

# MERRY CHRISTMAS

## Make an eggnog for CHRISTMAS! December 25th 2023

#### Ingredients:

- Eggs
- Sugar
- Milk
- Heavy cream
- Nutmeg
- Instructions:
  - Beat eggs and sugar until well combined.
  - Heat milk and cream in a saucepan until it almost boils.
  - Slowly pour the hot milk mixture into the egg mixture, whisking constantly.
  - Return the mixture to the saucepan and heat until it thickens (do not boil).
  - Add nutmeg



### SCHOOL EVENTS

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### WORLD NEWS

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## INTERNATIONAL FALL FESTIVAL

On November 11th, our school campus came alive with the joyous celebration of the International Fall Festival. Open to all, the event saw a diverse turnout, with many joining in the festivities of games and food as we embraced the spirit of fall!



## YOUR SPOTLIGHT PERFORMANCE



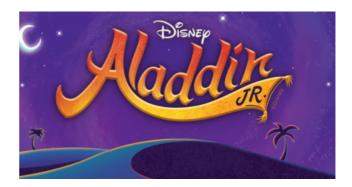
Mrs Yamamoto, a dedicated vocal coach and active member of our school's musicals and TIS glee club, showcased her class "Brand New Voice" on November 26th. The performance featured several students presenting solo acts as well as a captivating glee club performance.

## MIYAGI FAIR

On November 28th, our Grade 12 students organized the Miyagi Fair as part of their Japanese project. The exhibition allowed all students to participate in activities like Bingo that provide insights into Miyagi's unique attractions, having the opportunity to make Zunda, tasting different rice brands, and more.

## AUDITIONS

In late November, auditions for the upcoming school musical "Aladdin" unfolded. The cast has been finalized, with Aladdin being Grade 9 student Kaishi who charmed audiences as the doorbell man in last year's production of "The Wizard of Oz." Lin, another talented Grade 9 student, who stood alongside Dorothy last year as the lovable companion Toto, has been cast as Jasmine. We are very excited for the show to come alive.



## LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

To mark the final day of school before the year's end, the student council organized a Christmas party filled with engaging activities. A lively assembly with music performances and final goodbyes brought together the TIS student body one last time, with the added joy of Santa Claus coming in to share snacks with all the students.

## WINTER DANCE

On the night of December 15th, the Student Council organized a memorable Winter Dance. Students were treated to a night of music, food, drinks, and snacks as they enjoyed the festive atmosphere with their friends. We appreciate everyone involved in bringing this event to life, and thanks to all who participated in making it a success.



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## DECEMBER \*

## C Ohtani wins 2nd AL MVP Award

D hohei Ohtani secured the 2023 American League MVP, becoming the first player to earn a unanimous vote twice. He showcased extraordinary skills with the Los Angeles Angels, excelling both as a batter and pitcher. Although Ohtani missed most of September due to injury, he was still capable of hitting an AL-best of 44 home runs making him the first Japanese player to win a home run title in MLB. For the first time in his career, after six seasons with the Angels, Ohtani became a free agent. Unfortunately, his season ended abruptly due to injuries, where he had to undergo surgery and he will not be appearing next season. He plans to return as a hitter by the Opening Day of 2024.



## Hunger Games - New Movie

f you're a Hunger Games fan, you've probably already heard of the new Ballad of Songbirds & Snakes movie. The fifth installment of the Hunger Games series, Ballad of Songbirds and Snakes is a prequel to the original Hunger Games trilogy. The story follows a young President Snow before his rise to the presidency of the dystopian nation of Panem. 64 years before Katniss and Peeta's Hunger Games, Snow becomes the mentor of Lucy Gray Baird from District 12 for the 10th Annual Hunger Games. Ballad of Songbirds and Snakes will be out in theatres in Japan on December 22. Some critics have said that Ballad of Songbirds and Snakes is the best of the entire series. So while you're enjoying Winter Break make sure to stop at your local theater, because this is a film you don't wanna miss! And for those of you who have never seen The Hunger Games, don't worry, because the original movies recently came to Netflix.



## CREATIVE

## I TRUTH and 2 LIES -Christmas Stories email your guesses to plante@tisweb.net

### Story #1 Mr Dawson

In my house when I was growing up, we had rules about the Christmas tree and presents that we gave each other. The rules were simple and pretty common. The presents that we bought or made for each other were wrapped by the person who was the giver. They then placed a tag that only had the name of the receiver, but not the giver, so it would be a surprise on Christmas day when they were opened. One Christmas day, the family would sit around the lounge room and then my dad would pick up the presents and read the names and take them to the family member who the present belonged to. One of the rules was that you were not allowed to touch the presents once they were under the tree.

One year, my brother and I snuck into the lounge room late at night and unwrapped the presents to find out what there was, then re-wrapped them and changed the nametags so that we would get the "good" presents, and my sisters would get the "bad" presents. We thought it was a foolproof plan, but on Christmas day, when my dad was handing out the presents, we got in a bunch of trouble when people realised that the presents they had bought of specific people were coming to us!







## Story #2 Mr. Zehmke: The time I ruined Christmas.

When I was 16 we were having a family Christmas with extended family. Aunts, uncles, and cousins of all ages running around and enjoying the spirit of Christmas. I was in charge of playing games with my 6 little cousins. So, being a miserable teenager, I told them that I was close personal friends with Santa and I could call him any time and tell him they were naughty if they misbehaved. I did this as a way to make them be nice to each other. However, what this caused was that suddenly they started to do increasingly more extreme things to impress me and make me happy so that I would tell my friend - Santa. I was loving the attention. Getting foot massages, having them clean my room, and making them put on a comedy show for me. It was great!. I should have noticed that things were going to go awry when two cousins made a huge mess in the kitchen trying to make me a cup of tea and a sandwich. The next thing I know, they started trying to prevent each other from doing good things because they didn't want Santa to bring bigger gifts to other cousins. First thing, two cousins were locked in the toilet - I had to break the lock. Then, I found one of them tied up in a bedroom. Things escalated to the point where they started sabotaging each other in an attempt to make the others do naughty things! Tattletaling to each other's parents, hiding each other's shoes, putting pudding in each other's pockets. When I heard a high-pitched shriek coming from the living room, "Someone broke my presents!!!" from a little cousin's voice followed by many loud and angry "OMGs" from aunts, uncles and various family members, I simply fled. Out the back door, climbed over the wall and went to go sit in the park until nightfall. When I eventually did come back, I slunk in the back door again and snuck into my room, kept the light off and got into bed. The next morning I was woken up with a Christmas thrashing!

## Story #3 Mr. Blauw: The Pavlova

Growing up, Christmas Day was usually spent near a swimming pool or river, with cold drinks and snacks. One year, my aunt made a truly amazing pavlova (meringue with cream and fresh fruit) which was bigger than my little sister. As she triumphantly carried the towering dessert from the house to the table by the pool, she passed behind my grandfather's chair, who chose that moment to stand up. He pushed his chair back, forcing my aunt to stumble backwards towards the pool. We all looked on in horror as she, in seeming slow motion, toppled into the pool, taking our beloved dessert with her. It was utterly ruined. Unfortunately, she has never made another pavlova for Christmas again.

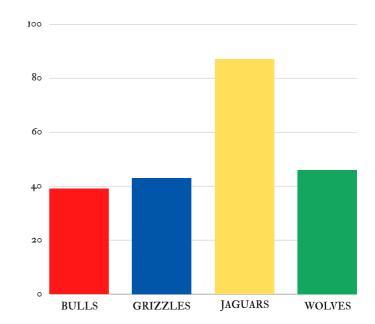


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