

COLA STUDENT NEWSLETTER



December



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About us



This is a student-led newsletter that aims to highlight student and teacher stories and share important dates for standardized testing, college applications, field trips, and any other COLA events.



Our goal for this newsletter is to use it as a way for students and teachers to connect and learn more about their peers, and to have a resource for students looking to get more involved in both COLA and their community!



December Events




- DECEMBER 1ST - 3D PEN INNOVATIVE LAB AT COBB HORIZON
- DECEMBER 7TH - MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL ART SHOW
- DECEMBER 8TH - US HISTORY, BIOLOGY, ALGEBRA 1 EOC
- DECEMBER 15TH - ALL EOC MAKEUPS
- DECEMBER 20TH - JANUARY 3RD - HOLIDAY BREAK



Spotlight Event

INNOVATIVE LABS

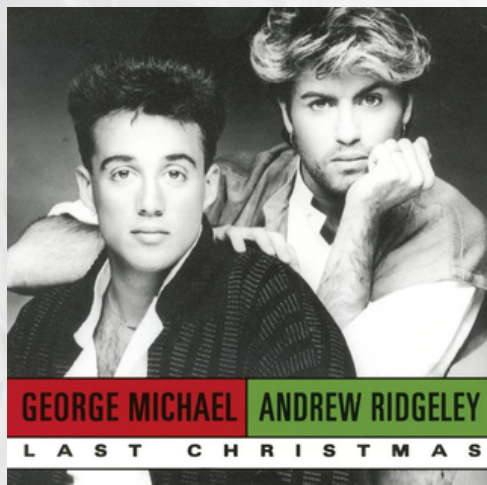
COLA HAS PARTNERED WITH CCSD'S TECHNOLOGY DEPARTMENT TO OFFER INNOVATIVE LAB ACTIVITIES ON CAMPUS! THESE LABS WILL HAPPEN ONE FRIDAY A MONTH, STARTING ON DECEMBER 1ST!



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HOLIDAY HARMONIES

FROM THE NEWSLETTER TEAM



**LAST CHRISTMAS
-WHAM**

**SILENT NIGHT
-THE TEMPTATIONS**

**CHRISTMAS WALTZ
-LAUFEY**



**CHRISTMAS TREE FARM
-TAYLOR SWIFT**

**WHITE CHRISTMAS
-FRANK SINATRA**

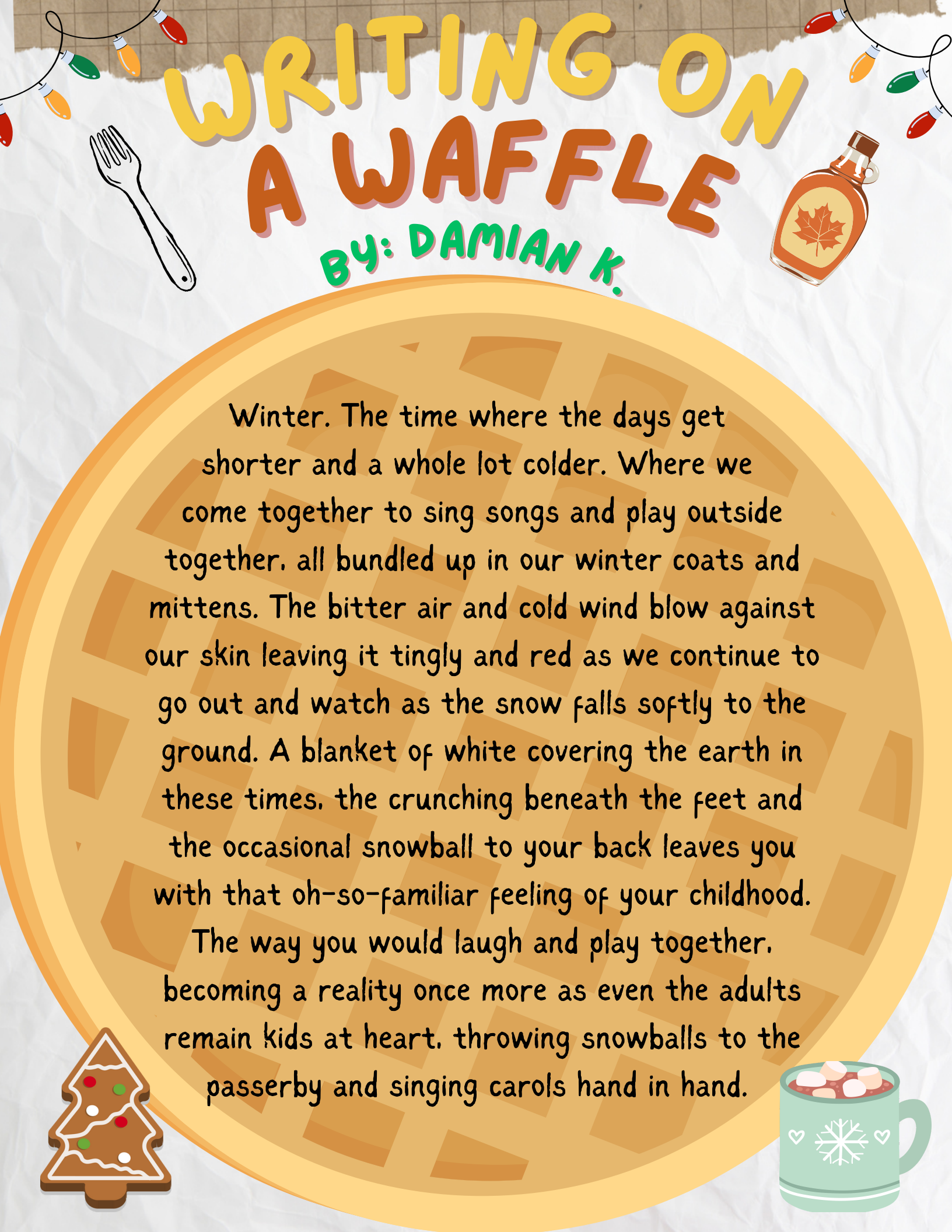
**YOU'RE A MEAN ONE, MR GRINCH
-TYLER THE CREATOR**

WRITING ON A WAFFLE

BY: DAMIAN K.

Winter. The time where the days get shorter and a whole lot colder. Where we come together to sing songs and play outside together, all bundled up in our winter coats and mittens. The bitter air and cold wind blow against our skin leaving it tingly and red as we continue to go out and watch as the snow falls softly to the ground. A blanket of white covering the earth in these times, the crunching beneath the feet and the occasional snowball to your back leaves you with that oh-so-familiar feeling of your childhood.

The way you would laugh and play together, becoming a reality once more as even the adults remain kids at heart, throwing snowballs to the passerby and singing carols hand in hand.



THE MOVIE CORNER

Movie Review: A Christmas Story

A Christmas Story is a movie narrated by Ralphie Parker as an adult; he reminisces about a very special Christmas when he was nine years old. This charming movie takes place in the 1940s, and it shows how Ralphie's family prepares for Christmas while he fantasizes about the present he wishes to get and interacts with his buddies and not-so-friendly kids from school. Ralphie's parents find ways to make the holiday memorable for their kids; this makes a perfect choice for Christmas morning, and I recommend you add it to your holiday season watch list. As a cool fact, Peter Billingsley plays Ralphie, a scientist in Iron Man 1, and reprises as Ralphie in "A Christmas Story Christmas."



RANDOM MOVIE FACTS

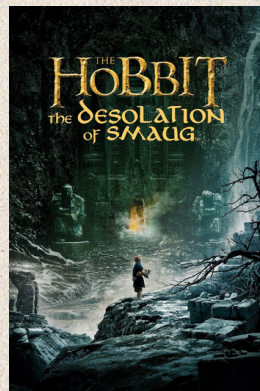
The Nightmare Before Christmas was based on a Poem!

"The Nightmare Before Christmas" was based on a poem by Tim Burton when he was an animator for Disney. Selik told the Daily Beast in 2013, "Tim rewrote the classic poem, 'Twas the Night Before Christmas,' along with designs for Jack Skellington, his dog, Zero, and Santa Claus." According to the Daily Beast, Tim Burton also pitched the poem to Disney as a stop-motion feature in 1983, but it didn't work out at the time.



DECEMBER MOVIES ANNIVERSARIES

- The Hobbit: The Desolation of Smaug*: 10 years
- The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King*: 20-years
- The Prince of Egypt*: 25-years
- You've Got Mail*: 25-years
- Schindler's List*: 30-years
- Superman*: 45-years





What 2 Wear

Winter holiday fashion

Happy Holidays COLA students! Whether, you celebrate Christmas, Kwanzaa or something in between everybody's dressing up for the holidays! But, what do people wear for different holidays? Well for Christmas most people will wake up and open presents together in matching family pajamas. After presents, and maybe some games, people may go to church or have dinner, both requiring more formal wear.

Another holiday that starts the day after Christmas is Kwanzaa. Kwanzaa is a nonreligious holiday to celebrate African heritage, unity, and faith. Kwanzaa lasts 7 days. On each day people dress in robes call Dashikis and Kaftans with a Kufi Cap. These robes are decorated in patterns with yellow, green, red, and black stripes. Beaded and gold jewelry is also very common.



Though Hanukkah is a major holiday worldwide with over a million people celebrating it there is no real uniform for the holiday. Instead, most Jewish people will dress in blue and white, with designs that represent Hanukkah, like the Star of David. One final holiday that is important to note is Bodhi Day. Bodhi Day is the celebration of the day that Gautama Buddha is said to have attained enlightenment. Bodhi Day is celebrated with meditation, prayer, and feasting. Most will wear colorful red, yellow, pink, and blue dresses and robes. But depending on the region they might wear Aoi Dai's, Sari's, Cheongsam's, or Hanfu's.

MUSICOLOGY

“kick the old school joint for the true funk soldiers” - prince

CAMILLA HARPER



The Jackson 5's Christmas album holds a special place during the holiday season for many people. This collection of melodies is a craft of nostalgia that carries me back to wonderful memories. It was our favorite Christmas album when my sister and I were younger. We would put up our Christmas tree and decorate our living room with "I Saw Mommy Kissing Santa Claus" playing in the background and bake holiday treats while singing along to "Santa Claus Is Coming to Town." The album doesn't just provide the soundtrack to a joyous time, it also enhances it. So step into the holiday season with cheer and let great music be your guide. Let the Jackson 5's Christmas album be the soundtrack to your holiday season and create new memories!



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The January Edition!**