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Getting into the holiday spirit

By: Alexis Faisca

Christmas time is meant to be full of bright and cheery faces. A time filled with dazzled up trees, a million presents, fake snow people out in the yard, and a much awaited visit from some strange man who breaks into your house, eats your cookies, and then leaves.

Not all of us seem to jump right into the Christmas pot of joy and become a holiday fanatic. Some just watch and wonder what in the world is wrong with everyone. No reason to worry though all you borderline grinchers out there; I am here to

provide you with some ways to get into the Christmas spirit.

Right off the bat you should go and hunt down the best tree you can find and quickly spruce it up with sparkling ornaments and lights. While doing so, put on some classic holiday music and you'll surely get your heart to open up and let in all the holiday joy. If that doesn't work, then take some decongestant medicine and welcome the sent of Christmas tree and freshly baked goods.

Baking always makes it feel like the holidays. Decorating

cookies is a fun way to get into the mood. You can even make a fruit cake that no one is really fond of, just for the sake of making it truly feel like a token Christmas. Going shopping and buying gifts can also leave some people jolly.

If it gets to the point where it's three days before Christmas and you are still not in the mood, then truthfully you probably never will be. Just go donate to some charity and you'll feel like a better person. No matter what, just try and get the best out of this holiday season!

Schedules are student driven

By: Kiana Kometani

This year the registration process is starting earlier than last year. Because it's such a long process to get the master schedule finished, it's important to get started early. The master schedule lets the teachers, vice principal, principal, and students know what classes are going to be offered.

The master schedule is expected to be done by May. If the schedule isn't finished before school gets out, there will be long lines of students

in front of Mr. Hashimoto's office because their schedules are wrong or there are blanks. "The schedules are student driven. What students want and sign up for will happen," emphasized Mr. Hashimoto.

It's very important that you turn in your registration form on or before December 18th because it's a first come, first serve basis.

**Reminder:
Registra-
tion forms
due by
December
18th!**

Students share the meaning of Christmas

By: Alanna Souza

Christmas has a different meaning to everyone. To one it may mean a time you can spend with family, to another it can mean no school for three weeks. I went around our campus and asked students what Christmas meant to them.

“Christmas is the time of year you spend with your family, even if you don’t want to,” said Alexis Faisca laughing.

“It means 3 weeks of no school,” said Cheyenne Maldonado.

“There’s no school and family gets together,” said Leianna De Silva

“Christmas to me means snow, except we don’t have that here, so I guess it means sand,” said Tamara Adams jokingly.

“The meaning of Christmas is happiness, joy, love, the spirit of giving, and the bright lights in Ainakea. Along with the smell of the Christmas tree until everyday after Christmas and massive surf brah!” said Kaina Matthey.

Christmas is just around the corner. Presents are being bought, carols being sung, Christmas trees lit up and decorated, and family and friends showing each other how they care. So what does Christmas mean to you?

Christmas traditions varied with Kohala Students

By: Leianna De Silva

Christmas is a time where family and friends get together. I asked some of our students their Christmas traditions.

On Christmas Eve, Stephanie Diaz and her family attends the Christmas Mass at church. After church they go home to fix dinner to eat in a couple of hours. At 12 o’clock she and her family gather around the Christmas tree to open gifts. When Christmas Day arrives Stephanie and her family go to a huge family party.

Alanna Souza said her family tradition is when all of her younger siblings barrage her at 5 a.m. screaming and yelling “Get up, and open presents!”

With every bit of energy she has, she wakes up looking like death and follows them to the tree.

A student who would like to be kept anonymous says her holiday is spent by celebrating Christmakah. She and her family have no tradition that they celebrate, but Christmakah is Christmas and Hanukah celebrated together.

There are different ways to celebrate, some with a big bang and other with a dinner party. To the students of Kohala High School, I wish you happy holidays.

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Spotlight on new librarian Jennifer Fowler

By: Leianna De Silva

Ms. Jennifer Fowler is the new librarian for the Kohala High School Library. As the KHS librarian, Ms. Fowler's responsibilities are running and maintaining the library, helping students with research and information seeking skills, and collaborating with teachers to enhance and support their curriculum.

She attended Gilmer High School in Ellijay, Georgia and graduated in 1997. At the University of Georgia, Ms. Fowler graduated with a Bachelors Degree in 2001, and then later graduated in 2003 with a Masters Degree. Go Dawgs!!!

Before working at KHS, she taught first and second graders for one year in Georgia, and then became a live in nanny. The family she was a nanny for came to Hawaii for a 6 month stay and she fell in love. "Fell in love with the area and with a boy." She decided to return after she went back with the family to Colorado, and received the job as the Librarian at KHS.

Ms. Fowler likes working at KHS because it's her first time working with older students, the size of the school is fairly small so she can get to know everyone, and she's learning all sorts of Hawaiian language and culture. The only challenge she has at KHS is pronouncing names.

With one achieved goal

of adding new furniture to the library, Ms. Fowler has more for the year. She wants to make the library more user friendly, welcoming and inviting to all. She would also like to enhance the reading collection, and update

the multi-media abilities.

To the KHS students Ms. Fowler would like to say "Thank you for being welcoming and hospitable and respectful in the library. You should come in anytime!!!"

KHS students and staff share their Christmas wish list

By: Stephanie Diaz

Just **10** days left 'til Christmas! Will you get the one thing you've been wishing for this whole year? Students and staff share their Christmas wish:

"I want a Playstation III"- Royce Pasalo

"I want to see Santa for Christmas,"- Cindy Ramos

"I want a Hummer 3!" – Taylor Uehana

"I want a full scholarship to a major college for Christmas." – Kylie Gonzales

"I want a Hummer 4." – Arvin Antonio

"I want to spend more time with my friends for Christmas." – Trisha Pasco

"I want a Jeep Grand Cherokee 2006." – Anuheia Medeiros

"I want to marry Smallville's Superman!!!" – Alanna Souza

"I want \$500."- Cody Souza

"I want an XBox 360" – Sean Brannigan

"I want a Rubrics Cube for Christmas because I want to look smart putting the pieces together."- Tiana Savedra

"I want to meet Channing Tatum!" – Stephanie Diaz

"I want more money!" – Kelson Kawai

"I want a Playstation III" – Cameron Naihe-Tabiolo

"I want a Wii." – Darryl Kapeliela

"I wish that all my AP students get a C or better and my zoology students get glue and my physiology students knew all the bones."- Beverly Tanaka (teacher)

"I want peace and joy for all!" – Gertrude Yamasaki (teacher)

Students not listening to the morning bulletin

By: Kiana Kometani

Lately many students have been missing important information that is broadcasted on the morning bulletin. Our very own students take time in the morning to broadcast the announcements every day.

Sixty-six percent of the students I asked said they didn't listen to the bulletin. The main reason students said they didn't listen was because it was hard to hear.

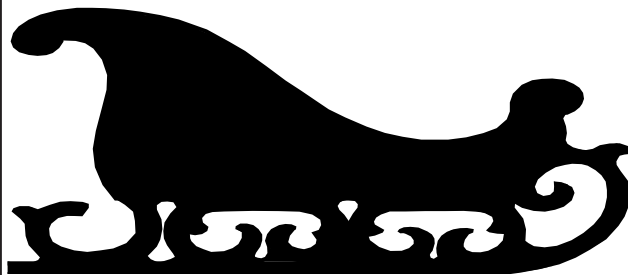
Important information about meetings, college opportunities, and sports are all on the bulletin. It's crucial that you listen to the announcements every morning so you're not missing out on any opportunities.

Homecoming will "Shake 'em off the Richter scale!"

By: Alanna Souza

The October 15th earthquake has taken another unsuspecting victim... Kohala High School's Homecoming. Hisaoka gym is no longer available until further notice, and because of the backboard in our gym being broken, along with the KHS gym not being able to accommodate the Homecoming Crowd, our Homecoming game will probably be held in Ka'u this year.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



KHS Wrestlers rise again

By: Stephanie Diaz

It's another exciting season for our KHS wrestling team. The season started off with a pre-season JV tournament that was held last December 9, at the Honoka'a Armory. Only three of our JV wrestlers were able to participate. Miho Fujii (captain

of the wrestling team) won her first match by a pin. Dooh Yadao also pinned her opponents during her first and second match. So, did Anacleta Maglianes for her second.

KHS wrestlers for the 2006-2007 wrestling season are Stephanie Diaz (Vars.), Miho Fujii (JV), Arrodr Idrigue (JV), Kawini Lo (JV), Sara Lo (JV), Erin Macalma (JV), Anacleta Maglianes (JV), Daniel Skelton (Vars.), Taylor White (JV), and Dooh Yadao (JV). The coach will, once again, be Eric Fujii. For this season, Anacleta Maglianes looks forward to "... have as many take downs, win at least five matches, and master wrestling techniques."