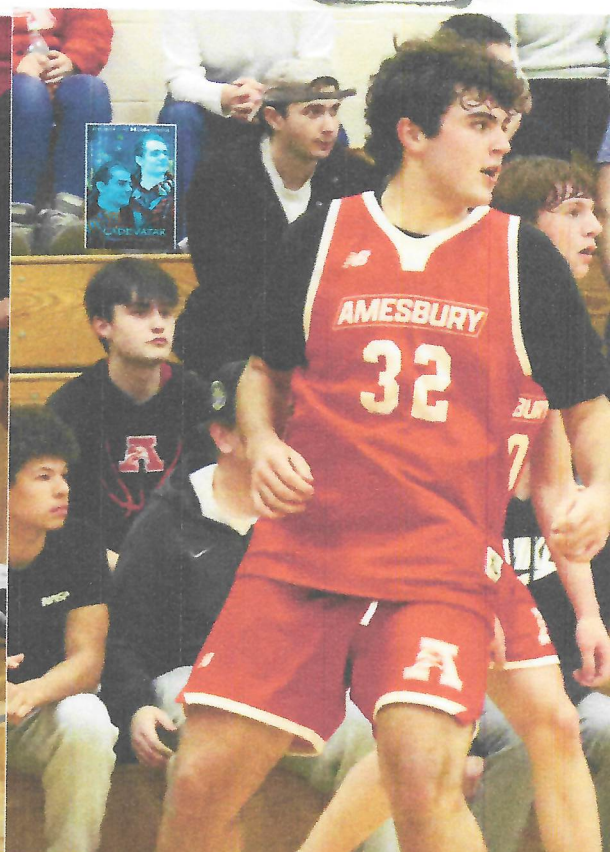


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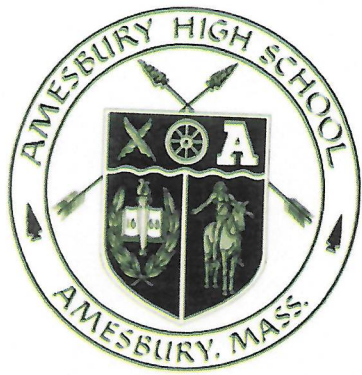
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# Quote of the Week:

"Tis the season to be jolly!"  
-Unknown

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## SEASONS GREETINGS

### Holiday List

Dear Santa,

The AHS Weekly asked all the good little people, and not so little people, at AHS what they wanted as holiday gifts. Some of these are a tall order but we're sure you can come through.

**Ava Flynn:** A giant cardboard cut-out of Sophia Santa Fe.

**Sophia Santa Fe:** A giant cardboard cut-out of Ava Flynn.

**Maeve Sweeney:** to be the best xcountry runner in the state and the ability to explore the whole world.

**Leary:** Snow for Winter Carnival and for all my calc kids to pass the AP Test.

**Samantha Bender:** A pet panda that won't eat me, unlimited chocolate, the ability to consume unlimited chocolate without facing repercussions

**Veronika Ruzkova:** No allergies

**Alex Donnell:** World silence

**Susanne Meyer:** Just kindness - for people to treat each other with kindness.

**Flora Leet:** To go wherever I want

**Edin Ustick:** A brand new monitor for my PC.

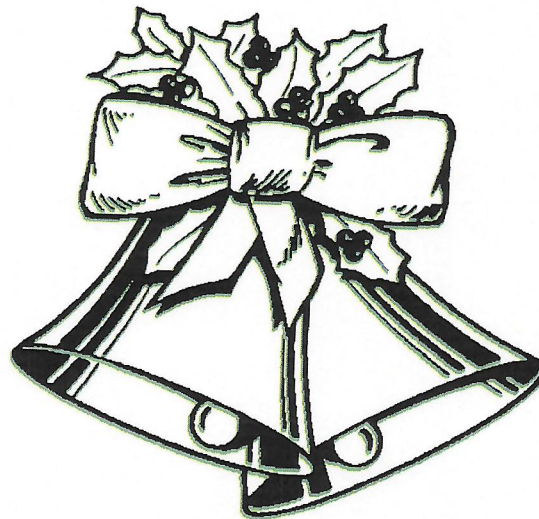
**Casey Eckelkamp:** Rick Grimes

fortnite skin

**David Miller:** A car would be nice... but what I really want is more stuff from the 90s being cool again. I can't wait to be the most "him" kid in school... bowl cuts are coming back, I just know it.

**Brady Lang:** PIXAR BASKETBALL

**Marley Metcalf:** Go to a Gracie Abrams concert.



**Parker Delong:** Infinite money, mansion.

**Bailey Kimball:** Drew Starkey.

**Alexis LeBlanc:** A teleportation machine

**Ollie Peters:** World peace, 1 billion dollars

**Mrs. Lynch:** A private island w/ a beach, golf course, and ski mountain!

**Peter Blake:** Mp3 player and airpods and xbox and TV. A good year for everyone.

**Danny Torres:** A Super Mario toy

**Nurse Michelle Parsons:** A competitive

salary that would allow me to volunteer my time to support the health and well-being of others at the local and national level. There is nothing more rewarding and heartfelt to share some of your time to others in need!

**Mrs. Sweeney:** No more arm injuries, four day work week (long weekends all the time!), and students that are always ready to learn!

**Nicole Chen:** Nintendo Switch OLED, Project Sekai merch, money, frilly clothes, hair clips.

**Cecelia Currie:** Canon digital camera

**Lorelei R. Donohue:** 5,000 rubber ducks, an electric guitar, art supplies.

**Andre Torres:** A bluetooth button, white floral wire, wall lights.

**Ashanty Vargas Martinez:** A pink polo set, North Face jacket, BMW M3, Porsche

**Brodie Gatchell:** \$1,000,000

**Collin Cate:** A car

**Christan Iandolo:** Renegade Raider airpod maxes

**Cailee LeBlanc:** Mr. Bastien to be nice to me.

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# DO I HEAR A CAROL?

## Holiday Lists Cont.

**Lindsey Williamson:** Unlimited free time and a plane  
**Tyler McPherson:** \$1 million  
**Max Benica:** I want a computer that works and maybe three more cats.  
**Miss Regis:** Unlimited instant access to tropical beaches  
**Aiden Neale:** An automatic pass on my senior reasearch presentaion and an unlimited supply of those new Betty White stamps.



**Miliana Paulino:** Santa Claus to be real.

**Julia Parsons:** Unlimited plane tickets so I could travel the world.

**Ashley Wilson:** Unlimited money

**Gracy Hagan:** A pirate ship would be pretty cool.

**Tella Giangregorio:** No more school

**Noah Aspeslagh:** A cooler car and 1000 shoes

**Olivia Nash:** A bigger and better mall for my unlimited shopping spree

**Melyn Upson:** Everything to be free

for me

**Carol Rose Costantino:** All I want for Christmas is you

**Sophia Rodriguez:** A lot of money; infinite money

**Meriam Grace Orobi:** Benglali cat, Benz truck

**Grace Pisarczyk:** A full ride to college

**Lyvia Busch:** Charlotte Costigan to be nice to me for a week.

**Thomas McElaney:** Some money

**Abby Morin:** A longer Christmas break

**Sebastian Ayotte:** New camera lens

**Santosuosso:** 3 feet of snow that sticks around

**Piper Gallant:** A week long vacation to Hawaii

**Kylee Houle:** I would wanna be blonder and have bluer eyes

**Quinn Fortier:** A vacation to Australia or Hawaii

**Andrew Parsons:** A cruise ship that will take me to every island in the world

**Kylie Dupuis:** A trip to somewhere tropical, like Hawaii

**Adam Jensen:** E-bike made out of legs

**Mrs. Daileanes:** I'd love a vineyard in the Italian countryside and some people to take care of it for me!

**Gabbie Bonia:** A 2-week long vacation to Aruba or Hawaii

**Nathan Parsons:** A skibidi toilet

**Joshua Decoca:** Trip to France

**Nadia Morel:** A vacation

**Sadie Bolth:** To be able to choose the season/weather everyday

**Kalan Noseworthy:** Free McDonald's for life

**John Adams:** 3 more wishes

**Noah Shoukimas:** To win every parlay I place

**Damian Smith:** I want 10 silver chains, to own a cat cafe, and \$100k

**Nolan Vient:** Chocolate chip cookie

**Heather Wetherell:** Comically large grain of rice

**Piper Stanford:** Febreze spray, dodo bird egg, Santa's number, and an island

**DJ DiCarlo:** I want an oreo McFlurry

**Alice Moulton:** 4 termites and 1000



shoes

**Laura Oliveira:** A ticket for the Bruno Mars Show and a trip to Italy with everything paid

**Gabby Entrican:** A trip to every country in the world and a secret Christmas recipe

**Jenna Oliver:** Hatch alarm clock

**Allison Napoli:** Beat Pentucket in Basketball

**Dylan Palen:** A working ACL and meniscus

**Lucas Ferreira:** An extra week off school

**Maddie Clark:** For TikTok not to be

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# WAIT I SEE SANTA!



## Holiday Lists Cont.

banned

**Danny Dalton:** A bin of Texas Roadhouse rolls

**Hope Shanahan:** Las Olas burritos, queso, and Chipotle burrito bowls with white rice, chicken, lettuce, pico de gallo, cheese and sour cream

**Leo Fonseca:** Chipotle burrito bowl with white rice, chicken, lettuce, cheese, and sour cream

**Amari Mendez:** 100 dollars

**John DePolo:** Lifetime supply of chicken and rice

**Julian Sherwood:** A ski resort with fresh snow all to myself and my friends

**Chase Linsey:** Low taper fade (is still massive)

**Brendan Owens:** 20 dollars

**Charlie Himmel:** Every known element on the periodic table

**Lincoln Kime:** Unlimited free ice time

**Ava Harlow:** A dog

**Chenda Chhom:** A motorcycle

**Eva Tiezzi:** A car

**Norah Primack:** 100s in every class

**Jamie Redfern:** An instant law degree and a tree that grows money and also grants wishes

**Gus Hendrick:** 100,000,000,000,000 dollars and lifetime Chick-fil-A for free

**Jack Harrington:** I want chicken

**Jackson Haynes:** A successful communist form of governance

**Iva Wahn:** A scholarship to any college anywhere

**Dominic Beane:** More snow

**Shley Fuentes:** I think a house, money, a trip with a special person for me, and a car

**Ahara Karimi:** No violence in the

world, no more violence, okay

**Ash:** A new president

**Pyetro Santana:** A house

**Islam Karimi:** Stop killing people. New president of the United States

**Alexander Berthol:** For Rod Wave to stop making music, or some pizza

**Xiangming Chen:** Have the right not to do homework

**Nolan Swirka:** no political division, tp be a pro skater or surfer

**Evan Murphy:** Drake Maye gets a ring.

**James Hammond:** Pokemon cards

**Gene Galfetti:** Infinite money

**Max Sarno:** To be taller

**Kyle Charewicz:** A car or a pack of York mints

**Ms. Murphy:** A month-long European Getaway

**Sam Smith:** A pet dragon

**Faith Mainville:** a surfboard and a license

**Gemma Peacock:** a baby monkey

**Addy Cooper:** a boat, a dog, and a beach house

**Ava Paulino:** to win the lottery

**Mather Sekelsky:** Money to put on red.

**Johnny Mancini:** Cologne, the Yankees to trade for Mike Trout, and the Steelers to win the Super Bowl

**Jocelyn Daigle:** Mini ultra Uggs size 8 and to pass AP Calc

**Alex Currie:** World peace

**Joseph Celia:** Money

**Julia Losee:** A million pairs of Hollister sweatpants

**Dorian Willerson:** 3 Red Bulls

**Max White:** 1 more Red Bull than Dorian

**Jackson Gordon:** Celtics back to back championship

**Dane Hall:** The Brawlpass

**Desmond Brisson:** Shields in OG Fortnite, 30 kajillion dollars, Elon Musk's body for 24 hours, and instant teleportation to the top of the Burj Khalifa

**Kylie Desmond:** Twix and to get into UVM!

**Soleil Bennett:** Endless TikTok shop coupons

**Ty Dore:** Double XP in COD permanently and David Byrne meet and greet

**Jared Black:** My car to be better :)

**Cade Waterman:** World peace but also my own tank (I promise I'll use it responsibly)

**Hailey Gillis:** I want a packed house for Drama Club's amazing production of Cinderella!

**Justin Dube:** A 4-day school week, new basketball shoes, a grippier basketball court, and unlimited gushers

**Lexi Donovan:** 1,000 shoes and all the chocolate in the world

**Cameron Richards:** 19 dollar Fortnite gift card

**Devin Cartel:** Probably like a Fortnite gift card or meet Obama. I also LOVE LEBRON JAMES

**Maeve Sweeney:** Lots of money to travel the world

**Mary Blankenau:** To travel around space and see all the planets, as well as galaxies

**Mia Tonani:** A ticket to the Met Gala and a Dior Junon gown

**Charlotte Costigan:** A fun party with Mr. Bastien, Berube, and Lyvi Busch

**Noah Tebou:** 1 billion untaxed U.S

**Happy Holidays everyone!**

# OBSERVER

## LIT MAG CONTEST WINNERS

Here are the fall contest winners for Literary Magazine below.

1. Art winner for "Butterfly Wings" is Liv Jusfredo. She has won a \$25 gift card to Panera Bread.
2. Fiction winner for "A Gap in the Stairs" is Harrison Sullivan. He has won a \$25 gift card to Jersey Mike's.
3. Poetry winner for "To the Seniors to Make Much of Time" is Kylie Desmond. She has won a \$25 gift card to Dunkin Donuts.
4. Photography winner for "Foamy Ocean" is Lana Whitty. She has won a \$25 gift card to Domino's Pizza.

Thank you all for the many submissions. It truly was hard to choose the winners. Lit Mag will be hosting another writing and art contest in the spring!

## SAC

The Student Advisory Council met with the School Committee for it's annual full council meeting this past Monday night. SAC chair Addi Snow talked about continuing the menstrual products availability in the restrooms and meeting with the cafeteria to improve the lunches. The students would like a salad bar and generally more choices. Anyone who has a food allergy may have a tough time finding something to buy in the cafe.



*Addi Snow, chairperson of the Student Advisory Council, presents a powerpoint of SAC activities to the School Committee.*

## CANDY GRAM

The Freshman Class sold over 300 Candy Grams in their fundraiser. Deliveries took place yesterday during W.I.N. The freshmen hope this spread some cheer around the building.

## SOME DON'T LIKE IT HOT

On Monday, the cafeteria held a contest to determine which of two new food items were preferred by students. The choices were Indian curry chicken and Jamaican jerk chicken. The majority of those who voted picked the Indian chicken, which despite its red color, was actually the less spicy of the two options.

# OBSERVER (CONT.)

## MUSICAL CAST ANNOUNCED

Auditions for the spring musical Cinderella were held last week and the cast has been announced. To no one's surprise, the lead went to Ellie Marden. The Drama Club was smart enough to create understudies for the main characters. Several years ago an understudy had to step into the main role and did a fantastic job. Here's the list.

Ella.....Ellie Marden  
 Topher.....Daniel Maraventano  
 Madame.....Heather Wetherell  
 Sebastian.....Desmond Brisson  
 Marie.....Norah Primack  
 Gabrielle.....Madison Martin  
 Charlotte.....Carol Rose Costantino  
 Jean-Michel.....Andrew Roberts  
 Lord Pinkleton.....Michael Renrick

Understudy.....Madison Martin  
 Understudy.....Desmond Brisson  
 Understudy.....Gabriella Entrican  
 Understudy.....Charlie Himmel  
 Understudy.....Sophia Manetakis  
 Understudy.....Ginger Brisson  
 Understudy.....Jessica Silva  
 Understudy.....Maximus McCue  
 Understudy.....Cole Gibson

### Ensemble Characters

Duke of Cheshire.....Charlie Himmel  
 Earl Of Cavendish.....Jackson Haynes  
 Older woman.....Gabriella Entrican  
 A Lord.....Maximus McCue  
 A Lady.....Gianna LeBlanc  
 A Guest.....Piper Sanford  
 A Guest.....Jessica Silva  
 A Dignitary.....Charlie Himmel  
 Sam.....Maximus McCue  
 Duchesses.....Jessica Silva, Ginger Brisson, Gabriella Entrican



the cast and crew of Cinderella.

# JOCELYN DAIGLE

## Senior Profile

By Alice Moulton

Jocelyn, sometimes called 'Joce' or 'Jocie' by some (Kylie), would say her greatest accomplishment was winning Youth of the Year 2024 for the Boys and Girls Club. Hurray!

In school, Jocelyn is a member of the Science National Honors Society and Yearbook. She is also a big fan of Ms. Santasuosso, who Jocelyn thinks is super chill. To round out Jocelyn's lists of her favorite things about high school are prom and her best friend Kylie Desmond. If Jocelyn could change anything about her high school career,



she would have wanted to get more involved.

Outside of school, Jocelyn loves to dance! She may also be seen playing *Fortnite* or listening to

Kanye West. If Jocelyn were granted three wishes, she would want to be rich, have a good car, and to tour the world. She would say her biggest hero is her Nana, as she is sweet to

in the near future. Go UMaine! We hope Jocelyn meets her goals, and that her future is bright!

everyone.  
I  
Jocelyn could name one thing she really dislikes it would be people who walk slowly in the hallway. Speed up, guys! Speaking of hallways, Jocelyn's most embarrassing moment was being mistaken for a little kid in the science hallway because of her abundant giggling. Heeheehee... (We miss Ms. Comeau)!

When Jocelyn was young, she wanted to be a nurse just like her Nana. Now, her plans are a bit less clear, but she plans to go to college



# SARAH MACKIE

## Senior Profile

By Alice Moulton

If Sarah could use one word to describe herself, she would say she is a kind individual! She is always ready to make sure everyone is included.

In school, Sarah is the secretary of the National Honors Society. She is also a fan of math, which are her



advice she's ever been given is to dance like no one's watching. When no one is watching Sarah, she likes to drum on her desk and give evil eyes to those who constantly whine. Although, Sarah's catchphrase is 'boo hoo,' if she hates whiners, it's likely sarcastic.

In the near future, Sarah plans on going to college! Before she goes onto college, she would leave the senior

favorite fellow student is Lexi LeBlanc, as Sarah can talk to her about anything. She was also fond of the rallies, specifically our sophomore year Color Day skit.

Outside of school, Sarah is a competitive dancer and a volunteer at the Sweet Paws Animal Rescue.

Sarah can also be spotted eating tacos, shopping at Aerie, and listening to Thomas Rhett. If she could be granted three wishes, she would want a million dollars, to win the lottery, and to have all of her college expenses paid for. Lots of monetary wishes... Cha-Ching!

According to Sarah, the best

class with one final message: You only live once, so have fun! We hope Sarah follows her own advice, and is able to balance carefreeness with dedication to her future!

# LET THEM EAT PORK

## Crockpot Night

The sophomore class sponsored the annual Crockpot Night Tuesday in the cafe. The food, which was provided by parents and friends of the class members, included everything from stuffed shells to pork to chili. Five dollars for all you can eat was a bargain that was hard to pass up.



*Josiah Fugate sets up a delicious crock pot.*



*Norah Primack takes money at the door.*



*Friendly faces at the front door.*



*Mayor Gove is full of the crock pot spirit.*

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# ONLY 5 BUCKS

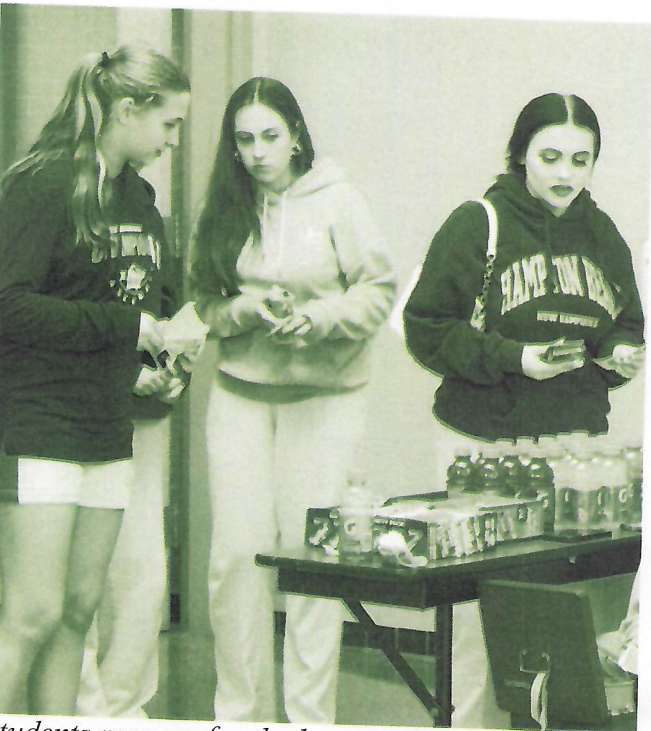
## Crock Pot Night (continued)



*The chown down commences!*



*Keith Welch gets some bread.*



*tudents prepare for the best meal of their lives.*



*Class of 2024 graduate Calista Catatius buys food from Mr. Miller.*

# SPLIT DECISION

## Winter Track

The boys and girls track teams opening the indoor season, against Ipswich, last Saturday at the New Balance facility in Boston. The boys won their meet 55-45, but the girls had a tough time and fell 26-74.

On the boys side, the stars of the day were Josiah Fugate, who left his opposition in the dust in both the mile and two miles, and Ben Wood, who picked up firsts in both the 55 meter dash and the 55 meter hurdles. Joe Puleo won the 300 and picked up a third in the 55 meter dash. Other firsts for Amesbury were earned by Noah Blouin (600 meters), Connor Scialdone (high jump) and Lucas Ferreira (shot put). Blouin was third in the long jump. Ty Giangregorio picked up a pair of thirds in the 1000 meters and mile.

On the girls side the only firsts were earned by Julia Parsons in the mile and Samya Clark in the shot put. There were no second place finishers but long list of girls got thirds. They were Annah Belisle (55 meter dash), Lauren Talbot (300 meters), Katie Ishihara (600 meters), Carly Testa (1000 meters), Gabbie Bonia (mile), Hope Shanahan (55 meter hurdles and long jump), and Julia Losee (shot put).



*Ben Wood conquers the 55 meter hurdles.*

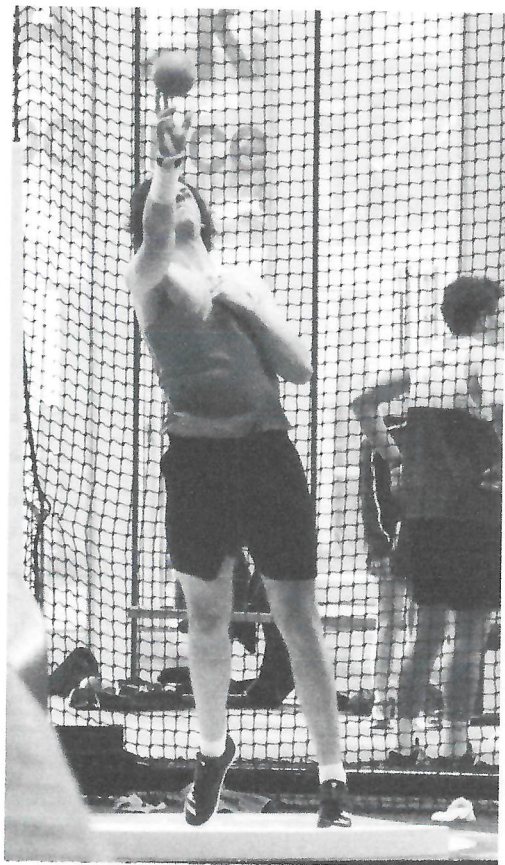


*Coach Ernie poses with Lindsey Williamson, Hope Shanahan, Carly Testa, and Della Hildt.*

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# SPLIT DECISION

## Winter Track



*Lucas Ferreira takes first in the shot put.*



*Ty Giangregorio keeps on running.*



*Josiah Fugate wins the mile.*



*Julia Parsons wins the mile.*



*Della Hildt does the triple jump.*

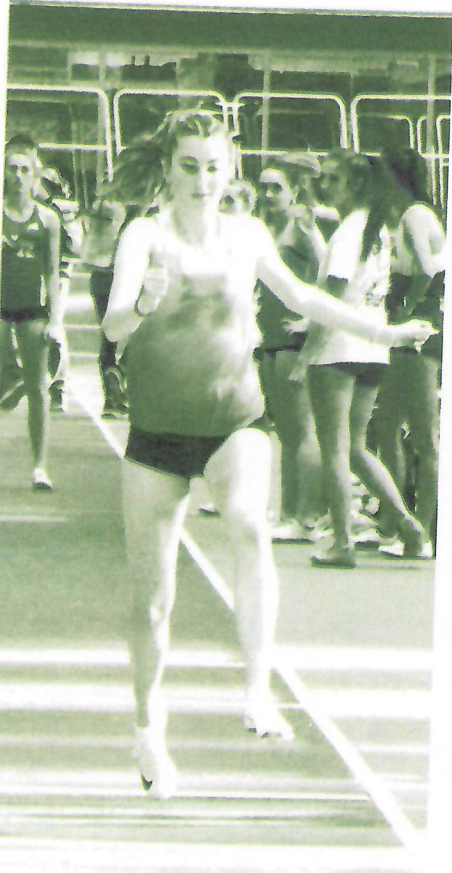


*Annah Belisle gives it her all in the relay.*

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# SPLIT DECISION

## Winter Track



*Lauren Talbot does the triple jump.*



*Haley Jezowski keeps on running!*



*Katie Ishihara was fast in the relay.*



*Brody Hall also did the relay.*



*Lukas Koch does the long jump.*

# COMEBACK FOR THE AGES

## Boys' Basketball

The boys' basketball is now 2-0 thanks to two comeback wins this past Monday and Tuesday.

Monday's game at Whittier was the usual aggressive contest. However, The Redhawks did not start off well and were down 10 points at the half. However, Amesbury came back in the second half to win 62-58. Parker DeLong was the star of this one, putting in 21 points. Justin Dube had 19.

Tuesday's game at Ipswich could be classified as the comeback of the century. In the first half Amesbury could do nothing right and the Tigers could do nothing wrong. The Redhawks couldn't seem to find the basket, even when Coach Tom Comeau put in players from the bench. (Dube and DeLong never get replaced.) At the half Amesbury was losing by an embarrassing 40-19.

We don't know what magic dust Comeau spread on the team at half time, but some of it has to do with John Adams, who came off the bench in the second half and immediately dunked a 3-pointer. Adams had three 3-pointers from Never Land, which must have rattled the Tigers, and the team made up the entire deficit in the third quarter. Trey Sullivan fought his way to a tremendous game scoring 24 points. Parker DeLong said, "We're just not a first half team." Obviously. The final was 66-62.

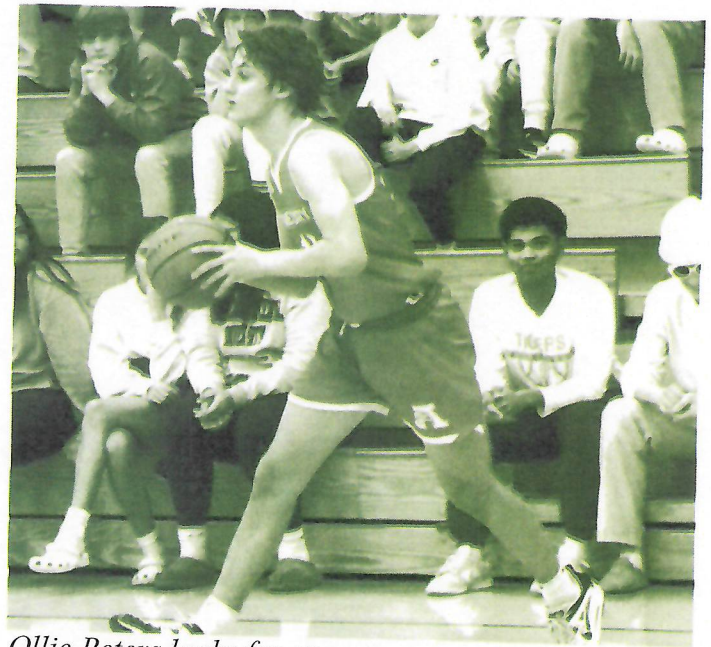
The Redhawks play Triton at home today at 6pm.



*John Adams pops a three pointer.*



*Chase Linsey takes the ball down the court.*

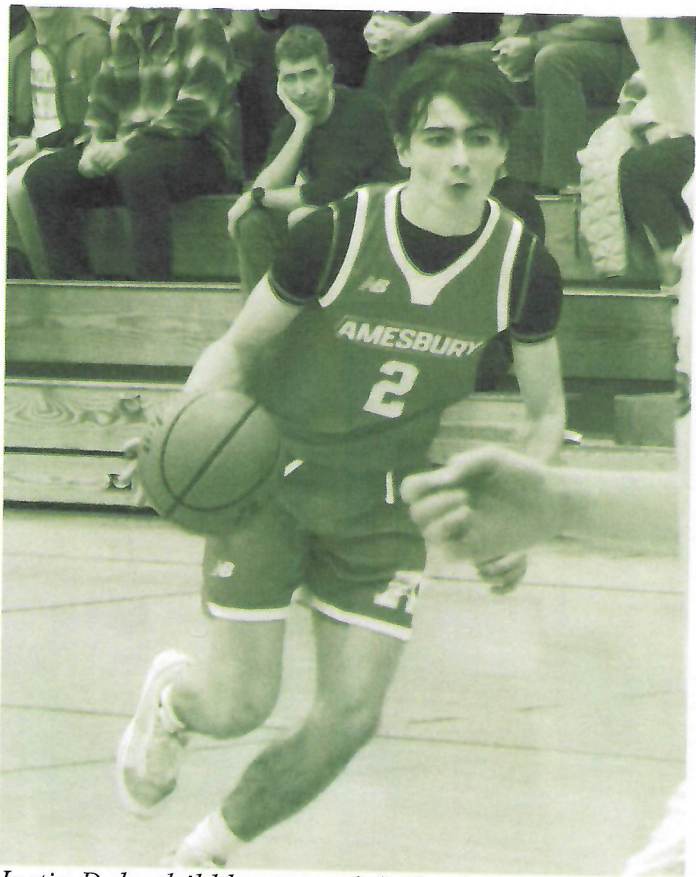


*Ollie Peters looks for an open man.*

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# Now 2-0

## Boys' Basketball (continued)



*Justin Dube dribbles toward the basket.*



*Connor Mazzaglia evades a Tiger defender.*



*Parker DeLong takes a shot.*



*Trey Sullivan receives the pass.*

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# NOT A FIRST HALF TEAM

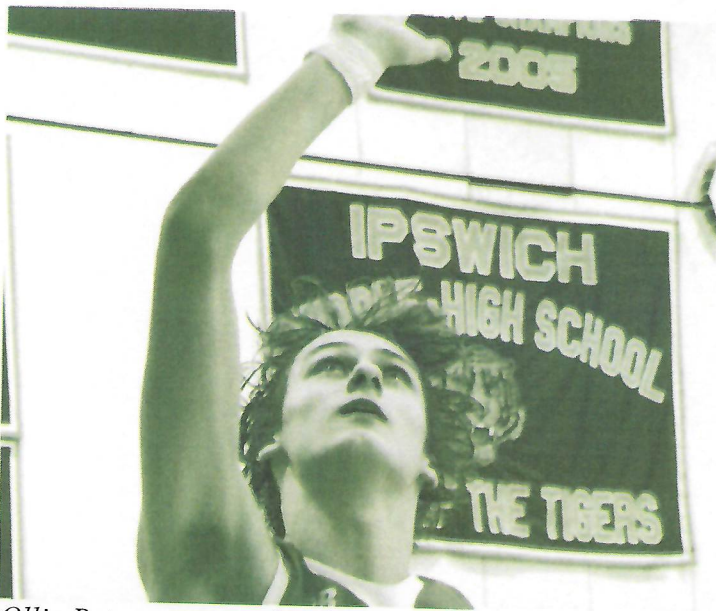
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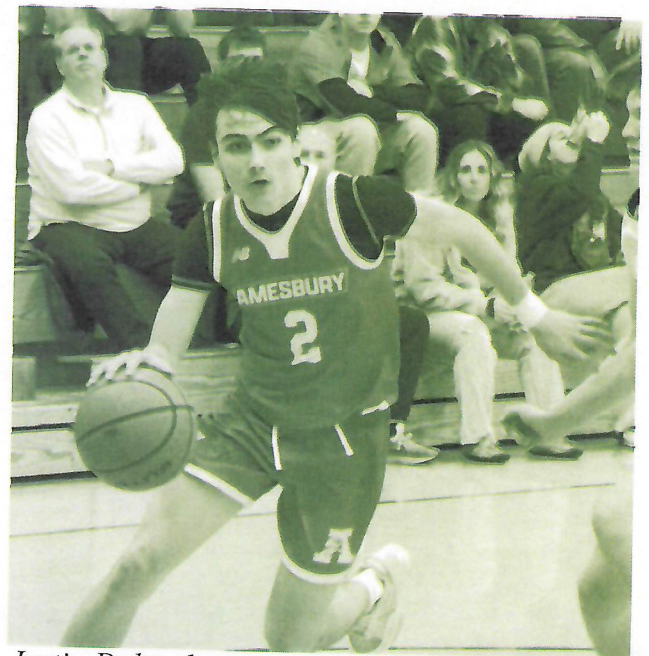
*Trey Sullivan fights for the ball.*



*Parker DeLong goes in for the shot.*



*Ollie Peters puts up the shot.*



*Justin Dube charges toward the basket.*

# ASK PETUNIA-JONES!

## Fulfilling Christmas dreams

Dear Petunia Jones,

It has been a lifelong ambition of mine to become Santa Claus, I simply adore everything about his job and feel like I would be a perfect fit! Some may call it hubris, but I am certain that if I were given the opportunity, I would become the best Santa America has ever seen. the current Santa would be ashamed of his mediocre performance when compared to me! Only one thing stands in my way, and this is where I require your assistance. There cannot be two Santas, that would be absurd! How shall I go about replacing the current Santa? please help me Petunia Jones!

-Arnold Schwarzenegger

Dear Arnold, Thank you for your letter. I assure you, you have come to the right place. I used to work very closely with Santa (I was his highest ranking elf, I was known as Petunielf Jones and I made 50,000 elf bucks a month) so I am familiar with any information you may require to subdue and replace him! As you know, Santa visits once a year, and as it happens, his yearly visit is just around the corner! Your first course of action must be to make absolutely sure that he visits your house. In order to do this, you must make your house look as festive as possible. I suggest glueing shards of broken glass to the exterior of your house (this will give your home that glorious shimmering holiday sparkle!). You should also paint all of your windows and other glassy surfaces like lights and mirrors with bright red acrylic paint. This will signal to Santa that you truly possess Christmas spirit. Santa is also drawn to the color red, like Ferdinand the bull, so it would be beneficial to color the snow outside your house with red paint as well. You should also make sure that your home is festive not only visually but aurally as well. I highly recommend buying at least 3 buckets of jingle bells (extra jingly if possible),

attaching them to the ends of fishing poles (this should take anywhere from 30-40 poles), and taping the them to your roof. If you correctly follow my advice, Santa will be drawn to your house like a festive moth to a brightly lit Christmas tree! Once you have drawn Santa to your house, you must perform the most vital step of your plan. As evreyone knows, Santa's powers are located in his hat, If it is removed, he reverts back into a boring (festive but not excessively so) ordinary, average, insignificant, unknown, common, typical, standard, unimportant fellow. The elves will no longer recognize him as their god and the reindeers will shun him like they did to Rudolf. All you need to do is take his hat and his powers will transfer to you! The best way to do this is to take advantage of his greatest weakness. If you leave a plate of chocolate chip cookies next to a hat-hanger with a sign saying "take a cookie; leave a hat!" He will surely be fooled! Good luck on your journey!



# TOTAL DOMINATION

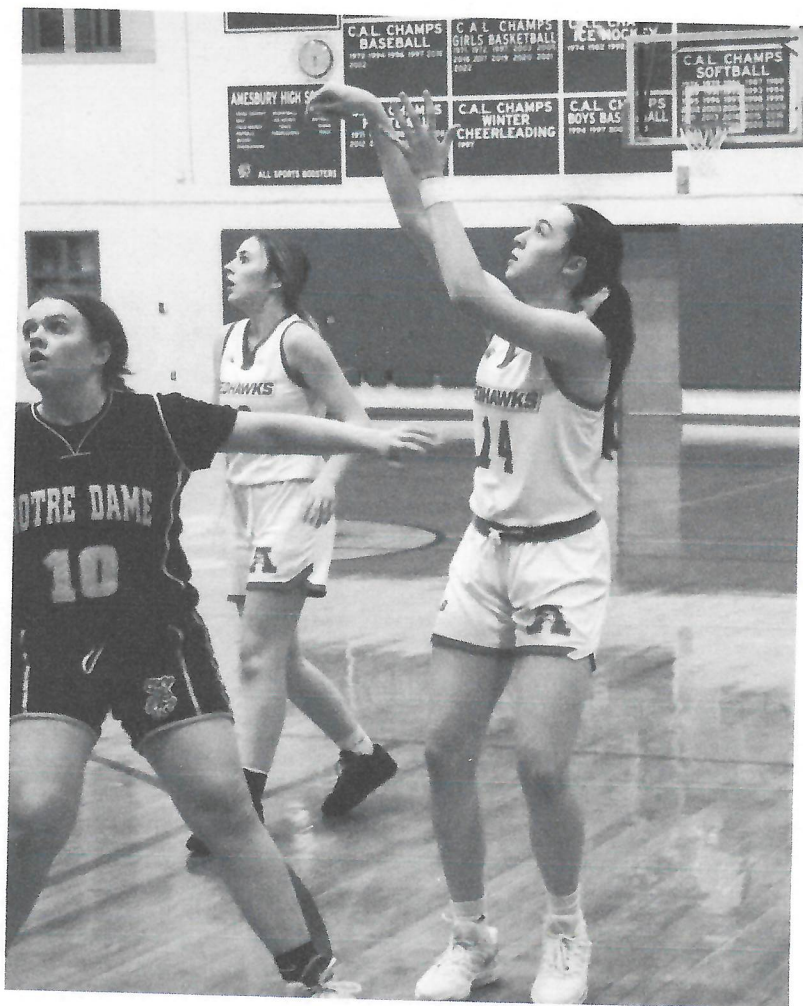
## Girls Basketball

After not having 2 consecutive wins in almost 2 years, the Amesbury Girls basketball team started the season off with a crazy winning streak. Last Thursday, they played an out of league team called Notre Dame Academy. The final score was 59 (AHS)- 19 (NDA). Overall, it was a whole team effort with everyone getting a chance to participate and score. The girls absolutely dominated the boards by out rebounding NDA by 24 and stealing the ball over 20 times on defense. They shot 71% from the freethrow line, so there is room for improvement but Coach Brown will sort that one out in the near future.

This Tuesday the Redhawks faced the Ipswich Tigers in a highly anticipated game after having a 1-1 record with them last year. They started off in a 2-2-1 full court press allowing them to pick off many balls, giving them the early lead. Senior, Sadie Bolth played commendable defense in the first quarter with multiple steals and blocks. Her aggressive energy on the court was tangible and set the whole team up for success. Sophomore, Ellison Talbot not only had multiple fast breaks but was able to sink some outside shots proving her athleticism and overall well-roundness. Junior, Bailey Kimball also was able to display her post moves after rebounding and cutting the basket phenomenally. Altogether the program is looking better this year and we should be excited for what the future holds for this team!



*Ellie Marden is at the foul line.*



*Ellison Talbot puts one up.*

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# FOR THE BOOKS

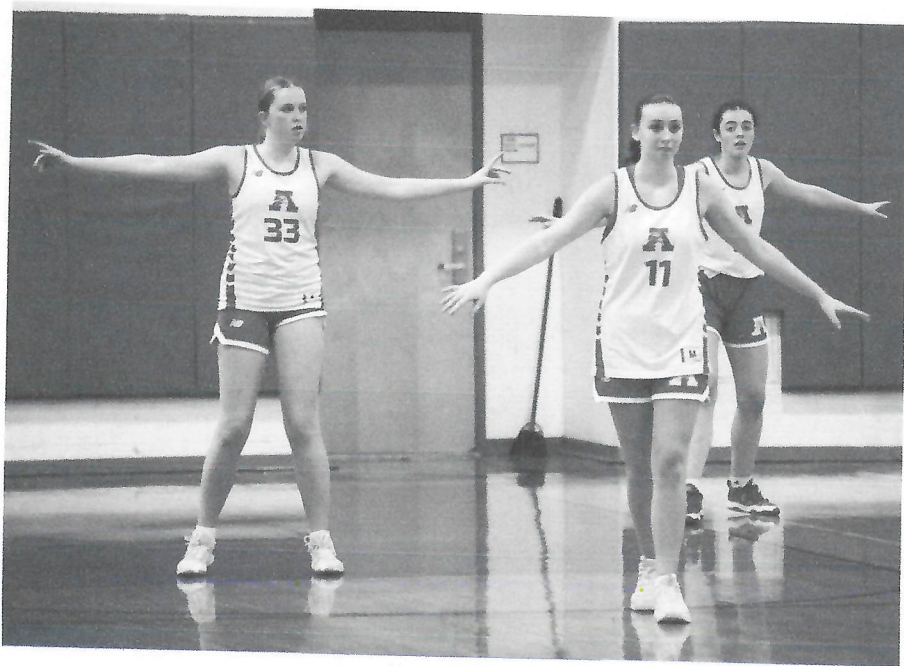
## Girls Basketball (continued)



*Shelby Massey shoots over the opposition,*



*Candence Olbrot takes the ball down the court.*



*Bailey Kimball, Lydia Hunt, and Charlotte Costigan play defense.*



*Olivia McKay drives to the basket.*

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## Girls Basketball (continued)



*Celia Travares looks for an open player.*



*Lydia Hunt looks for a receiver.*



*Bailey Kimball goes up for a shot.*

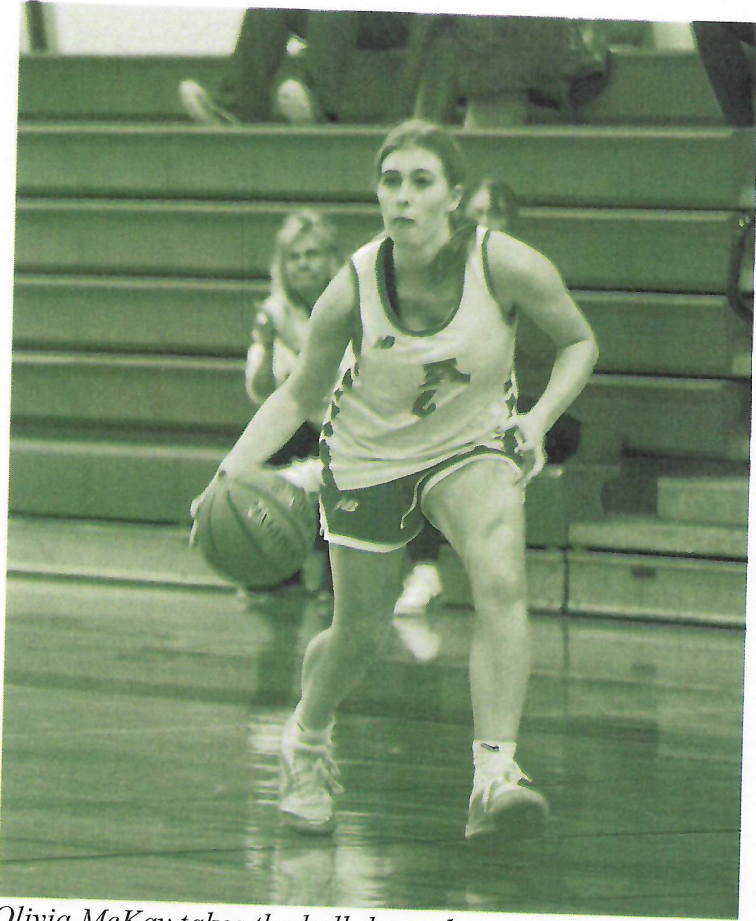


*Ellie Marden fight for the ball.*

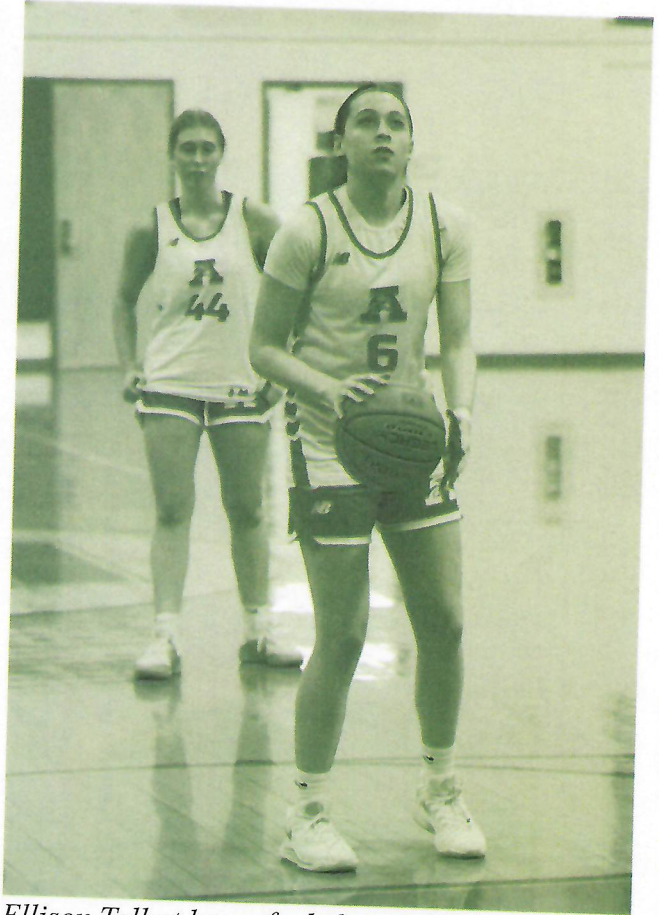
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Girls Basketball (continued)



*Olivia McKay takes the ball down the court.*



*Ellison Talbot has a foul shot.*



*Delany Sargent takes a foul shot.*



*Candence Olbrot is ready to shoot.*



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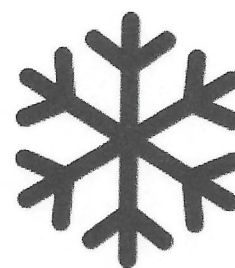
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# FESTIVE FILMS

## Column



By Tori Woodsom

In less than a week Christmas arrives! Whether it's spending time with family, opening presents, or eating food, the holiday season always brings joy. One of my favorite holiday traditions is watching all of the movies. While most are sappy they still bring some extra festivity! Here are my five favorite Christmas movies...

- 1 *A Charlie Brown Christmas* - My personal favorite film to watch this time of year, *A Charlie Brown Christmas* always delivers that cozy feeling. It's short and sweet, making for the perfect movie to watch while baking, wrapping presents, or drinking hot cocoa!
- 2 *Elf* - A silly, goofy, feel good movie that will always put you in the holiday spirit. *Elf* is a classic that is enjoyable to watch year after year.
- 3 *Home Alone* - The most fun of all the movies on this list, *Home Alone* is an adventurous, thrilling movie that will keep you on the edge of your seat! It has a theme about the importance of family during the holidays, which always reminds me to value my loved ones (especially this time of year).
- 4 *Rudolph The Red Nosed-Reindeer* - While not the most popular Christmas movie as it was made for kids, *Rudolph The Red-Nosed Reindeer* is a charming film. Made from stop motion, all of the animal characters are adorable and will surely make you smile.
- 5 *The Grinch* - Perhaps the most popular Christmas story told, *The Grinch* has been adapted into four different movies, my favorite being the one released in 2018. A great watch, but it definitely gets old after a few times.



# Lunch



## DECEMBER 2024

Amesbury High School

Menu subject to change

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Chicken Cordon Bleu on a Pretzel Roll <b>2</b> Waffle Fries	<b>Taco Tuesday</b> <b>3</b> Nachos, Cheese sauce Sour Crem, Salsa, Lettuce, Tomato	Thai Pineapple <b>4</b> Fried Rice with Chicken Dinner Roll Fortune Cookie	Chili Cheese Dog <b>5</b> BBQ Baked Beans Crinkle Fries	Bacon, Egg and Cheese Wrap <b>6</b> Yogurt Cup Potato Smiles
Buffalo Chicken Sandwich <b>9</b> Seasoned Spiral Fries	<b>Taco Tuesday</b> <b>10</b> Soft Tacos Rice, cheese Lettuce, tomato, salsa	Asian Marinated <b>11</b> Chicken Fried Rice Dinner Roll	Egg, Ham and Cheese Bagel <b>12</b> Hash Brown Patty	Mozzarella Filled <b>13</b> Breadsticks Marinara Sauce Side Salad
Triple Grilled <b>16</b> Cheese Sandwich Tomato Soup	<b>Taco Tuesday</b> <b>17</b> Chicken Fajitas Peppers, Onions Refried Beans	Chicken Broccoli <b>18</b> Alfredo Garlic Breadstick	BBQ <b>19</b> Pulled Pork Sandwich Cornbread Coleslaw	French Toast <b>20</b> Sticks Sausage, Hash Brown Fruit Crisp

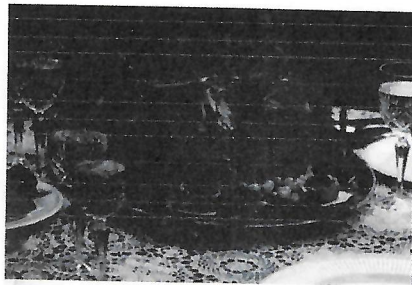
## Top 5 Christmas



#1. Political arguments at the Christmas Eve dinner table



#2. Getting gifts



#3. Dry turkey



#4. *The Muppet Christmas Carol* (1992) starring Michael Caine



#5. Giving gifts

# I WANT A WHITE CHRISTMAS

## Weather

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20:** ❄️  
34°, Precipitation 80%, 77%  
Humidity, Winds 12 mph

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 23:** ☁️  
28°, Precipitation 60%, 60%  
Humidity, Winds 5 mph

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 26:** ☁️  
39°, Precipitation 83%,  
65% Humidity, Winds 5 mph

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21:** ☁️  
30°, Precipitation 0%, 65%  
Humidity, Winds 13 mph

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24:** ❄️  
35°, Precipitation 45%, 73%  
Humidity, Winds 6 mph

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22:** ☀️  
22°, Precipitation 0%, 57%  
Humidity, Winds 12 mph

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25:** ☁️  
36°, Precipitation 0%, 73%  
Humidity, Winds 5 mph



# I LOVE THE HOLIDAYS

## Roving Reporter

**Question: "What is Your Favorite Holiday Tradition?"**

**Ava Flynn:** "Opening Presents."

**Sophia Santa Fe:** "Eating."

**Cade Waterman:** "Going to my grandparents' house."

**Sophia Manetakis:** "Baking gingerbread cookies."

**Ginger Brisson:** "Eating gingerbread cookies."



# Horoscope

## Virgo (Aug. 24 - Sept. 23)

**Life:** You will finally do a cartwheel (congratulations!)

**Single:** You will watch the 1992 classic *The Muppet Christmas Carol* starring Michael Caine.

**Couples:** You and your partner will watch the 1992 classic *The Muppet Christmas Carol* starring Michael Caine.

## Libra (Sept. 23 - Oct. 22)

**Life:** You will be accepted into Vanderbilt but not UMass Lowell.

**Single:** You will lose all your money investing in the film adaptation of *The Metamorphosis*.

**Couples:** Your partner will star in the live action adaptation of *The Metamorphosis* (they are the bug).

## Scorpio (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22)

**Life:** You will write and direct a sixth season of *Breaking Bad* where you play all the characters.

**Single:** You will make the interesting creative decision of having a new cast of characters each episode, played by a variety of guest stars, like *The Love Boat*.

**Couples:** I am the one who knocks!

## Sagittarius (Nov. 23 - Dec. 21)

**Life:** You will do nothing of note.

**Single:** Just kidding, you will singlehandedly start WWII.

**Couples:** You and your partner will go on a cross-country reverse jewelry store robbing spree (you leave a bunch of watches and rings and stuff).

## Capricorn (Dec. 22 - Jan. 20)

**Life:** I met a traveller from an antique land, / Who said--"Two vast and trunkless legs of stone

**Single:** Stand in the desert....Near them, on the sand, / Half sunk a shattered visage lies, whose frown,

**Couples:** And wrinkled lip, and sneer of cold command, / Tell that its sculptor well those passions read / Which yet survive, stamped on these lifeless things, / The hand that mocked them, and the heart that fed;

## Aquarius (Jan. 21- Feb. 19)

**Life:** You will do the first of many cartwheels.

**Single:** You will be unable to stop cartwheeling.

**Couples:** Your partner will send you to rehab for your inability to stop cartwheeling.

## Pisces (Feb. 20 - Mar. 20)

**Life:** You will be caught by the Department of Government Efficiency (you had it coming with all that wasteful spending).

**Single:** You will get buccal fat removal.

**Couples:** You will convince your partner to get buccal fat removal.

## Aries (Mar. 21 - April 20)

**Life:** You will be traded to the Dallas Cowboys.

**Single:** You will immediately be benched by the Dallas Cowboys when they realize you know nothing about football.

**Couples:** You and your partner will invest in HAWK token (what could go wrong? surely she would never rugpull!)

## Taurus (April 21 - May 20)

**Life:** You will create a complex trap to capture "The Beast," everything will go just as you planned, it will be knocked out, and you will bury it in the grave you already dug as the rain pours down on you dramatically.

**Single:** You will feel bad about burying "The Beast," so you go to dig him up, but he is already gone (!)

**Couples:** You will fear for your partner's safety and go to their house, but find "The Beast" has already taken their place.

## Gemini (May 21 - June 21)

**Life:** You will be punched by another

Gemini and begin to plot your revenge.

**Single:** You will have a marble statue carved of yourself, but the artist insists on having you pose for the entire process.

**Couples:** You and your partner will

## Cancer (June 22 - July 24)

**Life:** And on the pedestal, these words appear: / My name is Ozymandias, King of Kings;

**Single:** Look on my Works, ye Mighty, and despair! / Nothing beside remains. Round the decay

**Couples:** Of that colossal Wreck, boundless and bare / The lone and level sands stretch far away."



## Leo (July 25 - Aug. 23)

**Life:** You will *still* feel weird for reading *Lolita*.

**Single:** People will *finally* not think you are weird for reading *Lolita*.

**Couples:** You will **not** move to New Hampshire and rent a room from a woman and marry the woman to get closer to her daughter and then when she dies you will take possession of the daughter and take a roadtrip across the country and then enroll her in a private school and then take her out of the private school and then continue your roadtrip across the country, spending all your money on clothes and tennis lessons for the daughter, and you will feel as though you are being followed by a detective in a red convertible and will become increasingly paranoid and that is as far as I have gotten so far.





### Today In History





In 1860, South Carolina became the first US state to secede from the Union after President Lincoln's election.

In 1968, American novelist John Steinbeck, writer of *Of Mice and Men* and *East of Eden*, died at 66.



In 1974, Ethiopia was declared a socialist state.

In 1989, the US launched Operation Just Cause, a military invasion of Panama.

In 1996, horror classic *Scream* was released in American theaters.



### Christmas Trivia

- 1) What term is used in Christmas gift trades that is representative of a thing you would not want?
  - 2) What holiday beverage is also called "milk punch?"
  - 3) What city was baby Jesus born in?
  - 4) The movie *Miracle on 34th Street* is based on what department store?
  - 5) Where are the McCallisters going in *Home Alone*?
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**Monday, December 23<sup>rd</sup>**

- 4:00pm Amesbury School Committee Meeting -Recorded 12/2/24  
 7:00pm Amesbury School Committee Meeting -Recorded 12/16/24  
 10:00pm Whittier Tech School Committee Meeting -Recorded 11/9/24  
 11:00pm Information Bulletin Board

**Tuesday, December 24<sup>th</sup>**

- 3:00pm Shay Memorial School 2024 Caroling in the Millyard -Recorded 12/20/24  
 3:30pm Shay Memorial School 2024 Holiday Play "The Gingerbread Caper" -Recorded 12/10/24  
 4:00pm Holiday Programming Marathon -A selection of holiday concerts and events from ACTV's archives

**Wednesday, December 25<sup>th</sup>**

- 12:00am Holiday Programming Marathon (continued) -A selection of holiday concerts and events from ACTV's archives  
 6:00pm Shay Memorial School 2024 Caroling in the Millyard -Recorded 12/20/24  
 6:30pm Shay Memorial School 2024 Holiday Play "The Gingerbread Caper" -Recorded 12/10/24  
 7:00pm Amesbury Middle School 2024 Holiday Chorus Concert -Recorded 12/10/24  
 8:00pm Information Bulletin Board

**Thursday, December 26<sup>th</sup>**

- 5:00pm Footprints -Amesbury's History from Those Who Have Lived It -Show 4 -Guest: Bill Ryan (R)  
 6:00pm Around Amesbury -Show 72 -Guest: Renee Terry (R)  
 7:00pm Amesbury Middle School 2023 Holiday Chorus Concert -Recorded 12/12/23 (R)  
 8:00pm Amesbury Middle School 2022 Holiday Band Concert -Recorded 12/14/24 (R)  
 9:00pm AHS Magazine Show (R)  
 10:00pm Information Bulletin Board

**Friday, December 27<sup>th</sup>**

- 6:00pm Shay Elementary School 2024 Holiday Play "The Gingerbread Caper" -Recorded 12/14/24 (R)  
 6:30pm Shay Elementary School 2024 Caroling in the Millyard -Recorded 12/20/24 (R)  
 7:00pm Amesbury Middle School 2024 Holiday Chorus Concert -Recorded 12/10/24 (R)  
 8:00pm Amesbury High School 2021 Holiday Music Showcase -Recorded 12/15/21 (R)  
 9:00pm Information Bulletin Board

**Saturday, December 28<sup>th</sup>**

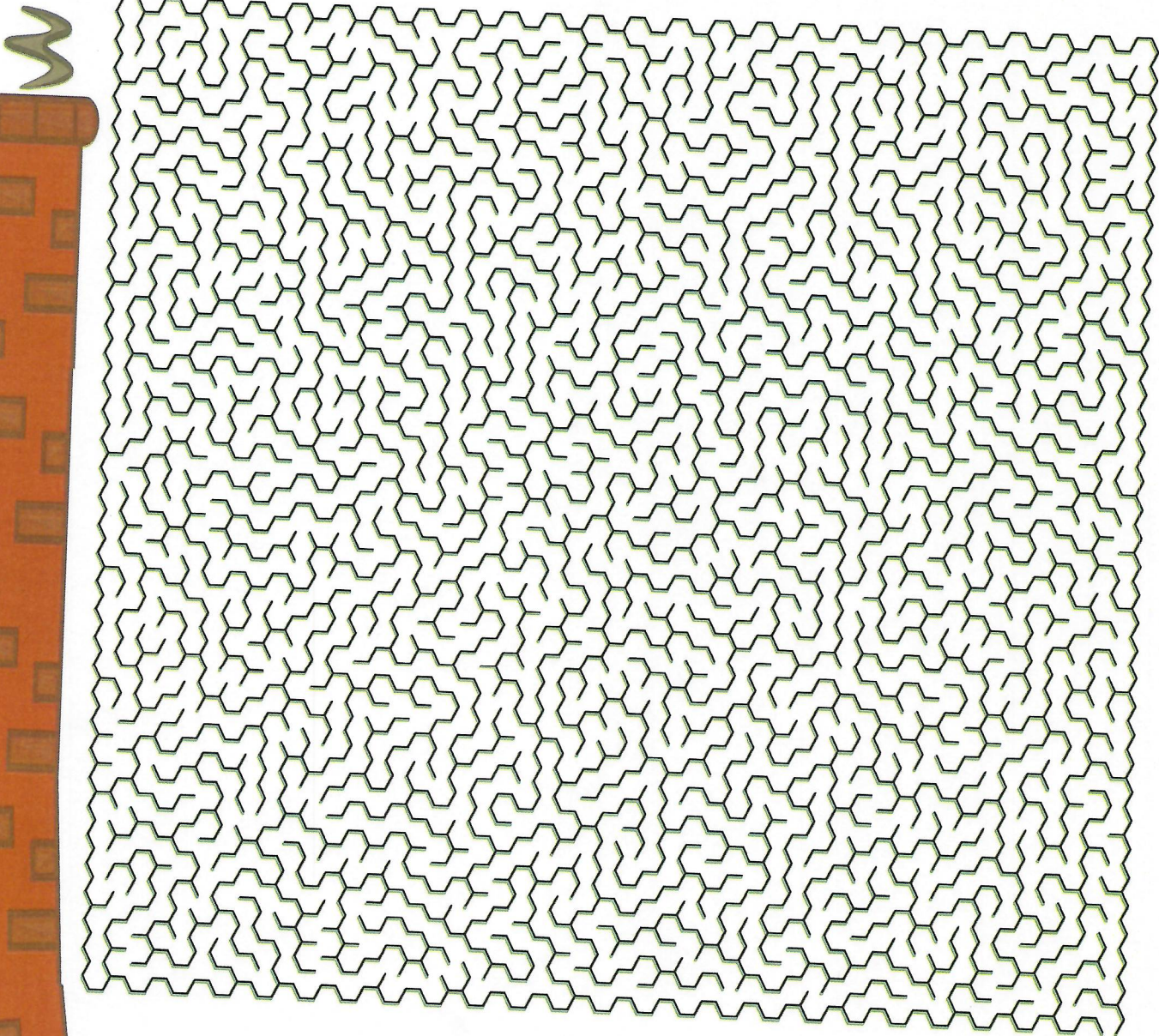
- 8:00am Amesbury Educates -Shows From the Archives of this Long Running Series (R)  
 9:00am Amesbury School Committee Meeting -Recorded 12/16/24  
 12:00pm Around Amesbury -Show 72 -Guest: Renee Terry (R)  
 1:00pm Footprints -Amesbury's History from Those Who Have Lived It -Show 4 -Guest: Bill Ryan (R)  
 5:00pm Information Bulletin Board

**Sunday, December 29<sup>th</sup>**

- 7:00pm From the Archive:  
 Cashman Elementary School 2017 Holiday Concert -Recorded 12/13/17  
 8:00pm From the Archive:  
 Cashman Elementary School 2018 Holiday Concert -Recorded 12/12/18  
 8:30pm Information Bulletin Board

# HELP SANTA DOWN THE CHIMNEY

MAZE



# THE GRINCH IS ON HIS WAY...

## Wordsearch



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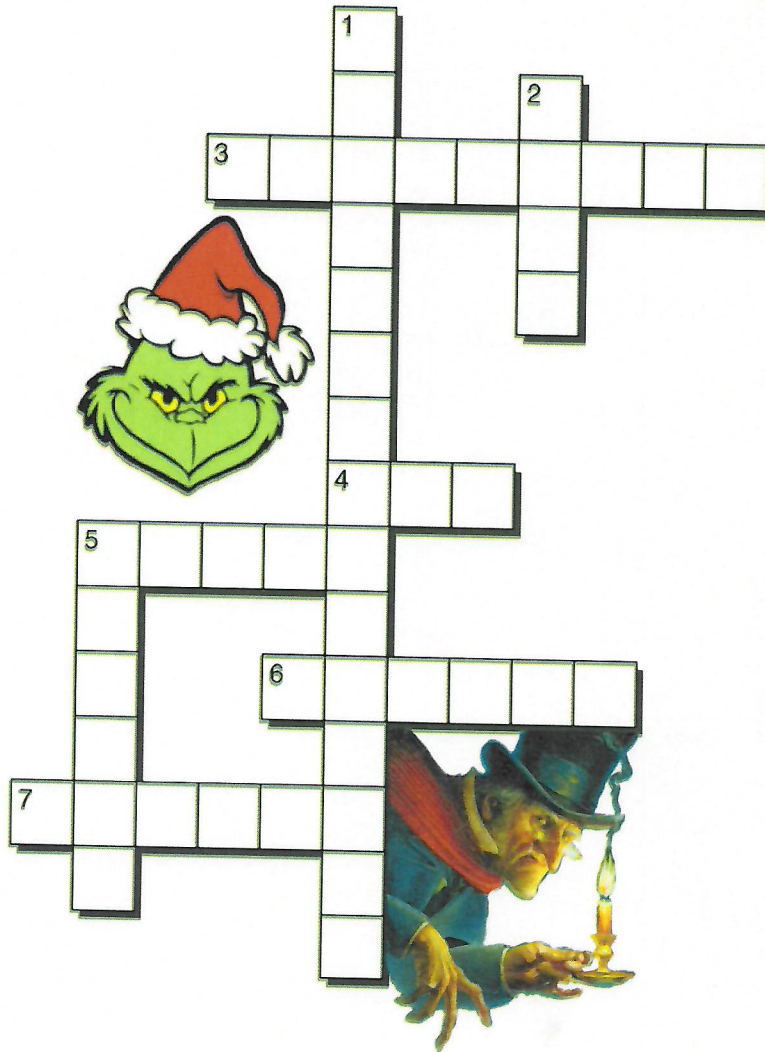
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# CHRISTMAS CLASSICS!!!

## Crossword



## Clues

### Across

- 3) This tall, hairy, green man is found atop Mount Crumpit with a little dog named Max.
- 4) What color is Rudolph's nose?
- 5) Who are Santas helpers?
- 6) THE most famous Christmas snowman's name is \_\_\_\_.
- 7) Santa's famous line!

### Down

- 1) The main character of "A Christmas Carol", \_\_\_\_, hates Christmas!
- 2) Santa has \_\_\_\_ reindeer that lead his sleigh.
- 5) This popular adult Christmas drink is made of raw egg and sometimes alcoholic spirits.

# NUTCRACKER? I HARDLY KNOW HER!



Sudoku



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	8	7	5			1		2





