

THE GMS GAZETTE

10 Acts of Kindness

by Jalia Humphreys

During the holiday times, everyone wants to show kindness or gratitude, whether it's donating food to your local food bank, or buying someone's coffee. The little things you do for people might have been their next meal, or it might brighten someone's gloomy day. So, if you're looking for some things to do to show your kindness this holiday season, here are 10 ways to show Christmas kindness.

1. Help someone load their groceries
2. Donate stuffed animals to police and fire departments
3. Donate books you don't read anymore
4. Volunteer at local places in your area
5. Offer to help with dinner at your house
6. Bake something sweet for your neighbor or friend
7. Talk to someone at school you've never conversed with before
8. Hold the door open for someone
9. Do something around your house without being asked
10. Talk to a peer or family member you haven't in awhile



Christmas Competition

by Sam Brutchin

It is December, and all of the GMS students know what that means. Ms. Drenick and Mr. Clevenger will begin decorating their rooms with mass amounts of lights, trees, Christmas blow ups, and any other Christmas decoration you can think of, in a "friendly" competition amongst each other.

This is their third year participating in the Christmas competition. Clevenger's theme this year is a Christmas tree farm. He has seven full sized trees in his room and strand after strand of lights hung up. He also has a Santa Claus and a snowman blow up outside of his door. Ms. Drenick's theme is Grandma Got Ran Over by a Reindeer. She has lights strung out throughout her room, a chimney, and homeroom family photos on the mantle. She also posted a naughty and nice list, where the naughty list consists of Clevenger's home room, and everyone on the nice list is in her homeroom.

When asked if she wanted to win, Ms. Drenick said, "I love Christmas, and so any chance I get to celebrate it, I'll take it. Winning would just be an added bonus."

Although there are no judges, and there is no winner, students enjoy to see how far these two teachers will actually go.



Mr. Clevenger's Room

Sherlock snow and the Missing Presents!

By Kennedy Delp

Coming soon to the Girard Middle School auditorium, "Sherlock Snow and The Missing Presents!" Directed and written by Anna Drenick. This year, the 6th grade drama class will be performing the play. The director and writer, Anna Drenick, who has been teaching drama for 2 years now, explained how she came up with the play. "For our holiday play this year, I couldn't find one I liked, so my brother and I teamed up and wrote an original one." The 6th grade cast includes: Kiera Miler as the narrator, Emma Guns as Ellie, Graci Murphy as Charlie, Chloe Hart as Holly, Clancy Burlingame as Santa, Makenna Smith as Mrs. Claus, Scott Moore as Sherlock, Lilly Winter as the Gingerbread Man, Kaitlyn Sansbury as The Grinch, Weston Bruning as Jack Frost, Lilly Ripper as Frosty, Kaylee Davied as Rudolph, and Kayden Johns as Kevin McCalloster. Scott Moore, Detective Sherlock Snow, hopes that the play will help him to project his voice more on stage and be confident when speaking in front of a large crowd. Emma Guns, Ellie the elf, also hopes that the play will help her project her voice more and learn more about acting. Ms. Drenick and the cast of "Sherlock Snow and The Missing Presents," have been working very hard on this play and they will perform it on December 20th.

Student Spotlight: Kenpo Karate Kids

By Hannah Warner

What requires hard work, discipline, and a swift kick? Three 8th grade boys at GMS know the answer. It's Karate! Trey Collins, Ryan Jarboe, and Riley Walden all do karate at Walden Kenpo Karate. Walden's dad, Michael Walden, owns the studio and has been teaching Chinese kenpo karate for 8-10 years now, but he has only owned the studio for 1 year. Collins and Walden practice around 5 hours a week and Jarboe practices 1 hour at the studio and 2 hours at home. All three boys would like to be a black belt one day. When Collins was asked what he loved about it he replied, "getting pushed to my limits and sometimes over." Walden started karate to do it with his dad. When asked why he started karate, Jarboe exclaimed, "after I watched karate kid I wanted to try it." The boys will be going to a tournament in January in Joplin. This will be their first tournament. If you would like to join this unique sport head to Walden kenpo karate in Girard Kansas or talk to Michael or Riley Walden.



Ryan Jarboe and Trey Collins



Scott Moore and Emma Guns

Oakview Christmas

By Laney Miller

I have heard of nursing homes not celebrating Christmas. But some do. The 7th and 8th grade Science teacher, works at a nursing home in the evenings.

She said that they decorate and if families want to come up and spend time with the elderly or take them home for the holidays they can. If the people aren't able to leave the facility, then they have parties and they hand out gifts.

I spoke with one of the residents at the Oak View Nursing Home, and had her answer a few questions. Her name is Anna Marie and she is 95 years old.

When asked "What is your favorite holiday tradition?" she replied, "every Christmas Eve we have a big celebration at my daughters house and we make gnocchi.

What's the best gift you've ever gotten? "I got engaged to my husband Norman."

What is your favorite thing to eat on Christmas? "I like fried chicken and mashed potatoes with brown gravy on top." What is your favorite Christmas movie? "White Christmas, it's a darling movie."

I'm sure Miss Anna Marie really enjoys Christmas time. She loves all things Christmas and celebrating it with the people she loves and getting to see all of her family members.

7th Grade Basketball

By Kennedy Delp

This years 7th grade Trojan basketball girls are dribbling up a season. So far, the 7th grade girls have won 6 games and lost 3. This seasons team includes: Hanna Bailey, Bailey Bradshaw, Peyton Brooks, Rylee Brooks, Hayden Buckley, Breeanna Clugston, Jayden Finley, Bethany Herlocker, Tania Hernandez, Adysin McCarley, Ainsley Norton, Regan Poland, Kali Powell, Natalie Powell, Carly Reif, Claire Stevens, Kinley Tucker, and Saylor Worell.

Their coach, Rob Adolph, has been coaching middle school basketball for 7 years now, but this is his first season coaching girls basketball. When asked what are his hopes this season for the 7th grade girls, he replied, "My hopes for the season are to win the league tournament in a couple weeks. The girls will have to come out and work hard the next couple of weeks to achieve that goal."

Breeanna Clugston, who has been playing basketball for 5 years now, expressed her feelings about this season, " I love basketball in general, but coach Adolph and my teammates make it just so much better. It's the best feeling when you have your team supporting you. I also love how we work so amazing together. This season has been the best so far, I'm just so thankful for my team and coach. I'm also so proud of all our hard work and effort we put in." The 7th grade girls will end their season December 13th with a league tournament. Dribble away Trojans!and getting to see all of her family members.



Hallmark Movies

By Caitlin Cranston

Christmas Movies, easily one of the best parts of Christmas. There are just so many to choose from. And the endless supply of Christmas cheer will last you into next year. One of the main producers of these movies is Hallmark.

Hallmark has been a staple in romance, comedy, and holiday movies since 2001. But before that they were a card company that was founded in 1910. This company reaches over 85 million people. Hallmark's annual revenue is around \$6.5 Million a year. Hallmark's main demographic is made up of people from 18-64 years of age.

On November 30, 2014 Hallmark released one of its first movies, *One Christmas Eve*, this movie promptly made its way into the Hallmark Hall of Fame. Last year Hallmark created over 33 original holiday movies and has over 136 Christmas movies under their belt. Since it's first production Hallmark has skyrocketed in fame and has continuously provided holiday movies for years. It's always strived to stay family friendly and has not lost focus on this goal yet. Hallmark is a wonderful producer of family movies and each movie has something for everyone. Hallmark has and will continue to be a staple in the holiday industry.

The Mind of Jake Paul

By Carlie Vail

While it may be easy to lay around and listen to these drama filled videos, is it easy to understand the other side of them? Most conspiracy theory videos are filled to the brim with peoples walk to fame and their problems. When it comes to the business side of being a vlogger, they usually don't speak up about it. One series that came out in particular made a huge swirl of hearsay information. Shane Dawson, a YouTuber, recently made a series called "The Mind of Jake Paul." Many people are beginning to question the safety of Jakes videos. In an interview with Jake, he said he intended to be a billionaire. Coming to conclusion, Shane never talked about Jake's business side during the 8 part series. People do not know about his money business. Paul is hired by a huge company that pays him to make his videos. Not only is it just about the money, but about the merchandise. As most people know, his videos contain him promoting his merchandise a lot. In one of his thirteen minute videos, seven minutes were spent telling his viewers they should buy his merchandise. Jake's videos do not follow the guidelines for being a kids channel on YouTube.

The guidelines require the channels not to pitch sales and put links to buying items in the videos. Jake even admitted he had a younger crowd to influence in one of his older videos. People were complaining in the comments that Shane was only hiding this stuff to help him out. Does Shane series take blame for not including this type of stuff in there? Is he trying to make Jake look better and build him up for more business deals by making the series? When Shane first announced he was making the series on Jake he received a lot of hate and people even began to unsubscribe. People are coming together agreeing the videos are bias to Jake and not telling the truth. Though even if they are bias to Jake, there are no guidelines stating it has to be true information. They are made to persuade you, not to inform you. I believe the series is biased to Jake and to help him make more money by building up his business again.

Holiday Recipe

Heidi Tucker's Old Settler's Beans

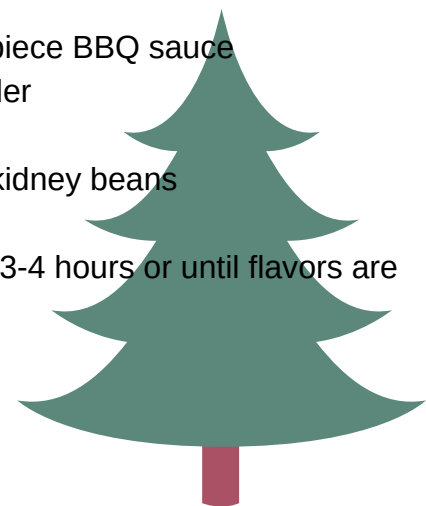
Brown in skillet:

- 1 1/2 lb chopped pepper bacon
- 1 med onion
- 1 1/2 lb ground beef

Drain fat, put in crock pot. Stir in:

- 1/3 c brown sugar
- 1/3 c ketchup
- 1 1/2 tsp pepper
- 1 tsp salt
- 1-16 oz can pork and beans
- 1-16 oz can butter beans
- 1 1/2 c sugar
- 1/4 c KC Masterpiece BBQ sauce
- 1/2 tsp chili powder
- 1 tsp mustard
- 1-16 oz can red kidney beans

Cook in crop pot 3-4 hours or until flavors are well blended



Teen Gift Guide

By Brooklyn Mlekus

If you ever feel like you don't know what to get your daughter/son that's a teen, below I've listed 25 gift ideas for teenage girls and boys, some even recommended by actual teens

GIRLS:

1. Kendra Scott Necklace

\$65.00

kendrascott.com

2. James Charles Palette

\$39.00

ulta.com

3. Popsocket

\$10.00

popsocket.com

4. Polaroid

\$59.99

target.com

5. Velvet Scrunchies

\$18.99

amazon.com

6. White Crocs

\$39.99

crocs.com

7. Fuzzy Socks

\$19.99.

amazon.com

8. Hydro Flask

\$44.95

hydroflask.com

9. Bubble Pop Phone Case

\$8.41

amazon.com

10. Felt Letter Board

\$22.95.

amazon.com

1. Baseball Board Game

\$22.99

amazon.com

2. XBOX One

\$429.99

walmart.com

3. Nintendo Switch

\$359.99

amazon.com

4. Heavy Bag Kit

\$66.99

amazon.com

5. Go Pro

\$599.99

bestbuy.com

6. Bluetooth Speaker

\$27.99

amazon.com

7. Fitbit

\$149.95

fitbit.com

8. AirPods

\$159.00

apple.com

9. Echo Dot

\$24.99

amazon.com

10. Beats Headphones

\$349.95

beats.com



Drawing by Emma Kendall-Barrett

A Christmas Parody

By Bailey Troike and Gracie Peterson

Sung to the Tune of "Don't Stop Believin"

Just a small town elf
Living on the shelf
He took the midnight sleigh
Flyin everywhere

Just a little boy
Impatient to get his toys
He took the cookie tray
And placed it on the chair

Santa in a Smokey flue
Smell of hedge and ashy soot
He's got more houses for the night
It goes on and on and on and on

Children waiting
In their bed for Santa class
Elves shadows lurking in the night
Tree lights angles
Christmas full of joy's commotion
What a beautiful sight
Tryna get his stocking filled
Peeking just to getta thrill
Workin all year to stay nice
For this night

Some will pick some will choose
Hoping for some new shoes
Christmas movies till days end
they go on and on and on and on

Children waiting
In their bed for Santa class
Elves shadows lurking in the night
Tree lights angles
angels

Christmas full of joy's commotion
What a beautiful sight
Don't stop believin
Hold onto that Christmas spirit
Tree lights,

Don't stop believin
Hold on
Tree lights, angels
Don't stop believin
Hold onto that Christmas spirit
Tree lights, angels

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