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By: Bri Mueller Newspaper student

Flash back to November 21, 1960, prior to that year, Pittsburgh's holiday celebration was called the Preview of Christmas, but due to its success, the Golden Triangle Association and the **Building Owners and** Managers Association decided to turn Light Up Night into an official holiday event. During the first Light Up Night, all lights downtown were switched on at exactly 6 p.m. as department stores revealed their

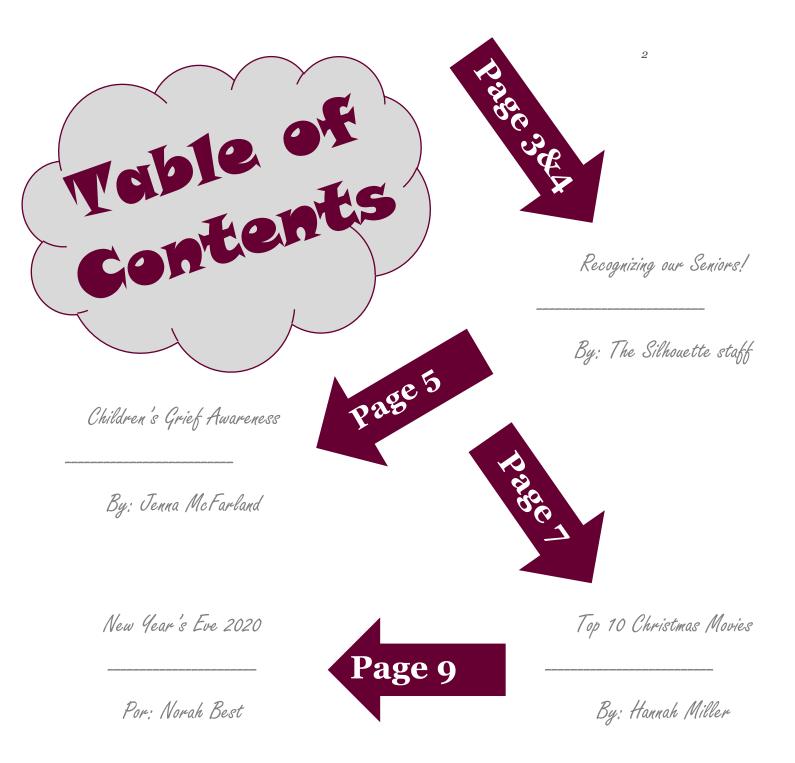
Pittsburgh light up night

holiday displays. Light up night continues until this day each year. Many gather around and see the lights and enjoy the different decorations in market square. Sadly, this year with Covid-19 there was no Light Up Night and many things were cancelled. We must keep our holiday cheer and do as much as we can for the holidays. Holidays at these times can be difficult, especially because how different celebrating and everything will be. They set up a big tree and an iceskating rink in the middle of the city so you can enjoy the



view and have fun. Light Up Night is a day-long but more recently two-daylong family festival in the city of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania coinciding with the unofficial start of the Winter holiday shopping season. Many retailers in Downtown Pittsburgh remain open late, and street

vendors and other concessionaires sell food and give away hot beverages, treats and promotional items. The city is decorated with Christmas lights, trees, among other holiday decorations. On Light Up Night, the skyscrapers and buildings in and around downtown keep their lights on throughout the night, lending to the name.



Por: Evan Schooley

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Recognizing Fall Sports



GIRLS SOCCER

SOFIA CHICKOS

MEGAN FERNANDEZ

RACHEL GUTHRIE

GRACE MCCUTCHEON

DEVIN POLLOCK

SARA ORLOWSKI

RECORD: 4-1-6



BOYS SOCCER

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JACOB ERNST

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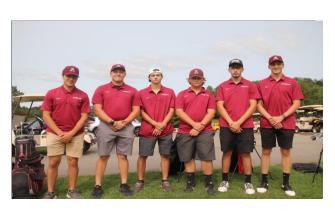
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SPENCER GREEN

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TO ALL OF OUR SENIORS, CONGRATS ON ALL OF YOUR HARD WORK & GOOD LUCK WITH THE REST OF YOUR SENIOR YEAR!

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HUNTING THROUGH THE EYE OF A HUNTER



By: Lukas Sovich Newspaper Student

Hunting has been around since the beginning of man. People needed a way to gain a source of food, and they did this through hunting and gathering. Hunting can be utilized to obtain food for oneself or for others, it can even be considered a sport. Many people have been hunting for centuries it was

passed down through pure predatorial nature. A person can get to their true roots from hunting and becoming one with nature. Through the years hunting has become very modernized through various new technology used.

The hunting seasons in PA always change throughout the years. Residents who want to hunt must purchase a license to ensure a safe and lawful hunting season. The big game seasons will be the main focus of the

text. There are so many different kinds of seasons and regulations. DEER, ARCHERY (Antlered and Antlerless) Statewide: Oct. 3-Nov. 14; Sunday, Nov. 15; Nov. 16-20 and Dec. 26-Jan. 18, 2021... One antlered deer per hunting license per year. One antlerless deer with each required antlerless license or permit.(Paragraph 28) DEER REGULAR **FIREARMS** (Antlered only) WMUS 1A, 1B, 2A, 2F, 2G, 2H, 3A, 3B, 3C, 3D, 4C, 4E and

5B: Nov. 28; WMUS 1A, 1B, 2A, 2F, 2G, 2H, 3A, 3B, 3C, 3D, 4C, 4E and 5B: Nov. 28; Sunday, Nov. 29; Nov. 30-Dec. 4. One antlered deer per hunting license year. (Paragraph 29) **DEER REGULAR FIREARMS** (Antlered and Antlerless) WMUS 1A, 1B, 2A, 2F, 2G, 2H, 3A, 3B, 3C, 3D, 4C, 4E and 5B: Dec. 5-12. One antlered deer per hunting license year. An antlerless deer with each required antlerless license. (Paragraph 30) These seasons are very important to the

foundation of hunting in PA. White tail deer season is the most popular hunting season in PA. Thousands of residents partake in the seasons yearly. All hunters must remain lawful and respectful to all of the guidelines and regulations presented in the **Hunters Guideline** book given for the year. Hunting is an amazing experience to have, and I would highly recommend it. You get to experience what it's like digging deep down into natures roots.

Children's Grief Awareness & the Power of the Caring Place



By: Jenna McFarland Newspaper Editor

What is grief? By Wikipedia definition, grief is, "The response to loss, particularly to the loss of someone or something that has died, to which a bond or affection was formed.

Although conventionally focused on the emotional response to loss, it also has physical, cognitive, behavioral, social, cultural, spiritual and philosophical dimensions." Grief is the kind of thing that you simply cannot understand until you go through it, and sometimes even then you will not understand. People deal with it in so many different

ways that sometimes it is hard to tell whether they are okay or not. The sad reality is that people going through it are convinced that they are alone, and so often those people are children. So, while November is recognized as a time to support everyone going through grief, it Is particularly centered around children. Children do not know what loss and grief are at such

young age so they in no way have the slightest idea how to handle it. That is why there is so much emphasis on paying attention to their behavior & needs in fragile times. November 19th is known as Children's **Grief Awareness** Day in which everyone is encouraged to wear blue in support of those suffering. A big participator in dealing with grief in

kids is the Highmark Caring Place located in Erie, Harrisburg, Pittsburgh and Warrendale founded by our very own, Mr. Rogers. The caring place is a familycentered, childfocused program that offers peer support sessions for the whole family. These sessions are set up beforehand with the same 15-20 families with the same volunteers to establish a strong

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sense of trust. They meet for about two hours every other week for about eight to ten weeks. At the Caring Place you come to understand that you are not alone in this hard time and that there are others who really do understand. They provide a safe place for people to be able to open up and talk about how their feeling but no one is ever forced to do so. That is the beauty of it all, despite what you are going through or how you are dealing with it, there will always be someone there to catch you when you fall.

https://www.highmarkcaringplace.com/cp2/index.shtml

PINEAPPLE ON PIZZA... THAT'S THE OTESTION

By: Sophie Beaudway **Newspaper Student**

Pineapple on pizza is a harmless question with some not-so-harmless opinions on it. It seems like everyone has an opinion about it, but almost no one is neutral. You either hate it or you love it, but what's the real answer? Does pineapple belong on pizza?

YES!

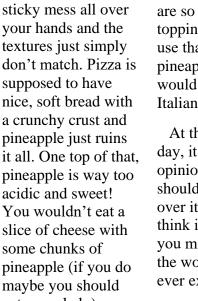
I love pineapple on pizza for one, simple reason: it tastes good! The sweetness from the pineapple and the saltiness of the cheese perfectly combined for the best food of all time. So, what if it isn't a normal topping, it's still a delicious topping that shouldn't be shunned for being a wonderful new idea. The only reason someone wouldn't like pineapple on pizza is because it's the "popular

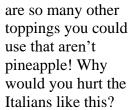
opinion" to hate on it. Most of the people who say they don't like it haven't even tried it! If those people would just try the amazing topping that is pineapple on pizza, they would instantly love it.

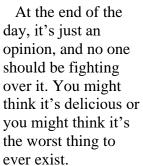
NO!

Pineapple on pizza should have never existed. Pineapple is fundamentally a bad topping. It's too juicy which makes a

your hands and the textures just simply don't match. Pizza is supposed to have nice, soft bread with a crunchy crust and pineapple just ruins it all. One top of that, pineapple is way too acidic and sweet! You wouldn't eat a slice of cheese with some chunks of pineapple (if you do maybe you should get some help) so why would you put it on your pizza? There







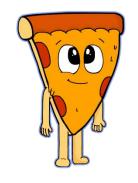




















Top 10 Christmas Movies

By: Hannah Miller **Newspaper Student**

Christmas is right around the corner, so you know what that means, Christmas movies! Who does not love to sit down in Christmas pajamas, cuddled up in a big heavy blanket, sipping hot cocoa topped with marshmallows, whipped cream, and a peppermint stick, sitting by the fireplace while watching all the classic Christmas movies! Have you ever wondered what the top rated and most popular movies are during the holiday season? If so, this article is for you! Here is a list of the top 10 most popular movies gathered from multiple websites and surveys!

10. Santa Clause is **Coming to Town**

Young Chris Kringle tries to muster up some Christmas

spirit out of the kids under the strict rule of the Burgermeister who forbids toys.

9. Rudolph the **Red-Nosed** Reindeer

This movie features Burl Ives voicing Sam the Snowman telling the story of an outcast reindeer with This iconic movie a very shiny nose and an elf who wants Christmas hater, to be a dentist.

8. The Year Without a Santa Clause

Ms. Claus, the elves, The Miser Brothers. and all the children in the world working Will Ferrell stars in to give Santa a national holiday.

7. Home Alone

Left alone just days before Christmas, young Kevin must protect his house from two robbers while his mom does get home to him.

6. How the Grinch **Stole Christmas**

The Grinch wants to stop Christmas in Whoville, so he robs everyone on Christmas Eve, but he soon finds out that Christmas is more than just presents.

5. A Christmas Carol

shows Scrooge, a getting visits from Christmas past, present, and future in a dream to open his eves and turn his life around.

4. Elf

this beloved Christmas comedy about an oversized elf who ventures away from the North Pole in search of his father.

3. A Charlie Brown **Christmas**

everything she can to The Peanuts dance to that Christmas tune while Linus tells the story of the true meaning of

Christmas in this heart-warming movie

2. A Christmas Story

Ralphie Parker dodges a bully and dreams of getting a Red Ryder air rifle for Christmas for most of his life. He tries to make it to Christmas Day with his hopes and glasses.

1. It's a Wonderful Life

George Bailey has so many problems he is thinking about ending it all during Christmas. As the angels discuss George, his life is shown in flashbacks. As George is about to jump from a bridge, he ends up rescued by his guardian angel, Clarence, who then shows George what his town would have looked like if it hadn't been for all his good deeds over the years.



WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT THE ALL-TIME FAVORITE CHRISTMAS MOVIE



By: Jenna McFarland Newspaper Editor

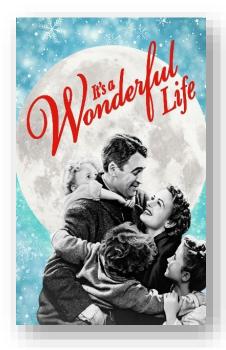
We all love a good Christmas movie that we can watch with our family & friends with snacks at our side. Everyone has their favorite whether it be *Elf*, Home Alone, Christmas Vacation. or any other Christmas classic. Have you ever wondered what the absolute favorite Christmas movie of all time was? Well, fret no longer, because I have the answer! According to www.esquire.com, it's the 1946 drama film titled, It's a Wonderful Life.

First ever released on January 7th in 1947, *It's a Wonderful Life*, grew to be the top Christmas movie of all time amongst viewers. Written by Philip Van Doren Stern and directed by Frank Capra, this classic all started

With a Christmas card. Stern was unsuccessfully trying to publish his short story, The Greatest Gift, when he got fed up and just sent out 200 copies to his close friends as a 21page Christmas card. **RKO** pictures producer, David Hempstead, got his hands on this story and bought it for \$10,000! After selling it to Capra, he recruited Jimmy Stewart (born in Indiana, PA (3) and Donna Reed as the lead roles.

Contrary to popular belief, It's a Wonderful life, didn't sell out theaters and make a ton of money, actually, quite the opposite. It put Capra \$525,000 in debt and left him scrambling to finance his next movie, State of the Union. Luckily, when the copyright ended in 1974, it became free to watch for anyone who desired. That of course ended in 1994.

In case you have yet to see this movie, and have no idea what I'm even talking about, here's a quick summary for you. Main character, George Bailey, has so many problems going on his life that he considers ending it all. As the angels



from above talk about him, we see his life play through in a series of flashbacks. Just as he is about to jump off a bridge, his guardian angel, Clarence, saves him and takes him on a journey to see what the town would look like if it weren't for all of his good deeds. To this day this movie has grossed around \$3.3 million, a change that even shocked the director. It has become a mustwatch movie in many households and I suggest if you haven't seen it, to watch it, and if you have, watch it again!





New Year's Eve 2020

By: Norah Best Newspaper Student

The New Year's Eve ball drop in Times Square has been something people from all over the world watch to kick off the New Year. Every year since its debut in 1907 the ball has dropped at midnight with a live audience to see. This year, like many things, New Year's Eve in Times Square is going to be different.

The History

New Year's Eve has been celebrated in Times Square since 1904, but the ball first made its appearance in 1907. Since then, the ball has changed considerably. First weighing around 700 pounds, the ball has gained about 11,175 pounds, bringing its total to 11,875 pounds. It not only grew in weight, but also in size. The Ball is now twelve feet in diameter, but on its first journey it was only five feet. The New Year's ball has 32,256 LED lights. Not only has the number of lights changed, but the type of light illuminating the Ball changed as well. In 1907 the Ball had only one hundred 25-watt light bulbs to light up Times Square.

New for 2020

Yes, the Ball is still going to drop this year. Sadly, this years' Time Square celebration will not be the same as years past. The plan for the 2020/2021 ball drop has been described as, "Virtually Enhanced, Visually Compelling and Very Different" by the organizers of Times Square's New Year's Eve.



One of the 1st Times Square balls



2019 Times Square ball

There will not be an audience crowding the sidewalks of Times Square, besides a small group of in-person honorees and staff working the event.

Where to Watch

There are multiple ways to watch the broadcast this year. It will be streaming for free on these websites, TimesSquareNYC.org, NewYearsEve.nyc, and TimesSquareBall.net, as well as some social media outlets. It will also be available on TV channels. Dick Clark's New Year's Rockin' Eve with Ryan Seacrest 2021 on ABC, NBC New Year's Eve Special on NBC, CNN's New Year's Eve Live with Anderson Cooper & Andy Cohen on CNN, and CNN's New Year's Eve Live with Don Lemon & Brooke Baldwin on CNN.



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Disastrous Snowstorms



By: Evan Schooley Newspaper Student

Have you ever been in a snowstorm? Yes, they are sometimes cool looking, but they can be extremely dangerous if things get too out of hand. Most people do not realize just how dangerous they can be. In our lifetime there has never really been a huge blizzard or anything too crazy that we remember, but if look back in history, you will see some crazy events.

One of the worst blizzards in U.S. history was the Great Appalachian Storm of 1950. Starting on November 24, 22 states felt the wrath of

this slow-moving blizzard that the Washington Post called a "meteorological powerhouse." It's also been called the Great Thanksgiving Storm. The snowstorm covered an area from West Virginia to Pennsylvania, and buried parts in more than 30 inches of snow. Several locations even received more than 50 inches of snow, and Coburn Creek, West Virginia, reported the greatest snowfall with a staggering 62 inches. High gusts of winds were recorded at 160 mph, so strong they knocked trees over, and caused almost 1 million power outages. It killed at least 383 people, caused about \$700 million of damage, and became a weather prediction case study. Two cyclone researchers said it was the "benchmark" storm that all other major 20th century storms could be compared to.

Another terrible snow-

-storm is the Chicago Blizzard of 1967. On January 26 and 27, Chicago had its highest snowfall on record 23 inches, along with 53 mph wind gusts. The storm surprised the city, which had had warm temperatures only two days earlier. The snow was falling so fast and so heavy 50,000 cars were abandoned, shops were looted, and 650 students had to sleep at school because buses couldn't get through the snow. Overall, there were a total of twentysix people that had died.

World Series 2020



By: Brandon Streb Newspaper Student

And just like that, the Los Angeles Dodgers have finally won the World Series after losing 2 years in a row in the finals. Coming into this season everyone had a feeling this team would be one of the best, if not the best, team in the National League. The Dodgers pulled off a 4-2 series win against the Tampa Bay Rays. Both teams played extremely well making this a World Series to remember. For Los Angeles, this is their first title win since 1988. This is just the beginning for this remarkable team since they have been adding more and more talent. For example, they took the star, Mookie Betts from Boston, and his talent helped win the championship. "I had a crazy feeling that

came to fruition." Roberts said. "It's just a special group of players, organization, all that we've kind of had to overcome." The World Series MVP Corey Seager, who is also the NLCS MVP that had franchise records with his eight homers and 20 RBIs this postseason, says, "It was absolutely phenomenal. This team was incredible." He continues on saying, "We never stopped. We were ready to go as soon as the bell was called. Once it did, we kept rolling. You can't say enough about what we did this season." About 2 ½ weeks after the Lakers won the NBA title in Orlando, FL, the Dodgers gave Los Angeles another championship. One crazy fact, the Dodgers now have seven world championships and the Lakers have 17, totaling in a grand 24 championships for the sports teams of LA. You're probably wondering, "Why is

this significant?"

The reason is because 24 is the number of late NBA player, Kobe Bryant, who died in a helicopter crash with his daughter, Gianna, back in January. He was a huge part of all of Los Angeles and maybe this is a sign that he never left.









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MEET THE STAFF:

Editor



Hi, I'm Jenna, I'm a junior. I've been in newspaper for five years. Specifically, the Silhouette staff for the last three, and editor for two. I watch a lot of Grey's Anatomy, NCIS and Criminal Minds. I'm also a huge fan of almost anything Disney:)





My name is Brandon and I am a junior in the high school. I have been taking newspaper class since 8th grade. I usually write about sports articles in the paper. I play baseball for Ambridge playing catcher.





I am Evan Schooley, I am in 11th grade, and I have been in newspaper for two years. I like to play Xbox with my friends and go outside. I also have a job at Walmart. I like it there because a lot of my friends work there, so it makes the job more fun. Some of my other hobbies are hunting and fishing.





Hi, my name is Samuel Tusick, I am a sophomore. I have been involved in newspaper since freshman year. In my free time I like to play PlayStation and hangout with family.





Hi, my name is Brianna Mueller, and I am in newspaper III. I am in 11th grade and I do hybrid schooling. I like to have fun with my friends and play soccer. I like to write, but only about topics that interest me. I also love to go snow skiing and to Erie in the summer.





My name is Cameron Weatherly. I am 16 years old the oldest of 5 kids. I work at Walmart. I enjoy listening to classic rock music and watching movies. My favorite band is Led Zeppelin. I've been in newspaper for 5 years and I enjoy working on political news the most.



Hi I'm Brett Mueller I've been doing newspaper for 3 years. I play soccer and volleyball in my free time I ski, boat, and play Xbox. I like to play COD and sports games.







I am Sophia Pedigo, a seventeen-year-old with hopes of becoming a well-known author one day. As a senior in high school, this is my sixth year in newspaper, starting in seventh grade ending in senior year. My goal is to go to school for Journalism and stay involved in the writing field for my career. I play lacrosse in the spring, this year being my fourth and final year. I am the second youngest child in my family, with two older step-brothers and a younger sister. We have two cats, Kinsley and Lexi, and I am by no means a dog person. I am very interested in social justice work and politics, as well as sketching and reading. I used to be able to play the violin, but I have lost all musical ability; the same happened with practically losing my ability to speak Spanish, though I am in Spanish V this year.





My name is Lukas Sovich and I'm in 11th grade. This is my 3rd year taking Newspaper. I like being outside and having fun with my friends. I work at Walmart stocking and unloading trucks. I work with a lot of my friends at Walmart. I like to hunt and fish.





Hello, my name is Tyler Sproul and this is my third year working for the newspaper at Ambridge. I play ice hockey for Ambridge-Avonworth and some of my hobbies include playing guitar, eating food, and riding my bike. My favorite movie is Superbad and my favorite band is Doors. I am currently a junior, and I want to be a writer when I grow up.





Hey! My name is Hannah, and I am a junior here at the high school. This is only my second year in Newspaper, but I love it so much! Outside of school I play volleyball, do a lot of homework, listen to music, watch movies and tv series, go shopping, and sometimes I like to draw or paint to relax. I hope everyone enjoys all of the articles coming soon to Ambridge Silhouette and enjoys this school year as much as you can, even though it looks and feels a lot different!





Hi, my name's Norah Best, and this is my sophomore year at Ambridge. This is my second year in newspaper. I play softball on the Ambridge Softball team, as well as on a tournament team. In my free time I like read and watch Criminal Minds. I have an older brother who graduated and a younger sister in sixth grade. We adopted my dog two years ago, and she's a lab/dachshund mix. I would like to have a career as a forensic scientist in the future.



Hello! My name is Souhaib Elhalouly. I am a recent student here from New York! I joined the newspaper class to learn and know others! My Favorite hobbies are playing soccer and building things online. My future goals are to be an entrepreneur and create a global marketing business like amazon online.







Hi, my name is Sophie Beaudway and I'm in 9th grade. It's my first year of newspaper but I'm excited since I love to write. I like to act, sing, draw, and really just anything creative. I've been doing musical theatre for three years and my first show was Snoopy the Musical. I like all types of music except country, and I have an older brother, although sometimes I wish I didn't, and three cats.





My names Amara Platz, and this is my second year of newspaper. I play softball for Ambridge, and I like to hang out with my friends. I got a dog during quarantine, she's a labradoodle. I like to play x box with my friends.



Our Staff's New Year's Resolutions

Sophia Pedigo

Resolution: Do more casual reading; set a realistic goal of how many per month because I have a lot of free time and it would be helpful to get away from a screen. I used to read a lot, but sadly I dropped the habit.

On a scale from 1-10 how likely are you to keep it: 6, I do love reading and I have a lot of free time, but it is so much easier to just pick up my phone to pass the time. However, if I hold myself accountable I believe that I can follow through with my resolution.

Jenna McFarland

Resolution: To keep myself motivated through online school because it's getting really bad how much I sleep through

On a scale from 1-10 how likely are you to keep it: 7; I've been doing pretty good lately but it's very tempting to roll back over in bed

Brandon Streb

Resolution: to keep getting better and better in my classes because I want to achieve good grades and have a high GPA

On a scale from 1-10 how likely are you to keep it: 6-7; because I procrastinate a lot

Brett Mueller

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Resolution: to give more effort in school because I am slacking

On a scale from 1-10 how likely are you to keep it: 9; my parents and I both want this

Amara Platz

Resolution: my new year's resolution is to start studying more and giving school more effort

On a scale from 1-10 how likely are you to keep it: 8 or 9; school is important and I need to start paying attention more

Sam Tusick

Resolution: to eat healthier because I think it would make me feel better

On a scale from 1-10 how likely are you to keep it: 6; because I do it already for a couple weeks at a time, so it shouldn't be too hard to do it for longer

Norah Best

Resolution: procrastinate less so that I'm not doing hours of homework when I could've had it done

On a scale from 1-10 how likely are you to keep it: 7; sometimes I just get distracted and don't feel like doing it

Evan Schooley

Resolution: I want to eat less junk food

On a scale from 1-10 how likely are you to keep it: 0 because junk food is better than regular food

Sophie Beaudway

Resolution: finish the TV show I've been planning on watching because I've heard it's good but I haven't had the time yet

On a scale from 1-10 how likely are you to keep it: 8; I will have time over winter break to watch it



Stay Safe and we hope to be back in school again soon!!!



IMPORTANT DATES IN JANUARY

January 4th – return to school

January 15th – NO SCHOOL

January 18th – NO SCHOOL ~ MLK day

January 22nd – 2hr early dismissal

IMPORTANT DATES IN FEBRUARY

February 7th - Super Bowl

February 14th – Valentine's Day <3

February 15th – NO SCHOOL ~ snow make up day

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