

# Pirates Log

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## THE CHRISTMAS CHILLS

By: Roxanne Ruiz  
All hearts astray  
greet one day,  
    More or so before  
Christmas day,  
    Gingerbread  
houses and delicious  
treats,  
    One big tree, lit up  
for everyone to see,  
    It's chilly outside,  
like a big uncooked  
pie,  
    But inside it's  
warm and so divine,  
    Hot chocolate by  
the fire, wrapped up  
tight,  
    Waiting for the  
night to take flight,  
    How I love the  
Christmas season,  
    Lots of love and  
joy for years to come,  
    Sleep now child  
for now you see  
    Christmas time is  
quite so keen

-Roxanne Ruiz

## History of Thanksgiving

By: Rafael Reyes

Thanksgiving started  
in the year 1621. The  
first thanksgiving was  
a harvest feast shared  
between the  
Wampanoag and the  
pilgrims. During the  
first Thanksgiving  
they didn't eat turkey,  
they ate ducks or  
geese with fish, eels,  
shellfish, stews,  
veggies, and beer.  
Today however we  
celebrate traditionally  
with turkey, and all  
the fixings.

## Jokes of the month

By: Angie Mendoza

How is Drake like an  
elf?

He spends all his time  
wrapping!

Why do reindeers like  
Beyoncé so much? She  
sleighs.

What did the soccer  
announcer who made  
the naughty list get  
from Santa Claus?

COOOOOAAAALLLLL!

What do Santa's little  
helpers learn at  
school? The elf-abet.

What is a vegan's  
favorite Christmas  
carol?  
Soy to the world



# Happy

# Holidays



## Days in December

By: Elysia Gallues

1. World AIDS Day
2. Abolition of Slavery
3. National Make a Gift Day
4. Santa's List Day
5. National Communicate with Your Kids Day
6. Mitten Tree Day
7. National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day
8. Crossword Solvers Day
9. National Llama Day
10. International Animal Rights
11. Green Monday
12. Gingerbread House Day
13. National Cocoa Day
14. Monkey Day
15. National Ugly Christmas Sweater Day
16. National Wreaths Across America Day
17. National Maple Syrup Day
18. International Migrants Day
19. National Emo Day
20. Go Caroling Day
21. Don't Make Your Bed Day

22. National Short Person Day,
23. National Roots Day
24. National Eggnog Day
25. National Pudding Day
26. National Thank-You Note Day
27. National Leftovers Day
28. National Call a Friend Day
29. National Bacon Day
30. National Champagne Day

## Kwanzaa

By: Kai Yates

Kwanzaa is an annual celebration of African-American culture from December 26 to January 1, culminating in a communal feast called *Karamu*, usually on the sixth day. It was created by activist Maulana Karenga, based on African harvest festival traditions from various parts of West and Southeast Africa. Kwanzaa was first celebrated in 1966. Estimates of how many Americans celebrate

Kwanzaa have varied in recent years, from as few as a half a million to as many as 12 million.

According to Karenga, the name Kwanzaa derives from the Swahili phrase *matunda ya kwanza*, meaning "first fruits". First fruits festivals exist in Southern Africa, celebrated in December/January with the southern solstice, and Karenga was partly inspired by an account he read of the Zulu festival Umkhosi Wokweshwama. After its creation in California, Kwanzaa spread outside the United States. In December 2022, Reverend Al Sharpton, Mayor Eric Adams, businessman Robert F. Smith, Reverend Conrad Tillard, Rabbi Shmuley Boteach, and Elisha Wiesel joined to celebrate Kwanzaa and Hanukkah together at Carnegie Hall.

There is, of course, a lot more to this tradition and holiday, but this was just a quick, informative little writing. If you are interested in learning more, feel free to search it up. In conclusion, Kwanzaa is a holiday that serves a purpose to celebrate African American culture.

## Universal Human Rights Month

By: Xavier Rivera

Human Rights Day is celebrated each year on December 10th. This day represents equality, freedom, and justice for all. This day symbolizes the importance of equality for everyone no matter what race, gender, religion, or other characteristics. In 1948, the United Nations adopted the 10th of December as Human Rights Day to spread awareness for human rights of all individuals. Since 1948, December has been recognized as National Human Rights month every year.

## Merry Melodies

By: Julianna Quick

I compiled the most iconic Christmas songs, they are:  
All I Want for Christmas Is You - Mariah Carey  
Last Christmas - Wham!  
Feliz Navidad - Jose Feliciano

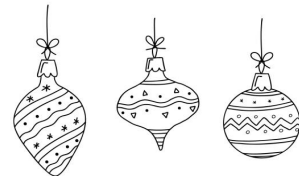
It's Beginning To Look A Lot Like Christmas - Bing Crosby  
Jingle Bell Rock - Bobby Helms  
Rockin' Around the Christmas Tree - Brenda Lee  
It's the Most Wonderful Time of the Year - Andy Williams  
Sleigh Ride - The Ronettes  
Christmas Don't Be Late - Alvin and The Chipmunks  
Santa Claus Is Comin' To Town - Bruce Springsteen  
Jingle Bells - Frank Sinatra  
White Christmas - Bing Crosby

## History of Christmas

By: Everett Switzer

When did Christmas start and why is it so important to families all over the world? Christmas first became a tradition in the year 336 in ancient Rome. Christmas did not start to be a Christian holiday until the 9th century. In early Rome

Christmas was thought to be a celebration of harvest and the winter solstice. Later, Christmas became a celebration of the birth of Christ. Many people wonder why Santa Claus is the most popular mascot for Christmas, it is because in the 4th century there was a Christian Saint who was named Saint Nicholas which is where Santa Claus got his name. Christmas is an amazing tradition that has been a part of our country and a lot of the other world for centuries. Despite what families believe in, they still celebrate Christmas, it is a great holiday where you can meet family, friends, and other relatives. There is truly no holiday like it



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## Girls Basketball

### Update

By Krystal Mendoza

Great job pirates! The girls basketball season went by quickly but they did the best that they could. This season has had its ups and downs with very close games. The girls are very strong. The seventh and eighth graders are kicking butt! The eighth graders are Chloe Williamson, Ryley Rasmussen, Remi Keller, Taliyah Gonzalez, Trinity Nava, Elysia Gallues. The seventh graders are Emily Canchola, Alea Castro, Katie Dopf, Kinsley Gable, Audriana Gutierrez, Isabella Herrera, Kaci

Hochstrat, Aislynn Kinney, Emmalou Mills, Avah Oviedo, Emma Poston, and Kilea Wilson. Their last tournament was the 13-14, way to go girls!

## Wrestling

By: Carlie Gepford

We had a good season with a lot of wins and a lot of losses. We hosted districts this year and this is how we placed CJ Longoria and Jay Ramirez placed first in their weights. Gabe Hansen and Miguel Perez placed third and Valentine Castillo and Aiden Chase placed fourth.

## Roster

- Julianna Delira
- Ava Dovalina
- Dakota Grumm
- Isidro Moren-torres
- Treyton Pecunia
- Talyn Smith
- Aiden Chase
- Christian Duran
- Jayden Hernandez
- Miguel Perez
- Bain Thaxton
- Valentine castillo
- Jose Davila
- Carlie Gepford
- Gabriel hansen
- Lily Ingle
- Michael Keffer
- CJ Longoria
- Julian Nunez
- Jay Ramirez
- Monty Spellman
- Spencer Strong

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## Christmas cake-pop recipe

By: Joee Sharrai

Start by making a homemade cake from scratch. The recipe for that is as follows.

1. 1 cup white sugar
2. 1/2 cup unsalted butter
3. 2 large eggs
4. 2 teaspoons vanilla extract
5. 1 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
6. 1 3/4 teaspoons baking powder
7. 1/2 cup milk

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C). Grease and flour a 9-inch square cake pan. Cream sugar and butter together in a mixing bowl. Add eggs, one at a time, beating briefly after each addition. Mix in vanilla. Combine flour and baking powder in a separate bowl. Add to the wet

ingredients and mix well. Add milk and stir until smooth. Pour batter into the prepared cake pan. Bake in the preheated oven until the top springs back when lightly touched, 30 to 40 minutes.

8. Let the cake cool and then crumble it.
9. Get whipped topping
10. Mix the frosting and the cake crumbles together.
11. Form the dough into cake balls and freeze them.
12. Place the cake balls on a cake pop stick, dip them in chocolate, and

decorate them.

13. Let them dry.
14. Enjoy!

## What I want for Christmas

By: Lily Echanis

I polled a number of people and asked what the number one thing they wanted for christmas was and here are their responses

6th grade Johnny Tovar - His phone back

7th grade Isaiah Hoopman - Gaming console

8th grade Joee sharrai - stanley cup

Teacher - Mrs. Whitely - A trip to hawaii