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Christmas cookie recipe

Ingredients:

2 cups all-purpose flour, plus more for dusting
 1/2 teaspoon baking powder
 1/4 teaspoon salt
 1 stick unsalted butter, softened
 1 cup sugar
 1 large egg, room temperature
 1 teaspoon pure vanilla extract

Directions

Whisk together flour, baking powder, and salt in a bowl. Beat together butter and sugar with a mixer on medium-high speed until pale and fluffy. Beat in egg and vanilla. Reduce speed to low and gradually add flour mixture until combined. Shape dough into a disk and wrap in plastic. Refrigerate until firm but still pliable, at least 30 minutes or up to 3 days.

Preheat oven to 325 degrees. Transfer half of dough to a lightly floured piece of parchment; roll to just under 1/4-inch thick. Transfer dough on parchment to a baking sheet and freeze until firm, 30 minutes. Repeat with other half of dough.

Line 2 baking sheets with parchment. Using a craft knife and the template (or a cookie cutter), cut out cookies and space 2 inches apart on parchment-lined baking sheets. Refrigerate until firm, about 15 minutes.

Bake until golden on edges, 12 to 15 minutes. Let cool completely on sheets on wire racks.



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COMMUNITY MESSAGE BOARD

FMHS SPORTS 12/18/15-1/15/16 (home games indicated in bold type)

DATE	SPORT	OPP	HOME/AWAY	TIME
12/18-19/15	Wrestling (V)	NC & Bud Ctr	Away	8:00am
12/18/15	G Basketball (V)	Sydney, NE	Away	5:30pm
	B Basketball (V)	"	"	7:00pm
12/19/15	B Basketball (JV)	Brush	Away	4:00pm
	G Basketball (C)	"	"	4:00pm
	B Basketball (C)	"	"	5:30pm
	G Basketball (V)	"	"	5:30pm
	B Basketball (V)	"	"	7pm
	G Basketball (C)	"	"	7pm
1/2/16	B Basketball (JV)	Erie	Home	4:00pm
	G Basketball (JV)	"	"	4:00pm
	B Basketball (C)	"	"	5:30pm
	G Basketball (V)	"	"	5:30pm
	B Basketball (V)	"	"	7:00pm,
	G Basketball (C)	"	"	7:00pm
1/5/16	B Basketball (C)	Skyview	Home	4:00pm
	B Basketball (JV)	"	"	5:30pm
	B Basketball (V)	"	"	7:00pm
	G Basketball (C)	"	Away	4:00pm
	G Basketball (JV)	"	"	5:30pm
	G Basketball (V)	"	"	7:00pm
1/8/16	G/B Basketball (JV)	Vista Peak	Home	4:00pm
	B Basketball (C)	"	"	5:30pm
	G Basketball (V)	"	"	5:30pm
	B Basketball (V)	"	"	7pm
	G Basketball (C)	"	"	7pm
1/9/16	Wrestling (JV)	Den. South	Away	8:30am
1/12/16	G/B Basketball (JV)	Ft. Lupton	Home	4:00pm
	B Basketball (C)	"	"	5:30pm
	G Basketball (V)	"	"	5:30pm
	B Basketball (V)	"	"	7:00pm,
	G Basketball (C)	"	"	7:00pm
1/14/16	G/BBasketball (JV)	Sterling	Home	4:00pm
	B Basketball (C)	"	"	5:30pm
	G Basketball (V)	"	"	5:30pm
	B Basketball (V)	"	"	7:00pm,
	G Basketball (C)	"	"	7:00pm

12/21/15-1/1/16 Winter Break

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Student Highlight 4: Vera Baltisberger



By Cheyenne Icenhower

Our foreign exchange program is massive this year! We have four students from some very unique and awesome country's. Among one of these students is Switzerland's own Vera Baltisberger! Vera is a very sweet and extremely athletic junior who came here from Basel, Switzerland. She has joined us for one year and is already having an experience like no other. Here is my interview from Vera:

What has been the biggest challenge in being a foreign exchange student so far this year?

Baltisberger: "I think the biggest challenge is to find friends and to catch up with the English. To find friends is one of the most important things for an exchange year."

And the biggest change?

Baltisberger: "Everything is a change; school, family, food- everything. It's hard to say what is the biggest. You can't compare my country to the US. Maybe the biggest change is school. It's very different."

How have the students been treating you since you've been here?

Baltisberger: "The students are incredibly nice to me. Everybody's really interested and asking questions and I'm glad I made some new friends."

If you could bring something from America back to Switzerland for you, what would you bring back?

Baltisberger: "I really can't say. I mean, sure, my clothes and souvenirs, but nothing too special yet."

What's your favorite memory here so far?

Baltisberger: "I think every memory has its best side. I like the homecoming, Halloween and our trip to South Dakota really much. This was a great time."

Trump visits Jerusalem Prime Minister

By Jonathan Stone

It was announced on December 9th, 2015, that Donald Trump plans to travel to a Jerusalem holy site to meet with Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu at the end of the month. This is from an attempt to bar Muslims from entering the United States.

Donald Trump will meet with Netanyahu and visit the Temple Mount. The Temple Mount has a long history; it is a holy site for Christians, Jewish faith, Muslims and Islam. The Mount is also known as the Noble Sanctuary, a very religious site. The Mount is also known as the Noble Sanctuary, a very religious site. The Palestinians have often used Israeli politicians' visits to the Mount as an excuse for violence. It has been a site which is a focal point between Palestinian and Israeli conflict.

It remains uncertain whether Israeli authorities will allow Trump to travel to the site of the Al-Aqsa Mosque. The recent uptick in violence began in September when Israelis moved to restrict Palestinian access to the Mount. Since then, over 100 Palestinians and 20 Israelis have been killed in clashes.

There is speculation that Trump's recent controversial statements provide insight as to foreign policy challenges if he becomes President. As a result, the US' relationship with Israel is riding on thin ice. Hopefully there will be peace in this conflict soon.

Farewell To Nazario Ornelas

By Cheyenne Icenhower

We have a myriad of staff who go unnoticed by many of us. Last year, I did not know Nazario Ornelas, the custodian who cleans up after us every evening. I met him this year, and he told me he went by Julian. Nazario is filled with compassion and love for all people. He constantly checked up on me about my grades and my boyfriend and life in general. Nazario Ornelas, or "Julian", soon became known as "my favorite custodian". It's a shame we will be losing such a hardworking, kindhearted person. With all the work he's done here, he deserves a good farewell. So here it is; goodbye Julian. Thank you so much for cleaning up after us. Thank you for checking up on us even though many of us never even learn your name. Thank you for staying with FMHS for all these years. Hope you have a good life after retiring, we will miss you

New Years Eve Ball Drop

By Jordyn Rivera

With the holidays coming up so are traditions. One very popular tradition is the ball drop in New York City at Time Square. This ball is located on the roof of One Times Square. This tradition began on December 31, 1907 and has been annually held since. The Time Square Ball drop has only been cancelled twice in history, in 1942 and 1943 due to war blackouts. Over the years the ball has been upgraded tremendously; the first Time Square Ball was built with iron, wood and only had 100 incandescent light bulbs. The current Time Square Ball features a computerized LED lighting with the outside consisting of triangle-shaped crystal panels.

The festivities that begin the night start out with the ball rising at 6:00 PM in preparation for the drop at midnight. While waiting for the ET new year arrival, there is an international countdown from other countries around the world with different time zones. There are also live music performances throughout the night from popular musicians.

As you can see the ball dropping in Time Square is one of the many traditions celebrated around the world to welcome the new year. With that being said, have a Happy New Year from Hoofbeat!



Suspect found in California Shooting By Jonathan Stone

U.S law officials have identified the weapon supplier in the San Bernardino shooting as Enrique Marquez. Marquez purchased the assault rifles used in the shooting on December 2nd. Marquez, age 24, has been arrested and charged with multiple counts of murder.

He had worked as a Walmart security guard and worked odd jobs at Riverside. Co-workers at a bar said that he drank a lot. He also talked about terrorist sleeper cells, but his co-workers didn't take the statement seriously. He was a neighbor to Tashfeen Malik and Syed Rizwan Farook, the two suspects in the shooting, and he bought and hid weapons for them.

Law enforcement searched his home and his neighbor's home on December 5th. What officials found in Marquez neighbor's home was terrifying. In their home and in the sport utility vehicle they were driving, the police found another rifle, thousands of rounds of ammunitions, a dozen pipe bombs, and equipment for making more bombs. Before the shooting Marquez posted a cryptic message on Facebook. "I'm very sorry guys. It was a pleasure."

According to officials, Marquez told the FBI that he and Farook were friends since childhood and discussed an attack in 2012. This was called off however when other terrorists were arrested for trying to kill Americans. It is unclear whether Marquez and his neighbors chose a specific target or time.

Lighting of the Holidays By Jordyn Rivera

Christmas isn't the only holiday celebrated during this season. Hanukkah, according to history.com, "often called the Festival of Lights, is celebrated with the lighting of the menorah, traditional foods, games and gifts." One candle is lit on each of the 8 nights, representing the rededication of the Second Temple. Hanukkah takes place in November or December depending on the Jewish calendar.



Kwanzaa is an African-American holiday celebrated December 26th to January 1st in honor of culture, family and community. It is a 7 night celebration where families gather and have one child light one of the candles on the Kinara. After the lighting they discuss the 7 principles: Unity: Umoja (oo-MO-jah); Self-determination: Kujichagulia (koo-gee-cha-goo-LEE-yah); Ujima(oo-GEE-mah); Cooperative Economics: Ujamaa (oo-JAH-mah); Purpose: Nia (nee-YAH); Creativity: Kuumba (koo-OOM-bah); Faith: Imani (ee-MAH-nee). The celebration also includes: songs and dances, African drums, storytelling, poetry reading, and a large traditional meal.



Happy Hanukkah, and have a joyous Kwanzaa!

Christmas in a Nutshell By Jordyn Rivera



Christmas is a Christian holiday that celebrates the birth of Jesus Christ in Bethlehem. Christians believe Christ is the son of God. No one knows the exact date of Christ's birth so in the 4th Century, Pope Julius I chose December 25th.

But where did Santa come from? In the 4th century a shy bishop in Turkey named Saint Nicholas would leave goodies for children. Dutch children called him Sinter Klass and made it a tradition to put shoes by the fireplace so Sinter Klass could leave gifts. Dutch settlers told the legend of Sinter Klass when they came to North America and he quickly became known as Santa Claus.

The Santa we know today is a grandfatherly man with a round belly, a bushy white beard and a red and white suit. Santa used to wear a lot of different colored suits but Coca-Cola popularized the red outfit that he wears today. Have a safe and Merry Christmas from Hoofbeat!

Winter Concert, Monday December 14th 2015



National Honor Society Induction, 2015



COMMUNITY MESSAGE BOARD, cont.

1/6/16 NHS Meeting 7:30-7:50am

1/8/16 FMHS Forensics Team to Limon 8am-4pm

1/9/16 FMHS Forensic Team to Dawson School, Lafayette 5:30am-6pm

1/8/16 FFA Officers Retreat Manitou Springs

1/9/16 Knowledge Bowl Evergreen 6am-6pm

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