



The Rebellion

From the President Office By Austin Chen

Hey Rebels! I hope 1st quarter treated you well! Can you believe it's already December? I know I can't! By the time you're reading this, winter break will probably be starting in a few minutes! I hope all of you have a great vacation! If you do any sort of celebrating over the break, keep it safe!

So how about those sleigh bells over the announcements? Have you heard them? Well if you have, you probably know that the wishes are coming! But if you haven't, then you probably haven't been in class and should really rectify your truancy. If you can tell me what that means, I'll give

you a... smile and kind words. But back to the point, Leadership has been hard at work with Juanita's own "Make-a-Wish" program! Who enjoyed their hot chocolate? Numerous wishes have already been granted and yours may be next! Some wishes may be denied due to their implausibility. We are trying to get as many as we can to come true, however!

Leadership has also worked hard on the assembly you all hopefully witnessed yesterday! If you have any questions or comments about the assembly, come find one of us; we'll be happy to hear what you have to say! I en-

courage everyone to watch at least one swim meet, wrestling match, or basketball game! Every sport is unique and you never know if you might suddenly fall in love with something! Also, we have some great teachers at Juanita. So actually tell your teachers how much you appreciate them and make their day that much brighter before the holidays!

Have a great winter break, Rebels! See you next year!

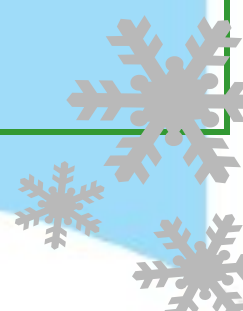
Love, your president,
Austin Chen



Mountain photo- Lake White

Hey Rebels!

Look for the blue Make-A-Wish star: it means that the article you're reading offers ways to give back this holiday season!





Spread the Cheer! By Hannah Johnson

What can you do to help this holiday season?

What are your thoughts when you first think of the holidays? Do you think of how many gifts you are hoping to get? The holiday season has become a month long frantic shopping spree, completely revolving around material things.

Don't get me wrong, I get as excited as anybody when I see the first commercial for Macy's that plays Jingle Bells, and Black Friday, as chaotic as it may be, is a great way to be economic about giving. However, I believe most people have forgotten what the Holidays are about: whether you celebrate Christmas, Hanukkah, Kwanzaa, or any other celebrations, the holidays are

about spending time with your family, celebrating life and spreading the cheer!

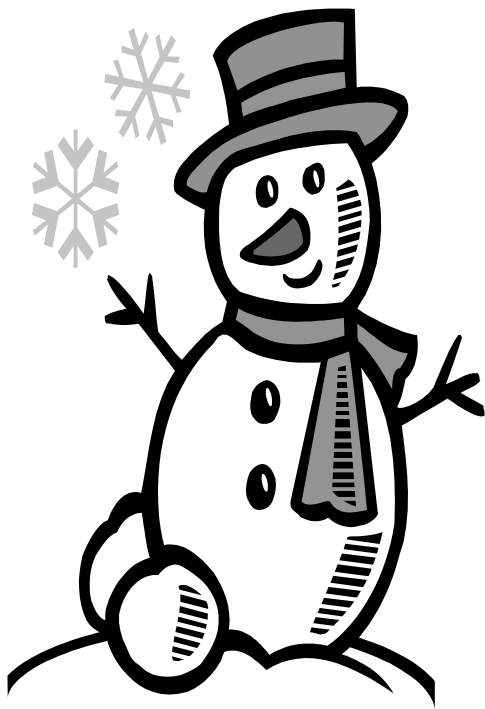
So how can you help spread good cheer?

Go out this Winter Break and do something that not only makes other people feel good, but you feel good about yourself as well! Volunteer at a food bank to help give meals to families who are struggling at providing a Christmas dinner, or start a toy drive in your neighborhood for children who may not get as many toys as you. Leave a few homemade cookies on your friend's doorstep to show them that they are loved, or go spend a day at an animal shelter to have fun with the little puppies and kittens. Show someone how much you appreciate

what they do or how much you care about them. Something as little as giving a friendly smile to your neighbor and asking how they are doing can make their day, so don't underestimate the smaller joys in life.

Don't limit yourself. Say hello to a stranger walking down the street and tell the Starbucks barista "Have a nice day!" You'd be surprised at how people react. You making others happy makes them want to make others happy.

Be proactive and spread the cheer this holiday season, because you never know what is written on someone's chalkboard.



In the article above, Hannah Johnson has some solid suggestions on how to re-think the concept of Holiday Cheer.

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The Top 5 Most Underappreciated Christmas Movies By Allie Bouranova

Every year TV networks play the same Christmas movies that we've all seen a million times. Claymation is great, but it gets boring after about the twelfth time you've seen Rudolph light the way on Christmas Eve. That's why my favorite Christmas movies are ones that aren't so mainstream—call me a hipster, but these holiday gems are definitely worth adding to your Netflix queue.

5. Just Friends

Two words: Ryan Reynolds. But seriously though, he's beautiful even in a fat suit and this movie is hilarious. Reynolds plays Chris, a guy who was stuck in the friend zone during high school but has returned home successful and really, really hot. He comes back in the very middle of the Christmas season and tries to win over his best friend and former object of affection Jamie, but encounters some obstacles along the way. The Christmas message rings true as Chris realizes what is really important in life when it comes to love and family. If you're looking for a laugh over winter break, this is the perfect Christmas rom-com to rent from Redbox.

4. The Nightmare Before Christmas

Arguably, this could be a considered a Halloween movie. But Tim Burton's story of Jack and Sally is so charming that it usually falls into the Christmas category. Jack Skellington, the resident Pumpkin King of Halloweentown discovers

Christmastown one day while walking in the forest. Inspired, he decides to bring his own kind of Christmas to the world, but things go terribly wrong after he kidnaps Santa Clause. The great soundtrack makes the movie as Jack and Sally work to restore order to the holiday seasons.

3. A Christmas Story

If you haven't already seen this movie, you should. All Ralphie wants for Christmas is a Red Ryder BB Gun with a compass in the stock and a thing that tells time, but everyone keeps telling him that "you'll shoot your eye out." Ralphie goes through the Christmas season trying to convince his parents and Santa that the BB gun is the gift for him, and learns along the way that life isn't always fair, but almost anything beats getting your mouth washed out with soap. If you've already seen this movie you know what I'm going to say, but if you haven't...I triple-dog-dare you to watch this.

2. The Polar Express

Starring Tom Hanks, Tom Hanks, and Tom Hanks, this movie is absolute magic. Based on the children's book by Chris Van Allsburg, it follows the story of a young boy who is having doubts about Santa's existence. He finds himself heading to the North Pole on Christmas Eve onboard the Polar Express, where he meets a whole collection of characters. After losing his ticket, talking to a crazy train-hopping hobo, being bombarded by hoards of hot

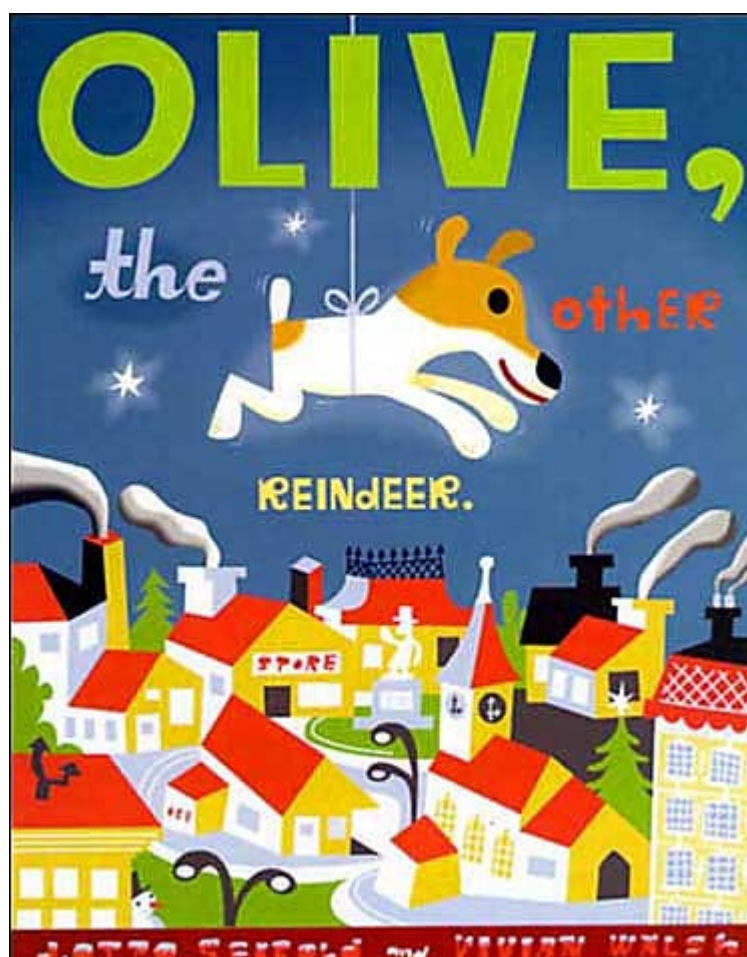
chocolate-bearing waiters, and falling into a giant sack of toys, he learns that when it comes to Christmas, it's best to simply "believe."

1. Olive the Other Reindeer

This is absolutely my favorite Christmas movie. Drew Barrymore voices Olive, a dog with un-canine like habits. Once she hears that Santa plans to cancel Christmas, she treks to the North Pole with her sketchy penguin friend Martini to try and help. On her quest to save Christmas she battles an evil mailman, befriends a biker-dude reindeer, and even manages to fetch a pair of slippers for her owner, Tim. This movie is 46 minutes of awesome that I highly recommend adding to your Christmas collection.



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This movie about a dog trying to save Christmas tops Allie Bouranova's list for best holiday movie ever. It's only 46 minutes long, so it isn't too much of a commitment. Give it a try!

Sleepy Hollow—Juanita Drama Brings Chills to the Theater

The Juanita Drama Department directed by Ms. McMurray-Hauk presented *The Legend of Sleepy Hollow* the first two weekends of November at our theater. The production, based on the short story by Washington Irving featured the frightening tale of a very mysterious jealous lover who terrorized a

school teacher who simply fell for the wrong woman. The show featured some original folk dancing and one of the most unique special effects our theater has seen. Audience members were encouraged to sit in the middle of the theater to get the full scary effect of a ghost riding through the dark

night. The unique and eerie lighting for the one-act was handled by Madeleine Burt and Reid Watson. Actress Lexi Halls found the entire process a “spectacular learning experience.” The drama group’s spring title will be announced next semester.



ABOVE: Hans (Fred Kayes), Brom Van Bones (Hunter Rector) and Peter (Jason Mitchell) send Ichabod Crane over the haunted bridge to the schoolhouse.

LEFT: Greta (Katie Crowe) and Hilda (Tori Vacknitz) try to get Katrina (Rosalee Farmer) to tell them if the new schoolmaster is cute.

Album Review: **The Black Keys – “El Camino”** by Luke White

Relentless, driving, and evolutionary, The Black Keys’ new album is the most accessible to date, but does that make it their best?

The album opens with “Lonely Boy”, a song most of us have heard on the radio by now. With its muddied guitar, driving percussion, and steady bass line it harkens back to their last album “Brothers” but then the chorus comes in, choir and all, and that’s when you realize *El Camino* is a completely different story. This album holds nothing back. The Black Keys are creating stadium sounds to fit with their new found stadium filling fans. It continues like this, each song opens with more, more sounds, more singers, and more instruments. The sound is different too, with Danger Mouse back at the helm, *El Camino* is less bluesy than their previous album “Brothers” and more alternative, but that doesn’t mean they’ve lost their roots. “Little Black Submarines” is a straight tribute to *Stairway to Heaven*. Guitar solos abound as well, something that’s sorely missed from most any rock group. And the blues influence is still present, just not as pervasive as before. Are there some misses? Sure, a few songs like “Nova Baby” and “Run Right Back” don’t have the same flare as the other tracks but it’s like saying some of Picasso’s paintings weren’t so great as his others, no, they’re all pretty darn great.

In the end “*El Camino*” brings back some of 70’s sound but updated, polished, and modern. It’s a great album that deserves your time. Is it their best album? More importantly does it matter? No it doesn’t, it’s a fantastic album (if not one of the best of 2011) that you need to experience.



Luke finds a lot to like about The Black Keys latest album. The band is continuing to gain fans and grow a larger and larger sound as well.



A Holiday's Gift to Others By Reid Watson

Christmas is my favorite holiday. Everything I love happens around the Christmas Holiday season, with snow falling, giving and receiving presents, Christmas lights, and the spreading of joy that lights up every conversation in the simple phrase of "Happy Holidays". But every year I am reminded of all the people in the United States and in countless other countries who struggle during this joyful time simply to put food on the table and survive in a world that seems to be very broken right now. Despite this very apparent issue, I see almost everyone around me simply focus on what they can give to each other rather than what they can give to a greater cause. Billions of dollars are spent by corporations every year on advertisements that convince people to buy enjoyable, expensive things

that they really don't need. I see commercials telling me all the stuff I should spend money on every day, but so far, I haven't seen a single television advertisement informing me about a charity to which I could donate money. Isn't the spirit of Christmas about helping and giving to those who need it the most?

When trying to decide between shopping for overpriced clothes and toys at the mall and helping others in the community, I would strongly challenge all Juanita Rebels to choose the latter. If you think of the many families this Christmas that won't be able to afford gifts for their children, or even a Christmas tree in their home, I think that you will find this to be an easy choice.

In our own community, different charity organizations and food drives are very excit-

ed to receive new volunteers who can help to organize and execute their programs. Getting involved is often a very enjoyable experience, and it gives any volunteer a sense of accomplishment and pride in helping to make the community a better place. At the Kirkland Teen Union Building (KTUB), volunteers are needed to help out with the weekly Teen Feed at 6:00 pm, and Hopelink is holding an annual 5K Benefit Run in Redmond on Saturday, December 31. Almost any church in the area is holding community service events that welcome new volunteers as well. All of these organizations can be contacted by going to their website.

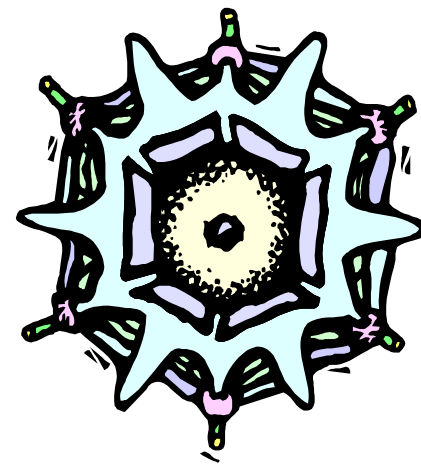
I don't believe that Christmas is about what you can buy. It's about what you can give.

"What we have done for ourselves alone dies with us; what we have done for others and the world remains forever."

~Albert Pike



Snowflake Hopes By Madilyn Bechtel



Have you pulled the long pants, long socks, leg warmers, scarves, sweaters and boots from storage? Are you scraping ice off your windshield every morning and trudging through frosted grass, feeling the crunch of defroster beneath your feet? Winter has arrived. And yet, No Snow?! What is this madness? Students spend days eagerly glancing out the windows for some hint of that fluffy white snowfall, daydreaming of snowball fights, snowmen and snow angels, of drinking hot chocolate by a warm fire after coming in from the cold. They love the crisp air turning every breath into a steamy cloud. Where is the snow!? Every morning it feels a bit colder and we rush to the window hoping for that blanket of white. The air seems more energized when it snows, and the world seems quieter. So, we wait for that feeling of pure joy when we catch snowflakes on our tongue, and feel each flake melt on our cheeks. We eagerly await the flurry of snow. Here's to hoping and wishing for a White Winter.





Homelessness By Garek Chwojko-Frank, Justin Ngo, Marcus Riley, and Nate Thrasher,

It's no secret that homelessness is a growing issue that hurts our society. We currently live in a world where less than 20% of the population consumes 85% of the goods and services, leaving the rest to fight for what little remains and scraps. Although homelessness is widely acknowledged and discussed by government officials and citizens alike, action is rarely ever taken. According to an annual count, in 2010, almost 9000 people in our own community of King County were homeless, with about 31% of them being forced to sleep with nothing more than rags found on the streets. This amount may not seem enormous compared to the homeless living in the counties of large states like California, but it is a significant amount of people forced to have their lives devoted solely to earning money from low paying jobs, or having no job at all.

Around the globe, all countries face similar situations as the United States regarding homelessness. After consulting with several fellow high school students in both Singapore and Thailand, we noticed how their societies approach the problem differently. The average citizen of Singapore tends to have less experience with the homeless than we do, despite the fact that students in Singapore focus on the subject of poverty in their Social Studies classes. In addition, the students that we spoke with were unable to refer us to any shelters or groups in their communities other than Crossroads (<http://www.crossroadsprograms.org/>), an international organization with programs aiding homeless children in various countries, including Singapore. We were also told that awareness of homelessness is very rarely raised in any form of local or national media. Further to the north, in Thailand, people are much more aware of the problem. The students that we spoke with had direct experience working with the homeless, bringing any food and aid possible to those nearby. Though none were named specifically, there are many small shelters around Thailand that provide basic essentials for liv-

ing, which is more than can be said about some other places around the world. Their methods differ slightly from ours however, providing help primarily to children and the elderly because it is assumed that young and middle aged adults can fend for themselves without the need for additional aid. In general, Americans seem more knowledgeable about homelessness and its effects across all age ranges.

Back home in Seattle, some groups have understood the struggles that all homeless people encounter and are taking action. Real Change (<http://www.realchangenews.org/>) is a newspaper that tackles homelessness by providing a steady source of work and income for the poor in Seattle, as well as spreading the word about their conditions. The Committee to End Homelessness (<http://www.cehkc.org/>) is halfway through a 10-year plan to sharply decrease homelessness in King County by securing property and building homes. One group we contacted and interviewed is called The Sophia Way (<http://sophiaway.org/>), that helps homeless women get back on their feet by providing shelter and education. However, while it cannot be denied that these groups have taken major steps in the fight against homelessness, more resources and money are needed to have a greater impact on homelessness in our community.

There are many ways that you can make a difference and fight against homelessness in Kirkland and King County. We are all very busy, but even a small contribution can make a huge difference to someone who is in worse circumstances than you. The simplest way to help, if you sincerely cannot find enough time in your schedule, is to donate money, food, unneeded clothes, or anything else that can be spared to the trustworthy organizations mentioned earlier or nationally recognized charities such as Goodwill (<http://www.goodwill.org/>) or Salvation Army (<http://www.salvationarmyusa.org/>) Volunteering at a homeless

shelter is also a great help, whether you serve food, move donated goods, or simply offer companionship. Another more time consuming though beneficial way to assist the effort is to participate in the One Night Count. (http://www.homelessinfo.org/one_night_count/) This is an event that takes place in King County to "document the nature and extent of homelessness in King County, and to build public engagement and action around the issue." Every January, this group of approximately 900 volunteers goes out and takes a poll spanning an area from Shoreline to Kirkland in order to get an accurate count of how many shelters and homeless people are present in our community. Finally, there is no simpler a way to aid the homeless than spreading the word of their situation. The more knowledge that can be shared about this issue, the more action that can be taken, so be sure to tell your friends, classmates, parents, and anyone else who is willing to listen to get involved!

Homelessness is a worldwide problem that is very significant in our community, but there are ways that we can fight it. Across the globe, people like you are stepping up to organize and make an impact on the overall amount and treatment of homeless. If you find yourself with extra time over winter break, remember that just a small contribution could help make someone's holidays more enjoyable.



The authors contend, in this essay, that homelessness is a worldwide epidemic.

Holiday Break Activities By Reece Vallee

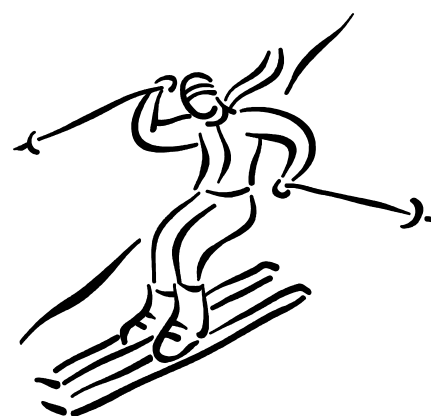
As we get closer to the break we often have a very high initial excitement for the two weeks or so we have off, but as the break rolls on I often find myself asking what is there to do. So I am here to help you guys out with some ideas on what you could do over break if you find yourself stumped.

Let's start off with the options we have that are free! One possibility is going to see Snowflake Lane at Bellevue Square Mall. It's a nightly display along the sidewalks of Bellevue Way and NE 8th Street of dazzling lights, music, dramatic drumming from live toy soldiers and magical snow. It is going on every night at 7 pm all the way until Christmas Eve, December 24th. If you have any significant others it is a great option for a date that is low cost. Another low-cost option is going to see the Bellevue Botanical Gardens, which are decorated in the winter time as the "Garden of Lights". The cost is only \$5 and the garden is open 5pm-10pm all the way until the 31st of December.

If you wanted to spend a little more money, there are three cinemas within a ten mile radius of Juanita. My personal favorite, and subsequently the most expensive, is Lincoln Square Cinemas across from the Bellevue Square Mall. Tickets there are around \$11 a ticket but they offer the most comfortable chairs and most movie options out of the three theaters. The other two options are AMC Loews 12 in Woodinville, \$9.50 a ticket, or the Downtown Kirkland Movie Theater which is the cheapest option at \$8.50 a ticket.

If you aren't a big movie fan, but you like the outdoors, there is some great skiing this time of the year. A lot of people are fans of Stevens Pass, which is a little over two hours away, but if you want a closer option there is Snoqualmie Pass. Snoqualmie is only an 45-60 minutes away but can often have much harder snow which is commonly accompanied by ice due to the lower elevations.

However, if none of these options appeal to you,



then you could use your break to get into the spirit of giving. Throughout the years, I have often thought of the Holidays as a time to receive presents and gifts, but as I have gotten older, I have come to realize a large part of the Holidays is giving. Whether that would be giving some of your time to volunteer to help the families in need, or giving a gift to a cherished family member; I would like for all of us to be able to give something back this Holiday break because that's really what it is all about.

Thank you for reading, until next time Juanita.



Snowflake Lane in Bellevue tops Reece's list as a place to go over the winter break. It is fun, close and best of all free. Reece also supplies some practical suggestions for those of your ready to hit the slopes this break and do some skiing.

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What's Your Favorite Part of Winter Break? By Allie Bouranova



Winter break is finally here! That means two lovely weeks of no school, plenty of sleep, and of course, waiting until the very last Sunday to do all of your homework. After asking around, here's what you Rebels say are your favorite parts of winter vacation:

"Nutcracker all day, every day." – Stephanie Langford, 11th

"Listening to A Charlie Brown Christmas while sitting next to the fire and enjoying life, maybe with some tea...I'm English." – Luke White, 12th

"Sleeping in and waking up to snow outside the window (fingers crossed!)." – Eva Hoerth, 12th

"Getting fat." – Shannon Wells, 10th

"Christmas tradition of watching *Die Hard* instead of regular Christmas movies. *Die Hard* takes place during Christmas, so it's ok." – Josh Tataran, 12th

"Certain "significant others" coming home from college for the entire month!" – Brandon O'Rourke, 12th

"Hanging out with my best friend Katy everyday!" – Tess Farley, 11th

"Hanging out with my best friend Tess everyday!" – Katy Sjolund, 11th

"Playing hockey, sledding, and hanging out with friends. Oh, and presents are nice too." – Cooper Ramstead, 12th

"My best friend Allie's Christmas Caroling party! And eating delicious Christmas treats." – Tessa Rough, 12th

"Sleeping in of course! But I love having the free time that you don't usually have during school to hang out with family and friends, play video games, write, and do NOTHING!" – Brooke Taylor, 10th

"I don't have one- wait, food." – Nathan Ryan, 12th

"The three greatest words in the English language aren't 'I love you,' it's 'Welcome to Honolulu!'" – Mr. Deligan

