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Christmas Movies

By: Zach Brauman

I feel *The Christmas Story* is the best movie of the Christmas season. It has a lot of funny scenes, it shows a loving family, and Ralphie gets his Christmas wish. Ralphie is nine years old and wants one thing for Christmas, a Red Ryder BB Gun with a compass in the stock. The movie is about how Ralphie tries to get his parents to give him the gun for Christmas. Ralph keeps asking but people keep saying "You'll shoot your eye out."

The first reason I like the movie is because there are a lot of funny scenes. Ralphie asks 3 times for a Red Ryder BB gun. First he asks his mom but she refuses. Next, Ralphie goes to school and writes an essay about wanting the BB gun but he gets a C and the teacher writes you'll shoot your eye out on his paper. Last Ralph goes to the store to

see Santa Claus and asks but Santa says no and kicks him down the exit slide. Another part of the movie I thought was funny was when Ralphie's friend sticks his tongue to the flag pole and it gets stuck. Another funny scene was when Ralphie had to put on a bunny suit he got for Christmas.

The second reason I think this movie is the best is because it shows a loving family. After Ralphie gets hit in the face with a snowball by a bully, he beats the bully up. His brother, Randy, runs to get their mom. His mom takes care of him and doesn't tell his dad about the fight so Ralphie doesn't get in trouble. On Christmas morning, it's Ralphie's dad who gets him the Red Ryder BB gun. And, at the end of the movie, the family ends up having a nice duck dinner all together at the Chinese restaurant.

The third reason I like this movie is because Ralph actually gets his Christmas wish. But the adults in the movie were right. He goes out to shoot his new BB gun and puts his target on a metal post. He shoots the BB and it comes back and hits him on the cheek and breaks his glasses.

I think this is the best holiday movie. It is a hilarious comedy but it also has meaningful moments. Ralphie and his friends and family have a fun time together at Christmas. I'm also glad Ralphie got his Christmas wish. I hope all kids get their Christmas wish this year.

Advent Calendars

By: Jaedin Canterbury

My article is about how to make an Advent calendar, how to use an Advent calendar, and when they were first used. Advent calendars are very fun!

To make an Advent calendar first you choose they type of cloth or paper you are going to

use. Next, you cut it into the shape you want. For example, a Christmas tree or a star. Last, you number the days and then countdown to Christmas!

When you use an Advent Calendar you either buy or make one. Then, you countdown each day by opening the door or

crossing off the day. And keep opening until Christmas Day! The Advent calendar was first used was sometime in the 19th century. It was made of a chalk line every day until Christmas Eve. In 1851 the first calendar was made by hand. The first printed Advent calendar was made in 1903.

My essay is about how you use, make, and the first used Advent calendar.

Upcoming Events at SMS

By: Maura Harrison

The major upcoming events at St. Mary's School are the Christmas Concert, Catholic Schools week, and the Spring Concert and Art show.

The Christmas Concert is December 14th at 7pm. Cookies and punch will be served afterward. This event is tons of fun. This year the kindergarden and first graders are doing sign language in a song. The fifth graders do an amazing play every year, and its always a surprise. The junior high is also joining in on the fun by singing songs from the popular Christmas movie *the Polar Express*.

Then in January is Catholic Schools Week. Every year for as long as I have been at SMS (9

years), there has been CSW. When this week comes we have all different fun activities we do at our school. For instance, Grandparents Day. Grandparents come to our school after mass for coffee and donuts, and play bingo with their grandchildren after. We also have fun stations. At the end of the week all the catholic schools in the area join together at the Newman High School gymnasium to have one huge mass together.

One of the funniest events at SMS is the spring concert and art show. Last year the concert was a blast!) The theme was the 70's and 80's! The little kids dressed like they were from the groovy disco age of the 70's, and the junior high dressed like

they were in a hard rock band. Some wore gogo boots and bell bottoms, and others wore mullets and torn jean vests. I'm positive it will be even better this year.

And don't even get me started on the Art show! Our art teacher Mrs. Robers put it on last year, but she can't be with us this year, awwwww:(, so Miss Heather Hertsle will help us out. There is always beautiful art whether its sketches, 3D art, paper mache', or paintings. Its so creative and fun!

As one can see, the Christmas concert, CWS, and Spring concert and art show are always, always, always a blast to be at. So come and join us for some SMS fun!



History of Christmas Reindeer

Grace Ely

To begin with, how much do you know about reindeer? In this article we are telling you about the history of reindeer. I think reindeer are mysterious.

Santa has eight reindeer that magically pull his sleigh through the sky. The reindeer's names are Dasher, Dancer, Prancer, Vixen,

Comet, Cupid, Donner, and Blitzen. The most famous reindeer is Rudolph the red nosed reindeer. Reindeer were ancient domestic animals that became living a thousand years ago. The native Indians killed and skinned reindeer and used the reindeer's parts for many beautiful things. They also

made rock paintings from these animals. Now reindeer are a beloved symbol of Christmas.

Robert L. May wrote the story of Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer in May 1939 in a booklet for the Montgomery Ward department stores. The Rudolph story reached its heights later when May's brother-in-

Law, Johnny Marks, wrote the lyrics and melody for the song:
 Rudolph, the red-nosed reindeer
 had a very shiny nose
 and if you ever saw it
 you would even say it glows
 all of the other reindeer
 used to laugh and call him names
 they never let poor Rudolph
 join in any reindeer games
 then one foggy Christmas Eve
 Santa came to say:
 "Rudolph with your nose so bright
 won't you guide my sleigh tonight!"
 then how the reindeer loved him
 as they shouted out with glee (yippee)
 "Rudolph, the red-nosed reindeer
 you'll go down in history."



Christmas

Word Search

Eli Blanty



The song was recorded and it sold two million copies in the first year, going on to become one of the best selling songs of all time.

The names of the reindeer appeared from a Christmas rhyme *'Twas The Night Before Christmas* written by Major Henry Livingstone in 1807. It was entitled as an account of a visit from Santa. Clement Clark Moore made many alterations to the book.

The history of Christmas reindeer carries with it numerous legendary interpretations. The goat was a popular Christmas symbol in Sweden during the eighteenth century. It was the bearer of Santa Claus. In Finland the traditional gift bringer during Christmas was Joulupukki or the Yule Buckeder, and Blitzen. I hope you learned more about reindeer than you knew before. Thank you!

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