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Christmas Edition





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Christmas Gift Ideas



Frida Tavera

Have you ever wondered what to get your friends and family for Christmas? Is every gift you look at very expensive or difficult to get? Well, I've got your back! Here, I have gathered a list of some of the most accessible and useful Christmas presents for your loved ones!

Jewelry



Hoodies

During this cozy season, everybody wants to stay warm. Hoodies are such a good gift, especially for those who exercise or simply the ones that love them.

Book

Everybody enjoys reading a good book, even the ones with pictures. That is why it is a very considerate gift.

Perfume / Cologne

Personally I have a big fear of smelling bad, and some others do too. Perfume mists/ colognes are a fantastic gift for those you know very well or spend a lot of time with.

Candles

These are in my top 5 most beautiful things in the world. Candles can be so dynamic and fun! There are many different shapes and smells! Candles are perfect for a gift because they add beauty and a Nice smell to any space.



Now, here are DIY (do it yourself) gifts that are low-cost, sweet, and very meaningful.

Baking



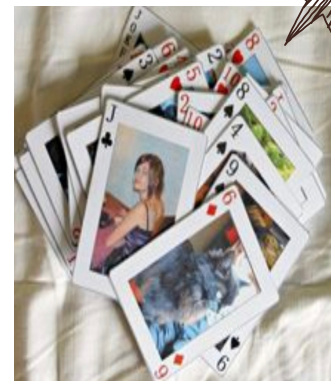
There is nothing better than enjoying a good piece of cake or freshly made, right out of the oven, cookies. I am sure your close friends and family would love some of those delicious desserts.

Personalized baskets

These are baskets that are filled with then Person's favorite items. Could be gum, candies, fuzzy socks, mugs, school supplies etc. They are so special since they are made for that specific person.

A bunch of memories, aka pictures

Memories are timeless treasures. Reliving certain memories by looking at the pictures taken can bring back the initial feeling and cause nostalgia. Additionally, Christmas is the perfect time to celebrate and give thanks forever single memory created throughout the



Art

For all of the artists out there (I know there are lots of You) this is your opportunity to show your favorite people how much you love them and how talented you are. Make a painting, clay sculpture, or drawing that is meaningful to both of you.

Crafts

These are so fun and often easy to make. Check out page 5 for a list of Christmas Craft ideas!

Raiden Coloma



Guess the Grad

In the past, the SJB Times has done many versions of "Guess the Teacher." This time, we've decided to switch it up. Instead of guessing who the teacher is, you're going to guess who the grad is! We have a whole lineup from the SJB Grad Class of 2023. You will be given three completely random facts about each grad student, and it is up to you to guess who they are. Utilize those powers of deductive reasoning and have fun guessing!

Student 1

"Received a haircut on a Sunday, was born in December, and is friends with Mathias. (another Grad student)."

Student 2

"Really likes the fries at the top of the Grouse Grind, sleeps a lot in Biology class, and REALLY likes lasagna."

Student 3

"Rats Drumsticks (those ice cream cones) upside down, pours milk before the cereal (questionable, but whatever), and has played softball for 14 years."

Student 4

"Sleeps with socks on, never watched The Lion King, and can do the 'kick-up.'"

Student 5

"Has a scar on her left shin from falling off a bench, hates Dr. Pepper soda, loves chai tea."

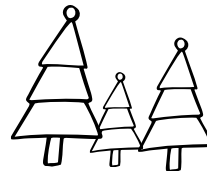
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≡ Christmas Tree Brownies



Ingredients

- 2 eggs
- Vegetable oil 100g
- Box fudge brownie mix
- Salted butter 155g
- Heavy cream 60g
- Powdered sugar 35g
- Green food coloring (6 drops)
- Mini candy canes
- Optional: Festive sprinkles, star candies, mini M&Ms



Irene Bong

Instructions

1. Mix together the brownie mix, vegetable oil, and eggs.
2. Pour brownie mixture into a baking pan and bake at 350 degrees °F for 15-17 minutes.
3. Place the baked brownie in the refrigerator for 1-2 hours.
4. Beat together the powdered sugar, butter, and heavy cream with a mixer until smooth and add green food coloring.
5. Cut brownies into triangles with a sharp knife or a tree shaped cookie cutter.
6. Remove the curved sides of the candy canes and insert the straight piece of candy cane into the bottom of the brownie triangle.
7. Pipe green frosting onto the trees and decorate with sprinkles and candy.

DIY Christmas Crafts Stevie Laycoe

The Christmas season has arrived with the recent snow, and so has the need to acquire gifts! Buying gifts can be a thoughtful venture, but sometimes handmade gifts pull at the heart strings just a little bit more. Here are a few ideas for potential crafts to gift your loved ones!

Art Piece

Do you have some spare artistic talent? Or would your friend enjoy a funny art piece to feature in their room? Now is the time to start thinking about if art is your calling when considering gifts. Whether it's a painting, drawing, sculpture, or any other form of artistic expression, I'm sure it would make a memorable gift.

Knitting, crocheting, or sewing

The joys of knitting, crocheting, or sewing can be difficult to master, but anything made with the use of these will make a wonderful present! Spending time knitting or crocheting a project for someone is so heartfelt and really shows how much you care for the intended recipient. Sewing can be equally heartfelt and personalised depending on what you end up making. Is it a skirt? A shirt? A dress with pockets... Who is to say! All would make for an amazing present under the tree.



Woodwork

This talent is equally rare, but anything made of it will last for years to come. No matter if the gift is as small as a spoon or as large as a bedside table, any woodwork will endure the test of time and be a constant reminder of how much you care. I'm not very knowledgeable on this subject, but I do have a number of family heirlooms that were once gifts from family friends, and they are still spoken of fondly today.

Jewellery

Jewellery! Most people don't consider DIY-ing this one, but two of my favourite gifts have been mishmashed bracelets that were honestly not very high quality. The people who made them had chosen each bead with a lot of thought and care, so the quality didn't matter very much at all. You can go to stores that sell beads individually and pick out special ones to assemble into the perfect necklace or bracelet for the person you have in mind.

Mason jar snow globes

This one is relatively straightforward, but it would still make an impactful gift depending on what you choose to feature in your snow globe. Do you share a particular hobby or meaningful memory with the recipient of your gift? This would be the perfect place to house such a memory in order to keep it on display all year long.

A recipe box or book

Maybe foods class has permanently shifted my opinion, but this type of gift would have me melting in seconds. Choosing a few of your favourite recipes to give to someone close to you feels like sharing a bit of who you are personally. Do you want to share your favourite childhood desert? Or pick some personalised dishes that you know your friend would love? This type of gift might take some time to assemble, but it offers so many opportunities for future bonding and memory sharing.

Rosa's Reviews

Rosa Nootebos



The Santa Clause (1994)

"The Santa Clause" is a Disney production made back in 1994 starring Tim Allen (the voice of Buzz Lightyear from the Toy Story films). This holiday movie is about a man named Scott Calvin who is forced into taking over the job of Santa after the former one gets startled and falls off Scott's roof. I enjoyed this film because the premise was original; I had never seen any movie storyline quite like this before. It was really funny and the special effects were pretty good for that time.

It was so successful when it came out in 1994, that Disney made two more Santa Clause films. They have now also made a limited series for Disney+ called The Santa Clauses.

The movie featured some famous songs like White Christmas, Carols of the Bells, and Santa Claus is Coming to Town- amongst others.

Overall, I recommend you watch "The Santa Clause". It's a light, feel-good family movie and great for the holiday season. It's not like any other Christmas movie, and it surely will make you laugh!



Drop-in Basketball

Aleesha Coloma



Basketball season is starting! If you're interested in learning or improving your skills in basketball, check out B2U Sports Management- run by the Jr. Girls Basketball coach, Brandon Fields. This will be held every Saturday at Columbia Bible College from 9am -10am. It is \$10 per drop in. All skill levels are welcome!

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Snowy Forgetfulness

Short story by Krista Tombs

On a beautiful and snowy black Friday, a young girl in her early twenties sat upon her bed, watching the sunset as she awoke. The girl named Estelle, was beautiful. She had just woken up with a look of peace and calmness on her face as she took in the day before her.

Getting out of bed and into her proper clothes, she decided to call up her best friend Basil and ask him to go shopping with her for Christmas gifts. Her phone rang, and rang, and rang until finally Basil picked up.

"Hi Basil! Do you want to come Christmas shopping with me?" She asked, her voice ringing cheerfully over the phone.

Basil chuckled, before replying, "I'd love to come my dear. I'll pick you up in 15?"

The two finished up their call, and soon enough, Estelle was sitting in Basil's car on their way to the mall.

Finally, they had made it.

"C'mon Basil! We've got to get there early- we need to get some good deals!" She exclaimed, grabbing his hand and running towards the candle store in the mall.

"Slow down, jeez, gosh, slow!" He huffed, trying to catch his breath as he ran after her. *Ugh, women and candles.* He thought, fondly rolling his eyes at her.

They shopped and shopped, and Estelle's arms were full of bags by the end of their trip. Basil brought her back home, and she wrapped the gifts and hid them under her bed, awaiting Christmas.

A month later, it was Christmas eve. As Estelle fixed up some last minute decorations, she wondered where she might have put the gifts she purchased. She had thought it would be smart to purchase and wrap in advance, but by now she was definitely rethinking that decision.

Estelle searched everywhere she could. She looked in drawers, her closet, the spare bedroom, but there was no luck in finding the missing presents. Feeling completely out of hope, she went to sleep hoping she'd remember by morning.

Come morning time, Estelle was still very confused and sleepy. She searched and searched, stopped to put the turkey in the oven, and searched even more. Still, no luck.



As it approached midday, Estelle received a knock at her door. Knowing it was her friends who she had lost the gifts for, she sighed opening the door with a frown on her face.

"Merry Christmas!" Basil exclaimed, immediately wrapping his arms tightly around her in a warm embrace. "I brought some pie for dessert and some gifts, I hope that's alright!"

Estelle felt instantly comforted in his presence, returning the hug as she took the dish of pie from his hands.

"Hi guys! Merry Christmas!" A group of her other friends shouted cheerfully from the driveway.

Once everyone was inside, gifts were under the tree, and dinner contributions were in the fridge, they all sat around the tree with cups of hot cocoa in their hands. As they sat, ready to open gifts, a sudden thought came into Estelle's head. She hadn't checked under her bed.

Estelle sprang up, running upstairs to her bedroom. She looked under her bed, and sure enough, she found the presents she had lost!

Running back downstairs, huffing for air, she tripped and stumbled into Basil's lap.

"Well, hello there love, everything okay?" he chuckled nervously, very unsure as to what was happening.

"I found the gifts! I found the gifts I had lost!" She exclaimed happily, picking up one of the gifts.

Oh no. She forgot to attach name tags.

The End!

Snowman Meringue Cookies

Irene Bong

Instructions

1. Line an oven tray with baking paper and preheat the oven to 200 °F.
2. Pour the egg whites and lemon juice in the bowl and beat until soft peaks form.
3. Gradually add sugar and beat it until it has dissolved completely.
4. Spoon the mixture into a piping bag with a rounded nozzle.
5. Pipe two dollops onto the prepared tray and bake for 1 hour.
6. Let the meringue cookies cool in the oven for 30 minutes.
7. Dip the base of the cooled meringues into the melted chocolate and then into coconut.
8. Use writing gels to draw the face and buttons.



Ingredients

- 2 egg whites
- ½ tsp lemon juice
- ½ cup caster sugar
- 100g melted white chocolate
- ½ cup desiccated Coconut
- Writing gels



Christmas Puns



Raiden Coloma

It's the most *pun-derful* time of the year! Christmas is coming soon, and along with the season comes a whole world of jokes and puns. So let's all propose a *mistle-toast to the holidays* and take a gander at some cheesy Christmas puns! *Yule be sorry* not to give these punchlines a little *ho-ho-ho*.

"It's *snow joke* that Santa's elves are incredible at what they do. I heard they were *elf-taught*."

"As it *snow happened*, Santa's *presents were requested* at every house before Christmas Day. This was *snow laughing matter*. He came, *he thawed*, and he conquered."

"Santa walked into the present room to inspect the volume of presents. As he closed the door behind him and turned on the lights, he bumped into what he assumed was a wall. Except, it wasn't a wall at all. The present room was so full, the door could barely open! Santa cowered at the sight of it. He curled up into a ball and began to whine and cry like a baby. Turned out he was *Claus-trophobic*."

The siblings spent hours decorating the Christmas tree this year. It was officially *lit for sure*. They decided to *spruce things up* and buy a white tree and decorate it with gold ornaments. It glimmered beautifully in their living room, shining brighter than their television. The tree was looking *pine* and the decorations were *tree-mendous*."



Anastasia Play Interviews ✨

Raiden Coloma

Musicals and theatre productions are very entertaining. There is so much to love about them; the incredible actors and actresses, the lights, the music and sounds, and the dancing. It would take forever to list the things that make theatre productions great. The wonderful students and teachers of the SJB Players put on an astounding show for the school with their incredible rendition of "Anastasia." Afterwards, I interviewed students and teachers involved with the SJB Players Cast and Crew and here's what they had to say:

Q. What is it like being apart of the SJB players?

"Well it's been interesting, definitely. I joined off of a whim because I decided 'why not.' This isn't normally something I did, but it's been very fun and a great experience getting to know more people and being able to do this."

-Noah van Koll

"It's honestly the best decision I've ever made in my life. If you ever feel like you need to express yourself positively, and want to grow your friends and friendships, join the musical or the play! Honestly, you'll never find another group of people that are so tight. Everyone supports each other and loves each other. It's just lovely."

-Theo Surdu

"It's fun."

-Jacob Charbonneau

"I love being a part of the SJB Players. It's my favourite thing to do after school and my favourite way to get to know my students and all their special gifts and talents."

-Mrs. van Vliet

"It is really exciting and stressful and fun and terrifying and rewarding. I love watching students transform on stage. I love directing and working with high school students. We can perform shows the audience is not expecting how good the shows are here. We can surprise them every single time by giving them a professional-quality show by non-professional actors. People are stunned to see this level of production by high school students and I'm really proud of them for that."

-Mrs. Gloanec



Q. What is your favourite part of the musical or behind the scenes?

"I think it's just the project (as in the play) and just seeing the process and the progress and all of it coming together in the end."

-Barry McLean

"Just helping out with everything and helping everyone who needs it. Doing costumes is really fun!"

-Lourdes Hakko

"It's really fun but it's stressful."

-Streesa Pham

"Oh, dude, bossing everyone around. As Crew Chief here, I get to say whatever I want to people. It's sick."

-Christian Zondag

"Probably the community. Everyone supports each other and has a good time together- so that's nice."

-Evelyn Wray

"I love that it brings diverse groups of people together. I've been thinking, especially in the context of a school, how there's nothing else like this. It's everyone, [Grades] 8-12, teachers, everyone that has these different talents you don't necessarily see in other contexts. And I just think that's very beautiful and reflective of our creative God."

-Mrs. de Fleuriot

Q. Why did you choose to be a part of the SJB Players?

"Not only is musical theatre / performing arts a huge part of my life, but I love the community we have here within the SJB Players. Everyone is so kind, super talented, supportive, and overall it's just an amazing group of talented individuals. I've made so many friends and connections through the SJB Players, and I would never trade them for anything else in the world."

-Samantha Luistro

"I'll be honest, joining the SJB Players was the greatest decision in my life. I joined because the experience is amazing. I get the opportunity to spend a week with an exceptionally talented group of individuals and we work together to create a production that is truly breathtaking. The SJB Players are basically my second family and I genuinely couldn't be more proud of them."

-Raiden Coloma

"So I could look like a peppermint."

-Jaden Phan

Q. This is your last production for the SJB Players. How do you feel

"Mmmm. I feel bad 'cause I'm sad."

-Matteo Fronteddu

"I'm feeling very sad 'cause it's just such a great community of people that I've surrounded myself with throughout all the years. I think it's an opportunity for everyone to grow and it's a really supportive environment. I will miss it dearly."

-Julia Dobrowolska

"I feel super sad because it's such a fun experience. Playweek is the highlight of my year every year. I really encourage younger kids to join the plays because it's just so amazing. This play is one of the best highlights of my high school experience. I'm upset, but I'm also really happy, and I'm happy with the way it turned out."

-Marie-Rose Gloanec

Iran's soccer team protests at World Cup



Christel Mazzek

So far, the World Cup 2022 has been astonishing to say the least. From Brazil's agonising loss in the quarterfinals, to Argentina's streak destroyed by Saudi Arabia (a 51st ranked country), FIFA 2022 has been a rollercoaster of emotions—emotions that are heavily influenced by the fact that this World Cup is the last for multiple huge names in soccer such as Cristiano Ronaldo, Lionel Messi, and possibly Neymar.



However, a highlight of mine was the Iranian team rightfully refusing to sing their own national anthem as a sign of protest against the country's government. As they stood lined up on the field before their World Cup match, they stared sternly and refused to sing along. This powerfully bold move was to show solidarity for women in Iran challenging the authority of the government in protests around the country. Protests began in September following the death of 22-year old Mahsa Amini who was arrested after refusing to wear the state-mandated hijab and later died in the hospital. Thousands have since been protesting against the sexist dress code, harsh laws set in place to control women, and overall unfair treatment and discrimination. This has led to the death of 400 and the arrest of 1600 protesters.

Many Iranian fans have expressed gratitude and pride in the team's decision. However, it is unclear whether the players will face any consequences as the aftermath of their decision could negatively affect the team.



Your Christmas Bucket List

Christel Mazzek

List

In case you haven't noticed, Christmas is quite literally the most wonderful time of the year. From pretty lights to hot cocoa, and of course, my favourite- Christmas shopping, the season is filled with happiness and Christmas cheer. Personally, summer 2022 was inarguably my best summer by far, and I'm expecting nothing less of this Christmas season. I'm predicting a snowy, fun, and exciting Christmas break, and I am not settling for anything less- I hope you're not either!

Other than sleeping in, a must for the break, I have compiled a list of ideas to add to your Christmas Bucket list!



- Have a Gingerbread house decorating contest with your friends
- Go to the Vancouver Christmas Market
- Go ice skating- It's most fun when you don't know how ;)
- WATCH HOME ALONE
- Decorate your house
- Have a christmas cook off
- Visit the VanDusen Festival of Lights
- Have a Christmas movie marathon
- Go Christmas shopping
- Wrap Christmas presents
- Go sledding
- Go to the PNE Winter fair
- Go out in the snow
- Host a small Christmas party for your friends
- Watch Goh Ballet's Nutcracker in Queen Elizabeth Theatre
- Go on night walks to look at Christmas lights
- Volunteer or donate to a food bank
- Visit Stanley Park's "Bright Nights" Display



Guess your Teacher's Favourite Song!

1- Defying Gravity by Idina Menzel and Kristin Chenoweth

"It's time to try defying gravity
I think I'll try defying gravity.
And you can't pull me down."

2- Paranoid Android by Radiohead
"What's that?"

"(I may be paranoid, but no android)
What's that?
(I may be paranoid, but no android)"

3- Dancing in the Moonlight by Toploader

"Dancin' in the moonlight
Everybody's feelin' warm and bright
It's such a fine and natural sight
Everybody's dancin' in the moonlight."

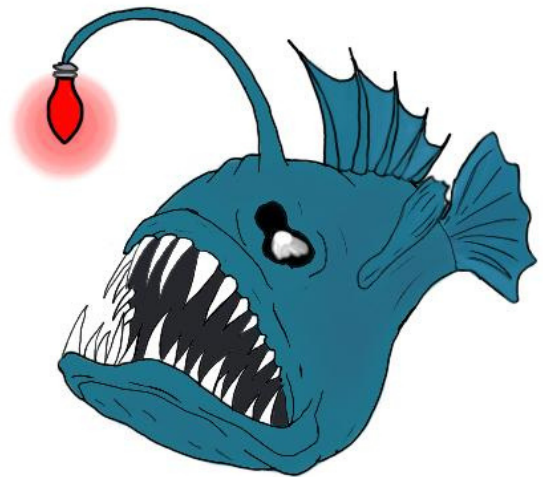
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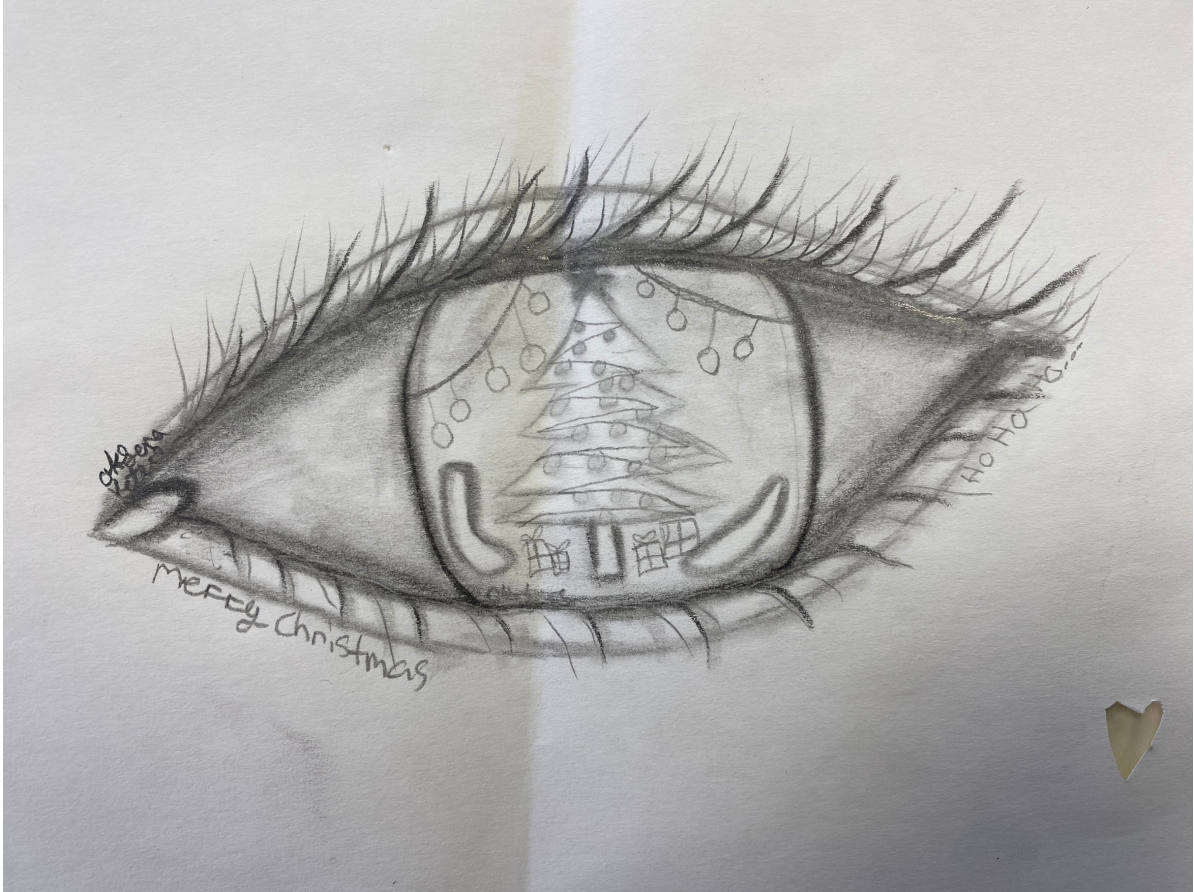


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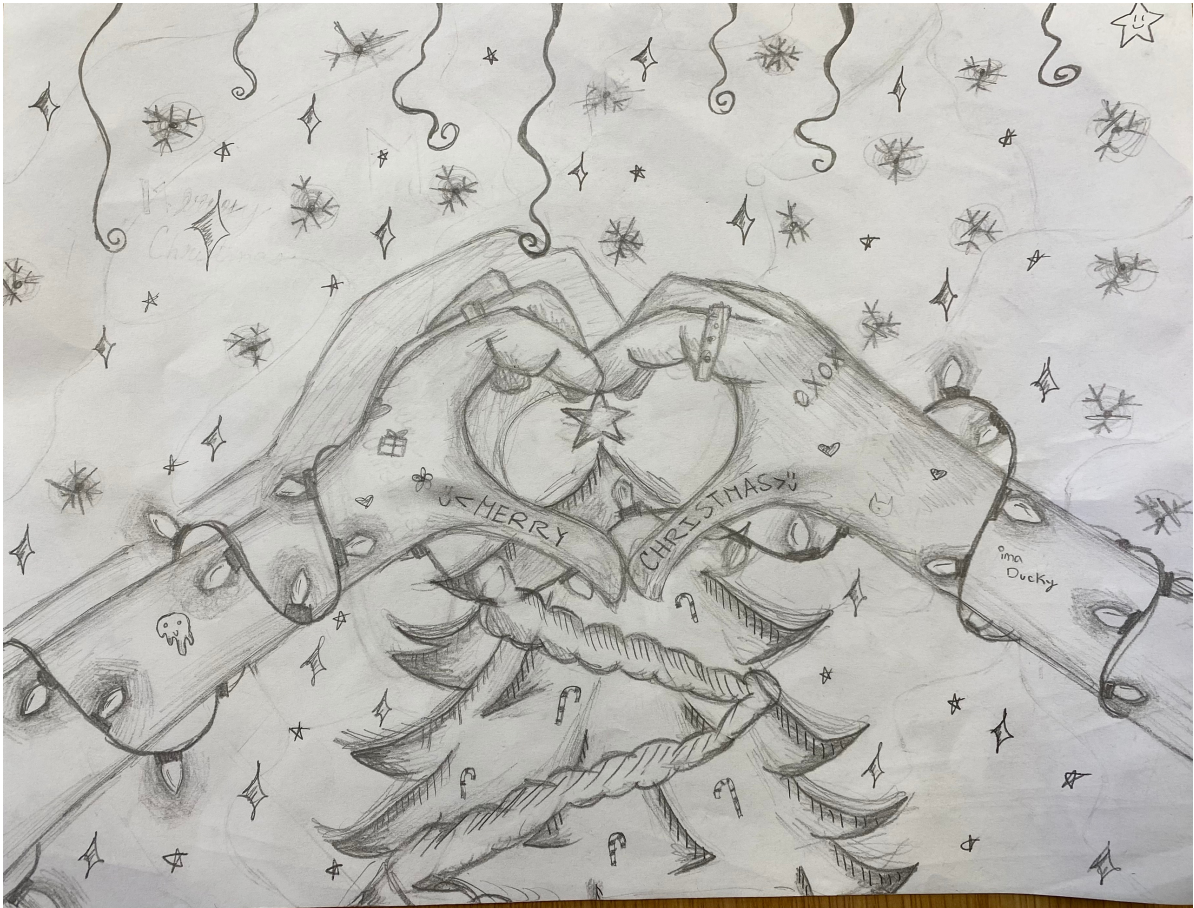
Anastasia Lewis



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Amber Roberts



Guess the Grad - Answers

Student 1:
Jacob Charbonneau



Student 2:
Theresa Bittante



Student 3:
Kayla Hugel



Student 4:
Christian Zondag



Student 5:
Isabella Chiappetta



Guess your Teacher's Favourite Song - Answers

Teacher 1:
Mr. Foster

Teacher 2:
Mr. Palmarin

Teacher 3:
Ms. Draayers



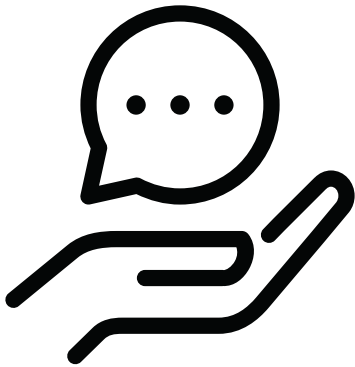
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