

The Emerald

PHS Annual Food Drive

By Tristin Fulton



This December, PHS participated in helping the Lions Club Food Drive to help families in need. The products donated were nonperishable, such as canned items and packaged noodles. The items



donated go directly to the families in need, which are families that have a hard time keeping food on the table for their kids. According to some student government members, the people collecting for the food drive, the most common item donated is canned vegetables. The first place winners will be treated pizza and a movie, second place winner gets donuts and cider, and third place get ice cream treats. Nice job working together Panthers!



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THE MEANING OF CHRISTMAS

By Makayla Packer

Christmas is the annual Christian festival celebrating Christ's birth, held on December 25. Some students at Pennfield expressed what they felt the meaning of Christmas is. Kevin Maccrossen likes Christmas dinner. "Nothing special, Christmas is just Christmas." Susanna Swan said, "Christmas to me means being able to spend time with loved ones. Being able to spread joy and happiness. Not to mention all the food and cookies." William Rose III gets to spend time with family and get more money for race car parts. Riley Thomas enjoys spending time with family. Andrew Charmeda says Christmas is about spending time with friends and family and being thankful for the birth of 8 pound 7 ounce infant newborn Jesus Christ. Andre Fields thinks Christmas is about special time with family, and eating food. Zach Liceaga says that spending time with family is what Christmas is all about. Zoei Miller said, "Christmas is about being grateful for the presents of God and reuniting with family and friends with gifts that they got you."

Susannah Swan->



TRADITIONS

By Makayla Skidmore

The Emerald asked a few student what kind of Christmas Traditions they have. First, Morgan Miller said she goes to her grandmas and they have huge amounts of food while spending time with family. Next, James Buckmaster says that he cooks and also eats food with his family. Haley Hooper told us that every year they wake up at 12:01, so after they are done they sleep in. Hailey Bornamann said that she goes to her dad's house on Christmas Eve and then she goes to her mom's on Christmas Day to eat food. Whatever your traditions may be, please have a safe and happy holiday season.

HOLIDAY POUNDS

By Gavin Anster

During the holiday season you may put on a few extra pounds. The holiday treats and the loss of activity because of the bitterly cold days, can pack on a few extra inches. People like to sit by the fire or heater and keep warm during this time of year. Since people are less active at this time of year they don't work off the extra calories and fats from the food they eat, this makes them become a bit more fluffy. One way around the holiday gain, is to go to the gym every once and awhile during the holiday season. You could eat less around the holiday season, so when you pig out on Christmas you don't gain that much more weight. Going for a quick jog when the weather is nice could help so long as you stay warm. Doing daily exercises in the morning can help you from gaining too many pounds. You can eat healthier foods around the holidays.

Freshman, Josie Nichols created a poem back in 8th grade, "I love food, food is bae, I eat food everyday, alfredo, potato, tomato, cake, steak, shake, gummy bears, pears, this is all food, so don't be rude, and eat food like a dude." Don't listen to Josie, eat healthy, eat less, and stay active to avoid holiday weight gain. Senior, Caitlin Reed stays active all year round, by playing sports and working out at the gym. Caitlin still enjoys her treats, but staying active keeps those holiday pounds away. Have a happy holiday season, and take everything in moderation.

Josie Nichols->



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HOLIDAY FAVORITES

By Ry'Anna Aggers and Alexis Scurlock

In which order do you like the popular top 5 Christmas picks?!

MOVIES	POPULAR ANSWERS:	STUDENT PHOTO	STUDENT NAME & GRADE	POPULAR ANSWERS:	STUDENT PHOTO	STUDENT NAME & GRADE	POPULAR ANSWERS:	STUDENT PHOTO	STUDENT NAME & GRADE				
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Christmas Story 2. Elf 3. Home Alone 4. The Santa Clause 5. Polar Express 		Mariyanna Voke 9th	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Elf 2. Home alone 3. Polar Express 4. Christmas Story 5. The Santa Clause 		Chris Curtis 10th	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Polar Express 2. Home alone 3. Elf 4. The Snata Clause 5. The Christmas Story 		Elizabeth Byrd 11th	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Polar Express 2. Elf 3. The Santa Clause 4. Christmas Story 5. Home Alone 		William Rose 12th	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Polar Express 2. Christmas Story 3. The Santa Clause 4. Home Alone 5. Elf
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Apple Cider 2. Egg Nog 3. Cookies 4. Candy Canes 5. Gingerbread 		Abigail Hill 9th	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Apple Cider 2. Cookies 3. GingerBread 4. Candy Canes 5. Egg Nog 		Andrew Graves 10th	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Gingerbread 2. Apple Cider 3. Candy Canes 4. Cookies 5. Egg Nog 		Trace Davis 11th	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Cookies 2. Candy Canes 3. Aapple Cider 4. GingerBread 5. Egg Nog 		Tyler Bowling 12th	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Apple Cider 2. Cookies 3. Egg Nog 4. Candy Canes 5. GingerBread
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Rudolph the Red Nose Reindeer 2. Jingle Bells 3. Santa Claus is Coming to Town 4. Frosty the Snowman 5. Silent Night 		Brandon Hempsted 9th	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Jingle Bells 2. Rudolph 3. Santa Claus 4. Frosty the Snowman 5. Silent Night 		Shawna Smith 10th	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Jingle Bells 2. Santa Claus 3. Rudolph 4. Silent Night 5. Frosty the Snowman 		Desiree Mayhew 11th	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Silent Night 2. Santa Claus 3. Frosty the Snowman 4. Jingle Bells 5. Rudolph 		Fracois Jamierson 12th	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Jingle Bells 2. Santa Claus 3. Silent Night 4. Frosty the Snowman 5. Rudolph

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PHS Giving Back *By Erin Owens*

Feeling in a giving mood lately? Maybe you would want to volunteer at some of the following charities over the following months. Hands On Battle Creek is a charity designed to help connect people, information, and services to build a strong, caring community. Another charity that is always looking for volunteers is Companion Cats whose purpose is to help keep the overpopulation number of feral cats down by helping feral cats find their forever home. All Species Kinship is dedicated to the cause of rescuing animals. Charitable Union's mission is to help children and families in need in the Battle Creek area. S.A.F.E Place in Battle Creek is another place you could volunteer. S.A.F.E. Place volunteers provide vital assistance in a variety of areas including child care, crisis intervention, public education, maintenance and housekeeping, administrative tasks, legal assistance, and transportation. These are only a few of the numerous charities that are located in here in Battle Creek and they are always looking for volunteers to help out, so get out there and give back.

Panther Locker

By Kiera Dickerson



The Panther Locker is a great resource that the school has to help out our students and teachers here at Pennfield High School. The Panther Locker is a place you can go when you don't have quite everything you need. The Panther Locker is there to help you out the most when you really need it. I've heard one teacher say, "It's okay to use the Panther Locker and not be ashamed of it." Mrs. Sare and Mrs. O'Dowd explained what the Panther Locker is all about. The Panther Locker is something all students should try helping out with. It will give them a great learning experience and it's great to help out your community. You will know that the clothes will be given to someone who needs and appreciates them. "It's nice to give around the holidays, as well as any time of year. It's cool to see people benefit from the Panther Locker," says Freshman, Alison Griffith. Please consider donating to the Panther Locker.

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Dear Teachers, What do you want for Christmas? *By Justin Thompson*

	Mrs. Treadway - "Good health to all my loved ones."	Mr. Krohn - "A gold nugget 1 mile in diameter."	
Mr. Piotrowski - "For Republicans to not take away teacher pensions."			Mr. Klepac - "For my 1st hour to win the food drive."
	Ms. McCreight - "Free stuff for life and a green lantern ring."	Mr. Berg - "For Betsy DeVos to get involved in a scandal and be forced to resign."	
Mr. Lessnau - "For the Detroit Lions to win the play-offs, and to watch the Lions lose every game left in the season. In turn, not having the Lions make the playoffs like they have done since the world began."			Mr. Forton - "1 trillion dollars."



Teacher Secret Santa



By Kirsten Smith



WINTER FASHION



By Celeste' Piechocki



Ms. McCreight-McCleary: I like to surprise people. I like to sneak around and give a little gift to someone else. I got some amazing healthy snacks.



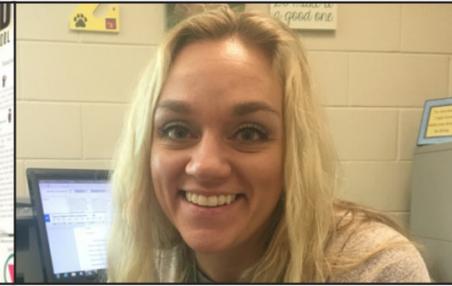
Ms. Avery: I like getting to know the person that I picked and finding things that he or she would like. Today I got snowflake bag filled with kisses, pixie sticks (which were gone immediately), hershey chocolate bars, popcorn, tea and coke.



Mrs. Fox: I like the surprise. Some pop, animal crackers, chex mix and a glittery ornament.



Dr. Ivey: I like the surprise, being surprised, given and getting presents. Today I got olive cheese, a jar of olives, diet coke, chipotle peanuts and chocolate nut clusters.



Mrs. Zima: It fun way to celebrate the holidays, gets you excited for break, fun way to get to know your fellow staff members. I got an ornament and a lot of awesome snacks and they bought me lunch today. They've been very good to me.



Ms. Royer: It's fun to be surprised and to surprise somebody else. Today I got some of my favorite snacks, like cashews, chocolate and tea.



Mrs. Fracassi: I think it's fun because you get a little treat every day and brightens your day. I got an ornament, lot's of goodies, like candies and treats.



Mrs. Funk: I like the surprises. I got some snacks, like some salted caramel snacks.



Mrs. Latchaw: I like the anticipation of what I'm going to get from my secret Santa. I have gotten a couple different flavors of soda, couple different candies, stocking ornament with my initial, and another ornament. I also received a mug with some hot chocolate.

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Winter fashion can be fun for both males and females. There is the comfy fashion portion where mainly guys will participate like Isaac Ayres, Alan Arreola, and Taynan Anderson. The other part guys usually do is dress up in camouflage and boots especially Riley Bowen, the vest is also a common thing here at Pennfield and Ryan Miller is showing us his. Noah Hack is wearing holiday colors and moccasins are another thing he's wearing that displays winter fashion because they keep your feet warm and are also cute. Chris Blackwell is posing in black khakis and a sweatshirt. Like many guys, Chris is obsessed with shoes, he just had to show them off. Landon Perry has a striped shirt on and I personally thought it was Christmas material. Now onto the girls, there are the comfy but cute Chistmasy outfits like Kiara Mumin and Alana Dyer have on. Nakayla Long and Alexis Coger are dressed up for the holidays. Kailee Overby, Amariyonna Virgil, and Madison Zima all have jeans on but in a cute Chistmasy fashion with colors for the holidays. Last but not least, is Mariah VanVleet, in festive green and red with high boots and a grey colored scarf. Winter fashion is fun for now, but most people will be excited for flip flop weather to arrive.



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Hallway Challenger

By Brianna VanOnder
and Lindsay LaJoie

The PHS Emerald chose one female and one male from each grade level at random and asked the following question. "In the song *The Twelve Days of Christmas* how many items would the lady have recieved by her True Love after all 12 days?" However, none of the people we asked got the correct answer. Think you know it? Come tell Mrs.Royer in room B104 for a prize!

Freshmen



Cassandra Smith: 45 Jordan VanDorsten: 75

Sophomores



Deborah McLeod: 75 Caleb Dillard: 60

Juniors



Cayla Orns: 57 Andrew Charmeeda: 267

Seniors



Erica Lahusky: 248 Lars Bennett: 72

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