time for CHRISTMAS MOVIE TRIVIA. Test yourself on how well you know your Christmas movies over these next few pages.



-Answers near the
end



Name this movie from this quote

1. You'll shoot your eye out!
2. Every time a bell rings an angel gets its wings.
3. I never thought it was such a bad little tree. It's not bad at all really. Maybe it just needs a little love.
4. Merry Christmas you filthy animal.
5. What if Christmas, he thought, doesn't come from a store. What if Christmas ... perhaps ... means a little bit more!

What movies are these
1. pictures from?



2.



Answers to... Name this Movie Quotes...

1. A Christmas Story
2. It's A Wonderful Life
3. A Charlie Brown Christmas
4. Home Alone 2
5. How The Grinch Stole Christmas

Answers to... Name this Movie Pictures.

1. White Christmas
2. A Muppets Christmas Carol

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year



