



# The Cardinal Times



Holiday 2020 Edition

## Twelve Days of Christmas

by Mrs. Buller, Faculty Adviser



**Santa's Helper.**  
Turpin JH/HS Principal Ashley Lehnert, along with several community sponsors, commit to filling stockings for staff members this holiday season. A new item is added to the stockings each day of the Twelve Days of Christmas celebration at THS.

At the mention of the twelve days of Christmas, one might begin to sing the song lyrics that have so famously become associated with that phrase. But where did the idea of the "twelve days of Christmas" come from?

Originally, the twelve days of Christmas referred to the period in Christian theology that marks the span between the birth of Christ and the coming of the Magi, or the three wise men. Over the years, traditions have developed to celebrate those twelve days of Christmas; including, but not limited to, twelve days of feasts or twelve days of gift giving.

Here at THS, Principal Ashley Lehnert has caught the "Twelve Days of Christmas" spirit. Beginning twelve days before winter break, Mrs. Lehnert hung stockings in her outer office--one for each faculty member. Each day, she places a small gift inside. When asked what inspired her to celebrate the Twelve Days of Christmas this year, Mrs. Lehnert stated that "in this year of uncertainty and fear, having some fun--some good old fashioned fun--was in order. It just boosts morale, and is such an easy thing to do."

Additionally, Mrs. Lehnert developed a Twelve days of Christmas calendar which includes twelve dress up days for the staff and students, schoolwide. "This part is being done from elementary all the way to high school. And I think it goes back to this year's school theme of commUNITY. It's a fun way to get everyone who wants to be involved, and be a little bit silly, focused on one positive, common thing. And that's always good."

Next year, Mrs. Lehnert would like to build on this year's ideas by "getting some input from student leaders and teachers", as she is always looking to make our school a better and more unified place for everyone.

A December to Remember for Turpin Junior High and High School



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|    |  | <p><b>December 3</b><br/>It's Beginning to Look a lot like Christmas:<br/>Wear your red and green to start the countdown!<br/><i>FALALA merry merry merry</i></p>                                 | <p><b>December 4</b><br/>Jingle Bells :<br/>Wear your favorite holiday shirt and Bells!<br/><i>J.N.L.B.L.S</i></p>   |
| <p><b>December 7</b><br/>Mad About Plaid:<br/>Wear your Favorite Plaid/Flannel Shirt!</p>  | <p><b>December 8</b><br/>Santa's Ho-Ho Hoedown:<br/>Wear your western-wear</p>           | <p><b>December 9</b><br/>Candy Cane Christmas:<br/>Wear Red and White or Dress like a candy cane!</p>        | <p><b>December 10</b><br/>Faux Fur:<br/>Wear your over the top fur! Scarves, vests, boots, etc</p>  |
| <p><b>December 14</b><br/>Dream a Little:<br/>Wear your Festive Pajamas!</p>               | <p><b>December 15</b><br/>Tree Topper:<br/>Wear favorite hat, headband or Santa Hat!</p>  | <p><b>December 16</b><br/>Elf Day:<br/>Elf Attire and make sure to answer the phone like Buddy the Elf!</p>  | <p><b>December 17</b><br/>Grinch Day:<br/>Wear green, your Grinch Shirt, or Grinch Outfit!</p>      |
|   |  |   | <p><b>December 18</b><br/>Ugly Sweater Day:<br/>Wear Your ugliest Christmas Sweater!</p>            |

### The Countdown is On.

The Twelve Days of Christmas celebration at THS continues through the end of next week for every student and staff member who wishes to participate.

## Community Spotlight: The Gift of Giving

by Ginna Buller, Junior Editor



**Packed With Love!** Gathering supplies, 8th grader Jesus Arellano helps his younger brother fill shoeboxes!

Holidays are supposed to be “the most wonderful times of the year”, and helping families in need is a great way to spread the joy. The churches in Turpin have stepped up to help families have the best holidays possible by participating in service projects such as Operation Christmas Child through Samaritan’s Purse, and Angel Tree Christmas through Prison Fellowship. These projects help brighten up the holidays for children all over the world, while also providing love in a tangible way.



**Christmas Blessings!** Surrounding the shoebox gifts, members of the Baptist church pray over the people that will receive these supplies.

Angel Tree Christmas strives to strengthen family bonds between children and incarcerated parents. Parents in prison sign their child up to receive a gift, and then the child’s name is placed on a Christmas tree showing ages and suggesting gift ideas. Community members are able to visit the tree and select a child to buy a gift for. The presents are



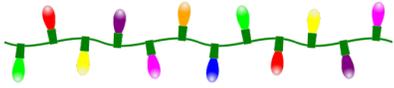
**Angels Among Us!** Within days of it being put on display, the Angel Tree is all out of angels due to our community stepping up to help!

then delivered to the child on behalf of their incarcerated parent, and in the process, both parent and child are shown love and the Gospel is shared with them. Pastor Reece Player from the Methodist church stated that in previous years, “up to 50 families have been served.” In our community, you can find an Angel Tree in the Turpin Post Office.

The goal of Operation Christmas Child is to pack shoebox gifts to bring joy, love, and hope to children around the world in need. Churches pack shoe boxes with toys, toiletries, and school supplies to give to children that may have never received a present for Christmas before. The Mennonite church and the Baptist church held “packing parties” to fill the boxes, then prayed over the shoeboxes and the children that will receive them. Sophomores Brianna Behrendt and Everardo Arellano helped with the packing party at the Baptist church. Brianna said “Everybody needs a Christmas!”, and Everardo stated that he was inspired to fill shoeboxes because “I love people being happy!” Before packing the boxes, each child wrote a letter to the person that would receive it, telling them that they are loved and wishing them a Merry Christmas. Ayden Dunn, 1st grader, exclaimed that the experience of filling shoeboxes makes him “HAPPY!” Combined, the churches were able to fill 150 boxes. This process is made possible by the caring individuals who want to give quality gifts to children in need.

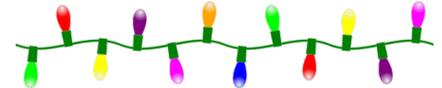


**Sending Joy!** Before packing a shoebox, Ayden Dunn, 1st grader, writes a letter to the child that will receive his box.



## The Heart of the Holidays

by Carmen Levens and Brooklyn Romero,  
Co-Editors in Chief



"On Christmas Eve we get a bunch of finger foods and play card games with the Fosters! It is really fun to eat Christmas treats while playing card games to get in the holiday spirit!"  
-Zylee Ipson

An anonymous person expressed their love of Christmas music by saying, "It's amazing that Christmas music stands out from other kinds of music and can usually be recognizable within only a few lines."

"My family makes and decorates sugar cookies before Christmas. I love to bake the cookies, get creative when decorating, and eat the dough! We often make so many that we give them to other people."  
-Reagan Romero

"All of my cousins, uncles, and aunts get together on Christmas Eve. We always stay up until midnight to open presents!"  
-Mario Hernandez

"A holiday tradition that my family has is my mom makes tamales every Christmas. My sisters and I always look forward to it every year!"  
-Uriel Valenzuela

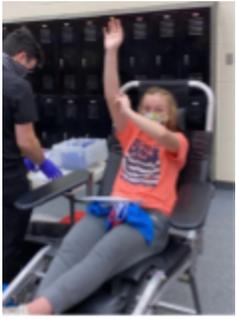
Mrs. Lehnert explained that her favorite holiday tradition is letting each kid pick a new ornament for the tree and then decorating it as a family. "It means so much because it is something we all enjoy doing as a family. There is no stress involved with this Christmas tradition."

Someone said that their favorite holiday tradition is watching "The Gift of the Magi" from Mickey Mouse's "Once Upon A Christmas." They explained, "We want our kids to be raised knowing that it is truly better to give than to receive!"

Traditions are a meaningful way to celebrate the holidays with loved ones. Creating new traditions, as well as continuing old ones, are powerful ways to make memories with those closest to you. Regardless of the reason people choose to continue holiday traditions, they are a wonderful way to celebrate the holiday season. We encourage you to celebrate the holidays with your loved ones through traditions. Several students and teachers have offered to share some of their favorite traditions, and we hope this will inspire you to get in the holiday spirit!

## People Live When People Give

by Bailey Milhon, Staff Writer



### Raise your hand if you just gave blood!

After donating blood in the fastest time, (4 minutes and 32 seconds) Riley Lehnert raises her arm, waiting to be bandaged.



On November 10th of 2020, Turpin High School hosted a blood drive. This blood drive was started three years ago and happens once or twice annually. Mrs. Lehnert has been in charge of the blood drive every year. Mrs. Lehnert said, "There was a desperate need for blood because there has been an extreme blood shortage." Even with covid changing so many things, we were able to hold the blood drive and it went over very well. People were very willing to help those in need. The biggest difference during the blood drive this year was that everyone had to wear a mask. By the end of the day, there were 30 donations and up to 91 saved lives.

## Honoring Sacrifice and Service

by Aron Fraire, Activities Editor



### Honor The Fallen.

Honoring those who have died while Taps is being played, the veterans stand up in remembrance.



### Proud Americans.

Talking about their time in the Navy, Erin and Tom Jones speak to show our school what it means to serve.



### America the Beautiful.

The elementary and high school choir come together to sing America the Beautiful for the veterans.

On November 11th, Turpin hosted a Veterans Day program. Veterans in and around the Turpin community were invited to the school for breakfast. After breakfast, the visiting veterans made their way through the hallways looking at posters created by students, and ended up in the gym for the assembly. Mr. Custer began the program by introducing himself and the veterans that were there with us. Then, Zylee Ipson recited a veteran poem, and Sarah Estes honored the veterans based on the military branch they served in as the Turpin High School band played an armed forces medley. After applauding our veterans, two guest speakers came up to the mic.

Tom and Erin Jones talked about their time in the Navy. Tom Jones, who served for 22 years, spent time "in 101 different countries, all over the world including Afghanistan, Iraq, and Europe." His time in the Navy has taught him that he is mentally strong. "It's crazy how little sleep a person needs to function." He learned that under great stress you need to

learn to think outside of the box. He was awarded the combat action ribbon and the bronze star.

Erin Jones spoke about the service the veterans have done for us. They spend their time protecting us so that we can live better lives. Not only do the veterans serve the country, but farmers, pharmacists, and everybody that helps the military serves our country. After the two finished speaking, the winners of the poster contest, judged by our veterans, were announced. To conclude the assembly, the fallen soldier table was explained, which is a set of items on a round table. Each item represents veterans that aren't present with us today, but we still show our appreciation for them.



## Sonic Gift Card Winner

The random drawing winner for poll participation this month is **Tatum Boyd**. Congratulations!!!



## Turpin Students Write Novels

by Nancy Guerreca, Staff Writer



**Superstars!** Excited to be writing their stories, the students involved in the NaNoWriMo program pose for a quick picture.

Turpin school has amazing students that push themselves to be their best. Twenty students from the seventh through ninth grades are participating in the NaNoWriMo program. NaNoWriMo is a nationwide challenge that encourages students to write a novel in the month of November. Mrs. Hendrich is the English teacher who brought it to the attention of the students, and she is encouraging students to stay on track to finish their books on time. These students have to complete at least 15 pages of writing to be able to go on a small trip to Liberal to eat and celebrate their accomplishments. The program started on November 1st and ended on the 30th. The 20 students who signed up for the program had to work on the novel in their own time. Mrs. Hendrich looks forward to seeing what the students can come up with, saying "By participating, they are able to grow as writers in so many areas. They're learning techniques authors use in narrative writing, learning how to write with endurance, and to set a goal to achieve it."

# Thanksgiving vs. Christmas

## This-or-That ?



Turkey (30) vs



Ham (23)



Apple Cider (16) vs



Hot Cocoa (52)



## This-or-That ?



Pumpkin Pie (35) vs



Pecan Pie (26)



Sweet potatoes (9) vs



Mashed potatoes (59)



## November/December Scoreboards



with Cesar Anchondo

### HS Basketball



#### Girls

12/04 Fargo 54-40 W

#### Boys

12/04 Fargo 44-40 W

### HS Football



11/6 Seiling 46-0 W

11/13 Waukomis 54-30 W

11/20 Ringwood 36-16 W

11/27 Velma-Alma 38-62 L



### JH Basketball



#### Girls

11/5 Beaver 35-16 W

11/9 Hooker 26-31 L

11/10 Laverne 19-10 W

12/7 Texhoma 34-16 W

#### Hooker Tournament:

11/16 Guymon 18-34 L

11/19 Hooker 24-28 L

11/21 Texhoma 33-16 W

#### Boys

11/5 Beaver 31-15 W

11/9 Hooker 6-69 L

11/10 Laverne 10-42 L

12/7 Texhoma 35-25 L

#### Hooker Tournament:

11/16 Guymon 10-31 L

11/19 Hooker 8-49 L

11/21 Texhoma 38-33 W

### 5/6th Basketball



#### Girls

11/5 Beaver 25-10 W

11/9 Hooker 36-18 W

11/10 Laverne 13-18 L

12/7 Texhoma 21-10 W

#### Boys

11/5 Beaver 29-15 W

11/9 Hooker 31-19 W

11/10 Laverne 27-23 L

11/30 Balko 30-20 W

12/3 Forgan 27-10 W

12/7 Texhoma 36-23 L



## Lady Cards Looking to Build as Cardinals Rebuild

by Cesar Anchondo, Staff Writer



**Picture Perfect!** #2 Saylor Parker is set to lead the Lady Cardinals as the lone senior on the 2020-2021 team. These seasoned veterans are poised to improve on their 11-10 record from last year.

The boys' and girls' basketball teams are both looking to start off their season with a bang! As the boys look to improve from last season, the girls look to bring back experience.

Coach Braydon Robinson was very excited to bring four starters back to the high school girls team. He stated "Anytime you can bring most of your team back, you don't have to teach as much. You can just build on what you learned the season before, and then we have a lot of our bench back as well." He emphasized on building off of what they had

last year and continuing to grow as a team. Another big asset to the Turpin Lady Cardinals this season is their guard play. Coach stated that almost every girl has played as a guard at some point over the years.

One thing the Lady Cardinals will have to make sure they succeed in this season is their defense, as they will not be able to rely on their scoring all of the time. They will have to lock in on defense. A goal for the Lady Cardinals this season will be to make it out of regionals and advance to area.



**We Got Next!** Checking into game versus Fargo/Ft. Supply on Friday, December 4 are Sr. Cesar Anchondo, Jr. Adam Garza, Jr. Aldo Espino, Jr. Javier Talamantes, and Fr. Bryson Parker. The Cardinals sealed up a 44-40 victory in their season opener.



**Stand Tall and Play Ball!** Boxing-out Fargo defenders, Jr. Calli Jones (#24) and So. Shelbi Moses (#5) work for a rebound.

Garret Bebermeyer, the new high school boys basketball coach, states that his expectations are to "improve overall on our record and our defense." With the 2020-2021 season being his first here at Turpin, he is hoping to build new skills within his team, and hopefully, have a season with more wins than losses. Outside of coaching, he likes to "watch sports, hang out with friends, and travel new places."

Both coaches hope to improve from last year and build a strong program. They both look for high energy games, so come out and support the Turpin Cardinals all season long and bring a lot of energy and spirit!

## Reaching New Levels of Success

by Dakota Wills, Staff Writer



**Exciting Night!** Rushing the field, Turpin Football players gather in the endzone to celebrate moments after defeating Balko.



**Wrap Em Up!** Making an important tackle in the game, Seniors Dakota Wills and Brandon Rodriquez force the Balko player down.

The football season has come to an end, and the Cardinals had 8 wins and 5 losses. Their wins included Beaver, Ringwood, Boise City, Canton, Seiling, Balko, Waukomis, and the losses included Laverne, Tyrone, Buffalo, Shattuck, and Velma Alma. The Cardinals made it to the third round of playoffs after beating Waukomis and Ringwood. They ended their season with a loss to Velma Alma with a score of 52-30.

Coach Jake Barnes said having the first home playoff game since 2004 "...was an interesting feeling because of all the hard work we put in and seeing the team be this successful." Barnes said that watching and coaching a playoff game are very different. His job as a coach is to help others to do their best. He also said that the reward is greater because he gets to watch his players succeed.

Senior Cesar Anchondo said that finishing his football career is "part of life. You can't stay young forever, but this year is the best year we had overall...we had a pretty good team!" The season went well and getting a home playoff game made it even better. Anchondo also emphasized the importance of taking care of the ball and not allowing turnovers. If the team can cut back on these little mistakes, then they will be hard to stop in the future.

Senior Riley Ratzlaff said "Even though I've become a way better player than I ever thought I could be, I'm still not satisfied with my performance." He feels that the team's strong suit is their ability to adjust. After looking back on the season, Barnes, Anchondo, and Ratzlaff all felt that the season had its ups and downs, but overall, it was a good year with lots of success and improvement.



**Go Long!** Moments before receiving a pass from Riley Ratzlaff, Cesar Anchondo leaps in the air to complete a catch.

## Representing Our Community in the Best Way

by Isaahia Olvera, Sports Editor

The high school cheer squad went to regional competition in Stroud, Oklahoma on November 7th. The girls placed first out of 15 schools. Before regionals, cheer coach Jamie Peters said "I believe the girls are more than ready. They have been practicing this routine since September." Mrs. Peters has been coaching for four years and has been the head coach for two years. The cheerleaders take a lot of pride in their school and their sport. They have had the chance to go to state and win a 4th straight state championship! "These girls cheer their hearts out for the teams they love." Peters declared. After being announced regional champions, Coach Peters announced that "the girls really executed their routine to the best of their abilities. They nailed their routine and I am so incredibly proud of their efforts. We do our best to represent Turpin the best way we know how!"



**We Are Turpin!** After cheering their hearts out, the Turpin cheer squad poses with their state runner-up trophy.



**Showtime!** Performing at halftime of the Balco/Forgan game, the Turpin cheerleaders put on a show.

Our cheerleaders went to state competition in Moore, Oklahoma on the 14th of November and brought home the second place trophy. Peters said that she wouldn't change anything about their routine if she were able to go back, saying "The girls did everything I asked them to do." Senior Saylor Parker has been cheering for the Turpin Cardinals since 7th grade, and the end of her cheer career was very bittersweet. "I've had many great experiences with cheer and learned many life lessons. It's been a really good experience to be a part of the cheer program here." Her favorite cheer memory is "the first playoff game against Waukomis when they did a send off and the crowd came down and wished us good luck. It's nice to see that the community supports us." We also asked Saylor what emotions she felt after both regionals and state, she replied "After regionals, we were on a high going into state. We were humble and kept working. For state, I was really proud of those girls who stepped it up over the weekend, took all of our criticism, and kept going."

## Amazing Feats of Engineering

by Dulce Ogaz, Academics Editor



### **Time's Up!**

Rushing to get their structure ready, the 4th graders stack pasta noodles before time runs out.

On November 20th, the engineering club put together an Engineering Fair for the elementary school. They did projects such as a marshmallow challenge, a paper airplane contest, a bridge building competition, and a fettuccini challenge. The fettuccini challenge was with the 4th graders. They were only able to use a certain amount of materials. The purpose of that challenge was to build a support structure that will provide a force equal and opposite to the force exerted by gravity on a stack of books. The 4th graders were excited to get started on the challenge. When their time was up, they first tested their structure with a phone. If their structure was able to hold the phone, they moved on to

a book. Only two of the teams passed the phone challenge. Both of the teams earned a ribbon, the winning students are Nayeli Rodriguez, Connor Booth, Zaiden Mendiola, and Rachelle Groves. Only one team was able to pass the cell phone and book challenge: Jilly Anguiano and Miah Ortiz.

The second graders did the marshmallow challenge that led to three students winning a medal. The winning students were Jemma Anguino, Yaraceli Castillo, and Kasteel Chandara. The 6th grade team that won the bridge competition is Kabrie Giessel and Liam White. The paper airplane challenge was done by the 8th graders. They flew their airplanes to a vertical target and to a horizontal airplane. Jhett Huffman won the horizontal target and Megan Weber won the vertical target at 4 meters. As a fun activity at the end, Angel Lezema demonstrated the robot that the engineering club built last year. The elementary students were amazed by the robot and how Angel was controlling it with a phone.



### **Champs!**

Winning the marshmallow challenge, second graders Jemma Anguino, Yaraceli Castillo, and Chandara Steel earned medals.



Turpin Student Council held its annual food drive to collect food for the Christmas baskets and food pantry in Turpin.

Classes had competitions to see who could bring the most food and/or money. The 7th-12th winner was the sophomores and the Pk-6th winner was the 5th/6th class. Schoolwide, Turpin students brought \$2,025 worth of canned goods and money!!!

Turpin Student Council members Jaylin Harris, sophomore, Jaxon Lehnert, 8th grader, and Reagan Romero, sophomore, counted, gathered, and carried all the food into the Baptist Church.



## Student of the Month Program & Awards



Turpin Schools recognizes November Students of the Month, sponsored by Sand Creek Pipeline, for their hard work and achievement. Students are nominated for this award by teachers, based on their accomplishments during the current month. Nominees are then presented to the administration for a vote. Three winners receive a certificate and a Sonic gift card. Senior selectants will also be eligible for a \$500 Bank of Beaver City Scholarship, to be presented to a pair of THS seniors at their graduation in May.



Senior student of the month is Brooklyn Romero. Brooklyn is the daughter of Kenny and Opal Romero. She is a 4.0 student taking three electives at THS, those being wellness, a TA for Mr. Harris, and journalism. She is also taking two concurrent classes through NWOSU: Comp 1 and US History. Brooklyn was elected class president, FCA president, Co-Editor in Chief for journalism, and STUCO class rep. She plays softball, track, and a few of her hobbies are traveling, hunting, and spending time with her loved ones. Her favorite thing about being a Cardinal is "the friendships I have with my classmates. I really love how close everyone in our class is. We always know we can depend on each other."



High school student of the month is junior Sarah Estes. Daughter of Laura and Bryan Estes, Sarah is a 4.0 student. She is currently taking 3 electives which are Choir, 1st and 2nd grade music TA, and concurrent college classes. Her concurrent classes are Psychology and Intro to Humanities. Sarah is also involved in the Engineering club as president, 4-H, StuCo, Choir, and Cheer. A few of her accomplishments throughout the year have been becoming a 4-time All-State choir member which is the top 25 in the state, and game day state cheer runner-up. Several of her hobbies are singing, playing the piano, ballet, and knitting. Sarah's favorite thing about being a cardinal is "Having the support and love shown from our school and the community!"



Junior high student of the month is eighth grader Tatum Boyd. Tatum Boyd is the daughter of Bryan and Johnnie Boyd. Tatum is a top student in her class. She is the Turpin 4-H club ame leader and the Beaver County 4-H song leader. Tatum played catcher on the JH Cardinal Softball team this fall, and is starting point guard for the JH Lady Cardinals Basketball team. Additionally, she is involved in FCA and enjoys art class. Tatum's favorite thing about being a cardinal is "playing basketball and the wonderful community that supports us all."

***Congratulations*** to these top notch Cardinals!!

And ***Thank You*** Sand Creek Pipeline for sponsoring our Student of the Month program in November!! We appreciate your investment in our students!!





### High School

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11/02 Ricky Olguin  
11/04 Traite Sponaugle  
11/07 Elaine Mora  
11/14 Aidaly Ramos  
11/15 Reagan Romero  
11/17 Victor Aguilar  
11/21 Yahir Aquino  
11/21 Christian Quinones  
12/02 Jaret Hogg  
12/06 Jessie Hammock  
12/11 Zane Headrick  
12/12 Kiley O'Dell  
12/15 Martin Vallejo-Lopez  
12/19 Macallister Jones  
12/23 Javier Talamantes  
12/26 Everardo Arellano  
12/29 Angel Lezama

### Junior High

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11/02 Alan Trejo  
11/05 Zarely Castanon  
11/08 Ryder Brungardt  
11/16 Raeshawna Harp  
11/20 Joanna Hernandez  
11/26 Jose Mejia  
12/01 Alexis Behrendt  
12/02 Fernando Simental  
12/03 Megan Weber  
12/08 Christian Garcia  
12/08 Adrian Orrantia  
12/25 Kayla Cordova  
12/30 Benjamin Ruiz

### Elementary

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11/02 Dominc Hernandez  
11/04 Nayeli Rodriguez  
11/07 Jacob Alba  
11/07 Harper Olinger  
11/09 Sonja Rodriquez  
11/11 Emely Chavez  
11/14 Oscar Marino  
11/15 Easton Fischer  
11/15 Autumn Shahan  
11/22 Jessica Aguilar  
11/26 Madelyne Hernandez  
11/30 Zoey Archer  
12/02 Bailey Peters  
12/05 Armany Trejo  
12/06 Jennifer Flores  
12/11 Brooke Chatham  
12/12 Aline Silva  
12/15 Lindsay Bates  
12/24 Valentin Simental  
12/27 Isabella Soto  
12/29 Jose Mora  
12/29 Quinn Chandara  
12/29 Beatriz Silva  
12/30 Abrieer Ramirez  
12/30 Ezequias Aguilar





# A Multicultural Holiday Feast



From our tables to yours, we would like to share our favorite Mexican/American holiday dishes; and wish you very happy winter break!

## Honey Glazed Ham

Bailey Milhon, Staff Writer

- ❖ 2 cups brown sugar
- ❖ 8 oz. honey
- ❖ 1 stick butter
- ❖ 1 tsp cinnamon
- ❖ 1 tsp nutmeg
- ❖ 1 tsp allspice
- ❖ 1 tsp sriracha
- ❖ 1 ham

Mix all ingredients in a pot on the oven and once it's all mixed together, pour it on the ham. Bake the ham at 350 degrees in a preheated oven, basting every 3-40 minutes. Bake no longer than 1 and ½ hours.

## Grandma's Cranberry Salad

Ginna Buller, Copy Editor

- ❖ 1 pkg fresh cranberries (chop)
- ❖ 1 cup sugar
- ❖ 1 can crushed pineapple (drain)
- ❖ 2 cups marshmallows
- ❖ 2 cups chopped pecans
- ❖ 1 small tub of cool whip

Chop cranberries in a blender. In a medium bowl, combine chopped cranberries with sugar and set aside for 4 hours. Add drained pineapple, marshmallows, and 1 ½ cups of chopped pecans. Fold in cool whip and top with remaining pecans. Best if chilled for several hours before serving.

## Corn Casserole

Dakota Wills, Staff Writer

- ❖ 1 (15 ¼ oz) can drained whole kernel corn
- ❖ 1 (14 ¾ oz) can cream-style corn
- ❖ 1 cup sour cream
- ❖ ½ cup (1 stick) melted butter

## Creamy Mashed Potatoes

Mrs. Buller, Faculty Adviser

- ❖ 5 lbs potatoes, peeled and chopped
- ❖ 2 tbsp salt (any preferred amount)
- ❖ ½ cup heavy whipping cream
- ❖ 1 stick butter
- ❖ 1 tsp garlic powder
- ❖ ½ cup sour cream
- ❖ ¼ cup chopped chives

Soften potatoes in generously salted boiling water. Drain. Add butter, garlic powder, and cream. Blend with an electric mixer until smooth. Fold in sour cream and chives.

## Broccoli Casserole

Brooklyn Romero, Editor-in-Chief

- ❖ 1 pkg frozen chopped broccoli
- ❖ ¼ cup chopped celery
- ❖ ¼ stick (4 T) butter
- ❖ 1 can cream of chicken or mushroom soup
- ❖ 2 cup cooked rice
- ❖ ¼ cup chopped onion
- ❖ ½ cup evaporated milk
- ❖ 1 ½ cup grated cheddar cheese

Cook rice and broccoli separately, according to directions and set aside. Saute celery and onions in butter until celery is clear. Mix in milk, soup, and 1 cup cheese together. Mix with rice, broccoli, and celery and onions. Put all into a casserole dish, and sprinkle top with remaining grated cheese. Bake at 350 degrees for 15 minutes or until hot and bubbly.

## Peanut Butter Pie

Brandon Rodriguez, Staff Writer

- ❖ 8 oz cream cheese (softened)
- ❖ 1 cup powder sugar

- ❖ 1 (8 oz) package corn muffin mix

In a large bowl, stir together the two cans of corn, corn muffin mix, sour cream, and butter. Pour into a greased pan. Bake at 350°F for 40-45 minutes, or until golden brown. Top with a generous amount of cheddar cheese and return to the oven for another 5 minutes until the cheese is melted.

### **Tamales**

Isaahia Olvera, Sports Editor

- ❖ Water
- ❖ Salt
- ❖ Lard
- ❖ Baking powder (optional)
- ❖ Choice of filling (Meat plus sauce)
- ❖ Tamale leaves
- ❖ Flour

Cook your filling first. Then mix all the other ingredients in one bowl aside from the tamale leaves. Once you've mixed it in a bowl and have your filling cooked, you put the dough on the tamale leaf then put your filling on top of it. Fold the tamale. Stick the tamales in a pot and steam them for approximately 4 hours.

### **Churros**

Nency Guereca, Staff Writer

- ❖ Water
- ❖ Vanilla extract
- ❖ Salt
- ❖ Butter
- ❖ Flour
- ❖ Large egg
- ❖ Vegetable oil
- ❖ Sugar
- ❖ Cinnamon (optional)

While the oil is heating up, place the flour, vanilla, eggs, water, salt, butter in a bowl and mix it up. Next, place the dough in the pastry bag fitted with a star-shaped tip. Make sure there aren't any bubbles of air in the dough while you place it inside the bag, then fry the churros. Once they are golden, remove from the heat, place on the paper towel to

- ❖ 1/2 cup peanut butter
- ❖ 1 container whipped topping
- ❖ 1 Chocolate pie crust

Mix ingredients together and pour into a chocolate pie crust. Chill overnight.

### **Christmas Crack**

Calli Jones, Design Editor

- ❖ Butter
- ❖ Brown Sugar
- ❖ Saltine Crackers
- ❖ Chocolate

Lay the saltine crackers into a pan and preheat the oven to 300 degrees. Melt the butter and brown sugar into the pan. Pour it over the crackers. Melt down the chocolate and pour it on top. Optional: Add any toppings that you would like: M&M's, pretzels, caramel, etc...

### **Arroz con Leche**

Aldo Espino, Photo Editor

- ❖ 3 cups cooked white rice
- ❖ 2 cups whole milk
- ❖ 1 (14-ounce) can sweetened condensed milk
- ❖ 1 tsp ground cinnamon
- ❖ 1 tbsp vanilla extract

Place rice, whole milk, condensed milk, and cinnamon in a large saucepan, stir to combine, and bring to a boil over medium heat. Reduce the heat to low and simmer, stirring occasionally, until the mixture thickens in about 15 minutes. Remove the pan from the heat and stir in the vanilla if using. Serve warm.

### **Horchata**

Aron Fraire, Activities Editor

- ❖ Long grain white rice
- ❖ Sliced almonds
- ❖ Cinnamon sticks
- ❖ Cold Water - once this is soaked with the rice it will turn into creamy rice milk.

drain for a few seconds, and then roll in the sugar.

### Banuelos

Dulce Ogaz, Academics Editor

- ❖ Flour
- ❖ Baking powder
- ❖ Salt
- ❖ Ground cinnamon
- ❖ Milk
- ❖ Butter
- ❖ Vanilla
- ❖ Eggs
- ❖ Oil
- ❖ Sugar

Combine flour, baking powder, salt and cinnamon. Heat milk, butter, and vanilla until it boils. Beat eggs and then add room temperature milk. Combine all ingredients. Roll dough on a surface with light flour until smooth, and then roll out dough into really thin tortillas. Lay thin tortillas on a tablecloth until both sides are dry. Deep fry tortillas until golden brown. While warm, sprinkle sugar cinnamon on both sides.

- ❖ ½ cup Granulated sugar (adjust to taste)
- ❖ Vanilla
- ❖ Whole milk

Add rice, almonds, and cinnamon sticks to a high-speed blender. Blend about 30 - 60 seconds on high speed or until finely pulverized. Pour in 2 cups of water, sugar, and vanilla. Blend an additional 30 seconds. If your blender can fit the additional liquid pour in the remaining 2 cups of water, and milk, otherwise pour into a large enough container to fit along with water and milk. Cover and chill in the refrigerator 8 - 12 hours. Strain mixture through a fine-mesh sieve into a pitcher. Serve with ice if desired, garnishing each serving with ground cinnamon or cinnamon sticks.

### Banana Bread

Carmen Levens, Editor-in-Chief

- ❖ 1 stick of oleo
- ❖ 3 bananas (smashed)
- ❖ 2 eggs
- ❖ 1 cup of sugar
- ❖ 2 cups of flower
- ❖ 1 tsp. Of baking soda
- ❖ ¼ tsp. of salt
- ❖ ½ cup of pecans

Mix all ingredients together and bake at 350 degrees for 45 minutes - 1 hour.

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