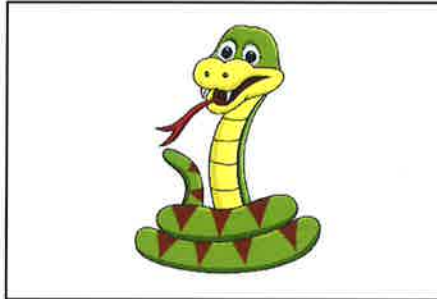


The Editor's Desk

by Annabelle Lu

It's already winter, and everyone's getting ready for the holiday season! The holiday season isn't just about getting presents, it's also about spending time with our families. One of the best parts about the holidays is reconnecting with relatives, especially since many people don't see most of their family often. Many families spend time together watching holiday movies, baking cookies, and other traditions; it's a great way to bond with each other. This time of year is also a great time to give and show good will. One holiday tradition among families might be donating to charities; it's a simple but thoughtful and kind way to spread holiday cheer. This can really warm the hearts of anyone deciding to donate to any charity or organization. Another holiday tradition would be volunteering at homeless shelters and helping to distribute food to those who are without homes or families. This is a great tradition that families can easily participate in, as long as they set aside some time. Volunteering at shelters is also a great way to brighten up someone's day, and it can help bring families together. The 8th grade Class of 2018 has already made an effort to help the less fortunate. We were able to have the wonderful opportunity of wrapping gifts for children in need. It really warmed our hearts to see the smiles on the children's faces and the look of joy in their eyes. Spreading holiday cheer is certainly a great way to spend the holidays with family.

**Have an
amazing Winter
Break!!**



Support the Cobras...come to a game!!

Around Town

by Nina Ramirez and Veronica Carpinelli

Bundle up and get ready for the holidays this year! Go check out the all the decorations around Rosemont. At the entrance to the village, take a look at the giant Christmas tree, it's a great place for funny poses and taking pictures with family and friends. Near the tree, take a walk through the giant ornament that is decorated with lights. While walking around, visit the goats and sheep by the red barn. Don't forget to check out the little houses. There are trees inside decorated by the Kindergarten through 5th grade students here at Rosemont School. Sit in Santa's sleigh and enjoy the comfy seat. Santa also has his very own house there, too. Visit him any night there from the 19th to 23rd of December. Driving or walking through the village or any of its parks is the best way to get in the Christmas spirit! We have so many great things to see and enjoy here to celebrate this season! We wish everyone a wonderful holiday!

From the President...

by Isabella Fiorentino

We're almost halfway through the school year and so much has happened at Rosemont school. Our new Cobras Care t-shirts will be here very soon, and we are all very excited to wear the shirts. It will be great to all match and support our school at the same time. Along with Cobras Care, the 8th grade is focusing on #choosekindness. We do an activity daily in homeroom and hope this carries over throughout our day. With the holidays around the corner, our 8th grade class went to Walmart on December 2nd to wrap presents for less fortunate kids. We felt great helping the little kids and trying to make their holidays special. This event was part of our effort at community service as 8th graders. We also recently put up a tree at Triton College. All of the students at Rosemont School made the ornaments which were hung up on the trees. They all looked great and festive! Our kindergarten through 5th grade students also made ornaments for the trees in the houses at Stephens Park. They did a great job decorating them. Together with the 8th grade class, I wish everybody a Happy Holiday and hope everything is special this season!



Apps for Everyone by Kevin Mariano and Jonnie Watts

Looking for Santa this season? The Santa Video Call and Tracker app is the way to go! In this app, Santa knows everything about you. He even knows your personal information. The user can either call Santa, or Santa can call them! He'll also text in the app. Santa knows whether the child has been naughty or nice, and he will say exactly what they've done to be naughty or nice. He even knows where he/she lives and recent activities they have done. This app has a Santa tracker that enables you to track Santa from all over the globe once Christmas Eve comes! The app allows the user to control the speed of his sleigh before he actually rides it. There's a countdown until Santa rides his sleigh and bring presents. You can call Santa as many times as you want. The calls can be customized with all sorts of data. Each time you call Santa, the call is always saved and can be shared with others.



This app is recommended for ages 4 and higher, and little kids will most likely enjoy this app. The app has high quality calls according to the creator. There are 5 Christmas Carols to get the user in the holiday spirit. Anyone who celebrates Christmas will love this app. Happy Holidays and have a great winter break!

Did You Know?

by Nicholas Victoria and Jaime Quezada

Read on about some very interesting facts about some important holidays coming this December... Christmas, Hanukkah, and Kwanzaa!

Did you know that...

...In order for Santa to visit all homes on Christmas Eve, he would have to visit 822 homes each second?

...The word Kwanzaa comes from Swahili and means "first fruits of the harvest?"

...In 1999, the residents of Maine built the world's biggest snowman that stood 222 feet high?

...When Hanukkah is being celebrated, families will eat latkes (potato pancakes) and sufganiyot (jelly doughnuts) or other foods fried in oil?

...The world's largest Christmas tree was in 1950 at the Northgate Shopping Center in Seattle, Washington and stood 221 feet high?

...Kwanzaa's holiday colors are red, green, and black?

...The most popular Christmas movie of all time is *How the Grinch Stole Christmas*?

...Originally, Kwanzaa gifts were books so kids could learn about African heritage and culture?

Subjects Matter by Aliyah Gobenciong

Next on Subjects Matter, I decided to interview Ms. Pope. She is a wonderful Kindergarten teacher! Keep on reading to find out more about her!!



Why did you decide to become a teacher?

When I was in fourth grade, I wrote numbers on the board in my class, and my teacher told me that I'd make a good teacher. Ever since then, I knew I wanted to become a teacher.

How do you feel about working with the older kids for drama?

I love working with the older kids for drama because it gives me a chance to see how some of my kindergarten kids turned out. Also, it gives me a chance to work with some of the older students I didn't have.

What is your favorite part about drama?

It would have to be working with the older students to prepare them for the show. Also, I love the excitement on night of the show. The atmosphere is electric, everybody is really excited to perform.

What is your favorite Christmas movie? Why?

My favorite Christmas movie would have to be *White Christmas* because of the tribute to the veterans in the movie and the fantastic musical numbers.

What is your favorite school holiday tradition?

It would have to be helping the kindergarteners perform *Twas the Night Before Christmas* in the Winter Program.

Where is your favorite place to visit on vacation?

My favorite place to visit is the Neuschwanstein Castle in Bavaria, Germany.

How is it like doing the Winter Program?

The children and I have a lot of fun saying lines and singing Christmas songs. It is also really fun to have the children dress in their Christmas PJ's and wear bells for the "Jingle Bells" song.

What are you most looking forward to this Christmas?

The main thing that I look forward to this Christmas would be "Peace on Earth."

What is the one song to get you into the holiday spirit?

The one song that gets me in the holiday spirit would be "Silent Night" by Kelly Clarkson.

What is your favorite subject to teach?

My favorite subject to teach is Reading because the kindergarteners learn their letters and sounds, and by the end of the year, they are already reading books.

I had a blast learning so much about Ms. Pope. She is such a lovely person! Stay warm during your Winter Break and have a Happy Holiday!!

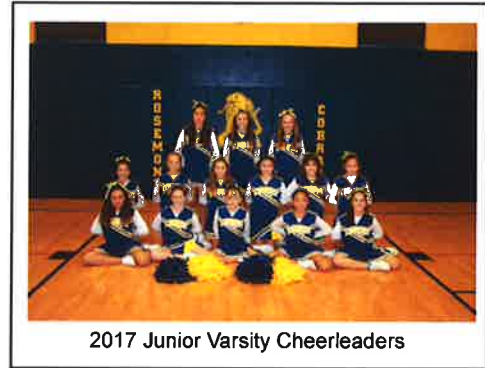
Girls' Sports

by Brianna Molini and Victoria Torres

Go, Cobras, Go!!! We are off to a great start with our cheerleading squad this winter. The two coaches are Miss McGarry and Miss Muszynski. Miss McGarry will be coaching the girls for away games and Miss Muszynski will coach the girls for home games. The Varsity team is all eighth graders and one seventh grader. Varsity will perform a halftime dance that they created themselves at home games. The Varsity squad prepares a banner for the basketball team to run through before every home game. Also, the girls created small posters to attach to the boys' lockers supporting them for home games.



2017 Varsity Cheerleaders



2017 Junior Varsity Cheerleaders

This year's JV squad is a young team made up mostly of 5th and 6th graders. JV has been working hard all season learning new cheers and creating a halftime routine. The older girls are having a blast teaching the younger girls the cheers. The JV squad mashed up two cheers to make a special halftime cheer and are working very hard to perfect the routine. Even though people don't think cheerleading is a serious sport, the girls need to work on their skills just like in any other sport. Cheerleaders need to have muscle strength for stunts and also must be synchronized with each other. The girls' job is to keep the energy of the crowd going strong throughout the game. Have an awesome break!

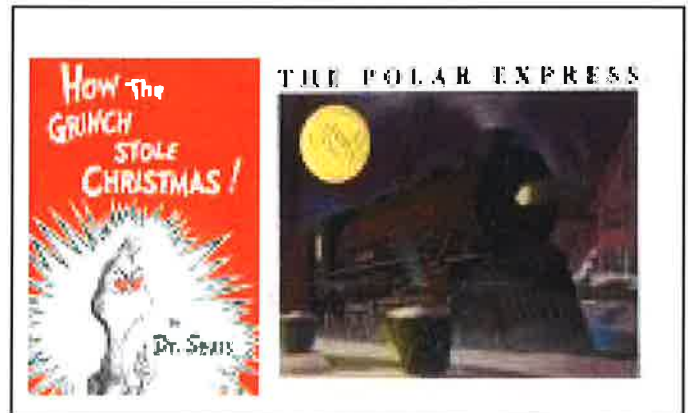
This Month in History...December

by 2nd Period Reading

- ★ On December 1, 1955, in Montgomery, Alabama, Rosa Parks refused to give up her seat on a bus.
- ★ George Washington and the Continental Army crossed the Delaware River on December 25, 1776.
- ★ The busiest shopping day is NOT "Black Friday." It's actually the Saturday before Christmas.
- ★ The flowers associated with December birthdays are holly and narcissus.
- ★ On December 7, 1941, the United States Naval Base at Pearl Harbor was attacked by Japanese planes that killed more than 2300 Americans.
- ★ In December of every year, the Nobel Prizes are awarded.
- ★ Human Rights Day is celebrated on December 10.
- ★ The Bill of Rights became part of the U.S. Constitution on December 15, 1791.

Art is Everywhere by Devon Joos

Looking around, we can plainly see it's already Christmas! Decorations are up everywhere for others to admire. Beautiful lights decorate the trees throughout the park! Giant plastic inflatables stand with happy smiles on their faces. Plastic snowflakes hang from the gutters of houses lighting up the front of the house. Plastic candy canes hang from tall branches sparkling in the light. Christmas wreaths hang high from light posts. Hundreds of feet of colored lights brighten up the night in every neighborhood. Those aren't the only lights we are seeing this winter. If we look at our friends' or neighbors' houses, we see amazing and beautiful decorations. The houses are decorated to show Christmas spirit. This is art both inside and out. Christmas decorating is an art because it allows one to think of ways to design and create a new look around their home. Putting up Christmas decorations in different places and different ways makes our houses look better because the decorations aren't in the same place as last year. It gets boring seeing the decorations in the same place every year. Putting things up around the outside of our homes makes our houses look welcoming. Art in the form of Christmas decorations is in a class all of its own.



Need Something to Read? By: Yasmin Reyes

With the holidays right around the corner, here are two books that share the holiday spirit! A book for the holidays would be, *The Polar Express*. This book is about a young boy who embarks on a magical adventure to the North Pole on a train called the Polar Express. During this adventure he learns about friendship, bravery, and true Christmas Spirit. Another book that usually brings out the Christmas spirits is, *How the Grinch Stole Christmas*. On the outskirts of Whoville, there lives a green, revenge-seeking Grinch who plans on ruining the Christmas holiday for all of the citizens of the town. However, the bitter grump finds a hitch in his plans when he encounters the endearing Cindy Lou Who. She tries to show the Grinch that the spirit of Christmas is in everyone's heart no matter what the size. These books will make great gifts for the holidays. The holidays are a wonderful time to have families come together and celebrate this season. Don't forget to find something good to read over our winter break!

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Fashion Forward

by Alexis Hernandez and Madison Rivera

Winter is here, and it's time to dress for the weather! Velvet is the new trend for holiday fashion. A velvet top with a pair of black leggings is a perfect casual outfit for the holiday season. There are leggings, socks, hats, and even headbands that are made of velvet. They're a cute add-on to any outfit! Another trend is Christmas sweaters. These can be found at the local Target, Forever 21, or just about anywhere clothing is sold! Christmas sweaters are a fun way to show your Christmas spirit. There are a variety of Christmas sweaters to choose from. Snowmen, reindeer, Santa, and Christmas trees are just a few of the cute designs out there. The boys can also pull off this look. On the topic of men's fashion, plaid shirts and Timberlands are a great way to dress for the holidays. Men can also wear a pair of blue jeans to finish this look. If plaid doesn't work, men can wear a button-up shirt to look a little bit more "dressed up." Sperry's instead of Timberlands would make the outfit look more put together. Don't know what hairstyle is best the holidays? Straightened or curled hair with a hat would be perfect! Not into hats? A half-up half-down ponytail is also a cute idea with curled or straightened hair. Even two braids could work!! We wish everyone a "Fashion Forward" holiday season!



Tech Update

By Xavier Winters and Mazen Malas

Looking for something to ask Santa for this Christmas? How about the new Nintendo 2DS XL? The new Nintendo system is here and with some great new features. One huge added feature is the new screen. The screen on the new 2DS XL is 82% larger than the last model, which allows for higher quality gameplay. The new model also includes a built-in Amiibo system. An Amiibo is a collectible figure from a favorite game that can be connected to any game. These Amiibos can be connected to the device by just placing the figure on the console. These Amiibos can make the in-game experience more exciting. There are many Amiibos to collect, and all of them come from hundreds of different games. The 2DS XL also includes a brand new control pad for more enhanced controls. This new control pad gives more camera control for easier gameplay. The Nintendo 2DS XL starts at \$149.99 and comes in two great colors, blue and black, or white and orange. There is also a special edition Pokemon themed 2DS XL, but it would cost \$159.99. The new 2DS XL is a great gift for any game lovers this Christmas season!



Boys' Sports by Patrick Golz and Guise Salas

The basketball season just started for the junior high boys. The basketball season is going to stretch throughout December and January. For the first half of the season, Varsity will play first and JV will play second. Both Varsity and JV are looking to have the best year in Rosemont history. Both teams are in pursuit of the championship. The Varsity team is coached by Mr. Stephens. Although the Varsity team only has 8 players, they are still determined to win as many games as possible. The basketball teams have a lot of firepower, and both teams can make it to the playoffs. Coach Stephens hopes to make it to the playoffs with the boys' Varsity team, which has been a goal of his since he started coaching here. The guys will need to really work on their plays and focus on the court to be successful this season. Although Varsity does not have as many players as JV, Varsity still has enough talent to give the opposing team a challenge. Varsity has tough competition throughout the season, but the work ethic of the team should give them an edge on the other teams.



2017 Varsity Basketball Team



2017 JV Basketball Team

The JV team looks promising. JV has a lot of options when it comes to choosing the starting 5 players in their games. Coach Fritz is trying to make it back to the playoffs for the second straight year. JV overcame a "hard to beat" team at Elm, the great defense at Manheim, and Union Ridge's team height. Even though JV has a lot of tough competition, they keep their heads up and play their best. The team has great potential to be great with a steady rotation when it comes to their point guards and forwards. This JV team even has a solid bench, and we all have a chance to see them develop into great players. All of the Rosemont school supporters will have a great time watching the new era of players at Rosemont. With the players they have, we can all expect the team to have one of the best seasons we have seen in a long time.

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Happy Holidays

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