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OUR CHRISTMAS SPECTACULAR

Cheerfulness

Happiness

Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer

Inspiring

Satisfaction

Thoughtfulness

Memories

Amazement

Soulfulness



Our entire staff has truly enjoyed writing articles and bringing you the news of ISNM this first semester.

Look for new ideas, new staff members, and a new look in January 2017.

Enjoy this special time of year with your family and I look forward to seeing you 'next year!'

~Mr. Bailey
Editor-in-Chief

Janissa Uribes



WHAT IS THAT?

The item photographed above is in the halls of Imagine Schools North Manatee in plain view for all to see. Be the first STUDENT (sorry, no teachers) to correctly identify this item and win a prize! If you know it, see Mr. Bailey in Room 102.

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Editorial Section

Please Note: The opinions expressed in this section are not necessarily those of Imagine Schools or its administration.

THE MEANING OF THE SEASON

Hey, it's Dorian. Christmas, oh the joyous holiday known as Christmas. We have always been told that Christmas is the most wonderful time of the year. For most people it is. Christmas is a time where you should be happy and think about giving rather than getting. Some people however are selfish and can only think of themselves. People like this never give, they just expect to get everything they ask for. People like this could never find their way through the thick fog of selfishness and bask in the sunlight of Christmas cheer. These people could never feel the joyful rush of Christmas spirit for their hearts are contaminated with greed. The cure is to give and feel happy about it. Yet for some this is not in their nature and so they will forever be lost in the fog and can never find their way to the sun. Until next year on *Dorian's Opinion*.

HOW TO MAKE A GINGERBREAD HOUSE

by Christian Hartwell



First, get twelve graham crackers.

Then, get frosting to stick the graham crackers together to shape a house.

After the house is together, start to decorate it.

You can put stuff like Dots candy on the roof.

You can also use stuff like candy canes to hang on the front of the house.

If you really want to do something, use sour patch kids as a family.

Then sprinkle the house with candy sprinkles.

And then just decorate with extra stuff you want, and there you have it—the best gingerbread house ever!

~Dorian Sims
Staff Writer



~Cameron Pierce
Original Artwork

Ms. Roe Schandel

Academic Coach



Q: Why did you become an educator?
A: As an academic coach I enjoy working closely with teachers that need assistance and with Mrs. Patterson.

Q: Where did you go to college?
A: I went to the University of South Florida and St. Leo University.

Q: If you weren't an educator, what else would you be?
A: I would be travelling the world. I enjoy seeing new places, and I have lived in England and Australia.

Q: What is your favorite band?
A: Coldplay.

Q: What do you like to do in your free time?
A: I enjoy spending time with my family and travelling.

Q: If you could have any superpower what would it be?
A: The ability to read minds so that I could help people.

Q: What are you doing for Christmas?
A: We are staying home and spending time as a family.

Q: What is your New Year's resolution?
A: To get more organized.

Q: Is there anything else you'd like our reading audience to know about you?
A: I am very proud of our students at ISNM, and we have the most amazing teachers in Manatee County.

~Aaliyah Francis
Staff Writer

Christmas Recipe



Peppermint Candy Cookies

- 3/4 cup granulated sugar
- 2/3 cup vegetable oil
- 2 teaspoons baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 1/2 teaspoon peppermint extract
- 2 eggs
- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1/4 cup granulated sugar
- 1/4 cup red colored sugar

Directions

- 1** Heat oven to 400°F. In large bowl, mix 3/4 cup sugar, the oil, baking powder, vanilla, salt, peppermint extract and eggs with spoon. Stir in flour.
- 2** Drop dough by teaspoonful about 2 inches apart onto ungreased cookie sheet. Press bottom of glass onto dough to grease, then dip into 1/4 cup granulated sugar; press on balls until 1/4 inch thick. Spoon red sugar on cookies, using very small spoon, in spiral design to look like peppermint candies, or place red sugar in re-sealable food storage plastic bag, snip off tiny corner, and squeeze red sugar from bag onto cookies.
- 3** Bake cookies 8 to 10 minutes or until light brown. Remove from cookie sheet and place on wire cooking rack. Cool completely—about 30 minutes. Enjoy!!!

by Brooke Waters & Haley Simpson
Staff Writers/Cookie Connoisseurs

8th Grade Interviews

Each month we have taken a moment to highlight a few of our 8th grade students - Class of 2017! This month we sat down and talked with our final five - Vincent Seleska, Devin Reynolds, James Crowell, Aaliyah Francis, and Aaliyah Neri. Here's what they had to say...

Vincent Seleska

Q: What would you like Santa to bring you for Christmas?

A: A big, smart TV

Q: Have you ever made a snowman?

A: No.

Q: Who would you invite to a Christmas party?

A: Blake Shelton.

Q: Who do you think is going to the SuperBowl?

A: The Dallas Cowboys and the Oakland Raiders.

Q: Which is better—giving or getting?

A: Giving!



Devin Reynolds

Q: How does it feel to have braces now?

A: Terrible.

Q: What is your favorite Christmas food?

A: Turkey.

Q: Who is your favorite musician?

A: Ice Cube, Dr. Dre, and Eminem.

Q: What was your best Christmas gift ever?

A: Xbox One.

Q: Who are your best friends?

A: James, Dustin, and Joey.

Q: Who would you invite to your Christmas?

A: My dad.



James Crowell

Q: Is Christmas your favorite holiday?

A: Yes, I love getting presents.

Q: Did you put your Christmas tree up yet?

A: Not yet, but we will!

Q: Who are you planning to spend New Year's Eve with?

A: My eyelids because they're going to be shut while I'm sleeping.

Q: What is your favorite sweet?

A: Brownies.

Q: What is your SuperBowl prediction?

A: Cowboys vs. Raiders. Raiders win!



Aaliyah Neri

Q: What is better - giving or getting?
 A: Giving. I'm not greedy!

Q: What are you doing for New Year's Eve?
 A: I am having a party at my house.

Q: Are you looking forward to high school?
 A: Yes, because I'll get to see my best friend.

Q: What is your New Year's resolution?
 A: To not worry so much.



Aaliyah Francis

Q: What high school are you going to next year?
 A: Lennard High School.

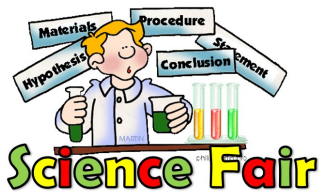
Q: Are you ready for high school?
 A: Yes, because I feel like I can do it.

Q: Who are your best friends?
 A: Rachel & Yaneilly

Q: What is better—giving or getting?
 A: Giving, because it makes you feel good.

Q: What is your New Year's resolution?
 A: To be nicer than I am already.

(Editor's Note: It is not possible for Aaliyah to get any nicer than she is already.)



2016 Science Fair

by James Crowell

This first semester, 4th through 8th grade has been working hard preparing for the annual Science Fair. They had to do experiments, record data, and present that data to their classes. The top projects belonged to...

1 st place winners	2 nd place	3 rd place	Honorable Mention
Harouna T. (5 th) Hailey H. (5 th) Maria B. (5 th) D'Andre G. (5 th) Michael M. (5 th) Rebecca B. (5 th) Seth Hoopingarner (6 th) Jemma Hall (6 th) Summer Al-Qatawna (6 th) Louis Tingley (6 th) Elena Centeno (8 th) Aaliyah Francis (8 th) Rachel Rizzi (8 th)	Nate L. (5 th) Aiden O. (5 th) Alex D. (5 th) Joey A. (5 th) Haidyn R. (5 th) Nate G. (5 th) Michelle Rowell & Makayla Jewell (7 th) Arianna Rodriguez (6 th) William Anderson (6 th) Cody Ellis, Vincent Seleska, and Dustin Stubblefield (8 th) Jamia Gordon (8 th) Aaliyah Neri & Stephanie Jaramillo (8 th)	Amber H. (5 th) Austin D. (5 th) Michael R. (5 th) Ifhmalee C. & Karely M. (5 th) Erys W. (5 th) Sierra W. (5 th) Devin Reynolds (8 th) Gabriel Rivas (8 th)	Alyssa P. (5 th) Benny O. (5 th) Grace C. (5 th) Janelle V. (5 th) Zak T. (5 th) Carter F. (5 th)



WEEKLY FOOTBALL UPDATE

American Football Conference - 2016 Regular Season

AFC East Team

	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>T</u>
New England Patriots	11	2	0
Miami Dolphins	8	5	0
Buffalo Bills	6	7	0
New York Jets	4	9	0

AFC North Team

Pittsburgh Steelers	7	6	0
Baltimore Ravens	8	5	0
Cincinnati Bengals	5	7	1
Cleveland Browns	0	13	0

AFC South Team

Houston Texans	7	6	0
Indianapolis Colts	7	6	0
Tennessee Titans	7	6	0
Jacksonville Jaguars	2	11	0

AFC West Team

Oakland Raiders	10	3	0
Kansas City Chiefs	10	3	0
Denver Broncos	8	5	0
San Diego Chargers	5	8	0

National Football Conference - 2016 Regular Season

NFC East Team

Dallas Cowboys	11	2	0
New York Giants	9	4	0
Washington Redskins	7	5	1
Philadelphia Eagles	5	8	0

NFC North Team

Detroit Lions	9	4	0
Minnesota Vikings	7	6	0
Green Bay Packers	7	6	0
Chicago Bears	3	10	0

NFC South Team

Atlanta Falcons	8	5	0
Tampa Bay Buccaneers	8	5	0
New Orleans Saints	5	8	0
Carolina Panthers	5	8	0

NFC West Team

Seattle Seahawks	8	4	1
Arizona Cardinals	5	7	1
Los Angeles Rams	4	9	0
San Francisco 49ers	1	12	0

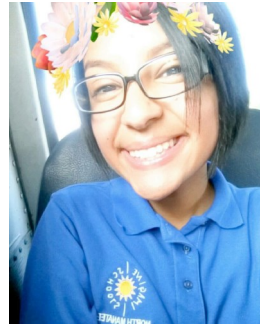
If the playoffs started today...

	1st seed	2nd seed	3rd seed	4th seed	5th seed	6th seed
NFC	Dallas Cowboys	Detroit Lions	Seattle Seahawks	Atlanta Falcons	New York Giants	Tampa Bay Buccaneers
AFC	New England Patriots	Kansas City Chiefs	Pittsburgh Steelers	Houston Texans	Oakland Raiders	Denver Broncos

As Time Goes By

by Anabelle Gilmore
Guest Writer
6th Grade

As time goes by friends come and go.
Memories are made, things are lost.
Hearts softened and warmed, and smiles made.
Tears of sorrow dried, gifts of hope given.
Pain fades away, faith is found.
Hearts broken, spirits mended.
Loyalties tested and broken, new bonds formed.
Mistakes are made, people forgiven.
Things are cherished, valuables taken.
As time goes by, so many things happen -
Some things good, others bad.
Make a positive impact on the people around you.
One small act can change the world.



Ask Janissa

Each month our readers can submit a question about a real-life issue they are dealing with. Janissa will offer her heartfelt advice.

Dear Janissa,,

I don't know if I have been naughty or nice this year so I don't know if Santa will give me a present this year. I'm a little nervous. What do you think? ~Anonymous

Anonymous,

Well, Santa is always watching so it is never to late to start being a good little boy or girl until Christmas Day (and beyond). I think you could behave and perform good deeds that way Santa will see you deserve a present this Christmas. Good luck!

~Janissa Uribes
Advice Columnist



Christmas is about being with family and friends and giving gifts. We get to know those special people in our life even better. During this special season a word of advice: Be nice!

The New Year is right around the corner. This is a time for fresh beginnings and a fresh start. You can be friends with new people and try new things.

Start your New Year off on the right foot and be open to what wonderful things await you.

~Angel Cortez
Staff Writer

Happy Holidays from Arianna

Christmas is the holiday of family and love. But what do you think Christmas would be like without family? Most people have seen *Home Alone*. Would you act like that kid (minus the burglary) or would you freak out? Well, thankfully we don't have to really worry about that. But being with family is the main thing about Christmas. Since it wouldn't be the same without them. But, of course you hang out with your family other days, yet Christmas is special!

~Arianna Harrison
Staff Writer

How Does Santa Claus Get Into A House Without A Chimney?

No Chimney? Not to worry, Santa Is Still Coming!

*You better watch out
You better not cry
Better not pout
I'm telling you why
Santa Claus is coming to town!*

Yes, that's right everyone...the countdown to the arrival of Santa Claus is winding down which means that now, more than ever, we must be on our absolute BEST behavior!

As you deck you halls and hang your mistletoe, you may be part of the 60% of homeowners without a fireplace wondering just how exactly Santa will be stopping in to drop of your presents.

“Only 40.3% of homes in the U.S. have fireplaces, according to the Hearth, Patio & Barbecue Association, meaning Mr. Claus must find an alternative entry into about 60% of homes on Christmas Eve.”

We just HAD to find out the answer to this age old question. To find out we went straight to our source in the North Pole, Gabriel the Elf, and asked “How Does Santa Claus Get Into a Home Without a Chimney?” and got the inside scoop.

The answer is simple... magic and a key!

Santa's Magic Key Poem

*Dear Santa, we have no chimney
as you can plainly see,
And I was terribly worried
that you would pass over me.*

*We hung this very special key
right by the door.
Then Mom told me to jump into bed;
and not to worry anymore.*

*Your magic will make this key fit,
to open our door.
So you can come in tonight
and tip-toe across the floor.*

Santa Claus has a magic key that he uses to get into homes, apartments, townhouses and condos without a chimney. He also uses this key for homes that have a chimney that is too small for him to fit down (too many Christmas cookies makes it a tight fit).

-Gabriel Rivas
Staff Writer/Santa's Elf



MY WINTER BREAK

by Gage Grooms
~Staff Writer

Over winter break my family and I are going to put up our Christmas tree. First we are going to get our tree out of the attic. Then we will decorate it and set up the mat for our presents. We will all go to our rooms to wrap our presents. Then on Christmas Day we will open our presents and then either go out for breakfast or just make food and eat it at home. After breakfast we watch TV. Later on we'll go bowling because it is our family tradition. Sometimes we also go to Busch Gardens for Christmas Town. This year we are doing both! We'll go bowling around 3:00 PM and then to Christmas Town around 6:00 PM. I can't wait!

Lunchtime Poll for Favorite Christmas Movie

1st Place: *The Polar Express* with 25 votes



2nd Place TIE: *The Nightmare Before Christmas* & *Home Alone* (13 votes each)



3rd Place: *How the Grinch Stole Christmas* with 12 votes



Last Place: *Elf* with 10 votes



Aaliyah Francis
~Staff Writer

World News Update

by James Crowell
~Staff Writer

PIA plane crash: All 47 on board killed; Pakistani pop star among victims:

A pilot made a mayday call, saying he had lost control of one of the two engines. Soon the plane crashed killing all 42 passengers onboard along with all 5 crew members. A total of 47 deaths. One of the 45 was a popular Pakistan pop singer.

Powerful Indonesian earthquake:

December 7th, 2016 a powerful earthquake hit Indonesia killing about 100 people so far. Rescuers are rushing to save others before the death toll adds on. It was only a 6.5 magnitude earthquake and really shows that even the smallest quakes can do damage.

Huge sand storms could render Sudan unlivable:

Temperatures are rising, water supplies are scarce, soil fertility is low and severe droughts are common. This could drive people out of their homes and force them to go other habitable places.

A Message from Daniel

2016 is almost over. WooHoo!!! 2017 is coming and thank God because 2016 has been a disaster - even in the world of sports. Portugal won the Euro 2016, Leicester City F.C. won the BPL, the Chicago Cubs won the World Series. And don't even let me get started on the Presidential election. I can't wait until New Year's Eve. It's going to be a blast!

~Daniel Miralda
Staff Writer

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