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S.H.S. clubs display true holiday spirit

By Sierra Cannon



December is the month of giving, and this month Salem High School has given a great deal. A number of clubs had projects or collections for a variety of different causes. These special projects are outlined below.

Key Club

Coat Drive: Key Club sponsored a coat drive through which they collected new/used coats. Donations were meant to be dropped off at Mrs. Cochran's room or downtown at Manhattan Cleaners, November 10th - December 10th.

Create-A-Smile: This was a collection of toys that were given as gifts as a part of Mr. Niederhiser's, Buckeye school principal, Create-A-Smile project. Buckeye students were in charge of collecting clothing and it was up to Key Clubbers to spread the word and collect toys to go along with the clothes. Key Clubbers went to Buckeye school and wrapped the toys that were given. Toys were being collected at the beginning of the month until about mid-December.

Salvation Army: Key Clubbers were at it again, but this time they were ringing bells at Giant Eagle for the Salvation Army.

Courtyard at Lexington: Members of Key Club went to visit the residents at Courtyard, a nursing home here in Salem, to have snacks and do crafts. This month, they made snowmen with the residents and enjoyed snacks brought in by volunteer Key Clubbers.

Interact Club

Santa for the Soldiers: The members of Interact collected a wide variety of items (games, toiletries, certain packaged

foods, etc) that were to be sent overseas to our soldiers for Christmas. The collections began in late October and ended in early December. The turnout was great for this project, as the club plans to send fifty boxes overseas.

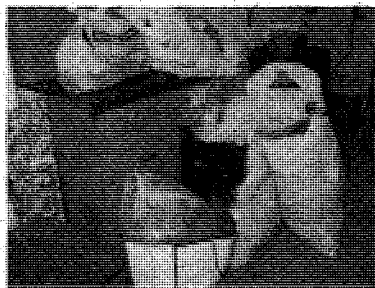
Interact/Key Club

Gingerbread Day: On December 11th, members of Key Club joined forces with Interact students for a day called Gingerbread Day. This event was held in the high school cafeteria between the hours of 9 a.m to 5 p.m. It was held for kids ages three through thirteen. Members from both clubs made gingerbread houses, watched Christmas movies, made crafts, and enjoyed snacks with the kids.

Delta Epsilon Phi and German Club

Cell Phones for Soldiers: Both clubs joined together under the direction of Frau Carter. They collected old, used, or broken cell phones that they planned to sell for money to buy calling cards for our men and women in the service. The project began November 11th and ended December 21st. Frau Carter reported that the project went very well.

Because these projects are all completed in the spirit of giving and Christmas, we know that none of these groups at Salem High School expect a "Thank You." However, we want them to know how exceptionally proud we are of all of the efforts reported here or even done anonymously which help others during this special season of the year. Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays to everyone.



Quaker million page reading challenge

By Kayla Mills



According to a memo distributed by the Salem Public Library, "Frequent readers score higher on tests, improve their brain functions, boost their vocabulary, increase their creativity, and are introduced to new ideas." This memo was received in conjunction with the current library reading challenge.

The Salem School District agreed to partner with the Salem Public Library for the Quaker Million Page Reading Challenge. This program began on October 4 and encouraged the Salem community to read 1,000,000 pages in ninety days.

Teachers were to record the number of pages that their

English classes read each week and return their totals to the office for the final count. The classroom that read the most pages was to receive a classroom party and a gift certificate that could be used to purchase new books for the classroom.

Anything with pages could be used for the reading challenge. This included textbooks, newspapers, magazines, and library books. To give each class a fair chance, the library said it would take into account the grade level and number of students in each class before deciding the winner.

As of October 26, the district had read 230,285 pages. Mr. Brad Stephens, the director of the Salem Public Library stated in a correspondence with Superintendent Bratten, "I want you to know how much I appreciate the work and support that we're receiving from the district on this project."

However, the story continues. The one million pages read were reached by early November. In a recent phone call to Stephens he stated, "We're not stopping." This is to say that the reading challenge is still going on. It will

run until the end of the year. For the schools the challenge will end on the last day of classes which is Tuesday, December 21. For the entire Salem community it will run until December 31. At the time that *The Quaker* went to press, Salem City Schools had contributed 833,000,000 pages of reading.

This was certainly a worthy challenge and, considering the current results, a challenge that was extremely successful. Keep reading, Quakers!



New Year's Eve Salem

By Tim Slason

Salem has hosted First Night for its residents for the past few years. This year, the idea remains, but the name has changed. Due to budget restrictions, First Night Salem will now be known as New Year's Eve Salem, but will still feature a night of family fun free of alcohol.

The Kent State City Center campus will be hosting the Rock and Roll and More, featuring Abbey Road, The "Tribute" Band, and David Pasco as Elvis. The Masonic temple will be hosting the Bluegrass and Folk music, featuring the Dulcimers, the Stockdale Family Band, and Jose Sigurani. Other events on the night include activities at the R.O.C. youth cen-

ter, a model train display, and a bell display and reception at the historical society.

Admission will be \$8.00 after December 25th, and \$5.00 for tickets purchased in advance. Children 10 and under get in free and must be accompanied by an adult. Tickets will be available at all Salem banks, Giant Eagle, the Chamber of Commerce, the Community Center, the Historical Society, and Kolby's. There are many other events and several things to be announced, so for further information, go to www.newyearsvesalem.com. It is sure to be a fun and safe night for all ages.

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and a
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Year

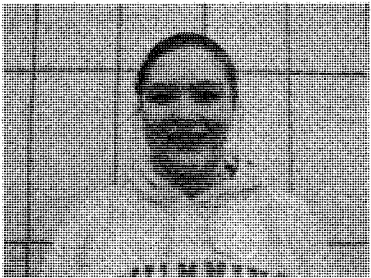
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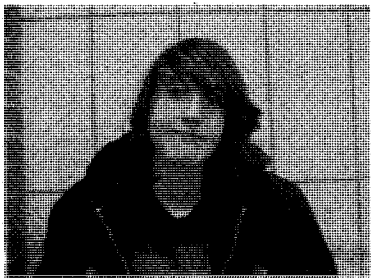
War of Words

By Sierra Cannon

“What is the worst Christmas present you’ve ever received?”



Freshman:
Emma Janofa- “Socks because I did not want them for Xmas.”



Sophomore:
Zachary Leland- “A pair of footsie pajamas because they were lame.”



Junior:
Jarrod Jessop- “12-pack of Vienna sausages- self explanatory.”



Senior:
Dakota Eisenbrown- “A cheesy little light-up pen that broke right when I used it.”

Shauna Says...

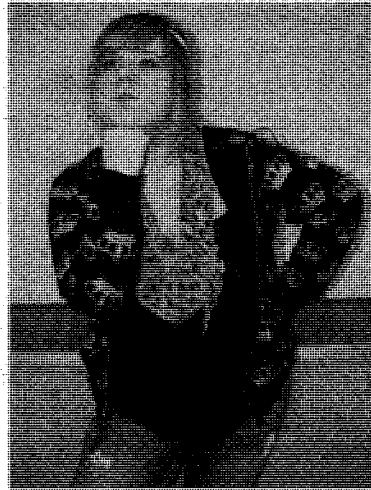
by Shauna Uptegraph

In stores — lights, Santa molded polymers, gift wrap and front-lawn snowmen. On radios: every holiday song played in loop by giggling, jingling broadcasters wishing well. On television: The red-nosed reindeer, the Abominable Snowman, Baby New Year and that poor little dental-loving elf. Snow falls to the ground and children start to write out long lists to thrill their parents and clean out their parents’ bank accounts. These are the signs for Christmas time, dear readers, and they are signs that come before Thanksgiving.

But with all holidays, questions arise, and one of the biggest and in some cases most difficult to answer is “what will I buy them?” Some people are difficult to pick for, and some you don’t know well enough to aid you in your quest, so here are a few tips. Another survival guide, if you will, to ensure that you don’t go astray. I know what you’re saying. You’re saying in your mind right now, “Thank you Shauna. Thank you for once more keeping me in line for the hectic situations for which you provide guidelines.” And yes, Salem High School, you are welcome.

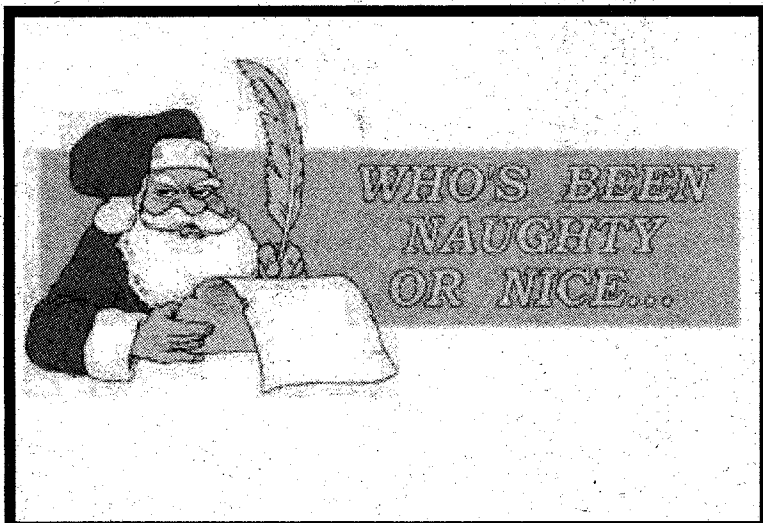
I asked a friend recently what she would like for Christmas, and her reply was that I should buy her underwear. Now, regardless of her undergarment situation or her strange addiction to the frilly or silken, I don’t feel it is my duty to garnish her garments. The dilemma took me on a quest, and that quest was to find out about what other gift giving *faux pas* are suggested.

Cody Schwartz, a junior at SHS and an expert on gift



giving of the perfect variety, says that his guy friends should never buy him anything personal because it’s not their job. Aubrey Sargent, a sophomore, agrees. She would much rather have a dinosaur house than personal items, especially those of the hygiene variety. And honestly, who would want to unwrap that on Christmas?

Boys and girls, and all of those in between, Christmas is supposed to be about spending time with those who care most about you, and about celebrating various things, if you’re religious. But lately, it’s become more about spending on those people, which is neither here nor there. To ensure that when that special someone unwraps your holiday cheer they don’t end up with the Christmas blues, I suggest asking them. They won’t mind telling you what they do and don’t want, and it’ll solve such silly blunders. Or, even better, why not discontinue buying gifts for people you don’t know well enough to buy for? Chances are, if you don’t know someone well enough to know what they like, you don’t need to buy them a present.



A decrease in snow days

By Larry Goontz

As many students may have heard, the number of snow days this year has decreased from five down to only three days.

The decision to cut the number of snow days, otherwise known as calamity days, was not made by our local school district but by the state legislature. Within the next few years, the goal for the state legislature is to increase the required number of school days; this was one small step in doing so. Salem City Schools’ academic year is currently meeting the state required minimum, 178 days. If the number of snow days this year would exceed the three given, the school district would have to make up those days by either adding extra days on in June or cutting days off of spring break. This would depend on how many days are needed to meet the state minimum.

In an interview with Dr. Shivers, he explained the basic process of deciding whether there is a two-hour delay, snow day, or nothing. This process

involves the superintendent, the transportation director, and/or principal driving the roads in the early morning hours, calling the state highway patrol, calling other local school districts to hear their decisions, and, of course, watching the weather. With all of those things considered, then the decision is made.

In closing, Dr. Shivers would like to leave this message with the students in regard to the snow day situation: “Be patient, be understanding, and be safe.”

2 Hour Delay Schedule

Period 1	9:00	10:20	
Period 2	10:24	10:54	
Period 3	10:58	11:32	
Period 5a		11:32	12:02
5b		12:02	12:32
5c		12:32	1:02
Period 4	1:06	1:36	
Period 6		1:40	2:10
Period 7		2:14	2:44

Bullying

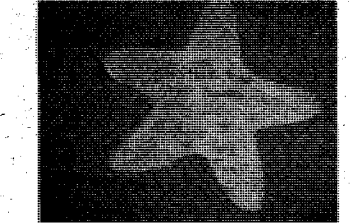
By Sarah J. Hunt

*Special article to *The Quaker*

Bullying is something kids do to make them feel better. The reason why kids bully is because it makes them feel strong and not weak, or they were bullied when they were little. They just might have an abusive family life or just a bad relationship with their parents, and therefore they take out their frustrations on other children.

Some kids bully for the fun of it, and some just like the attention it gives. The kids that get bullied have emotional problems for the rest of their lives. They experience depression, unable to relate to others, bad relationships, suicidal tendencies, all around emotional trauma that often lasts them for the rest of their adult lives. There are children and teens all over the United States that commit suicide because of bullying. The reason why they do this is because they want to escape their life and the painful emotional trauma of being bullied. Some sadly believe that they don’t deserve to live because they think it’s their own fault that they are being bullied.

The kids that do the bullying usually don’t get in trouble because the victim is afraid of retaliation and the current situation as bad as it is might very likely



get worse if they were to tell. There are all types of bullying like cyber bullying which is becoming more frequent in the world we live in and can actually be tracked unlike physical, verbal, or indirect bullying. Bullies like to prey on kids who are weak and vulnerable.

I would like to point out that in 2010 a national study concerning kids from grades 6 through 10, almost 30 percent (more than 5.7 million) were involved in moderate or frequent bullying during the current school term as a bully, a victim, or both. I found this information on www.eyesonbullying.org.

I wish that people could just get along and learn to talk things out instead of being physical or saying something hurtful to each other.

*Editors note: The article above was submitted to *The Quaker* via Dr. Shivers.

Battle of the Bands

The Backstreet Boys

By Donna Paporadis

The beloved childhood boy band of my generation, The Backstreet Boys, was very popular during the turn of the millennium. Their good looks and upbeat tunes were an instant recipe for fame, especially among girls around their pre-teen years. The young fans made up about 75 percent of the population at the concerts bringing signs and wearing BSB t-shirts to show their love for the teenage heartthrobs.

So, why did we love them so much? Personally, I had a crush on three of the four band members, which was one of the main reasons I had such an obsession with them. I asked one of my classmates why she liked The Backstreet Boys when she was little. "Their voices sounded like a combination of Fergie and Jesus," junior Eva Jackman told me. "They were trendy and it was the status quo; if you didn't like them you would get beat up." Maybe it was because of the fact that they were older boys and that made them automatically cool. Or possibly it was due to the catchy music that was about relationship problems half the time, so the countless little girls thought

they would have a chance with their "future husbands." That was unrealistic, of course. But they, as well as I, believed and hoped it would be true someday. Obviously, they were mostly popular with younger girls, as they are often prone to drooling over cute, famous boys and not caring about what they're actually famous for. So, maybe the music was horrible, and the girls only bought albums to look at the band members in the pictures. Who knows?

The Backstreet Boys have sold over 130 million records throughout the world during their entire popular career. The reasons we loved them are kind of silly — good looks and aspirations to be Mrs. Aaron Carter are not good reasons to like a band since bands are about music. But I will not judge my twelve year old mind, considering I was twelve. The bulk of BSB's fans were too young to understand the point of music, so their popularity sprung not from talent but from sheer physical appearance. But who cares? They are one of the most acclaimed and illustrious bands of their time and will always be well-known.

*NSYNC

By Kaylin Cadile

They've hung on your walls, been in your cars, and been stuck in your head for days. Who could they be? *Nsync, of course. They are the chart-topping, good looking boy band of our childhood; they were loved by everyone. From teens to middle aged women to even men, all had fallen for the teenage heartthrobs. The *Nsync nation was so immense there was a large number of merchandise produced including board games, microphones, lip balm, marionettes, books, key chains, bedding, clothing, video games and much more.

*Nsync was adored by everyone, but why? When I asked senior Aimee Jones she replied, "Nsync was an epic band. I have all of their albums including the Christmas one, all of which are truly legit. If you have never listened to *Nsync, then shame on you." I personally loved them because of the good looking band members and the catchy songs. I especially liked Lance Bass. Lance was, in my opinion, the best looking guy in the band. Lance Bass is an American pop singer, dancer, actor, film and television producer, and author. When I talked to junior, Bart Wyss about *Nsync he simply stated, "They were great!"

During *Nsync's entire career together they sold about 110 million albums world wide. Even though the Backstreet Boys sold

about twenty million more albums, it was stated that *Nsync "had a larger group of fans." I personally love *Nsync, even today. I have all the albums that were ever produced, and I even had the beloved *No Strings Attached* t-shirt. The album *No Strings Attached* sold over one million copies in one day and 2.42 million copies in one week, giving it the highest first week album sales ever.

Some people may say that the group was just a stupid boy band that was just about the looks and not their music, but, in my opinion, the group was very passionate about everything they did. They even hosted a basketball game to raise money for children's charities. As I spoke with junior Jordan Stewart about the beloved band he said, "If *Nsync would make a comeback or even make another album, that would make my junior year!" I'm still disappointed about the group breaking up, but the *Nsync memories that we all have will always live



Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows

By Michael Risbeck

The movie began by showing all the death eaters meeting at Malfoy Manor to discuss the transportation date of Harry to a new location. The movie then showed Harry mourning the death of Albus Dumbledore when reading two different obituaries of him. The Order of the Phoenix arrived and tried to transport Harry to the Weasley's house, the Burrow. Voldemort spotted Harry trying to escape and went after him, but Harry's wand fended him off making Harry doubt his own abilities and start thinking his wand was the only thing keeping Voldemort from killing him. The Minister of Magic delivered items that Dumbledore had left them in his will. Harry received the first snitch he caught in a quidditch match as well as the sword of Gryffindor. Hermione received a book of wizardly fairy tales. Ron received a deluminator that Dumbledore had used in *Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone*. The next day there was a wedding between the Weasley's son Bill and Fleur Delacour which the Death Eaters interrupted. This caused Harry, Ron, and Hermione to go on the run to try and find all the Horcruxes to kill Voldemort. They found out that the locket Horcrux had been stolen and sold to Dolores Umbridge and so they had to take Polyjuice Potion to try and secure it from her. When they arrived back in

the woods, the Horcrux which had been around Ron's neck caused him to think negatively and this caused him to dissaparate away.

They decided to move from their place and not to be captured. When they went to talk to Bathilda Bagshot the old lady turned into Voldemort's snake and tried to kill them. Hermione shot a spell that backfired and destroyed Harry's wand. This made Harry worry about whether he was safe from Voldemort or if his protection wasn't going to work now that his wand was destroyed. That night Harry saw a Patronus conjured that lead him to the Sword of Gryffindor used to destroy the Horcruxes. He dove under the water, but the Horcrux sensed the sword and stared to choke him. Ron arrived and jumped in for the sword and pulled Harry out. This saved Harry's life but because Ron pulled the sword out he had to then kill the Horcrux. He had them open the Horcrux and destroy the locket's soul successfully. They all joined up again and went to see Xenophilius Lovegood to ask him about a symbol they kept running into. He said it was the symbol of the Deathly Hallows which consisted of the Elder Wand, the Resurrection Stone, and the Cloak of Invisibility. They were run into the woods when Death Eaters appeared who had been cap-

tured by Snatchers and taken to Malfoy Manor to be held as prisoners. Then Dobby showed up and Dissaparates them out of the cell except for Harry because he went to try and save Hermione. They saved Hermione, but when Dobby was about to dissaparate Bellatrix, he threw a knife toward them. It was taken with them and killed Dobby.

This was a dramatic part as explained by Tiffany Franklin who commented, "I thought the new Harry Potter movie had a terrible ending, and I cried when the little elf died!" They then ended the movie by showing Voldemort shooting the Elder Wand straight up into the air and making the dark mark appear. Senior Trent Frederick really liked this ending and explained by saying, "The movie was good and left you wanting more because of the cliffhanger at the end."

The movie had one of the largest incomes of all the Harry Potter movies by far. This movie grossed nearly 276 million dollars worldwide. *Harry Potter and the*



Cartoon Corner

By Eva Jackman



Feature

Artist of the Month Jake Irej

By Alli Dolphin



Jake Irej displays a piece of his artwork.

listening to music, studying philosophy and psychology, and going to concerts. He was also the former screamer for local band Thanks For Tonight. Jake also enjoys chopping down trees because he is a grade-A-lumberjack.

He lists Wassily Kandinsky as his favorite artist, and his favorite type of art is anything abstract. Jake's favorite work of art is called "Composition VIII" by Wassily Kandinsky. His favorite piece he's personally done is called "The Harvest." Jake says if he has won any awards for his art work he can't remember, but he did win artist of the month when he was in third grade.

When asked what inspires him the most, Jake answered by saying, "Life in general and a five year struggle with melancholic depression, OCD, and anxiety disorder." He wishes he could pursue a career in art but says that it is too expensive. He hopes to get an art degree after he graduates from college. After high school Jake is planning on going to Cleveland State to major in psychology. At the end of the interview Jake left me with this, "Look beyond what life presents you and find deeper meaning in your existence."

December's artist of the month is someone who is no stranger to a paintbrush, a camera, or a microphone. Senior Jake Irej is involved in many different types of art, so he was an obvious choice to be featured. He has been involved with art for as long as he can remember. Jake especially enjoys abstract art because he can use it to express his feelings.

Jake is currently taking independent study painting with Mrs. Frederick. Here at SHS he has also taken Photo, AP Photo, Drawing, and Art 1. In his free time Jake enjoys playing guitar, writing poems,

Clubs and Classes

By Larry Goontz

With Christmas quickly approaching, many of the Salem High School clubs were busy celebrating the holidays with a variety of activities.

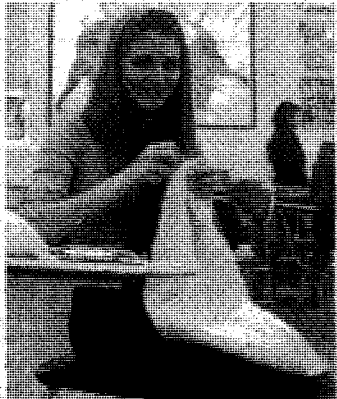
A.F.S.: American Field Service held their annual Christmas party in the morning. This included refreshments and a white elephant gift exchange. The white elephant was so popular last year that the club decided to do it again. If you are not familiar with a white elephant exchange, it is great fun. Participants choose something they have around their home, something they no longer want or never liked to begin with. It can be a serious gift or basically junk. The gift is wrapped, numbers are chosen, and when your number is called the choosing of gifts begins. Of course, when your number is chosen, instead of choosing from the pile of wrapped gifts you can always "steal" a gift that someone else has already opened and you really like.

The Poets' Society: This year The Poets' Society took their Christmas party off school grounds. It was held at Hunt Club Lanes in Salem. Students enjoyed bowling and refreshments.

Key Club: Key Club is performing a variety of activities this holiday season. They are gift wrapping, bell ringing for the Salvation Army, and having a Christmas party at the Courtyard at Lexington with the residents.

German Club: German Club held their annual Christmas party in Mrs. Carter's room this year rather than at a student's house. The party included refreshments, pizza, and desserts. There were also a variety of games and competitions with prizes.

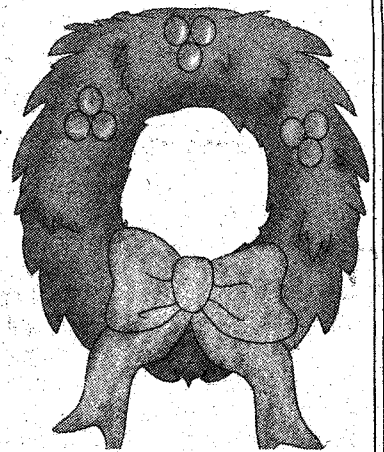
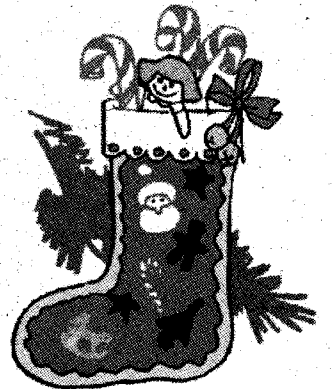
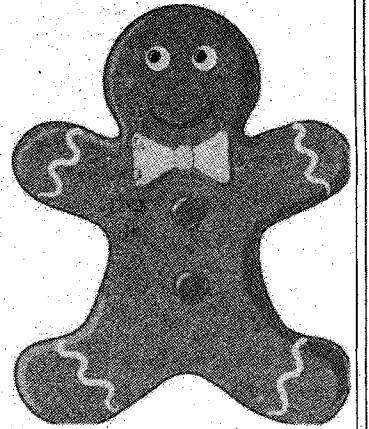
Spanish IV classes: Students in Mrs. Hutson's Spanish IV classes are learning to knit and crochet. Some of the students are using their creations, such as knitted hats, as Christmas gifts.



The Night Before Christmas (with apologies to Clement Moore)

By Shauna Uptegraph

It was Christmas Eve, and all through the rental;
Not a creature was stirring, save for Old Man Fenkle,
The decorations were hung on the wall with great care;
In hopes that expensive presents soon would be there.
The kids were all texting, and whispering with glee
Of all of the gifts to be under the tree;
Mamma in her snuggie and I in my tee,
Had just settled down for the Christmas Story;
When out in the lot there arose such a clatter
We secured the deadbolt, who cared what was the matter?
Away from the window, we saw a quick flash
Behind the blinds, out by all the trash.
The moon on the crest of the city's gray snow;
Gave the luster of mid-day to the highway below.
When what to my wondering ears did I hear
But a megaphone's yelling: "Drop the bag — put your hands at your ears!"
The police had caught him, the man with the boots;
And all those height-challenged people forced into cahoots.
With a little bit of rustling, both lively and quick
I knew in a moment; they'd caught Crazy St. Nick.
More rapid than eagles, the words they did come—
"In the back of the car, sir, you've had all your fun—
You've the right to remain silent, now search 'im for guns."
Then whistles, then shouting, then calling some names.
"Now, Dasher! Now Dancer! Now Prancer and Vixen!
On, Comet! On, Cupid! On Donner and Blitzen!"
From the top of the balcony, to the sides of each wall,
The crazed man's rambling could be heard by us all.
Like dry leaves that before the hurricane fly,
When they meet with an obstacle, mount to the sky,
With a donut in hand, and St. Nicholas too,
Away went the men in uniforms of blue.
And then in a twinkling I heard on the roof.
The prancing and pawing of each reindeer hoof.
As I stood from the table, and was turning around,
It occurred to me, the presents yet found.
They'd arrested Mr. Claus, they'd arrested his elves.
But they'd forgotten his getaway, put it on the back shelves.
What would you expect to find, now my dears?
But thirty-two hooves, upon eight snorting reindeers.
For Christmas they'd come, and for Christmas they'd go.
We sent them off packing, forget all the snow.
So let me tell you, classmates and peers.
Believe when I tell you, to humble your fears.
When asked what you want, make sure it is shown.
Else you'll end up with livestock, all very full grown.
A crazy man came, and he put up a fight,
Was locked away, had a hold on his flight.
I wish you farewell, and I think that you might
Have a Merry Christmas for all and for all a good night.



Ways to have a safe and sober New Years

By Kayla Mills

What exactly is New Years? To some, it is just another day subtracted from their miserable lives. For others, it is a renewed hope of a better tomorrow. It is a great time to spend with friends and family and to just get silly. But every year, you hear the same pestering question, "What are you doing for New Years?" So since we have your best interests at heart, here are some tips to help you have a safe and sober New Year.

Having New Years parties can be a very fun and entertaining thing to do over the holidays. You can share New Years resolutions with a group of friends and watch old Christmas movies together. For the person who yearns for excitement, you can attempt to put off fireworks in the freezing weather.

(Note to reader: Proceed with caution.) If you've already had your share of excitement from the exciting, educational process, then you can sit down with a group of friends and relax. Junior Emily Snyder says, "On New Years, I like to sit on the couch, eat lots of junk food, and watch the ball drop with the people I love."

If you're not the kind of person who goes out to parties and such, another thing you can do is stay home and have a poker night. Poker night is a favorite of many and can really get your competitive juices flowing. To make it a more friendly game, you can substitute money for candy and other inexpensive items. The things you can do with a deck of cards are endless.

My last tip is for the per-

son who doesn't like to do anything at all, and that's exactly what I'm telling you to do. Nowhere in the book does it say that you HAVE to do anything for New Years. If you're not into that sort of thing, just get on Facebook and act as if it were any other day. Watch some *Glee*, and get some shut eye before going back to school.

New Years can be a great opportunity to right your wrongs and start with a fresh, clean slate. It is also an opportunity to have a wonderful time with your friends, while enjoying the fact that you won't have homework for a few more days. Whether you spend your holidays relaxing on the couch or go "Polar Bear Swimming," like junior Mitch Hendricks, you too can have a safe and sober New Years.

Feature

Student of the Month: Eric Spencer

By Aimee Jones

You've seen him sporting a touchdown pose at football games, you've seen him sporting his Canfield Fair sweatshirts in the halls, and now you're seeing him in *The Quaker*. Eric Spencer, otherwise known as "Spence," proudly takes the Student of the Month throne for the month of December. The secrets are being revealed and the boots are being mingled off. When asked to choose between Apple Bottoms Jeans or boots with the fur, Eric simply chose boots, because I like to wear boots." This answer seemed appropriate due to all the snow associated with winter; I would have chosen boots myself. As I continued to interview Spence, I was flabbergasted to find out he owns only three Canfield Fair sweatshirts. It seems he wears one almost every day and has a variety of colors, but was mistaken.

Rumor has it that the word "Awesomosity" has faded out and has no meaning to this day...however, this rumor is false. Awesomosity has been in the Student of the Month vocabulary for ages, and I would modestly place Eric at an 8.75. We are talking about a generous man here who before the "no food rule" was initiated generously shared his burnt home-ec biscuits and delicious cookies. Outside of the home-ec kitchen, Eric told SOM he could be found as a champion pizza eater if ever entered into a food eating competition, so you better all prepare yourselves for defeat.



Further into the interview I asked Eric a series of questions. When asked what his favorite television show was he simply stated, "I wake up, go to school, work and go to bed...there's no TV time." Obviously, we have a hard worker on our hands, in and out of school. Not only does he work on the farm, he also breaks a sweat at the bowling alley. He is considered one of

the best bowlers at Hunt Club Lanes. When asked to verify this fact he said, "Yes, I can beat Mike Risbeck." I asked Spence to picture the following: you wake up before school, your truck tires have been slashed and a tree is through your windshield, if you had no ride to school what animal would you choose to for transportation? Out of the whole animal kingdom Eric chose a horse. This makes perfect sense because if Eric doesn't become a professional bowler, he has many other options such as a boots and flannel clothing model, a cowboy, or an entrepreneur in the pizza business.

Eric claims everyone is his best friend, so stick out your hands and your sharpies. Give this man all the high fives, hand shakes, and get all the autographs you can — he is no doubt Salem's classiest classroom cowboy.



Christmas Gifts on a Budget

By Meg Bell

The Christmas season is considered the merriest time of year, but for some it can also be the most stressful. However, with a little thought, Christmas shopping can be simple and even enjoyable.

The most obvious way to buy gifts on a budget is to pay attention to upcoming sales. Even taking advantage of those 20% off sales can really add up in the long run. One of the cheapest ways to save cash and give a gift that means more than money can buy is to make it yourself. It's more than macaroni sculptures and popsicle stick picture frames. If one can insert his/her imagination and be resourceful, Christmas "shopping" can be easy and more significant than that \$50 blender you were going to get for your mom.

However, if you aren't the creative type and wouldn't mind spending a little cash, surf around Amazon.com. The prices are cheaper than store prices, and you can buy new-to-lightly-used items for very little. Game On in downtown Salem sells used games and DVDs as well and could be a better idea if you don't want to pay or wait for the item to ship.

As for when the best time to go shopping is, junior Kenna Bullard shared this advice, "I like to go early in the morning December 23rd because the stores all have great sales." Black Friday is a good choice, too, if you went early enough and were prepared to fight to the death with other shoppers.

The ideas are endless for gift ideas. For children, junior Kaitlyn



Culp suggested to make a picture book. "...you would need paper (with punched holes), coloring utensils, ribbon to sew them together, and your creative mind." Food is something most people like, so use this to your advantage. Filling a mason jar with hot chocolate mix or baking cookies for friends or family members is also simple and something most enjoy. Decorate the jar with ribbon and you're set. Craft stores carry plain t-shirts, bags and hats one can decorate and personalize to the liking of the gift recipient. A mix CD is also a nice gesture. Fill it up with music your gift recipient already loves, and throw in a few song choices they've never heard. Write a poem or draw a picture and frame it. If your creative juices aren't exactly flowing, buy a tote and visit the local Dollar Tree to fill with all sorts of odds and ends — stickers, candy, candles, small toys — the possibilities are endless.

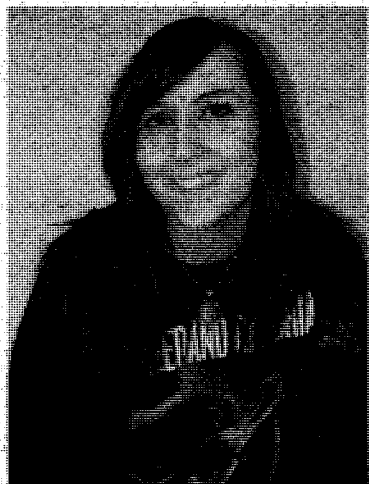
Christmas time should be fun and relaxing not stressful. Remember this, the best Christmas gift you can give is your time and thought, something money can't purchase.

Poet's Corner

Welcome once again to the poetry portion of the newspaper, the mass media team invites you to submit your best poetry to be published in the December issue of *The Quaker*. If interested poems must be typed, signed, and personally given to Mrs. Dye in room 179 by January 14. Until then, please enjoy the poems below.

'Tis the Season

As ice freezes on a dripping gutter
Attached to the cement side
Of that one shopping plaza...
Bodies rush and hearts race
To get to that one bustling place...
To buy that thing we
Need
To
Have
Right
Now
'Tis the season
To shell out cash and risk the riots
And soothe the insatiable hunger
So we can wrap it
Unwrap
Then never look at it again.
And all around the world
We prod the weeping wound in our hearts...



Meg Bell

Going Away

I'll stay sleeping, if you'd like
Wrapped up in ice, under a lake
In a tree hollow, anywhere
away...
Feathers crusted with frost,
I won't fly away...
But come spring
When my quills drip,
And I'm let free to
Bend my legs
And take off
Believe me...
I'll be gone.

School Calendar

By Meg Bell

December

22- NO SCHOOL- Christmas break begins
24- NO SCHOOL- Christmas Eve
25- NO SCHOOL- Christmas Day
31- NO SCHOOL- New Years Eve

January

1- NO SCHOOL- New Years Day
3- NO SCHOOL- Last day of Christmas Break
4- School resumes
13- 14- Semester Exams
21- 2-Hour Delay
24- 31- Musical rehearsal

Sports

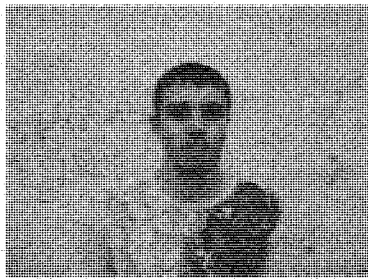
Senior Spotlight

By Kaylin Cadile and Aimee Jones



Alli Dolphin - Cheerleading

What position do you play?
MASCOT! WHOOO! (Quaker Ann)
What other sports do you play?
Shuffle board, four square, cheese rolling, soap box derby
Is this your favorite sport?
Fo sho
What is your goal for the season?
Perfect my triple back hand-spring tuck and roll
Who's your team's biggest rival?
The Warrior Chief and Warrior Princess



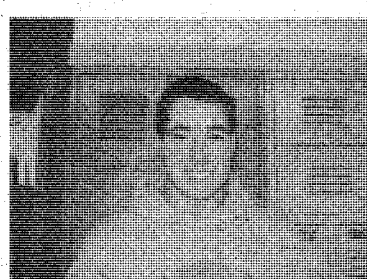
Brandon Macomber - Wrestling

How long have you been playing this sport?
Three years
What position do you play?
130 weight class
What other sports do you play?
I played football
What is your favorite memory?
Placing at the Howland Invitational last year
What is your goal for the season?
Have a winning season



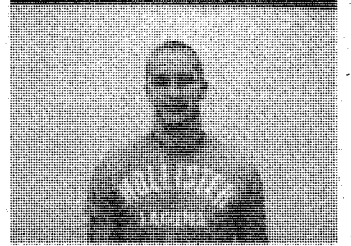
Chelsea Fuson - Basketball

How long have you been playing this sport?
Nine years
What is your favorite warm-up song?
Anything by Nicki Minaj!
What position do you play?
Point-guard
What other sports do you play?
Soccer
What is your goal for this season?
Improve each game for tourney time-Take the district!



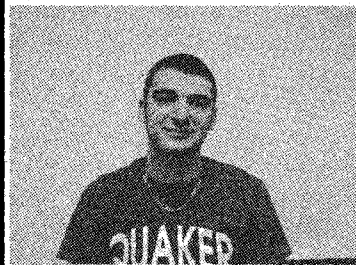
Chad Bash - Wrestling

How long have you been playing this sport?
Thirteen years
What position do you play?
215 weight class
What is your favorite memory?
Winning the HWPO award
What is your goal for this season?
To get my wrist healthy and come back for the final few matches
Who's your teams biggest rival?
Beaver Local and West Branch



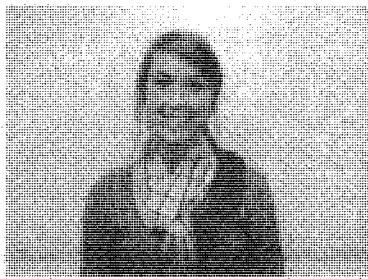
Eric Bailey - Basketball

How long have you been playing this sport?
Six years
What position do you play?
Wing
What other sports do you play?
Football, track
What is your favorite memory?
Isaiah singing when the bus broke down
How did you become interested in this sport?
Friends



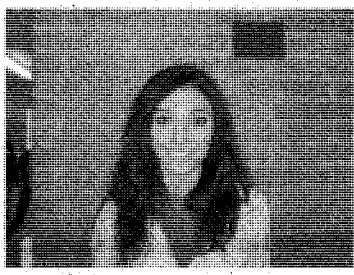
Ryan Wolfgang - Basketball

How long have you been playing this sport?
Since birth
What is your favorite warm-up song?
"Do the John Wall" - Troop 41
Is this your favorite sport?
Without a doubt
What is your favorite memory?
Making the half court shot in overtime last year at West Branch
How did you become interested in this sport?
My mom was a coach, and I was always in the gym as a kid



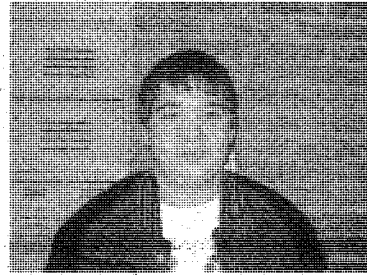
Peyton Meals - Basketball

How long have you been playing this sport?
Seven years
What position do you play?
Guard
What other sports do you play?
Soccer
What is your goal for the season?
To have a winning season
How did you become interested in this sport?
My sister Laci



Lisa Franklin - Cheerleading

How long have you been playing this sport?
Since third grade
What position do you play?
Wherever they put me ;)
Is this your favorite sport?
Well, of course, it's the most legit sport in the world!
What is your favorite memory?
Entire sophomore year
How did you become interested in this sport?
The uniforms were cute



Shawn Foor - Wrestling

How long have you been playing this sport?
Six years
What is your favorite warm-up song?
"Collapse" - Eminem
What other sports do you play?
Football
What is your favorite memory?
Defensively pinning a kid while being down 12-1
What is your goal for the season?
Placing at sectionals and districts



Andrea Seguin - Basketball

How long have you been playing this sport?
Twelve years
What is your favorite warm-up song?
Anything by Bon Jovi
What is your goal for the season?
Win districts!
Who's your teams biggest rival?
Canfield and Howland
How did you become interested in this sport?
I believe that I was simply born with my love for the game

New ski club at S.H.S.

By Alli Dolphin

Almost every school year a few new clubs are started or rekindled here at SHS. This year junior/senior high math intervention teacher, Ms. Kekel, decided to start a ski club. When asked what made her decide to create a ski club she said, "I enjoy skiing and snowboarding. I was in ski club when I was in high school, and my friends and I had a lot of fun—I want to share this experience with others."

The ski club plans to go skiing at Boston Mills Brandywine located in Sagamore Hills, Ohio. They are guaranteed five trips, and with the weather permitting, they could have more. There are a

total of fifteen members in the club, and they plan to take their trips on Sunday afternoons/evenings. On the trips members can ski, snowboard, or snow blade. Members can also hangout in the lodge and drink hot chocolate.

The cost of ski club is \$180 which includes rental, lessons, lift tickets, and free passes. They are also sharing the cost of a bus, but Ms. Kekel hopes to refund the money to the members after their fundraiser in February. They are planning on selling subs for the Super Bowl. If you are interested in helping them out, please contact Ms. Kekel or someone involved in ski club.

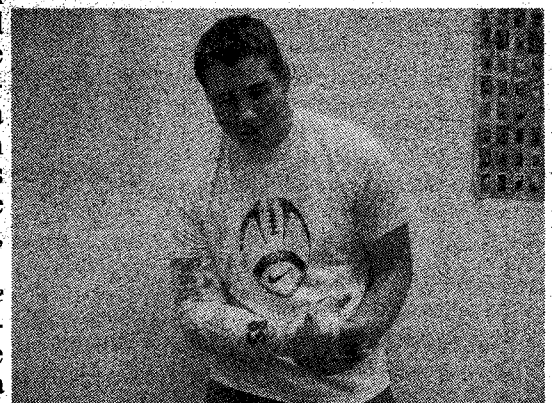
Injuries for S.H.S athletes

By Mike Risbeck

Injuries are a really common occurrence when it comes to sports for every season. The winter sports season normally has a fairly high amount of dramatic injuries that can cause the athletes to lose either their entire season or a massive amount of it. This year's injuries include broken bones and problems with tendonitis.

There are two people with broken wrists this year. The first major injury that occurred this year happened to Chad Bash. Unfortunately he broke the scaphoid and triquetrum bones in his wrist. This is a very rare occurrence to break both of these bones at the same time. These both have a lot of nerve endings running through them, so when Chad suffered the break, both the tendons contracted in his arm. Jerry Carlisle is the other student athlete with a broken wrist. Taylor Fredrickson is a member of the basketball team, and his discomfort is a case of tendonitis. Tendonitis is when the tendon becomes inflamed from stress being put on it. This causes any movement of the area surrounding the tendon to be very painful. Although uncomfortable, Taylor is continuing to participate in games.

These are all the known injuries as *The Quaker* goes to print for Salem High School's winter athletic programs. Let's hope that this is all the injuries that occur for the rest of the season. Have a safe and good finish to the seasons!



The battle of the sexes

By Kayla Mills

We are all aware of the social stereotypes regarding girls and guys spend the days. Supposedly, all girls shop, and all guys do is watch football. So we interviewed some students regarding how they feel about these stereotypes, hoping that we can get to the bottom of those ideas all got started.

Junior Sonia Miller said, "I think that girls think that watching football is the only thing that guys do because they can't help out with anything. They don't help us cook. They don't help us clean. They're too cheap to shop, so they watch football." To retaliate we have a quote from Junior Chandler about how he feels about this stereotype. "I spend more time watching football. If I see something and I say 'WOW! THAT'S A LOW PRICE,' then I'm going to go until I drop."

Moving on to the stereotype about girls doing nothing but shopping over the holidays, junior Lauren Rupp has this to say, "I do like to shop a lot. But I don't buy what all the other girls buy. I buy food and lots of Taco Bell." Senior Tim Slason made this observation and said, "If girls do nothing but shop, they will die of exhaustion and starvation. So obviously, that isn't the case."

So there you have it. Girls and guys may do a little shopping and watch the occasional football game, but neither of these activities dominates their lives. The best part about the holidays is having the opportunity to spend time with the people you love and have a wonderful time. Whether that includes watching football or going shopping, just remember to have fun in whatever activity you decide to participate.

What I wish I knew...before sitting next to Kayla Mills

By Shauna Uptegraph

Kayla Mills. Many of you know her. Some of you don't. In fact, maybe the correct phrasing is that a few of you know her, but many of you she's just another nameless girl, giggling away behind her oversized purse as she adds teensy nuances to amuse herself in class. When those of you who do know her think of the girl behind the name, what comes to mind? Is it a happy, rambunctious girl or perhaps the still impossibly mad girl that will argue until the air freezes about the most mundane things? For me, the image of Kayla is clear. She's the girl who sits beside me in Mass Media and makes it dang-near impossible to pay attention to my assignment.

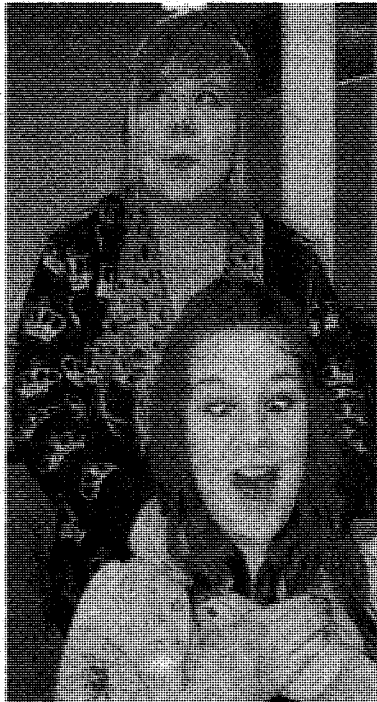
I wish I'd known that she slurped her drinks instead of sipping them like a normal human being. I wish I'd known that anything she said had to be the funniest thing ever, or she immediately explained it until the little bit of humor it had once held was trampled thoroughly into the mud of blandness. I wish I'd known that inevitably, at some point, I'd be forced to listen to the droning and monotonous laughter that spilled from her lips in dulcet tones of malice under thought. But I didn't, which is why I am writing this for you, dear viewer. So that you may be forewarned of the agony taking a seat next to this particular order of cheer will surely inflict on you.

I don't fret, however, for I am a fair and just journalist, and allowed Kayla to have her own take on this

article. When asked her opinions on herself, she responded "I think I'm just a normal girl trying to make it through this harsh world.Tear, and scene." What a cryptic sentence. Who knows that the last bit of her rambling means?

Well, readers. I hope that this article, though it is vague, allows you to see what kind of girl Kayla Mills really is—A lovely young woman who brings light to the Earth with her ridiculous connotations of all that is high school.

*Stay tuned for next month's installment of "What I wish I knew...before sitting next to Shauna Uptegraph By Kayla Mills.



Things about Christmas

Top 10 best

By Eva Jackman

It is always good to accentuate the positive; therefore, the following top ten BEST things about Christmas are presented below. Each individual probably has his/her favorite aspect of Christmas, and it may not be listed here. But chances are that at least one of these items will be a part of your list of good things during these holiday times.

1. Spending time with family and friends
2. Snow! (Snowmen, snowballs, snow angels, snow fall)
3. NO SCHOOL!!!
4. Fun holiday festivities and Christmas parties
5. Cookies and other splendid treats (fruitcake, anyone?)
6. Light displays, Christmas trees and other holiday décor
7. The gift of giving gifts (and receiving)
8. The overwhelming sense of cheer, jolliness and generosity.
9. Christmas Cards, stories and movies
10. Jolly old St. Nicholas (keeping the spirit of Christmas alive since 245 AD)



Top 10 worst

By Donna Paparodis and Sierra Cannon

One of the salutations of the holiday season is "Merry Christmas." Although most would like to believe that the holidays can, in fact, be merry—that is not always the case. You probably have your own specific person or thing that can really ruin the season for you. We suspect that probably something on the list below may be a holiday spoiler for you, as well.

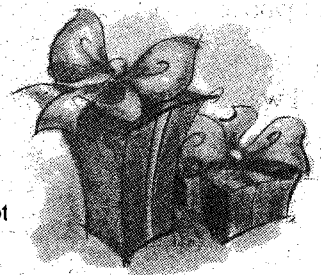
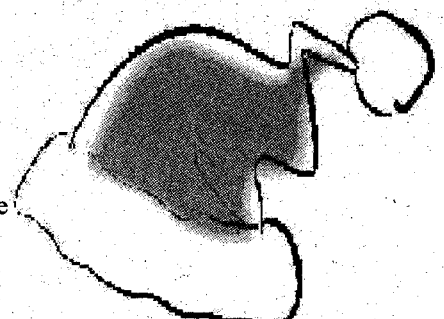
1. Scrooges
2. Fake Christmas trees
3. The weather being too cold
4. Overly merry people
5. People taking offense to you wishing them a Merry Christmas.
6. Not knowing what to get people for presents.
7. Radio stations play the same songs for days; the same movies are played over and over.
8. Getting a present you hate and having to act like you like it.
9. Lying to children about the existence of Santa Claus.
10. The lack of "Christ" in Christmas

Salem students make Christmas list

By Kaylin Cadile

When we were kids, we always made our Christmas lists to send off to Santa. Now that we are older, we may not be putting a stamp on a letter to whisk off to the North Pole, but that doesn't mean we don't have our Christmas lists. Students and teachers at S.H.S. have their own special wishes for Christmas, and some of them are listed below.

1. I don't want anything but to be with my family and friends. —Laura Brown
2. A new Canfield Fair sweatshirt. —Eric Spencer
3. "One Tree Hill" (Season 7) —Aimee Jones
4. I want an Ipod touch, a new pair of boots, and my Ranger to be un-dented!! —Kaylin Cadile
5. The Xbox Kinect —Donna Paparodis
6. A new Car —Shauna Uptegraph
7. A Tiffany's necklace —Alli Dolphin
8. Kindle Color —Sonia Miller
9. Snooki's Hair Extensions —Kayla Mills
10. External Hard Drive —Meg Bell
11. I want a BIG jar of icing... and a SWIFFER! —Aphdin Cadile
12. Ipod and a New Northface coat —Brianna Welton
13. My son to be home from the Military —Frau Carter
14. I want to go see my elephant —Kenna Bullard
15. A BALL PIT... and a MIDGET!!! —Jordan Stewart
16. My truck wants a new paint job —Marissa Wright
17. A big bag... of COOKIES. ☺ —Lori Hellem
18. I want to be able to wear jeans again! —Abi Pasco
19. I want Bon Jovi Tickets <3 —Peyton Meals
20. Pluto to be a planet again. —Mike Risbeck
21. Adam Bell's truck... and a BALL PIT! ☺ —Tiffany Franklin
22. I want a new North Face coat and John Mayer Tickets —Maleigha Scot
23. To have my washer back in the Home Ec room!! —Mrs. Zacharias
24. To be able to have food back in the hallways. —Shane Alesi
25. Colt McCoy under my Christmas tree... in Santa boxers <3 —Macy McKinney



Quaker Clips

