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Unscramble These Holiday Words

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The Top 10 Holiday Cookies, Ranked Totally and Entirely Scientifically

I was going to write something pseudo-intellectual about the decline of white Christian America for this issue, because I saw a video on the Atlantic about how America is now, for the first time, not a majority -white-and-Christian nation. But then I thought about how those same people, while they might be relatively on the decline demographically, just voted Trump into office. And then I realized it didn’t seem to make a lot of sense to write about their decline. And you know what else? I’m not in the mood! All I want to do is watch A Christmas Carol and drink apple cider that’s half cinnamon while munching on cookies. But what kind of Holiday cookies, that is the question. So here’s a scientifically ranked cookie list, be grateful for it.

#10: MERINGUE COOKIES
I wasn’t ORIGINALLY going to include these, and I’m not even sure if they’re especially Christmassy. But then I saw them at the bottom of another ranking, and all I could think was that that author understood me on a freaky level. WHAT ARE THESE. Sweet Styrofoam puffs? Oh wait, no, they melt right after the squeak when you first bite into them. And then you get a wave of plain sweetness. That’s the only flavor here. Thanks for playing,

meringue cookies, but all you really are is a waste of egg whites. Save them for macarons.

Next time I feel particularly trolley, maybe I’ll get some packing peanuts, cover them in orange, blue and pink highlighter, and sell them to Whole Foods. Meringue cookies!



#9: GINGERBREAD MEN
Okay, in these guys’ credit, none of these other cookies have a song. Or, for that matter, a Kanye shout out (The Bounce, Jay Z ft. Kanye West, 2003: “Gingerbread Man even said, ‘You’re a monster!’”). But. That doesn’t excuse them. If meringue cookies

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Food

are reminiscent of Styrofoam, these things are more like well-dressed cardboard. They’re pretty, with their meticulously drawn uniforms and boots and noses and stuff, but they’re way too stiff. Am I biting into a cookie or a tree trunk? Who knows! The tree trunk might be healthier, so I’ll hope for that one.

Ultimately, they’re like the well-dressed, mysterious stranger that you start talking to at a party, but have to get away from in the first five minutes because they take themselves way too seriously and don’t get any of your jokes (or any jokes). I’ll totally put them on Instagram, though.

#8: SHORTBREAD COOKIES

I see these periodically all year round, but at Christmas they really seem to seize the day. That is, by rising from their blue tin coffins like vampires out to suck all the moisture from your mouth and throat. The texture is better than the latter two, but only just. They’re soft compared to gingerbread men, but so is chalk compared to a brick. They’re not TERRIBLE or anything. Butter is great! But it’s also used much more effectively by some of the cookies further up the list.

I mean, they’re totally acceptable to bring to a party, but they’re never going to be popular. And then you’re stuck with all the leftovers. But hey, it was your decision. I guess that’s just how the cookie crumbles. (Get it? Because they’re super crumbly!)



#7: BISCOTTI

I’m going to be totally honest here, I’m mostly punishing these for being ugly. What says

Christmas? Maybe you can get kind of a pinecone vibe if you look hard enough? All they look like to me is shrunken-down slices of a rustic brown bread baked by a German housewife in the days of Little Red Riding Hood. If that’s your thing, do you! I don’t want to harsh your buzz at all. I mean, they’re also crunchy, but you already know how I feel about crunchy cookies.

The major saving grace of poor biscotti is COFFEE. Just like tomato soup is just a condiment for grilled cheese sandwiches, biscotti are just edible stir sticks for sweet, sweet homework diesel. Long and short of it: coffee is the major variable here. You will look so thoughtful and tasteful if you bring biscotti alongside coffee, but without it, you’ll probably be shunned and forced to taste-test the eggnog in the fridge to see if it’s gone bad yet.

#6: CHOCOLATE CRINKLE COOKIES

I don’t know, you guys. Here’s where the list gets a bit more objective and middling (some would say boring? Whatever, who cares what they think). OBJECTIVELY, these are great. Chocolate, check. The one ingredient that can take almost any dessert from mediocre to pretty good, at the very least. Plus, they’re pillowy and crunchy only on top. So what’s the problem? Icing. Sugar. I don’t get it. It falls on your clothes like a mist of shame. It coats your lips. And honestly, after the year humanity has collectively had, it sometimes makes me kind of zone out and think about the clouds of nuclear fallout dust that surely await us all, falling from the sky like icing sugar falling onto my black pants.

Chocolate is great. So are chewy cookies. But just say no to imitation cocaine.

#5: LINZER COOKIES

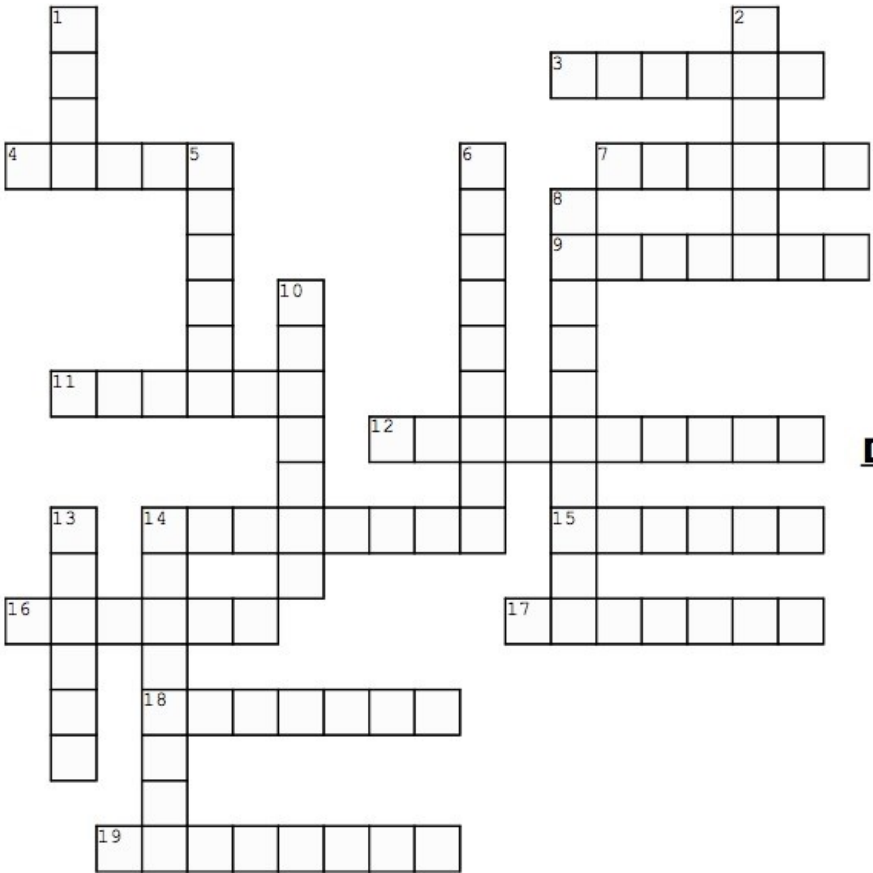
You know these. They’re the ones that are basically two layers of shortbread with raspberry jam in the middle, shellacked in icing sugar. If it seems like a lot of these are kind of repetitive, I’m with you. Can we start a new cookie that’s, like, pretzels and chocolate chips, and just put some green and red sprinkles on top to make it a Christmas cookie? Let’s

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Crossword



Across

- 3. to move around cheerfully
- 4. spiciest pepper
- 7. sleeveless outerwear
- 9. to weave together
- 11. Freddi's sidekick
- 12. xxxiv
- 14. soft fabric
- 15. isolated Hawaiian island
- 16. most populated city in Spain
- 17. spiky, egg laying mammal
- 18. used to surface roads
- 19. to cover with a protective layer

Down

- 1. white part of citrus fruit
- 2. fermented side dish
- 5. fermented soy product
- 6. national dance of Poland
- 8. five-note scale
- 10. beet dish
- 13. an object used to fasten paper
- 14. type of wax from palm leaves

Poem

“I Wish”

I wish I had a dream.
A dream that changes my life through.
The dream comes in and out of my mind.
It never lets me give up.

Even if I had the same dream yesterday.
I can't forget what it was.
No matter what is going on.
It will go on and on.

I can't forget what it that.
Even though I try to forget
It will go on and on.
Just let it go through the end.

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By Tenzin Dolma



Caffeine

Caffeine is my bud
I need caffeine in my blood
Caffeine is my friend
I need caffeine till the end
Caffeine makes me laugh
Caffeine makes me cry
I'll need caffeine till the day I die

By Anonymous

More Food

do it. But anyway, these get points for creativity, but lose points for being shortbread and icing sugar. When the jam isn't too sweet, they're pretty good. Think of the level of good that comes along with expecting to get 10/25 on a math quiz and actually getting 18/25. You'll take it! If the jam is too sweet, however, like if the person just took some Smucker's and spooned it between their Aunt Tracy's old Danish butter cookies and called it a day, they're Pixar movie -level cloying. Guess which is more often the case - at least at my family gatherings?

#4: ANY KIND OF ICED SUGAR COOKIE

Okay. Now it's getting real. The few must atone the ones where the butter is melted before being mixed into the sugar (hint: mine). A few must atone for the sins of the many here. There are lots of GREAT, soft, moist Iced sugar cookies, and they can be so gorgeous! I've seen plenty of cookies with better stars and ornaments drawn on than a lot of these eyebrows I see drawn on. But don't lie to me and say you've never had the ones that are like tiny boulders with a dusting of plastic, see drawn on. But don't lie to me and say you've never had the ones that are like tiny boulders with a dusting of plastic, vaguely shiny chunks of green sugar. They're like the white gingerbread men. So ultimately, the scales of justice are balanced by the existence of both.

Melt your butter!! But take it from someone who knows: you're not going to be able to make a smiling moon with blue and red icing. Don't try. You'll end up with something that looks like it belongs in a long white hallway, being mocked by people saying things like "my five-year-old could have done that!" In fact, outsource your decorating to someone who knows how, okay?

#3: GINGERSNAPS

Even when these are crunchy, they're up there. When they're soft, I will hear no criticism. I don't even care if they're not THAT pretty. You know why? Ginger! It's an absolutely genius ingredient because it packs a PUNCH if you put too much in. It balances out the sweetness perfectly. Ginger is like online shopping. If you go too crazy, it burns either your taste buds or your wallet. But the right amount is

perfect for when you don't want to leave your house or they're not carrying whatever you need at the actual store. No, I don't secretly work for Amazon. Yes, there is now unlimited FREE two-day shipping for Amazon Prime members.

And by the way, gingerbread men don't get to reap the ginger benefits because they're just desiccated icing-paintings that are made of a vaguely ginger-flavored concrete. Gingersnaps may not be as flashy, but they get the big stuff right.



#2: SNICKERDOODLES

You know when you used to (or still do) go to Sears as a kid and lie all over the beds and pillows, imagining what your life would be like if you had one of those beds instead of your tiny twin bed in a room you probably shared with your sibling? Picture the fluffiest, most perfect pillow you ever found, and then stuff it with butter and cover it in cinnamon and sugar. Take a bite. That's snickerdoodles. Not only is their name unabashedly stupid and fun to say, which I give them a lot of respect for, they get a solid A+ on texture and you can make them all year round. Only the undisputed KING of Christmas cookies, the Nicki Minaj of Christmas cookies, the *Home Alone 2: Lost in New York* of Christmas cookies can beat these.

If there's anything I hope you take away from this, it's that butter is your friend when it comes to making cookies. Vegetable shortening can never compare.

The Top Holiday Cookie Revealed On The Next Page...

Even More Food

#1: PEPPERMINT MELTAWAYS

I just found out that was what these were called about an hour ago. You know what it is. Soft, fluffy white sugar cookie base like biting into a million clouds. Buttercream icing with just the right amount of sweetness. Delicate mint flavor throughout. And CRUSHED UP CANDY CANES ON TOP!!! They SCREAM Christmas. *All I Want For Christmas Is You* probably just started playing in your head as

soon as you pictured what I was describing. We have a winner. Maybe they'll do the Cady in Mean Girls and break the plastic trophy into 9 different pieces to throw to the others, but I doubt it. They shouldn't have to, anyway. (And yes, one is missing from that number. MERINGUE COOKIES. They don't deserve anything).



By Liam Clark

Where To Eat Without Breaking The Bank

We're all teenagers in this school and I'm pretty sure that I speak on behalf of all the student body when I say that I like to eat. Food is good but another thing that comes with being a teenager is being broke. Because, well, let's face it, with those Bio 12 tests combined with whatever homework Mr. Ferguson has provided you with and the multitude of essays constantly due, who has time for a job? So here are 6 places to eat that won't break the bank and that are also very, very good.

1. **Green Cuisine:** Ok so this place might not be for everyone, but for all the vegans/vegetarians out there, this place is fantastic. Even if you're not part of the veggie club you can still enjoy the plethora of food Green Cuisine provides. It's basically just a large buffet, and everything is by weight. Prices are somewhere around \$1.50 per 100 grams. There's lots of different types of hot foods as well as salads and there are always fries. You will never leave this place hungry.
2. **Tacofino:** Tacofino is basically another term for taco heaven. There are so many different types of tacos you can choose from, whether it's meat, fish or veggies. Prices range from \$4 to \$6.50 which really isn't costly considering how large and filling they are. Other than tacos, there are burritos, quesadillas and the biggest plate of nachos you have ever seen. So even if tacos aren't your thing, there are still options.

3. **The mint:** The mint is a good place to get lots of

food for a small amount of cash. Nothing is over \$15 and there is no specific genre of food so there are plenty of options. The curry boxes are best and dessert is always included, so that's always a sweet bonus.

3. **Bulk barn:** Ok so technically this one shouldn't count but I'm including it anyway. If you think you'd like a very large room filled with only bulk food and candy, you will adore bulk barn. Their candy section covers two aisles and their snacks section is at least 2-3. Again, everything is by weight and generally pretty cheap. They also offer a student discount!
5. **Azuma Sushi:** Azuma is a good dinner place to go to when you're feeling a little bit fancier. The food is great, there's free tea, and they give you little chocolate mints with your bill. There are definitely pricier items on the menu considering there's seafood involved, but as long as you avoid these, your meal will likely be under \$20. And, you know, there's free chocolate involved so that's enough motivation right there!
5. **Yalla:** A new middle eastern street style restaurant. Yalla let's you enjoy a falafel, shawarma, or just some plain hummus and pita! Quick and cheap, Yalla packs in the flavors so you're left fully satisfied. For the new year, why not visit Yalla and try something new!!

By Marin Hoh & Emma Bradshaw

Politics (The Conquest Of Bread)

On the Myth of Scarcity

In our society 100 workers with the aid of powerful machinery, can produce in a few months enough wheat to maintain ten thousand people for a whole year. And where we wish to double our produce, to triple it, to multiply it a hundred-fold, we make the soil, and we find enormous returns. **And yet we see hunger in our country, as much of this is thrown away because it is not profitable for the capitalist class to sell food at lower prices.**

And in manufactures as in agriculture, and indeed through our whole social system, **the labor, the discoveries, and the inventions of our ancestors and the masses profit chiefly the few**, and yet it is certain that mankind in general, aided by our creations of steel and iron which we already possesses, could already create an existence of wealth and ease for everyone.

The farms of our planet produce enough to feed 1.18 times the global population, and yet 868 million people go hungry every year. In the United States, the richest nation in human history, there are five vacant homes for every homeless person. This is not a picture of success.

Truly, we are rich, far richer than we think; rich in what we already possess, richer still in the possibilities of what we could possess if the motive of greed was removed from production; **richest of all in what we might win from our soil, from our factories, from our science, were they applied to bringing about the wellbeing of all.**

On Innovation, & the Common Heritage of Humanity

We, in our society, are rich. Why then are the many poor? Why this painful drudgery for the masses? Why, even to the best paid workman, could they be in absolute poverty tomorrow? **With all the wealth inherited from the past, and the great surpluses we see in our world, could we not ensure comfort to all with only a few hours of daily work?**

Millions of human beings have labored to create this civilization on which we pride ourselves today. Other millions, scattered through the globe, labor to maintain it. Without them nothing would be left in fifty years but ruins.

There is not even a thought, or an invention, which is not common property, born of the past and the present. Thousands of inventors, known and unknown, who have died in poverty, have co-operated in the invention of each of these machines which embody the genius of man..

Had the inventors of things like the Steam Engine, the loom, the first hydroelectric dams, not found skilled workmen to bring their ideas into reality, we would not live in the world we do. Shouldn't those who worked to create these things benefit equally from them? Seeing how interconnected our society is, shouldn't we all?

Every machine has had the same history - a long record of defeats and of joys, of small improvements discovered by generations of nameless workers, who added to the original invention these refinements. Without this process even the greatest institution or enterprise would stagnate. More than that: **every new invention is a synthesis, the resultant of innumerable inventions which have preceded it in the vast field of mechanics and industry.**

Science and industry, knowledge and application, discovery and practical realization, cunning of brain and of hand, toil of mind and muscle — all work together. Each discovery, each advance, each increase in the sum of human riches, owes its being to the physical and mental labor of the past and the present.

By what right then can any one whatever appropriate the least morsel of this immense whole and say — This is mine, not yours?

By Max Thompson

Tips to Surviving University

A letter from ESQ Alumna, Julia Young



Last September, I moved 4000km away to the University of Toronto and everything changed. The most difficult transition for me was moving to a city away from my family and everything that was normal to me. When you start postsecondary, you’re suddenly thrown into a new dynamic and a new life. I was entirely taken aback by what it meant to be an adult in a big and different city.

There’s so many things you have to figure out: new places, new friends, where you have to take your laundry, how to distinguish between the snack foods you need to buy and the ones you can smuggle out of the dining hall. (So many snacks; I recommend Tupperware.) Even if you don’t move out of your city, you’ll still be struck by loneliness sometimes and you’ll still miss your old friends and old ways. My best advice for these moments is to breathe through them, text one of your friends, maybe get some tea. You can make it through. Just remember that there are so many greater things about being an adult rather than a teenager.

It’s easy to get bogged down by the stress and anticipation of university, but trying to take on new roles and testing yourself in new ways can lead to amazing things. During one of my first weeks, I stayed up until three in the morning reading two versions of the Epic of Gilgamesh. I was tired and a little stressed but so very, very happy that this was my new reality.

Some of the happiest moments I’ve had so far have been unexpected ones, like Gilgamesh at three in the morning, but many of them have a common thread - they were the times when I got out of my room. Getting out and being involved is scary; you want to keep your grades up and you don’t always have people to go with. However, getting out there and doing things with people, while historically not my forte, has led to all of the best experiences I’ve had so far. Exploring the city on my own, going out with groups, or just getting to know people by going to meals with them - these have brought about the best parts of my university experience.

I was asked to include some advice for all of you in grade 12 and I’ll try not to be patronizing because goodness knows I haven’t figured it all out yet (I also have total faith that you can all manage). You’ve probably heard this from a million people but it’s because they’re all right and you should listen: like what you like and be who you are with confidence. Even if you don’t feel confident, it’s surprisingly easy to fake it; you’ll like yourself better and people will like you more for it. Go out and talk to people, even if it’s terrible and awkward. Also, try to start your assignments a few days in advance. I know it’s hard but just trust me.

University is, above all, better than high school. I’ve met amazing people who want to talk about interesting things. The only time I ever seem to buy either Tim Horton’s or groceries is between twelve and three in the morning. We will never (ever) speak of the time I almost joined the Rowing Team.

The struggle to find a decent London Fog in this city is ongoing and has led me to coffee shops all over the city, resulting in me working at a volunteer coffee shop on campus every week (they needed me that badly). I can do what I love here, I’m encouraged to, and the people here really do want to make a difference.

Transitioning to university is going to be hard. You’re going to have setbacks and things you didn’t anticipate no matter how hard you try. The grade drop is real but university is possible and worth it. I haven’t mastered it yet, and probably never will, but I have confidence in its value. Learning is always worthwhile and always possible and I know that you can do it too.

Music

Alright we just had our first snowfalls, officially welcoming in the holiday and Christmas season. As you decorate the house for which ever holidays you and your family celebrate you will need some background tunes. With so much selection, choosing the perfect playlist can be overwhelming. Here I have compiled the ideal Christmas playlist to groove to while you set -up the tree and frolic in the snow, because “*Christmas Time Is Here*” so it’s time to download these songs onto your devices:



- 1. “What Christmas Means To Me” Cee Lo Green
- 2. “Sleigh Ride” The Ronettes
- 3. “Home For Christmas” Kate Bush
- 4. “Gaudete” Erasure
- 5. “Joy” Tracey Thorn

- 6. “The Christmas Song” She & Him
- 7. “Combien De Noël?” Tricot Machine
- 8. “Christmas Time Is Here Again” Ringo Starr
- 9. “I’ve Got My Love To Keep Me Warm” Ella Fitzgerald
- 10. “Merry Xmas Everybody” Slade
- 11. “Christmas” The Nines
- 12. “White Christmas” Diana Ross and the Supremes
- 13. “Merry Christmas (I Don’t Want To Fight Tonight)” The Smithereens
- 14. “The Little Drummer Boy” David Bowie and Bing Crosby
- 15. “As Long As There’s Christmas” Aselin Debison

By Zoe Macdonald

- 1. By definition, which of the following is NOT a Christmas carol?
 - A) Blue Christmas
 - B) Past Three O'clock
 - C) Ding Dong Merrily on High
 - D) O Holy Night
 - E) Silent Night
- 2. "Tis the season to be jolly", comes from which song?
 - A) Deck the Halls
 - B) While Shepherds Watched
 - C) Jingle Bells
 - D) God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen

- 3. "On a cold winter's night that was so deep" comes from which song?
 - A) Away in a Manger
 - B) The First Noel
 - C) Ave Maria
 - D) Deck the Halls
- 4. On the ninth day of Christmas, my true love gave to me..
 - A) Nine clowns juggling
 - B) Nine ladies dancing
 - C) Six girls knitting
 - D) Nine lords leaping



Media



Love him or hate him, there is no denying that Kanye West is one of the most outrageous celebrities in the media. From his incredibly successful clothing line to his controversial rants and tweets to demolishing Taylor Swift and dropping his 7th studio album “The Life of Pablo”, 2016 has been Kanye’s year. At this point he’s pretty much done it all, but it still came as a surprise on November 21 when it was announced that he would be canceling the remainder of his “Saint Pablo” tour. He had reportedly been suffering from temporary psychosis due to exhaustion and had been hospitalized against his will. What was even more surprising though was the backlash that occurred in the media as a result: instead of recognizing the severity of his mental health problems, it was treated as yet another publicity stunt to gain attention or worse, calling him “crazy” and “insane”. Now, it’s doubtful that a public figure who is as influential as Kanye would be affected by tabloids accusing him of being desperate and crazy yet again. He deals with this negative public attention all the time.

~~No, the real problem is that these headlines are reach-~~

ing millions of young people, no doubt eager to read about his latest antics. Except this time it isn’t just antics, it is a very real issue which is far too ignored in today’s society. His severe mental health problems are being trivialized into catchy headlines and sound bites. What kind of message is that sending to the general public, especially younger people? That mental illness is merely a petty way of gaining publicity? That it is not actual illness but rather an inconvenience? Or, worst of all, that you’ll be accused of being “insane” if you try to seek help? Instead of using this incident to spread awareness of psychosis and anxiety and more importantly, how those affected can get help, it was yet another way to bank in on Kanye’s fame in the most demeaning way possible.

It’s true that Kanye has done some pretty outrageous things over the years for publicity, proving the lengths he’ll go for a bit of coverage. Understandably, people are skeptical. However, being forcibly hospitalized is clearly very severe, and this is not just a one-time problem. Whenever a public figure suffers from a mental health episode there are always headlines about them “going crazy” and their “epic meltdowns”. It’s time that we as a society acknowledge the detrimental effect of the media’s misrepresentation of mental illness and focus instead on spreading facts and awareness. Regardless of whether or not you like Kanye

By Josie Thompson

Christmas Puns:

If a reindeer lost its tail, where could he get a new one?

- At a retail store.

Why does Santa travel through chimneys on Christmas Eve?

- Because it soots him.

What do Christmas trees and bad knitters have in common?

- They both drop their needles.

What do reindeer use to decorate their Christmas trees?

- Horn-aments.



Happy Holidays

Tips & Tricks To De-stress Over The Holidays



As a high school student, stress is an everyday fact for many of us, especially in senior level grades. We often take winter holidays for granted by assuming that we will automatically be de-stressed after leaving our school commitments for a while. This often isn’t the case and for many of us, we come back to school after two weeks of break all worn out after Christmas and New Years and stressed due to the exams coming up in the following few weeks. To prevent this, there are a couple of key things to do this holiday season between the family events and the “*New Year, New Me*” initiatives to help reduce the stress of coming back to school.

First, try taking some time for yourself over the break. Whether that means reading a book or going for a walk, it’s important not to feel obligated to spend 99% of your time with family and friends over the Christmas season. Remember that it is alright to take time for yourself and skip out on a few of the family events.

Next, try studying for your exams early (for

once in your life :). An easy way to do this is to simply take 10 minutes out of your day before falling asleep to study. Fun fact: your brain actually retains more information right before you fall asleep. By simply reading over a chapter in your textbook before you fall asleep, you’ll have learned a little more every time you wake up. Instead of going through your Facebook feed before bed, try taking out your school notes or textbook. Also, you will likely get a better sleep because the blue light on your computer or phone impedes your sleep patterns.

Lastly, sleep! It is so very important that we all get enough sleep (which I’m sure you’ve all heard before). This break, make it a goal to get into a more healthy and regular sleep pattern. Try falling asleep and getting up at a reasonable time as opposed to the terribly late hours we often stay up till to get homework done (with the exception of New Year's of course for I’m sure that we will all be so happy to see 2016 off on its merry way). Be in bed at a reasonable time whether you deem that to be 9 or 11, know yourself and how much sleep you need. Though you may want to get in all your missed sleep over the break, don’t be tempted to sleep in too late because it will leave you in a far worse sleep pattern. This winter break, let's take an *actual break and enjoy the time off school!*

By Maggy Jordan

1. Father Frost is which country’s version of Santa Claus?

- A) Great Britain
- B) Denmark
- C) France
- D) Norway
- E) Russia

2. What is the name of Mr. Scrooge’s clerk in the holiday classic “A Christmas Carol?”

- A) Jacob Marley
- B) Bob Cratchit
- C) Tom Ricketts
- D) None of these

3. The French cake *Buche de Noel* takes the shape of a _____.

- A) Christmas tree
- B) Winter house
- C) Santa sleigh
- D) Yule log
- E) Candy cane

4. Which of the following countries and territories does NOT officially observe Christmas as a public holiday?

- A) Hong Kong
- B) South Korea
- C) Japan
- D) Cuba



Answers: 1E, 2B, 3D, 4C