

Happy Holidays!





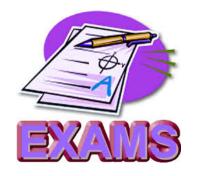


Join us on Thursday, December 24th for a visit from the jolly fat man himself, SANTA CLAUS!!!! More details to come!



Friday, December 25th: Christmas Holiday Thursday, December 31st - January 1st: New Year Holiday Monday, January 4th: Independence Day







ILBSM students sat for exams December 7th-12th. Not only was this an opportunity for the students to test the knowledge imparted by our wonderful teachers, it gave the staff a much needed opportunity to see the smiling young people! Hand washing stations and temperature checks were set up at the school entrance, while social distancing and all other COVID protocols were followed to ensure the safety of our young geniuses. Keep studying hard!!! Final exams are in March!





What is Christmas?

The Two Aspects of Christmas

We all love Christmas. Whether you're a Christian or not, you probably celebrate Christmas. Being one of the most beloved holidays, there are two aspects of celebrating it.

Firstly, people celebrate Christmas for religious reasons. It is the holy day that Jesus Christ, the Son of God, was born. Others celebrate Yuletide because they believe Santa Claus goes around at midnight sending presents on that day.

When most people celebrate Christmas, it is because of one of these two reasons. There are people that celebrate the Yule because of both reasons. There are also people who celebrate the holiday solely for the fun of the commercial aspect, neither for religious reasons nor Santa, but for fun. I am one of those people.

These are the two main reasons why people celebrate Christmas. What is your favorite aspect of Christmas? Do you celebrate Christmas? If you do, which of the reasons above describe why you celebrate Christmas? Contact the ILBSM Scope and let us know your opinion.

Christmas Around the World

In the USA, celebrants decorate the outsides of their houses with lights and sometimes even statues of Santa Claus, Snowmen, and Reindeer. They leave out cookies and milk as a snack for Santa on Christmas Eve. Cities and towns decorate the streets with lights to celebrate Christmas.

Ghanaians celebrate Christmas starting from December 20 to the first week in January by doing several activities. Kids usually put on a Nativity Play or other shows. Then choirs will sing and people come out to dance. Christmas Eve is very essential in the Philippines. A lot of people stay awake all night until Christmas day. During the evening of Christmas, people go to church to hear the last 'simbang gabi' or the Christmas Eve mass. After that, they have a midnight feast, called Noche Buena. In Japan, they think of Christmas as a time for spreading joy rather than a religious holiday. They celebrate Christmas eve more than Christmas Day. Christmas Eve is treated as a holiday for couples.









Santa Ate My Cookies (based on Spoiled Brat) By Jessica, P5



It was a normal Christmas day until I received my Christmas present. It was a lump of coal. I was so furious and wanted to know who gave me that nonsense. My dad asked, "Do you like it?" I replied with so much anger, "Why would I like this cheap crap!!?" The next thing I know, I was storming out of my house, looking like a bright red tomato.

When I was walking outside to calm myself, I saw a homeless person giving his little daughter a lump of coal. She

thanked him with so much excitement, "Thanks, dad!" After seeing them, I started to realize I was being spoiled, selfish and a monster. I started regretting my actions so I went home to apologize to them. After that, I went and gave the homeless people some food and warm clothes. I felt like it was the right thing to do.

Later that day, I saw Santa inside my house eating cookies and a glass of milk. I screamed "AHHHHHHHHHH" at an extremely high pitch, startling him. Santa said, "HO, Ho, Ho! Hello there, I just wanted to give you a gift for being a good girl," with his jolly attitude. My face swished with excitement. "Come here", Santa instructed me, and I went closer to him. He gave a little box filled with jewels. I was so thankful. I thanked him a thousand times and he just laughed, "Ho! Ho! Merry Christmas!" Then, he disappeared magically.

My Biggest Secret

By David, P5

I am about to tell you my biggest secret and please don't tell anyone about this. On last year's Christmas Eve, I was looking out my window, watching the snowfall from the sky. Much to my amazement, I witnessed Santa Claus, a white-bearded man with a red suit, white fur craving the coat, slipped off my neighbor's

roof. Not believing my eyes, I questioned myself, "Who the heck climbs a rooftop at midnight?" I rubbed my eyes and tried to look carefully again, but I saw him automatically disappear. When I headed back to my room, Santa gave me a present that was full of UC credits. Not only that, but he also wrote a note that said, "Please, don't tell anyone". "If you tell anyone, your present will disappear". So, I didn't tell anyone about it until the night was over.



Doggie that Saved Christmas By Julia, P5



Let me tell you the story of how my pet saved Christmas. Last year, my family and I went on a trip right before Christmas. We had a dog called Elvis at that time. Before we went on the trip, we decorated our house with decorations and accessories for Christmas. We were kind of worried that someone would break into our house because there would be no one at our house when we go on the trip. Elvis was the only one left at the house.

We went on the trip a week before Christmas. We left home at night and that night nothing happened at home. We were just going without caring about what would happen at home if we weren't there. Elvis was just sleeping and walking around the house. He didn't need to get food because we left home after we fed him. The next day, he was in the living room just waiting and playing with his toys. Then, he went into the storeroom to get his food. It wasn't difficult to get his food because he just had to jump on the bag and just push it down. Days passed like that and it has been four days since we left home and nothing happened.

But, on the fifth day, some thieves broke into our house to steal things, but they didn't know Elvis was there. They had a bunch of keys to open the house and Elvis heard them so he prepared some flour at the balcony which will go down when they step on the rope. Then, he went to the backyard to throw some marbles so that they will slip when they come in. When the two guys came in, they saw the dog and chased him because they also wanted to sell it. But, Elvis went on the stairs and got some rolling balls and rolled them.

The thieves fell to the ground. The other doors were locked too so they went around the house and stepped on the rope so the flour fell on them. Later, Elvis just threw some baskets of plastic balls from the balcony. They were really

angry at the dog and tried to hit him with the balls, but Elvis went to the backyard. So, they ran there and slipped because of the marbles. In the end, they gave up and ran away from the house. Some neighbors saw them but they couldn't catch them. When we got back the neighbors told us about it and we were so amazed and surprised.





Sit back and smile with laughter as our students become Santa's litle helpers, and dance to our favorite Christmas jingles. P4-S1 Students had an opportunity to submit selfies for this Moment of Christmas cheer. ENJOY!!

Click on the links to view the videos. Download your video now! The videos will be removed after Jan 1.

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