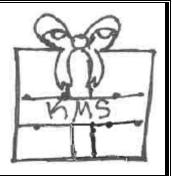
KMS Purple Pages

Kenaí Míddle School Kenaí, Alaska December 2024



Daringly Dramatic

By Dakota Farmer



Sir Gawain & the Green Knight was a wonderful play, performed by the drama students in the library on December 4th. It was a spectacular performance, especially considering we're middle schoolers.

The play had so much energy and clearly took months of effort. Mrs. Moss says, "Everyone's done amazing and worked extremely hard. I'm super proud of everyone being able to get in front of a group and be goofy."

Their background, drawn by the drama kids, specifically Naomee Day, was a castle with snow all around it, and it had so much detail and character. The costumes were so amazing I was blown away; they really added to their characters and their play overall.

At the beginning of the first quarter, they practiced learning the ways of drama and making sure not to break the fourth wall, along with other useful tips.

For second quarter they got together and voted on

which play they would do; this allows each class to be unique. This year they decided on the story of *Sir Gawain & the Green Knight*.

The story consists of Sir Gawain having to defeat the Green Knight, dealing with tortuous young girls, involving stories, mud pies, and much more. It was a wonderful experience, with wonderful cast and acting, and I've seen my share of plays.

They also had a few surprise guests filling in for missing students, including Nurse Dixie, who played her role excellently, and Dalton Wik, who was full of joy during his parts. Thanks to everyone, the play went spectacularly!

The play was an amazing experience, and I'm so glad I was able to go. Overall, everyone did an amazing job. We are so lucky to have a drama class here at KMS!

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Check out the full-color version of the *Purple Pages* online: KMS Facebook, KMS website, and in your school g-mail!

Sir Gawain & the Green Knight



Cast Members Eileen Arness Elizabeth Buning Haily Carroll Evelyn Crawford Naomee Day Teddy Dodge Ryah Dye Madison Gardiner Austin Gardner Sienna Graham Andrew Handsaker **Emilie Hollister** Aviana Isaac Elle Lacv **Destiny Pierren** Kennedy Wortham







What do you hope Santa brings you for Christmas?

OPINION 8-ED

By Gavin Victoroff

Levi Beplat: "I want Santa to put a dirt bike or a new helmet or a new snowmachine under the Christmas tree."

Alexi McIrvin: "I want a new pink Nintendo Switch for Christmas because it's sick and fun." Landen Pietz: "I want a YZ250F dirt bike."

Hailee Painter: "Some new AirPods, they would be really good to listen to."

Logan Magallanes: "New clutch for my dirt bike." Tristan Clark: "I want new basketball shoes and an Xbox." Mr. Songer: "I think I want a new tie for church." Caden Hannevold: "I want a new baseball bat and cleats." Lily Taliesin: "I want new books, I read all the time." Mr. Prusak: "World peace."





Owen Darsey: "I want a new basketball hoop with new basketball shoes."



Hunter Pontius: "I want a new snowmachine." Cache Pyfer: "The Twitch (hockey stick). I want that with some V-bucks and Robux." Sydney Hershberger: "I would like a car, more specifically a Bronco please!"

Riley Cramer: "A new pair of cowboy boots. I outgrew mine."

Nathan Fowler: "I hope I get an Xbox series X." Eddy Cook Caballero: "I'd like to get a

1968 Dodge Charger blacked out with a long cherry pipe exhaust and a 5-speed manual transmission."

Mrs. Rininger: "A Hawaii trip would sound nice." Maci Miller: "I want a new pair of shoes, more specifically a pair of Adidas Sambas." Atom Wada: "I would like the one Lego Mario

set with a baby yellow Yoshi."



Trenton Flood: "Silk or fabric for more fashion designs." Matthew Wardlow: "A sewing kit."



David Kala De La Cruz: "The white Proto R (hockey stick)."

Mr. Tilly: "For the Chicago Blackhawks to win the Stanley Cup."



"'Twas the night before Christmas, when all through the house, not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse." 2 - Clement Clarke Moore

Spectacular Students By Dawson Yeoman

Togetherness Tuesday

Here are the November Students of the Month. These students excel in school, so the school rewards them with a pizza and a letter home!



8th: Melissa Bosarge, Jay Songer, Levi Beplat, and Gabe Dravis (not pictured)



7th: Miguella Blair, Bella Shannon, Taryn Lewis



6th: Ben Wallace, Elanah Burton, Kyree Sagoonick

The KMS Sources of Strength program hosted an after-school cookie decorating party in the library for Togetherness Tuesday on December 10th. Check out these beautifully tasty holiday cookie creations!



"Christmas Day is in our grasp, as long as we have hands to clasp! Christmas Day will always be, just as long as we have we! Welcome Christmas while we stand, heart to heart, and hand in hand!"

- Dr. Seuss



By Omaira Sagar



Harper Madrid is a 6th grader born in 2013, and she is excited to be here at KMS. One of her favorite classes is math. She likes math because she's good at it so it makes it easy. One thing that she likes about KMS is that she can move classes and have passing period breaks.

She is also excited about She basketball. likes basketball because when she was playing with Mrs. Hesse, she got a lot of swishes and layups. She wants to play soccer when she is in 7th grade. She likes these sports because her dad is a coach, and they just about win any game. She not only also plays soccer and basketball but also plays hockey on a 12U youth girls' team. This is her first year of hockey, and she is excited play to more seasons!

Harper likes to go skating in her free time. Her backyard has a pond, so she makes jumps and goes skating. Her favorite family gift is a snowboard, and she likes to give candy to her siblings because it's cheap.

Enlightened Eva

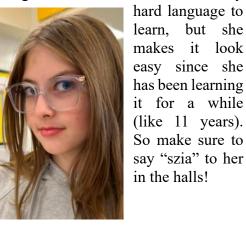
By Addi Jolley

Eva Anderson is a 7th grade student at KMS. She also speaks a cool language called Hungarian. She is really nice and cares a lot about family and friends. She is always cheerful and has a smile on her face. Eva likes to be with friends and have fun.

Some of Eva's best friends are Mattie Castimore, Taryn Lewis, Rosie Dura, Hadley Darr, and Emilie Hollister. She likes hanging out with friends, binging TV shows, drawing, and sleeping. She also does swimming as an extracurricular activity, she does really well in school with grades, and she is in marching band.

Eva has been speaking Hungarian since she was one and a half, but her mom would talk to her in Hungarian ever since she was born. Eva also wanted to increase her knowledge and speak more Hungarian. Her favorite word is shoelace, but in Hungarian it's "Speaking cipőfűző. She said. Hungarian is really fun and it's also fun to know a language other than English." Also, if people are struggling with speaking Hungarian, she can help teach you how to pronounce a certain word or phrase. Eva also speaks to her grandparents in Hungarian.

Eva wouldn't mind if you came up and asked her about Hungarian; if you want to learn a couple words ask her! She is amazingly fluent at speaking Hungarian. I would think this is a really



Remarkable Riley By Dakota Farmer



Riley Cramer is an amazing 8th grader who has gone to KMS since the beginning of middle school. Her favorite class is Physical

Science with Mrs. Pedersen, because it is calm and full of fun times.

She has favorite memories about each grade. For 6th grade, camp was so much fun. In 7th grade, Mr. Rose's class had all the jokes and laughs he made that echoed through the hallways. In 8th grade, it's the library, because of all the amazing books and teachers there.

Riley was born in Anchorage and raised in Kenai. She enjoys hanging outside and riding her horse in her free time (how cool is that?!). Some of her favorite memories growing up are going moose hunting for two weeks every year in September with her family. She said her parents are her inspirations and mentors, because they are always there for her and have helped her pursue her passions.

Riley is super athletic and plays multiple sports, including swimming, basketball (she's on the girls' Ateam), track, and cross-country running. She used to figure skate, but after ankle complications, she decided to pursue other things. Riley says, "If we get snow, I'm going sledding on our hill. We have a rope tow that my dad built."

Overall, Riley is an amazing student, with great grades, and a wonderful personality. If you see her around make sure to say hi; she's willing to help no matter what, after all she's a leadership kid.

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JOVIAL JOHNSON

By Isaak Browning



Mr. Johnson is a half-time study skills teacher, who before coming to KMS, was a retired teacher. In 1991, he started working for the Delta/Greely School District. Mr. Johnson and his wife both retired from the Delta School District in 2021 and moved here to Kenai.

During his teaching career, he was an elementary, middle, and high school teacher, as well as the district's

Technology coordinator for six years. His last six years were spent as a middle/high school PE teacher and a middle school athletic director.

In his own words, Mr. Johnson stated: "I grew up here in Alaska. My father was a station manager for Wien Airlines in rural or 'bush' Alaska for many years. My early years were spent in Platinum, Galena, and Kotzebue. My front yard was a gravel airplane ramp and runway. My playgrounds were the beaches of Bristol Bay, the Yukon River, and Kotzebue Sound. Groceries came from an airplane."

His time as he grew older was spent in Fairbanks, Anchorage, and Wasilla. His mother's family has lived in that same area since the early 1940s. His father came to Alaska in 1953 with the US Army. Mr. Johnson said: "My father became an executive, and the company's headquarters were in Fairbanks and Anchorage. I graduated from Wasilla High because our family preferred rural life, and we moved to Big Lake."

Following his graduation, he went to work as a fuel truck driver for a construction company building the Alyeska Pipeline in the Delta Junction area. There, he met his wife Kim, and they raised their three children. He and his wife lived there for 45 years. He and his wife have three adult children and 12 grandchildren, 11 of whom live in the Kenai/Soldotna area.

His favorite pastimes are spending time with his friends and family, and he loves to hunt and fish. He also enjoys building projects with wood and metal in his workshop.

In October 2025, Mr. Johnson and his wife are celebrating their 50th anniversary. He explained, "Our plans are to celebrate it with an extended vacation touring parts of Central and Western Europe. We will travel by railway, bus, and a river cruise ship from Czechoslovakia, through Germany, ending in France."

Even though it's just for this school year, Mr. Johnson is a great addition to our KMS family!

Amazing Alexis

By Linda Nicholai & Eileen Arness

Ms. Alexis McDonald is new working at KMS as an Intensive Needs aide. She started working here on November 18, which was a month ago. Even though her job is hard, she likes learning about the kids. She is excited to work here, and she loves it here.

Ms. Alexis also worked somewhere else during the summer, as an intern at the Kenai Watershed Forum. She loves talking to people, educating people, and talking about the river and how to take care of the river.

What she likes doing outside of school is playing rugby and violin. She has been playing rugby for five years and the violin for 16 years. She plays rugby with the Kenai She-Wolves, and the violin with the Kenai Peninsula Orchestra.

Ms. Alexis has been in Alaska for eight months. She moved here because she loves the area. She came here for a few summers before, she also moved to Alaska because she had graduated college and could come to live here without having to worry about school. She used to live in Pennsylvania, and she has two dogs and two cats back in Pennsylvania.

Her hobbies are fishing and hiking. Ms. Alexis goes fishing at the Kenai River; she learned fly fishing, but she only goes in the summer. She has been fishing since she was two years old. She also likes hiking at the Russian River Falls with her friends and for her summer



"The most important thing in the world is family and love." – John Wooden

Croaking Choir

By Gabriel Smalling



Some people say they take choir for an easy A, and some say it is because they love music or just want to goof around with friends. Choir is a very loud class, very strange and quite warm. When the choir students do warmups, the room gets filled with screeching birds until they run out of breath.

Choir has two periods: 2nd and 3rd periods. During 2nd period, the 7th graders learn songs, while the 8th graders have choir during 3rd period and learn songs and practice. Choir takes place in Ms. Vollom's room, where students learn about songs and practice them. The choir students start the class by grabbing their folders that contain their songs. Then they do warm-ups, practice their songs, and learn more about the songs they will sing during the concert. The winter concert took place on December 9th at KCHS. The choir sang Jingle Bell Rock, Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas, Candlelight, Carol of the Snow, and Bethlehem, a Nigerian carol. In the concert, the 6th graders sang the songs Winter Holiday, Holiday Wishes, and Happy Holidays, and they did a wonderful job.

In the concert, the 7th and 8th grade soloists did a beautiful job singing that night. In the song Candlelight Silent Night, Alexi Mclrvin, Brenda Hall, and Gabriel Dravis were the soloists, and they did a gorgeous job. The soloists were amazing in the song Have Yourself a Merrv Little Christmas, including Machen Iverson, Megan Ross, and Logan Maw. Gage Sturman's performance during the concert was phenomenal, and he was quite cheerful during his performance that night.

The choir students gave a stunning performance and had a lot of fun that night. The choir should be very proud of their performance in the concert!





By Linda Nicholai & Eileen Arness

What is your favorite thing in your locker?



Brennan Roney, 8th grade: "Football."



Sam Bosarge, 7th grade: "My hat and headphones."



Samantha Lantz, 6th grade: "My cute little flower bag."

PUPPARAZZI !!!



Congratulations to Hank for recently earning his special service dog diploma. The KMS pupparazzi crew caught Hank patiently hanging out with some human friends in Mrs. Adair's classroom!



Santa Baby !!!

Ms. Mary celebrated her birthday on December 18th with a special visit from her grandson Hayden, who is six months old. They stopped by to make sure Nurse Dixie got a chance to see this adorable tiny Santa baby!

This issue of the KMS Purple Pages

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Bountiful Basketball

By Maci Daniel

Boroughs

Both of the A teams had great wins this year; the girls were undefeated, and the boys had one great win with positive energy throughout the season. The girls had a bye for boroughs, and the boys won the first round of boroughs to qualify. Both of the A teams went to boroughs in Homer on December 14. The girls won 1st place for the second year, and the boys came in 4th. Both teams did their best and tried their hardest. In the first game the girls beat Nikiski and then beat Skyview in the second game. The boys lost against Homer in the first game and lost against Skyview in the second game.

Game Highlights

Everyone on the A teams had different highlights from each game. Some were how many rebounds they got or just when they were traveling.

- Uriah Smith's highlight was when the boys' team was playing Nikiski to qualify for boroughs, and Benny Martin made the final shot to win by one point.
- Logan Maw's favorite highlight was when they played Skyview and he had 20 rebounds.
- Sydney Hershberger loved when Caitlyn Cramer got her "and one" foul shot.
- Olivia Richards was so glad Maci Miller made all her 3-pointers.
- Raegan Lingenfelter's favorite thing about this season is when we traveled to Seward on November 14th.

Season Memories

All the players on the A teams had a wonderful season, ending with great memories of this season. Everyone had different memories; some were their favorite games or their favorite thing about the season, or just how great their team is.

- Uriah's favorite thing about his team is how they always work together on and off the court.
- Logan's favorite part of practice is the Chicago drill that everyone knows and loves.
- Sydney's favorite thing about this season is how her team is outgoing.
- Olivia really enjoyed the Skyview 8th game because it challenged the players to work super hard.
- Raegan's best memory of the season is being able to play on both teams because she is a swing player.

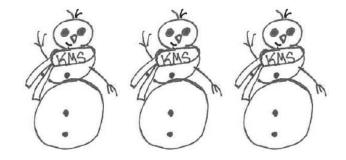




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"There are friendships imprinted in our hearts that will never be diminished by time and distance." – Dodinsky

"Blessed is the season which engages the whole world in a conspiracy of love." – Hamilton Wright Mabie



B-Team Ballers

By Dawson Yeoman

Wonderfully Wild

By Audrey Williams & Stella Drobnick

As we look back on the end of 2024 B-team basketball season, some games were more interesting than others. Some highlights include rebounds, three-pointers, free throws, and even fouls.



Highlights

For Symphony Harrison, it was getting to know her teammates and learning to play basketball. It also felt more competitive and more hands-on than her other sports like soccer, cheer, and gymnastics.

Jayden Smith said she liked the experience, learning new defensive and offensive plays, and making new friends on the team. Her favorite basket was a free throw she had made against Homer.

Brennan Roney had multiple highlights and favorite parts of this season. His #1 highlight was when we were playing against Nikiski and Jayce Morris passed the ball to a kid with Down Syndrome until he made a basket. A second highlight was when we played Nanwalek because we almost won, even though the refs were biased against us. Another was against Aurora because Quinn had a really good buzzer beater!

Lawrence "Larry" Dean stated that his favorite basket was when he was running full speed down the court and did a reverse layup. He also liked when he had three blocks against Skyview.

Editor's note: The boys' team apparently never held still long enough during the season for any actual photographic evidence! Peninsula Wild Volleyball is our peninsula club volleyball program. Players come to tryouts from Kenai, Soldotna, Nikiski and more! As of right now the tryouts for the club are held at Soldotna Prep. Each age group has four days of tryouts and teams are usually posted 1-3 days after.

Some of the coaches that help with the club are Coach Dani, Coach Trina, Coach King, and many more. The season is from December to April, and teams usually go to about five tournaments during the season including regions. During the season, players travel to Anchorage for tournaments.

Our club team is full of passionate and talented players who contribute a lot to the team. Though our club isn't a travel team, we do an amazing job taking on our local rivals, and the improvement of the players really benefits our teams!

Lots of school volleyball players participate in the club program, as well as some of the Kenai coaches, including our own 8th A-team middle school coach, Mrs. Beck. She says, "Club volleyball is very fun to help out with. I would coach it, but I already coach the high school and the middle school, so it's a bit much. I know all the coaches, so it's super fun to talk with them."

Not only do our own KMS staff love Peninsula Wild Volleyball, but many of the students here love it too. Grace Wik enjoys the volleyball season, showing her love for the sport; improving and playing with her team is her favorite. Brooklyn Coleman feels the same way; she thinks club volleyball is super fun, and she's getting excited for the school season as well. As players, we think this Peninsula Wild club season is going to be a great one because other teams are as excited and thrilled as we are!

Club volleyball is a big part of our community, and everybody is truly grateful and thankful for the club program,



as well as the people that help with it.



By Avah Cozzini

Wicked, directed by John M. Chu, is an adaptation of the Broadway play, which was inspired by Gregory Maguire's book, itself inspired by L. Frank Baum's book Wizard of Oz, and overall is now inspiring me to write my article.

Wicked is already incredibly popular, with 65 million people having seen it, which I think is crazy, considering the fact that it was only just released on November 22. It cost a whopping \$145 million to produce and the actors were paid a lot of money. Ariana Grande was paid \$15 million, Cynthia Erivo was paid \$1 million, and Michelle Yeoh as Madame Morrible was paid \$2 million.

The film follows the unlikely friendship between Elphaba, portrayed by Cynthia Erivo, and Glinda, played by Ariana Grande. Their journey explores themes of friendship, identity, and the nature of good and evil. Erivo's performance as Elphaba is particularly striking; her powerful vocals and depth of emotions capture the character's struggles. Grande shines as Glinda, bringing charm and humor to the role.

The musical numbers are highlights of the film. Iconic songs such as "Defying Gravity" and "For Good" are performed with passion and skill. The choreography enhances these moments, adding an extra layer of energy and excitement.

In my opinion, the costumes and makeup are amazing and detailed. Elphaba wears detailed green gowns and green makeup that takes four whole hours to apply, and Glinda wears fun pastel dresses and sparkling accessories that highlight her cheerful personality.

Overall, Wicked is such a great movie that pulls in both fans



of the stage show and people who are new to the story. The performances are awesome, and the plot really makes you think, making it a memorable experience. Whether you have loved the story for a long time or are just in the mood for a fun movie, it's definitely worth a watch!

Magnificent Moana

By Taryn Lewis



Everyone, Maui died! Just kidding, but now that I have your attention, let me explain the Moana 2 movie to you, and hopefully you'll want to watch it! The sequel to the infamous Moana, in my opinion, was generally better than the first. I saw it on December 5th with a friend at Orca Theaters. To explain my reasoning, I'll be going over three categories: characters, action, and morals in the movie.

The movie introduced a lot of new characters and expanded the village and the villagers shown. One thing that I didn't really like about the movie was that even though the villain was talked about, he wasn't really shown or introduced, which made it kind of hard to understand why he was the villain.

The plot of this movie was very entertaining and easy to follow and actionpacked. Some moments were very heartwrenching, and there was one GIANT plot twist, when I probably had a mini heart attack. The combat between the characters was intense, and the coconut pirates (if you watched the first movie, you remember) were still slightly annoying, but you find out they have a reason for it, and for attacking Moana and Maui in the first place.

The main moral of the story is perseverance, which was focused on Moana not giving up while trying to find the island. Another moral would be that life is not always a straight road, and there will always be twists and turns, wherever you go.

"A part of you has grown in me, together forever we shall be, never apart, maybe in distance, but not in heart." 10

January Birthdays

By Teddy Dodge



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By Teddy Dodge

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Teddy Talk

By Teddy & Frenz

How do I get a bunch of money?

Teddy's Solution: Breed every cow in the world so that the value of milk goes down to \$.02 a gallon. Or marry an old lady, or steal from rich old ladies.

My homework ate my dog, what should I do?

Teddy's Solution: U should do your homework and get homework that does not bite. (2) Also get a pet alligator. Mwahaha!!!

How would I get my rabbit in the Purple Pages?

Teddy's Solution: Copy and paste a picture of your rabbit onto the Purple Pages. It's not that hard. This was an easy question for me.

What should i name my nine week old girl French bull dog?

Teddy's Solution: Something in French like french toast or french fries. Hopefully that will keep her from going oui-oui on the carpet.



Why is Washington D.C. not in Washington?

Teddy's Solution: Isn't it? Just move one of them next to the other one. Problem solved.

"I like to compare the holiday season with the way a child listens to a favorite story.

The pleasure is in the familiar way the story begins, the anticipation of familiar turns it takes,

the familiar moments of suspense, and the familiar climax and ending." - Mr. Rogers

Kids in the Hall

By Avah Cozzini

6th grade: Would you rather walk to school or ride in Santa's sleigh?



Charlie Randall: "Ride in Santa's sleigh because I live in Nikiski."

7th grade: Would you rather spend all day watching Christmas movies or sledding?



Eva Anderson: "Spend all day watching Christmas movies because it's cold outside and I like binge-watching TV."

8th grade: Would you rather get gifts or money for Christmas?



Alexi McIrvin: "Get gifts because it's something people put thought into instead of just giving you money."

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Seasonal Songs!

By Audrey Williams

All I Want for Christmas Is You -Mariah Carey Santa Baby -Eartha Kitt Last Christmas -Wham! Silver Bells -Dean Martin Holly Jolly Christmas -Michael Bublé Winter Wonderland -Tony Bennett Santa Tell Me - Ariana Grande Blue Christmas -Elvis Presley It's Beginning to Look a Lot Like Christmas -Michael Bublé Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas -Frank Sinatra Silent Night -Frank Sinatra Alone This Holiday - The Used Baby, It's Cold Outside -Dean Martin Santa Doesn't Know You Like I Do -Sabrina Carpenter Christmas Tree Farm - Taylor Swift Jingle Bell Rock -Bobby Helms Let It Snow! Let It Snow! Let It Snow! -Dean Martin Deck the Halls -Nat King Cole Snowman -Sia Mistletoe -Justin Bieber Frosty the Snowman -Ella Fitzgerald



"Nothing is better than going home to family and eating good food and relaxing." – Irina Shayk

"Gifts of time and love are surely the basic ingredients of a truly merry Christmas." – Peg Bracken



Winter Wonderland Words

By Eileen Arness & Linda Nicholai

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POV: you see a present under the tree and know *exactly* what it is



Me presenting my Christmas present to my mom (it's like \$400)



How it's gonna be if I get socks in my stocking again

"The earth has grown old with its burden of care, but at Christmas it always is young, the heart of the jewel burns lustrous and fair, and its soul full of music breaks the air, when the song of angels is sung." – Phillips Brooks

Trim-A-Tree Art Contest

Students in all three grades entered 15 beautifully and creatively colored trees in the coloring contest sponsored by the Purple Pages. You can check out all the entries by the SOS friendship benches in the front of the school.

Purple Pages reporters voted for their favorite entries, and the winners are . . .



Melody Pfile 8th grade 1st place



Elyse Lundberg 7th grade **2nd place**



Hadley Darr 7th grade **3rd place**

Jolly Jokes

Which of Santa's reindeer has bad manners? *Rude-olph!*

How do snowmen shop online? *They use the winter-net!*

What do you get if you cross a snowman and a vampire? *Frostbite*!

Why is it always cold at Christmas? Because it's Decem-brrrrr!

What do snowmen eat for breakfast? *Frosted flakes!*

What do polar bears wear at Christmas parties? *Ice caps!*

What do you get if you eat Christmas decorations? *Tinsel-itis!*

What do sheep say to each other at Christmas? Merry Christmas to ewe!

Who delivers Christmas presents to cats? Santa Paws!

What do angry rodents send at Christmas? *Cross-mouse cards!*

How does Christmas Day end? With the letter 'Y'!

Where do male reindeer get their coffee? *Star-bucks!*

What's the hardest thing about learning to skate? *The ice!*

What do you give a Christmas tree with bad breath? *Ornamints*!

What's Frosty's favorite dessert? *Ice Krispie Treats!*

Anonymous Confessions



Brick Wall

Brick Window

"my cat ate my blanket." -cat lover

Me- "My dead twin brother is alive and following me." Him- "I'm alive!" -Anonymous

Grab a light saber and then tell him "not for long!" -Brick Wall

"When I was younger, I ate a LOT of ladybugs. I also ate them until I was like six, so I remember what they taste like. They taste like those mac n' cheese cups without the cheese." -Anonymous

Okay, I am trying my best to remain calm, and centered, so consider yourself luck- WHO IN THEIR RIGHT MIND WOULD EAT INNOCENT LADY BUGS?!?! YOU MUST CEASE TO EXIST!!! -Brick Wall

"I once stalked my friends on google maps." -Sus Aumgis

This better not be the beginning of another Newsbreak ad, because I swear, I will literally keel over and die. -Brick Wall "am I the only one who had to look up the mening of scib rizz alfa ohio and more?" -Anonymous

YES! Time to rant... first of all, why do you not know how to spell? Second, you should ALWAYS know what that means, if you don't, you're old. Third, if you say this to someone, just don't, you'll end up like Brick Wall's dad: gone. -Brick Window

SPECIAL CONTENT:

Hey, uhh, Brick Window?... *sniffle* ... I thought we agreed to not bring my non-existent father into this!? *sob* *sniff* WAHHHHH!!! -Brick Wall

Umm, that's an understatement... your dad had a choice to go get the milk... or to stay, but obviously he made the right decision. Regardless, you're being fired next semester anyways for failing to hide emotion during work hours. About time. Not much of a "Brick Wall" now, are you?"

-Brick Window



What happened to the thief who stole a Christmas calendar? He got 12 months!





By Avah Cozzini

"Do we need a platypus?"

"I almost got picked up by an eagle."

"You named your math assignment?"

"Chadifer? Chadifer! Chadifer, get in the car

Chadifer." "Can you pickle pickled pickles?" Student: "I saw a teenage moose, he wasn't with his mommy, and he was really cute :]"

Teacher: "This student has a crush on a teenage moose!"

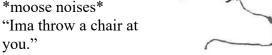
"Have you ever kissed a moose before...

I've kissed a moose before."

"That's Mr. Gustkey."

moose noises

you."



Student 1: "Can I play?"

Student 2: "No..."

Student 1: "What are you gonna do if I play it?"

Student 2: "I'm gonna cry."

"Could we listen to Shake It Off in French?"

Student 1: "Your brain blew up?"

Student 2: "Yeah..."

"Yo estoy baño."

Student 1: "Get your knuckles cracked..."

Student 2: "Ow, I think I just broke my finger!"

Student 1: "EXACTLY!"

"I lived in Ohio before, and before you ask, it was not skibidi."

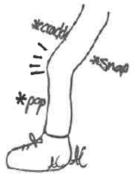
"Shut up bro, you're not in the tiktok rizzler party."

"I have good news. I don't

have the giggles today."

- Student 1: "Why aren't you at the hospital?"
- Student 2: "Because I choose you!"

"My knees keep snap crackle popping every time I stand up...and it hurts."



Student 1: "I'm gonna get on all fours and start barking."

Student 2: "Ummm, I think you lvin'."

"Maci's head is in the way but that's okay I can just cut it off." "You were born in the army?" "Well, shiver MY timbers!"



"Where is the beautiful picture of Mr. Tilly?" "I was waiting in the window all morning." "You may remove your head."



"Gee willikers, that scared me!" "Are you drinking a paper towel?" Student 1: "I think my brother went out with them." Student 2: "BOTH OF THEM!?" "Don't decapitate the bishops!" "I became a worm without your

permission."

heard walking by the boys' bathroom "Your sister still likes me."

"I was - like - singing in the shower and - like - I ate it up."



"Dill pickle, your chariot awaits." "Getting pissed at Siri is not gonna do anything." Student 1: *slurping noises* Student 2: "She tried to lick me!" Student 1: "No! I didn't even stick my tongue out!" *more slurping noises*

"Winnie the Pooh has a hernia."

Student 1: "I'm very flexible at the elbow right now." Student 2: "I think your fingers are too." "Are you struggling to open your eyes?" Teacher: "My dog was born on Christmas day." Student: "Just like Jesus!" "Kahoot music just hits different." Student 1: "What do snowmen eat for breakfast? Student 2: "What?" Student 1: "Frosted flocks." Student 2: "...what?"

What do reindeer say before they tell you a joke? This one's gonna sleigh!