



Youth of Today
Hope of Tomorrow



My December Plans



Ava Roberts
Pflugerville M. S.

December is here. 2018 is almost over. When I look back over the year, I am very grateful for my blessings. I am also getting ready for Christmas!

Giving is first on my Christmas list. Every year I look forward to partici-

pating in Operation Christmas Child. I donate a shoebox or two through my church. If your church does not participate in the program, you can build a shoebox online or drop one off at a processing center. For more information, go to <https://www.samaritanspurse.org/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child>.

Volunteering is next on my list. I volunteer through Girl Scouts or community organizations. Last is receiving gifts. Like many of you, I make a big list and hope that I get most of what is on it!

Schools and Schedules



Chance Hall
Del Valle High School

Hello everyone! I'm back and ready to write for The Villager. I have some good news to share first: on November 10th, I got first place in the YMCA's Youth and Government State Affairs. That means that I was the best at finding a problem in the state of Texas, coming up with a logical solution, and presenting that solution to a jury of my peers in my district. I get to go to State in January, which takes place in the middle

of Austin, and compete for a spot in Nationals.

Currently I'm making sure that a few projects that are going to be due during the first week back. A persuasive paper for English, a few concept sketches for Technical Theatre, final edits on my speeches and programs for debate, and many other things. This is probably gonna be the worst of the workload I have, but I'll get through it.

And with past triumphs, come future horizons. I'm applying to colleges, looking for scholarships, and branching out my activity to not be such a hermit. I plan to start powerlifting to help with my fitness and strength, and I personally think it's going to a great time. I like this plan, and I'm pretty sure it's gonna work out well.

Texas Thespian Festival



Sarah Robertson
Connally H. S.

On November 15th - 18th, Connally High School Theater attended the Texas Thespians Festival in Grapevine, Texas. A Thespian is a person that is an Actor or Actress that has gotten to be a part of an organization that is mainly about theater and acting. At the Festival there were workshops and plays to attend and experience. I

went to some improv workshops which I enjoyed so much. The plays and musicals I saw at the Festival were phenomenal. One of the musicals I got to see was "Little Shop of Horror" which was so amazing. These performances were done by high schoolers, performers my age. I was so amazed by the beautiful sets and costumes they wore on stage.

Being a part of this event and being a member of Connally High School Theater makes high school enjoyable. I want to encourage high school students to participate in their school's drama club. I had a wonderful time and experience that I can't wait to go again next year.

"Wreck It Ralph 2" Review



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On Wednesday, November 21st, 2018, the film "Wreck It Ralph 2" opened in theaters everywhere. The sequel stars John C. Reilly as Ralph and Sarah Silverman as Vanellope. Co-stars include Taraji P. Henson as Yesss and Gal Gadot as Shank.

"Wreck It Ralph 2" is about the video game characters, Ralph and Vanellope, going on an adventure to the

Internet. While on their journey, they visit many existing online applications such as eBay and YouTube. However, after getting caught up in the wonders of the Internet, Ralph finds a way to nearly "break it." The film is very clever and has various cameos such as Disney princesses.

"Wreck It Ralph 2" is the sequel to the original 2012 movie. The film did a good job of continuing the story from the first "Wreck It Ralph" while introducing new concepts. I wouldn't be surprised if Disney found a way to create more installments of the "Wreck It Ralph" series.

"Wreck It Ralph 2" is rated PG. I would recommend watching this movie as a family or with friends because it has a lot of funny moments and a heartfelt message.

Thanksgiving Break



Kennedy George
Weiss High School

This Thanksgiving week has been very productive for me. I didn't have the best week before at school so I was excited about the break.

I had plenty of time to get caught up on work this week. I also caught up on tons of sleep.

I mostly did homework for classes I have been struggling in. I also had time to practice my clarinet. On Thursday I went to volunteer at Mt.Olive to help hand out and prepare food. I mostly worked in the back making to-go plates. I enjoy working and giving back there every year.

Of course, I had plenty of great food on Thanksgiving day. I am very thankful for my family.

Thanksgiving Celebration



Montrae Nelson
Four Points M. S.

Hello, Thanksgiving is about everybody gathering together eating traditional meals and spending quality time giving thanks for all that we have. Every thanksgiving holiday the Mt. Olive baptist church holds a annual thanksgiving dinner for the homeless and less fortunate.

All of the writers from the Villager help serve and its the least we could do to help, this year instead of having people wait in line we made to go trays and served it to them hot. Pastor Sneed deserves all to of credit for always looking out for the less fortunate during this holiday season.

Lastly, I was so happy to receive a letter of appreciation from Pastor Sneed and its always great to do this. It really makes me appreciate my life and the ability to help in any little way i can. Thanks to Mrs. Archer for the well wishes and i will be getting back in the band next year so don't worry.

Thankful for Thanksgiving



SaNaya White
Ann Richards

Thanksgiving Break gave me time to slow down events and activities in my life. It gave me a relaxing and calming break from everything. I took it slow. For Thanksgiving, I traveled out of town to see my grandparents and other family members. For the break itself, I slept in, watched tv, and binge watched some shows. These were my more relaxing moments. During the break, I still had those activities that reminded me that I will always stay busy, but I enjoyed doing them. I practiced basketball with a friend, I marched in the Chuy's Parade alongside

my school's band, dance team, and color guard.

I also did volunteering to clean up my school's adopted bridge, as well as visited Urban Roots as I talked about in my previous article. My break included zero homework which took a lot of stress away. I'm very thankful that I got to have the break to just take time off of school, to focus on Thanksgiving itself. To focus on the things I love and appreciate but forget to recognize them. To focus on all the many things I'm thankful for, and the many other things that the future will bring.

Thanksgiving was a beautiful time, I enjoyed spending it with my family. We all ate well, and then my favorite part was going around saying what we are all thankful for. I'm grateful for such a relaxing break that brought many grate opportunities for me. I hope everyone else had an amazing break as well.

Mozart's Holiday Light Show



Joshua Moore
Manor New Tech M.S.

Mozart's holiday light show is November 16-January 2, 2018 from 6-11 p.m. There will be more than one million

LED lights. Some of the lights were custom made in Greece. Some lights are formed into objects like the Disney carriage, a giant coffee mug, and a tree filled with presents.

The location is 3825 Lake Austin Blvd. There is a tent in the parking lot that has warm chocolate chip cookies and other sweet treats for the entire family to enjoy. This is a free event and parking is in the front lot or across Lake Austin Blvd.

A Wonderful Thanksgiving



Ruby George
Cele Middle School

To be honest, I thought that my Thanksgiving break was going to be horrible. All of my friends went out of town, and I thought I was going to be lonely because my family doesn't really do anything fun whenever we have free time. But my best friend wasn't gone the whole break. Actually, I think we either spent the whole break

together having sleepovers, or being out together the whole day.

I have the best time when I'm out with her. Her family often invites me to go do exciting activities with them. For instance I went to the mall with them, went to go eat, and went to a trampoline place. My friend and I spent some time practicing softball too because I want to be a pitcher and she wants to be a catcher, but I think that I also want to be a catcher. Since my birthday is on Monday, I went to go get my nails done and get my Kendra Scott necklace at the Domain. The break was a lot more fun than I thought it would be. Never underestimate!



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