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Wishing You & Yours A Very Merry Christmas 2007

Wishes from Itasca ISD

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, students and staff of Itasca ISD, I want to take this opportunity to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and best wishes for the New Year. May your holidays be filled with family and friends and may they bring joy and love to lives.

Itasca ISD Superintendent Mr. Glenn Pittman

The Christmas Story

And it came to pass in those days that a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. This census first took place while Quirinius was governing Syria. So all went to be registered everyone to his own city.

Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, to be registered with Mary, his betrothed wife, who was with child. So it was, that while they were there, the days were completed for her to be delivered. And she brought forth her firstborn Son, and wrapped Him in swaddling cloths, and laid Him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.

Now there were in the same country shepherds living out in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. And behold, an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were greatly afraid. Then the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid, for behold, I bring you good tidings of a great joy which will be to all people. For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. And this will be the sign to you: You will find a Babe wrapped in a swaddling cloths, lying in a manger."

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying: "Glory to God in the highest, And on earth peace, goodwill toward men!"



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Wishes from Itasca City Hall

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your family a wonderful and a prosperous new year on behalf of all the Employees and Council Members of the City of Itasca. May each and every one of you continue to be blessed and experience the Joy of the season.

Mayor Matt Fehnel

My Christmas Wish

Diane Barnes (President Itasca Ministerial Alliance)

In my article for our December church newsletter, I shared my "Grown Up Christmas List" with our congregation. The things I wished for them is what I wish for all Itascans – that God will pour out His blessings upon you; that you will be blessed with good health; and, most importantly, that your soul prospers, that you grow closer to God and use the gifts He has given you to bless not only yourself but also others.

The children will write their letters to Santa, and I hope they get everything they're hoping for from him. However, knowing that Santa started out as Saint Nicholas – a man who worked and gave for God – I'm going to go straight to the source, God, and thank Him for some gifts He's given Itasca this year – and some gifts I want to ask Him for in 2008.

I want to thank Him for all the wonderful things that have happened in Itasca this year, but especially the remodeling and renovations that have gone on this year. As a person who loves old homes and buildings, I am thrilled to see the work being done on the house on Adams Street. And, of course, the beautiful remodeling of my great-grandparents' home on the corner of Main and Lamar. Many smaller homes have also been remodeled and look wonderful. Heritage Park was created downtown. Many of our churches have been busy making improvements: The Church of Christ has built on a building, the Central Baptist and First United Methodist got beautiful new signs, Third Day got a new roof, First Presbyterian is putting in the Barbara Hooks Memorial Meditation Garden, and Bethlehem Baptist built apartments for people in need.

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Churches of Itasca

<u>Bethlehem Missionary Baptist</u>	W. Spurgeon	687-2800
<u>Central Baptist Church</u>	401 E. Monroe	687-2343
<u>Church of Christ</u>	200 N. Aquilla	687-2774
<u>First Baptist Church</u>	107 S. Lamar	687-2783
<u>First Presbyterian Church</u>	106 N. Lamar	687-2243
<u>First United Methodist</u>	Main & King St.	687-2475
<u>Loveview Baptist Church</u>	FM 2959 East of I-35	
<u>Second Baptist Church</u>	120 W. Marrion	687-9134
<u>Shiloh Community Church</u>		254-582-0487
<u>St. John Missionary Baptist</u>	506 S. Weaver	687-2821
<u>3rd Day Worship Center</u>	107 E. Adams	214 564-2185
<u>Itasca Nursing Home</u>		Sunday - 10:00 a.m.
Everyone Welcome	Monday Evening	6:00 p.m.

Central Baptist Church

Sunday: Praise and Worship 9:00 a.m.

Sunday School 9:45 Worship 10:50 a.m.

R.A.'s & G.A.'s (1st-6th) - Youth (7th-12th) 5:00 p.m.

Sunday Evening Worship 6:00-7:00 p.m.

Tuesday - Ladies' Bible Study 10:45-12:15 p.m.

Wednesday - Supper 6:00 p.m. (\$2.00 ea. w/\$10.00 max/family) Adult Bible Study and Prayer 7:00 p.m.

Youth (7th-12th) 7:00 - Kids' Choir 7:00 p.m.

First United Methodist Church

Come join us in our beautiful, historic sanctuary, where worship is a joyous celebration. Main at King St. Rev. Tom Wood, Pastor

Worship 10:50 a.m.
254-687-2475

Itasca Church of Christ

The emptiest, loneliest thing in the world is a Birth - Life - Death without ever hearing the gospel, and no one ever praying.

Won't you join us for worship at the Itasca Church of Christ, 200 N. Aquilla? We meet on Sunday mornings at 9:45 and 10:45 am, and 5:00 pm, and on Wednesday evenings at 6:00 p.m. Live the fullness of Life that GOD intended. Itasca Church of Christ 200 N. Aquilla

First Presbyterian Church

Sunday Schedule

9:00 Praise & Worship (Sanctuary) Cross Roads Band

9:15 - 9:45 Fellowship Time in Barton Hall

9:45 - 10:30 Sunday School all Ages (Nursery - Seniors)

10:50 - Praise and Worship - 11:00 - Worship Service
"Hour of Power" - 7th - 12th grades

Sunday evenings 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. - Barton Hall

Exercise Classes- Senior Citizens Tues. & Thurs. 10 a.m.

Game Night - 3rd Tuesday Night - 6:00 p.m.

Angel Food Ministry Host Site - 687-2243

Itasca Zoning Committee Meeting

2nd Monday of Month 6:00 p.m.

Municipal Court Building 136 N. Hill St.

Itasca Ministerial Alliance Meeting

Saturday, January 5 - 9:00 a.m.

Itasca City Council Meeting

Monday, January 21, 2007 6:00 p.m.

Municipal Court Building 136 N. Hill St.

Itasca ISD School Board Meeting

January 14, 2007 7:00 p.m.

IISD Administration Building - 123 N College St.

Chamber of Commerce Meeting

Monday, January 7, 2008 5:30 p.m.

HILCO Operations Building E. Main St.

Volunteer Fire Department Meetings

2nd Monday of Month Business Meeting - 7:00 p.m.

3rd Monday of Month Fire Training - 7:00 p.m.

Fire Station Downtown Itasca

Chamber Banquet Date Set

Award Nominations Requested

The Itasca Chamber of Commerce will hold its 23rd Annual Chamber of Commerce Banquet on Monday, January 28, 2008. The Banquet will be held in the Itasca ISD cafeteria. The silent auction and refreshments will begin at 6:00 p.m. with dinner being served at 7:00 p.m. Tickets are \$10.00 (\$12.00 at the door) each and can be bought from any Chamber director or at Citizens State Bank (Lance Meinzer), Itasca High School (Barbara Petrash), HILCO (Bob Wilson, Itasca Floral & Gift or Itasca Café (Clay Dean Hamilton), or at the Itasca Nursing Home (Diane Taylor).

The Chamber is urging citizens to mail their ideas for awards to be presented and their nominations for those awards. This is everyone's chance to have a say in the Citizen of the Year, Community Service and all other awards presented.

Suggestions can be mailed to Itasca Chamber of Commerce, P. O. Box 205, Itasca, TX 76055 or given to any of the Chamber directors listed.

School Vacation

December 21 - January 7

Drive Carefully Our Children are at Play

Water Fees, Fines Increase

Council members passed a City Ordinance at the November meeting raising the late fine for a water bill to \$10.00 from the previous \$5.00 charge. This increase is effective with the bills mailed out on December 30, due January 10. Also included in the Ordinance were increases in deposits, reconnect fees and a special fee for reconnect after hours and on holidays.

The Christmas Story

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So it was, when the angels had gone away from them into heaven, that the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has come to pass, which the Lord has made known to us." And they came with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the Babe lying in a manger. Now when they had seen Him, they made widely known the saying which was told to them by the shepherds. But Mary kept all these things and pondered them in her heart. Then the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told to them.

Luke 2:1-20

My Christmas Wish

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And that leads me to my first prayer for 2008. Johnny Bates, pastor of St. John's Baptist Church here in Itasca, has a vision of a wonderful Youth Alternative Program for the young people of Itasca. For a couple of years now, he has tried to get this started. Several people have tried to help, but we need more help. (See related article – Presbyterian Mission Yearbook article). I'm sure there are people in Itasca who have the financial means to help make this project a reality. I'm also sure there are people who can help Rev. Bates with grants, etc. I pray that we will all do that we can to make this a reality for our youth! They are our future. This program would provide them with a place to get tutoring, to play, to learn a skill, to be around people who care for them. Surely we can all see what a difference that could make for our community!

My other prayer is also for the kids. I pray that Lawless Park, the park across from the Presbyterian Church, would become a park where children can play. Right now, there are two swings and a couple of picnic benches. Yet, almost every day as I come and go from my church office, I see someone over there at the park. It would be so wonderful to see a place in Itasca where our small children could go to slide, climb, swing, etc.

I pray that 2008 will be a year when our City Council, our schools, our businesses, our churches, and our citizens work together for our children and youth. This is my Christmas prayer. Please – let it be, God.

Thank You Card



Skipper & John Laird of Itasca Sand & Gravel would like to thank the community of Itasca and surrounding areas for your business and would like to wish all of you a Merry Christmas & a happy New Year.

Itasca Presbyterian Church & Yap Project In 2008 Children's Mission Yearbooks

Press Release

Each Pentecost, Presbyterian Churches collect a Pentecost Offering which is used to help youth. 60% of the money is sent to the Presbyterian Church (USA) to be distributed by them. But 40% of the money stays for local programs. This year, the Presbyterian Church of Itasca office voted to give 40% to the Youth Alternative Program.

After reporting this, the Itasca church was notified that this story will be included in the Presbyterian Church (USA) 2008 Children's Mission Yearbook for Prayer & Study. Below is the article as it will appear in this book:

Mission In The United States

Grace Presbytery Texas

If you had money to spend, what would you do to help children and young people? Congregations all over the Presbyterian Church get to decide this each year when the time for the Pentecost Offering comes around. Congregations keep almost half of the Pentecost Offering to help children and young people in their community.

First Presbyterian Church of Itasca, Texas, decided to give its 40 percent of the Offering to another church just down the street, St. John's Missionary Baptist Church. St. John's Church is a tiny church, but it has a big vision – to start a Youth Alternative Program (YAP). The pastor of St. John's, Rev. Johnny Bates, saw that many young people in their small town were getting into trouble because they didn't have a safe place to get together. He thought that the YAP would provide a perfect answer. It would give children a playground, a fishing pond, a hobby shop, a place to do homework, a gym, a place for animals, and adults who cared about them. First Presbyterian Church liked Mr. Bates' idea and thought a YAP was for the common good of the town. In addition to giving St. John's their portion of the Pentecost Offering, they are working with other churches in Itasca to raise the funds to build the YAP.

1/2 Price Christmas Sale

Last Booth on the right in Fleas n' Tiques

All items are new – Many gift items

First Presbyterian Church of Itasca seeks qualified applicants for the position of Church Secretary. This is a regular, part-time position (16 hours per week) and subject to personal and criminal background checks. Minimum qualifications: high school graduate, skill with word processing and financial software; 1-2 years related experience preferred. To apply, contact church office at 687-2243 and leave message.

Dear Santa, I would like to have:

Pre-Kindergarten



Shrek Toys and a fire truck
Orlando Hernandez

Fire trucks and an orange bike
Kyle Kirkpatrick

Fire man truck and candy
Nikuis Reyes

A motorcycle and a skateboard
James Heath

A bike and a scooter
Anna Anderson

A scary Spiderman suit and a blue bike
Dustin Latray

A dog and a ball
Tempest Arellano

Candy and something to drink
Melanie Rangel

Christmas watch and make-up
Alanna Jeffers

A fire truck and a motorcycle
Justin Seward

Marsh mellow gun and a balloon
Alberto Cruz

Holiday Barbie and a doll house with Barbies
Aidan Sargent

Ice cream and a black Spiderman
Favian Flores

A motorcycle and lots of toys
Jonathan Ortega

A black power ranger and more power rangers
Bernardo Garcia

Ice cream and some cards
Aleesia Sarli

A green power ranger and a black Spiderman
Marcus Yanez

Spiderman and a power ranger
Alfredo Gonzales

Lots of Barbies and ice cream
Elizabeth Wright

Spiderman and Superman
Jeremiah Jackson

Dora and a baby doll
Desiree Rasco

Barbie and make-up
Arly Zavala

A race car and a green bike
Elisha Jacks

A new gun and roller skates
Hunter Basye

A gun and roller skates
John Rhea

A blue bike and a shotgun
Raymond Arellano

Pointer stick and roller skates
Kalee Payne

A Barbie doll and a journal
Emmersyn Cardona

A skateboard and a bicycle
Joshua Cardona

Thomas the Train and a skateboard
Braeden Castro

Two dolls and a cooking thing
Zamaria Christopher

A Racecar lunchbox and a wagon
Derek Crawford

A scooter and a bicycle
Susie Balch

A car and superman
Bryan Bautista

Snow globe and a big Cinderella to dance with
Anahi Botello

Cheetah girl microphone pen and books
Jaedyn Campos

Gator and jeep
Lane Burt

A skateboard and a toy truck
Logan Strona

A doll and a car
Ashley Tetreault

Power ranger and a big car
Ashton Tinklenberg

A puppy and a doll
Courtney Upton

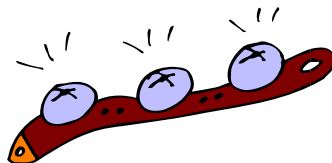
A baby doll and a swing set
Yeni Delgado

A football game and a tractor
Angel Diaz

A camera and a helicopter
Meah Hanshaw

A horse and a puzzle
Trinity Houston

A scooter and my little pony
Chloe Sherber



A puppy dog toy and a Barbie
Hannah Whitlock

A Barbie and a pony
Dezireah Wilson

A motorcycle and a monster truck
Marshall Woods

Spiderman computer and a bird that talks
Daniel Burns

New clothes and make up
Andrea Torres

Lightening McQueen Car and books
Erick Diaz

New horse and a new pony
Jesse James Harris



Kindergarten

Barbie doll and a diary
Kyerra Rockumore

X-box and a go cart
Patrick Runyon

Gym set and a game boy
Damian Sanders

Football helmet and football pads
Blaine Vaughan

Guitar and princess make-up
Hannah Verhaagen

Dirt bike and a 4-wheeler
Zachary Reid

Baby doll and a game
Laura Anthony

Playstation and a bike
Andrew Arellano

Scooter and Barbies
Avery Barfield

Transformers and a new pillow
Sammy Bonds

A desk and a book
Gillian Brackin

Hello Kitty computer & a Gameboy
Bree Brown

Santa Letters from Elementary

Kindergarten



Spiderman remote control car and a green car Johnathon Bustin

A doll and a bathing suit

Lily Cleveland

Horse for my momma and dinosaurs

Derik Davenport

Bike and an umbrella

Ireland Gafford

Baby Alive and clothes

Alex Gonzalez

Thomas Train & Spiderman 3 DVD

Kevin Harris

Remote control 3-wheeler and a dog

Kee-Ron Hewitt

Princess dress and a teddy bear

A'Leayah Hogan

Nintendo DS and a bike

Nicky Johnson

Pencils and markers

Jennifer Martinez

A dog and a cat Donavon McGill

Cowboy boots and a horse

Eric Mozon

Nintendo DS and a race car

Clay Pittman

A coat and a hat Deacon Pollock

A book and a Dora doll

Vanessa Ramirez

A skateboard and a big toy truck

Chase Rutherford

Tinkerbell computer & Barbie house

Fayth Searcy

A skateboard and a guitar

Chloe Shelby

A guitar and a toy gun

Richard Torres

Tinkerbell videogame and a play car

Nathalie Willman

Go cart and a dirt bike

Travis Abbott

Bike and a necklace

Kyrstin Bottorff

Computer and a Bratz doll

Anna Boudreux

Robot and a Barbie Christmas doll

Cherokee Carr

Neo pet and a baby kitten

Breona Castro

4 wheeler and a space ship

Trevor Cockerham

Barbie jeep and a swing set

Kaylei Cole

New bed and Heelies Gavin Crane

Spiderman and Spiderman web

Dionicio Cruz

Smackdown 2006 and 2008

Chris Diaz

Heelies and Power Rangers

Joe Gonzales

Wrestling Champions and Starship

Wiggles CD

Mason Griffin

Giant Robot and Spiderman toy

Terry Harris

Puppy and a paddle Weston Helms

Barbie and a dollhouse

Trinity Jacks

Spiderman game and Spiderman

Leapfrog

Ryan Markwardt

Barbie Doll and trampoline

Niconna Olson

Barbie doll and Barbie house

Sarah Ortega

1st Grade



Skateboard and a Playstation

Wesley Frederick

Transformer computer and a new

Nintendo game

Austin Karr

Donkey from Shrek and the Bratz movie

Breanna Reid

Stuffed animal dog and a play house

Danielle Wilson

A basketball and cars

Darryl Montgomery

A truck and an old play car

Dylan Beam

A cat and an Ipod

Hallie Runyon

Castle and a fake play cat

Hannah Bruton

Dirt bike and a calf

Harley Finley

A pink Barbie dollhouse and a Barbie car

Isabel Avila

Spiderman games and a guitar

John Thomas Cardona

Ipod and a dirt bike

Joseph Hettich-Gafford

Spiderman and a toy puppy

Justin Basye

Aqua dots and makeup

Anistashia Rockuemore

Heelies and Woody and Buzz

Kobe McGruder

Bee movie and Heelies

James Savala

Blue light saber and a pony

Wyatt Helms

Barbie laptop and a new dress

Kristen Clary

A CD Redneck Woman and Build a Bear kit

Haley Hubbard

Clothes and shoes

Aileene Diaz

Spiderman 3 game and the Bee game

John Batchelor

Moon Sand and Bratz laptop

Kyndel Bayse

Smackdown 2008 and a one-wheel scooter

Armando Yanez

Wii and a cell phone

Malacia Guy

High School Musical 2 movie and High School Musical 2 CD

Bethany Kirkpatrick

Toy Christmas tree and a bike

Katelyn George

Toy puppy and a new blanket for my bed

Katie-Lynne Younger



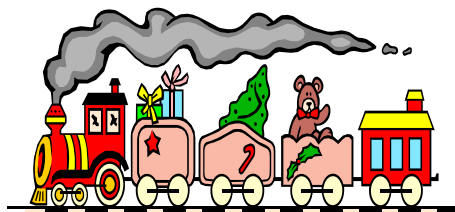
Dear Santa, I would like to have . . .

More 1st Grade



DS and a Wii game Keilan Harris
 Barbie house and Bratz doll that make ice cream Lauren Whitfield
 Cell phone and MP3 Lupita Gobellan
 Dirt bike and x box 360 Rico Salazar
 A guitar and a new cop uniform Travis Hammett
 iPod and Nintendo DS Rachele Wood
 Hamster and Hot Wheels Anthony Salazar
 Barbie and a laptop Ariel Gonzales
 Globe and Nintendo DS Timothy Jacks
 Play station 3 and a Wii Ethan Greeson
 Nintendo DS a Ben 10 game Austin Mangum
 Polly Pocket jet and a puppy in my pocket Katy Sherber
 Computer and a nutcracker William Burns
 Toy cat and a chart Chasity Roberson
 PSP and a Nintendo DS Jeff Knight
 Nutcracker nada puppy Whitley Alverson
 PSP and a Nintendo DS Lady Bug Mayberry
 Mario party DS with a gold DS and a phantom hourglass Blaze Payne
 Gun and hot wheels Rowdy Rhea
 Dinosaur boots and yogos Alan Freeman

iPod and a Barbie 3 story dream house Kenzie Boyd
 Nutcracker and a Bratz Itzayana Pacheco
 PS3 and a Ben 10 Joel Flores
 Hot Wheels and toy gun Jacob Farquhar
 Make up and a brown wig Sophie Hennig
 Black laptop and a cell phone Cameron Bandstetter
 Omi tricks with mask Cameren Hight
 Spiderman laptop and a DS Neo Arellano
 Snowflakes and Polly Pockets Mackenzie Heath
 Makeup and a red-nosed reindeer from Build-A-Bear Workshop Alyssa Andrade
 Gabriella Barbie and High School Musical 2 movie Samantha Faries
 Aqua-dots and a black and white puppy Jordan Shelby
 Massaging chair and Nintendo 64 Samuel Sulak
 Pokemon cards and Pokeman balls Michael Kirkpatrick



2nd Grade

DS and a laptop computer Rebecca Arellano
 I Phone and a Play station 2 Danny Coronado
 Some Heelies and a laptop DeAjanae Diggs
 X-box 360 and a PSP Layton English
 Toy monster truck and a toy big man Justin Feazel
 Laptop computer and a phone Yadakzy Garcia
 A Wii and I Phone Destany Graham
 A dirt bike and X-box 360 Cody Hundley



A Wii and a Wii game Ethan LaFountain
 iPod and an I-Phone Landon Lain
 Nintendo games and white PSP Melissa Maya
 Nintendo DS and a laptop Halie Sarli
 White PSP with games Tito Savala
 A real monster truck and a I-Dog Baylee Smith
 A nutcracker and make-up Monay Snyder
 I-Phone and iPod P.J. Stephens
 DS and a laptop computer Abby Torres
 Laptop and Play station 3 Sydney Williams
 Barbie set plus doll and a High School Musical backpack Jocelyn Ali
 Hannah Montana guitar set and iPod Amanda Arellano
 A monster truck and a rocket that explodes Nicholas Butler
 Wii staring wheel and Legos Chalo Cavazos
 PSP and a Barbie Alessandra Diaz
 Razor phone and a puppy Dee Jay Dulaney
 Hannah Montana CD and Beyonce CD Destiny Fennell
 A Wii and X-box 360 Payton Gonzales
 High School Musical movie and a digital camera Kyra Henderson
 A Barbie and some make-up Jenny Ignacz
 Ciara CD and Beyonce CD Tamera Jackson



Santa Letters from Elementary

More 2nd Grade



iPod and phone Matt Lara
 Bike and a go-cart Pepper Rodriguez
 Puppy and a baby doll Emili Sarli
 MP3 player and X-box 360 NoahThompson
 Spiderman and cars Rogelio Zavala
 Expo markers and marker board Chloe Dumas
 My little pony and Tinkerbell make-up Breannah Olvera
 Wii and an iPod Brayden Hennig
 Toy bear and Barbie doll Alexis Arellano
 Remote controlled car and a monster truck Kahleil Barlow
 Globe and a dolly Angelina Botello
 I-Dog, shoes and clothes Heidi Delgado
 Bratz computer and a new bike Kristen Whitlock
 Baby doll and a toy dog Ashlee Hammett
 PSP game and a bike Calvin Roberts
 Bed for my dolls and a dog game for my Game Boy Brenna Durham
 Toy car and a remote control monster truck Dustin Feazel
 Big new dinosaur and a Pokemon movie Erik Gonzalez
 Bike and Heelies DaMerya Jarrett
 Remote controlled bulldozer and a tractor Payton Kimbrell

Baby born doll that swims and a Baby Alive Katie Nalley
 Go-Cart and Heelies Rick Ortega
 Play station and a PSP Andrew Plavney
 Heelies and a guitar Alexcia Rodriguez
 Clubhouse and a Webkin (the reindeer) Lucas Sayers
 Heelies and a new bike Amber Stephens

3rd Grade



Stuffed animal and a Hannah Montana doll Isabella Botello
 Nintendo DS and some make-up Autum Throckmorton
 Pokemon backpack and a Charmander Pokemon doll Augustin Pacheco
 Dirt bike and a sand roller Jimmy Arellano
 Ripstick and some new video games Donavan Garcia
 Four wheeler and for my brothers to be able to make it safely home Daniel Montes
 Gameboy Tony Hawks Down Hill Skateboarding and a charger Cameron Wells
 Wii and a Nintendo DS Robert Kirkpatrick
 iPod and Heelies Anna Salazar
 BB gun and a remote control boat Jordan Taylor
 Everyone to be happy and to catch the stray cat at our house Chandley Sargent
 PSP and Heelies Marcus Parkerson
 Play dog and a basketball Au'Breana Simmons
 iPod and Heelies Callie Pittman

New four-wheeler and a bike Daniel Garcia
 New bike and Streak and Style Elizabeth Wood
 Four-wheeler and a golf court Ricky Sanders
 Guitar and a spy gear Connor Hamblin
 Wii and a Nintendo DS Brandy Prosser
 Dirt bike and a BB gun Louis Arellano
 Fake car and a bike Consuelo Gonzalez
 iPod and a motor scooter Darius Lara
 iPod and a guitar Christian Runyon
 A scooter and a laptop Taylor Campbell
 Playstation 3 and a PSP Kenneth Fails
 Wii and a Playstation 3 William East
 Basketball and a phone Courtnee Gore
 No school and snow for Christmas Levi Smith
 Bicycle and a cell phone Karla Cruz
 Mini pony and a laptop Katlin Joy
 A football with a kickstand and football pads and helmet Jacob Schronk
 Doll house and a holiday Barbie Lainey Cavazos
 DS with games and a Cold Pearl Jacob Lacy
 A CD player and a PSP Jessica Sanchez
 Tony Hawks for PS2 and a rip stick Kaleb McGill
 iPod and a PSP Marissa Chambers
 Rip stick and iPod Kitt Seymour
 iPod and a DS Marshal Couldron



Santa Letters from Elementary

More 3rd Grade



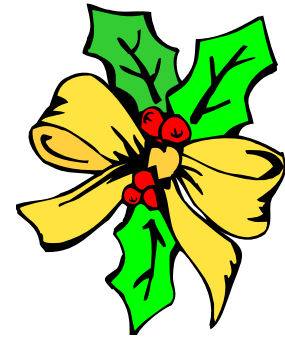
- An iPod and a dirt bike
Karon Webb
- A Pro Skateboard and a skateboard ramp
Anthony Fowler
- Fake nails and a birthstone ring
Gracie Rugh
- A set of Doctor things and a Barbie cash register
Aliegha Rodriguez
- A bow and arrow and a dirt bike
Jose Delgado
- Another dog and a cool toy
Cris Mena
- Motorcycle and an iPod
Jeremiah Perkins
- Eagle command base and a shadow crawler
Henri Martinez
- Laptop and a 3 story Barbie house
BreAsia Harris

4th Grade



- Four-wheeler and more games
Davy Barnes
- Big baby doll and a Build a Bear
Cheyenne Camp
- Nintendo DS and an IM Me
Liliana DeLaTorre
- Jewelry and a baby
Kristina Graham
- PSP and 46 inch plasma TV
Jesus Gutierrez
- Laptop and a guitar
Allena Heath
- Hannah Montana doll and a High School Musical 2 Addition DVD
Brenda Hernandez

- Toys and pretty clothes
Andrea Hightower
- Bike and a sling shot
Tyler Kittoe
- I Phone and a Playstation 3
Lydon Lain
- Laptop and PSP
Abraham Ortega
- Blue furry diary and a Bratz
Rebeca Ortega
- Electric guitar and an Xbox 360
Wesley Neese
- Big baby doll and a HSM bed set
Amber Schronk
- Cell phone and Mercury Range
Thomas Stephens
- Art paints and a drawing book
Crisol Zavala
- Snow boots and a Hannah Montana outfit
Fathe Altum
- Puppy and a Nintendo Wii
Madison Bassett
- New clothes and new sandals
Caitlin Bruton
- Wii and an IDog
Shaun Castro
- Dirt bike and a four-wheeler
Triston Davis
- Telescope and PSP game
Cesar Diaz
- An IM ME and an iPod
Sha'shana Fennell
- Pet wolf and a pet tarantula
Ethan Hettich-Gafford
- MP3 player and an iPod
Leticia Gonzales
- Smackdown vs. Raw 08 and some marbles
James Melson
- PSP and clothes
Tiffany Ramos
- New clothes and High School Musical CD
Haley Rodriguez
- Nintendo Wii and a camera
Bailey Vaughan
- Nintendo PS and a puppy dog with long hair
Danelle Whitefield
- Playstation portable and a Wii
Bryant Wilson
- CD player and bike
Ashton Alford
- Football helmet signed by a famous football player and a new PSP game
Tommy Ashley
- PSP and games for my Xbox
Trey Cole
- Video games and internet
Esteban Cruz



- Reindeer bell and Webkins
Cayce Lenee Camp
- New cell phone and a Longhorn bed spread
Brandi Fehnel
- Nintendo Wii and Webpins
Kassandra Gabino
- Handheld Game boy and Dangerous Hunts
Harley Germer
- Football helmet from a football player and a soccer game
Tanner Graig
- Brand new bike and a Wii
Luis Ortiz
- High School Musical game and a toy dog
Stephanie Pacheco
- High School Musical 2 the movie and Heelies
Lizbeth Ramirez
- New guitar and a case to go with it
Amanda Rodriguez
- iPod and Wii
Chelsea Searcy
- A flat top computer and a camera
Angel Stephens

5th Grade

- Brand new puppy and a brand new go-cart
Hubert Humphrey

6th Grade

- X-Box 360 and Dallas Cowboys season passes for 2009
Carter Reid





I wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year and hope everyone receives the gifts they desire but remember that you are not the reason for the season.



IHS Principal Rickie Harris

7th Grade



I-phone and a computer

Christian Cruz

Merry Christmas and a DS game

Christian Avila

A bass guitar and an iPod

David Corbitt

A guitar

Jessie Zint

A puppy and a game

Jordan Sizemore

iPod and a portable DVD player

Samantha Wills

Dirt bike

Eric Garcia

New cell phone and an iPod

Ashley Spain

A happy Christmas and lots of presents

Nenia Forcey

A new puppy and a saddle and blanket

Cassidy Mangum

A big box of candy and money

Emily Basve

A new saddle and a box of chocolate

Chase Patterson

New iPod and a new laptop

Alaina Valentine

An iPod and Xbox 360

Brandon Duby

Laptop and iPod

Tyler Odom

8th Grade

Juke cell phone and winter jackets

Alice Seymour

Taylor acoustic guitar and a Marshall amp stack

Kenneth Clary

New phone and money

Jessica Castro

Money and clothes

Rebecca Maul

9th Grade



Money and a new TV

Colton Sullins

Money and lots of clothes

Maria Coronado

Lots of clothes for my baby and me and lots and lots of money

Keyre Ortiz

10th Grade

Lots of new shoes and my family to be together for Christmas

Jessica Rodriguez

Laptop

Meagan Prescott

Rain boots

Elizabeth Olguin

PS3 and an Xbox 360

Christopher Jenkins

New clothes and shoes and a laptop with a camera

Brenda Jordan

Clothes and shoes and purses

Vanessa Webb

Digital camera and shoes

Amber Hieb

A Marion Barber jersey, #24

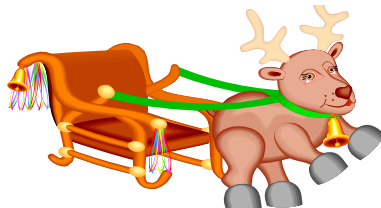
Hunter Laird

New front tires for my 4-wheeler

Chad Rutherford

Paintball gun and a new stereo

Tomas Garcia



11th Grade

A paint job and a system for my car

Jacob Shelton

Money and a car

Angel Turrubiardez

12th Grade

An unforgettable Christmas with Jake and Tucker and money

Kristen Rivera

New bedroom set and a gift certificate to Pro-nails from Jessica Laramore

Sonia Sanchez

New sound system for my car and the new Josh Turner CD (he's yummy!)

Lindsey Laird

Cowboy boots and rain boots (size 11) and ZUNE MP3 player

Sydnee Perkins

New fire helmet and a new truck

Jon Rogers

Faculty

World peace and a pack of gum

Kirby Basham

iPod and a Macbook

John Bratton

Some free time with my family and world peace

Kim Abbott

Sleep

Rickie Harris

Downtown Letters

Dear Santa, I'm 3 years old, and I've been good this year. I hope you'll bring me a blue camera, a workbench with toy tools, and a Diego Rescue Station. I have a new baby sister named Elizabeth. She can't play with toys yet, so I don't know what you can give her. I love you, Santa, and I'll have some milk and cookies waiting for you.

Love, Cole Billingsley

Dear Santa Claus, I have been trying to be a good boy this year, but at two years old, it is almost impossible! My Christmas wish is short this year. Nathalie and I have a fort on our swing set that could use more space. It gets crowded with all our trucks. I could also use some warm weather so I can play outside. Don't forget about Big, he will be working on the ocean and wants warm weather also. Love, Joseph Willman

Dear Santa, I am 6 years old and in the first grade in Midlothian. Please bring me a DS light, books and a puzzle. Please remember all of the other children. Love

Brianna Greene (Great grandchild of George & Elnorane Atkinson)

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Wampus Cats of the Week
Itasca City Hall

During the last decade Itasca City Hall has become more than just a place where the residents of Itasca go to pay their water bill or to complain about a pot-hole in the street.



Part of the infrastructure repair that has been undertaken in Itasca has included the "open door" policy to City Hall and the employees that work for the city (the citizens). This procedure of including the citizens of Itasca in the decisions of the town has led to a



more congenial and welcoming place to work and live.

Monday City Hall held its annual Christmas Open House and Luncheon. Many Itascans shared the Mexican lunch with the city employees.



*It Is With Pleasure That We Pause
 From The Usual Routine Of Business To Say
 Thank You*



*For Your Friendship, Good
 Will And Loyalty. May
 The Blessings And Hope
 Of Christmas Be Yours
 Throughout The New
 Year.*

Lloyd Ford

The Dwight Lloyd Family

Lloyd Ford – Proud Supporter of the Wampus Cats

Merry Christmas from the *Paw Print Press Staff*



Dear Santa,

We have all been good little boys and girls, or as good as we can be and still meet our weekly deadlines. Sometimes we get a little angry and an “Oh Fiddlesticks” or “Rats” my slip out but we try hard to keep a smile on our faces as we report the news.

We have made a list of what we would like for Christmas. We will continue to work extra hard this coming year.

Love, the *Paw Print Press* staff

- ***A new means of transportation and a personal assistant to do my homework Sarah Evans
- ***A red blackberry pearl and a car Mary Maddox
- ***A car (hint, hint) and a new cell phone Maria Worth
- ***Mr. Scott’s puppy and my Poppop to get better Devin Corbitt
- ***Money for college and a motorcycle Nick Worth
- ***A cell phone Brittany Reid
- ***More time to spend at home and an orphan puppy Megan Goff
- ***A puppy (black & white to match my cat) & a zorse (zebra horse) Jessica Grindele
- ***A car and my brothers Eva Mayberry
- ***A new car and a new cell phone Ashley Durham
- ***A car and to go to a great college Gi Gi Morgan
- ***New power steering parts for Rubie (my car) & for West Virginia to win the Fiesta Bowl Zech O’Rarden