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## GMJH Students Help Out

Ms. Keck's 8th grade science classes became "Angels of Christmas" this year.

The students chose to give back to the community by donating to the Adopt-a-Family program.

Adopt-a-Family is an annual program that serves the needs of Groveport Madison families at Christmas time.

This year's drive distribution was set for December 17 and 18.

"The students feel every child deserves a present for Christmas", wrote Cody Upton, an 8th grader at GMJH.

Way to go Ms. Keck and all her students!



## OUR FAVORITE TIME OF YEAR!!



As we all know, our favorite holiday is coming up very soon. If you haven't guessed and are looking at your calendar, it is Christmas.

Christmas is a time of giving laughter, eating food, and most importantly spending time with your family and friends. But for some, it won't be at all very fun.

As you know, some people are less fortunate than us. They don't get to eat a feast on Christmas or have warm shelter and presents to pass around. They have to sleep outside and eat whatever they can find. That's why Groveport Junior High School has been participating in adopt a family.

Groveport Madison Junior High is trying to give as much as possible to those less fortunate. We have been collecting coats, hats, and scarves to keep people warm this winter.

Please don't be selfish and give what you can. You will have the best gift ever: the warm feeling in your heart that you did something nice.

By Jessica Gournio

# H A P P Y H O L I D A Y S

Many of today's Christmas traditions were celebrated centuries before Christ was born. The Twelve Days of Christmas, blazing fires, the giving of gifts, carnivals or parades, carolers who sing, holiday feasts, and church processions are all rooted in the customs observed by early Mesopotamians.

Many of these traditions began with Mesopotamian celebration of the New Year. The Mesopotamians worshipped many gods, the chief of whom was Marduk. Each year as winter arrived, it was believed that Marduk would battle the Monsters of Chaos. In order to assist Marduk during his struggle, the Mesopotamians held a festival for the New Year. They called this celebration Zagmuk and the festivities lasted for twelve days.

By Maria Zamarripa

## Joke of the Day

By Chris Gemmola

How do the reindeer fly?  
They are hyped up on red bull.

## Breaking Dawn Movie Review

By Jordyn Harp

Boys, I know you say, "What is the big deal?"

But the girls want to see Taylor Lautner in movies. Especially if he has his shirt off.

Anyway, this movie is about Bella and Edward who get married and go on their honeymoon. Bella gets pregnant. Jacob, Lea, and Seth break away from the Wolf pack, because Jacob's not going to let Sam and the wolf pack hurt Bella.

Bella sort of dies while giving birth. Jacob imprints with Renesme.

(I know ladies. Tear, tear.) The wolf pack tries to attack the Cullens, but can't touch Renesme because of the imprint. At the end she becomes a vampire!

I can't wait to see Breaking Dawn Part 2.

4 out of 5 stars—  
Graphics

5 out of 5 stars—  
Character Choices

4.5 out of 5 stars—  
Scenery

5 out of 5 stars —Overall

## Breaking Dawn—A Disappointment?

By Tanisha Thomas

I love the Twilight series and I always think the books are the best, but did the directors decide to throw away the book and go by what they think happened?

The Breaking Dawn movie has two parts, and the first part came out on Nov. 18th. To be honest, it wasn't as good as it was cracked up to be. The movie got way too much hype. I mean the wedding was beautiful and the honeymoon was great, but it just didn't follow the book.

There was only one fight and it was between the wolves and the vampires. It was disappointing to me since it was in the dark and you couldn't really see it. Secondly, Jacob and Edward really never bickered with each other. They got along just fine, which irritated me because in the book they can't stand to be together while taking care of Bella.

Also, the birth was terrible. Carlisle was supposed to deliver the baby, but in the movie he is still out hunt-

## Tongue Twisters

By Riann Ivory

1. Which witch wishes to switch a witch wristwatch for a Swiss wristwatch?

2. Five fine Florida florists fried fresh flat flounder fish fillet.

3. The sick sixth Sheik's sixth sheep's sick.

4. A cuckoo cookie cook called Cooper could cook cuckoo cookies.

5. A three-toed tree toad loved a two-toed he-toad that lived in a too-tall tree.

## BCS Bowl Game Predictions

By Rashaan Scott

### All State BCS National Championship

LSU vs. Alabama

Prediction: Alabama

### Rose Bowl

Wisconsin vs. Oregon

Prediction: Oregon

### Tostitos Fiesta Bowl

Stanford vs. Oklahoma State

Prediction: Oklahoma State

### Allstate Sugar Bowl

Michigan vs. Virginia Tech

Prediction: Michigan

### Discover Orange Bowl

Clemson vs. West Virginia

Prediction: Clemson

# CHRISTMAS FAVORITES

## TOP TEN CHRISTMAS

#	Songs	votes	#	Movies	votes
1.	"Feliz Navidad"	26	1.	<i>Elf</i>	41
2.	"Jingle Bell Rock"	19	2.	<i>Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer</i>	19
3.	"Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer"	13	3.	<i>Home Alone</i>	12
4.	"Frosty the Snowman"	11	4.	<i>The Polar Express</i>	9
5.	"Jingle Bells"	9	5.	<i>A Christmas Story</i>	6
6.	"The Twelve Days of Christmas"	6	6.	<i>The Nightmare Before Christmas</i>	4
7.	"We Wish You a Merry Christmas"	6	7.	<i>The Santa Clause</i>	4
8.	"Santa clause is Comin' to Town"	5	8.	<i>A Charlie Brown Christmas</i>	2
9.	"Rockin' Around the Christmas Tree"	4	9.	<i>How the Grinch Stole Christmas</i>	2
10.	"Deck The Halls"	1	10.	<i>National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation</i>	1

100 GMJHS were poled.

### Top three Histories

#### SONGS

#### MOVIES

<p><b>1. "Feliz Navidad"</b>  <b>Artist:</b> José Feliciano 1970 release date  <b>Writer:</b> José Feliciano  <b>Fact:</b> "Feliz Navidad, próspero año y felicidad" or "Merry Christmas, and a happy New Year"</p>	<p><b>1. Elf</b>  <b>Main Character:</b> Buddy the Elf (Will Ferrell)  <b>Description:</b> A human who thinks he is an elf searches for his family in New York.</p>
<p><b>2. "Jingle Bell Rock"</b>  <b>Artist:</b> Bobby Helms <b>Writer:</b> Joe Beal  <b>Fact:</b> It has been sung on Two and a Half Men, <i>Home Alone 2: Lost in New York</i>.</p>	<p><b>2. Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer</b>  <b>Main Character:</b> Rudolph (animated)  <b>Description:</b> Rudolph, and Hermey the Misfit Elf, overcome rejection for their differences and help Santa Claus make his Christmas Eve trip.</p>
<p><b>3. "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer"</b>  <b>Artist:</b> Bing Crosby <b>Writer:</b> Robert L. May  <b>Fact:</b> Rudolph's first screen appearance came in 1947, in the form of a cartoon short produced by Max Fleischer for the Jam Handy <i>Christmas Vacation</i>                      12-21-11 to 1-2-12                      Written by: Colton Shaw</p>	<p><b>3. Home Alone</b>  <b>Main Character:</b> Kevin McCallister (Macaulay Culkin)  <b>Description:</b> A young boy accidentally gets left behind during Christmas break and defends his house against robbers.</p>
<p><b>Directions:</b> Unscramble the words. Then take the parenthesized ( ) space to unscramble the mystery phrase! You will have to unscramble the letters within the set of words which each set is shown below.                      1-9 is a word set                      10-11 is a word set                      12-17 is a word set                      This quote appeared in the movie such as <i>The Santa Clause</i>.                      "Seeing isn't believing,                      -----"</p>	<p><b>Unscrambles</b>                      1. R S A I M C T H S ** C ( ) _ _ _ _                      2. N I P E E R E T ** _ _ _ e _ r ( ) _                      3. O L E S I T E M ** _ _ _ ( ) _ t _ _                      4. R E E I N R D E ** R ( ) _ _ _ _ _                      5. G H I L T L B U B ** _ _ g _ _ _ ( ) l _ _                      6. S T R E N P E S ** P _ _ _ _ ( ) _ s _                      7. X I V N O ** ( ) _ x _ _ _                      8. C L C I S C I ** I ( ) C _ _ _ _                      9. I L G O D L W O ** ( ) o _ _ _ _ _                      10. D E L S ** ( ) _ _ d _ _ _                      11. M I E Y C N H ** _ _ _ ( ) m _ _ _                      12. G L N E A S ** A ( ) _ _ _ _                      13. H G I S E L ** _ I _ ( ) _ _ _                      14. K E F W L N S S A O ** _ _ _ w _ l _ _ ( ) _                      15. G G N G O E ** ( ) _ _ _ g _ _ _                      16. R N O H T L E O P ** ( ) _ _ _ _ P _ _ _                      17. N A C Y D N A E C S ** _ n _ _ _ _ _ ( ) _</p>



# Word Search!!

By: Riann Ivory

X	G	I	N	G	E	R	B	R	E	A	D	F	U	A
M	T	W	O	F	G	V	W	K	C	K	C	R	O	T
P	C	H	G	F	G	I	B	U	O	E	A	U	V	G
B	B	H	U	G	N	L	G	J	G	G	N	I	M	Q
E	R	T	Y	U	O	O	J	D	N	B	D	T	F	S
S	H	U	A	S	G	F	U	K	T	P	Y	C	C	I
E	J	H	H	B	F	F	J	O	H	G		A	D	E
I	A	Z	W	S	X	E	Y	C	R	F	C	K	G	B
K	H	S	H	O	R	T	B	R	E	A	D	E	I	K
O	J	M	Y	H	N	U	J	M	T	B	N	G	R	E
O	E	D	C	A	K	E	Q	A	Z	A	E	D	F	E
C	Z	R	G	Y	U	I	N	B	G	F	S	I	O	F
T	F	F	H	K	F	G	H	J	I	O	Q	P	O	F
I	U	Q	A	Z	W	D	G	H	J	U	G	L	B	O
S	N	H	C	H	O	C	O	L	A	T	E	D	R	T

## Words:

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|-----------------|----------------|
| 1. Candy Canes* | 8. Shortbread* |
| 2. Cookies*     | 9. Cake*       |
| 3. Sufganiyot*  | 10. Toffee*    |
| 4. Chocolate*   | 11. Eggnog*    |
| 5. Fruitcake*   |                |
| 6. Fudge*       |                |
| 7. Gingerbread  |                |