

The Purple Press

**"The Pessimist Sees
Difficulty In Every
Opportunity. The Optimist
Sees Opportunity In Every
Difficulty." - Winston
Churchill**

**"You Learn More From
Failure Than From Success.
Don't Let It Stop You.
Failure Builds Character." -
Unknown**

DECEMBER NEWS

**"Continuous effort -- not
strength nor intelligence --
is the key to unlocking our
potential." -Winston
Churchill**

**"If you can't fly, then run, If
you can't run, then walk, If
you can't walk, then crawl,
but whatever you do, you
have to keep moving
forward." -Martin Luther
King Jr.**



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As we embark on our holiday breaks, we are receiving the gift of time. We have glorious days off! During this time of the year we hear a lot about being grateful and thankful. Appreciating what we have and the people that support and love us in our life is wonderful. There have been many studies done that show that consistently and purposefully showing thanks actually can heal your body and mind physically. Finding the blessings in our life is a wonderful skill to grow and have. I want to up the ante a little for us all over this upcoming week. In our time of Thanksgiving and over the Winter break, let us add a focus of being present.

We may see family and friends that we don't see often. We may have the opportunity to serve the community and give back to people we do not know. We may have time to relax and not think about school or work for a short period. In whatever you find yourself doing be present. Put down the technology and put your eyes up. Look at the people around you. Listen intently with your eyes, your ears and your body language. Turn towards who you see, lead physically and emotionally with your heart and mind.

Make the choice to find those things that link us all together. Look for sameness, things in common, things to share, things that match and places we run parallel with each other. Be present in your days, in your relationships, in your actions, in your emotions and in your life. Everyone wants to be seen and heard. Give yourself the opportunity to feel the love and gratitude you can create for others by being present with them.

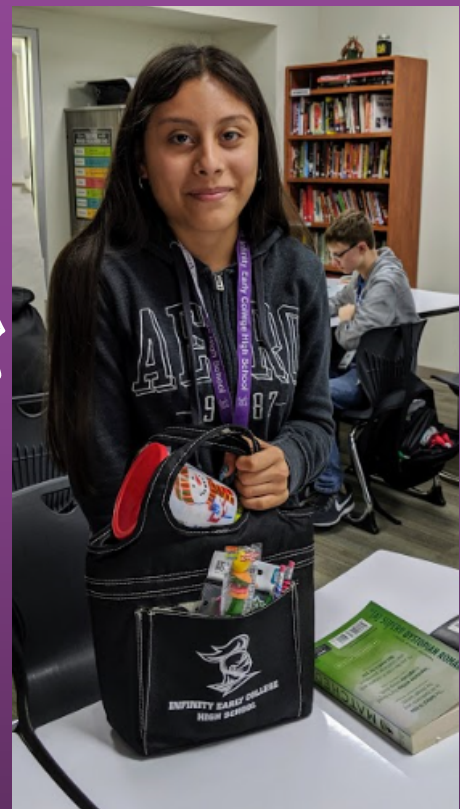
Happy Thanksgiving and Happy Holidays!!

TRIVIA

By: Dean Vann



Winner of
Last Puzzle





BY: Adamaris Garcia

**There's a teacher here at IECHS that keeps being rude to me. I haven't done anything to this person for him/her to act in such a way. I don't know if to talk/how to talk to the teacher about this situation. What can I do??!! Sincerely,
Polite and Perplexed**

A similar type of situation like this one has happened to me before. The only difference was that I was being rude back to the teacher. Your type of situation can be fixed very easily. If I were you, I would just try to talk to him/her patiently. If you are too nervous to speak in person, maybe send an email. If this teacher keeps being rude to you, then I think you should talk to one of the administrators about this situation. They can help you with this problem and hopefully, your relationship with the teacher gets better. :)

Christmas Movies Anyone

BY: Valerie Velasquez

Christmas is getting closer and everyone loves watching movies. If you want to not spend a lot of money but still have a great night with friends you should have a little movie night.

Go to the Dollar Store and grab some hot cocoa packets, popcorn, favorite candies, and any other snacks. Grab some blankets and play a Christmas movie. Here's the top 5 movies according to Esquire.

- Home Alone.
- Elf
- A Christmas Story
- It's A Wonderful Life
- National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation

There are many classics, but my favorite Christmas movie is The Polar Express. If you haven't seen the movie, you're lame, haha I'm kidding, but you should definitely watch it. Many students watched the movie in elementary school. I watched it in elementary school and I loved it; it's an older movie, but definitely an all time favorite. The non-animated "How the Grinch Stole Christmas" is also one of my favorites because it shows that you don't need presents and gifts to enjoy Christmas. Even though gifts are fun and exciting, Christmas is about getting to spend time with family. And I say a great way to spend time with family this Christmas is by watching some movies.

Lovell's Holiday Meal

BY: Denisse Rivera

CORNBREAD CASSEROLE IS MS. LOVELL'S FAVORITE BECAUSE IT WAS A STAPLE AT HER FAMILY CHRISTMAS DINNERS, SO IT HOLDS A SPECIAL PLACE IN HER HEART. ALTHOUGH SHE SAYS IT ISN'T FANCY, IT REMINDS HER OF LOVED ONES AND CHERISHED TIMES.

CORNBREAD CASSEROLE

2 CANS OF CREAM STYLE CORN

3/4 CUP COOKING OIL

2 EGGS

1 CUP CORNBREAD MIX (OR 1 PACKAGE OF CORNBREAD MIX)

1 TEASPOON GARLIC SALT

1 CUP GRATED SHARP CHEESE

MIX ALL INGREDIENTS EXCEPT THE CHEESE AND PUT IN A SHALLOW DISH TO BAKE AT 350 DEGREES FOR 45 MINUTES. COVER WITH CHEESE THE LAST 5 MINUTES.



Hanukkah's Origins

BY: Natalie Ruiz

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Hanukkah is a Jewish holiday that is also known as the Festival of Lights. This celebration is an eight-day Jewish holiday that celebrates the rededication of the second Holy Temple. This celebration is known to be eight days and eight nights, on the 25th day of Kislev, according to the Hebrew calendar.

Hanukkah began in Israel when Antiochus IV took over and became king of the empire. When he became the king, most Jews kept on practicing their faith, but that didn't satisfy Antiochus. He began to place Hellenistic priests in the temple and to sacrifice pigs at the altar.

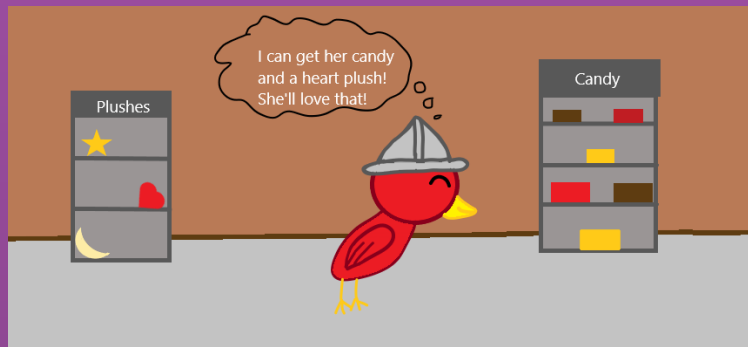
This prohibited Jews from practicing their faith. Many of the Jews began to rebel against Antiochus and his team. With a lot of fighting and arguing, the Jews got back their temple.

To rededicate the temple they needed oil, but there was only enough to last one night. The oil mysteriously lasted eight days. Thus, Hanukkah is the eight-day festival of lights.

Now, they use a menorah that holds nine candles. The center candle is the main candle that is used to light up all the eight Hanukkah candles. Each candle represents each day the oil lasted in the temple



Bailie's Comics



When Should Infinity Show Christmas Spirit?

BY: Genesis Bones

Here recently people have been complaining about when stores should put up their Christmas decorations. Some stores have had them up since October and others don't even have them up yet. Of course, we can't change the stores and ask them when they should start selling Christmas stuff. But we can ask Infinity! (and that's just what I did) I asked our students when they believed we should start showing our Christmas spirit, and here are some of the answers I got.

"I think that we should put up our decorations the day right before Thanksgiving break so when we get back we can already be in the spirit. Then that day we can start hosting events and playing carols in the hallways." Said Gracyn Bradford, a student here at Infinity. "December second sounds like a good day to start putting up decorations and we should put carols on in the

hallways around the 9th, don't want it to get annoying come Christmas time and there should only be 3 Christmas related events." Said Vincent Cruz. A couple of students

that I asked actually said that we shouldn't put on any Christmas carols and that it aggravates them.

All and all, most of the students I asked said that we should start putting up decorations when we get back from break, that is if they weren't already up. When I asked about the carols I had a very diverse group of responses. There were students who didn't want carols at all, wanted them only for a week, and some who wanted them to start playing weeks ago. And everyone pretty much wanted the Christmas events to start after the break.

What's your opinion? When do YOU think Infinity should start showing our spirit?



New Year- New You?

BY: Emma Mayfield

We all make New Year's resolutions, all of us. We all want to magically become good working, intelligent members of society, but is that really even possible? And, if not, why? Why? What is the issue? Why doesn't the new year actually spark change?

Well, for one, most resolutions are vague and they can't be measured. The three most common resolutions (according to goskills.com) are Exercise more, Lose weight, and get organized. These resolutions can't be specifically measured; if you make these promises to yourself, you can't be kept accountable. Instead of having "resolutions," you need to have time oriented goals, and they must be specific.

"Exercise more" should be turned into "exercise three times a week."

"Lose weight" could be "Lose 5 pounds a month."

"Get organized" should be "clean room every day, and do all my homework the day it is assigned."

The more specific, the better. When you have a solid, measurable goal, you can easily keep yourself on track.

Another way to be successful is accountability partners. Find a friend and tell them your goal, and let them tell you theirs. Having an interdependent relationship is the best way (in my experience) to keep goals and make deadlines.

We all make new year's resolutions, all of us. And when we make good goals and have good accountability partners, we can grow as people. The new year can spark positive change.



REINDEER GAMES

BY: Emily J Zavala

The Reindeer Games are something that is well known here at IECHS. We all enjoy some friendly competition while making friends. The Reindeer Games consists of balloon popping, door decorating, cookie wiggling, toilet paper wrapping, and the staff dance. I've gotten a few quotes from people who have experienced the reindeer games in the past.

What can we expect from the Reindeer Games?

Person 1 - "Hilarity with holiday-themed competitions."

Person 2 - "Lots of fun, laughter, & competitiveness!!!"

Person 3 - "Craziness"

What was your favorite part of the Reindeer Games?

Person 1 - "Advisories working together"

Person 2 - "The staff dance"

Person 3 - "Seeing the camaraderie of each advisory, their chosen themes/mascots, and the adrenaline spike of

competition."

Was something that you didn't enjoy last year's games?

Person 1 - "Having a carrot in my mouth wasn't very pleasant."

Person 2 - "Popping the balloons"

Person 3 - "Losing to Wallace"

What is your advice for winning this year's Reindeer Games?

Person 1 - "Start training 24/7."

Person 2 - "Good attitude and lots of school spirit."

Person 3 - "Work quickly and strategically. Allow upper-class students to share their expertise."



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