



Christmas Spirit
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Football tackles their way to semi-finals

RYAN DOOLEY
Senior

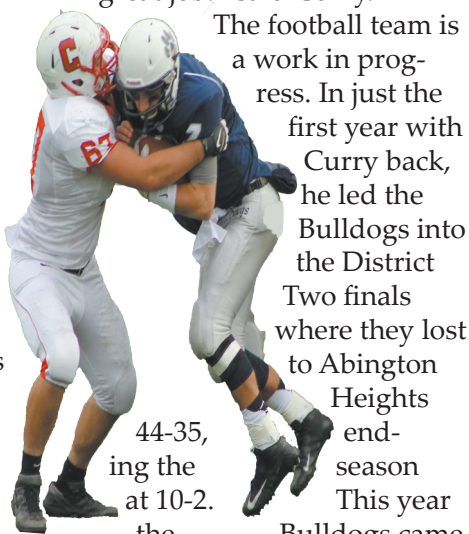
In all of Pennsylvania, there is not a sport as revered as football, especially in Berwick. Football is much more than just a sport; it is a way of life. The life of the Bulldogs has been extended into week fifteen, the state semi-finals and was cut short by a 42-14 loss against the Archbishop Wood Vikings.

Throughout the 2013-2014 season the Bulldogs, led by Head Coach George Curry, steam rolled through the regular season and the first four rounds of state playoffs, allowing opponents only 141 points while scoring 527. The Bulldog's defense allowed no more than seven points per game with the exception of five games (Wyoming Valley West, Crestwood, Abington Heights, Bethlehem Catholic, and Archbishop Wood).

"Anytime you can go 14-1 you have to be proud of that," said Coach Keith Seely. "And all of us are proud; including coaches, community, and school."

"It was

definitely a great season, we got it done. The team did a great job!" said Curry.



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Bulldogs came into the District two finals with a chip on their shoulder and beat Abington Heights 35-28.

"We get better every year. We have come farther this year than we have since 1997, the year of the last state championship victory," said Coach David Parmenteri. "Next year we will come back even stronger with the upcoming freshmen and next year's seniors."

The football team is a work in progress. In just the first year with Curry back, he led the Bulldogs into the District Two finals where they lost to Abington Heights end-season This year

Leading the offense for the second year in a row is senior quarterback and team captain C.J. Curry. "We have battled through injury and have gotten better every week," said C.J. Curry. "The young guys are really stepping up and getting the job done."

Curry has done something unusual this season by bringing a freshman onto the Varsity team and starting him. Kyle Pierce, freshman offensive guard and defensive tackle is a two way starter in his first year of high school football. "I've always wanted to play football, and it's an honor to play for Coach Curry at such a young age," said Pierce. "I'm excited for what the next three years will bring."

"The defensive line really stepped up and put pressure on the opposing offense all season long," said junior defensive tackle Chase Petty. "That is why we had

so much success."

Depth has been an issue for the offense this year, starting with the loss of junior left guard Mason Vandermark to a leg injury. Later in the season senior tight end and defensive end Will Updegrove finished his season with a tear to his right shoulder. Junior right tackle Dalton Perla also finished his season early in week thirteen against Bethlehem Catholic with a broken leg. All three of the injured Bulldogs could do nothing but watch as their team slowly fell to the Vikings in week fifteen.

The off season for the Bulldogs will start at the beginning of January with fitness and lifting.

"If we have a good off season we'll get it done and get a chance to play in Hershey again," said Curry.

For the Berwick Bulldogs and Curry, football is about discipline, hard work, commitment, and most of all, brotherhood. And we will see a lot of it next year.



Community Beat with Claire



Sitting around this holiday season is not an option! There are many fun-filled activities that are sure to fit every interest!

Jaycee's Christmas Boulevard:

HS Band/Chorus Concert:

Date: 12/7/2013 - 1/1/2012
Time: 7:00 PM - 10:00 PM
Description: The Boulevard opened on December 7th at 6:00 PM for lighting and starting on the 8th will be open every night from 7:00 PM to 10:00 PM. It is an event on Market street Consisting of different Boulevard plots that vary from spreading good wishes to promoting companies and helping others.

Date: 12/15/2013
Time: 2:00 PM
Description: The High School Band and Chorus ensemble will be holding their Christmas Concert in the high school auditorium and will be playing and singing Christmas music.

Late Night Catechism:

Date: 1/22/2014 - 3/23/2014
Time: 7:30 PM
Description: A solo comedy play about a Catholic Nun written in 1993 by Vicki Quade and Maripat Donovan. Held at 226 Center Street Bloomsburg Pa 178145 at 7:30 PM.

The 39 Steps:

Date: 2/6/2014 - 2/23/2014
Time: 7:30 Pm
Description: A melodrama that is adapted from the 1915 novel by John Buchan and the 1935 Film created by Alfred Hitchcock. It usually only has a cast of around 4 people. Held at 226 Center Street Bloomsburg, Pa. 178145 at 7:30 PM.

MS/HS Orchestra Concert:

Date: 12/15/2013
Time: 2:00 PM
Description: The Middle School and High School Orchestra will be holding their annual Christmas Concert in the high school auditorium.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!!!

Words change community

REBECCA DECKER
Freshmen

Many students and local citizens are about to embark on a journey to prove that one book can unite a community.

The Lemonade War, by Jacqueline Davies, is a book about a brother and a sister who compete with each other to see who can have the most successful lemonade stand. Davies teamed up with Mrs. Holly Morrison, 14th Street Principal, and the Berwick School District to create a community enriching program around this successful novel.

The program is called "The Lemonade Wars," and it is going to be used to promote literacy in our community. Its main goal is to work as a community to bring the school and home life together through fun reading experiences. "I found a couple of

people who thought it was a great idea and away we flew!" Says Morrison.

The kick off of "The Lemonade Wars" was held on



Davies

November 21st at the Community Round Table. Copies of the book were distributed on the November 27th meeting to some of the members. The program will run until March 10, 2014.

The program is still welcoming people of all ages to attend the readings or read the book on their own.

So far, people have been enjoying the program. Mr. Robert Bulkley, Nescopeck Principal, says, "I think this could help unite the community in a worthy event that benefits many age groups."

If students do not have the opportunity to come to the meetings, they still have a chance to get involved. There are currently discussions being held in the schools about this well known book. Senior Destiny Samsel says, "It is a great way to bring everyone together so we can have a connected community."

This book truly shows how a few words can help expand the minds of the people in an entire town.. "The Lemonade Wars" is truly a great start to this holiday season.



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BHS shares festive TV specials spice season

ELIZABETH ISENBERG
Sophomore

All families have different traditions, customs, and ways to celebrate the holidays. Some families go to church, others families give Secret Santa gifts, and others throw family huge parties.

Students at Berwick High School have unique ways of celebrating Christmas. For example, Casey Curtin,

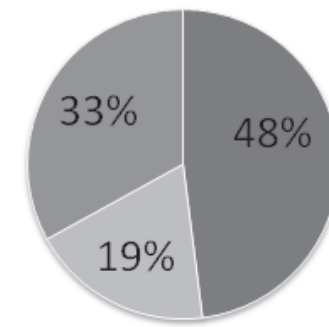
lot of ways that they celebrate the Christmas spirit.

According to a recent survey taken in Berwick High School, many people and their families gather at a church service Christmas Eve, Christmas morning, or both. People congregate to sing festive songs, wish each other a Merry Christmas, and worship.

Another common holiday

Christmas Favorites

■ Meal ■ Decorating ■ Presents



Above: Chart shows the favorite holiday activities of students around the school.

sophomore, and his family give each other little gift bags filled specifically with what each person likes, according to a theme chosen the year before. In contrast, sophomore, Noah Martinez and his family spend Christmas Day every year having sled races at the hill behind the Salem Elementary School track.

As the years go on, children become adults and move out whether to college or the work force. Furthermore, the belief in Santa goes away, and as a result, Christmas may be losing its excitement. Curtin said, "Mostly everyone has moved out, so we're not big into decorating and gifts anymore because no one is home." Even though Christmas' meaning may be less to some people, there are still a

tradition is for a family to throw a party and cook a gigantic meal. Also, some families just have a small get together while others have a massive party with everyone from their family in attendance.

Overall, the main point of these gatherings unite with friends and families. For some, this is the only time of the year where they can see distant relatives.

To many, Christmas means more than just presents and food; it's a time of gathering with people loved one and enjoying each others' company. It does not matter how or who the holiday season is celebrated with. What is important is spending quality time with significant people and making many memories together.

JASMINE FARVER
Junior

It is that time of year again! Hot chocolate is in hand, popcorn is in the microwave, and students are bundling up to watch the Christmas shows. Some of the top ten Christmas movies are all about jolly old Saint Nick and his crew, including movies like *Santa Clause is Coming' to Town*, *Chris Cringle*, *Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer*, and *Elf*. Other movies tell the story of people inspired by the Christmas spirit, like *Frosty the Snowman*, *How the Grinch Stole Christmas*, *A Charlie Brown Christmas*, *The Nightmare Before Christmas*, *A Christmas Story*, and *Christmas Vacation*.

As Christmas time rolls around, so do all the beloved childhood Christmas movies. From *Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer* to *Frosty the Snowman*, children and parents gather around to enjoy their all-time favorites. Christmas movies bring out the kid in people of all ages. Many students and staff here at Berwick Area High School see Christmas movies as inspira-

tion to the holiday spirit.

"There would be a lack of Christmas spirit without the movies," said Taylor Kern, Senior. Christmas shows play an important part in the lives of Christmas-lovers because they are a fun activity the



(Photos by MCT Campus.)

whole family can do together. Also, movies can send holiday spirits soaring. Animated Christmas movies became a favorite of students and staff at BHS.

Mr. Matt Baker, History Teacher, prefers to watch animated Christmas movies over unanimated Christmas movies with his family because they are more "kid friendly". The *Elf on the Shelf*

pulled through as his favorite movie because it correlates to a Christmas tradition he has with his family. While they watch the movie together, an elf comes to visit his children.

The *Elf on the Shelf* is a popular occurrence with elementary students, currently. This is an activity that comes with a book and an Elf. Basically, every night the Elf goes to the North Pole and discusses with Santa whether or not, the child he is watching over is naughty or nice. This is a different but nifty

Although many beloved Christmas movies portray the good guys, some highlight more evil characters. Morgan Broyan, sophomore, enjoys the big green bad guy. "I have watched *How the Grinch Stole Christmas* ever since I was a kid," Broyan said. The animated version, to him, is better. "The animated version just makes the movie funnier," Broyan said. All in all, Christmas would be much more different without all the festive Christmas-spirit especially the wonderful and cheerful movies.

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Students serve holiday meals

LILLY FORCE
Freshman

On Thursday, November 21st about 450 citizens gathered at Berwick High School to give thanks.

The dinner helps the community by making relations. It shows that all the generations can come together. Emma Lynn, who attended the dinner, said, "I think it is wonderful that the school is doing this. The fellowship is the best part of the dinner." The town can see how young people are helping the community.

The event started right after school until eight at night. Students decorated and set the tables from three o'clock until the event started at five. When the dinner began there

were four greeters and the rest of the volunteers were waiters or waitresses, worked in the kitchen, served at

and leftover meals. Dozens of helpful students worked at the annual dinner. Many of them volunteered to

get hours for their community service project. Matthew Dalrymple, freshman said, "We benefited the community by giving them hot meals and a good night. I think they enjoyed it because they were laughing and clapping at the jokes I was telling them."

Many of the students and attendees plan on coming to the dinner next year. The attraction for the students such as Dalrymple is to get hours and serve their community, and the adults enjoy a meal with friends.

The event has been a part of our community for eight years and will continue to be for years to come.

More photos on pgs. 8-9



(Photo by Brenna Goulstone) Nichole Whitebread, senior; Sara Berlin, senior; Sarah Shottwell, senior; and Lexi Fries, sophomore take a moment to admire a decorated table before community guests arrive for the Thanksgiving feast.

the dessert table, or poured drinks. After the event was over, the workers cleared the tables, and cleaned the kitchen and the cafeteria. Finally, after six hours of community service, students got to sit and relax to eat some pizza

hours and serve their community, and the adults enjoy a meal with friends.

The event has been a part of our community for eight years and will continue to be for years to come.

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A musical start to the holiday season

AIRLIA MARTZ
Freshman

The efforts of the band, chorus and swing programs are displayed in many events, including the annual Christmas concert. This traditional concert is anticipated by students and the community alike every year.

On December 15th, the Christmas concert was held at seven o'clock at night in the high school auditorium. The free annual concert was different from past years because it did not include the orchestra; instead it just featured the talents of the band, chorus, and swing students.

Mrs. Melissa Driscoll, the choral and swing director, and Mr. Ron Wasser, the band director, organized the concert together. "[The selections] are of various genres and to please different tastes," said Driscoll.

The favorite selections ranged from the band's performance of "Midnight Sleight Ride," the Modernaires' "Mister Santa" (based off of the traditional "Mister Sandman"), the Swing Choir's "Jingle Bell Rock", and the chorus' combined singing in "Lullaby Carol" and "The Hallelujah Chorus".

"It is my senior year," said senior, Nicoll Donayre. "So

it is my last year with my friends and my fellow seniors because all of us are going off to college and I want to spend this holiday concert with them."

Senior, Sarah Shotwell, a member of band, chorus, and Modernaires, said, "The Christmas concert means a lot to me because I am a senior and this is my last Christmas concert."

Every student involved in band and/or chorus practices every day leading up to the concert, and Donayre admits to practicing her flute an hour every day for the Christmas concert to catch up with others who have been playing for years. This is her first year playing the flute, and she also plays in the percussion section.

A member of chorus, Modernaires, and swing choir, senior, Carlynn Wolfe said, "Swing will bring spirit and excitement to our shows this year. We are an enthusiastic bunch who get along great and work well at successfully pulling it all together."

Although the concert was free, the band is accepting donations to save up for a new grand piano. Anyone willing to make donations should see Mr. Wasser for more information.

MASON'S MONOGRAM SERVICE



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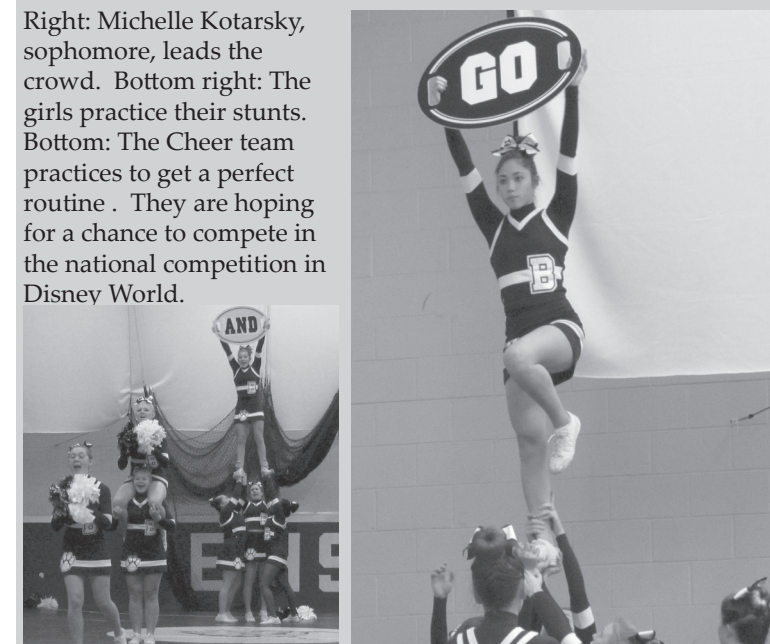
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Cheering for Florida Art classes bring back retro TV

Right: Michelle Kotarsky, sophomore, leads the crowd. Bottom right: The girls practice their stunts. Bottom: The Cheer team practices to get a perfect routine. They are hoping for a chance to compete in the national competition in Disney World.



(Photos by Student Times Staff)

ARTHUR BRENNAN
Freshman

Fred Flintstone, Elroy Jetson, and [the one, the only] Homer Simpson will be brought together with a wide roster of classic cartoon characters this winter for a Christmas display on Market Street. The Christmas Boulevard displays have been going on for a long time now and thanks to the art classes, Berwick High School is going to have their own plot of land to decorate..

Mr. Christopher Soboleski, art teacher, is going to be heading the construction of a display for the Christmas Boulevard project, which is going to be theme after classic cartoon characters such as those from the shows The

Simpsons, Looney Tunes, and The Jetsons.

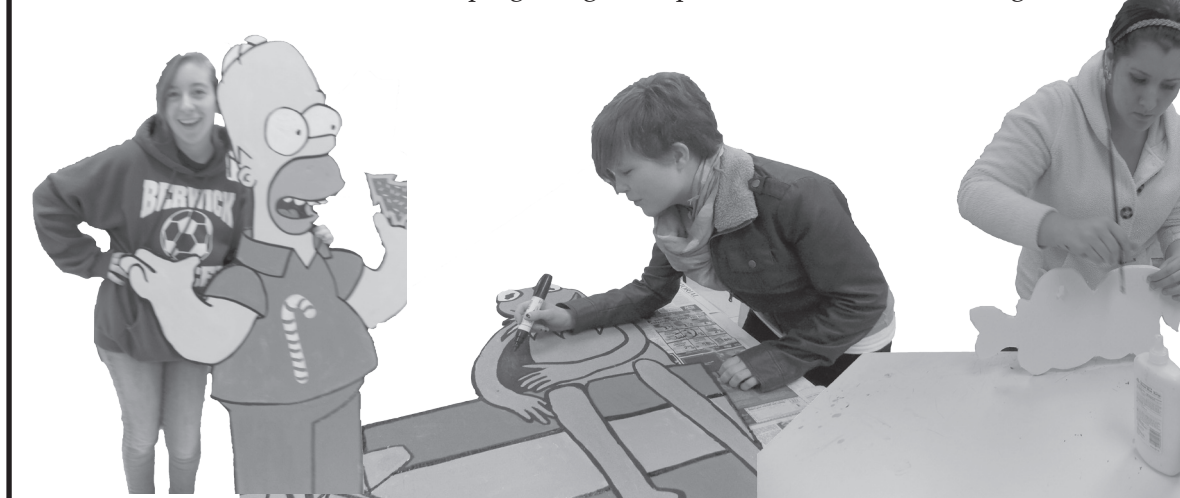
Soboleski started work on the boulevard in mid-November after freshman Hunter Hartzel, noticed that both the middle school and elementary schools had their own plots, and figured that the high school should have a plot too. Hartzel asked Soboleski to help create a plot for the high school.

Soboleski has been cutting out silhouettes now for the past month. All of the characters were made in his grandfather's work shed, and with the help of his art students, the group began painting. Key artists include seniors Joe Peck and Alexandra Shreckengast, who have been helping design and paint the

cut-outs. Joe has boulevard display experience. Two years ago, he helped with a Middle School display.

In the past, the displays have been very three-dimensional and lively, often having moving parts. But as of recent years, they have been two-dimensional, and Soboleski wants to bring back that three-dimensional element to the displays. However, this is a case of easier said than done, according to Soboleski. "[Chuckles] the only real difficulty is that we really should have started sooner."

Overall, the display has received raving reviews from retro-television fans. Driving by the display brings back endearing memories for viewers of all ages.




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Next *Hunger Game* movie *Catches Fire* in theaters

XIOMARA SALAZAR

Editor-in-Chief

This Thanksgiving Break, the movie theaters were swarmed by fans eagerly waiting to see the next installment in a huge franchise. *The Hunger Games: Catching Fire* made over \$573 million across the world so far. This two hour and twenty-six minute film blew audiences away.

This box office hit picks up where the last movie left off. Katniss Everdeen, played by Jennifer Lawrence, and Peeta Mallark, played by Josh Hutcherson, have won the Hunger Games and are back in District 12. The two protagonists come back home to realize that their symbol of love was seen as a move of defiance against the almighty Capital. This sparks tension in all districts and causes Presidents Snow to threaten Katniss, the symbol of this revolt.

After they come back, both protagonists have trouble adjusting to the normal life in District 12. The movie starts to build momentum just before the Victors of the Hunger Games, Katniss and Peeta, go on tour to visit all the Districts. Throughout the tour, Katniss and Peeta realize the chain reaction they produced. Moreover, Districts are rebelling and fighting, and tensions are running high.

This second installment heightens when the 75th Hunger Games is announced to also be the 3rd Quarterly Quell. This is a special Hungers Games and due to this, the tributes of this year's Hunger Games will be chosen from previous victors. This added an interesting twist to the movie and produced more chaos.

Personally, I loved this installment of the Hunger Games. It definitely surpassed the first Hunger Games movie and it attracts audiences from all demographics because it included a balanced amount of action and love. The plot is amazing and the actors bring it to the next level. Also, this movie was very well produced. Overall, I would give it five stars out of five because it left viewers hanging on their seats and was very entertaining. Also, actors such as Josh Hutcherson, Liam Hemsworth, Jennifer Lawrence, and Sam Claflin make the movie worth watching. The next movie in this series is *The Hunger Games: Mockingjay Part 1*, and it will be released November 21, 2014.



(Photos by MCT Campus.)

Sounds of Christmas appeal to all music lovers

NICK FENICCHIA

Sophomore

This Christmas, music lovers will be able to find a new holiday album for every style. Pop, R&B, Country, and Punk Rock fans will be sure to include these new releases on their Christmas lists.

First, *Wrapped in Red* is Kelly Clarkson's first Christmas album and she covers the usual seasonal songs with her own spin. It includes original Christmas songs, such as her album-titled song and "Underneath the Tree." Personally, I have not heard much music from Kelly Clarkson before this album, so I did not know what to expect. I learned that this girl can sing! She hits some crazy notes and her voice steals the show. I definitely believe "Underneath the Tree" is the standout song. Overall, I definitely recommend this album because it will put everyone in the Christmas spirit.

Next, Mary J. Blidge's *A Mary Christmas* is her 11th album overall, but is her first Christmas album. It includes original Christmas songs with Mary's personal R&B twist. One of the first things I noticed is how great her voice is. She is really talented and like Kelly Clarkson, can hit very high notes. My favorite song of the album was "Little Drummer Boy." Overall, this is album is great and very soulful.

Before anything, I must say that I am not a big country music fan so this next album was hard for me to listen to. *The King's Gift* by Trace Adkins consists of Celtic Christmas songs, which is very different from regular Christmas albums. It featured uncommon instruments like the mandolin and wide pipes. Personally, I was not a fan of this record, but my favorite song was "Carol of the Drum." As a whole, I would recommend this album to audiences interested in country and Celtic music.

Finally, another noteworthy Christmas album is *Christmas Songs* by Bad Religion. This band has been around for nearly thirty years, but this is their first Christmas album. This album features a variety of songs, but they are only about two minutes each. As a result, this album is only twenty minutes long. This is very unique because I have never heard such a short album, especially a short Punk Rock Christmas album. This album is the classic Punk Rock compilation. It includes loud guitars and singers screaming. The record will attract Christmas and rock music fans alike. "Oh Come All Ye Faithful" is one of the album's best songs.

In conclusion, this Christmas Season will be filled with amazing songs that will please all fans. Be sure to stop by stores to pick up any of these albums. From R&B to Pop to Country to Punk Rock, this Christmas will be jolly.



(Photos by MCT Campus.)

Clockwise: *Wrapped in Red* by Kelly Clarkson, *The King's Gift* by Trace Adkins, *A Mary Christmas* by Mary J. Blidge, *Christmas Songs* by Bad Religion.

BHS discusses the "hottest" gifts this holiday season

AMBER EAST

Junior

As the holiday season draws near, many people are flooding to the malls, trolling the internet and gathering gift cards in an attempt to find the perfect gift. Each year, shoppers declare the "hottest" gifts for each holiday season. In year's past, these ranged from Cabbage Patch Dolls to Nintendos. The past "hottest" gifts demonstrate the world's current transition between traditional gifts, such as dolls to new technological toys, such as gaming systems. Similarly, this statement is true at Berwick Area High School.

According to a recent survey at Berwick Area High School, this year's hottest wants for Christmas vary from money to electronics. The most desired electronic is the Play Station 4. Both boys and girls of all ages hope to receive this gaming system. The second most popular electronics are the newest smart phones including the iPhone 5s, the HTC one, and the Samsung Galaxy 3.

For the younger children, both boys and girls, the most desired toys are the ones from the *Despicable Me* movies. As a result of the movie's box office hit, children flock to this quirky movie and have created a fandom. It seems most young and even some older children love the *Despicable Me* movies, and the toy they most want are the stuffed minions.

The hottest toy for girls ages 2-6 is the LaLaLoopsy doll. Similarly, the Monster High dolls are the most common on the Christmas lists of girls ages 7-12, and most girls between ages 12-16 are into make-up, clothes, shoes, and/or electronics.

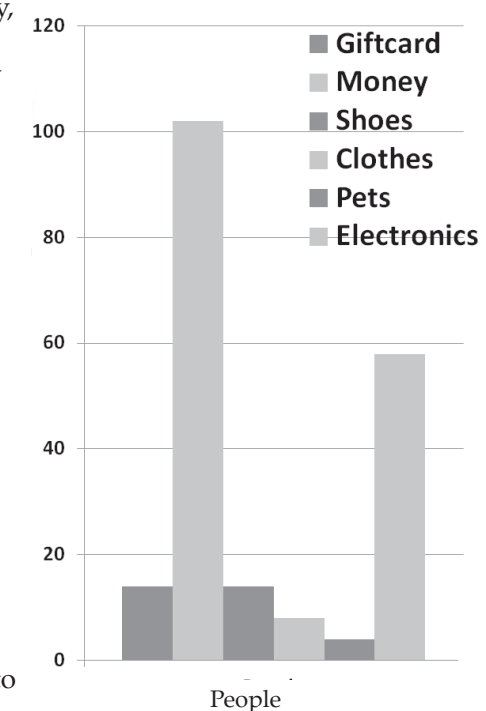
The hottest toy for boys ages 2-6 is the LeapFrog Leapster Explorer Game System. Nerf guns make the top of most Christmas lists of boys' ages 6-12, although boys 13+ generally would prefer video games, and/or electronics.

Teenagers fall in to that horrible category of never knowing what to get. Over half of the students surveyed preferred to receive money or gift cards over an actual gift. Most would rather go buy what they want, or would rather save it up in hopes of getting a car. Senior, Destiny Samsel said, "I would rather money. Picking out my own gift is better than receiving one that I don't like."

Most of the fun of Christmas is buying and receiving gifts. Many students surveyed noted that they enjoyed shopping at local malls like the Wyoming Valley Mall. Others said they enjoyed shopping early. Black Friday seems to be a popular time to get all the gifts needed at a cheaper price, although Freshman Carsin Weaver said she has never gone Black Friday shopping and doesn't plan to in the future.

At the end of the day, it is easily said shopping is different for boys and girls of all ages, and the most popular gifts can vary in age and gender. But when all is said and done, the stress, the list, and the seemingly endless shopping will be worth it when the faces of loved ones light up as they open their gift.

Most Wanted Gifts at BHS



Disney produces another magical hit, *Frozen*

AMILIA TRIPP

Junior

Frozen will melt hearts this Christmas as Directors Chris Buck and Jennifer Lee bring the magical land of Arendelle to life. In this exciting, epic journey, Princess Anna sets off to find her sister, Queen Elsa with the help of Kristoff and his reindeer, Sven.

Frozen is a Disney movie for the entire family. It portrays the importance of knowing that true love can be given and received, as well as the fun and adventure of sisterhood. The entire movie is filled with heart-warming feeling and is aimed at young and old alike. *Frozen* is rated PG for some action and mild rude humor.

Disney has a stunning ability to touch hearts and carry messages that resonate with truth and meaning. *Frozen* is a testament to that. With stunning animation, gorgeous backdrops, intricate costumes and charming characters, you are sure to enjoy this holiday film.

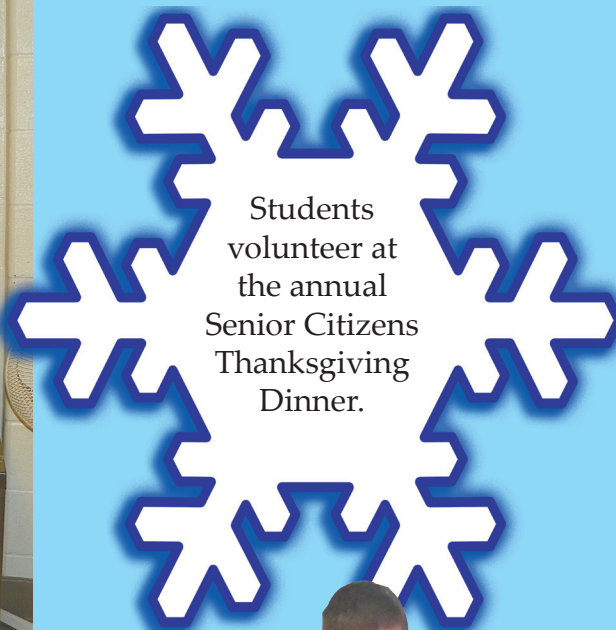
The animation in the movie *Frozen* is wonderful, along with the soundtrack, which includes the song "Love in an Open Door" sung by voice actors Kristen Bell (Anna) and Santino Fontana (Hans). The entire score flows throughout the whole movie and the songs will keep you singing for days.

I enjoyed this movie very much, as it kept me laughing and on the edge of my seat. I thought it was a huge step for Disney and would go as far as to say it is the best Disney movie of this decade. Though I missed the usual romance between a princess and a handsome, hardworking boy, I was not disappointed. *Frozen* is an easy 4.3/5 stars.

With a star-studded cast, including the voice of Kristen Bell (Veronica Mars) and Idina Menzel (Wicked!), bringing the animation to life, *Frozen* is sure to be a big hit this December.



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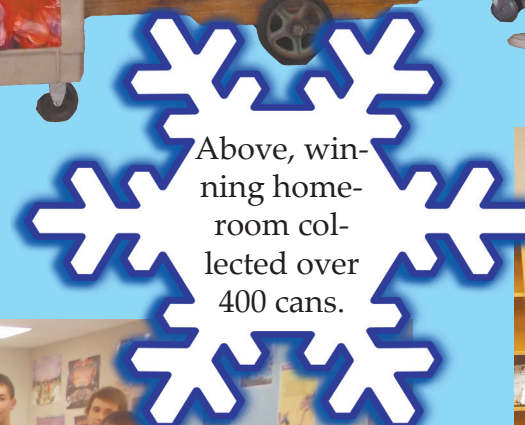


Students volunteer at the annual Senior Citizens Thanksgiving Dinner.



Below, SHOW officers display the Angel Tree with gifts for underprivileged children.

Holiday Happenings



Above, winning home-room collected over 400 cans.



Afterwards, all the leftovers were donated to local organizations



BHS unites in the Can Food Drive for the Nescopeck Community Cupboard, sponsored by Marissa Redmond.



Student body wakes up to celebrate Bulldawg pride

STUDENT TIMES STAFF

On November 15th, 2013, WBRE TV, selected Berwick Area High School for their weekly high school football spotlight. This spirited event brought a large group of the student body together to support the football team. Students were required to arrive at the 4:30 in the morning, and shooting began at 5am. Students were greeted by Jasmine Brooks, an Eyewitness News Journalist. Berwick students were featured in about five segments which lasted thirty to sixty seconds. During these segments, students discussed activities happening within the school, such as the Senior Citizens Thanksgiving Dinner, The Can Drive for the Nescopeck Community Cupboard, Youth In Philanthropy's Winter Accessory Drive, and Mathletics. The airing started off with a procession through the main hallways lead by the band and the Berwick Bulldog mascot. It concluded with an overall cheering scene with everyone involved. "It was an amazing opportunity for students to show our local viewing area how much we care, and the wonderful activities happening at BHS," said Xiomara Salazar, senior. Overall, students displayed their school pride and sense of community.

(Photos by Student Times Staff.)



Hoby Representatives

Beau Blass (left) and Hannah Gradzalla (right) were selected as this year's Hoby representatives. The annual leadership conference will be held from May 15-18 at Shippensburg University. Blass said, "This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity where we can learn skills that can change our school."



Tree Fest

Treestfest is a local holiday tradition held at the Caldwell Consistory in Bloomsburg that has been in existence for 25 years. Nonprofit organizations from around the area decorate over 150 trees that have been donated by local Christmas tree farms. The trees are put on display for the public to see and then they are given needy families. Two groups that participate each year are SHOW and SADD. This year, SHOW decorated a snowman themed tree and SADD decorated a penguin themed tree. The public admission to Treestfest benefits the Bloomsburg Theatre Ensemble.



O-Chemist-Tree

Chemistry teacher, John Allen, poses with his tree adorned with laboratory test tubes, beakers and flasks filled with colorful water.

(Photos by Student Times Staff)

TOP DAWGS

Amanda O'Kane Senior Girls' Swimmer



Senior swimmer, Amanda O'Kane, has been diving for four years. In her junior year she won 4th place in districts and made it to states. O'Kane plans on diving in college. Her hopes for this season is to make states again, and for the entire team to do well. O'Kane also participates in track and plays soccer.

Zachary Kittle Senior Wrestler



Zach Kittle is a wrestler with high hopes for his final season at Berwick High School. He already has several tournament wins under his belt and plans to go to regionals. If he receives a scholarship, Kittle plans to wrestle in college. Kittle also plays baseball.

Matthew Dalo Senior Boys' Basketball Player



Matt Dalo, senior captain, who has had ten years of basketball experience, plans on making this season his best yet. If Dalo receives a scholarship to play basketball in college, he will continue his career. Dalo has also played golf for about ten years.

Girls' basketball off to perfect start

OLIVIA HOPPY Junior

Girls' Varsity Basketball is looking at a great season this year. The team is dedicated to a successful season. Coaches Mr. Bill Phillips and Mr. Bob Calarco have done their best in motivating their girls to become the best. They are working together as a team on and off the court.

The team's efforts are beginning to pay off. Senior, Ay-rin Shortlidge, said, "Conditioning is the hardest procedure in basketball, but it's worth it when we win games and see positive changes from last year to this year." Another effort is the team's defense. Last year they were ranked the best in the league and are looking to maintain that position this



(Photo by Students Times Staff)

year as well. Junior, Gabby Kishbaugh said the team's defense is looking good but there is always room for improvement.

The first scrimmage score was 17-11 and 11-7 with only playing two periods. It was a trio scrimmage, held on November 25th. Both games were won by Berwick.

Junior, Alexis Steeber, said it was an exciting feeling that gave her a positive outlook on the rest of the season. With very skillful plays being put to work, Phillips said he was proud of his athletes. He mentioned many great plays during the scrimmage,

including the time Taylor Montana had an inbound play from Bri Floryshak and made a 3 point shot.

The team is depending on one another to achieve a winning season. Sophomore, Montana is a successful post player with a little over 100 points in last years' season, and plans on adding to the team's success. Montana said, "I get nervous but I look forward to helping the team as much as I can and seeing us with the winning number on the scoreboard."

Junior, Allie Katsock has been involved in basketball since elementary school and has worked very hard to cover a point guard position. Katsock said it can be difficult at times but she knows her teammates are there to back her up.

A very intense season is expected for the girls. Coaches and team members are working on a winning season.

Boys' hopeful for upcoming season

CHASE PETTY Junior

The boy's basketball team is preparing and working harder than ever before for this season, hoping for a good turnout for the upcoming season.

Head Coach Jason Kingery has the team doing a two-a-day practice schedule, with the team practicing before and after school. It's no doubt that the boys basketball team is working harder than any other team out there right now. Practices have changed and are now more intense than ever to prepare the boys for the difficult games ahead.

"We do a lot more running

and do ball handling drills and shooting drills and work on our plays every practice,"



(Photo by Students Times Staff)
The boys huddle during a timeout.

said senior center, Elias Harmon.

Through drills and condition the team boys seemed to have improved very much, becoming more system-

atic as a team. Under Coach Kingery the boys will be well prepared for the upcoming season.

Junior Captain, Holden Riegel, says "The team has gotten a lot stronger both mentally and physically," and says that "In order for us to win games, we have to work hard in practice like we have been."

It's no doubt that the boys are working hard to dominate in the season. Through head coach Jason Kingery, and the new team captains motivating every member of the team, the team expects many wins this season.

Rifle shoots their way to top

JACOB WOLFE
Freshman

Rifle Season has started and Berwick's team is aiming to take it far. The team will be practicing and competing this winter, and they hope to shoot their way to a State Title.

The team, who shoots under the direction of Coach Cathy Curtin, has been showing good improvement for practicing for two months.

"We usually cut down on sugar intake so that we don't get shaky when we shoot," said senior Michael Dyer. "Then we practice shooting with our easy trigger squeeze, and we practice our natural point of aim." Michael Dyer has been shooting since seventh grade and is now the captain of

the rifle team. "I'm hoping to make states this year as an individual and as a team," he said when describing his goals for the season.

New shooters this year include freshman Roopesh Kumar. He is not the only newcomer, though. "The rifle team is comprised of about twenty-five members, and at least five to ten are new," he said. His goals are to shoot his best and help his team reach victory.

The team also has a lot of returners, of which include sophomore Casey Curtin, who has been shooting for

two years. When discussing the sport, Casey said "It is not necessarily about skill, but it takes a lot of practice. You have to enjoy it to do it."

As Casey said, the sport does take a lot of practice. "We practice twice a week," said Coach Cathy Curtin, "and up until this coming week we've been focusing more on technique instead of score. Once Monday comes, it'll be about score."

The competition is tough according to Coach Curtin, and the meets are far away. Nevertheless, the team hopes to shoot their way to states.



(Photo by Student Times Staff.)
Janelle Welch, Senior, takes a shot

Swim team hopeful

DYLLAN WEAVER
Freshman

Predictions have been made, and the challenges are now known for the Berwick Varsity Swim Team. The team had a decent season last year with the girls having a 4-8 record, and the boys having a 5-8 record, but they are now working on improving this season from last year.

The swim team will be going up against big schools like Hazelton, along with smaller schools like Holy Redeemer. The main rivals for the swim team are Holy Redeemer, Lake Lehman, and Scranton Prep.

In preparation for the upcoming season Coach Stacy Demshock is having the swim team practice hard every day for two hours so

the team will be ready for their future meets.

The team is working hard to improve their weak spots, and keep their abilities strong. "We are good at sprinting," said freshman swimmer Christian Michael. Another freshman swimmer, Jacob Demler, said, "We need to improve on our strokes. I still think we will have an amazing season though. I feel that this season is going to be one of the best yet, and I am very confident in this team."

With a lot of freshman along returning swimmers, the swim team is looking for a good season. Although Berwick is not known for swimming, the team still plans to work hard to improve from last year's season.

Wrestlers hit mats with aspirations of regionals

CONNER MUSSER
Asst. Sports Editor

The Berwick wrestling team is excited for their first match of the season on December 21st at Exeter against several teams, including Exeter, Methacton, Menheim Central, and Kennett. Competition will be tough at this dual meet. This meet will test what the wrestlers can do at the beginning of the season, and

highlight what the team can improve on for the remainder of the season. This dual meet will prepare them against Coughlin, Dallas, Hazelton, Pittston, Crestwood, Wyoming Valley West, Scranton, Lake Lehman, and Nanticoke and many other hard competitors this season.

Now that the season has begun, the team's strengths are continuing to increase.

Senior Zach Kytte said, "We now have a full line up for this season and our younger kids have a lot of skill that are helping us succeed."

Senior Ryan Dooley said, "We have a lot of strong returning vets that will help us win, and also our chemistry and our friendship with each other make us a strong team overall."

Like most teams there is always a weakness. Sophomore Trent Kowalski said, "The team honestly does not have many weaknesses; the only thing there is wrong is that we do not have as many kids in the upper weights to fill up the upper weights line up." Many of the athletes think that the team will improve vastly compared to last year.

Kowalski said, "This year we look a lot better overall. We have a lot more experience than last year and the team are going to go to districts. Irvin said, "Our goal this season as a team is to qualify for districts. To be able to go to districts, we have to beat the three top teams in our conference. We still want our individual wrestlers to qualify to district team duels. Wrestling is a very tough sport and the guys I have this season have a lot of courage to be doing this."

With everyone on the team looking forward to a very successful season for Berwick Wrestling, the team is out to do exactly what they expect, which is to go all the way.



(Photo by Student Times Staff.)
Josh Gregory, Senior, awaits opponent



(Photo by Student Times Staff.)
Wrestler takes down opponent

Miracle season ends for dawgs Diving for districts

DONNIE SHIELDS
Senior Sports Editor

Football has always been the pride and joy of Berwick. This season showed just how much football can influence a whole town, and how a team can capture the hearts of fans.

It was a miraculous season for the Berwick Bulldogs, who finished their season at (14-1) under one of the most popularly idolized sports coaches in the state of Pennsylvania, George Curry. Of course, this was not George Curry's first rodeo in the State Playoffs but it was with a completely different and motivated group of athletes. Losing many key seniors from the previous season, Curry drew up a different game plan and switched up the depth chart of the team to fill the void left by those graduated seniors. In return, those who the coach entrusted to play every Friday night gave him back much more than he could have possibly hoped. It really takes a team to win games and this season was an example of that.



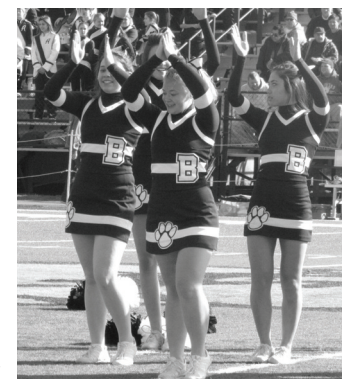
(Photo by Student Times Staff.)
C.J. Curry celebrates a touchdown.

Throughout the ten game regular season schedule, Berwick viewed their opponents as great match ups. When game time came and went, Berwick found their opponents being physically unprepared to handle their high-powered offense and aggressive defense. Blow outs became larger and more common as the fall months turned into winter. Not even the cold could stop the Dawgs, practicing nonstop after school for hours, attempting to improve for their supporters who traveled with them on the road.

Crestwood, Pottsville, Dallas, Valley West, Coughlin, Tunkhannock, Williamsport, Pittston, Selinsgrove, and Hazelton were

all casualties in Berwick's path to perfection. Momentum swung the Dawgs' way. The team knew that going into the play-offs would mean a rematch with Crestwood and Abington Heights; the only question was, who would be ready to play?

That question took all four quarters to answer, but the final result was a win for the Dawgs against both teams. Unfortunately in the semi-final game against Archbishop Wood, the Bulldogs had a tough time gathering adrenaline after a weather postponed game that Friday, ending the Dawgs' miraculous play-off run. It was a great season nevertheless. A special congratulations to the entire team and coaches.



(Photo by Student Times Staff)
Cheerleaders pump up the fans.



(Photo by Student Times Staff)
Bulldogs Mascot shows up for support.

CASEY CURTIN
Sophomore

This year's diving team hopes to make a big splash in the Conference. The team has four returners, and one of them is a senior. They hope to have as many divers as possible to medal at districts and possibly go to States.

They have been training for three weeks for their first meet against Elk Lake High School on Tuesday, December 10th, followed by West Scranton High School on Thursday, December 12th, and they are ready for it. The team has been practicing every day since November 18th along with the swim team to get ready for their first match and the 2013-2014 season.

The biggest impact for this year's team is senior Amanda O'Kane. This is her fourth year on the team and she hopes to make the



(Photo by Student Times Staff)
A diver slowly embraces the board.



(Photo by Student Times Staff)
Desiree Margani, sophomore, practices her Reverse Pike Dive.

most of it. O'Kane has made Districts two times and States once. O'Kane placed in Districts and States. She hopes to make it to both this year and increase her degree of difficulty and qualify around 18 dives. "There's always room for improvement," said O'Kane. Even though the team has returners, the one new member is the only male diver on the team, and his name is Andrew Miller. "Having one guy diver can hurt us in points but I am confident," said Michelle Matash. The only male diver junior Andrew Miller does not feel any pressure and is confident with this season, hoping to make it to districts.

Hopefully this year's team will be the best one yet and they will place at Districts and States. Go out and support your Bulldawgs swimming and diving team.

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What's in your stars?

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December Birthday -- There's so much to celebrate about the coming year! Grow stronger in health and wealth by applying your characteristic discipline. Devote focus towards passion, for a spiritual and philosophical journey. Share it with someone fascinating (especially late May to July). Apply it to your work, with a career shift in June leading to increased satisfaction and happiness.

To get the advantage, check the month's rating: 10 is the easiest month, 0 the most challenging.

Aries (March 21-April 19) -- This month is a 7 -- There's lots of activity. Consider new opportunities for this year; you don't have to wait for tomorrow. This is a fine month to begin. Stay close to home, if possible. Let go of conflict. Resolutions come through communication.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) -- This month is a 7 -- Assess what you've gained throughout the year and write it down. Clear space out for new opportunities. Imagine positive change. Minimize risk for now, as a potentially expensive encounter lurks. Stay home and get organized.

Gemini (May 21-June 20) -- This month is an 8 -- Resolve old issues for long-term benefit. There's an unexpected development, with possible breakage. You can create miracles by adding action to intention. Review your budget. Check for bargains. Keep a secret with friends.

Cancer (June 21-July 22) -- This month is an 8 -- Another change to your assignment can bring surprising results. Get help from somebody who knows what they're doing. Persistently go for it. Don't believe everything you hear; trust your instinct instead. Notice what works and do that.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) -- This month is an 8 -- Don't argue, just do it. Take care of business. Review old material for new discoveries. Keep your head down. Details are important, so get involved. Expand your horizons, without extra expense. Study the facts. Speak your mind.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) -- This month is an 8 -- Referee a family quarrel without losing your temper. Replacement parts could be required. Try a new tactic. Take a walk outside. Avoid travel, if you can. Romance this month. Past work leads to more.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) -- This month is a 7 -- Something you try doesn't work. Listen to intuition and proceed with caution. You can do a household project yourself. You're very persuasive. Don't believe everything you hear. Read fine print. Sign documents and lock in a good deal.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) -- This month is a 7 -- Avoid arguing over meaningless details. Keep track of spending. Run into something you don't know how to do. Don't push yourself too hard, or spend blindly. Send long-distance messages to share a dream with ones who can play.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) -- This month is a 7 -- In an argument, the truth gets revealed. Resolve a misunderstanding by talking it over. The next two days could be quite profitable. You're testing the limits. Look at the situation from another perspective. Balance work and play.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) -- This month is an 8 -- Faith clashes with reason in a blinding revelation. Don't gossip about work. It's OK if you don't know how to do something. Gather resources. Avoid kerfuffles. Don't harbor a misconception. Tempers could get short. Clear the issue calmly.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) -- This month is an 8 -- Consider an outrageous suggestion. Tell the truth when asked. Find a way around the problem. Learning new skills leads to new friends. Get closer to goals with practice. Don't assume you have plenty. Prioritize actions.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) -- This month is a 7 -- Don't be impetuous. Get a glimpse of the big picture, a glimmer of hope. Gamble another day. Let your partner carry the ball this month. Avoid aggressive behavior, as the possibility of a breakdown is high. Provide support.

December Crossword

ACROSS

1 "Are you serious?"
 5 Handicapper's concern
 9 Class ___
 14 Doth possess
 15 Los Angeles, for one
 16 High nest
 17 Opposed party
 18 *Filet mignon dish named for a goddess
 20 Jet sounds
 22 Proactiv target
 23 Was in the vanguard
 24 *Emergency supplies
 27 Dog in Baum stories
 28 Dangerous fly
 33 Puffin kin
 36 Sizable music combo
 39 Planted
 40 Troubled youth literally hiding in each answer to a starred clue

DOWN

1 Marina structure
 2 Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum city
 3 Rose essence
 4 Need of a 53-Down
 5 Brief missions?
 6 Hi and Lois's daughter

7 Foreboding
 8 Cupboard arrangement
 9 Officers-to-be
 10 Floral wreath
 11 Word-of-mouth
 12 Flesling product
 13 Aid factor
 19 Grow together
 21 Rock-filled
 25 It can be viewed with a scanning tunneling microscope
 26 Column style
 29 Paranormal ability
 30 Tip for a croupier
 31 Large gulp
 32 Prefix with skeleton
 33 Book after John
 34 River through Orsk
 35 Broccoli relative
 37 Prefix with skeleton
 38 Metronome settings
 41 Prize component?
 42 "The Lady & Sons Savannah Country Cookbook" author Paula

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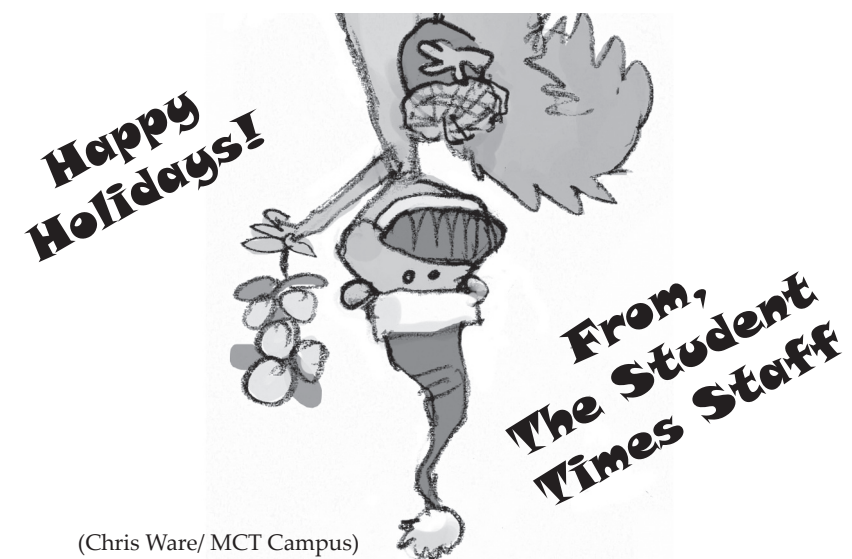
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Jump on technology treadmill

Everyday, new technology is dispersed to millions of people all around the world. One of the biggest technological trends today is the daily use of smartphones. These devices can provide instant access to everything a person can possibly require. However, these little devices can be seen as causing huge problems with their ability to view the internet, take photos, and quickly communicate with others. As mass technology creates new apps, websites, and social media networks at a psychopathic rate, technological nay-sayers are trying to fight against the future. Personally, I feel that smartphones are making society more productive, efficient, and capable to do tasks required of a person throughout each day.

One of the most important parts of a person's day is communicating with others. Smartphones, with the ability to view social networks, e-mail, and text messages permit people to be able to converse more frequently and quickly. People in the workplace can use Facetime, a form of video chat in which users can see and talk to on another as if they are in the same room, giving businesses more efficiency. Programs similar to Facetime allow for quicker meetings, and they allow people to work from home. Smartphones prove to be extremely handy for this reason alone; but, they can do more.

Another useful quality of a smartphone is its connection to education. Many smartphones have apps made specifically for every grade level. These apps allow teachers to connect with their students in and out of the classroom. Smartphones provide several advantages to students. The apps can enable them to do assignments on e-paper rather than having to write anything out. Also, this method allows students the ability to save and view their work electronically. Providing instantaneous access to websites, smartphones are excellent tools to use when doing research. The cameras on the phones can also be used to take pictures of white boards and Smart Boards, giving students quick ways to obtain homework or notes.

Smartphones are also helpful in daily life. These extraordinary devices can translate languages and allow people to communicate more freely. Also, the camera's zoom allows people with vision problems to see farther distances. The phones can assist the forgetful by scheduling a person's entire day. These devices have fantastic navigation systems, ensuring that people always have directions or help when needed.

More people must accept progress in order to ease into today's generation. It is pointless to fight against the future. Each day, people are coming up with thousands of new ideas to improve life for everyone. When pondering all of the possibilities, the smartphone is a growing innovation. For today's generation, the hyperbole "I would die without my phone" is no longer an exaggeration. Once a person gets on the technological treadmill, there is no getting off. It only goes faster. People need to jump on and exercise their minds.

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What is your favorite aspect of the holiday season?

KRYSTA HOWER & JENN MORRIS, *Sophomores*



Amanda Machado
Freshman

"My favorite thing about the holiday season is eating the food."



Ty Fisher
Freshman

"My favorite thing about the holiday season is getting to see my family out of town."



Sydney Reigel
Sophomore

"My favorite thing about the holiday season is spending time with family."



Angel Butler
Sophomore

"My favorite thing about the holiday season is enjoying the delicious deserts."



Nash Hartley
Sophomore

"The good feeling, the snow and getting away from annoying people."



Riley Ferro
Sophomore

"My favorite thing is the music."



Alexis Steeber
Junior

"My favorite thing about the holiday is going to get my tree with my family and decorating it."



Elliot Maleski
Senior

"My favorite thing about the holiday season is the Egg Nog."



Josh Gregory
Senior

"My favorite is the presents."



Lauren Dalrymple
Senior

"Having no school."



Reece Musselman
Senior

"Being able to seeing all the family from other states."



Carlynn Wolfe
Senior

"My favorite thing about the holiday season is the music and the spirit of Christmas that brings everyone together."



Mr. Guenther
Teacher

"My favorite thing about the holiday seasons is the Christmas decorations."



Mr. Kutcha
Teacher

"My favorite thing about the holiday is when hunting season starts."



Mrs. Henry
Librarian

"My favorite thing about the holiday season is watching my nieces and nephews open their gifts."