

# HAPPY HOLIDAYS

## Drama Club

The drama club put on an excellent production of *The Way Out*. Nyla Bear was in the audience and had this to say about it. "The drama production was good. It was fun seeing my friends that were in the play."

## Caroling Choir

The Choir had a busy weekend. On Friday during 3rd period the Choir sang to the elementary. On Saturday they went Christmas Caroling at the hospital. "We are going to sing to people that probably need cheering up." said Madysen Fogle whose favorite carol is Joy to the World.

## Sports Update

### Wrestling

In wrestling news, Mr. Weems let us know that Owen Fagan earned the 100th win of his school career at the Xenia Invite on 12/9. This is an impressive achievement that not many can boast. Owen's teammate Wyatt Dinne said, "We're just all really proud of Owen. He's worked hard all these years and has never given up. He's had some injuries and he keeps going. He's a good guy."

Speaking of good guys, the members of the wrestling team not only support each other but also the community. They recently helped out the Salvation Army.

### Basketball

In basketball news, Allie Hundley scored 18 and Avery Minter scored 17 in the Varsity Girls BB win over Cedarville on 12/11.

Griffin Turner scored 30 points in a close loss to Cedarville on 12/12. Final score was 63-60.

## Cheerful Images

To the left, Mrs. Lewis's door was decorated for the SADD Contest. Below, members of the band spread holiday cheer as students arrive to school.



## Krampus: Then and Now

by Maryjane Henderson

While the origins of the Krampus legend are difficult to conclusively pin down, most sources affirm that the legend dates back to 12th century Germany, where Krampus was likely a figure of pagan celebrations of the winter solstice. The name Krampus is derived from the German word *krampen*, meaning claw. In the 12th century, German children heard whispers of a dark-furred, anthropomorphic creature with terrifying horns, fangs and claws. Ironically, Krampus never used these intimidating features—not even the claws he was named after. In the original Germanic legend, Krampus carried a bundle of birch sticks to swat unruly children with. Children were especially weary on the *Krampusnacht* (Krampus Night), which is traditionally on December 5th. On this night, Krampus would rampage through towns capturing bad children in a basket, after which he would bring them to the underworld. In some versions of the legend, Krampus worked with Saint Nicholas. Krampus would punish the bad children and Saint Nicholas would reward the good. Some sources state that children would check outside their door on *Krampusnacht* to see either a candy or a wooden stick placed there. A candy signaled that Saint Nicholas would reward

them with gifts the following day, whereas a stick signaled an incoming visit from Krampus. Because Krampus is prevalent in many different countries, legends surrounding him vary greatly. Krampus appears in the folklore of Austria, Slovenia, Germany, the Czech Republic, Hungary and several other countries.

## How to Train a Gremlin

by Sunny Hix

Lots of people think it's a good idea to buy pets as Christmas presents. However, owning a pet is a big responsibility and many of these gifted animals are abandoned during the Christmas season. If you receive a Mogwai as a gift there are three rules you need to follow. The first is to avoid bright light; don't take it to the tanning salon with you. The second rule is to make sure they don't get wet; never let your Mogwai take a bubble bath. The third rule is to never feed them after midnight; avoid those late-night Takis. If you do not follow these simple rules you will end up with a mischievous Gremlin that is likely to wreck your house. (Gremlins 1984) All pets have needs that are specific to them. You should consider carefully if you can provide what your new pet will need before making an impulse purchase.

## Mrs. Spink Retirement

Mrs. Spink is retiring after many years with Greenon Schools. Students will recognize her as our Guidance Office Secretary. While she will be missed, we are happy for her and wish her all the best! She has said that she will still be involved with calling Snow Days.

## Season of Symbols

by Addelynn Ricketts

Along with being jolly, the Christmas season is also a holiday with bountiful symbolic meanings and history. Many typical and common objects that seem like there is no hidden, underlying message behind them are actually filled with a rich history and deep meaning. Some symbols of Christmas are the poinsettia, holly, candycanes, and Christmas trees!

The candy cane is tentatively dated back to the 1600s when a choirmaster in Germany handed out sugar sticks to his students to keep them quiet. The stick was bent into a shepherd's crook for the occasion. The red stripe on the candy symbolizes God's love for Jesus when he was born and the white symbolizes the purity of the Virgin Mary.

The Christmas tree is thought to represent Jesus Christ's birth and resurrection, where the branches and needles reflect the crown of thorns Jesus wore on the cross when he died. The trees represent

hope, life, and rebirth during the Christmas season.

The poinsettia symbolizes goodwill during the jolly season. The shape of the plant was thought to resemble the Star of Bethlehem with its red color representing Christ's blood. The white leaves of the plant symbolize the purity of Jesus.

Holly Flowers are a big symbol during Christmas time because their leaves represent the crown of thorns Jesus wore, with the berries symbolizing his blood. It is a symbol of protection too in some cases!

There are so many more symbols of Christmas than just those few. When you have free time it just might be an interesting conversation starter to bring up the history of Christmas. So when celebrating this Christmas break, try to notice some of the hidden messages in the decorations put up in your house!

## “All I Want for Christmas is you”

**By: Ethan Thornton**

Everyone knows the iconic Christmas song “All I Want For Christmas Is You” by Mariah Carey. But have you ever wondered how much money she makes during the Christmas season? Well I have the answer. The famous song came out on October 29, 1994 and was published by Columbia Records. Mariah was 24 years old when her song was published and is now 54 in 2023. Now let's get to the point: the estimated amount of money she makes during the holidays is 3

## Christmas Break

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- SLEDDING
- SANTA
- FAMILY
- MISTLETOE
- GRINCH
- RED
- HANUKKAH
- ORNAMENTS
- PRESENTS
- SNOW
- COAL
- TRADITION
- FRIENDS
- MOVIES
- COLD
- HOT CHOCOLATE
- HISTORY
- GREEN
- CANDYCANES
- HOLIDAY
- KRAMPUS
- STAR
- TREE

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Million dollars! Which has made her over 60 million dollars of profit over the years. Enjoy your Christmas Break!

## The Legend of the Cardinal

by Hailey Shepherd

The Legend of the Cardinal is a forgotten tale that is meant to take place during the Christmas season. This tale was passed down to me from my mom who heard it from her mom and now I get the pleasure of passing it on to you. The red Cardinal can often be seen in the winter, especially during the Christmas season and legend has it that “Cardinals appear when angels are near.” In other words, these birds are thought to symbolize a lost loved one coming to visit and watch over you as well as symbolizing positivity through the trouble you may be experiencing. This Christmas when you see a Cardinal remember that it could be someone you miss but they are right there with you and watching over you. Remember it is also a sign that even through the hard times there is always something positive and you just have to keep going.

## Chocolate Chip Cookies

by Sunny Hix

### Ingredients :

Flour, Sugar, Brown sugar,  
Vanilla abstract , Two eggs, 2  
sticks of butter  
Baking soda, salt, chocolate  
chips

### Recipe:

First, preheat oven to 350 °F .  
Then, get two sticks of butter  
and let them soften (You can  
put it in the microwave for 12-  
20 secs.) Grab a big bowl, put  
the butter in there and stir it.  
Now you need two eggs, crack  
them and put them in the bowl  
(not the shells). Get your sugar  
and brown sugar and add 1/4  
cup of both in. Get your salt,  
baking soda, and vanilla  
abstract add 1 tsp of those. (No  
more no less or you'll ruin it.)  
Mix it! Ok, now get flour, you  
want to put 2 and 1/4 cups into  
it. MIX!!!! Now put in a whole  
bag of chocolate chips. Put  
them on a baking pan with  
parchment paper. Put them in  
the oven for 15-20 min.

## GHS Ornament Contest

By Ellie Price

As you may know, Greenon  
Junior Senior High School is  
hosting an ornament  
decorating contest. These  
ornaments must be decked out  
with Greenon colors and/or  
spirit. The contest ends Dec 20,  
2023! So hurry up and get your  
ornaments finished before the  
break. If you need some  
supplies, check with your art  
teachers for ideas and  
materials.

## Quick Update

by Mrs. Riley

The Quick Recall team is  
currently 3rd in our league (Just  
under Cedarville & Greenview)  
with 5 wins and 3 losses. We are  
just over half way through an  
exciting season.



## The Eight Nights

By Hailey Shepherd

Many often forget that  
Christmas is not the only  
holiday celebrated during the  
month of December. A major  
holiday that is often overlooked  
is called Hanukkah. This holiday  
is celebrated for eight nights,  
typically falling in either  
November or December.

During this eight day  
celebration, the people who  
celebrate Hanukkah light a  
candle each night on what's  
called a menorah. Other  
traditions include reading  
scripture, singing of hymns,  
reciting Psalms, and  
almsgiving. Hanukkah is a  
religious celebration much like  
Christmas and is rich in history  
as well as tradition just like  
Christmas.

So this year please try to  
remember that while  
Christmas is widely celebrated,  
there are other holidays that  
matter just as much to other  
people. Merry Christmas, happy  
Hanukkah or simply happy  
holidays.

## The Legendary Show

By Ellie Price

You might know it as the  
biggest Christmas light show in  
the Midwest, but Ohio calls it  
The Historic Clifton Mill. For  
over 36 years, The Clifton Mill  
has celebrated Christmas by  
setting up a wonderland with  
over 4 million lights. The light  
show includes a 100-foot  
waterfall with lights, a  
miniature village, a Santa Claus  
Museum, a toy collection, and  
much more! The Clifton Mill is  
open seven days a week  
hosting their light shows from  
6-9 pm. Every hour there is a  
grand light show with  
synchronized music. Saturdays  
are the busiest days of the  
week! Here is the link for more!  
<https://cliftonmill.com/christmas-lights>

## “Put the cookie down”

by Ethan Thornton

It's the most wonderful time  
of the year, and with that the  
Christmas movies come along.  
Christmas movies are an  
important part of Christmas  
and there are several good  
movies out there that you  
should watch. Here is the list of  
popular Christmas movies in no  
particular order; Home Alone,  
Frosty The Snowman,  
Christmas Vacation, A Charlie  
Brown christmas, Elf, The Polar  
Express, A Christmas Story, The  
Nightmare Before Christmas,  
Rudolph the Red Nosed  
Reindeer, The Grinch, Muppets  
Christmas Carol, and any  
Hallmark movie.

## Gordon's Guide to Good Grades

by Gordon Yu

**Never gonna** get bad grades ever again with this article! Getting good grades (B's or better) isn't that difficult as long as you pay attention and do your homework. You will also need to take classes that you know you won't do badly in; this may require you to do some research and ask other students their opinions of the difficulty of the class. Assuming that you pay attention in class and do what the teachers tell you to do, you should be on your way to pretty good grades. However, this won't be nearly good enough for more difficult courses. In this guide, I'll go over some tips to get better grades, especially for exam season.

If you did your homework and everything your teacher assigned you to do, you should be able to do pretty well on quizzes and tests (though for harder classes this won't hold as much veracity or truth (I just wanted to use harder words to help prep for the ACT while writing this article. A quick tip: when you are writing essays use thesauruses online or wordhippo.com to find words to use instead and increase your vocabulary). In addition to homework, some studying would probably be required to get a good grade on your quizzes and tests (depending on what a good grade means to you). For math, this would consist of studying rules, and properties, and doing a bunch of practice problems. Science, history, and reading, on the other hand, would really only consist of studying the study guide through active recall linking the terms and things together, and asking your teacher (or the Great Gordon, kidding, it just sounds like the Great Gatsby so I added it) for more guidance when needed. You could also ask ChatGPT to help you study by helping make practice questions and study plans, and explain things (I don't think this is cheating, this is just utilizing resources to help study).

**Give** or take some difference, studying for exams wouldn't be much different from quizzes. They do contain more content and will be harder and heavier though, so you should get more rest and study in. I would watch YouTube videos for review on certain topics covered on the exam on 2x speed or something to get some low-effort studying in. Also, look over your notes and old assignments from the class to study, but do this sporadically, spacing out the intervals where you study so that you're not cramming it all. For example, you would maybe peek your notes every few hours throughout the day. This makes it easier for you to remember stuff.

**You** may not feel the motivation to study for all this stuff. To motivate yourself to study, think of why you wanted good grades to begin with and how you only get one chance in life to really go to high school, so you may as well do your best. It can really help you in the future. Plus, getting good grades can feel accomplished and you should feel proud of yourself for working hard to get them (also you could brag to others that you did if you want; though that could come off as annoying so do it at your discretion).

**Uplifting** your studying sessions with music or study groups and friends could also make the process more enjoyable. Before this article gets any longer that no one wants to read, I would like to say to be sure to remember that your grades don't define you and be sure to study in moderation to avoid burnout. SUMMARY: pay attention to the teacher, practice questions, watch videos when needed on 2x speed, study the study guide in spaced out times with active recall instead of cramming, and ask others for help. **(read the bolded words in order)**

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## Comic

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