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# 2017 Terror attacks and shootings in the United States

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We know about the major terror attacks that occur throughout the year because they are heavily covered in the media, and death appearing on the news is a common occurrence. Terror attacks have been plaguing the world for centuries, and the United States has been suffering them since the country was founded. Yet, more attacks happen in our country than most of us are aware of, and many acts of terrorism go unnoticed by the majority.

In a year filled with terrorist violence, here are a few of the attacks you may have not heard about.

### 1. The Olathe, Kansas shooting, February 23

*One person killed, two injured.*

A Kansas man shot three people, yelling "get out of my Country." The racist gunman claimed to have opened fire because he believed the men he shot were Middle Eastern. The victims were Indian engineers. One of the men was killed and another was injured. An outside man who attempted to come to their rescue was also shot.

### 2. The Stabbing of Timothy Caughman, March 25

*One person killed.*

A white supremacist stabbed a black man to death in New York. He had planned to also make larger attacks against black men in New York's Times Square.

### 3. The 2017 Congressional Baseball shooting, June 14

*One person killed, six injured.*

A man opened fire at a baseball field in Alexandria, Virginia. He was targeting Republican lawmakers.

### 4. 2017 Bishop International Airport incident, June 21

*One person injured.*

A Muslim extremist stormed Bishop International Airport near Flint, Michigan. The airport was evacuated after the man stabbed a police officer in the neck. The officer was seriously injured.

### 5. Pipe-bomb attack, July 10

*No injuries reported.*

A pipe-bomb exploded in a military recruitment centre located in Tulsa, Oklahoma. The property was seriously damaged. The FBI treated the incident as an act of "domestic terrorism," even though no one was injured.

### 6. 2017 Charlottesville attack, August 12

*One person killed, nineteen injured.*

A driver deliberately plowed his car into a group of protesters who were marching peacefully in Charlottesville, Virginia.

### 7. 2017 Lower Manhattan attack, October 21

*Eight people killed, eleven injured.*

A truck driver rammed his vehicle into a group of pedestrians near the World Trade center in New York, intending to kill them. The attack is believed to have been associated with the terrorist group known as Daesh, or ISIS, because the group's flag and a note that read "Islamic State lives forever," were found near the truck.

Many more attacks have occurred in the United States in the past year, and even more than that throughout the world. Acts of terror have occurred every single day this year throughout the world's nations, and very few are recognized. When you begin to follow the news beyond what is on the morning television, reality becomes a lot more clear.

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Protesters with One Million Moms for Gun Control rally in New York City.

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# Why gun control loses

**Brittney Williams-Poke**

*Art and Design Editor*

In the wake of the First Baptist Church of Sutherland Springs shooting in Texas that left over 26 people dead and 20 injured by shooter Devin Patrick Kelley, the topic of gun control is back in the forefront as people are demanding stricter gun control policies.

Senior Tess Davenport believes the government should, “survey people and acknowledge mental illnesses as well as making it more difficult to obtain arms for all.”

The likeliness of new gun control policies being put in place seem slim to none as the same conversation has taken place time and time again, most recently after the

Las Vegas Mass Shooting in October, the largest mass shooting in U.S. History. After the Las Vegas Mass Shooting the conversation of banning bump stocks - the devices that allow semiautomatic rifles to work as automatics- disappeared as quickly as it appeared.

“I feel like gun control is one of those things that people only care about when it affects them, when there are no terrorist attacks, there is no talk of it,” says senior Maddie Welsh.

It seems as if after every mass shooting the laws that are suggested are specified to that event (i.e. bump stocks with Las Vegas, background checks with Sutherland Springs) instead of laws that are broad and affect the majority of gun owners.

The only truly broad gun policy is back-

ground checks, which have been proven ineffective as Kelley was arrested for domestic abuse and still was able to legally buy a gun. In response, President Trump released a statement saying that the Texas church shooting wasn't a gun issue, but it was a "mental health problem."

Even as people push for gun control, the fact is that people have become desensitized to mass shootings. The anger and helplessness that people are currently feeling will go away in a week or so.

The only way for real gun reform to happen is to push for it at all times, not just after a tragedy.

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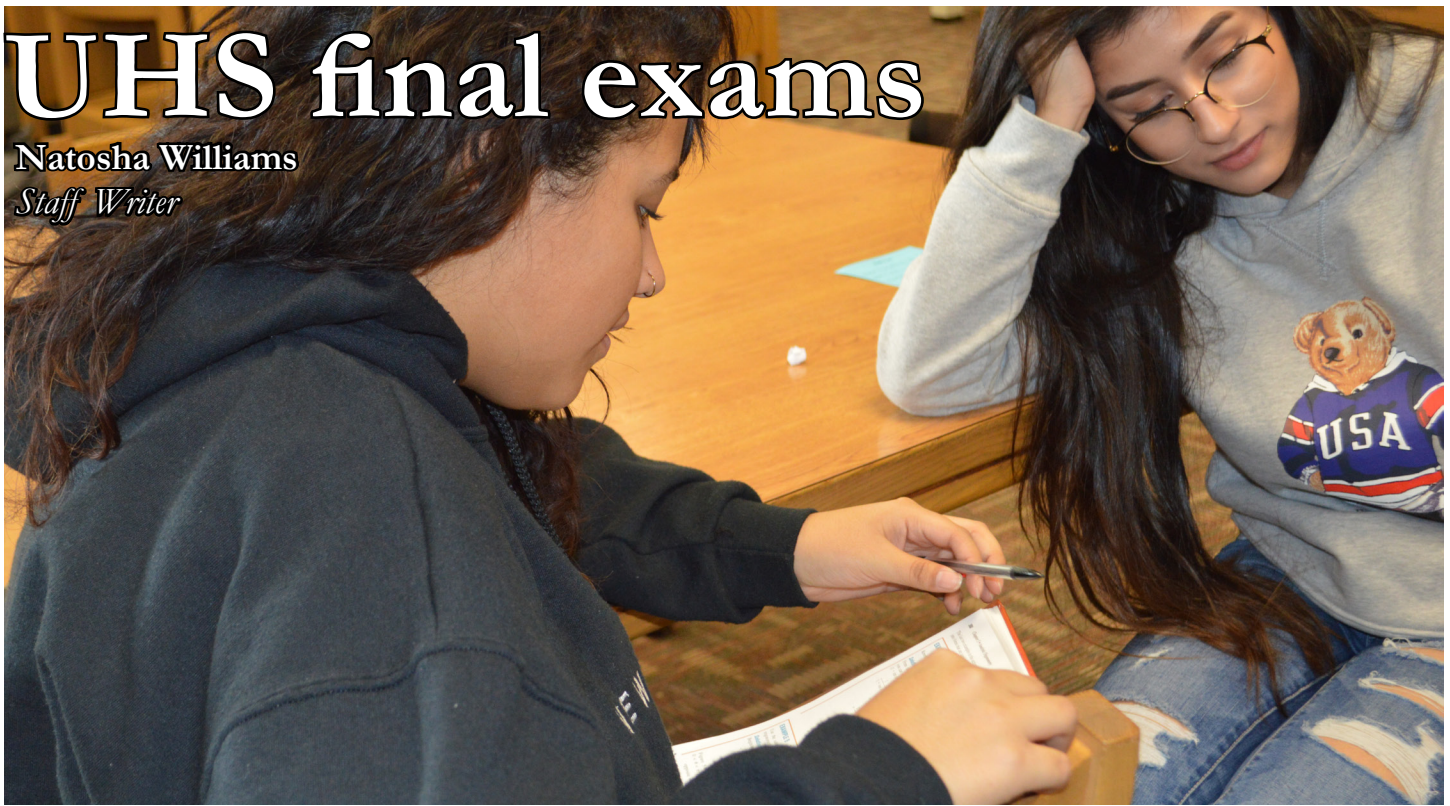
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# UHS final exams

**Natosha Williams**  
*Staff Writer*



**Students Savannah Arreola and Martha Hernandez study for finals in the school library.**

*Desiree Bryant/The Echo*

Urbana High School's first final exams of the year are coming up soon, which has many students already preparing.

Sophomore Tae'Geona Hill says, "I'm always scared for finals, but this year I am really comfortable because I am very focused in every class."

Some students feel confident in their abilities, yet final exams create an added pressure.

"I feel somewhat confident yet slightly worried but knowing that I need to prepare now will lead me to get better results," says senior Elaishe Stone. "The stress of finals review and finals week is really heavy because of the load of information you have to remember in order to get a good grade."

Sophomore Tonaea Webb agrees. "I feel anxious, but excited at the same time because some stuff I get, but other subjects are very complicated."

Despite the anticipated difficulty of finals, many students feel determined knowing

they will help in the future. Junior Takira Wilson says, "I feel pretty great about finals, knowing the material will definitely help out in the long run."

Of the different strategies students use to better prepare for finals, starting early seems to be the most popular.

"I'm just making sure to put as much as I can in now by asking questions and also receiving tutoring," Stone says. "I feel that

if I put in the work now, good grades will come in result."

"I've been paying attention in all my classes and studying every time I have free time," says Webb.

On the days of finals, come in prepared to pass every exam. Be sure to eat a good breakfast, get enough sleep the night before, pack your bag with all necessary supplies, come in focused and ready. Good Luck on Finals UHS!

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A photograph of a female teacher with blonde hair sitting on a blue carpeted floor, reading a book to a group of young children. The children are also sitting on the floor, some looking at the book. The background shows a classroom environment with shelves and toys.

# Will the UHS roof last the winter?

**Sam Reel**  
*Staff Writer*



**A water damaged photo in the wrestling room.**

*Sam Reel / The Echo*

When it rains, the roof at Urbana High School pours.

The last time it rained heavily in Urbana, students and staff were surprised to find trash cans, lots of trash cans. There to collect dripping water, these cans also collected waterlogged ceiling tile materials as they fell from above.



**Missing ceiling tiles in the center stairwell.**

*Sam Reel / The Echo*

If the cans were not there, it seemed to students that they would have to use boats to get to class, as the hallways would fill with water.

A month later, these tiles are still badly damaged or completely missing.

Although not as dramatic as the missing tiles, many classrooms show evidence of water damage as well.

Items inside the school have also sustained damage. Most notably, the wrestling team pictures inside of the wrestling room have been badly damaged by water. The roof leaks directly onto the pictures, causing them to turn brown and creating a crust because of the water drying on them over time.

With an already compromised roof, the big question at UHS is if it will be able to handle the probable winter snow load. Snow means constant moisture which can lead to even more water damage.

According to Greenslope.co, winter freezing and thawing cycles can create ice composites that scrub the roof membrane and can cause substantial damage over time, such as roof puncturing and leaks. Standing water, called ponding, also acts as a magnifying

glass in the sun, causing additional damage by burning the roof membrane.

When asked about what the school district is doing, the Director of Facility Services, Matthew Abbatesa, said, "The Urbana School District, USD #116 Facilities department continually repairs and addresses all building issues in all buildings throughout the district which includes things such and ceiling tile replacement and roof repairs."

A source close to the situation inside UHS says that the roof has been repaired but they are still waiting on ceiling tiles to come in as they had to special order them.

Despite this report you can still see some examples of ponding when it rains and the roof was still leaking in places as of November 18th.

Without substantial repairs, the question remains: If the roof is already damaged and we haven't had our first winter freeze yet, how much more damage are we in for?

# The coolest hotspots

**Desiree Bryant and Shauri Gonzalez**  
*Staff Writer and Entertainment Editor*



## **The Constitution Trail** *Cristian Jaramillo / WGLT*

There are warm and cool places to go whether you want to skate with your partner; get comfortable in a cafe, warm cocoa in hand; gossip with your friends; or walk around and enjoy the view. Read on for some local hangouts for a warm or cool winter break.

## **Warm Places**

### *Sipyard*



## **The Sipyard** *Shauri Gonzalez / The Echo*

Operating out of an old shipping container, Sipyard is a unique spot to visit. Located in Downtown Urbana, it's the perfect place to

have a warm drink and enjoy the outdoor graffiti gallery. Although enjoyable in any season, there is something special about sitting basically outside and still being warm in the winter. Take a walk on the creative side and discover for yourself the wonders of this amazing spot.

### *Bread Company*

Known for its Swiss cuisine, The Bread Company is a great place in Campustown to stay warm over break. Enjoy freshly baked breads, pastas, or the 1970's classic cheese fondue. With its cozy atmosphere and warm lighting, it's the perfect gathering place for loved ones.

### *Skateland*

The Holiday season is all about letting out your inner child, so don't forget about Skateland in Savoy when looking for a place to go over break. With games, food, laser tag, and of course, skating, you won't regret it. You can even sit in comfortable booths with your friends or that special someone if you need a break from all the energy.

## **Cool places**

### *Jarling's Custard Cup*

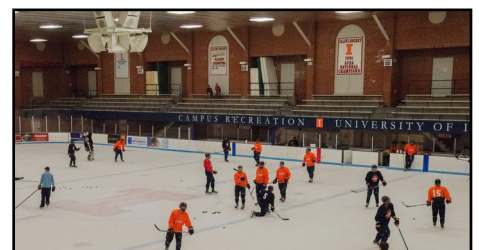
A C-U staple since 1949, Jarling's Custard Cup on Kirby is now open year-round. Whether you're looking for a classic cone, candy-packed Snowstorm, or a sweet

sundae, Custard Cup has something for everyone. It might be cold outside, but it's never too cold for ice cream.

### *Constitution Trail*

The Constitution trail is a great place to go during the holidays, especially when it's snowing. Not just a walking path, this trail runs through an abandoned railroad corridor between Bloomington and Normal. Take the trail for a peaceful time with family and friends, or even a special someone.

### *UI Ice Arena*



## **The U of I hockey team plays at the UI Ice Arena**

*Robin Scholz / The News-Gazette*

This frosty place is a must for those who want to have fun on the ice. Whether you're an expert or completely unfamiliar with ice skating, this place is definitely worth a visit. Take a few laps on your skates, then visit concessions for a steaming cup of hot cocoa. Then, keep the fun alive by walking around Campus for even more hotspots.

# Minty Winter



**Shauri Gonzalez**

*Entertainment Editor*

*The weather outside is frightful  
But the sweet treats are so delightful  
Since we love the cool flavor of mint  
Let's get a nice refreshment!*

Tired of pumpkin spice and apple cider claiming your taste buds? It's winter now and time to move on from the fall trends and into the holiday spirit of mint! Winter is the time of harsh cold weather, so what better way to unwind and indulge than with a strong boost of peppermint flavor?

Visit the four places below to get in the spirit and celebrate now that peppermint is back in season!

## 4.) TCBY



Just because the weather outside is cold, doesn't mean you can't scoop yourself a nice cold treat.

It's no elfing joke, peppermint at TCBY is best enjoyed with their other famous winter flavor: white chocolate mousse!

Combine both to create a mix that tastes like sugar cookie with a sprinkle of freshness.

It's every holiday in a fro-yo!

## 3.) Insomnia Cookies



If you greet Santa every Christmas Eve with cookies, these minty delights will sure be a treat for him---and yourself.

Baked to order, cookies are always inside a heated oven, so your cookies will always be a warm gooey goodness to bite into. Expect a strong taste of chocolate with a hint of mint for this holiday treat.

## 2.) Caffe Bene



If cold treats don't strike your fancy during the cold season, living the vida mocha is right for you!

Visit Caffe Bene this time of the year and you'll be overwhelmed with the seasonal

drinks they have to offer.

Choosing the peppermint mocha, you'll experience the warmth and sensation of a regular mocha at first, but after every sip, mint will make itself the star.

If mint is your forte then this drink is right for you; the mint flavor is so charmingly pleasant you'll feel refreshed to the last drop.

## 1.) Teavana



The number one festivi-tea peppermint treat for you is from Teavana!

The White Chocolate Peppermint Rooibos will warm you up; clearing your throat after a cold day, leaving you refreshed and ready to sing the holiday carols to your heart's content.

This non-sweet drink will leave you asking for more because of how rich and thick the tea is, thanks to the cocoa and peppermint.

Winter brings out two kinds of people: the ones who like to embrace the cold and those who want to escape it.

Either way, no matter your tastes, we can agree that this is the time of year everyone wants a refreshing start for a new year; what better way than with the exhilarating peppermint?

## How do you spend your winter break?

**Daniela Ntedika**

*Staff Writer*

As winter break approaches, students become more excited for the holiday season. Here are some of the ways students at UHS like to enjoy their time off.

"I may be 19 years old but Christmas is always my favorite. I get to be a kid at heart. I am so festive so you will catch me wearing ugly Christmas sweaters and playing Christmas music all winter long."

-Ahmad Muhammad, UHS graduate

"I do not do anything during breaks because it is really cold outside and I honestly hate the cold... I stay home, play with my dog, and hang out with my boyfriend. I like the idea of staying indoors and not thinking about how stressful school is."

-Jasmine Smith, junior

"I like to hang out with my family from Decatur and friends during the break. I love to play with snow and build snowmen with my little cousins."

-Shyanna Wulf, sophomore

"All I can say is 'no stress.' I am finally not in school, I can sleep longer and be in my PJs all day and not stress about anything."

-Cassidy Couture, senior

## Champaign-Urbana holiday volunteering opportunities

**Andrew Kowalski**

*Staff Writer*

The holiday season is mostly associated with receiving gifts, but it's also a perfect opportunity to give back. Whether you need volunteering hours for school-related organizations like National Honor Society or are feeling generous during the winter season, Champaign-Urbana has ample opportunities. Read on for some ideas on how to give back during the holiday season.

### Marine Toys for Tots Foundation

*The mission of the U. S. Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots Program is to collect new, unwrapped toys during October, November and December each year, and distribute those toys as holiday gifts to less fortunate children in the community in which the campaign is conducted.*

Toys for Tots collects unwrapped toys at various locations through December 15th.

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### Salvation Army Bell Ringing

The Red Kettle Christmas Campaign enables the Salvation Army to provide food, toys and clothing to over 6 million people during the Christmas season and helps more than 34 million Americans recovering from all kinds of personal disasters nationwide. Individuals or groups wishing to volunteer at a Salvation Army red kettle station can sign up for a specific location in the Champaign-Urbana area at [www.ringbells.org](http://www.ringbells.org).

### Habitat for Humanity Gift Wrapping

Volunteers will wrap gifts at Marketplace mall on Saturdays from December 13th to December 24th. Individuals or groups can sign up online at [cuhabitat.org/volunteer](http://cuhabitat.org/volunteer) or contact Habitat for Humanity by email at [cuoutreach@cuhabitat.org](mailto:cuoutreach@cuhabitat.org).

### Daily Bread Soup Kitchen

Volunteers who are 14 years and older can volunteer to prepare and distribute soup at the Daily Bread soup kitchen in Downtown Champaign. Anyone interested can visit [dailybreadsoupkitchen.com](http://dailybreadsoupkitchen.com) for more information.

## The snow is always whiter... by Ksenya Kouzminova



# Why you should donate blood this holiday season

**Joey Wright**  
*Broadcasting Editor*

As a blood donor myself, I believe that everybody who is physically able should give blood. This statement seems to rankle some people because there are seemingly several reasons not to give blood. However, the reasons for donating blood far outweigh the negatives.

The Red Cross states that every two seconds, someone in the United States is in need of a blood donation. A single car accident can require up to 100 pints of blood, which might not seem like much until you consider that a standard donation usually only yields around three pints. This means that in order to save the life of just one car accident victim, it can take up to 30 blood donations!

This is to say nothing of the thousands of citizens who require blood transfusions due to medical conditions such as sickle cell anemia, hemophilia, or cancer, to name only a few.

"I feel that it is important to donate blood," says senior Ellie D'Andria, a noted blood donor. "I just think that it's beautiful. It's a way for somebody to give a part of themselves to someone else in need. I've heard that only 10% of Americans are eligible to donate, so everybody who is eligible should definitely get out and do that."

With such a demand out there for those sweet red cells, is there really an excuse not to give blood at least every once in awhile? I'm not advocating for readers to become blood-donating junkies or anything, but

an excuse as thin as "not liking needles" or "not having the time" or "feeling sick" around blood does not stand up.

There definitely are a few extenuating circumstances that can outright prevent a prospective donor from being eligible to donate at all. However, with so many people in our society in need of blood, a donation every so often should be welcomed. Everybody can do something in order to help give the gift of life.

D'Andria says, "If you are deathly afraid of needles then it's okay if you don't donate, but you can always talk to someone else about donating. All we need to do is get the word out. Most people only need a reason to give."

With so many in need this holiday season, don't forget those who need much more than just a cheap trinket or a gift card.

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# What type of present are you?



**Jesus Morris**  
*Staff Writer*

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each letter you circle!

**1) How long does it take you to get ready for school?**

- A) Shoot...I'm already late
- B) 30 minutes. I have to drop my sibling off before I go.
- C) An hour. These clothes won't pick out themselves!
- D) However long I feel like taking

**2) What do you like to do in your free time?**

- A) Something where I'm moving!
- B) Helping others
- C) YouTube, Snapchat, Insta
- D) Sleep

**3) What's your favorite animal?**

- A) Dog
- B) Cat
- C) Something exotic
- D) I don't like animals

**4) How do you spend your money?**

- A) I don't know. It just disappears.
- B) On friends and family
- C) On clothes, shoes, accessories, etc.
- D) Money is the root of all evil.

**5) What is your favorite season?**

- A) Fall
- B) Spring
- C) Summer
- D) Winter

**6) What are your favorite kinds of colors?**

- A) Bright colors
- B) Warm, soothing colors
- C) Shiny! Metallic!
- D) Dark colors

**7) Which best describes your personality?**

- A) Extrovert
- B) Introvert
- C) Extremely Extroverted
- D) Extremely Introverted

**8) What is your favorite school subject?**


- A) Math or Science
- B) English or Social Studies
- C) Lunch
- D) Eh.

**9) How long do you typically spend holiday shopping?**

- A) As quickly as possible
- B) A few hours
- C) As long as I can
- D) I don't shop.

**10) What's your favorite part about holidays?**

- A) More free time!
- B) Time to relax.
- C) Presents!
- D) Eh. They're the same as every other day.

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# More than just Christmas

**Olivia Miller**

*Staff Writer*

As the holidays approach, you might be wondering what exactly everyone is celebrating. December is a month that many different cultures come together to each enjoy their own respective holidays and traditions. That's right! Christmas isn't the only holiday during this time of year.

Hanukkah, or Chanukah, is an eight-day celebration most commonly known to be a Jewish holiday celebrated towards the end of December. It is the celebration of the Festival of Lights.

Hanukkah is considered a "minor holiday" on the Jewish calendar, mostly because the events it celebrates are not found in the Bible. It is symbolic that Hanukkah falls during the winter, because they light their Chanukah Menorah, a candelabra, and spread light during what is otherwise a very dark period.

Because the Jewish calendar is lunar rather than solar, the date of Hanukkah does not fall on exactly the same secular date each year. It generally comes in mid-December.

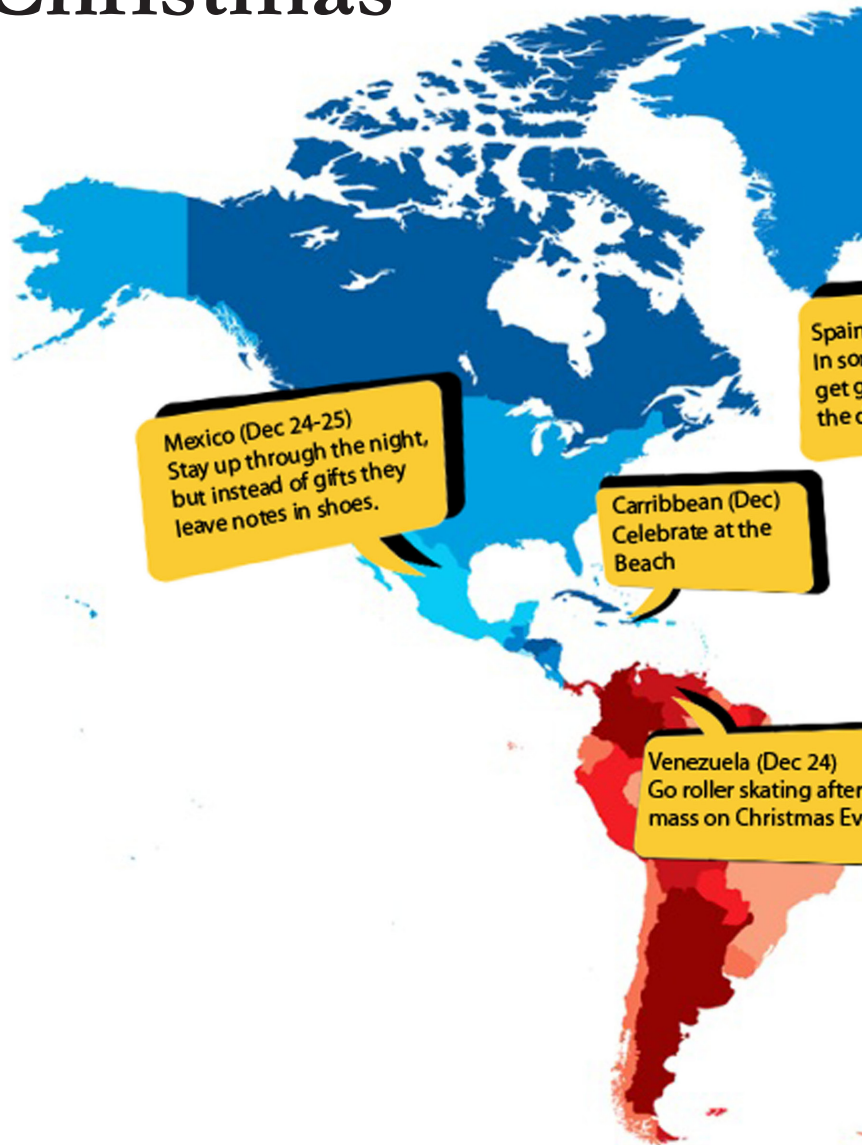
Hanukkah celebrates the victory of a small group of Jews over the Seleucid empire, an empire in Syria, in the year 165 BCE. The Jewish revolt was led by the Hasmonean family, who took on the nickname "the Maccabees." They were fighting against Greek influences, which had crept into the land of Israel. According to popular legend, once the fighting was over, the

Jews returned to their Temple to cleanse it of Greek influences. There they found that there was only enough oil to rekindle the sacred candelabra for one day. Miraculously, the oil lasted for eight days. So, to this day, one of the ways we celebrate Hanukkah is by lighting candles to commemorate this miracle.

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## Twelve months, twelve wishes

**Shauri Gonzalez**

*Entertainment Editor*

Creating New Year's resolutions is an American tradition in which people focus on the mistakes of their past years. They focus on the negative to create positives, which sometimes don't come to pass. People change with the years, so shouldn't there be something that starts our years off on a

positive note instead of a negative one?

In Latin traditions, they do just that.

Originating from Mexico, for New Year's Eve Latino families believe that it is best to spend the last moments of the previous year together. With many different traditions, there is one that outshines them all: 12

wishes for 12 months of the year.

Wishes are made by eating grapes. Before eating each grape, people make a wish symbolizing a wish for each month. The first grape is for January, the second for February, and so on.

If all the grapes are sweet then you'll have a year full of luck; however, if a grape is sour, it

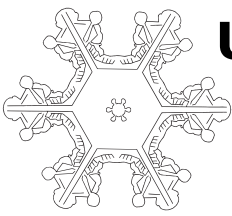


symbolizes a potentially bitter month.

With each grape, make a wish before the clock strikes midnight or the wishes will not come true.

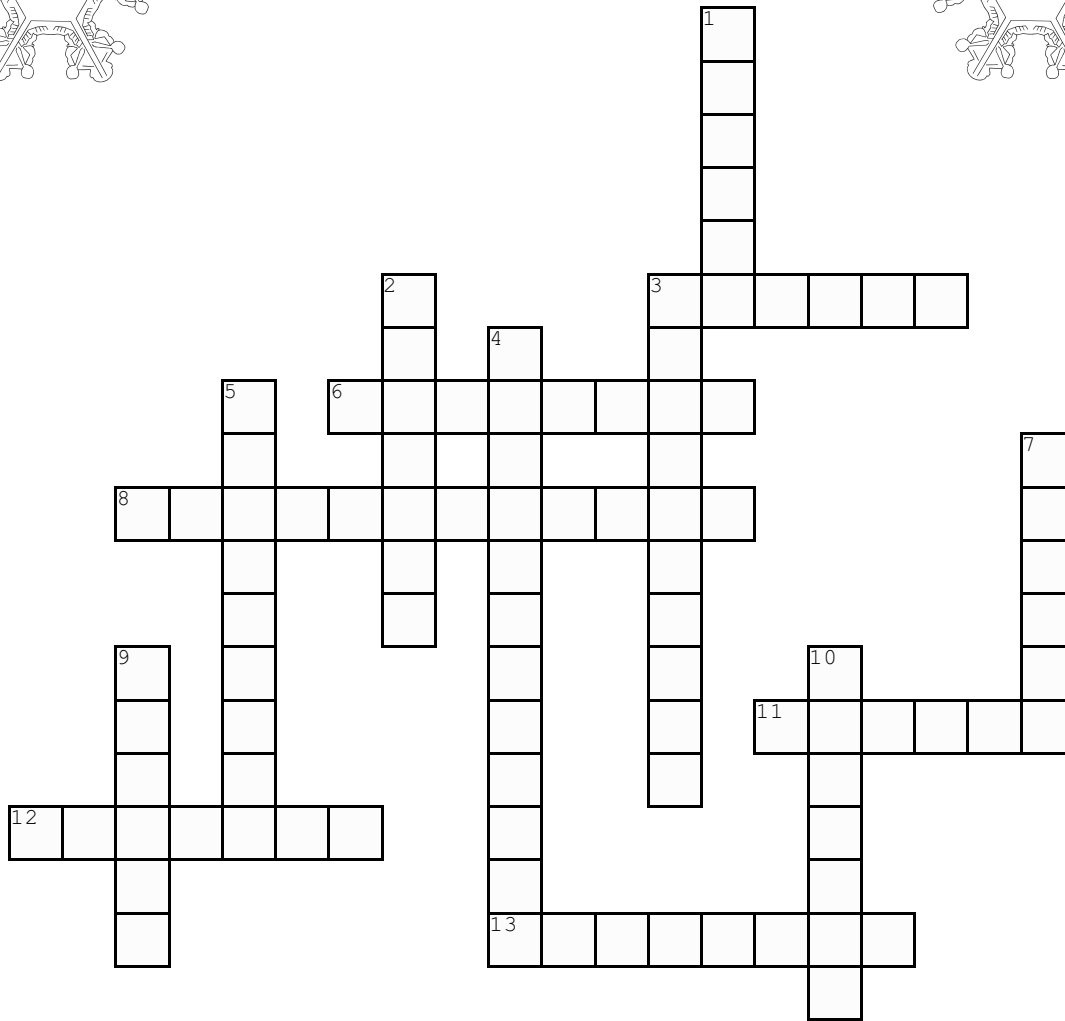
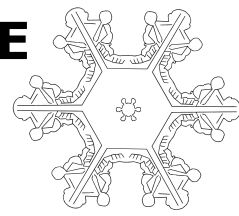
It's beautiful to understand different cultural habits during a time of year when everyone can agree that it is a special time; it unites us all into a brighter new year.

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# UHS ECHO WINTER PUZZLE

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## **Across**

- 3.** What fruit is eaten as part of the 12 months, 12 wishes tradition?
- 6.** Which automotive parts store sponsors a college football bowl game?
- 8.** This is a great place to hike with family and friends: \_\_\_\_\_ trail
- 11.** What tests are taken by UHS students at the end of each semester?
- 12.** In both Spain and \_\_\_\_\_, children receive gifts in their shoes for the holiday season.
- 13.** If you got all a's on the quiz, which type of present are you?

## **Down**

- 1.** If you were born on the 4th of July, what is your Zodiac sign?
- 2.** At which Urbana cafe can you get a Minty Milkshake all year long?
- 3.** This debate continues to grow as gun violence increases in the United States.
- 4.** What is one way to give back during the holiday season?
- 5.** In this country, celebrate Christmas Eve by rollerskating
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# Winter Horoscopes

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## **Aries (March 21-April 19)**

You are very independent, Aries, and you always attempt to brave the storm on your own. That is a great personality trait, of course, but as the blizzards roll in this winter, you may find yourself in need of a friend to help you fight through the cold, dark nights.

## **Taurus (April 20-May 20)**

Winter is here and you're feeling it, Taurus. However, you aren't the only one. Take into account the feelings of your family and friends; you may not be the only one feeling the chill. When you grab a blanket, make sure you ask if someone wants to share. You will both benefit.

## **Gemini (May 21-June 20)**

Does the snowman you're building keep falling down? Sometimes things just happen. No matter how good the structural design, someone might just kick out the bottom tier and destroy your work. Be patient. Take a step back, take a breath, and rebuild. All will be right in due time.

## **Cancer (June 21-July 22)**

As the gifts roll in this holiday season, be sure to show your gratitude. Many people care about you and do their best to make you happy, but they sometimes feel like their

efforts go unnoticed by you. Appreciate those around you, and be sure to give back.

## **Leo (July 23-August 22)**

You do try to look out for those around you, but your effort oftentimes goes unnoticed because you don't quite do as much as you should. Even though you care for others, you are a little too wrapped up with yourself for it to have any impact. This winter, try to go above and beyond.

## **Virgo (August 23-September 22)**

Don't like the snow? Take a break, go somewhere warm. Whether it be a vacation or just somewhere inside, go somewhere where you can relax. Even if you don't feel like it, you deserve a break.

## **Libra (September 23-October 22)**

Someone you know is on a route to destruction. It's as if the path they're sledding leads them to the trunk of a tree. Just keep in mind that you are at the top of the hill and there's nothing you can do now but lend them your support and hope they right themselves.

## **Scorpio (October 23-November 22)**

When making a paper snowflake, you fold up the paper making it smaller than it really is. As you are cutting, it may seem like the work you are doing is sloppy and inadequate. You just need to open up the paper to see what you have really done.

Remember, others will only see the finished product.

## **Sagittarius (November 23-December 21)**

Now that winter is here, it seems as if the sun hasn't been out in years. Life may seem a little gloomy right now, but keep in mind that the sun will come out again. In the meantime, do what makes you happy. Little things add up, and you'll thank yourself for it later.

## **Capricorn (December 22-January 19)**

As the cold blows in this winter, your mental state may go downhill. It is okay to stay inside and take time to yourself this year. Watch movies or hang out by the fireplace. You deserve some relaxation.

## **Aquarius (January 20-February 19)**

Ice skating, although fun, is a slippery past time. It's especially enjoyable when you're going with friends. However, make sure you also look out for yourself. If someone falls and you're holding on, you'll be pulled down too.

## **Pisces (February 20-March 20)**

It seems like people keep tracking their snow covered boots through your plans. It's okay to clean up after them sometimes, but when it happens repeatedly, it gets aggravating. Don't be afraid to ask for what you need, the people around you will understand.

## **What type of present are you? Answers**

### **Mostly a's: You are a gift card!**

You are the last minute gift. Yeah, you have good intentions, but it can be hard to follow through because you're so busy and always moving. Don't feel bad, though, because everyone loves buying their own stuff anyway!

### **Mostly b's: You are homemade!**

You are thoughtful and take your time. You know your family and friends well, and love to show people how much you care for them. Basically, you are the favorite of moms everywhere!

### **Mostly c's: You are the hot new electronic!**

You are in demand, popular, and always on the cutting edge. You love to look good and show it off on social media. People might be jealous, but you know it's just because you're so awesome!

### **Mostly d's: You aren't a gift at all!**

Dang. Guess someone's not getting anything this year. It's cool, though, because you probably don't care anyway.



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Period 2	Exam	9:25 - 10:45
Period 3	Class	10:50 - 11:27
Period 4	Class/Lunch	11:31 - 12:16
Period 5	Class/Lunch	12:20 - 1:05
Period 6	Class/Lunch	1:09 - 1:54
Period 7	Class	1:58 - 2:35
Period 8	Class	2:39 - 3:16

Day 2 – Monday, December 18th

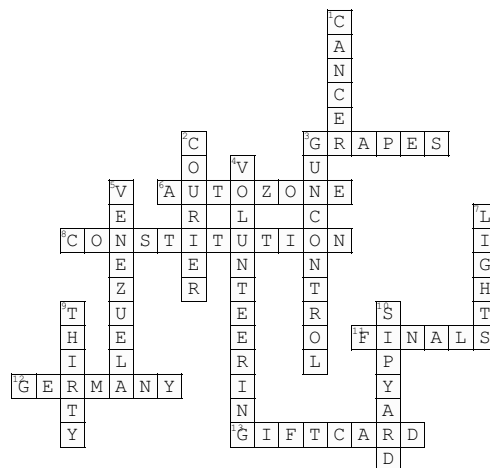
Period 4	Exam	8:00 - 9:20
Period 3	Exam	9:30 - 10:50
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### UHS ECHO WINTER PUZZLE

Complete the crossword below



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#### Across

- What fruit is eaten as part of the 12 wishes tradition? (**grapes**)
- Which automotive parts store sponsors a college football bowl game? (**autozone**)
- This is a great place to hike with family and friends: \_\_\_\_\_ trail (**constitution**)
- What tests are taken by UHS students at the end of each semester? (**finals**)
- In both Spain and \_\_\_\_\_, children receive gifts in their shoes for the holiday season. (**germany**)
- If you got all a's on the quiz, which type of present are you? (**giftcard**)

#### Down

- If you were born on the 4th of July, what is your Zodiac sign? (**cancer**)
- At which Urbana cafe can you get a Minty Milkshake all year long? (**courier**)
- This debate continues to grow as gun violence increases in the United States. (**guncontrol**)
- What is one way to give back during the holiday season? (**volunteering**)
- In this country, celebrate Christmas Eve by rollerskating (**venezuela**)
- Hanukkah is the celebration of the Festival of \_\_\_\_\_ (**lights**)
- On average, how many blood donations does it take to save the life of a car accident victim? (**thirty**)
- Which hotspot is located inside of shipping container? (**sippyard**)

