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HOLIDAY CHEER

Publications students pick favorite Christmas entertainment

With Christmas right around the corner, Christmas entertainment can be found in various forms such as music, movies, books and more. In the spirit of Christmas, WHS publications staff and advisers chose their favorite pieces of Christmas entertainment. Let us know your favorites at whscharger.com or on Twitter @whscharger.

Kaytlyn Meseke, newspaper

"The Polar Express" movie is my favorite piece of Christmas entertainment because it holds a special place in my heart. When my brother was being born, my aunt took me to the movie theaters to watch it and it was my first movie theater experience. I didn't enjoy it much that day, and it still kind of scared me years after. But every year we watch it as a family and the suspense still gets me sometimes.



Hannah Mumpower, newspaper

"National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation" is by far my favorite piece of Christmas entertainment. My family and I watch it every year on TV at least once, if not more. It's a really funny movie and is super entertaining. I'm pretty sure my brother can quote just about every scene in the movie. It also reminds me a little of our own family Christmases. They get a little hectic sometimes, but it turns out all right in the end.

Laurel Barber, yearbook editor in chief, newspaper

"Mickey's Twice Upon a Christmas" is a classic but amazing Christmas movie. Every year the night before Christmas my mom would wrap all the presents and I would have to go into the back room to watch a movie. I would always watch the movie and try to be like Minnie in the ice rink.

Jayna Keller, newspaper

"A Charlie Brown Christmas" is my favorite piece of Christmas entertainment. It's such a classic, and when I was in sixth grade, I helped the younger kids in EL put on a production of it. Also they play it every year on TV, so I can just sit down with my little siblings, and enjoy a holiday movie. It's an easy way to be able to relax with my family, without fighting about what to watch.

Abby Oliver, newspaper editor in chief, Senioritis host

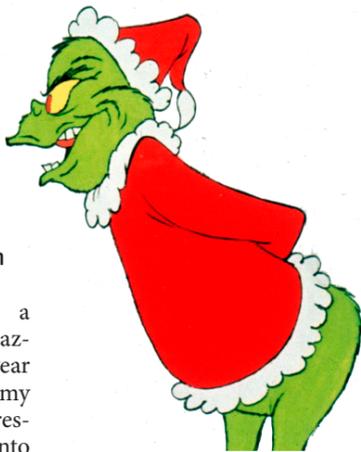
Ever since my brothers and I were little kids, my mom would read us "The Night Before Christmas" book Christmas Eve night before we went to bed. We would get to open one present that night, and it would always be new pajamas. Then we would all sit on our couch, and listen to mom read The Night before Christmas. It just reminds me of Christmas as a kid.

Makayla Wagner, yearbook

My favorite Christmas movie is the classic animated "The Grinch Who Stole Christmas" because it makes me laugh and my favorite part is when he started feeling and he asked Max to help him.

Sean Dugger, newspaper

Being more into music than movies during the holiday season, "Carol of the Bells" takes the place of my favorite Christmas entertainment. The song has been remade by many artists, which I believe adds to its enjoyment as everyone adds something a little different every time. My favorite covers include the Trans-Siberian Orchestra and Pentatonix.

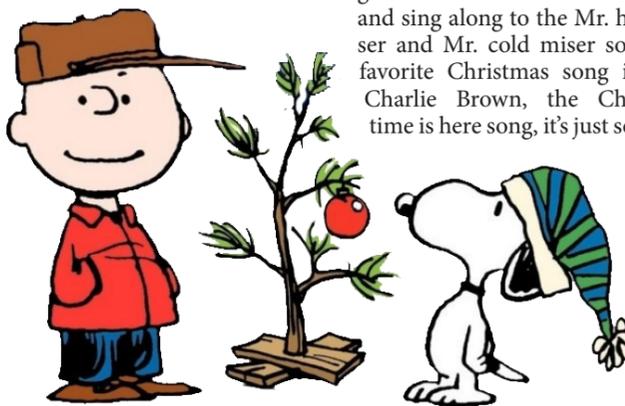


Emma Frey, newspaper

I liked all the animated Christmas movies growing up like "Santa Claus Is Comin' to Town," "The Year Without Santa Claus," "Rudolph," "The Little Drummer Boy," "Nestor," and "The Grinch." I never really got into any other movies when I was younger like I did with those. They're just so good and I don't think any Christmas movie will ever top those for me. They remind me of being a kid.

Eleanor Badeker, newspaper

I'm a big fan of all the classic Christmas movies, but for me nothing beats the Nutcracker ballet. My family owns an old version on VHS. The picture is kind of fuzzy and it makes weird noises sometimes, but it adds to the effect that has been a tradition every year. The music by Tchaikovsky is so beautiful. My mom and I always watch it during Christmas break and it calms us down amidst the craziness of the season.



Justice Houston, yearbook

I love all Christmas songs but my favorite is definitely is "All I Want for Christmas" by Mariah Carey. It's my favorite because every Christmas season me and my friends always jam out to the song.

Melissa Campbell, yearbook

My favorite Christmas movie is the Christmas Chronicles. It's a new movie on Netflix, and it has some comedic scenes.

Shantel Corp, yearbook

My favorite movie is "National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation." My favorite Christmas song is "Christmas Cookies" by George Strait. It my favorite season because I get to spend time with my family.

Meredith Hess, yearbook

Christmas Hallmark movies are probably my favorite thing to entertain myself with during Christmas time. My mom and I waste time watching them, and I even watch them while I study for finals! They are really cheesy and the same thing happens in every single one, but I love them.

Dillon Spellman, Senioritis producer

My favorite piece of Christmas entertainment is the 2008 Hannah Montana Christmas Special. Even if it only exists in my mind, it has to be the greatest Christmas-themed piece of art to ever exist. Someday I might even get around to watching it.

Brendan Praeger, newspaper adviser

Rather than choosing something old, I'm choosing something new that I think will become a tradition in my family. Last week I watched "Angela's Christmas" on Netflix with my two-year-old son Logan. The short animated film presents a story from Frank McCourt, the author of the Irish classic "Angela's Ashes," in which a young girl steals the baby Jesus from a nativity scene to keep him warm during a cold night. The movie is incredible, and since my mother grew up in Ireland it's extra special. Logan has watched it half a dozen times already and his grandmother even took him to the nearby Catholic Church because he kept asking to see "Baby Jesus."

Luke Barber, Senioritis host

My favorite Christmas movie is "A year without Santa." I remember when I would sit on the floor in my grandma's old house and watch it and sing along to the Mr. heat miser and Mr. cold miser song. My favorite Christmas song is from Charlie Brown, the Christmas time is here song, it's just so sweet.

Maddie Alderman, Senioritis host

My favorite Christmas entertainment is watching my father watch "A Christmas Story". He's seen it about a million times, but still laughs at every joke. Also, if you watch closely, you can see him mouthing the words along with the characters on screen.

Amy Cassell, yearbook adviser

My favorite song is "Mary Did You Know?" because it's pretty and my kids will sing it.



QUESTION OF THE WEEK

What is the best gift you've ever given?

"I gave my parents a copy of "The Daily Prophet" featuring a Harry Potter-themed baby announcement, including his sonogram & picture, for their 33rd wedding anniversary."

English teacher Laura Delfelder

"The best thing I've ever given was a Donald Trump sippy-cup to my sister."

Freshman Elijah Wade

"I gave my mom a silver and garnet necklace."

Freshman Justin Carlson

"My wife and I took our kids to Disney World. It cost a lot, so I hope they liked it."

Ag Teacher Danny Davis

"I made a tile with a quote about my great grandpa with a picture of army boots because he was in the Korean War. I'm going to give it to my grandma and she'll probably cry."

Senior Hunter Johnson

"A crisp high five."

Sophomore Jaxon Hund

"The best gift I have ever given would be the necklace I gave my Mama. It was half a heart saying, "Mother Cherished Forever" and my half heart said "Daughter Loved Always"."

Freshman Breanna Carroll

"The best gift I've ever given is a nice tool shed for my day."

Freshman Brayden Meseke

"I wrapped up a blanket my sister already had and gave it to her."

Junior Autymn Schreiner

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