



# What happened to the AVC?

by Eisla Madigan

On August 24th, students and staff gathered in the Commons to sign an Anti-Violence Pledge, for which they received brightly colored bead necklaces to wear as a symbol of their efforts to end all forms of violence in our community.

The event was a huge hit, and students proudly displayed their support for weeks.

Since then, there has been relative silence about the #AVBEADGANG. Where did they go? Why haven't they been back in the building?

A November 1st school board meeting clarified the situation: there has been a separation between two Anti-Violence groups, one led by the district and one led by Principal Taren Nance.

The following explains the situation. All information below was taken from the November 1st board meeting, which can be found on the district's website and YouTube page:

In August, 2022, Mr. Nance attempted to separate the AVC from Urbana School District 116 and take the program in a different direction, registering The Anti-Violence Collective Inc. (AVC Inc.) with the Illinois Secretary of State as a not-for-profit

corporation. A day later, Mr. Nance solicited letters of support from AVC core members to be used in a grant submission by Eastern Illinois University.

Later that month, Mr. Nance applied for a United Way grant in the name of AVC Inc., associating AVC Inc with Urbana School District's Anti-Violence Collective and its stated purpose; allowing AVC Inc. to access grant funding already secured by Urbana School District, saying that AVC Inc. was partnered with Urbana School District 116.

On October 19, 2022, Urbana School District 116 Central Office Administration instructed Mr. Nance while he was free to operate a not-for-profit organization separate from Urbana School District 116, he was to stop using School District resources and work time to promote his personal, not-for-profit organization and to stop using school district resources to gain assistance from staff or students.

As a result, the school board passed a resolution stating that the Urbana School District 116 Board of Education believes it is necessary to publicly disavow any affiliation between Urbana School District 116 and the Anti-Violence Collective Inc.



(AVC Inc.) to avoid confusion in the Urbana Community and to avoid any legal liability on behalf of the Board for the actions of AVC Inc. and its board of directors, Executive Director and Mr. Taren Nance.

How both groups move

## Significant changes to final exams

by Cambria Johnson

This year will mark a change in how UHS does final exams. Instead of requiring all teachers to give a final exam weighted at 20%, teachers now have a choice of whether to give a traditional final or not.

There are different opinions towards the "new" rules of finals and how teachers are able to choose. "I am not giving my students a final. I'm just extending the essay that they're working on for the last unit of this semester and counting that as the final along with a written reflection on the overall semester," said English teacher Naomi Mang.

English teacher Art Banister disagrees and will be giving their students a traditional

forward remains to be seen. Though the two versions of AVC have since parted ways, their goal is still the same: to reduce violence in our community and help all students achieve their own version of success.



final exam.

"I think giving students finals can summarize [for teachers] the skills and knowledge their students learned in class."

Finals can be difficult for students, especially knowing they have other things going on in their lives

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# Proposed K-5 Dual Language Program changes

by Mia Ruiz-Almaraz

The Urbana School District held a roundtable at UMS in October to discuss possible changes to the district's bilingual program. Their proposal is to combine the Spanish-English programs at Dr. Williams and Leal elementary schools into one.

At the time of this writing, no final decision has been made and both sides of the debate continue the discussion.

Those opposed to the merger believe that putting all Dual Language students in one school goes against the purpose of the program.

"I feel that the new program is not right and I do not agree, because I feel that it is to go back to dividing races and customs in a multicultural country," says Laura Benitez, mother of two students in the district.

"I think it is more important for the district to focus on the dual language program in all schools instead of putting all the elementary school children in one school. If you put all the Hispanic elementary children in one school, how are they going to learn diversity? How are they going to accept people who look or think differently from them?," asked junior Gabriela Bautista.

Sophomore Alexa Valadez-Ramirez agrees. "At first [the plan] seemed like a good idea to me since that way the students will feel more comfortable with each other but later, the truth was that it didn't seem like a good idea because students have to live with other students. I don't entirely agree [with the merger] because the students have to meet more people who speak other languages and cultures.

They have to learn new things."

Benitez, Bautista, and Valadez-Ramirez were not alone. The committee surveyed parents of students in the bilingual program and received 127 responses: Overall, about 75 percent of parents preferred to keep the current two-school model.

The proposed change, if approved by the board in December, will result in the relocation of about 400 students in the 2023-24 school year, as bilingual students from Dr. Preston Williams will join Leal, and Leal's monolingual students will be distributed among the other four Urbana elementary schools.

The goal of this change is to help with staffing. "Being able to have bilingual people in both buildings is a challenge for these programs," said school board president Paul Poulosky.

There was also support from staff members. Maggie Byrne and Kathleen Carter, two of Dr. Williams' bilingual educators who are also on the bilingual committee, were in favor of moving to a single school model.

The change is not yet a given at the moment. We will have to wait until the December meeting to find out more about this change.

## Cambios propuestos en el programa de Lenguaje Dual en español K-5

El Distrito Escolar de Urbana realizó una mesa redonda en UMS en octubre para discutir posibles cambios en el programa bilingüe del distrito. Su propuesta es combinar los programas de español e inglés en las escuelas primarias Dr. Williams y Leal en uno solo.

Al momento de escribir este artículo, no se ha tomado una decisión final y ambos lados del debate continúan la discusión.

Quienes se oponen a la fusión, creen que poner a todos los estudiantes de Lenguaje Dual en una sola escuela va en contra del propósito del programa.

"Siento que el nuevo programa no está bien y no estoy de acuerdo, porque siento que es volver a dividir razas y costumbres en un país multicultural", dice Laura Benítez, madre de dos estudiantes del distrito.

"Creo que es más importante que el distrito se centre en el programa bilingüe en todas las escuelas en lugar de poner a todos los niños de primaria en una sola escuela. Si pones a todos los niños hispanos de primaria en una escuela, ¿cómo van a aprender diversidad? ¿Cómo van a aceptar a la gente que se ve o piensa diferente a ellos?," dice la junior Gabriela Bautista.

La estudiante de segundo año Alexa Valadez-Ramírez está de acuerdo. "Al principio [el plan] me pareció una buena idea ya que así los estudiantes se sentirán más cómodos entre ellos pero después la verdad que no me pareció una buena idea porque los estudiantes tienen que convivir con otros estudiantes. No estoy del todo de acuerdo [con la fusión] porque los estudiantes tienen que conocer más gente que

hable otros idiomas y culturas, tienen que aprender cosas nuevas".

Benítez, Bautista y Valadez-Ramírez no estaban solos. El comité encuestó a los padres de los estudiantes en el programa bilingüe y recibió 127 respuestas: en general, alrededor del 75 por ciento de los padres prefirieron mantener el modelo actual de dos escuelas.

El cambio propuesto, si es aprobado por la junta en diciembre, resultará en la reubicación de aproximadamente 400 estudiantes en el año escolar 2023-24, ya que los estudiantes bilingües de Dr. Preston Williams se unirán a Leal y los estudiantes monolingües de Leal se distribuirán entre las otras cuatro escuelas primarias de Urbana.

El objetivo de este cambio es ayudar con la dotación de personal. "Poder tener personas bilingües en ambos edificios es un desafío para estos programas", dijo Paul Poulosky, presidente de la junta escolar.

También hubo apoyo de los miembros del personal. Maggie Byrne y Kathleen Carter, dos de las educadoras bilingües del Dr. Williams que también forman parte del comité bilingüe, estaban a favor de pasar a un modelo de escuela única.

El cambio aún no es un hecho en este momento. Tendremos que esperar hasta la reunión de diciembre para saber más sobre este cambio.



# One down and one to go: 9 tips for next semester

by Satya Dominguez-Hultgren  
With the semester winding down, students are reflecting on what they've learned these last few months.

After conducting some research, 9 patterns emerged. Read on for tips to keep you sane next semester!

**Can't learn from your math teacher?** @impactmath19 on tiktok. Why go to tutoring after school when you could use tiktok?

## Don't procrastinate

The very top thing recommended by students was not to procrastinate, after saying they'd get back to me later about their answers.

Unfortunately for all of us, the

## Significant changes to final exams

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"I don't like finals. It's very time consuming and makes me stressed at the end of the school year. It feels rushed since it's at the end of the semester after coming back from [Thanksgiving] break," says senior Raimoni Bradford.

Mang agrees. "I think giving final exams on top of a big assessment at the end of the unit/semester can be burdensome for many students, especially when you think about how many classes they are taking. Looking from a student's perspective, having to complete about 6-7 final exams along with any missing assignments or end-of-semester assignments is a lot to handle. By the end of the semester, almost all of us are tired, teachers included, so it can be too overwhelming to expect a long exam at the end of a long semester."

definition of a high school student is a sleep deprived teen who left that final project off until the night before it was due.

## Don't do track

Running is awful and falling behind on homework is awful. Both of these are things that will happen when you join a sports team. Why torture yourself when you could be sleeping instead?

## Don't use the downstairs bathrooms

Because those are the ones that are used the most, those are the worst. In every high school the bathrooms are a place of much horror and disgust but I mean, seriously. How hard can it be to flush the toilet?

The fact that the administration gave teachers a choice to have a traditional final or not in their classes marks a positive change.

"Over the past few years (COVID years and on), we have been flexible with how finals operate at UHS. We are continuing to evolve as each school year brings on different needs," said Assistant Principal Christine Rinkenberger.

Whether taking a final exam or not, here is the schedule so you know where to go!

### Day 1 – Tuesday, December 13, 2022

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 - 11:31	(41 min)
Period 4 Class/Lunch	11:35 - 12:16	(41 min)
Period 5 Class/Lunch	12:20 - 1:01	(41 min)
Period 6 Class/Lunch	1:05 - 1:46	(41 min)
Period 7 Class	1:50 - 2:31	(41 min)
Period 8 Class	2:35 - 3:16	(41 min)

### Day 2 – Wednesday, December 14, 2022

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 15, 2022

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)

## Think of the end

Ah, yes! It's so terrible that all you can do is wait for it to be over. Suffer through because one day you won't have to!

## Sleep

One of the top things students recommend is sleeping because it helps you to have energy for school. The thing is everyone wants to but we can't if our teachers keep giving us so much homework. What do you want us to do?

## Pick your friends wisely

Yikes! This one is definitely coming from a place of experience. Y'all need better friends if this is a goal for the next semester.

## Go to your classes

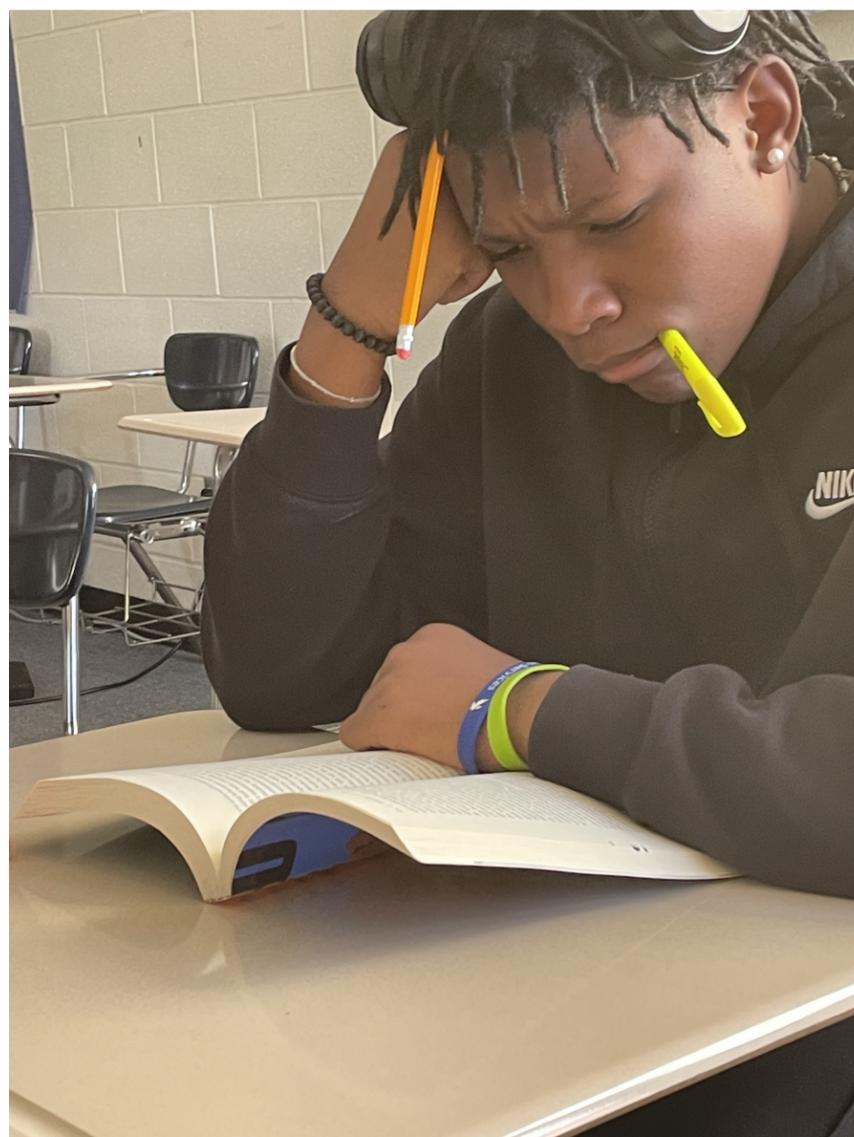
It's shocking really but if you don't show up to class then you can't pass that class. It's almost like people learn in school!

## Be yourself

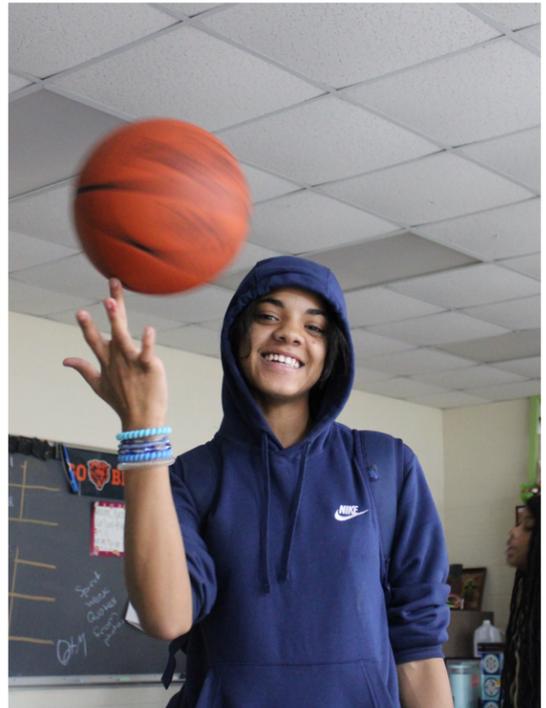
And here it is! The most generic of them all. If you think that all kids need to do is be themselves then you aren't a real high schooler. Being yourself won't help you pass math but it might help you have a bit of fun!

You are now empowered with the knowledge to make the most of the Spring semester.

## Go forth and prosper!



# Winter sports heating up: checking in with this season's athletes



by Sakari Wright

With winter sports season upon us, athletes were excited to express what they are most looking forward to this year.

The basketball team says they're ready for wins!

"I'm looking forward to having a great season, not only wins, but I'm looking forward to playing well as an individual," said sophomore Trevon Fonville.

Junior Jasmine McCullough was also looking for some individual progress and is ready for "the opportunity to talk to scouts."

Competitive cheerleader Ny'Asia Johnson, sophomore, will be taking to the mat this season. She is "ready and excited for the stunts!"

For first-year swimmer Samuel Sherwood, sophomore, this year is about his friends inside

and outside of the pool.

He's looking forward to "getting to know the team in a social aspect and improving at swimming at the same time."

Not all athletes will have the chance to compete, though. After an off-season injury and surgery, 4-year wrestler, senior Mifrael Nkwadi will have to sit out the season, but is still going to be a part of his team.

"This season I look forward to seeing my teammates succeed in their matches, complete their goals, and realize that this sport is not a sprint, it's a marathon. At the end of that marathon is a better, improved version of themselves. I see it every year and it never gets old!"

Let's wish the winter sports teams a great season!

## Two weeks of freedom: Winter break plans

by Brody Peyton

Winter break this year is December 16th, 2022 - January 2nd, 2023, with school resuming normal hours on January 3rd. School this year has been full of challenges, with many students feeling stressed and overwhelmed. The Winter Break is a much needed time off from school and a chance to destress and spend time with family.

Some students will use break as a time to celebrate holidays, spend time with families, catch up on sleep, and some will even spend time doing school work.

Brian Allison, junior, plans to "catch up on sleep and homework, run, and play a lot of music."

Dereje Jahiel, sophomore, is looking forward to seeing family over break and then is going to "chill with my family at home and have some sort of movie marathon" and considers winter break to be "one of my closest to completely off breaks."

Freshman Kavi Patel, "plans on playing a lot of piano and doing a lot of math," but will still have time for some travel. He is "going to spend a week and a half [including Christmas] with my

grandmother" and says that "she's going to teach me how

to cook some Indian food and speak a little Hindi."

It's not just Patel who is focusing on food this break! Holiday favorite foods are personal and special to each person. The aroma of the food cooking can make a person feel nostalgic for past pleasant memories spent with people they love and times they've enjoyed.

While Patel looks forward to eating Kadhi and Bindha (traditional traditional Gujarati dishes) that "...warm you up very fast and nicely,"

Allison went with a winter classic: baked oatmeal.

Personally, I am looking forward to Holiday Break to have a break from school, sleep in, and just have some free time. I also look forward to listening to Christmas music and watching Christmas movies. Cookies and pumpkin pie (with lots of Cool Whip) are some of my favorite holiday foods.

Whatever your Winter Break plans are, enjoy your break, take time to relax, and, of course, get a chance to enjoy some good food!

# 'Tis the season for nostalgia

by Jahleen Johnson

As the holiday season nears closer, the feelings of past celebrations start to creep up again. What is something that channels those feelings? Is it smells, colors, or foods? Whatever it may be, many find themselves feeling nostalgic this time of year.

## Science of Nostalgia

Have you ever wondered what nostalgia is and where the feeling or experience stems from? According to Nicolette Noce for The Carroll News, “Nostalgia is often attributed to feelings of reverting back to the best version of your own past” and are often tied to the five senses.

On a basic level, those interactions with sights, smells, sounds, tastes, or feelings trigger chemical reactions in your brain that cause intense feelings of happiness and activate multiple parts of your brain. According to a study done in 2016 by Routledge, when “the feeling of nostalgia was triggered, two areas of the brain were activated: the

memory and the reward systems.”

## Nostalgic Experiences

Almost everyone has experienced nostalgia at some point in their lives.

For senior Tynaiah McGhee, feelings of nostalgia are tied closely to technology. While she admits that certain smells can transport her back in time, it is “old Tiktoks that remind me of my childhood and bring me back to those moments.”

Food was a prominent trigger of nostalgia for UHS students, and surprisingly was more connected to smell than taste.

“Whenever I see or smell biscuits and gravy, I immediately think of my grandparents,” said early graduate Jessica McClain “They would make them for me when I was a child and seeing it on a weekend morning brings me right back to those happy memories.”

Music was another common denominator.

“When I hear a song from my past, [I get] a feeling of overwhelming Deja Vu and it takes me back to a time when I was happy in my childhood,” said sophomore Kamaya Britt.

English teacher Felicia Tufano agreed. “I have a story for every song. Like, Oh! This reminds me of this person or moment or holiday or event. It’s crazy!”

Just one sense can trigger a variety of memories that can cause nostalgia. Take the time this break to listen to your senses!



## Best Mexican restaurants in the CU

by Santiago Gonzalez

Champaign-Urbana has a rich Latinx community, with 5.74% (13,000) of the population identifying as Hispanic. With such a significant Latinx presence in the CU, that, of course, translates to a pool of Mexican restaurants to choose from.

In this article, we will be going over the pros, cons, and everything in between of the most established Mexican restaurants in Champaign-Urbana.

Here is what the restaurants will be graded on:

**Service:** I am unbothered as long as my water cup is filled and the food doesn’t take longer than 25 minutes.

**Price:** Can a high schooler afford it?

**Food:** The freshness of products, quality, quantity, made to order? Etc.

**Atmosphere:** Do you have TVs? Is the interior decor pleasant? Music? How many people are at the restaurant?

*Turn to page 6 for the results!*

## Resolutions don't work

by Byeushia Pryor

Every year as the New Year approaches, people make resolutions. I’m going to change this. I’m going to change that. New Year, New Me!

But, is it really?

English teacher Art Banister believes that resolutions don’t work because people might not follow through on their plans.

“People say things all the time; just because you say them doesn’t mean that’s what you are going to do or mean,” they said.

Freshman Sam Walden had strong feelings about resolutions, calling them “basically just a waste of time.”

Walden focused on actions being louder as well: “a resolution is just a belief [if you don’t put actions behind it].”

Though there were a lot of doubts, freshman Shakura Bramley wasn’t afraid to disagree. “Yes they work, as long as you put your mind to it and commit to what you say.”

Whether you make New Year’s resolutions or not, one thing is important: follow your words or thoughts with actions!



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## Huaraches Moroleon

*Though the relatively small restaurant sits at one of the most awkward intersections in town, that hasn't stopped it from standing the test of time and slowly making its way to become an Urbana staple.*

Though this restaurant usually produces good food, its ceiling is consistently much lower than the other restaurants. So yes, you will most likely get a good-tasting meal, but the chances that it is a meal you will remember are low.

Service: 5/5

The service was good on a jam-packed night. The servers consistently checked in to see if we needed anything, and the food came in a reasonably good amount of time.

Price: 3.5/5

The price was middle of the road, around \$20.

Food: 3/5

The al pastor taco was straight-up bad. And then, for some reason, we had pieces of steak inside a chicken enchilada we ordered which was a bit odd and slightly concerning, but other than that, the food was pretty average but by no means bad.

Atmosphere: 4/5

The place had every table filled. The decor was ok, but the combination of the lime green walls and the office ceiling is always a bit unsettling. Soft music was also playing.

Overall: 3.4/5

As previously mentioned, the food here will be middle-of-the-road to alright most of the time. What Huaraches has going for itself, though, is that its food is closer to the authentic side than most "Mexican" restaurants.

## Casa del Mar

*If you are looking for the most authentic Mexican food in town, this is not the place. But if you are satisfied with food that tries to imitate Mexican food and tastes good around half the time, then it's a match made in heaven.*

Service: 5/5

The service is the backbone of this restaurant. Our server was polite, attentive, and efficient. And the food came out in a very reasonable amount of time.

Price: 3.9/5

Middle-of-the-road pricing, but the portions are on the bigger side, so that makes up for it—around \$20.

Food: 2.5/5

Though the food we ordered, which was a steak and an al pastor taco and enchiladas rojas, did not taste bad, it was not very authentic. The food did not come out hot; it was more like room temperature.

Atmosphere: 4/5

The atmosphere was pleasant, thanks to the music and the nifty seats.

Overall: 2.9/5

I understand why this place gets a lot of attention. The servers are very polite, the food is reasonably priced, they serve copious amounts of alcohol, and it's located in an aesthetically pleasing location. But it is difficult to recommend this place if what you want is authentic Mexican food for two reasons: there are just better options out there, and the restaurant is in a part of Urbana where it's almost always out of the way.

## Tres Nopales

*Downtown Urbana's under-the-radar Mexican spot.*

Service: 1/5

The food comes out fast, but the servers are distastefully unprofessional at times. (Finding my significant other on Instagram and following her when we are obviously minors.)

Price: 3/5

Slightly on the pricier side but also isn't "outrageous."

Food: 3.9/5

The food came out hot and was closer to being authentic and was enjoyable.

Atmosphere: 2.9/5

The atmosphere is a significant weakness of the restaurant. On the multiple occasions I have come to eat at Tres Nopales, I am usually one of only two or three parties in the restaurant. I have never seen or been in the restaurant when it's busy. On a positive note, though, the interior is very nice, with an old wooden bar that screams, "I'm in downtown Urbana."

Overall: 3.9/5

This restaurant feels like it should have more going for itself. The experience was not bad (apart from the creepy server), it's just so close to being spot on, and it's not, so it leaves me wanting more.

## La Mixteca

*Best bang for your buck!*

Service: 2/5

Though our server was polite and nice, we only saw him a total of three times, when he took our order, when he gave us our food, and when I had to go up and find him to ask for the check and some boxes.

Price: 4/5

The price is pretty good, considering I got a beef torta which could have fed two, for \$11.

Food: 3.9/5

My torta came out hot and to my liking. The food was very enjoyable in general.

Atmosphere: 2/5

This was a weird one, for sure. The decor consisted of disproportionately large posters that seemed to try to represent Hispanic culture. The entire layout of the restaurant was awkward, but they did have pleasing music playing.

Overall: 3.9/5

The food here is much more authentic than I was honestly expecting, and to be fair, my torta was really good. Apart from the mediocre service, I don't have anything bad to say about La Mixteca.

## Maize at the Station

*The most well-run Mexican restaurant in the Champaign-Urbana area*

Service: 3/5

Though it never got to the point where we felt like we needed to complain, it took a while to get seated and then another while for us to get our drinks (which were just soda and water). The food came out in a reasonable amount of time but was definitely on the longer side. Our server throughout the night was attentive and friendly.

Price: 2.5/5

Most expensive place on this list, though justifiably so. \$30.00 for a three-taco dinner and a fountain drink (plus tip)

Food: 4.8/5

The food came out hot and was really good, and the portions were bigger than expected. Best quality of ingredients out of all the restaurants reviewed.

Atmosphere: 4/5

It was very busy on a Thursday night, creating a nice buzz in combination with the music that was playing. The interior was sleek and just felt high quality due to the dim lighting and bar.

Overall: 4.5/5

Maize had the most authentic and best quality food out of all the restaurants we went to. If you've made it this far, Go Now!

# Winter horoscopes for your new year

by Rebecca Headley

## Aries (March 21-April 19)

This winter season, spend some time with the people important to you. Communication is key right now. Express how you feel to those you care about. Don't isolate yourself from others, Aries.

## Taurus (April 20-May 20)

Oh Taurus, be gentle with yourself. You are entering a time where you may need to feel more calm and collected. Remember that strength is not always brute force and breaking down barriers. True strength can also be gentle and kind.

## Gemini (May 21-June 20)

It's your time to shine, Gemini! The moon is entering Gemini this December. You may feel drawn to speaking your mind during this time. No matter what emotions may be coursing through your system, choose compassion towards yourself and others. Doing so will prove beneficial.

## Cancer (June 21-July 22)

Take the time to rest this winter season, Cancer. You may have been struggling with some internal or external battle recently that has really drained you. Use this time to be alone and heal – analyze the situation and reflect on the path you've chosen for yourself.

## Leo (July 23-August 22)

Oh dear Leo, it may appear that chaos is following you at every turn right now. While it may feel like things are collapsing all around you, know that sometimes things have to come crashing down in order to welcome the beauty of what's to come. You will get through this; the chaos won't last forever.

## Virgo (August 23-Sept. 22)

Listen to that wonderful brain of yours, Virgo. It may prove more beneficial than listening

to your heart during this period. Self-discipline and focused energy is exactly what will help you moving forward.

## Libra (Sept. 23-October 22)

Have you started a new project recently, Libra? Whether it be a personal project or a professional one, you are working hard and reaping the rewards. This path you are on may not be easy but you are moving up towards success and prosperity!

## Scorpio (October 23-Nov. 21)

There is so much that lies ahead of you, Scorpio! Don't linger on the past during this period. Leave what's behind you in the past so you can accept new growth into your life. There are better things heading your way, just understand it may take time.

## Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

Now is the perfect time for new beginnings, Sagittarius. You have the power in you to manifest and bring your goals to life. The stars are aligned in your favor so use this time to focus your potential into something new!

## Capricorn (Dec. 22-January 19)

Beware of manipulation and anxious thoughts. Don't let your worries run out of control: try to look at situations through a new perspective. With a clear mind it is much easier to seek the truth. Things aren't always as they seem, Capricorn.

## Aquarius (Jan. 20-February 18)

Live in the moment and enjoy this time of rest! You may be emerging from a previous hardship that left you feeling gloomy. That period is ending and chasing away your stormy clouds. Celebrate triumph over your struggles, Aquarius!

## Pisces (February 19-March 20)

For you dear Pisces, this is a time of forgiveness. Forgive yourself for your past mistakes; you are still growing as a person and learning each day. Take this opportunity to look back at how far you have come. Your mistakes do not define who you are!



## Quiz: Which winter scent are you?

by Ruby Pittenger

### 1. What is your ideal winter day?

- Pour me a cup of hot chocolate and start a fire. I'm ready to hibernate!
- Let's go sledding; I need a good laugh!
- I have no time; these presents won't wrap themselves!
- Today is a perfect day to bake some cookies; I can taste the sweet sugar already!
- Eh...I'd rather just lay in my bed and do nothing.

### 2. What's your favorite snack?

- Hand me a big bag of potato chips; I'm not going anywhere!
- Candy sounds so good right now; I need something to get me energetic!
- I guess I'll grab an apple; I'm in a rush!
- Oooh! I'm craving a brownie.
- My leftovers from Monday will do...I guess.
- Documentaries

### 3. What's your favorite genre of movies?

- I love a good drama. The perfect long movie for a day on the couch.
- OMG, I'd have to say comedy. Those jokes always get me!
- I don't really watch movies that often, but if I have to pick, maybe a thriller or action movie?
- I love romantic comedies! I can already picture the storm of tears rolling in.
- Documentaries.

### 4. You're handed a free trip to anywhere! Where are you going?

- Give it to someone else, they will enjoy it much more than I will.
- I have always dreamed of spending a long vacation in Miami. Parties, hot weather and fun food. It almost sounds like a dream!
- I think I'd definitely have to go to Boston. I'm going to view colleges.
- Paris for sure. The macarons and the beautiful view of the Eiffel tower is so exciting!
- I'm thinking Indiana. Sounds fun.

### 5. What do you do on a Friday night?

- Welp. Sounds like another night at home re-watching my favorite movie!
- Guys! I'm going out to a party. It's time to dance!
- The perfect night to finish some homework.
- Let me call up my friends for a fun dinner downtown!
- I was thinking about folding some laundry.

### 6. What's your favorite season?

- I love Fall! The leaves falling and the sweater weather...my favorite.
- Summer! Hot weather and no school, that's my thing.
- Winter for sure. Winter holidays and cold weather!
- Spring. The pretty flowers...sign me up!
- They're all the same. It doesn't matter to me.

Turn to Page 8 for your results!

# Wrapping up the year in music with Spotify Wrapped

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It's all wrapping up; the year and your music! November 30th marked the 6th year of Spotify Wrapped, and students have been posting theirs left and right. For non-Spotify users, this is an end of the year recap of a user's favorite songs, artists, and albums from the previous year.

So, why does it mean so much to the students of Urbana?

"I like how personalized it is and it gives you a recap of all the twists and turns of life you have had this past year that are reflected in your music," said sophomore Lucía Lucero.

For freshman Maddy Posey, Spotify Wrapped is a way to gauge personal change. "I like it because I get to see my music taste change over the years," she said.

"Mine was important to me because it brought back so

many memories, it is truly a gem and a gift of opportunity to live in remembrance of our experiences," added Lucero.

Even Apple Music users had something to say!

"I like that I don't have to worry about it because I use Apple Music. I can listen to Christmas music year round and no one will know," admitted freshman Natalie Pociask.

With this year done, it's on to the next! Choose wisely, Spotify users!



## Winter Scent Quiz Results!

**If you chose mostly A:**  
**You are Roasted Chestnuts!**  
(Homebody and Warm)

You are a person who prefers to totally relax, spend a day at home, and read a nice book and/or watch a movie by the fire. You are definitely the one everyone would pick to chill with!



**If you chose mostly C:**  
**You are Winter Chill!**  
(Brisk and Serious about Winter Holidays)

You are definitely the person that would get put in charge of the Holiday parties. Prepared and responsible is what you have written all over you. You're definitely the best wrapper in the family!



**If you chose mostly D:**  
**You are Hot Chocolate!**  
(Sweet and Relaxed)

Baking cookies and watching a movie that will make you cry is your type of thing. Everyone can sense your collection of classic rom-coms in your room. You for sure know how to throw the BEST comfy holiday party for all of your like-minded friends!



**If you chose mostly E:**  
**You are an Old Pine Tree!**  
(Old Soul and Boring, no offense!)

Wow, you either really hate the holidays or you have no personality. You'll get there! To get rid of your bah-humbugs, a remote getaway with some face masks and an unlimited buffet might do you some good!



**If you chose mostly B:**  
**You are Gingerbread Cookies!**  
(Energetic and Spicy)

You are the ideal person to spend the holidays with. Fun and Bubbly describes Y-O-U! You would most definitely choose a day running around doing all of the traditional holiday activities. Go get it!



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