



Christmas Song Scramble

Listen, the signal messengers carol

Jubilation to mankind

Oh sacred dark

Jangle chimes

Swaying about the yuletide timber

I'm hoping for an ivory noel

The only thing I desire for the Nativity is thee

Mother of our Lord, had you noticed?

The previous Christmastide, I handed over my soul

It's the most awe-inspiring epoch of the era

Dost thou perceive what I perceive?

Traipsing in a chilly paradise

Tiny percussion fellow

Gifts galore

Has Christmas lost its real meaning?

by Taylor Gee

What was once a means of spending quality time with families has turned into a time to receive the shiniest new gadget.

Christmas is a time for families to get together and enjoy each other's company.

However, in the past few decades, it has been warped by society to be all about getting rather than giving.

With Black Friday sales opening as early as 4p.m. Thanksgiving Day, the promotion of getting the hottest new electronic takes away from the spirit of the season.

Children used to be content with spending hours creating new stories for their Barbie dolls or action figures, but now all they want is a new iPhone or tablet to mindlessly spend time playing games premade for them.

Imagination comes from a childhood without every toy being electronic or in some way related to technology.

Christmas has now just become a time for electronic stores to escalate sales.

The true meaning of Christmas has been botched and a revival needs to take place.

Christmas needs to return to its fundamental truth and be celebrated by quality time with friends and family over the new trinkets.

Christmas Sugar Cookie Recipe

- 2 cups all-purpose flour, plus more for dusting
- 1/2 teaspoon baking powder
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1 stick unsalted butter, softened
- 1 cup sugar
- 1 large egg, room temperature
- 1 teaspoon pure vanilla extract

Whisk together flour, baking powder, and salt in a bowl. Beat together butter and sugar with a mixer on medium-high speed until pale and fluffy. Beat in egg and vanilla. Reduce speed to low and gradually add flour mixture until combined. Shape dough into a ball and wrap in plastic. Refrigerate at least 30 minutes. Preheat oven to 325 degrees. Transfer half of dough to a lightly floured piece of parchment; roll to just under 1/4-inch thick. Transfer dough on parchment to a baking sheet and freeze 30 minutes. Repeat with other half of dough. Line 2 baking sheets with parchment. Using a cookie cutter, cut out cookies and place on parchment-lined baking sheets. Refrigerate until firm, about 15 minutes. Bake until golden on edges, 12 to 15 minutes. Let cool completely on sheets on wire racks.

COUNT DOWN TO CHRISTMAS BREAK IS: 7 DAYS AND COUNTING



Dear Darcy

Dear Darcy,

What would happen if Mr.Kiser found out that I ate iHop in uniform after the Christmas parade?

He would have your head. Syrup and band uniforms are never a good combination.

Dear Darcy,

I don't know what to get my friend for Christmas. Help?

If she's a girl, you could get her a gift card to her favorite store and a candle or a book. If he's a boy, you could get him a gift card to his favorite store and his favorite movie or a new phone case.

Dear Darcy,

Socks aren't usually something kids ask for for Christmas, so how do I ask for socks without getting made fun of?

Socks are awesome. Never be ashamed of your love for socks! If you want, you could just say that you want them as stocking stuffers.

Dear Darcy,

What should I get my boyfriend for Christmas?

You should get your boyfriend a few of his favorite things. Maybe try getting him a new pair of shoes and a movie he likes or a nice, new watch and an iTunes gift card.

Dear Darcy,

What do i get my girlfriend for Christmas?

All girls are different but there are a few generic gifts you can get her. Lotions, perfume, jewelry, food, or clothes work.

Have a question for Darcy?
Bring all your questions to Mrs. Tucker's room, and check the next issue. Your question could be selected!



SH STRONG

By Trystan Deck

Shirts and bracelets are being sold to support the well being of Junior Savannah Wulbrecht. All profits will be going to the Wulbrecht family to help pay for medical bills. The shirts have a front pocket with the date 11/15/2014 above it. On the back the words SH Strong are bold. They cost 20 dollars each and will be on sale until next Friday, and the shirts will be delivered after Christmas Break. If you would like a form to buy one or have questions regarding the shirts, see Juniors Addie Graff and Chase Dimond. The bracelets are purple and say Savannah Strong and Prayers for Savannah, they are 5 dollars each. See Junior Hannah Grubb for more information.

Top Gifts

For....

GIRLS

GUYS

Money

Money

Clothes

Electronics

Animals

Shoes

Accessories

Food

Concert Tickets

New car

Shoes

Clothes

Electronics

Accessories

College acceptance letters

Animals

Happiness

World Peace

Happiness

New Car

Supplies for their hobby

Food

Student shout out

Senior Ashlyn Harris and junior Kase White were selected to run on the all-East Texas cross country team.

Junior Ann Hollas was selected to play on the all State volleyball team.

