



## Donkey Basketball

On December 5, the FFA held their annual donkey basketball fundraiser. This year's fundraiser featured four teams: FFA members, OHHS Alumni, Skills USA, and Law Enforcement. Donkey basketball is similar to regular basketball, except in order to score, the player must be on top of their donkey. Two games were played to start the night off, with the two winning teams advancing to the championship game. The Alumni won their first game against Skills USA. In the next game, the law enforcement team defeated the OHHS FFA. "This fundraiser is great for FFA and it's also just a lot of fun playing basketball on a donkey." FFA member Carson Bragg said. After these two

games, kids were able to come onto the court and ride on the back of a donkey. To finish the night the Ogemaw Heights Alumni defeated the law enforcement team in the championship game.

*By Alex Kennedy*



*Mr. Sisco sits under the basket & takes a shot for Skills USA*



*The FFA team lines up preparing for their first game of the night*

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# Recipe of the Month

I'm sure we all have started our 25 days of Christmas calendars and the binging marathon of every Christmas movie ever made as you cuddle up on the couch with a cozy blanket and a cup of hot cocoa. The holiday season is slowly coming. Dazzle your friends with these cheerful peppermint bark squares!



SERVINGS:

12

PREP TIME:

10 Mins.

TOTAL TIME:

50 Mins.

## DIRECTIONS

Line a baking sheet with parchment paper. Fill the bottom of a large pot with 3" water and bring to a simmer over medium heat. Reduce heat to low, then place a large heatproof bowl on top. Add semi-sweet chocolate and stir occasionally until chocolate

has melted. Stir in extract. Pour into the prepared baking sheet and spread into an even layer with an offset spatula. Refrigerate until set, about 20 minutes.

Over the same pot of barely simmering water, place another large heatproof bowl. Add white chocolate and stir until melted. Pour over set semi-sweet chocolate then top immediately with candy canes. Refrigerate until set, about 20 minutes.

## INGREDIENTS

- 12 oz. semisweet chocolate, chopped
- 12 oz. white chocolate, chopped
- 1/2 tsp. peppermint extract
- 8 candy canes, crushed

*By: Laylah Gojcaj*





# Christmas Plays

On Wednesday, December 18, the first and second hour Theatre classes performed two shows for the Christmas season, *Yes, Virginia: The Musical* and *The Nick of Time Christmas Show*. They both performed in the morning and afternoon for the middle and elementary school students, and in the evening for the public. The second hour class also performed on Friday, December 20 for the high school students.

*Yes, Virginia: The Musical* is based on a true story about a little girl named Virginia O'Hanlon who wants to prove to her friends that Santa Claus is real, along with her best friend, Ollie, and her new friend, Scraggly Santa. She writes a letter to the editor of *The Sun*, who throws the letter away, not believing all of the nonsense she has read at first. After looking back on her behavior, the editor writes back to Virginia in an editorial telling her that Santa Claus is real, even if there never seems to be proof, he is real in children's hearts all around the world.

*The Nick of Time Christmas Show* revolves around a small theatrical troupe trying to put together a Christmas show, but as with any show, chaos ensues, such as there being no Christmas tree and the actor playing Santa Claus going missing. In the end, members of the troupe find a Christmas tree, and the Santa actor returns. The cast then celebrates with a big party.

Caity Ahearne (10) played the lead role of Virginia in the first hour show, *Yes, Virginia: The Musical*. Caity said that being in the class "has taught me how to recover from any on-stage incident and improvise through it, so knowing the background of my character can give me an idea of what I could make up on the spot." She praised the dancing in the show that was choreographed by Ivy Ingleson (12), and also the songs. Caity said that the best part about playing Virginia was "getting to be a little kid again." Her favorite aspect of the show was the ensemble members. "There were a group of dancing pigeons and different Santa Claus characters from different cultures that were cool to learn about, too," she explained.

Faith Kurtz (11) played the ditzy, yet stressed out, stage manager of the theatrical troupe named Red in the second hour show, *The Nick of Time Christmas Show*. Faith explained that "learning about voice projection and improvisation really helped me out with this show.." Faith said that one of her favorite parts of putting the show together was finding out who got which role. "I just loved going, silently cheering everyone on because I knew they were perfect for each role. I can't wait until they actually perform it!" Faith also said that what she liked most about her role was how much of an airhead she is. "I think the audience is really going to love her funny moments!" Faith complimented the comedic aspects of the show, saying, "It's kind of this big disaster show, but it's really fun and hilarious to watch everything go wrong. I know the audience will love it, and hearing their laughter and applause makes me feel so great!"

By: Grace Johnson

## Club Spotlight- FFA



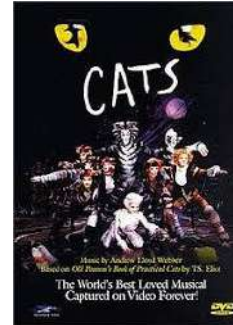
FFA stands for Future Farmers of America. This is an organization that builds leadership and responsibility skills for high school and middle school students. Each school consists of their own chapter which is their individual organization. There is also a regional chapter. FFA participates in leadership contests which involves public speaking, skills contests such as the decathlon, state and national conventions, and lastly, holding fundraisers like donkey basketball and the tractor drive. So far this year, they have accomplished the decathlon and donkey basketball. One of the members of FFA, Kayla Crocker (11) says their goals as a whole, this year are to get more people involved, educate about agriculture and that they are, "not just cows and plows!"

*By Livi Hodgins*



## Upcoming Movies

- ★ Star Wars: The Rise of Skywalker (Dec 20)
- ★ Cats (Dec 20)
- ★ Spies In Disguise (Dec 25)
- ★ Little Women (Dec 25)
- ★ 1917 (Dec 25)
- ★ Just Mercy (Dec 25)
- ★ Clemency (Dec 27)
- ★ The Grudge (Jan 3)
- ★ The Informer (Jan 10)
- ★ My Spy (Jan 10)
- ★ Underwater (Jan 10)
- ★ Three Christs (Jan 10)
- ★ Weathering With You (Jan 15)
- ★ Dolittle (Jan 17)
- ★ The Last Full Measure (Jan 24)



*By: Lillian White*

## Athlete of the Month- Zea Kartes



Zea Kartes is a wrestler at OHHS who works very hard in practice. Zea is a junior and a second year captain. As a captain, he has been leading by example in the training room and in competitions. "This season Zea has been aggressive and dominant in matches," says, Coach Goulette. Zea has an 8-1 record so far and has a goal of going to states this year. Good Luck the rest of the season.

*By Josh Varney*

# Student Spotlight



## Senior-Adam Merrow



Fav Color: Blue  
Future Plans: Play baseball at the university of Michigan  
Age: 18  
Birthday: October 17, 2001  
Role Model: His dad, because he makes good doughnuts  
Favorite Teacher: Mr. Powley

*By: Fletcher Thompson*

## Junior- Xander Dings

Favorite Color: Blue  
Favorite Teacher: Mr. Powley  
Future Plans: He wants to go to Alpena College to be a lineman.  
Age: 16  
Birthday: April 21, 2003  
Role Model: Fletcher Thompson, because he is the best baseball player.

*By: Charles Clark*





## Sophomore- Jake Morrison



Favorite Color: Green

Favorite Teacher: Mr.Klein

Future Plans: Work on the farm, and not go to college

Age: 15

Birthday: September 30, 2004

Role Model: His dad, because he is a good person and teaches him a lot about what to do and not do

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*By: Delaney Quigley*

## Freshman- Tanner Lee

Favorite Color: Blue

Favorite Teacher:

Mr.Goulette

Future Plans: Go to college for Culinary.

Age: 15

Birthday: June 6, 2004

Role Model: His dad, because he motivates him to be his best person he can be.

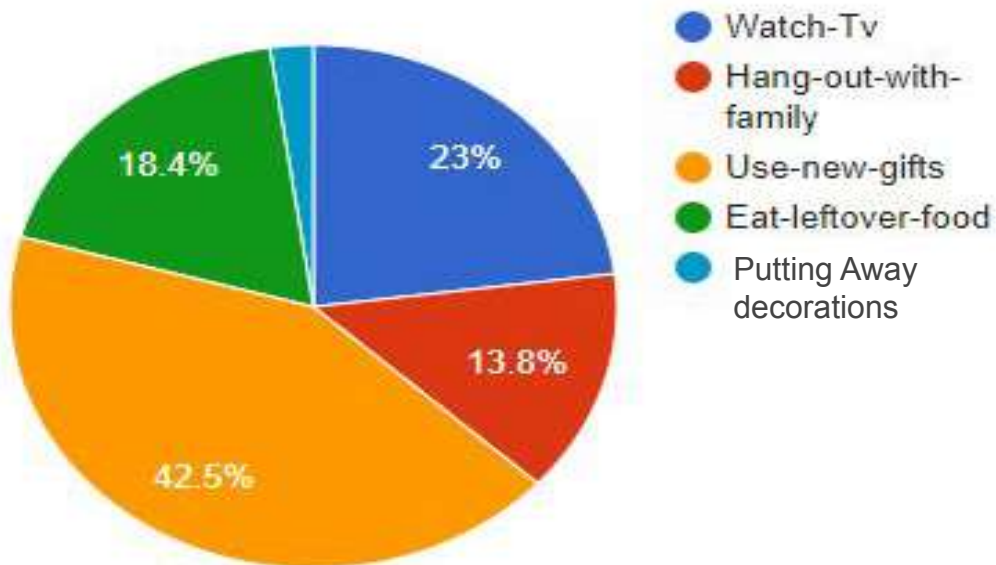


*By: Paige Liddell*

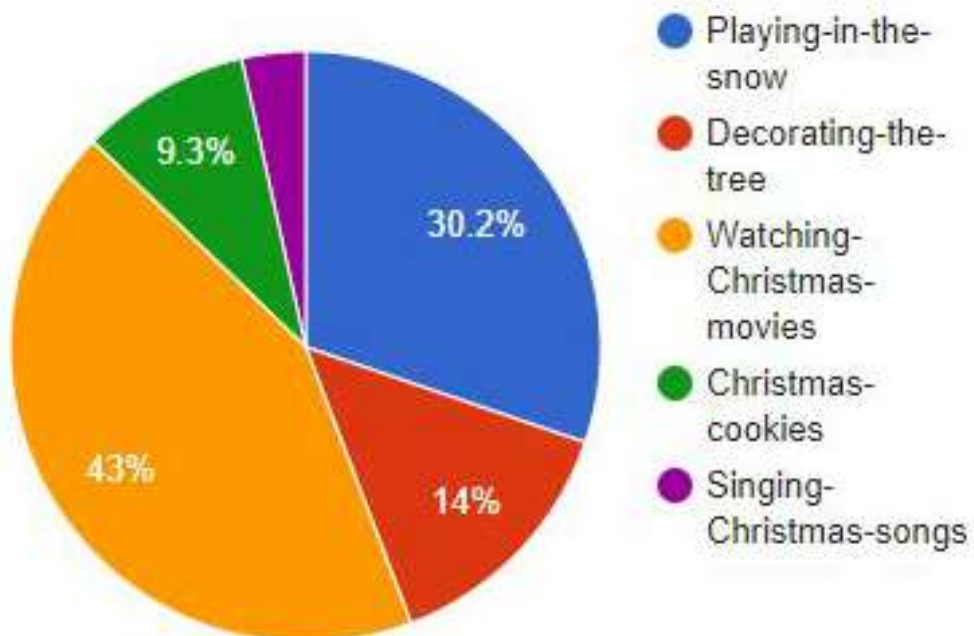


# Student Response

What are you doing over Christmas Break?



What is your favorite Christmas activity?





# Upcoming Events

Thursday, January 2nd  
Return to school

Wednesday, January 15th  
1st-3rd hour exams

Thursday, January 16th  
4th-6th hour exam

Friday, January 17th  
No school

Monday, January 20th  
Second semester begins

January 23rd-26th  
Murder Mystery 6pm at OHHS  
*Buy Tickets at [ohhstt.ludus.com](http://ohhstt.ludus.com)*

## Falcons Sports Schedule

### Girls Varsity Basketball

1/8 vs. John Glenn 7:30pm  
1/14 @ Gaylord 7:00pm  
1/17 vs. Bay City Central 7:30pm  
1/20 vs. Clare 7:30pm  
1/24 vs. Tawas 7:30pm  
1.28 @ Beaverton 7:30pm  
1/31 @ Houghton Lake 7:30pm

### Boys Varsity Basketball

1/3 vs. Alma 7:30pm  
1/7 vs. John Glenn 7:30pm  
1/14 @ Standish-Sterling 7:30pm  
1/16 vs. Tawas 7:30pm  
1/21 vs. Cheboygan 7:30pm  
1/27 vs. Grayling 7:30pm  
1/29 vs. Beaverton 7:30pm

### Boys Swimming

1/4 @ Heritage 12:00pm  
1/7 @ Oscoda 6:00pm  
1/11 Falcon Invite 10:00am  
1/14 vs. Chesaning 5:00pm  
1/21 vs. Caro 5:00pm  
1/28 vs. Standish-Sterling 6:00pm

### Bowling

1/4 Hi-Skore Lanes 11:00am  
1/11 @ Tawas 11:00am  
1/18 @ Bay City 11:00am  
1/25 Hi-Skore Lanes 11:00am

### Boys Wrestling

1/4 Falcon Invite 9:00am  
1/8 @ Oscoda 6:00pm  
1/11 @ Bay City Western 9:00am  
1/15 Home Quad 6:00pm  
1/18 @ Pine River 9:00am  
1/22 Home Tri Meet 6:00pm  
1/25 @ Reed City 9:00am  
1/29 @ Tawas 6:00pm



# Frothy The Lame-man

The story of an off-brand snowman

