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Hallway issues remain after first semester

By Ayesha Mehta, Molly Sweeney & Spencer Walden

Time is running out on Urbana High School's first semester, which has been full of staff and rule changes, including the introduction of Student Interventionists, Student Engagement Advocates, and Clinical Professionals, as well as new counselors, new assistant principals, and a new principal.

As the new rules begin to settle in, there is still one area that many students and staff are concerned about: the hallways.

Senior Martel Jones focuses on how crowded hallways can affect the school environment. "The hallways are not unsafe but it is difficult for an SI or teacher to get to [conflicts]," he says.

Though crowding in hallways is harder to alleviate, some students feel like hallway control isn't strict



Students congregate at a hall station during passing period: The Echo

enough. Caroline Thies, sophomore, believes that "hallways should be used for general transportation. People use the hallways to loiter."

Teachers also notice these issues. Kim Summers, English teacher, feels like the new tardy policy isn't work-

ing all that well. The policy states that all students in the halls after the bell rings must go to a hall supervisor and get a pass before they are let into class.

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The boys swim team practicing: urbana8to18

Athletes speak on practice over break

By Michael Monreal

For most high school students winter break means two weeks away from school, but not for student athletes, as most will still have to come to school for practice over break.

Senior wrestler Jeremy Macharo looks forward to this extra practice. "People who are really committed and want to do something in life that involves a sport they love to do should have all of the practice opportunities they can," he says.

Urbana senior, forward Miller Calhoun, believes break practices help athletes "to stay in shape for the season." Girls basketball coach Jaylen Wilson agrees.

Though there are benefits, some would still like athletes to have a choice. Former Urbana wrestler Dan Wachtel believes "it should be optional practice."

Most teams have practices in the morning to get it out of the way....

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The war on Christmas

By Michael Tessene

As the holiday season draws ever nearer, American news networks will doubtless commit to another year of covering the "War on Christmas." This "War"—the idea that use of more religiously neutral language to refer to the holidays in public and commercial spaces is erasing Christianity from America's national identity—is routinely presented as a new phenomenon.

Consumers of certain media are told that the alleged war is a product of something topical and recent, like



The newest Starbucks winter cups: GNN

immigration, or millennials, or the Obama presidency. But the narrative of Christmas under attack by secularizing forces is by no means a new one in American history.

The first notable appearance of the War on Christmas came in the 1920s when Henry Ford (yes, that Henry

Ford) warned of a conspiracy by American Jews to suppress Christianity, and Christmas, in particular. As it turns out, the only "conspiracies" were the challenges leveled against Christian teachings in public schools by some Jewish advocacy groups. Even so, the "War on Christmas" became a popular refrain within certain religious circles.

The narrative resurfaced just a few decades later during the Cold War. The 1950s marked an all-time high in American church attendance, fueled by a ubiquitous anxiety about Soviet influence in the U.S. Politicians and religious leaders stoked fears of the "reds" coming to upend

the American way by erasing Christmas. As the counterculture movements of the '60s and '70s set in, this iteration of the "War" gradually faded away.

The modern idea of the "War on Christmas" is a result of various factors. 9/11 increased Americans' fears of malicious immigrants and Muslims. In a similar vein, the spread of conspiracy theories about President Obama's religion and country of origin led many Americans to believe that the attacks on Christianity originated from the highest rungs of the political ladder. Increased political polarization has also allowed echo chambers to form, which accel-

erated the spread of aforementioned conspiracy theories.

Ultimately, the spread of the "War on Christmas" myth may have done more to taint the holiday than any leftist plot ever could. The choice between "merry Christmas" and "happy holidays" has become a deliberate, political one, not one of convenience or a polite accommodation for a religious minority. This time of year, which ostensibly is about putting aside our differences and celebrating with friends and family, has become a point of division. Believers in the so-called War on Christmas would do best to follow the age-old mantra: never talk politics over Christmas

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Summers says, "This year I have noticed that if a student is gone from the beginning of class, they never show up, or a staff member walks in later saying that the student was out roaming the halls."

Julie Bequette, German teacher, feels like the rules in place could be changed or enforced even more. "One of the only things that still stands out to me is the chaotic nature of passing periods. There should be more supervision during the passing period and more discipline for any students who are still in the halls after the bell."

Recent discussions between students, teachers, and administration have been focused on correcting some of these issues. The new year is a time for a fresh start; with students, staff, and administration working together, hopefully hallway issues will be alleviated in the coming semester.

Athletes speak on practice over break

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but even so, many athletes still do not like the idea of practice over break when they could be at home resting, like their non-athlete friends. Urbana swimmer Nathan Hedrick believes, "We should have more time at home to rest and not have to go to practice."

No matter the opinion, the most important thing is that student athletes work hard to represent Urbana, even over break.

Resources for those in need over winter break

By Ayesha Mehta

Being around family and away from school for some can be an uncertain time. Read on for some resources for anyone who might need some extra help this winter break.

If you are in need of someone to talk to, at any time in the year, hotlines you can call include:

- Alcohol and Drug Abuse Hotline: (800) 729-6686
- Family Anonymous Hotline: (800) 736-9805 (For people who have relatives who are struggling with drug abuse).
- Suicide prevention Hotline: (800) 273-8255

A warm place to eat is the Daily Bread Soup Kitchen, located on 116 N 1st St. in Champaign. Despite

being closed on Christmas and New Year's Day, lunch is still served seven days a week.

Both the Urbana and Champaign Public Libraries are places one can go to to stay warm, with plenty of room to study, read, and even use computers with free internet access.

Salt & Light and Salvation Army are good places to get jackets, blankets, and other winter attire for cheap or free. These organizations provide clothes and blankets to the "Canteen Run," which drives around downtown and delivers these things and food to people in need.

There are a number of emergency shelters available in town if something unexpected happens and you

don't have somewhere to stay. Call the Centralized Intake Office at 217-819-4117 and they will find a shelter that works for you and has space.

Make sure if you are going to a shelter/ trying to find one you have:

- Verification of your homeless situation (i.e. a friend stating where you are currently sleeping)
- Photo ID and Social Security card(s)

Even if you are not in need of a place to stay or food this break, remember you can always help others. Many of the organizations above take volunteers, even if you have little to no experience. Whether utilizing these resources for help or to help, the most important is to have a safe and comfortable winter break.

Winter sports check-in 2018/19

By Steven Thompson

Sport	Head Coach	Key Player	Strengths of this year's team	The future
Girls Basketball	Chris Menning	Amya Bahler	"Our team chemistry and we work more as a team because we have to depend on each other more"	"This only beginning for us and February basketball is going to be so good for us, so the growth that we're going to make, all the we're going to take"
Boys Basketball	Verdell Jones	Payton Sheen	"We are offensively gifted. We can all dribble and shoot very well. Also we are very quick we can out run teams"	"Having a successful season and winning our very first regional since the 80's"
Wrestling	Charles Trabaris	Andre Hunt	"The hard work we put in everyday in and out of the practice room"	"Winning matches and looking forward to my teammates winning and getting better in practice"
Cheer	Kylee Strohm	Megan Rucker	"So far, we have been really good at learning many new skills and putting our differences aside during games and competitions to be the best we can be"	"I am really looking forward to cheering for one more season in my high school career. I am excited to see how our competition team will do now that we have improved and learned new stunts"
Boys Swimming and Diving	Michelle Zimmerman- Bernardi	Ethan Chow	"I think this year all our seniors with multiple years of experience in the pool is definitely our strength. We also have divers for the first time since 2016 which makes us more well rounded."	"I am looking forward to being more well rounded and sending a relay to state this year."

College Football playoff and bowl predictions

By Miller Calhoun

Outback Bowl

Raymond James Stadium, Tampa,
Florida
Jan. 1, noon (ESPN2)

Prediction: Florida vs. Northwestern

This matchup features two teams that pride themselves on a stout defense and a run-heavy offense looking to dominate in the trenches. Florida, coming out of the Southeastern Conference (SEC), will be led by quarterback Feleipe Franks, who has had an up and down year, and will look to attack a thin Northwestern secondary. Meanwhile, Northwestern, coming off a Big Ten West Division Championship, will rely on quarterback Clayton Thorson and freshman running back Isaiah Bowser to make plays on offense to back up an experienced defense. Ultimately, this game will come down to who wins in the trenches as both teams are evenly matched and since Florida has home-field advantage, they will have the slight edge.

Score: 21-20, Florida

Citrus Bowl

Camping World Stadium, Orlando,
Florida
Jan. 1, 1 p.m. (ABC)

Prediction: Louisiana State University (LSU) vs. Penn State
LSU and Penn State could not be more different as Penn State boasts one of the most explosive offenses in the country, while LSU features the nation's second best defense with plenty of NFL prospects. LSU, who happened to be in the Citrus Bowl last year, brings back an even stronger defensive unit led by linebacker Devin White and cornerback Greedy Williams. However, they will need an efficient performance from quarterback Joe Burrow to have a chance. Quarterback Trace McSorley and running back Miles Sanders will lead a balanced Penn State offense and will have to put up points to keep their inexperienced defense off the field. After a loss to Notre Dame in the Citrus Bowl last year, LSU will suffer another loss with Trace McSorley going out with a bang in his final college game to end a decorated college career.

Score: 31-17, Penn State

Playstation Fiesta Bowl

State Farm Stadium, Glendale,
Arizona
Jan. 1, 1 p.m. (ESPN)

Prediction: University of Central Florida (UCF) vs. West Virginia

In what could be the most underrated game of the bowl season, we have UCF, a team hungry to prove the College Football Playoff Committee wrong for not giving them a spot in the Playoff after two potentially consecutive undefeated seasons, against a prolific West Virginia offense. Both of these teams will be led by potential Heisman trophy candidates in quarterback McKenzie Milton from UCF and quarterback Will Grier from West Virginia. Not much defense will be played in this game as both teams have high-flying offenses with tons of talent at the skill positions. The defense that creates the most turnovers will likely come out on top. The added extra emotion and intensity from being left out of the College Football Playoff yet again will fuel UCF to a big victory over Big 12 power West Virginia.

Score: 47-44, UCF

Rose Bowl

Rose Bowl, Pasadena, California
Jan. 1, 5 p.m. (ESPN)

Prediction: Ohio State vs. Washington State

If anybody would have told you that Washington State could possibly be in the Rose Bowl at the beginning of the season, you would not have believed them. Both of these teams bring a lethal offense to the table led by quarterbacks Dwayne Haskins (Ohio State) and Gardner Minshew (Washington State) and talent at the skill positions. Ohio State might have more NFL prospects, especially on the defensive side, but Washington State has a ton of experience and the motivation to receive the kind of attention Ohio State usually gets. Ultimately, this game will come down to whomever possess the ball last and result in Washington State's first Rose Bowl victory since 1916.

Score: 40-35, Washington State

Allstate Sugar Bowl

Mercedes-Benz Superdome, New
Orleans
Jan. 1, 8:45 p.m. (ESPN)



COLLEGE FOOTBALL
PLAYOFF

College Football logo: *USA Today*

Prediction: Georgia vs. Oklahoma
This matchup represents a rematch of last year's Rose Bowl as one of the College Football Playoff semifinals, where Georgia barely beat Oklahoma in a thriller 54-48. Expect much more of the same as Georgia returns quarterback Jake Fromm and running back Deandre Swift while Oklahoma boasts another explosive offense led by quarterback and future MLB player Kyler Murray. Similar to last year, Georgia has the significant advantage on defense while Oklahoma brings the more dangerous offense. In another thriller, the only thing that changes is the location and title of the game as Georgia will prevail again with another bowl victory over Oklahoma.
Score: 38-35, Georgia

College Football Playoff

Goodyear Cotton Bowl Classic

AT&T Stadium, Arlington, Texas
Dec. 29, 4 p.m. or 8 p.m. (ESPN)

Prediction: Michigan vs. Alabama
Alabama has clearly been the best team all season, but expect this game to be closer than anticipated as Michigan features a stout defensive unit under defensive coordinator Don Brown and will look to put the heat on Alabama quarterback Tua Tagovailoa. The frontrunner for the Heisman trophy, Tagovailoa has had a dominant season bashing opponents through the air and on the ground, and, with Alabama's

tremendous defense, will only need to make a few plays to put this game out of reach. However, if Michigan can put pressure on the quarterback, force Tagovailoa into some mistakes, and run the ball effectively on offense—which is easier said than done—they have a shot. Tagovailoa and Alabama's defense prove to be too much and advance to the championship, looking to win their third title since 2015.

Score: 28-17, Alabama

Capital One Orange Bowl

Hard Rock Stadium, Miami, Florida
Dec. 29, 4 p.m. or 8 p.m. (ESPN)

Prediction: Notre Dame vs. Clemson

This matchup features two similar teams that have found their groove due to revelations at the quarterback position in Trevor Lawrence (Clemson) and Ian Book (Notre Dame), who both will be relied heavily upon to make plays. Although Clemson has the slight talent advantage on both sides of the ball, Notre Dame has played a more challenging schedule up until this point and will be ready for the national stage. However, Clemson was in the championship last year against Alabama and is hungry for a second chance, which they will get behind a huge game from Trevor Lawrence.

Score: 39-34, Clemson

Championship Game

College Football Playoff National Championship

Levi's Stadium, Santa Clara, California
Jan. 7, 8 p.m. (ESPN)

Prediction: Clemson vs. Alabama
The sequel of last year's national championship will be another thriller with experts drooling over the amount of NFL prospects and intrigue between two historic programs that mirror each other in every way. Each team boasts tremendous young talent at the quarterback position with sophomore Tua Tagovailoa (Alabama) and freshman Trevor Lawrence (Clemson) and speed at all the skill positions. The critical matchup to watch in round two is Clemson's defensive line, which contains three potential first round picks—Clelin Ferrell, Christian Wilkins, and Dexter Lawrence—against the veteran offensive line of Alabama. If Alabama can keep the pocket clean and give Tagovailoa time to make plays, Alabama will repeat as champions, but if Clemson can get pressure on him, they can force some quick decisions and some potential mistakes. Ultimately, the legend of Tua Tagovailoa, the kid from Hawaii, will live on and Alabama will repeat as champions with Tagovailoa winning MVP and eventually the Heisman Trophy.
Score: 33-27, Alabama

Pop culture takes on social issues

By Dylan Patel

The increase in gun violence and maltreatment of African Americans in American society have made the news consistently in 2018. While politicians continued to go back and forth without making any drastic changes to legislature, popular culture has stepped up to try to enact change.

The video “This is America” by Childish Gambino opens with Gambino shooting an innocent African American man, serving to illustrate issues with both gun violence and racism. Throughout the video, the camera focuses on people dancing in front of the camera while horrific events such as hangings, shootings, car fires, and suicides occur in the background. Gambino’s goal is to illustrate how society distracts itself from the realities facing many Americans. This video became a global phenomenon with more than 430 million views, taking some of these issues from the background to the forefront.

Focusing on the positive, the Hollywood industry sparked social change in 2018 through the movie Black

Panther. With majority black talent in front of and behind the camera, this movie is all about the empowerment of people of color. This movie sparked change by departing from the subliminal message that all heroes are white and also serves as a tool to inspire children of color to invoke change and to strive for the greatest just like Black Panther.

Another film, The Hate U Give, based on a novel of the same name by Angie Thomas, follows the life of a young African American girl who suffers through discrimination solely based on her race. Police Brutality is central to both the film and novel, as it has been to the American news, especially in recent years. Aimed at a younger audience, the film’s goal is to teach teens to never give up, even in the face of extreme adversity.

Hollywood and pop culture in the United States have become more important than ever in raising awareness of social issues. The utilization of movies and videos are the best way to connect to younger viewers as today people spend more time on the screens. Furthermore, using popular actors and actresses that people admire help the young audience connect to these issues through fandom, hopefully resulting in action.

UHS shares New Year’s traditions

By Natosha Williams

Here comes that time every year when people start setting goals for the new year. Though not all people make formal New Year’s Resolutions, everyone can improve some aspect of their lives.

At Urbana High School, some students want to change completely and some just wanted to shake things up a little.

Many freshmen seemed to focus on making their first year of high school a positive one. “As a new start in high school, [my goal is] to be successful in everything I do,” says Lanaiydia Baker.

Talisha Baker is focusing on ending her freshman year with nothing but great success. “As my freshman year comes to almost a close, I want to end with a good expression.”

Older student have a different perspective; they are about setting goals for themselves outside of school.

Sophomore Mikiyah Lucas wants “...to get better as far as my attitude [goes], the way I handle certain situations.”

Junior Tae’Geona Hill and senior Tae McClay both want to become better people as a whole than they were last year.

Seniors are feeling impending adulthood and are looking toward their time after high school. Simone Harmon’s goal is “to be the best person as I can as I come up to womanhood.”

New Year's Resolutions represent an opportunity for change, whether that is in terms of school, yourself or your talents. Good luck in 2019!

The top 5 songs of 2018

By Jazz Broda

2018 has been a big year for lots of things, most importantly, music. It was a diverse year, ranging from K-pop to rap. Here’s a review of the top 5 songs of 2018!



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4. “God’s Plan” by Drake

“God’s Plan” was released early in the year and is still referenced even now. It’s a catchy track and has a heartwarming music video to go with it. This song shows how Drake is still going strong; can’t wait to see what he’ll do in 2019.



genius.com

2. “This is America” by Childish Gambino

This song by Donald Glover (Childish Gambino) has been on listeners’ minds for months. A song of protest about gun violence and discrimination against African-Americans, the tempo, the vocals, the visuals, everything about this song is top notch.



thesource.com

5. “Ddu-du ddu-du” by Blackpink

After a hiatus, Blackpink released the hit single above, an upbeat tune featuring strong vocals from each member. With this song, they made history with the highest chart ever by a K-pop girl group on the billboard 100: peaking at #55.



Study Breaks Magazine

3. “Lovely” by Billie Eilish & Khalid

Billie and Khalid are both fairly new to the music scene, gaining huge popularity across the internet in 2018. With Billie’s unique songs and Khalid’s smooth vocals, it was only a matter of time before they worked together. With soothing instrumentals and perfectly synced voices, “Lovely” is a lovely piece.



deadline.com

1. “Sad!” By Xxxtentacion

“Sad!” is about Xxxtentacion’s struggle with depression after he went through a difficult breakup with his girlfriend. This is raw and emotional song that is short, but catchy. It’s a song that haunts your thoughts as you hum along.

Xxxtentacion was one of the best artists of this generation and may he rest in peace.

Best holiday gifts under \$5

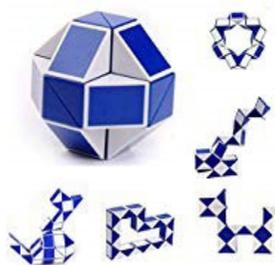
By Brianna Jones

With the holidays right around the corner everyone is getting excited. Around this time of the year, we think about food, family, and arguably the best of all, presents!

We never know what to get everyone for Christmas and prices are really high (especially if you're on a high school student budget!). Want to spend less money but also get awesome gifts for your family and friends? See our picks below from Amazon.



This blue necklace is so glamorous and fashionable, you could just fall in love with it. Plus, everyone's heard that "diamonds are a girl's best friend." Best of all? It is only \$1.79!



We've covered ladies and gentlemen. Now onto the kids! The last item is a variety of magic twist cube games, where the object of the game is to make as many different shapes as possible. It's great for kids or to play with your family. For a price of only 79 cents, who could pass this up?

Get ready to shop affordably and to save money this holiday season. When you're shopping on a budget, look for great options, but always remember: it's the thought that counts!

(All photos are from amazon.com)



This ring on Amazon is only costs a penny and is gorgeous. This ring is very detailed with faux diamonds and the metal of the moment: rose gold. This is the perfect gift for your mother, grandmother, or even your girlfriend. Even with \$4.98 shipping, it's still under 5 dollars!



Have someone in your life that never seems to need anything because they're so practical? A beard shaping tool is great to use on facial hair and will the men in your life looking great for an amazing price of \$4.95

What Hogwarts House do you belong in?

By Molly Sweeney

- Where would you most like to live?
 - Adelaide, Australia
 - Toronto, Canada
 - Buenos Aires, Argentina
 - Rome, Italy
- What type of pet do you want?
 - Owl
 - Rabbit
 - Cat
 - Mice
- Where do you want to meet your soulmate?
 - A blind date
 - In a coffee shop
 - At a party
 - At school
- Dream job?
 - Forest Ranger
 - Baker
 - CEO
 - Professor
- How many kids do you want?
 - 4+
 - 3
 - 1-2
 - 0
- What are you doing on your ideal weekend?
 - A mini vacation
 - Chilling at home
 - Going to a dinner party with friends
 - Explore a new place to learn something new
- You can eat one meal for the rest of your life, what is it?
 - Tacos
 - Pancakes
 - Salmon with mixed vegetables
 - Salad
- What type of house will you live in?
 - Treehouse
 - Cottage
 - Mansion
 - Totally solar-paneled smart house
- What's your style?
 - Sporty
 - Cute and chic
 - Lil edgy
 - Sophisticated
- The sorting hat takes your choices into account, where do you think you should be placed?
 - Gryffindor
 - Hufflepuff
 - Slytherin
 - Ravenclaw

Fun in the not-so-sunny season

By Molly Sweeney

Hopefully you enjoy the cold because there are so many fun activities to do outside this season. You have to be more creative with your time but just because the weather is cooler doesn't mean winter is duller!

One of the best winter activities is having an all out snowball fight with your friends. It's easy too. Gather a few people when it's snowy out and go to town.

Another classic winter activity is building a snowman. You'll need good packing snow, sticks for arms, buttons for eyes, and a carrot for the nose. A scarf and hat is recommended but not required for the perfect snowman. Get creative and make it your own.

Sledding is the ultimate outside winter activity. Moving down a hill on a sled isn't for everyone, but the rush cannot be matched. On a snowy day, gather a group of friends and spend time at Orchard Downs. You may be freezing afterwards, but that isn't anything a cup of hot cocoa can't fix.

If you don't like the cold and these activities don't seem like much fun to you, there is still so much you can do to occupy your time:



Baking cookies or other tasty goods is especially fun in the winter. A warm treat always tastes better during the colder months, and as a bonus, your oven will warm up your house.

Another great way to spend your time is having a movie day. Spend some time with nostalgia this winter by revisiting movies such as Ice Age, Happy Feet, Frozen and more! There are also a ton of new movies coming out this season, so check some new ones out, too.

Not ready to go outside, but still looking to escape the house? A happy medium between outdoor winter activities and indoor winter activities is ice skating. The University of Illinois Ice Arena is open in Champaign, with varying prices and hours depending on the day. Find a time to check it out: hopefully you have good balance!

Winter may seem boring to some, but don't let it get to you. Bundle up this season and have some fun!

**Keep track of how many of each letter you pick!
Find out your Hogwarts house on page 7!**

New movie releases over break

By Cleo McGee

Chances are you're planning on spending your break curled up in bed and making up for the sleep lost from school. What you might not be thinking about: the bunch of promising movies coming to theaters. So if you ever decide to wake up and get out of bed, here's what you should go and see:



slashfilm.com

Mary Poppins Returns

Release date: December 19th

After 30 years of waiting it's finally here: the sequel to Mary Poppins. In this movie, Mary Poppins goes to Depression-era London and visits Jane and Michael, who now have kids of their own. If you're a person who loves singing and dancing, this is definitely the movie for you.

BumbleBee

Release Date: December 21st

In the year 1987, BumbleBee seeks refuge in a junkyard in a small California beach town. Charlie soon discovers the battle-scarred and broken Bumblebee. When Charlie revives him, she quickly learns that this is no ordinary yellow Volkswagen.



screenrant.com

Aquaman

Release Date: December 13th

Main character, Arthur, learns he's the heir to the underwater city Atlantis. He also discovers it's time for him to become a hero, in and out of water.

Spider-Man: Into the Spider-Verse

Release Date: December 14th

A Spiderman stumbles into another dimension and realizes he's not the only Spiderman, and that there are actually hundreds of them. Not long after his discovery he and his new friends must team up to fight evil.

If Beale Street Could Talk

Release Date: December 14th

Set in early-1970s Harlem, the movie is told through Tish, a soon-to-be wife. She recalls the journey she and her husband, Alonzo, went through. They were childhood friends and dreamt of their future together. Things start to spiral out of control when Alonzo is arrested for a crime he didn't commit.



movieweb.com

Welcome to Marwen

Release Date: December 21st

Mark Hogancamp is attacked and loses his memory with no expected recovery. He puts together pieces of his old life and his new life to create a fantasy world where he can be a hero. He uses his confidence in his fantasy world to help him deal with the real world. This is a movie for people who are down to get justice.

Winter horoscopes 2018-19

By Zoe LaVigne

Aries (Mar. 21-Apr. 19)

You make a snowman one segment at a time. The same applies to your life. Aries, don't rush anything. Let life play out. Do what you feel is necessary, but try not to worry too much. Whatever will be, will be.

Taurus (Apr. 20-May 20)

Hot chocolate is arguably one of the best parts of winter. Don't deprive yourself of it, Taurus. It's okay to take a break from the hectic holiday schedule to make a cup (or two).

Gemini (May 21-June 20)

You're the star at the top of the tree, Gemini. You've made your way to the top. Keep doing what you're doing and stay on top of your work. If you do, you'll wake up one day with the gift of success.

Cancer (June 21-July 22)

You may have some trouble communicating an idea to someone close to you. Just remember to speak genuinely from the heart, it will melt the frost between you.

Leo (July 23-August 22)

Remember that the way others see you is different than the way you see yourself. You may feel like you're stuck in a blizzard, but to others, you just seem to be enjoying the snow. It's okay to ask for help. You're not alone.

Virgo (August 23-Sept. 22)

The snowball you've been crafting is dangerously close to tumbling down a hill. Stop it before it's too late, you don't want to have to roll it all the way back up. You know what you have to do.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

Each snowflake is unique, Libra. It may seem cheesy, but so are people. Keep in mind that every person has their own strengths and weaknesses. Who knows, you may see someone in a way you haven't before.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 22)

Scorpio, it's cold outside, but that doesn't mean you can't take advantage of it. Winter can seem draining, but there are plenty of things to do in and outside. Don't give up before you try.

Sagittarius (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)

Even if you don't go all out this holiday season, remember memories can be made from the smallest moments. Take the time to appreciate the little things in life and watch your perspective change.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

When you slip on ice and fall, you usually just laugh it off and stand back up. Just remember that if you need a minute to just lay there before you get up, it's okay to lay there.

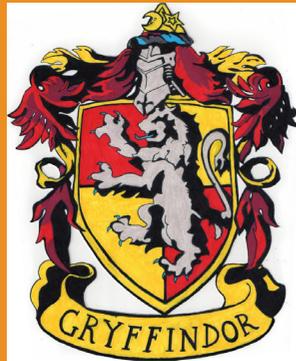
Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 19)

When it gets this cold, it's almost too easy to stay in bed where it's warm. You are fully aware that there are times where you can get away with this and times you can't. Trust your judgement.

Pisces (Feb. 20-Mar. 20)

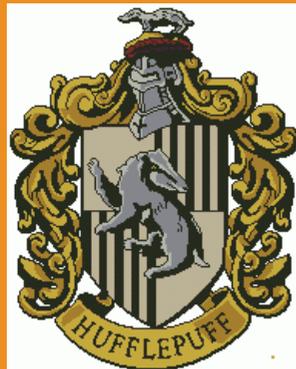
Almost every house has the infamous cookie tin filled with sewing supplies. After a while, you start to lose hope each time you open the tin. Eventually you stop. There is a tin in your life that needs to be opened, Pisces. Don't lose hope.

HOGWARTS QUIZ ANSWERS



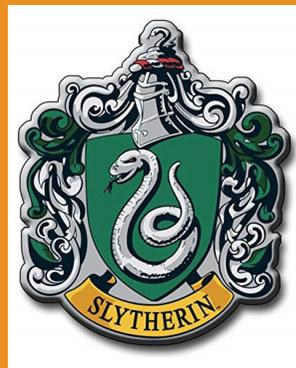
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If you got **mostly A's**... you're a Gryffindor! As cliché as it sounds, you're as courageous as they come! You aren't afraid to speak your mind and you never back down from a fight. At times you may seem reckless, or even short-tempered, but don't let that stop you from being yourself!



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If you got **mostly B's**... you're a Hufflepuff! Hufflepuff may be the most underrated house but that certainly doesn't mean they're lesser than the other houses! You're hard-working, fair and you always try to be inclusive of others.



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If you got **mostly C's**... you're a Slytherin! Slytherin may get a bad rap but that's only because people are intimidated by those that know what they want. You're cunning, ambitious and you'll do whatever it takes to succeed. Your self-preservation isn't necessarily bad, just be sure to take others feelings into account before you act.

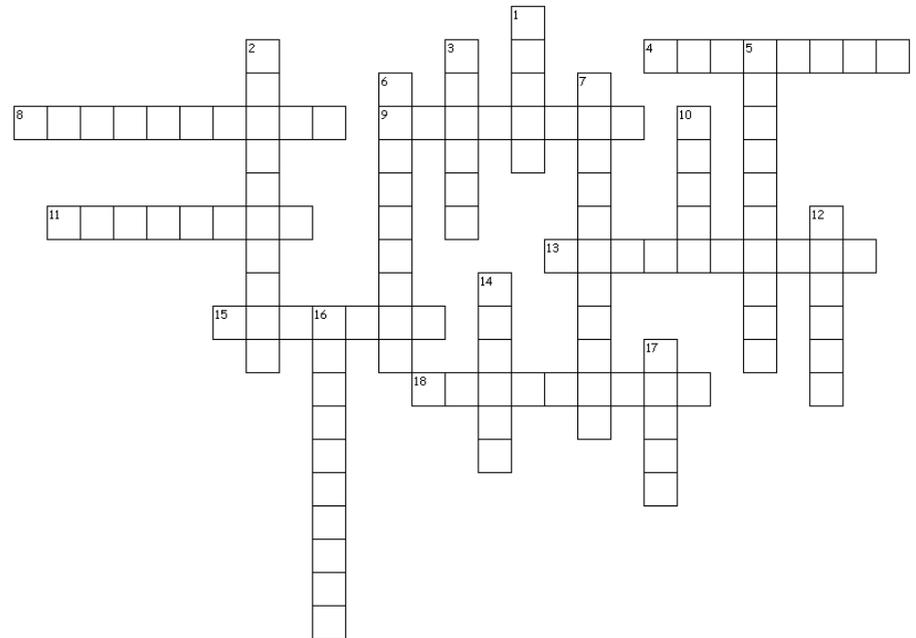


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If you got **mostly D's**... you're a Ravenclaw! Ravenclaws are super creative, witty and original! You're independent but be sure to not take your independence to a higher level and shut people out; two brains are always better than one!

Winter Crossword

By Darian Younggren Halliday



Answers on back cover

Across

4. Even though it's break, student athletes still have to come to school for ____
8. Finish the song lyric: "Walking in a Winter ____"
9. This is a winter Jewish celebration of the revolt of the Maccabees
11. I recently was elected Governor of Illinois. Finish my name: J.B. ____
13. I am something that can be predicted by the stars
15. This is a holiday that celebrates the African Heritage
18. Illinois' new governor has been met with "mixed ____"

Down

1. Finish the song lyric: "I Saw Mommy Kissing Santa ____"
2. I am this semi-final college football game played in Miami.
3. Urbana High School students will be taking these in a couple weeks
5. At Urbana High School, one of the rules that has changed effects the use of these devices
6. Some believe there is a "War on ____" during this time of year
7. This children's nanny returns to theaters on December 19th
10. You can get plenty of these for under \$5
12. For under \$5, you can buy a ____ shaping tool for the men in your life
14. In the movie series Harry Potter, you get sorted into these
16. Skating, baking, and watching movies are just some ideas for having "Fun in the ____ season"
17. Finish the song title: "Jingle ____"

Like what you see?

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UHS Clubs/Activities 2017/18



Are you interested in...

Community
 GSA
 Freshman Class
 Sophomore Class
 Junior Class
 Senior Class
 Student Senate
 Tiger Time

Culture
 African-American Club
 Asian-American Club
 Eclectic Dance Team
 Latino Club
 Latino Dance Group
 MEP
 Multi-cultural Club
 Spanish Club



Science and Math
 FFA
 Math Club
 Science Club
 Science Olympiad

Arts
 Chess Club
 Debate
 Loophole
 Theatre
 VCR

Service
 Habitat for Humanity
 Key Club
 Interact Club

Then look at the chart below for more information!

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EXAM SCHEDULES (Tentative)

Day 1 – Tuesday, December 18th

Period 1	Exam	8:00 - 9:20	(1hr 20 min)
Period 2	Exam	9:25 - 10:45	(1hr 20 min)
Period 3	Class	10:50 - 11:27	(37 min)
Period 4	Class/Lunch	11:31 - 12:16	(45 min)
Period 5	Class/Lunch	12:20 - 1:05	(45 min)
Period 6	Class/Lunch	1:09 - 1:54	(45 min)
Period 7	Class	1:58 - 2:35	(37 min)
Period 8	Class	2:39 - 3:16	(37 min)

Day 2 – Wednesday, December 19th

Period 4	Exam	8:00 - 9:20	(1hr 20 min)
Period 3	Exam	9:30 - 10:50	(1hr 20 min)
Period 5	Exam	11:00 - 12:20	(1hr 20 min)

Day 3 – Thursday, December 20th

Period 6	Exam	8:00 - 9:20	(1hr 20 min)
Period 7	Exam	9:30 - 10:50	(1hr 20 min)
Period 8	Exam	11:00 - 12:20	(1hr 20 min)

Crossword Answers

ACROSS:

- Practice
- Wonderland
- Hanukkah
- Pritzker
- Horoscopes
- Kwanzaa
- Reactions

DOWN:

- Claus
- OrangeBowl
- Finals
- CellPhones
- Christmas
- MaryPoppins
- Gifts