



THE MESSENGER

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UPCOMING EVENTS

December 23- Basketball
Jamboree

December 24-January 2-
Winter Break

ELECTION

*Written by Megha J., Asifa S., Olivia S.,
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November 8th, 2016 was a big day for the United States of America. The election of the 45th President of the United States of America finally happened. The race was down to two candidates, Donald Trump for the Republican Party and Hillary Clinton for the Democratic Party. Donald Trump won the election with 306 electoral votes compared to 232 for Hillary Clinton. For only the fifth time in history the winner of the election actually received fewer popular votes than the loser. Hillary Clinton received almost 3 million more votes than Donald Trump but since the United States uses the Electoral College system, Donald Trump was declared the winner.

Before the election, we conducted a small poll at Hallie Wells to see who the students wanted for the next President. 45% of the students

wanted Hillary Clinton, 7% wanted Donald Trump and 48% wanted neither candidate.



After the election we interviewed several students about their thoughts on the election. There were a wide range of opinions. A few responses included:

"I am speechless!"

"He seems to be making a lot of great choices for who he is appointing to help him. I hope he does a good job."

"I am disappointed."

"I hope he makes a good President, the country is depending on him."

No matter the result, we here at *The Messenger* hope that the people of the United States can come together and continue to be the greatest country in the world!

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

Written by Megha J., Sierra M, Senaf G., Madison E., Asifa S., and Olivia S.

Can you believe it? The holidays are almost here? What's on your wish list this year? We asked students and staff what they thought the perfect holiday gift would be. Here's what we found! Dr. Woodward wants a nice winter break with her family. Mrs. Thomas wants a plane ticket to a nice tropical island. Mr. Thornett wants a new lawnmower. Sehaj S. says her perfect gift would be a record player. Mariya P. says shoes would be perfect for her. Sephora B. says she thinks candy and a computer would be the ideal gift. We hope that, whatever the perfect gift is for you this holiday season, all of your holiday wishes come true. Happy Holidays!

HOW TO DEFEAT WINTER BREAK BOREDOM

Written by Sehaj S., Mariya P., Brooke K., Isabella D., Lisa L. and Avery C.

Winter time! It's the most wonderful time of the year. From the festive weather to the seasonal red cups from Starbucks, it's all amazing! But along with all of the many joyful things that are part of winter, there also comes that one day over break when you are really bored and have nothing to do! So here we are to help! Here are a few unique ideas for you to beat the winter boredom blues.

For starters, the most traditional thing is to make hot chocolate of course! You can add things like cinnamon, candy canes, peppermint, whipped cream, and chocolate syrup. Go ahead, be creative!

How about watching a holiday movie? Invite your friends and family and watch it together with candy, hot chocolate, and popcorn.

Build a fort! Grab some pillows, your coziest blankets, and build your fort. Then, read a book or take a nap in your newly created cave!

Onesie party! Put on your favorite onesie, invite some friends over and let loose! Play some music, dance around the basement, just have fun.

Feeling crafty? How about making some of your closest friends and family a DIY gift? Take a wooden plaque or if you want something more personal, get a wooden letter. Then get some paint and paint it. Next

get some pictures and put them on your wooden plaque or letter.

You can also make a DIY hot chocolate kit. You will need 3 small mason jars. Take one of the mason jar lids and hot glue that to the bottom of one of the other mason jars. Then glue the lid of that mason jar and glue it onto the last jar. Fill one with hot chocolate mix, one with marshmallows and one with a topping of choice, for example some candy canes or peppermints. Next if you want to get fancy, put a small scarf and draw on a face and make it look like a snowman.



Whatever you decide to do to beat that boredom, have fun. Winter break should be relaxing and fun. See you in 2017!

HOLIDAY RECIPE

Written by: Riya P., Aya D., April T., Natalya C. and Mia H.

Here is a cool recipe for Marshmallow Chocolate Mugs!

Ingredients:

Chocolate
JUMBO marshmallows
Mini marshmallows
Mini candy canes
Kabob stick

Directions:

1. Melt the chocolate
2. Put the marshmallows on a kabob stick
3. Dip the marshmallows in the chocolate
4. Break a mini candy cane and use the hook side as a handle by inserting on the left side of the marshmallow. Add mini-marshmallows on top for decoration. Enjoy!



POETRY CONTEST!

The Newspaper Club is sponsoring a writing contest! Your original poems and short stories (250 word limit) should be submitted to Mr. Thornett in room 248. Ms. Hanington and other staff members will be judging them. The contest deadline is January 21st. Winners will be announced shortly after in The Messenger! Now, what are you waiting for? Get writing!