

A whimsical winter night scene. In the center is a log cabin with a snow-covered roof and a chimney emitting a wisp of smoke. The cabin's windows are lit from within. To the left stands a large, snow-laden evergreen tree. In the foreground, a snowman with a carrot nose and stick arms stands on the left. To the right, two small elves in green and brown outfits with red hats are pulling a wooden sleigh filled with evergreen branches. The ground is covered in snow, and the sky is dark blue with a crescent moon and falling snowflakes.

Merry Christmas!

*Wishing you a season
filled with every little happiness.*

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such great customers & friends!*

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LETTERS TO SANTA BY LMCS 2ND GRADERS * CHRISTMAS DRAWINGS BY LMCS 4TH GRADERS

Dec 3-18
Dear Santa,
How are you and Mrs. Claus doing? This year I would like books because I love reading and could you maybe get me the old yeller movie? We watch it in school and I want to watch it again.
Sincerely,
Arianna Stensrud

December 3 12-3-18
Dear Santa,
How is Christmas going for you? I know I've been a monkey this year, but I am working hard. I would like a rubix cube, and a puppet any kind. Merry Christmas!
puppet la la la
Sincerely,
Michael Lawson

November 30, 2018
Dear Santa,
Is it fun going around the world? This year for Christmas I would like gumballs, a gift card and a great day. How long does it take to get around the world? Thank you.
Sincerely,
Aiden Reese

November 29, 2018
Dear Santa,
How are the Elfs? This year for Christmas I would like a phone and a Nerf gun and an ice fishing shady, fish finder, jigs and some candy tea.
Merry Christmas,
Kaelen

November 30, 2018
Dear Santa,
What kind of cookies do you like? This year for Christmas I would like barbies, wishys and LOL dolls. I would also want a LOL doll house and a Popsie slime supries.
Love
Tori

November 29, 2018
Dear Santa,
What's your favorite cookie? This year for Christmas I would like an easy bake oven, a Vivofit, an alarm clock, and Popsie Slime Suprise.
Sincerely,
Jaela

November 29, 2018 Dear Santa
Whats your favorit cookies? Can I please have barbie clothes and a baby alive potty dance baby please. I would like a boy barbie please. Can I also have Ricky The best loveing pup too. And I want kiki Gleemerz. Thank you. And pepsie.
Merry Christmas
Katie

Dec 3, 2018
Dear Santa,
Hi Santa! How is Mrs. Claus and the reindeer doing? I've been doing good this year. This year I don't want a lot. Could I please have some legs too? Also, could I please have my life doll clothes please. Thank you.
Sincerely,
Autumn Astiksoo



Kenzie Budach



Kendall Leonhardt



Many children enjoyed hot chocolate after visiting with Santa at the Lake Mills Public Library, Dec. 5.

Top photo: Knox Ritter licks the last drop of hot chocolate from his lips.

Bottom photo: Sadie Langford sports a holiday reindeer hat as she enjoys her hot chocolate and a candy cane from Mrs. Claus.

Sherylee Gasper
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CHRISTMAS services

ASBURY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
 Pastor Rob Lanphere
 107 East Main, Lake Mills
Christmas Eve, Dec. 24
 5 p.m. Candlelight Service @ LM
 7 p.m. Candlelight Service @ Northwood

Rejoice in the Season

BETHEL LUTHERAN CHURCH
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Christmas Eve, Dec. 24
 5 p.m. Candlelight Worship Service

Join Us in Christmas Prayer

BETHEL LUTHERAN BRETHREN CHURCH
 Pastor Kevin Olson
 2-1/2 Miles south of Joice on S14
Christmas Eve Worship, Dec. 24
 5 p.m. Candlelight Service

NOEL
 BORN IS THE KING OF ISRAEL

EMMONS LUTHERAN CHURCH
 Rev. David Schafer
 490 Pearl St., Emmons, MN
Christmas Eve Worship, Dec. 24
 5 p.m. Candlelight Service w/Holy Communion
Christmas Day Worship, Dec. 25
 10 a.m. Worship w/Holy Communion



FERTILE LUTHERAN CHURCH
 Lay Minister David Halverson
 602 W. Washington St. Fertile

Christmas Eve Worship, Dec. 24
 4:30 p.m. Candlelight Service

Rejoice in the Reason for the Season

ONE IN CHRIST LUTHERAN PARISH
 Pastor Bill Peters & Pastor Randy Baldwin
Christmas Worship, Dec. 23
 10:30 a.m. Lunder w/Holy Communion
Christmas Eve Worship, Dec. 24
 Celebrated w/Candlelight & Holy Communion
 4 p.m. Silver Lake
 4 p.m. Winnebago "One Night, One Star, One Child"
 6 p.m. Bethany "One Night, One Star, One Child"
 7 p.m. Immanuel
Christmas Day Worship, Dec. 25
 Celebrated w/Holy Communion
 10:30 a.m. Winnebago Lutheran "His Home Among Us"

SALEM LUTHERAN CHURCH
 Pastor Joel Guttormson & Pastor Melinda McCluskey
 401 S. Lake St., Lake Mills
Christmas Eve Worship, Dec. 24
 5 p.m. Candlelight Worship
 10:30 p.m. Candlelight Worship

WEST PRAIRIE LUTHERAN CHURCH
 40041 150th Ave., Leland
Christmas Eve Worship, Dec. 24
 7 p.m. Candlelight Service
Christmas Day Worship, Dec. 25
 8:30 a.m. Joint Christmas Worship at Sion

WORD OF FAITH DOMINION CHURCH
 Pastors Doug & Laurel Domokos
 45005 210th Ave., Lake Mills
Christmas Worship, Sunday, Dec. 23
 10 a.m. Christmas Celebration
 Music of the Season & Christmas Production by Kingdom Kids
 Children's Ministry

SCARVILLE LUTHERAN CHURCH
 411 Logan St., Scarville
 Pastor Joshua Skogen
Christmas Eve Worship, Dec. 24
 5 p.m. Christmas Eve Vespers
Christmas Day Worship, Dec. 25
 9 a.m. Christmas Festival Service, Sacrament of the Altar

SION LUTHERAN CHURCH
 4525 Finch Ave., Lake Mills
Christmas Eve Worship, Dec. 24
 7 p.m. Joint Candlelight Service at West Prairie
Christmas Day Worship, Dec. 25
 8:30 a.m. Christmas Worship

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Christmas Eve Mass, Dec. 24
 4 p.m. St. Patrick, Britt
 4 p.m. St. James, Forest City
 5:30 p.m. St. Boniface, Garner
 6 p.m. St. Patrick, Buffalo Center
 Midnight Mass, St. Boniface, Garner
Christmas Day Mass, Dec. 25
 9 a.m. St. Patrick, Lake Mills
 10 a.m. St. Wenceslaus, Duncan

Celebrating a season of Blessings

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12-3-18
 Dear Santa,
 How are there in Dec 24?
 How is Rudolph? Is he ready for flying the sleigh? How is the weather there? I've been good this year. Merry Christmas Santa!
 Sincerely,
 Breezy Garner

12-3-18
 Dear Santa,
 How is Christmas going for you? I hope Elsie is bringing good notes back from my house. I want alot of Linkinlogs please. How is Mrs. Claus doing? I hope I have been good this year. Bye Santa claus
 Sincerely,
 Betsy Lynn Byars



December 23, 2018
 Dear Santa
 How is Mrs. Claus? This year could I have a pretend car that I can ride a doll named Amiya and iPhone 7 case? I'm a little bit naughty but my brothers are naughtier. And Merry Christmas! I Love Santa!
 I ♥ Santa and Mrs. Claus ♥
 Sincerely,
 Amiya polcy

21-3-18
 Dear Santa
 I missed you so much! It's been one year! Can I have captain toyd please and a batman eraser and a marie part for the nintends switch and a batman book?
 Sincerely,
 Jaden Swanson

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!

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"It's Christmas Everywhere"

The LMCS second and third grade students performed their Christmas concert, Thursday evening, Dec. 6, in the auditorium. Pictured, far right photo (front to back): Autumn Askildson, Betsy Byars, Riley Ulferts and Amiya Poley. Middle photo: Taelynne Flugum and Michael Lawson. Left photo (front to back): Chase Evans, Kaden Lee, Alex Repuke, Alana Throne, Lane Helgeland and Damian Villela.

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Merry Christmas to All

and to all a good night!
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BRIGHT TIDINGS

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The Tapestry Singers presented their Advent Concert, Sunday, Dec. 9, at Salem Lutheran Church, under the direction of Kathy Nelson. Vocal and instrumental soloists were featured, along with the Praise Creature Choir.

Choir members pictured above, front row (L-R): Tara Kingland, Korin Peterson, Devyn Nicholson, Jenni Martin, Diane Clark, Kathleen Olson, and Angie Thompson. Second row: Paula Hanson, Sue Myli, Nancy Guttormson, Willie Skellenger, and Teresa Nicholson. Back row: Bart Winter, Bill Rondeau, Bruce Adams, Nate Sletten, Howard Laugen, Dave Bergan, Joel Guttormson, and Al Skellenger. Not pictured: Mindy Sletten, Krista Reeder (accompanists), and Jean Rondeau (absent due to illness).



Season's Greetings
Happy Holidays
Merry Christmas
Feliz Navidad
Joyous Noel



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Season's Greetings

With warm thoughts of the many good people we've had the opportunity to serve this year.



MBT Bank held their open house Wednesday afternoon, Dec 5. Several LMCS vocal and instrumental students played for the crowd. Pictured above (top to bottom): Lydia Saxton sang "The Christmas Waltz"; Emma Martinson sang "Where Are You Christmas"; and Caden Mattern sang "Mr. Grinch."



Beau Kirschbaum, Chris Jamtgaard, Joe Jamtgaard, Jackie Villela, Ray Harang, Rachel Bye, Dave Anderson, Barb Thompson, Zach Knudtson, Nate Orban, Nick Peterson, and Tim Bergo. Out Towing: Ryan Knudtson, Andy Gudmonson, Cory Mathias & Clay Hagen.

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CHEERS TO YOU!

We're overflowing with gratitude this holiday season, And good folks like you are the reason That we'd like to lift our glasses and say, We wish you the merriest holiday!

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12-3-2018

Dear Santa,
Can you ask snowflake, my elf on the shelf, if she can do a treasure hunt for me and Ella? And can you please get a deer for snowflake? Can I please have a pink dress for Christmas?
Sincerely,
Addy Stetten

12-3-2018

Dear Santa,
Are your reindeer ready for Christmas? I want a remote control car and a mini basket ball hoop. And a lot of candy. Merry Christmas and a happy new year!
Sincerely,
Carter Ham

Christmas in Norway

In Norway, as nowhere else, white is the color of Christmas. It is seen in sometimes record-breaking snowfalls, but also in the Norwegian custom of pure white twinkling light displays that everywhere cheer the soul through the long nights of December. Norwegians have celebrated "the holidays" long before it was named as such. Pre-Christian Nordic tribes were known to have burned the first Yule logs, and also decorated with holly and ivy to warm them through what would have been an otherwise stark winter. Not surprisingly, Christmas in Norway today is the most popular holiday of the year. It is a wonderful mix of modern traditions and ancient superstitions that still survive, for example, in their version of a Julesnissen, or Santa Claus, a Christmas gnome.



Dec 3-18

Dear Santa,
Hi Santa! How is Mrs. Claus? I would like to have a football! And my elf on the shelf look handsome! I also would like a new pair of football pants. I would love an iPhone please. Hope you have a great Christmas!
Sincerely,
Charlie Lawson

12-3-18

Dear Santa,
Hi Santa! How is Rudolf and the others? This year can I please have a play station, a nerf gun and a dirt bike please. I think I have been good.
Sincerely,
Braylon Hanson

12-3-18

Dear Santa,
Merry Christmas Santa, I love Christmas! Can I please have a new puppy? Can I please have a new phone? Can I also have a new TV too? Please and thank you.
Sincerely,
Logan Honsey

12-3-18 or 2018

Dear Santa,
How is Rudolf and the reindeer doing? Santa can I have a big gold fish please and the new NFR Thunderhawk and an X-box 1 with an X-box 1 setup so I can learn to play one.
Sincerely,
Christopher Barber

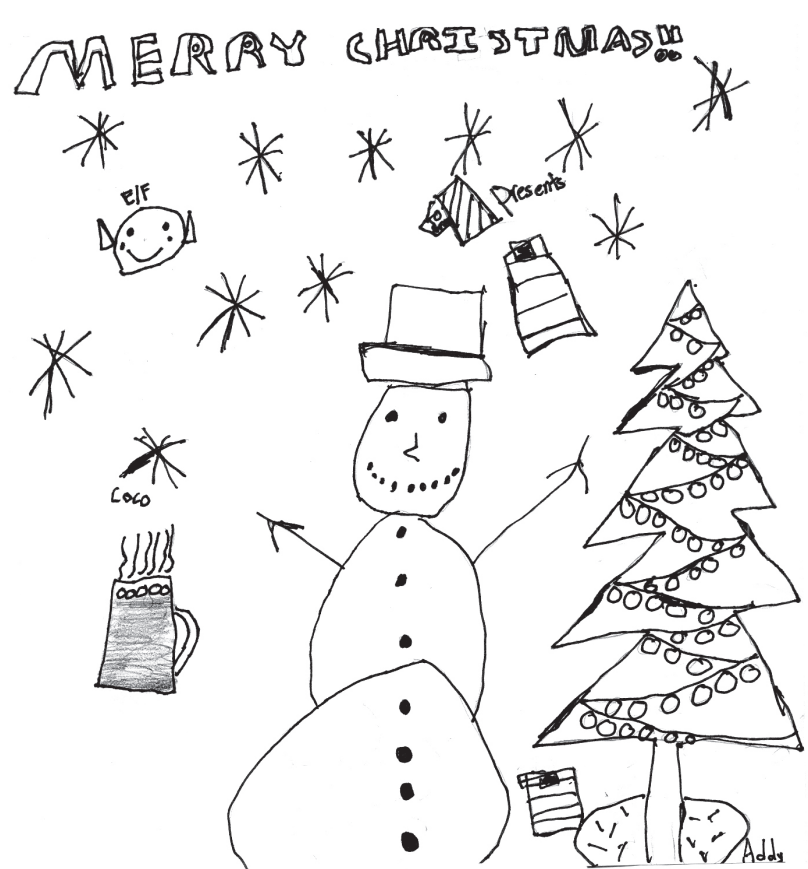
12-3-18

Dear Santa,
How are the reindeer doing? Santa it is okay if you don't have enough presents for every one, I bet no body has alot of things like me. But if the elves can, can you please get me a Christmas house for my cats? Thank you Santa.
Sincerely,
Hillary Hanson

12-3-18

Dear Santa,
I think the best part of Christmas is staying with your family. Do you have a family? This is what I want for Christmas is 3 toys - any kind.
Sincerely,
Angel SanMartin

The origins of Julesnissen are found in the unpredictable nisse of ancient times, who are infamous for playing tricks on the unsuspecting. Even today, in parts of rural Norway, families may leave out a bowl of risgrot or Christmas rice porridge for them on Christmas Eve just to keep on their good side. How to make Norwegian Christmas basket Meanwhile, in the weeks leading up to Christmas there are countless parties to attend and at home, lots of cleaning and baking to do—especially in households that still provide the customary julekaker, the seven different types of Christmas cakes or cookies. Another popular home holiday project is the creation of the traditional paper Christmas baskets that some families carefully make by hand for Christmas tree decorations. As Christmas finally arrives, the big event is always on Christmas Eve, when gifts are exchanged and the holiday meal is served. Depending on the region, a Norwegian Christmas dinner may feature a lutefisk, cod or halibut dish, while in other areas lamb or savory pork ribs with crispy crackling (Svineribbe).



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LAUGH!
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12-3-2018

Dear Santa,
Hi Santa! How are the elves?
I've been really good this year. I
would really like some new boots,
peeps, unicorn surprise, a bike and
that's all. Merry Christmas Santa
Claus!

Sincerely,
Jacelyn Folds

12-3-18

Dear Santa,
How are the reindeer?
I would like a glowing pony.
How are the elves doing?

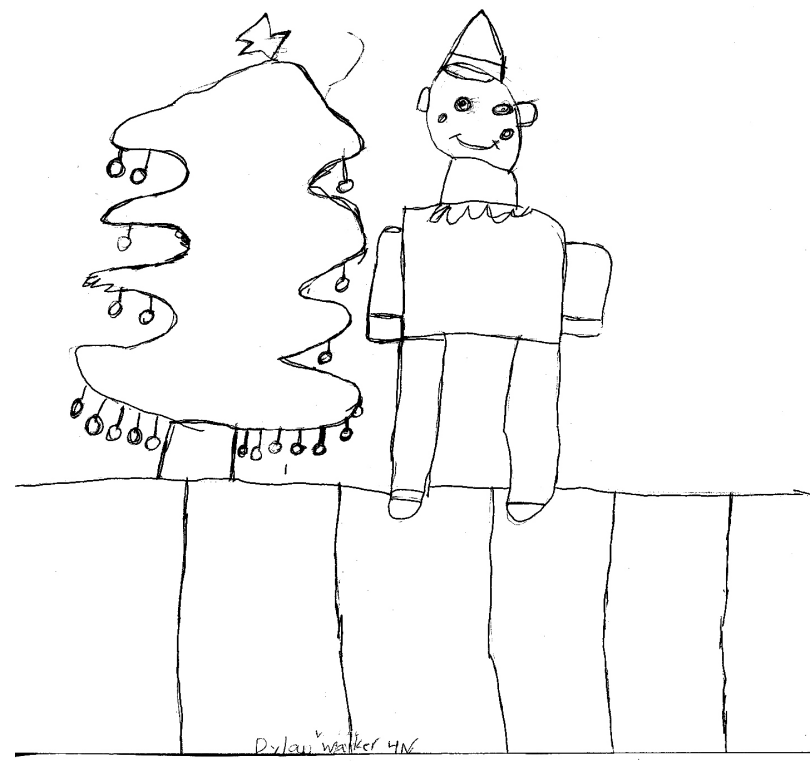
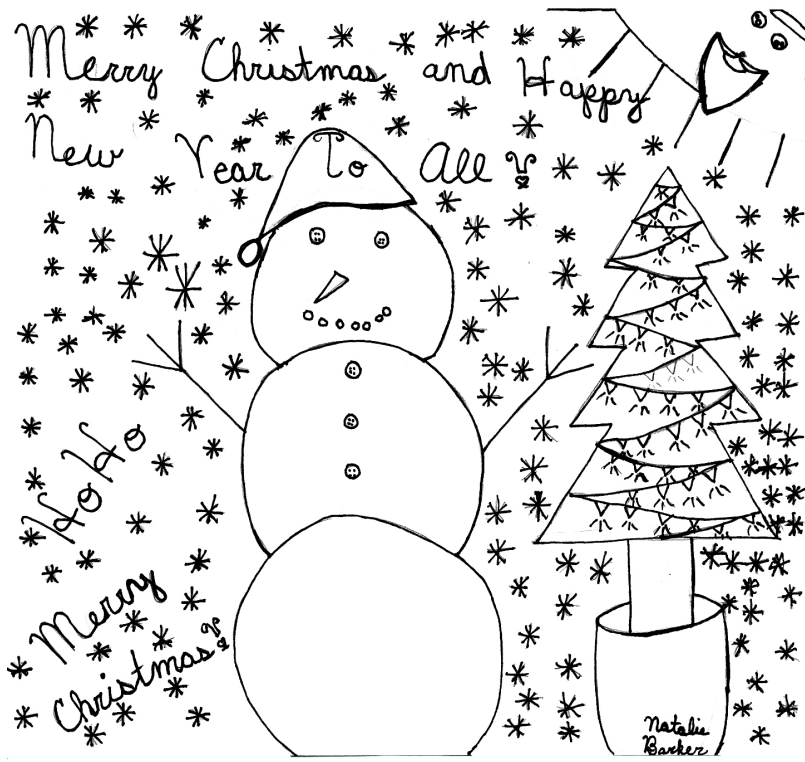
Sincerely,
Ezy Cleveland

12-3-18

Dear Santa,
How is Rudolf and the reindeer?
Can I please have a camera that
you shake and then the picture would
fall out, and I don't want any
more. Have a Merry Christmas! And
I don't need anything if you think.
Sincerely,
Ellie Mondt

12-3-18

Dear Santa,
How is Rudolf and the reindeer
doing? I have lots of toys but
you don't have to give me anything,
but if you do have that camera
that takes pictures and can I have
lots of those picture things?
Merry Christmas
Santa and Mrs. Claus!



Christmas in Ireland

Charming, beautiful, and green for most of the year, Ireland is aglow with golden light during the holidays. That's when households across the country place candles in their windows to symbolically help light the way for Mary and Joseph as they search for lodging in Bethlehem.

For weeks beforehand, a thorough house cleaning is also in order and, indeed, the custom of white-washing farmhouses for Christmas is still observed in some rural areas.

With electric lights sparkling on a German-borrowed Christmas tree, holiday decorating is a blend of modern and ancient Irish Christmas traditions.

The olde, ancient ways are seen around doorways and mantels, which are usually bedecked in holly and ivy—a tradition that predates the Christian era, when Druidic tribes decorated their homes with evergreens during a dark and chilly winter.

On Christmas Eve, a bottle of Guinness and a mince pie are left for Santa, who will later steal in during the night to deliver gifts to deserving little girls and boys.

The following day, families gather for a festive Christmas meal of roast turkey, spiced beef, potatoes and vegetables along with the much-awaited Irish Christmas Cake, plum pudding and other sweets.

Christmas in Iceland

The long dark nights of winter are illumined not only by Iceland's Northern lights, but with countless sparkling holiday lights throughout Iceland to make them especially bright for the holidays.

Aglow in the spirit of Christmas, children delight in not one, but 13 "Santas" (the mischevous jólasveinn, or "Yule Lads") who visit each day of the holiday season to deliver candy and gifts.

When Christmas Day arrives, it is usually spent with family over a traditional dinner of ptarmigan (the Icelandic holiday bird), along with the presentation of the Christmas porridge or rice pudding. In this special dessert is hidden a magic almond, and the the family member

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Wishing You a Joyous Season!

Happy Holidays from the City of Lake Mills!

Front row, seated (L-R): Megan Smith, Diane Price, Steph Stevens, Dorene Holstad, and Lori Eekhoff. Middle row: Sgt. Todd Thorson, Cam Edgerton, Doug Bacon, Don Holtan, Ross Hanson and Larry Rice. Back row: Scott Hagenson, Justin Kester, Justin Byars, Jim Olsen and Chief Dave Thomas.

Merry Christmas from the City Council!

Front row: Scott Flugum, Tony Sorenson, and Mayor Candy Hanna
Back row: Joe Jamtgaard, Atty. Richard Schwarm, Katie Peterson, and Bill Clark

CITY OF LAKE MILLS MUNICIPAL UTILITIES

CHRISTMAS

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who finds it is said to enjoy good luck throughout the coming year. On New Year's Eve, and again Jan. 6, (Twelfth Night or Prétandinn, the Thirteenth Day) bonfires are lit in celebration, followed by spectacular fireworks displays that light the night skies.

Christmas in England

Just as in the 19th century, a merry olde English Christmas today continues to be a time of good cheer, caroling, partying with friends, and feasting with family.

The Christmas stocking tradition originated in England, and today children will anxiously await the arrival of Father Christmas to fill their stockings with holiday gifts and toys, especially if they've been very good.

Later, Christmas dinner is customarily a huge meal of roast goose or turkey, perhaps a Christmas ham, kilned sausages ("pigs in blankets"), and, of course, lots of Christmas pudding, mince pies, and the traditional brandy-soaked Christmas fruitcake.

In yet another popular holiday tradition, sometime during the meal loud snaps may be heard as Christmas crackers are pulled to reveal a small trinket or gift.

Immediately following Christmas Day is Boxing Day (so-called for the alms boxes that were open to the poor Dec. 26) which is

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November 29, 2018
 Dear Santa,
 Am I on the nice list? If I am here are some things I would like. A Fitbit for a kid, a Fairy Garden, and art supplies. By the way, how many cookies do you want?
 Your friend,
 Emily

November 29, 2018
 Dear Santa,
 How are your reindeer? This is what I want for Christmas a tablet, a new computer, and a dirt bike.
 Merry Christmas
 Halger

December 4, 2018
 Dear Santa,
 How was your summer? This year for Christmas I would like hot wheel cars, legos and a lego set. How are you reindeer?
 How is Mrs. Claus?
 Merry Christmas
 Javyn

December 3, 2018
 Dear Santa,
 Hi Santa. How are the elves doing? If I was good you can give me what you want give me and something I like I love you Santa. If I was bad, do not give me something. Merry Christmas!
 sincerely
 Cristal Perez.

November 29, 2018
 Dear Santa,
 How are the reindeer? What is your favorite cookie? I will have milk for you. I would like an electric car to drive, a dinosaur train movie and fuzzy slippers or a stuffed animal. Have a safe trip!
 Love,
 Bailey Wilds

November 29, 2018
 Dear Santa,
 Are the elf busy making toys? This year for Christmas I would like Judy Moody books, clothes for my baby born, and an pizza restaurant lego set. Thank you for sending a elf to my class room.
 Your friend,
 Tatum

November 29, 2018
 Dear Santa,
 How are your reindeer? Can you please get me an LOL doll and also I would love if you could get me a swishy and I really want a skate board. Also I would like a LOL doll house surprise.
 merry christmas
 Mya

12-3-18
 Dear Santa,
 When is Christmas? I really want a log hauler Santa and I want a brick block so I can make a brick out of snow.
 Sincerely
 Riley Ulferfs

wishing you a Merry Christmas

May you find everything you want under the tree, & in your heart this holiday season. For the gift of your friendship, we are sincerely grateful.

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 How was your summer?
 This year for Christmas I want
 Ken clothes, Aken doll and a toy Elf.
 Did you send Joeey my elf?
 your friend
 Hayden

Dear Santa
 November 29, 2018
 How was your summer for this
 Christmas I would like a Nintendo switch,
 Super Mario Odyssey, Luigi's Mansion and
 a baby boxer.
 Merry Christmas
 to Santa from Mason



CHRISTMAS

From Page 8B
 usually observed in viewing impor-
 tant sporting events, or for going to
 the shops in the final money-saving
 sales day of the year.

**Christmas in
 The Netherlands**

Christmas comes extra early
 in The Netherlands when, in mid-
 November, Sinterklaas arrives with
 his assistant, Zwarte Pieten (Black
 Pete) by boat from his home in
 Spain.

The big media event is covered
 by Netherlands TV stations nation-
 wide. Sinterklaas mounts a gleam-
 ing white horse to lead a parade of
 happy children and their parents
 through town. Similar parades en-
 sue in towns throughout the country.

While the arrival of Sinterklaas
 marks the official beginning of the
 Christmas holidays, the big celebra-
 tion culminates Dec. 5, the eve of
 St. Nicholas Day, when children
 leave out cookies for Sinterklaas
 and fill their shoes with hay and car-
 rots for his horse.

In the morning, treats and pres-
 ents are in store, especially if the
 children have been very good, but
 twigs are left if they've been bad.
 Later, families will usually gather
 for gift exchanges, for what the
 Dutch call "surprises"—gifts given
 anonymously and signed only . . .
 "Sinterklaas."

Holiday dinner may precede or
 follow the exchange of gifts, but
 traditionally may include generous
 helpings of Dutch Christmas treats
 such as Kersttulpband (Christmas
 Ring Cake) Pepernoten (Peppermint
 Cookies) and Speculaas Koekjes
 (Spice Cookies).

Dutch St. NickWith the major
 celebration over and done, Dec.
 25 is a day usually spent quietly
 with family. However, there's more
 holiday excitement to come as the
 Dutch celebrate with champagne
 and sweet oliebollen to welcome in
 the New Year.

Dear Santa,
 November 29, 2018
 How was your summer? This year
 for Christmas I would like 1 million Poky,
 1 million V bucks, and I want my cold to
 go away
 Your friend
 Grayson

Dear Santa,
 November 29,
 2018
 How was your summer?
 This year for Christmas I
 would like a couple
 squishies, some new clothes with
 shoes, and some Nam Nams.
 Sincerely,
 Lila



Dear Santa,
 November 29, 2018
 Are your elfs making toys yet? I've spotted
 my elf Chippy. Yesterday was his first day. I was
 the same place as always. This year for Christmas
 can I have Hatchimals, a Pokemon tablet, and
 a pen pal from the U.S.A that talks
 English if you can. If you cannot that is ok.
 Merry Christmas,
 Molly

Dear Santa,
 November 29, 2018
 What is your favorite kind of
 cookies? This year for Christmas I
 would like a Vivo Fit and some
 LOLs too. Last I would like a Poopie
 Slime surprise. Thank you.
 Merry Christmas
 Bryn

Dear Santa,
 November 29, 2018
 Merry Christmas this year I want some
 Smashas, Monso fans, Aces, towels and sport shirts.
 Are the reindeer well? And? How is Mrs. Claus?
 your friend
 Camer

Dear Santa,
 November 29, 2018
 For this year's Christmas I would
 like a talking and moving robot, race tracks,
 and a toy semi. Hope you have a
 good Christmas.
 Sincerely,
 Eion Langford

Dear Santa
 November 29, 2018
 How was your summer? This
 year for Christmas I would like
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LMCS second and third grade students performed songs from Japan, Australia, Africa, Canada and Spain at their Christmas concert, Dec. 5. Pictured above left, front to back: Hillary Hanson, Cristal Vazquez Perez, Breezy Garner, Tucker Koch, Adeline Sletten, Aiden Reese, Ari Stensrud, Ellie Mondt and Holger Flink.



Pictured right, front to back: Mya Anderson, Joella Piper, Katie Grothe, Mason Helgeson, Grayson Peterson, and Kaeden Dagestad.

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Who's Krampus

Every year in early December, children in Austria get ready for St. Nicholas to visit them. If they've been good, he'll reward them with presents and treats. But if they've been bad, they'll get a lot more than a lump of coal—they'll have to face Krampus.

Who's Krampus, you ask? He's the half-man, half-goat who comes around every year to chase naughty children and maybe even drag them to hell. European versions of St. Nicholas have long had scary counterparts like Belsnickle and Knecht Ruprecht who dole out punishment. Krampus is one such character who comes from folklore in Austria's Alpine region, where he's been frightening children and amusing adults for hundreds of years.

Krampus and St. Nick's other bad boys have their origins in pagan celebrations of the winter solstice. Later, they became part of Christian traditions in which St. Nicholas visited children to reward them Dec. 5 or 6. Around that time, his menacing partner would also visit kids to punish them. In Alpine Austria and some parts of Germany, this day was known as Krampusnacht, or "Krampus night," when adults might dress up as Krampus to frighten children at their homes.

Children might have also seen Krampus running through the streets during a Krampuslauf—literally, a "Krampus run." If Krampusnacht was a way to scare kids into behaving themselves, the Krampuslauf, which isn't tied to a specific day, was a way for grown men to blow off steam while probably still scaring kids. Austrian men would get drunk and run through the streets dressed as the fearsome creature. Like Krampusnacht, the Krampuslauf tradition continues to the present day.

The introduction of mass visual media couldn't help but sweep the charismatic Krampus up in its wave. When the postcard industry experienced a boom in Germany and Austria in the 1890s, it opened the way for Krampuskarten.

These holiday cards weren't meant to make you feel warm and fuzzy. Ones marked "Gruss vom

See KRAMPUS, Page 12B

Clauses makes annual visit to Lake Mills

Santa and Mrs. Claus made their annual stop at the Lake Mills Public Library, Wednesday, Dec. 5. The line never seemed to get shorter during their two-hour visit, as children and their parents came to tell Santa their Christmas wishes.

Pictured above: Jackson Storby wasn't too interested in having his nap interrupted, but his parents managed to pose him with Santa for a photo.

Center photos: Claire Piper (top photo) was a little shy at first, but finally was able to tell Santa what she would like for Christmas. Carter Tritch (bottom photo) couldn't decide what he should ask Santa for Christmas.

Left photos: Anna Menke (top photo) brought her list along, so she wouldn't forget anything. The unidentified young lady in the bottom photo brought her toy Santa to show to the Clauses.

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General Manager



Mark Thoma

Merry Christmas

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KRAMPUS

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Krampus ("Greetings from Krampus") showed Krampus stuffing a distressed child into his satchel or preparing to hit one with his bundle of birch sticks. Many of these postcards depicted Krampus going after children with his sticks, leading them away in chains, or carrying them off in his bag.

For over a century, most Americans probably never saw a Krampus card or even knew who Krampus was. That changed in 2004, when art director and graphic designer Monte Beauchamp published a book of Krampus cards and helped organize an art show inspired by the cards.

Whether or not Beauchamp is primarily responsible for introducing Krampus cards to the U.S., Krampus has since become a sort of ironic icon in America. And if you don't have time to send cards, you can buy an ugly Krampus sweater to wear to your local Krampus party or Krampuslauf. Krampus' popularity in the U.S. arguably peaked with the 2015 feature film Krampus, which shouldn't be confused with the many other low-budget Krampus movies.

Although Krampus is relatively new to the U.S., this alpine legend is the original bad Santa.

Source The History Channel

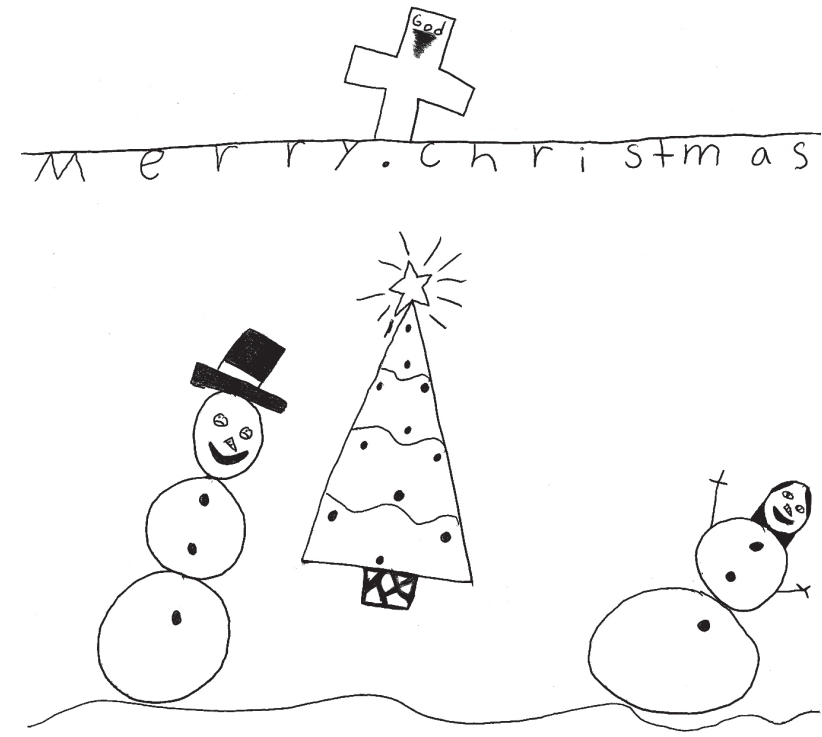


Natalie Gomez



Nevaeh Vera
Merry Christmas

Naghty or Nice?



Kennadee Peterson



Calvin Rognes



It was the night before Christmas the grinch stole the whole town to the stockings hung above the fire place to stars gleaming on tops of Christmas trees it was all stolen and not a crumb left was there.



Toni Sterrenberg

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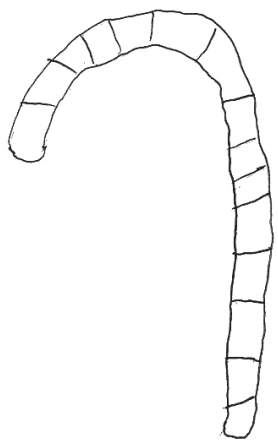
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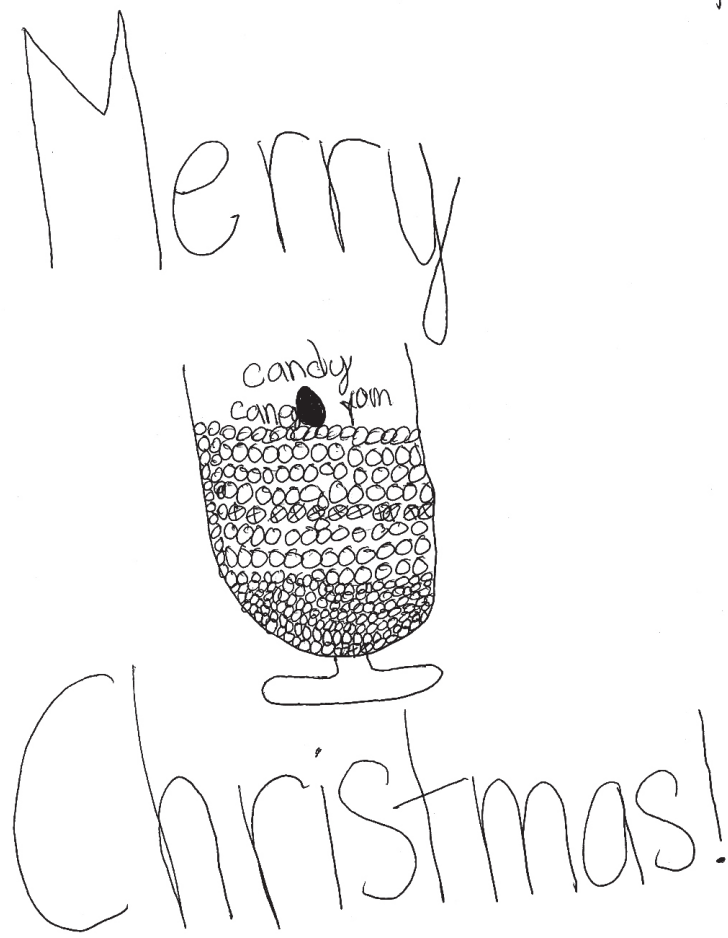
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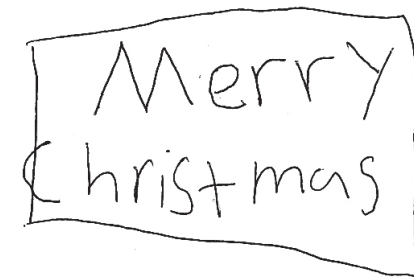


Christ Mas

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Austin Henderson



The man we know as Santa Claus has a history all his own. Today, he is thought of mainly as the jolly man in red, but his story stretches all the way back to the third century.

The Legend of St. Nicholas

The legend of Santa Claus can be traced back hundreds of years to a monk named St. Nicholas. It is believed that Nicholas was born sometime around 280 A.D. in Patara, near Myra in modern-day Turkey. Much admired for his piety and kindness, St. Nicholas became the subject of many legends. It is said that he gave away all of his inherited wealth and traveled the countryside helping the poor and sick.

One of the best known of the St. Nicholas stories is that he saved three poor sisters from being sold into slavery or prostitution by their father by providing them with a dowry so that they could be married. Over the course of many years, Nicholas's popularity spread and he became known as the protector of

See SANTA, Page 16B



Merry Christmas!

May the spirit of Christmas shine in your heart and light up your days. Thanks for being such wonderful friends and neighbors.

Front: Brian Abele, Joel Christianson, Wyatt Spitz, & Laura Burke
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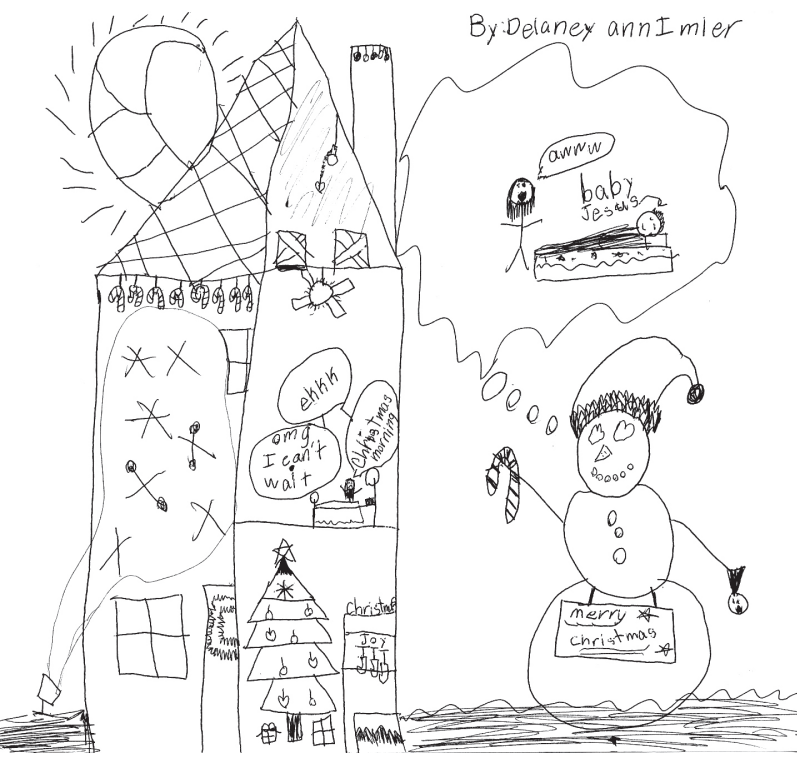
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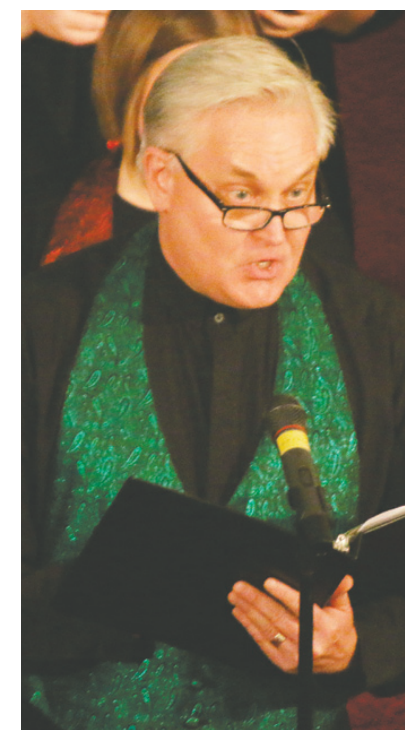
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Merry Christmas



sprinkle walsh

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Pastor Joel Guttormson was a featured soloist at the Tapestry Singers Advent Concert, Dec. 9, during the song, "Some Children See Him."



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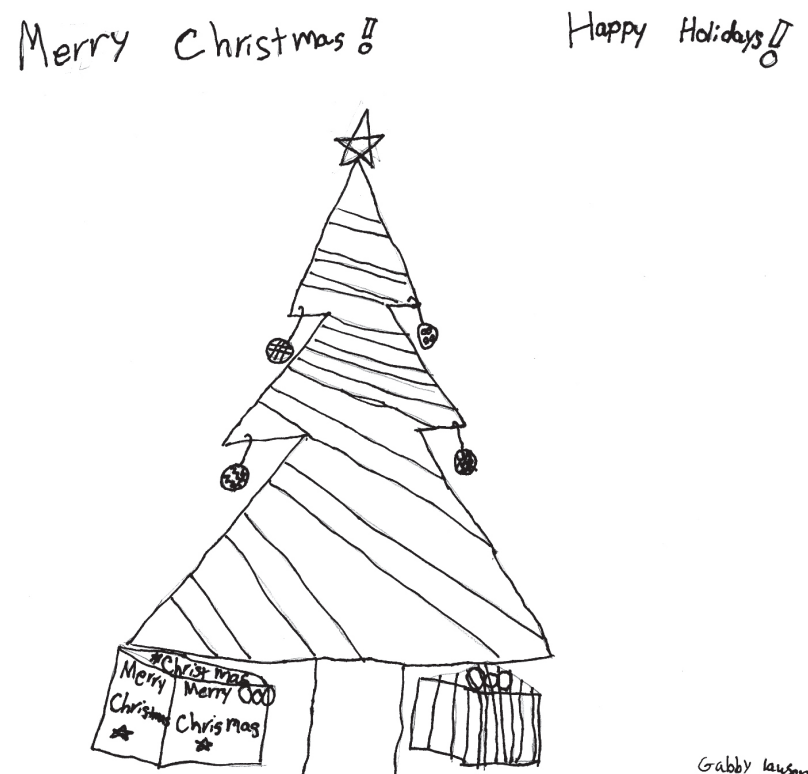
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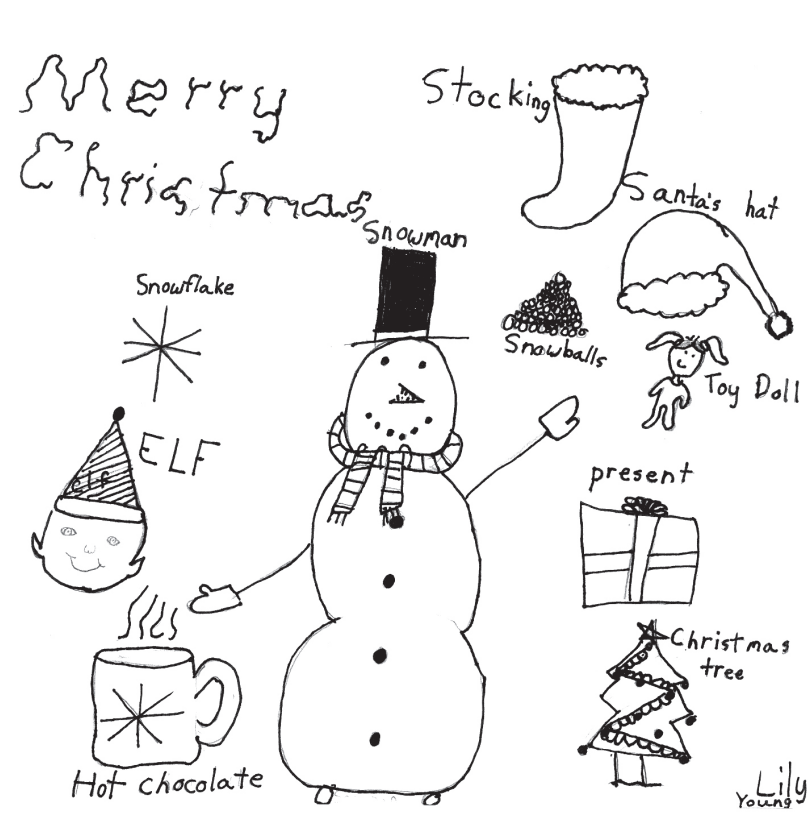
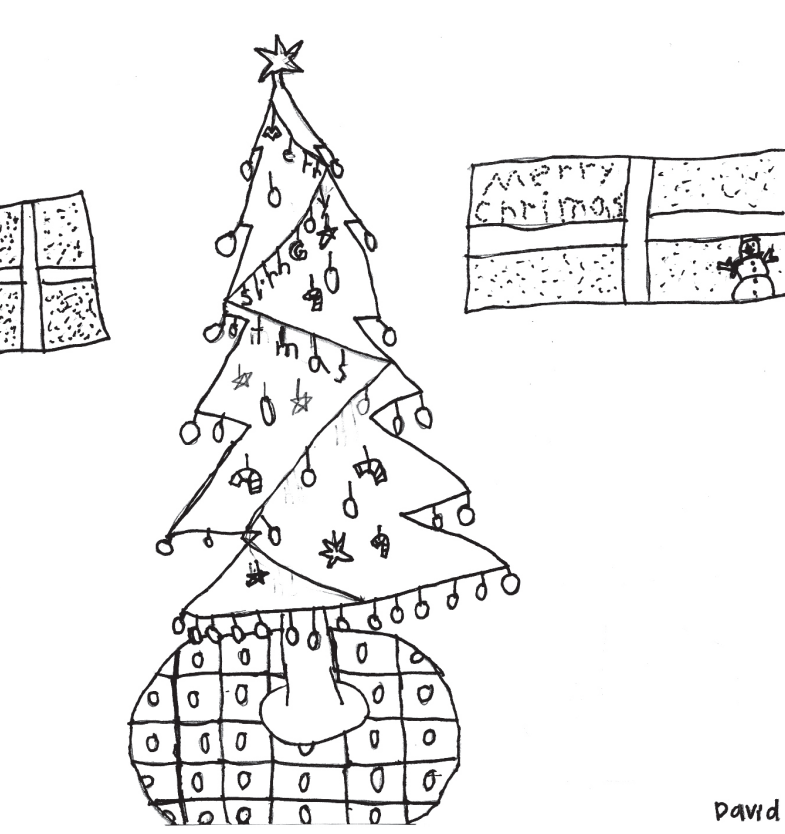


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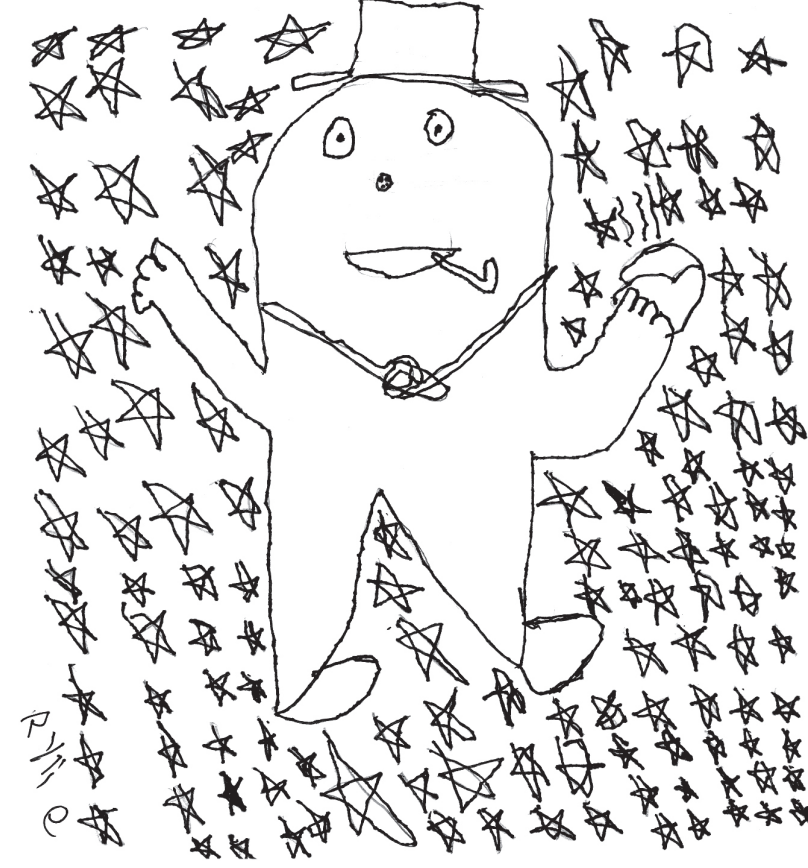


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SANTA

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children and sailors. His feast day is celebrated on the anniversary of his death, Dec. 6. This was traditionally considered a lucky day to make large purchases or to get married.

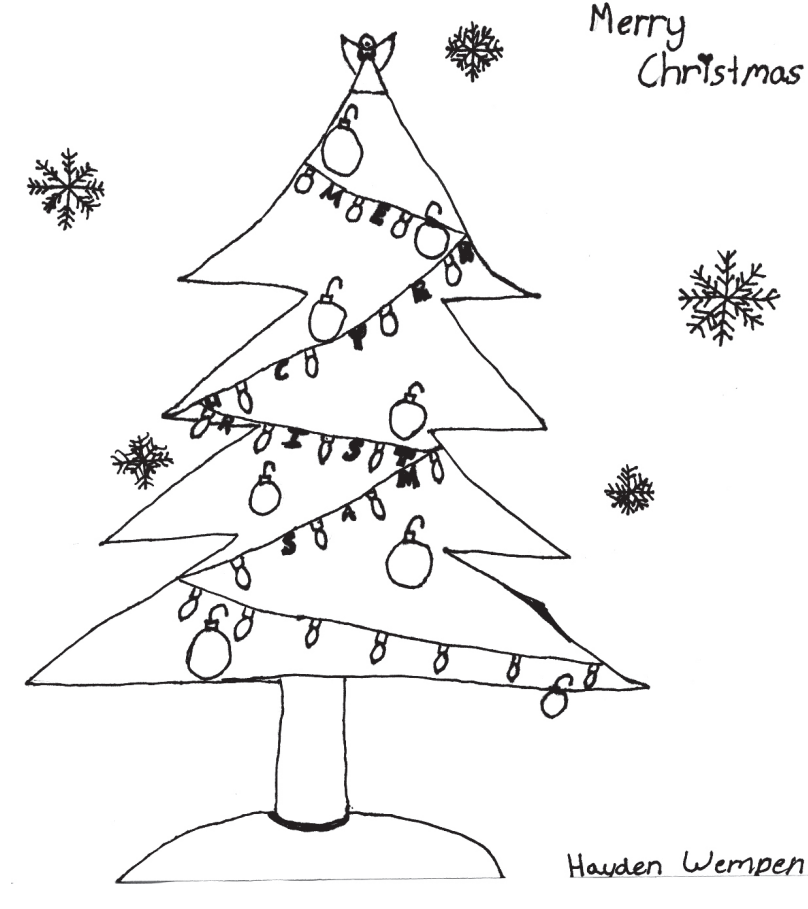
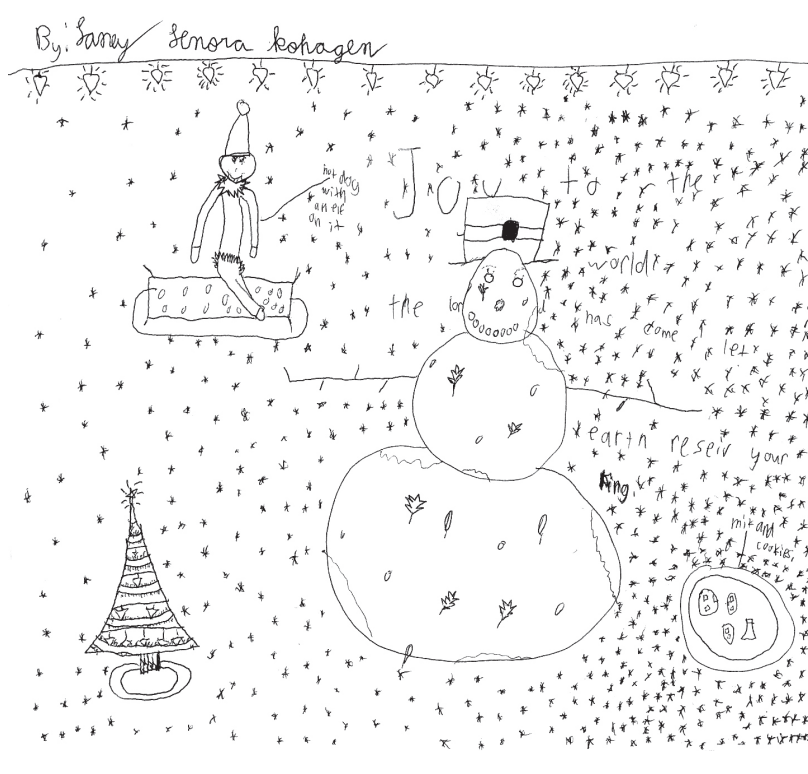
By the Renaissance, St. Nicholas was the most popular saint in Europe. Even after the Protestant Reformation, when the veneration of saints began to be discouraged, St. Nicholas maintained a positive reputation, especially in Holland.

Sinter Klaas Comes to New York

St. Nicholas made his first inroads into American popular culture towards the end of the 18th century. In December 1773, and again in 1774, a New York newspaper reported that groups of Dutch families had gathered to honor the anniversary of his death.

The name Santa Claus evolved from Nick's Dutch nickname, Sinter Klaas, a shortened form of Sint Nikolaas (Dutch for Saint Nicholas). In 1804, John Pintard, a member of the New York Historical Society, distributed woodcuts of St. Nicholas at the society's annual meeting. The background of the engraving contains now-familiar Santa images including stockings filled with toys and fruit hung over a fireplace.

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Merry Christmas from (L-R): Becky Richter, Dr. Pamela Keller, Alissa Hanna, Patti Hanson, & Elida Soto

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SANTA

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In 1809, Washington Irving helped to popularize the Sinter Klaas stories, when he referred to St. Nicholas as the patron saint of New York in his book, The History of New York. As his prominence grew, Sinter Klaas was described as everything from a "rascal" with a blue three-cornered hat, red waistcoat, and yellow stockings to a man wearing a broad-brimmed hat and a "huge pair of Flemish trunk hose."

'Twas the Night Before Christmas

In 1822, Clement Clarke Moore, an Episcopal minister, wrote a long Christmas poem for his three daughters entitled "An Account of a Visit from St. Nicholas." Moore's poem, which he was initially hesitant to publish due to the frivolous nature of its subject, is largely responsible for our modern image of Santa Claus as a "right jolly old elf" with a portly figure and the supernatural ability to ascend a chimney with a mere nod of his head.

Although some of Moore's imagery was probably borrowed from other sources, his poem helped popularize the now-familiar image of a Santa Claus, who flew from house to house on Christmas Eve—in "a miniature sleigh" led by eight flying reindeer—leaving presents for deserving children. "An Account of a Visit from St. Nicholas" created a new and immediately popular American icon.

In 1881, political cartoonist, Thomas Nast, drew on Moore's poem to create the first likeness that matches our modern image of Santa Claus. His cartoon, which appeared in Harper's Weekly, depicted Santa as a rotund, cheerful man with a full, white beard, holding a sack laden with toys for lucky children. It is Nast who gave Santa his bright red suit trimmed with white fur, North Pole workshop, elves, and his wife, Mrs. Claus.

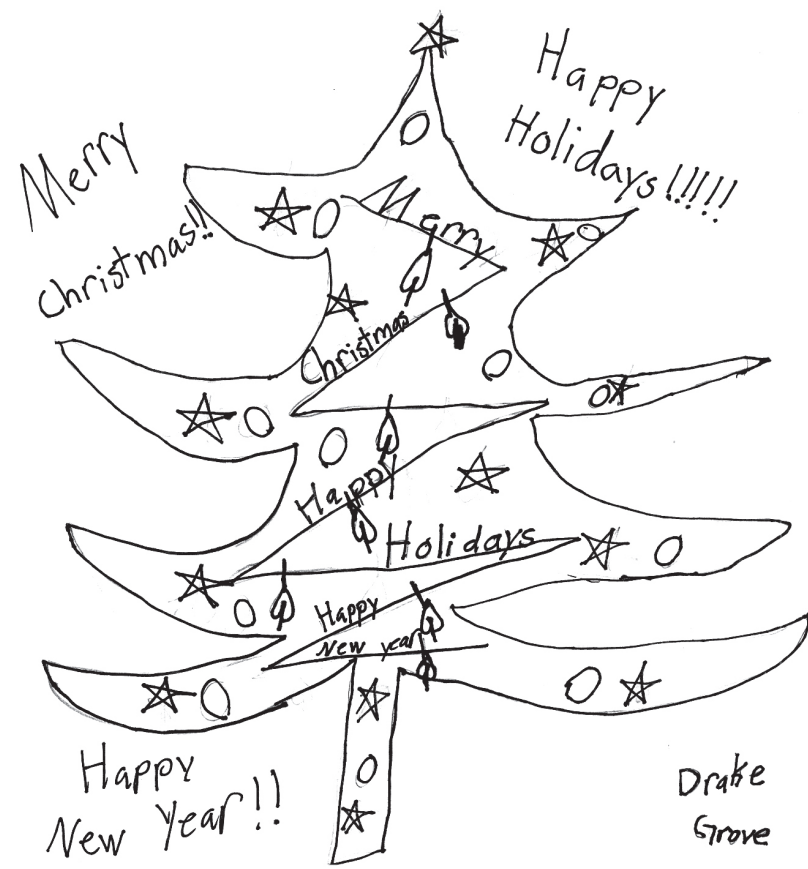
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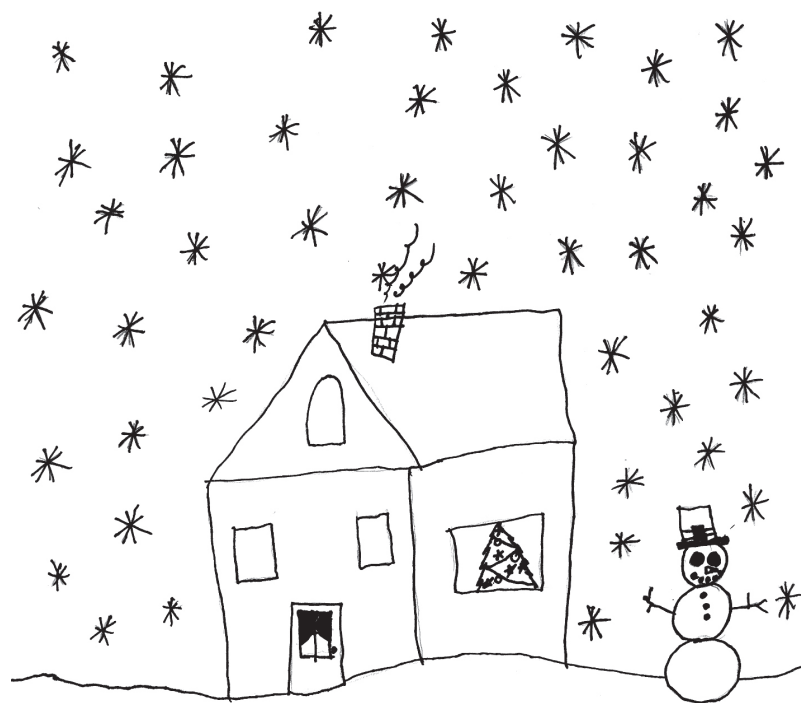


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