

# CHRISTMAS: not canceled

by sophomore Lane Rogers

To most, Christmas is a time of Santa, hot chocolate, and presents. But this year, it should only be about the *presence*.

After all, that is what Christmas is all about- being with family and friends.

Traditions like putting the star on the top of the tree, baking cookies, or going to Grandma's on Christmas Eve mean more when they are done together.

With rising COVID numbers, people are tentative to get together, nervous, unwilling even. But that's why we need Christmas - now more than ever.

Spending this holiday season with friends and family will help heal the heart.

We all need Christmas to fill the hole COVID has left in all of our lives.

Christmas is our light at the end of this dark tunnel called 2020.

Perhaps now, more than ever, we need to be united, not only with our family, but with our spirits.



**Tasty Traditions**  
Many families have cherished holiday traditions, some around what we eat. Three proud Pirates share recipes that have been holiday favorites in their household so that we can make them in our own homes to enjoy!  
by sophomore Ainsley Slade



**Molasses Cookies**  
senior Caitlyn O'Malley



**Butterscotch Rolls**  
junior Levi Budaireau



**Christmas Eve Bars**  
senior Annie Nethmer

**Dear SANTA,**  
I know I wasn't perfect this year, but I hope I made the Nice List. So here are a few things I hope to find under my tree on Christmas morning!



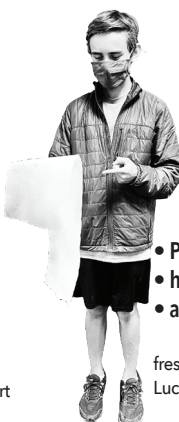
- car trash holder
- thread earrings
- Burn After Writing book

junior Calli Heinzler



- new tube for the lake
- clothes
- money

freshman Mackenzie Stuart



- PS5
- hoverboard
- a dog

freshman Lucas Grady



- money
- AirPods
- stuff for college

senior Emily Ingamells

## 2020 watchlist

For many, nothing says Christmas like putting on your flannel pjs and watching a Christmas movie. But which is the best? Enjoy filling out this Holiday Face-Off with your family and friends to decide what to watch. Hit play!  
by sophomore Josie Bergmeier



## Time for "The hap-hap-happiest Christmas" movie ever

by freshman Mackenzie Stuart

Cozy up in your Christmas PJ's and sip on some hot cocoa as you watch *National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation*.

The 1989 comedy film, written by *Home Alone's* John Hughes, is based on his short story in the *National Lampoon Magazine* "Christmas '59".

This film marks the third addition to *National Lampoon's* vacation film sequence which follows the quirky American Griswold family, led by one of *Saturday Night Live's* original cast members Chevy Chase.

It's Christmas! The happiest time of year in the Griswold household, which Grandpa Art (*The Defenders'* E. G. Marshall) likes to refer to as "the nuthouse".

Whether it's spending hours untangling a massive ball of lights, hunting for the perfect gift, slaving to make the perfect holiday meal, or being stuck with family members you are glad to only see once a year, everyone can find something to relate to in this exaggerated but honest look at the holidays.

Its crazy storyline takes you on an unpredictable, insane journey of amusement.

Taking such a typical, relatable family Christmas and adding multiple hysterical plot twists and comedic lines, especially those delivered by Cousin Eddy (*Independence Day's* Randy Quaid), makes *Christmas Vacation* the gift that keeps on giving.

## Who sings it best? Holiday Hits Edition

by sophomore Josie Bergmeier

We asked Hudson High School students which version of classic Christmas songs they liked best. There was one clear winner and some very close runner-ups.



### Rising Star?

Freshman Drew Barber was voted for all three songs by some of his classmates. Who knew we had our own "celebrity" Christmas artist at Hudson High School. We'll be awaiting an album this holiday season... or maybe even a live performance.

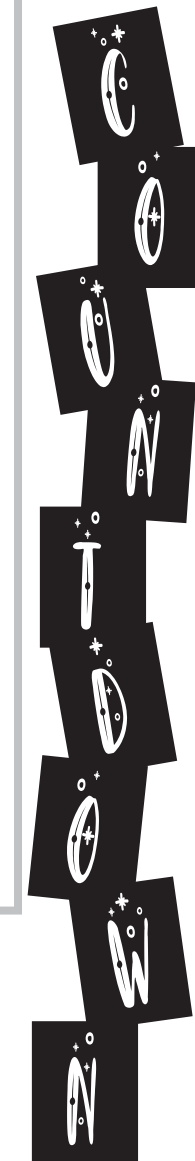
photo by freshman Sofia Brown

**WINNER:**  
"It's the Most Wonderful Time of the Year"  
Andy Williams

• "White Christmas"  
Bing Crosby

• "Hallelujah"  
Bob Dylan

## New Year's



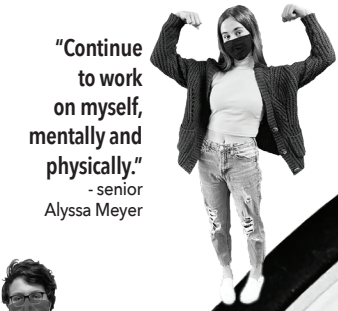
"To continue getting good grades in school through Covid."  
- sophomore Ayden Meyer

"To earn enough money to buy a house."  
- senior Carter Swope

"To be happy and not let anything get to me or take anything to heart."  
- junior Marissa Mayer

"To be more open minded to others' views."  
- senior Jared King

Check out some of the Hudson High School students' New Years Resolutions to get inspired to come up with your own. Let's ring in 2021!  
by sophomore Ainsley Slade



"Continue to work on myself, mentally and physically."  
- senior Alyssa Meyer

