



Restaurant Review

By: Ben Wernke



El Mariachi

El Mariachi, one of Harrison's greatest restaurants, has been serving its popular Mexican food for over twenty years. Located on 10513 Harrison Avenue, Harrison, OH, El Mariachi attracts large amounts of customers with business hours of 11am to 11pm nearly every day.

The popular restaurant tempts customers with a wide selection of tasty meals ranging from as far as soft chicken tacos to warm Santa Fe quesadillas and everything in between. Its dessert menu includes flan, cheesecake, sopapilla, and deep-fried ice cream. Overall, this 4 star restaurant is a must-go as well as a family favorite.

2016 Cincinnati Zoo PNC Festival of Lights

By: Ben Wernke

On November 19, the Cincinnati Zoo officially begins the "Festival of Lights", which has been running for 34 years, making it the longest standing holiday tradition in the Tri-State. For Zoo members and sponsors of the Cincinnati Zoo, there is a preview night on the 18th going from 5 to 10 p.m. The Zoo stays open from 5 to 9 p.m. for the Festival of Lights but has different hours on special occasions. The Zoo has more than 2 million LED lights (as well as delicious roasted pecans) making it one of the largest light displays in the state. It also serves tasty holiday treats such as hot chocolate, caramel corn, funnel cakes, and delicious s'mores. This event only lasts from November 19th to January 1st so make sure you visit!

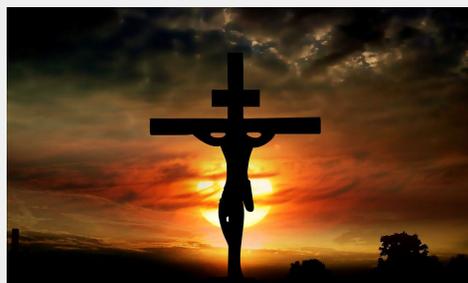


Nexo Knights Legos

By: Tyler Riehle

Nexo Knights are cool legos because they have large sets and are extremely detailed. They will be good for Christmas gifts because if you are interested in legos, then you would like them. They even have a TV show.





Scripture
Words of Wisdom

Selected by:
Jessie Roell

“Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call His name Immanuel.”

Isaiah 7:14

Top 5 Christmas Things to do:

1. Buy the Perfect Gift
2. Return the “Perfect” Gift
3. Eat all the Caramel Popcorn
4. Go Buy More Caramel Popcorn
5. Watch the Worst Christmas Movie ever on Christmas Eve-Eve

By: Madison Schroder

CORN

By: Bryce Knoop

Information from the Farmers Almanac

In this article, I'll talk about one variety of sweet corn, but there are many, many different types of sweet corn and field corn. But, in particular, silver queen is a very sweet white corn, with massive eight foot stalks.



This variety of corn takes ninety-two days till maturity or ripeness. Some more facts about silver queen are the corn cob is about 8 to 9 inches long. It has an 8 foot stalk.

Some tools or equipment that you'll need to grow and plant corn are: 1) a tractor (kinda important); 2) a one or two bottom plow, depending on how much horsepower your tractor has. A plow is used to turn up the soil; and 3) this one is optional, but a planter.

When you are going to plant corn, the first thing you want to do is plow the soil in the fall before the seed date. Basically, you just turn over the soil and leave it. You do this because you want the ground to be settled down (mellow) and have a good seedbed after winter. The seed date (beginning of May to end of June) refers to the best time to get the seeds into the ground to allow enough time to germinate and generally takes a couple of days. Seeding by hand takes much longer. Air drills or hydraulic seeders take less time. There are many variables on how long it can take depending on the size of seeds, how fast your equipment is, how much land you have, air pressure, etc. For the first few weeks, you have to cultivate between the rows to keep the weeds from stealing nutrients from the soil from the stalks. Watering or irrigation is important, too, for the first few weeks, especially. Adding manure or fertilizer helps, too. Once the seeds have germinated or sprouted, the corn will continue to grow to an average height of 7-8 feet. Then you have to wait until the tassels on the cobs turn brown. That's when you know it's time to harvest (July to August), depending on type of corn and how long it takes to mature.

Top 10 Christmas movies

Everyone loves Christmas.



We all know the story of how Christmas started, but overall, I think the movies are the best. Here are the top 10 Christmas movies:

1. Elf. I think we can all agree that Elf is by far the best Christmas movie. It just wouldn't be Christmas without it.
2. A Christmas Carol. Wish I could celebrate Christmas in London!
3. The Grinch Who Stole Christmas. One of my all time favorites.
4. Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer. Classic from 1964.
5. Frosty the Snowman. He might be a frosty snowman but he sure has a warm personality.
6. A Charlie Brown Christmas. Classic Christmas movie and a favorite - just ask Mrs. Metzger.
7. The Polar Express. According to Sophia Watson it's Da bomb.
8. Christmas with the Kranks. These people sure can be cranky!
9. White Christmas. We have all dreamed of a white Christmas!
10. Your family favorite!

There are many more Christmas movies and they are good, but I find these the best.

By: Madison Higgins



This month's Teacher/Staff Interview:

Mrs. Anneken

**By: Jessie Roell
Samuel Bley and Jack Ward**

JW: When did you decide to be a teacher and why?

Mrs. A: I knew I wanted to be a teacher when I was 10 years old. I had an amazing 4th grade teacher, and she had a big impact on me.

JW: Why did you choose to teach at St. John?

Mrs. A: I decided to teach at St. John because it is my family's parish and my children attended here.

JW: What was your least and favorite subject in school and why?

Mrs. A: My favorite subject was math because I was good at it, and my least favorite was Social Studies because I didn't find it interesting.

JW: Where did you go to college and what did you study?

Mrs. A: I went to college at Mount Saint Joseph. I studied Elementary Education.

JW: What is your funniest memory?

Mrs. A: One of my funniest memories was when my son and I went shopping and he was carrying a bag with milk in it. He was swinging it around, and the jug of milk went flying into the air, and it fell and exploded in the middle of the parking lot.

JW: How many pets do you have?

Mrs. A: I have 3 pets, and they are 2 dogs named Pierre and Napoleon, and a bunny named Benji.

JW: How old are your kids, and where do they go to school?

Mrs. A: Jodie is 20 years old and attends I.U.P.U.I., Brad is 18 years old and goes to I.U.P.U.I. along with Jodie, and Emily is 17 years old and goes to McAuley.

JW: Of math, science, and religion, which is your favorite subject to teach?

Mrs. A: I like them all for different reasons. I like sharing my faith with students in religion, I love teaching physical science in science class, and I love seeing students progress and improve in math.

Music Review

By: Olivia Kelley

TWENTY ØNE PILØTS' second released album, *Vessel*, is truly great music.



The album itself contains music ranging from upbeat and fast to slow and beautiful. The lyrics truly mean something deep. The album starts off with "Ode To Sleep," an upbeat song that contains Tyler Joseph, the lead singer, rapping. The album then continues with "Holding Onto You," "Migrane," "House of Gold," and more. The most popular song on this album is "Car Radio," you may have heard it. After a few more tracks, the album draws to a close with "Truce." In this song it's only the hauntingly beautiful voice of Tyler Joseph, the piano, and light drumming at some parts. Overall this is a great piece of art and I highly recommend giving it a listen.

Percentages of Toys Wanted for Christmas

By: Brodie McGuane and Jack Ward

<u>28% money</u> <u>15-17</u>	<u>20% traditional toys</u> (Legos, dolls, and sports equipment)	<u>13% certificate</u>	<u>64% gift certificate</u>	<u>40% Cell phone</u> (prefer Apple iPhone)
<u>37% Video game system</u> (PlayStation, Wii, and Xbox)	<u>35% computer</u>	<u>36% Software games</u> (for computers)	<u>33% digital camera</u>	<u>32% DVD Player</u>

Based on our research, these are the top percentages of toys wanted for Christmas. My (Brodie) preference this year would be many robotic toys (such as an ozobot which you can program to draw different things).



What candy do eye doctors give out?

Candy Corneas

Predictions of the Fab Four

By: **Ben Schoster**



I am going to talk about the top college football teams that will get into the playoffs. Now, only 4 teams can get into the playoffs and it goes by rankings (these are predictions). So now for the Chick-fil-A Peach Bowl, the #1 seed, Alabama Crimson Tide vs the #4 seed, the Washington Huskies. I was just stunned when I heard that Washington was in the playoffs. The way I saw Alabama play this year there was no chance that Washington could win or any team could beat them. Alabama will have an advantage with their fans because the game is played in Atlanta, Georgia, so it is closer to Alabama. But there is hope for Washington. Washington is coming off a big win over Colorado in the Pac-12 Championship. So their confidence will be there in that game. If Washington wants to win this game they need to come out on fire, give it all they've got and they need to score quickly. My prediction will be Alabama will come out on top, winning by a big margin. You can find this game on Sat. Dec. 31 at 3:00pm.



Now for the Fiesta Bowl, the #2 seed, the Clemson Tigers vs the #3 seed, the Ohio State Buckeyes. I was very irritated by the Ohio State vs Michigan game because I think the referees wanted OSU to win, but that's just my opinion. So now for the game. Clemson and Ohio State should be evenly matched. I think their quarterbacks are pretty equal, but if you're looking at the stats, Deshaun Watson stands out the most. They have both beaten some good teams but they were close games. Like when Ohio State played Michigan State they had a battle. OSU came out with a victory, but the score was 17-16 and Michigan State wasn't even ranked. Like Clemson, 7 out of their 13 games were 8 points or less. So that tells you something that both teams have won a lot of close, competitive games. My prediction at the end of the game will be OSU winning by ten. You can find this game on Sat. Dec. 31 at 7:00pm.



Fiesta Bowl

Now for the Championship game! If my Alabama Crimson Tide vs the Ohio State reading this are OSU fans, but I gotta tell You know why they ain't gonna Championships! That tells you that some hope for OSU, they need to get to Hurts if they want to come out of that trophy. But out of all that stuff that I said, with the "W", and with the National



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predictions are correct, it would be the Buckeyes. I know a lot of you that are you guys straight up OSU ain't winning. win-because Alabama has won 16 National Alabama knows how to win. But there is Alabama's freshman quarterback, Jalen place with the National Championship I think Alabama will pull out of that stadium Championship trophy!

Prayer Intentions

By: Micah Ulm



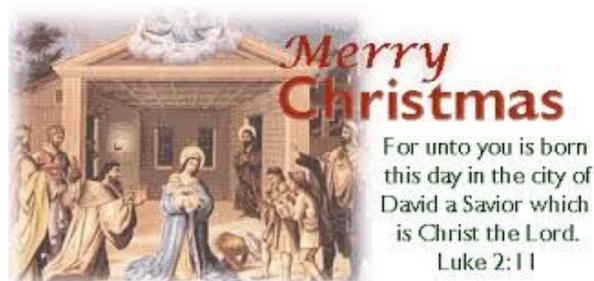
- 1F- For all the first graders that they will follow in God's footsteps.
1P- For all the people who are served by Tender Mercies, may they feel God's love through our service.
- 2F- For the Armed Forces that they are allowed to come home for the holidays.
2S- For peace in our world.
- 3D- Let us pray for the lonely during this holiday time.
3W-Thank you God for everything that he blessed us with.
- 4A- For all the St.John families that they stay safe and take care of each other.
4N- For the Hutchins family so that their mom will rest in peace.
- 5M-For all the sick people and for everyone who is having surgery.
5F- For all the people who do not have families to celebrate the holidays.
- 6S- For the clergy.
6M-For people who are serving or who have served.
- 7C- For all leaders so that they will be guided by the Holy Spirit.
- 8S- For the upcoming high schoolers that they will make good choices and follow in God's footsteps.

Merry Christmas

**TO ALL SJB STUDENTS, TEACHERS, STAFF & FAMILIES
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Enjoy your break and have a Happy New Year!



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Random Facts

- + Baby elephants suck on their trunks for comfort just like how little kids suck on their thumbs
- +Geographic tongue (GT) is a disease that makes your tongue look like a map
- +Every week about 50 cats/dogs are transported from Houston, Texas to Colorado in order to prevent euthanization
- +The animated film Sleeping Beauty took so long to make that Walt Disney grew bored of it and redirected his energy into the creation of Disneyland
- +Michael Jordan's number 23 was retired by Miami Heat even though he never played for them
- +The name LEGO is actually an acronym for the Danish words leg godt, meaning play well
- +In 1989, Disney forced three daycare centers to remove a mural of Mickey, Donald, and Goofy under the threat of legal action
- +It's estimated that the Mexican Drug Cartel makes \$152 million a year from growing avocados
- +Vultures with GoPros and GPS have been used to find illegal trash dumps in Peru
- +A mosquito's proboscis has 47 sharp edges on its tip to help cut through skin and even protective clothing
- +Michael Jordan makes more now than he earned in salary during his entire 15-year NBA career
- +Our urge to breathe is not because of our need for oxygen but our bodies wanting to get rid of carbon dioxide
- +Mickey Mouse has a global recognition of 97% which is higher than Santa
- +The guy who created the Barbie Doll, Jack Ryan, had previously designed military grade missiles
- +Platypuses don't have stomachs, in fact they're not the only jawed vertebrates with that trait
- +After the BP oil spill Stephen Colbert stated that every time he said the word bing, the Microsoft search engine would donate \$2500 to spill cleanup efforts, he managed to say bing 40 times thereby raising \$100,000 for his charity
- +Carrots are actually bad for rabbits/bunnies

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