

be involved.

How did you learn the truth about Santa Clause?



"My mom sat my sister and me in our room and was like, 'Just to let ya know, Santa isn't real. It's us.' I was really shocked and confused because I always stayed up waiting for him on Christmas Eve. I kept on asking her a bunch of questions, but I didn't cry!"

• Kinzie Recker (9)



"It was a fateful day in second grade, and my dad and I were at Walmart in the toy section. I saw the latest Leggo set and said, 'Maybe Santa Claus can get it for me for Christmas.' Then, my dad went to buy it for me, and I said, 'Dad, Santa is getting that for me!' He replied, 'Shut up, Santa isn't real, and I'm getting you this toy.'"

• Gage Gassmann (10)

"nick in the box."

Unhappy about starting their holiday break a day early, students begged to go to school instead. They didn't want to miss the performance starring juniors Tyler Cassutt, Harrison Guetzko, and Nick LaRosa at the holiday assembly.

After searching for a song to sing together, the boys created an original skit called "Nick in the Box," incorporating their original choreography.

Throughout the song, every time Cassutt and Guetzko would sing, "It was a Nick in a box," LaRosa would pop out of a life-sized present and

dance. "When people first watched us in rehearsal, they were hysterically laughing!" Cassutt said.

The boys practiced for two weeks in hopes of performing at the Christmas assembly.

Unfortunately, the winter weather stopped them, and the assembly was canceled, yet again, disappointing "Nick in the Box" fans.

"We were really disappointed about not being able to perform, but it just gives us something to look forward to for next year," Cassutt said.

"I made all of the cake balls! Frosting them was my favorite part."

• Kristina Herdrich (10)



1. Pleasantly surprised, Cierra Fischer (12) receives a Christmas cupcake from friend Jena Downs (12).



2. After three hours of preparing treats for the FCCLA fundraiser, Kaitlin Pauls (11) and Chelsie Mangold (10) display their finished products.



3. Teacher Jean Conrad dresses the part on Santa hat day while Hannah Schmidt (9) shares her book conference.



Keeping up with the holiday festivities, sophomores Kristi Klein and Cassidy Schaul hide a bell in teacher Tom Fetter's classroom.

holiday happenings.



Tyler Hosch (11)



Andrew Robertson (12)



Cole Bolsinger (10)



Tara Cline (12)



Cassidy Oberreuter (10)

snow day disappoints.



-*Mariah Palmer, 12*
"I'm mad we didn't have school because I searched at three different Good Will stores for an ugly Christmas sweater!"



-*Teacher Jenny Huelmergarth*
"We were going to do 'Dancing with the Teachers.' I'm always very sad when the assembly gets canceled."



-*Alli Aulwers, 9*
"I wish I could have worn my grandma's sweater because it had a big, ugly Christmas tree on it."



-*Brooklynn Beaman, 12*
"I wish we would've had school because I've only gotten to see the Christmas assembly once!"

merry melodies.



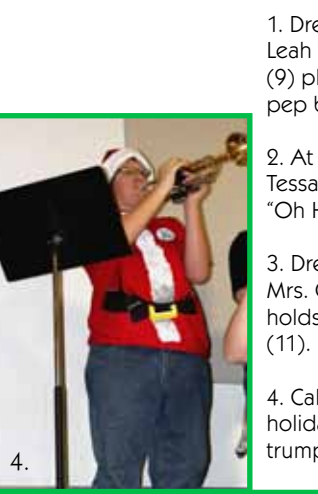
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1. Dressed in Christmas colors, Leah Willie (12) and Erika Hill (9) play their instruments for pep band.

2. At the Christmas concert, Tessa Shere (11) sings a solo in "Oh Holy Night."

3. Dressing as Santa Claus and Mrs. Claus, Austin Sack (12) holds his "wife" Gina Boeding (11).

4. Caleb Lyons (10) displays his holiday spirit while playing his trumpet at the basketball game.

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