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# Fell Play: The Long Red Harfing

BY: DEONDRE LECLAIR



The fall play, The Long Red Herring, started off with any normal plot. The students, for their final exam, had to solve a murder. The location was at their Professor Kleine's house to which he sent six students to figure out the murder of his wife. Then, the unexpected happened when one of the students had gone missing and turned up dead; with a pistol that was lying around as the presumed murder weapon. Everyone then starts to panic about who would be next, and trying to figure out a way to either solve the murder or find a way out. The play had kept me guessing on which one of the students was the murderer! There was so many suspects and, rumor has it, even some think it was the salesperson that kept on reappearing. The play had many twists and turns, such as when the lights kept shutting off and a real surprise emerged when the student who was the first to be murdered was actually the mastermind of all the killings! In the end, it was just an assignment after all... or was it?

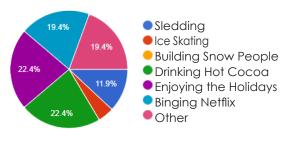
"It was really fun. My favorite part of the play was that we were playing characters who were also acting out these murders. I'm glad this is my final fall play; we went out with a "BANG!"" ~Averv

"This was the first HS play that I've been a part of (I'm hoping to do even more outside of school soon). I felt like we all fit our characters pretty well. It was so much fun to play & "get in touch" with a creepy, stodgy professor."  $\sim Joe$ 

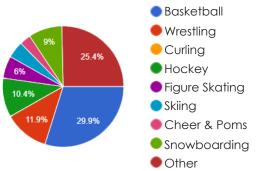
"I have been so lucky to have been in all four SCHS fall plays, and I loved my time in each show, but I must say, this was definitely one of my favorites!" ~Anna-Christina Starszak



WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE WINTER



## WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE WINTER



67 RESPONSES

BY: MAX KROLL

JOKES

- Two years ago I asked the girl of my dreams out on a date, and today I asked her to marry me. She said no on both occasions.
- I thought my neighbours were lovely people. Then they went and put a password on their wi-fi.
- What did the grape say when he was pinched? Nothing, he gave a little wine.
- What's the difference between ignorance and apathy? I don't know, and I don't care.

https://www.goodreads.com/quotes QUOTES



#### **QUOTES TO MOTIVATE YOU THROUGH FINALS**

"Life is the most difficult exam. Many people fail because they try to copy others, not realizing that everyone has a different question paper."

"Don't watch the clock. Do what it does. Keep going."

"It's not about how bad you want it, it's about how hard you are willing to work for it."



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mouse.

system.

since1995.

Iceland does not have a railway

The voice actor of SpongeBob and

the voice actor of Karen, Plankton's

computer wife, have been married





#### HAPPY Winter Birthday Babies BIRTHDAY

By: Deondre LeClaire

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Arianna E. 12/06 Yesenia G. 12/06 Fernando M. 12/12 Gianna C. 12/13 Bianca T. 12/21 Jayden B. 12/29 Nathen I. 12/31 Margarette F. 1/07 Makaelyn T. 1/07 Clifford N. 1/13 Benjamin B. 1/14 Isaiah M. 1/17 K'Mareon M. 1/17 Adondria M. 1/18 Nikarion M. 1/27 Cecillia G. 1/28 Brianna P. 1/29 Mikala H, 2/04 Manuel T. 2/05 Wynter L. 2/11 Aaron H. 2/18 Julius N. 2/26 Mya V. 2/29	Elias G.12/01Nadalie C.12/02Grace L.12/02Heavenly G.12/04Christian K.12/07Alicia M.12/10Jose H.12/24Kaylee S.12/26Yeraldi S.12/29Arianna Y.12/31Antonio G.1/04Jan B.1/10Anthony H.1/18Daniel G.1/20Deondre L.1/23Ivan H.1/26Dartrevyon S.1/31Pedro S.2/01Haley K.2/02Jennifer G.2/06David B.2/07Emily M.2/10Devin R.2/12Jackson B.2/16Grace S.2/18Kiara W.2/18Angel A.2/23	Isaiah L.       12/07         Janai H.       12/12         Felix G.       12/14         Antonio L.       12/17         Alessandro C.12/18         Amari F.       12/19         Katelin K.       12/19         Demarion C.       1/01         Jazmin M.       1/07         Erandy C.       1/13         Xochitl M.       1/14         Cody L.       1/15         Brian R.       1/18         Makyla M.       1/19         Daniel S.       1/25         Jacob T.       1/29         Juan C.       1/30         Lauren E.       2/10         Amari W.       2/11         Molly O.       2/12         Ashley W.       2/13         Juan C.       2/16         Abigail D.       2/19         Kyle M.       2/19         Kyle M.       2/19         Jacqueline T.       2/19         Yacqueline T.       2/24         Araseli S.       2/26         Victavian T.       2/27	Kelsey C. 12/02 Anthony C. 12/04 Alexis M. 12/05 Vincent I. 12/17 Kayle M. 12/21 Emily P. 12/27 Joshua C. 12/28 Erin M. 1/01 Natalia R. 1/01 Erika O. 1/05 Samuel F. 1/17 Breasia E. 1/18 Luis P. 1/26 Brian S. 1/28 Abigail M. 2/03 Adrien H. 2/25	Happy Birthday to Kaylee K. Happy Birthday to Micah S. Happy birthday Mr.Barry Happy Sarah Scott! Hope it's the best! Happy Birthday Grace! Hope, you have a good day!

#### **BOOK REVIEW** BY: ABBIE DETERMAN

Bloom

Rating: 4.5 out of 5 stars Reading level: Young Adult/Teen Age: 16+

This is a typical love story... with a sense of baking along with it. Meet Ari and Hector, and where they both work together at Ari's dad's bakery, who later fall in love. Ari doesn't know what to do with his life, he doesn't know his dreams. Hector loves to bake, but he is afraid to open up about his feelings to others since he broke up with his boyfriend, Andrew. Ari is also part of a band, but later fall apart due to their friendship falling apart. When the two boys meet, they are instantly friends, then a month later dating each other. Until the bakery burns up in flames due to a fire accident. Hector takes the blame, but Ari knew it wasn't his fault, and

then they drift apart. They do get back together, with more unconditional love for each other.

" What was that for?' 'Nothing. You're just cute and I love you.

~Bloom, Panetta



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I finally tucked the last letter inside of the locker, looking around to make sure no one saw me. There were more this year than in the past, and it took me longer than I expected. Every year I always wrote an anonymous letter to every new student in our grade, with advice. This year however, was slightly different. On a spontaneous whim instead of signing every letter as anonymous I signed a single letter with my initials, B.E. As soon as I slipped the letter in the locker I regretted it, but it was too late to turn back now.

The whole class turned as someone walked into the classroom late. Mr. Kline requested that I assist him with the assignment, on finding the hypotenuse, and I belligerently agreed, a feeling in my gut saying that he was the one that received the letter with my abbreviated name on it.

I watched James as he tried to figure out who the author of my letter was. Eventually I took pity on him and informed him that it was me.

Over time, James and I became good friends, there were a few times that we thought about dating, but we decided that we were better off as friends. Despite that, we made a pact saying that if we were both still single after his 27th birthday we would try being a couple. We tried to stay friends after graduation, but I moved to New York for college, and we naturally grew apart. After years of not hearing from each other we ran into each other as I was moving back home. I was out on a run for groceries, late at night, and I accidentally bumped into someone. Not seeing who it was I apologized and started to continue with the rest of my shopping, when a familiar voice called my name.

I was estiac when James invited me to his 27th birthday party. It wasn't until I was falling asleep that I remember the pact that we made. At the party I rekindled my friendship with James, I was the last one left at the party, and about to leave with no hope that he remembered our pact, when he grabbed my hand and kissed me. "I hope you're single." He whispered "I am," I responded, pulling him in for another kiss.



By: Emma Scott and Brenda Napoles

# Creative Writing

I was running late, and it was my sister's fault (she always hogs the bathroom to do her hair and makeup even though she's only a freshman). I was already nervous about starting at a new school, and being late did nothing to help those nerves. As I shut my locker out of the corner of my eye I saw what looked like a piece of paper fall out of my locker. When I picked it up and glanced at it it looked like a letter to me. Confused and intrigued I tucked it in with my things to read later if class got boring.

I eventually read the letter, and yearned to learn the author of it, so I could befriend and thank them.

When Brenda told me that she was the author of the letter I received at the beginning of the school year I was slightly surprised. She was so quiet and kept to herself, it was out of character. Despite that, the whole time I was hoping that it was her, and from the moment I saw her I knew that there was more to her than what meets the eye.

After a few years my friendship with Brenda had died off, and we hadn't seen each other since, but despite that I knew immediately that the person that bumped into me was Brenda. As she started to walk away I called out her name, and my heart soared when she turned and I saw that it was really her. She has changed since she left, but she still held a bit of the Brenda I knew in High School. Remembering the pact we had made, and hoping to resurrect our friendship. I invited her to my party tomorrow.

# MRS. A'S Winter **FAV'S**

Painting: Wintery setting (see below)

#### Recipe to Try: 5-ingredient Chocolate Peanut Butter

Book: The Search for

Joyful

BY: MRS. SARAH AGUILA

New Years Resolution: Letting Go of stuff (material items and self criticism)



### FALL RECAP



# Winter Favorites

Cups

CREATIVE SHOELACE DESIGNS I have a few tennis shoes that could be jazzed up, that show how to tie your students try one video of

their choice too. It doesn't cost extra



look more unique.

LETTERING FONTS

USING PLAIN MARKERS In Religion class, we do a number of creative calligraphy pens. I found a regular Crayola marker to

try it out with my 7th Graders.

#### **CARVING PUMPKINS / MELTED CRAYON PUMPKINS**

My daughter helped me carve the sunflower pumpkin, and I carved the Lumos Harry Potter themed pumpkin. My husband and my son did some traditional scary-face pumpkins, which lasted the longest. The inserted plastic teeth scared the animals away. The chipmunks eviscerated the girls' pumpkins right away, so next time we may carve them the week of Halloween. However, I still want to try the melted crayon technique. There's always next year!

#### APPLE AND PUMPKIN FARM

My immediate family and the rest of the Aquilas all made it to Jerry Smith during separate visits, but I didn't get a chance this year to go to any Apple Orchards or pumpkin farms except for Apple Holler. Fall ended too quickly!

#### FALL SIGN CANCELLED; WINTERY SCENE INSTEAD

I did not get this fall sign done before Thanksgiving like I had planned. I just didn't get the stencil in-time. I instead chose

to paint a wintery scene that I will show the faculty and staff how to paint at our Christmas Party.



5-INGREDIENT CHOCOLATE PEANUT BUTTER CUPS blessing in disguise because they help me control the food food I consume. Reese Peanut Butter Cups were my favorite candy when I could eat anything I wanted. I still have yet to make my own, so it is going to happen this holiday season. I



have done something similar then adding a spoonful of natural peanut butter in between two layers of chocolate. But this recipe to get that similar peanut

#### INCREDIBLE DIY OPTICAL ILLUSIONS



If this doesn't happen with my 7th graders this some of these optical araders 2nd semester. mounted on colorful paper for the Festival of

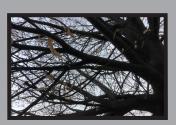
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# NATURE Photography



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By: Arianna Macias

# FOOD REVIEW Buffald Wild Wings

I have been to Buffalo Wild Wings many times and they always treat me very well. Their service is really kind, attentive and respectful. All the meals and appetizers are great. They have a great variety of wing flavors from what to pick. Most of the time, I have buffalo medium because I don't like my wings overly spicy but there are a lot of flavors from mild to really spicy. If you don't necessarily like wings, I would also recommend their hamburgers and fries. I have also never had problems with anything there. If you are ever looking for a place to eat around Racine, I really recommend it.











Kate C.



Louisa P.



Paloma H.



Jon.R



Kara P.



IF YOU WANT AN EASY METHOD TO KEEP LEFTOVER WRAPPING PAPER ORGANIZED, PUTTING A TOILET PAPER TUBE OVER YOU WRAPPING PAPER TUBE HELPS KEEP THE PAPER IN PLACE.



Another wrapping paper tip is about the struggle of tape. If you don't have a handy dandy roll of tape that keeps it place for you this hack helps. Just get a piece of paper stick or paper clip, on the section of the tape that you want to have your tape marked ready for you to just grab your tape and wrap your present.



IF YOUR TREE IS IN A CORNER AND YOU NEED TO FIND A WAY TO FIT ONE ROLL OF FOIL ON THE TREE, JUST APPLY IT TO THE FRONT. SINCE, IT'S IN A CORNER NOBODY WILL EVEN SEE THAT BACK.

https://www.instructables.com/id/10-Life-Hacks-You-Need-To-Know-For-Christmas/?scrlybrkr=f07523c0



### Faculty Interview Ms. Williams

#### What is your favorite part about being at St. Cats? My favorite part about being at schs is being able to meet and converse with students.

What is your favorite part about being a teacher? My favorite part about being a teacher is being able to help educate and add life to students and their education.

What do you wish you could do more of as a teacher? I wish I could teach about culture and value of one's self.

WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE SEASON OF THE YEAR? MY FAVORITE SEASON IS WINTER.

What is your favorite holiday? My favorite holiday is Christmas.

What is your favorite food? My favorite foods are Greens and barbecued ribs.

What is one word you would use to describe yourself? I would describe myself as phenomenal.

What is your favorite book? Daily devotional quotes, it's a book of spiritual quotes to make your day better.

Who do you look up to? I look up a lot to my cousin Brenda, who is a minister.

IF YOU COULD MEET ONE PERSON IN THE WORLD WHO WOULD IT BE? I WOULD LIKE TO MEET MYSELF.

Where would you like to visit in the future? I would like to visit China and Paris

DESCRIBE YOUR PERFECT VACATION IN 3 WORDS?

WOULD DESCRIBE MY PERFECT VACATION AS RELAXING, EXCITING, AND UNFORGETTABLE.

What is something you enjoy doing with your Family? I Enjoy watching movies and having family art time with my family.

What was your favorite subject in school? My favorite subject in school was math.

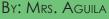
What is a goal you have for yourself this year? A goal I have for myself is to always redirect students that are off the right path, help them to see the value of life, the gift of knowledge for their future life and be a light to as many kids as possible.

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### AMUSING CHURCH SIGNS









#### INTERVIEWED BY: SAM WOODS

Meet <sup>THE</sup> Staff Grace Szczerba WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE CANDY? MIKE AND IKE'S

What I your favorite movie? Shrek

What do you enjoy doing in your free time? Watching Netflix

What is your favorite animal? Axolotl

WHAT WOULD YOU DO WITH 1 MILLION DOLLARS?

Travel to Japan





### Bao

It's the absolute cutest short

movie that Disney PIXAR has ever done to watch for the people young and young at heart. It's about a little dumpling that comes to life in front of his maker, who it becomes it's mother. As the dumpling (Bao) grows up, it becomes more annoyed with his mother's overprotectiveness. She doesn't want her "son'' to grow up, she wants him to be by her for the rest of her life. Is she willing to let go, or will she have to "eat" her emotions into it? This is a personal favorite short of mine.

Age: Everyone Genre: Fantasy, Comedy, Romance



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By: Arianna Macias

Sagittarius

5 out

of 5

**Stars** 

Zodiac sign: Sagittarius People born: Between November 22nd and December 21st Symbol: Archer Element: Fire

Sagittarius are wanderers, they like to go to places and learn new things. They love exploring and going on road trips. They also like knowing(learning) a lot about themselves and other things. They are also really smart and athletic. They love being active and in action. Sagittarius are also honest. If you want a truly good friend a Sagittarius would be a good idea, if you don't get hurt easily, because they tell things as they are. They tell you what they actually think and are honest at all times. They have pretty awesome qualities as a person because not everyone is as honest, so if you want to hear honest things about yourself get a Sagittarius in your life.

# Christmas



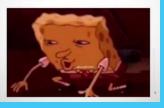
# Memes By: Joe Paiga



Winter: \*exists\*
10 years old me: \*pretends I'm a dragon\*



when the teacher ask for homework and you gotta act like your looking for it even tho you didn't do it



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Dear Andy,

How do I deal with losing friends?

Sincerely, Struggling Student

Dear Struggling Student,

Losing friends is a tough situation that no one wants to really go through. The first thing you should always do is recognize that there is a problem between you and your friend; if you don't do this and just keep continuing the friendship, you can cause more strain, which solves nothing. After recognizing the problem, you must find the time to converse about this problem. Ignoring the problem and going on with life ends a friendship in a terrible way. You should then try to fix the problem and maybe even take a break from each other to help strengthen the friendship. Once you've done that, really think about if either of you really want to continue the friendship. What pros and cons will it present, and is it the best thing for both people in the situation.

Sincerely,

BY: EMMA SCOTT WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 18-FRIDAY DECEMBER 20 • FINAL EXAMS MONDAY DECEMBER 23-FRIDAY JANUARY 3 • Christmas Break WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 25 CHRISTMAS DAY MONDAY JANUARY 6 CLASSES RESUME MONDAY JANUARY 20 • No School MONDAY JANUARY 26-FRIDAY FEBRUARY 1 • CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

# Snowman Mason Jar

#### BY: MARGARITA REYES-PEÑA

#### **MATERIALS:**

- Any type of fluffy material (preferably fluffy plastic snow)
- Mason jar
- Large red Pom Poms
- Red and white pipe cleaners
- **Black buttons**
- Orange air dry clay
- Glue gun
- Deco-page or mod-podge

#### **DIRECTIONS:**

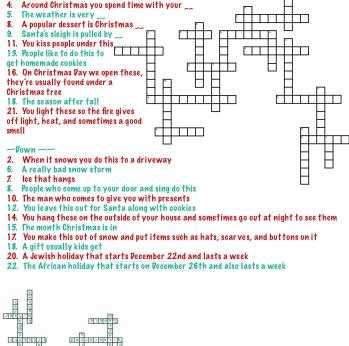
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- 1. Make a carrot nose out of the air dry clay.
- 2. With the hot glue gun, glue on the nose and 2 black buttons on mason jar, to make the face.
- 3. With the Deco-page or mod-podge, cover the mason jar with it. Cover it with plastic snow material (do this over something to create less of a mess) and left it dry.
- 4. Now to make the earmuffs cut one red and white pipe cleaner in half and twist them together. Mold them into a U shape.
- 5. Then grab the mason jar lid and glue 2 large red Pom poms to the side. Glue the twisted pipe cleaners on top.
- 6. Twist the lid back on and you're finished with your adorable snowman!

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### Faculty Interview Mr. Seventy

What is something that motivates you day to bay? What motivates me day to day is the inspiration to become the best musician I can be and perfecting my music.

### WHAT DO YOU ENJOY MOST ABOUT YOUR JOB?

I ENJOY DEALING WITH ALL THE DIFFERENT PEOPLE AND INTERACTING WITH PEOPLE. EVERY NEW PERSON IS ANOTHER PERSPECTIVE THAT CAN HELP ME.

#### WHAT IS YOUR GOAL AS A MUSIC TEACHER?

My goal as a music teacher is to make kids enjoy music class and making sure that they are exposed to different kinds of music that they might not listen to.

IF YOU COULD HAVE 5 MINUTES WITH SOMEONE WHO HAS PASSED AWAY, WHO WOULD IT BE?

I would spend 5 minutes with either Louis Armstrong or James brown.

How would you describe yourself in 3 words?

I would describe myself as Focused,energetic,and fun loving.

#### WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE HOBBY?

My favorite hobbies outside of music are to read, watch tv, and play video games.

WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE COLOR? MY FAVORITE COLOR IS PURPLE.

WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE MOVIE?

 $M_{\ensuremath{\mathsf{Y}}}$  favorite movie would have to be The Blues Brothers.

#### WHO IS YOUR FAVORITE SINGER(S)?

My favorite singers are James brown and Aretha franklin.

WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE SONG?

My favorite song is Sir Duke by Stevie Wonder.

WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE TYPE OF MUSIC ?

My favorite type of music is Funk.

WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE INSTRUMENT?

My favorite instrument is cello.

Would you rather not be able to sing or play your favorite instrument?

WOULD RATHER NOT BE ABLE TO SING.

WHAT ARE YOU EXCITED TO DO THIS CHRISTMAS BREAK?

AM EXCITED TO SEE MY FAMILY, BECAUSE I ONLY GET TO SEE THEM TWICE A YEAR.

## WHAT IS SOMETHING THAT YOU WANT TO IMPROVE ABOUT YOURSELF FOR THIS UPCOMING YEAR?

WANT TO BE MORE PATIENT, AND LEARN THAT STUDENTS HAVE DIFFERENT WAYS OF LEARNING.

### TRAVEL DESTINATIONS

Christmas season is coming soon which means: winter break! I have complied a small list of some fun destinations that would be marvelous if you traveled to.

#### Carmel by the Sea, California

This city has a variety of activities and beautiful views. With a small town beach, you can spend your day with the beautiful ocean and cool breeze. You could also spend your day in the multitude of spas. If you like golfing though you can go to Carmel Valley Ranch. Many activities can be done there, like having a Hanukkah party, Chrismas caroling and having a New Years party. They have many animals in Carmel Valley Ranch as well visit.

#### Aspen, Colorado

Aspen, Colorado is a town very close to the Rocky Mountains. Aspen is widely known as a skiing town with its many lodges and resorts. Not only that, but if you're a shopper it's also known for its many beautiful boutiques. One of its famous landmarks is the Wheeler Opera House (built in 1889). It has a history of showing off old pieces from the 1800s and more. So if you love history, skiing, and shopping, you should consider Aspen, Colorado as your next vacation spot.

#### The Big Island, Hawaii

Finally, if you feel like leaving the continental U.S. to a nice warm place, this is the perfect spot for you. The Big Island contains a very diverse terrain from beautiful colored sandy beaches to lush forest. With the beautiful ocean right next to you, you're sure to enjoy your vacation on this island.

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