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# Letter from the Editors

**Cole Bennett**

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Dear students and staff of GLHS,

Happy Holidays from The Comet's Tale! Our staff is excited to release our Holiday publication for the 2021-2022 school year. With this being our second print publication of the year, our staff has been hard at work to produce articles both online at our website, [glcometstale.com](http://glcometstale.com), as well as in this printed publication. There's a lot going on in the world right now, so our staff is doing their best to cover stories both big and small. We have three more print publications scheduled to come your way throughout the rest of this school year. Keep an eye on our website for new online articles posted every week. We also have a podcast, called The Comet Cast. Our newest episode will be released the same day that this publication is distributed. For now, enjoy your Holiday season, and we'll see you next year!

All the best,  
Cole Bennett and Megan Reynaert

## The Comets' Tale

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# Holiday Travel Returns in Part

Holiday Travel was given a partial go ahead, after many missed gatherings last year.



**Megan Reynaert**  
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

COVID-19 forced people to miss out on many favorite traditions and celebrations last year, specifically surrounding the holidays. Many medical professionals advised against flying or traveling to see family out of state or

even overseas. Large gatherings were frowned upon, causing many to stay home and spend the holidays with only their immediate families.

Grand Ledge High School students commented on their holiday experiences last year.

"We didn't do anything differently, we kept everything the same and celebrated with family we don't see too often," Allie Diller, a senior at GLHS, commented.

This year, vaccinations have provided many families with an extra sense of confidence in gathering for the holidays. Families may not have felt comfortable gathering in large groups last year, but this year people are branching out more and returning

to normal celebrations. This creates concerns with a higher chance of COVID-19 spreading when people are together for a lengthened period of time.

"Last year my family did not travel due to COVID - this year however, my family from Wisconsin might come over to visit with us - other than that not much has changed [from previous years]!" stated Senior Lindsey Zarka.

Airports have returned to their normal busyness during the days surrounding a holiday, with college students flying back home, families taking advantage of the week off for a family getaway, or simply visiting out-of-state family members to celebrate.

COVID-19 measures are still in place at all airports. Masks are required regardless of vaccination status, and for all international flights, a negative COVID-19 test is required 24 hours prior to re-entering the United States. This is required for everyone regardless of vaccination status.

With the recent developments of the Omicron variant, the White House has implemented a travel ban to the U.S. for people who have been in South Africa as well as seven other African countries. This ban excludes U.S. citizens.

As this is an ever changing situation, people should be sure to check their specific area's rules and requirements for travel. This information is as of Dec. 7, 2021.



**Airports are busier than ever on the Holidays. Airlines were working over the Thanksgiving Holiday to make sure everything ran smoothly.**  
*Photo by Megan Reynaert/The Comets' Tale*

## Construction Causes Concern for Students



**Andrew Powers**  
SECTION EDITOR

After a delay of several weeks, the GLHS parking lot construction began in early December, and phase two will be ready to start sometime during the

holiday break. The construction itself is being done to create a new band room, with the old band room being used as a choir room, and the old choir room used as storage space.

While this construction will benefit students in the long run, many students feel upset about it. 26% of students polled said they would rather have everything stay the same than have construction done on it at all and another 48% found it inconvenient. Students voiced several complaints about the new, albeit temporary, changes, with several mentioning having to arrive early.

"As a student that plays an instrument, I already have had to make the choice to show up to school very early to get a parking spot in the band lot. I could not imagine walking a far distance with my instrument every day in the winter months," one band student said.

Several students suggested that the construction start in the summer when school is out rather than winter, but the reason the parking lot construction



**The band lot and truck lot are nearly filled as construction separates the two. The Marsh and softball lots were significantly more empty and farther from the school.**

*Photo by Andrew Powers/The Comets' Tale*

is starting in the middle of the school year is that the construction will take a full calendar year to complete. This means that seniors dealing with the parking situation won't be here to see it's benefits.

"We're anticipating a November end right now," Dr. Wright said on the 2022 end date.

Students not only complained about having to arrive earlier in the morning but also about leaving for lunch. The combination of having to drive slower in winter road conditions and having to walk farther away from the school could lead to more students being late.

"At times I'll have a spot then leave for lunch and someone took my spot and now I have to park far away and possibly be late," a student who finds the construction inconvenient said.

"The students that can drive won't have enough time to get to and from lunch when they have to park farther away and are expected to be on time to class," another said, "They barely have time as it is to get food and actually eat it."

While several students strongly dislike the construction, some are in support of the new band room, as it gives more space to choir and band students.

"I'm happy that I will get to be in the band room now," said a student with a more positive perspective on the parking lot, "I'm in choir, and the choir classes will move to the band room when the new band room is built due to construction."

Administration has heard the complaints of those inconvenienced by the decreased parking spaces and wants students to know that they have done everything in their power to maximize the amount of parking space available during construction. There were plans to save two lanes from the main student lot, though this idea fell through in the end. Despite this loss, Dr. Wright did as much as he could to ensure there would be enough parking spaces for students with the softball and Marsh lots.

"I actually went out this summer and counted all of the parking spaces in the different lots... so that we'd actually have parking available for everybody," Dr. Wright said.

Overall, the construction is a divisive issue that will continue to unfold as we enter the new year.



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# Everyone Should Care About The Supply Chain



**Isabella Dionise**  
STAFF WRITER

It's not news that there have been shortages and deficits of vital products all over the country, but many people don't realize how severe the supply chain crisis is. A supply chain is a step-by-step process to get a product.

Elisabeth V. works with a local medical supply company as their buyer. Elisabeth believes that a "smoothly running supply chain helps keep your cost down and your productivity up." She went on to say "When you have no supply, you have to pay... upcharges."

"What you need to know to stay ahead of the supply chain crisis" and "No Turkey this Year?!" are the types of headlines that have been plastered on billboards, repeated in commercials, and reported by news stations with a frenzy since the beginning of the holiday season. From candy bars to ketchup, the media is here to help you find places to get what you need.

These types of ads may seem helpful, but in actuality, they are exacerbating the issue.

"It's creating a false panic... making people panic shop," Elisabeth also remarked.

In the early days of the COVID-19 pandemic, shelves of toilet paper were cleared and entire gas stations were cleaned out due to panic buying, and Elisabeth blames the media for it. While it may seem like a convenient story, all it is doing is "creating more demand in a tight supply situation which makes the situation worse."

COVID-19 has been the supply chain's biggest foe. Many people don't realize that the impact is made a great deal worse by staffing issues mostly due to the pandemic.

Short staffing due to COVID-19 has impacted the supply chain the greatest.

"Without labor, you don't have people... spending money."

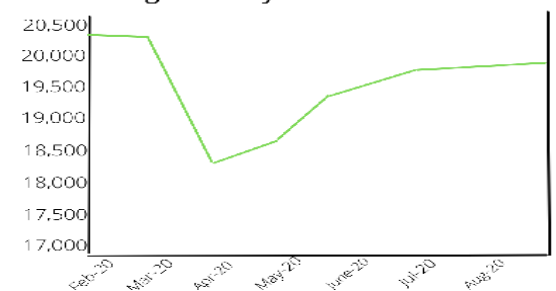
The supply chain may not seem like an issue that affects young people and many people around the world don't realize that it directly affects every single person who consumes goods. Elisabeth spoke on that saying, "The supply chain affects everybody." She also gave an example saying, "Texas's freeze storm from February is still impacting plastic production to this day."

When asked to describe the supply chain in one word, Elisabeth said, "Critical. As we've seen, one disruption can take a long time to recover. Understanding that without your supply chain, you don't

have your goods"

Elisabeth wants everyone to know that the supply chain is not going to fix itself. She wants everyone to "Think of ways you can be resourceful", and "Be economical. Be smart." She stressed, "It's always everyone else's problem until it's yours."

**Manufacturers' Value of Shipments: Plastic and Rubber Products**  
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The supply chain crisis is reflected in rubber and plastic production in America. Production greatly decreased during the months of March through April 2020.

Graph by Isabella Dionise, Data Gathered by plasticindustry.org

# Biden Signs Trillion Dollar Infrastructure bill



**Ben Lascola**  
STAFF WRITER

On Monday, Nov. 15, President Joe Biden signed a one trillion dollar bipartisan infrastructure bill giving money to much-needed areas in the United States.

President Joe Biden signed this bill on the White House South Lawn with over 800 government officials including governors, members of Congress, local, and state officials all gathered in crowd to watch.

So where is all this money going exactly? The money is to be distributed relatively evenly. \$550 billion will go to transportation, utilities, and broadband which will expand internet access to more Americans and be much more cost effective for most Americans. This internet expansion is one of the first infrastructure internet bills recognized by the United States. This is due to the increasing use of the internet in jobs. \$10 billion will go to bridges, roads, and other large projects. \$66 billion will go to railway upgrades and public transit. This bill also will provide over 400,000 Americans with clean water by replacing lead transporting pipes like the ones seen in Flint, Michigan.

Democrats hope this will bring up Biden's approval ratings as well as benefit millions of Americans.

However, some Republicans who have interacted with the bills have not been happy. The high price tag on this package has caused some Republican voters to send death threats. For instance, a 64-year-old man was arrested for threatening political officials about this bill. This caused Biden's approval ratings to take a dent. This bill is only a small portion of a bigger infrastructure for Americans presented by Democrats. With the current inflation rate, however, the goal of pumping money into infrastructure could see a negative impact on an already 40% inflation rate according to the USA CPI index just starting in 2020. This inflation and money pumping are why Republicans are very conflicted on this bill.

**Top Right: Potholes and other poor road conditions are rampant in Michigan and across the United States. This new infrastructure bill allocates \$110 billion to the maintenance of roads and bridges.**

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# Update on GLHS's Furry Friend

Grand Ledge Public Schools has seen a lasting impact on students since the addition of the dogs.



**Olivia Schelling**  
CO-EDITOR

Wait, there is still a dog wandering the school? Man, no wonder the school seems to be a much better place to be. It has been roughly half a year since support dog Gravy arrived

at GLHS, and things could not be going better. Students and staff can interact with Gravy frequently during the school day.

Already, the dogs in the district are leaving a lasting impact on the school. Staff, students, and parents only announced positive things about Canines for Change, and the furry friends around the schools.

Dogs across the district seem to be adjusting well to their new home. Having to learn new behaviors and surroundings can be very challenging. However, the dogs have been resilient and eager to be at the schools. Consequently, the dogs have created a safe and comfortable environment for students. As stated in a previous article, Gravy allows students to find a reason to attend school.

"The dogs have quickly become part of each school's culture. Students and staff interact with the dogs on a daily basis. They have helped students feel com-

fortable in the classroom and feel better when they are feeling sad or upset, and they have helped create a sense of safety or comfort for others" stated Dr. William Barnes, assistant superintendent.

As of right now, there is no statistical evidence on the dogs' impact at the schools. In the near future, Grand Ledge Public Schools will be sending out surveys about the addition of dogs to estimate the results of students socially, emotionally, and academically.

Gravy, oh Gravy, the furry friend of GLHS, thank you for positively impacting Grand Ledge High School. Mrs. Capra, Dean of Students, has noticed something not everyone can uncover while observing students' interactions with Gravy.

"Something that has stood out to me is watching students who previously seemed shy or withdrawn, increase their socialization skills and join in conversations with peers while interacting with Gravy. Additionally, I too have really enjoyed building more relationships with students as they spend time with Gravy," Mrs. Capra mentioned.

Every time a student interacts with Gravy, serotonin is released, enhancing the student's mood. Mrs. Capra is often told how much joy and happiness Gravy brings to their day. Students often go into Student Services to utilize Gravy as a stress reliever.

Also, Gravy recently turned one year old! The student body gathered in the old gym to celebrate GLHS's furry friend. Many students brought gifts to have donated to the Capital Area Humane Society in honor of Gravy.

"It was truly amazing to witness the joy and celebration that students showered on Gravy at her party," Capra finalized.



**The student body celebrates with Gravy for her birthday in the old gym. Students were able to take part in the celebration by gathering to sing Happy Birthday, and eating suckers. Gravy turned one on Thanksgiving.**

*Photo by Jason Westra-Hall*

# Face-to-Face Instruction Makes a Return

After coming to a halt in the previous school year, GLHS students return to school full time!



**Madison Bartlett**  
STAFF WRITER

On March 13, 2020, Grand Ledge schools were shut down for two weeks, then it continued for not just two weeks, but more than a year.

Finally, starting Sept. 7, 2021, schools

K-12 returned to full time face to face learning.

Face-to-face learning is being back in school with teachers teaching in front of students instead of having to teach in front of a screen. This is what most students are used to.

For most people, it may be hard to get back into face-to-face learning after taking almost two years off of in-person schooling. For some people it may be their first time in high school. In many ways, COVID-19 has affected people's way of working and way of learning, especially when having to wear a mask to school everyday.

Not only for the students, but for the teachers, it may be difficult or different coming back to in person schooling. The transitions that have to be made and



**Mr. Glinke's fifth hour World History class works with table partners on a class assignment. Students in the classroom are able to work together in person instead of through zoom.**

*Photo by Madison Bartlett/The Comets' tale.*

different ways of teaching and learning had to be used. On a positive note, it is easier for teachers to be able to see students in person instead of having to see just a black screen with names on it in a zoom.

"It is so much more fun being face-to-face, there is a certain energy with all being together again. We can joke and laugh and just enjoy learning more," history teacher, Kelly Shaltry stated.

Face-to-face learning has a positive effect on students and teachers. Being able to interact and see each other in person may be a change from the past year, but it is a way for students to get more help with homework and ask more questions without having to wait a long time for teachers to respond.

"Being able to interact with other students and teachers helps me more because I am a visual learner and being in person helps me a lot more," sophomore Bella Henrys stated.

Overall, having in person school has gone smoothly considering the number of COVID-19 cases and the amount of people that are out of school because of this. Even with hope for the number of COVID-19 cases to decrease, they are most definitely not decreasing. As of right now the number of cases are going up in the district and in the state.



# 2021 Wraps Up



**Megan Reynaert**  
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

2021 was a year full of ups and downs, throwing the entire world for a curveball after the disaster that was 2020. 2021 featured a return to many of the things that were missed the most over the past year such as in person school, concerts, and being able to go out without a mask, after a year of missing out on such events.

One of the biggest downfalls of 2020, as well as early 2021, was online schooling. Attempting to learn online proved to be difficult for both students and teachers. Grand Ledge chose to remain online until March of 2021, when they announced that students would be able to return to the building in cohorts, two days a week. Students and staff continued on this schedule for the remainder of the 2020-2021 school year.

Luckily, in the fall of 2021, all students were given the opportunity to return to face to face learning, five days a week. Grand Ledge has been operating as close to normal as possible ever since. Mask mandates are still in full swing within the school.

Of course 2021 had its downfalls too, including natural disasters, mass casualties, and shortages across the globe. We can't forget about January 6th, the day masses of people rioted at the United States Capital over Congress voting to approve Joe Biden as the winner of the 2020 presidential election.

Hurricane Ida was a category four Atlantic hurricane that affected Cuba, Louisiana, the Gulf Coast of the United States, as well as the East Coast. Hurricane Ida lasted around a week, taking place from August

26th to Sept. 4, according to fema.gov. Tragedy occurred at the Astroworld Festival in Houston in early November.

"Members of a densely packed crowd surged toward a stage and were crushed against each other" (Jason Hanna, CNN)

Upwards of 300 people were treated at a field hospital set up near the location. At least ten people didn't survive out of the 50,000 that had attended the music festival.

Supply shortages have been an issue across the world ever since the pandemic began. The problem began with toilet paper during the very first quarantine, and has expanded to include many more products. Shortages and delays are likely going to affect this year's holiday season.

On a more positive note, the United States officially made Juneteenth a federal holiday. Juneteenth celebrates the freedom of enslaved people in the United States at the end of the Civil War.

Misogyny is now known as a hate crime in England and Wales after the murder of Sarah Everard in London. Helen Newlove, an activist in the United Kingdom, fought for the law to be put into place for months. In the end her efforts were successful.

Kamala Harris made history as the first female, Black, and South-Asian Vice President of the United States, partnered with Joe Biden in the 2020 election.

Specifically in positive Grand Ledge news, the Girls Varsity Volleyball team won their District Championship for the first time since 1999, beating Dewitt in four sets at East Lansing High School. They proceeded to fall to Brighton High School in just three sets in the first round of regionals.

Grand Ledge High School appointed a new superintendent, Dr. Marcus Davenport, and Principal Mr. Wright became Dr. Wright after earning his Doctorate in Education Leadership. We are excited to see what both of these administrators can accomplish in the coming years.

Hearts were heavy with the news of a school shooting at Oxford High School. On November 30th, a high school student opened fire on his classmates as well as staff at the school. Many were injured as well as some fatalities.

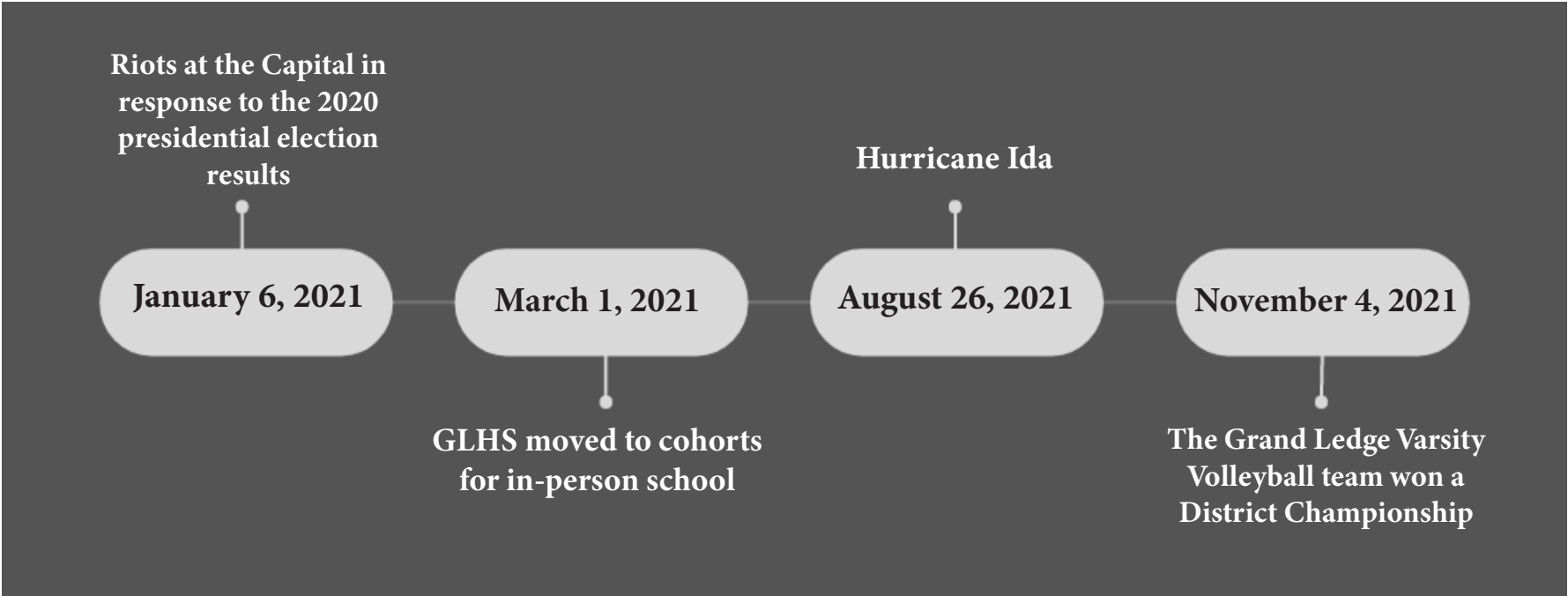
This event hits close to home, as it occurred just over an hour and a half away in Oxford, Michigan.

Despite the natural disasters, tragedies, and continuous deaths from COVID-19, 2021 still came out on top over 2020 in a survey held within Grand Ledge High School. Students described 2020 as "horrible", the "worst year ever", and so on. COVID-19 took the biggest toll on the students' year. They all stated that it was their least favorite part of 2021.

"2021 was a recovery year. We adjusted to our new normal and it was definitely a year of growing pains" Senior Alyssa Rainsberger stated.

Here's to hoping that 2022 can surprise us all, and life can go back as we once knew it, or even improve from where society is right now.

**Below: These main events of 2021 shaped the year for many. 2021 was a year full of ups and downs, tragedies and celebrations.**  
*Graphic by Megan Reynaert/The Comets' Tale*



# Grand Ledge Students



United States of America

Christmas is widely celebrated in America. Lights are strung up on houses, snow is everywhere, hot chocolate sees a rise in sales. Christmas is a globally celebrated holiday, but America has its own theme to it.

Hanging lights on the exterior of homes is an important tradition to many cultures. Tree's are normally put in the living room of a house, whether it is artificial or real. Lights and ornaments are used to decorate the Christmas tree.

"My family celebrates Christmas the way most families celebrate, by putting up lights and a tree like others," senior Madison Smith stated.

Families place presents underneath the tree, waiting to be opened on Christmas Day. Many families also have a big dinner the night before Christmas. Traditional foods to eat are turkey, stuffing, mashed potatoes, gravy, cranberry sauce, and vegetables. Then on Christmas Eve, people go to sleep waiting for Christmas Day.

Another tradition is to leave out a plate of cookies and a glass of milk for Santa to enjoy, while he delivers presents. Santa is the biggest figure of the Christmas holiday, being the person who delivers presents to everyone on the night of Dec. 24. For most, spending time with family is what matters the most during the holidays.

"My favorite part of Christmas is spending time with my family, it is the best day of the year to spend time with them and open presents together," commented Smith.

Christmas is a special holiday, which many people around the world enjoy. America celebrates Christmas with a variety of different methods. This holiday is truly special for all.

Poland

Christmas in Poland differs from that of other countries. In December, Poland celebrates two important holidays: St. Nicholas Day and Christmas. Most of Poland's population is Roman-Catholic, making Christmas a very important religious holiday.

"Around 90% of the population is Roman-Catholic in Poland, so Christmas is an important time for a lot of families," Polish foreign exchange-student Oliwia Koscielska said.

On St. Nicholas day, people put Christmas stockings in their homes, and in the morning children that have behaved well can find some sweets inside while others find a lump of coal. Then, kids write letters to St. Nicholas about good things they've done this year and what gifts they'd like to find under the Christmas tree.

The first day of Christmas that's celebrated is Dec. 24. This day is called Wigilia, and it is when families get together to spend time together and eat a Christmas dinner. The tradition is to start eating when the first star appears in the sky. Before that, families share a host with everyone and exchange wishes for good health and life. People place a piece of hay underneath the table during this portion of the night.

"We also leave a free spot/an empty place at the table for an unexpected guest, someone who may not have anyone to spend Christmas with," Koscielska said.

The tradition is to have twelve dishes. Twelve is the number of wealth, number of apostles, and number of months in the year. The twelve dishes include: red borscht with mushroom mini dumplings (barszcz czerwony z uszkami), polish bigos, vegetable salad (jarzynowa sałatka), carp, salmon in aspic, polish pierogi with mushroom and cabbage, polish cheese-cake, poppy seed cake (makowiec), wheat-flour and honey dessert (kutia), greece-styled cod and gingerbread.

Christmas carols always play in the background while eating. Gifts are opened after dinner, and at midnight some families go to the midnight mass in the church and celebrate Wigilia there.



Italy

Beatrice Arizzi, a foreign exchange student from Italy, had pretty similar experiences with the holiday season in Italy that she did with America. The holiday that she celebrates is Christmas, which is what a large chunk of people here in the United States celebrate.

"We celebrate it because of religious importance, there are a lot of Christians in Italy," said Arizzi.

Some unique traditions she has with her friends and family back in Italy is making gingerbread houses with her friends and decorating christmas trees.

Arizzi's favorite part of the holiday season is having a break from school and overall just getting to spend time with her family.

One of the most important food dishes in Italy is the Feast of the Seven Fishes. Seven different types of fish dishes are plated and served on Christmas Eve.

Another really important Italian tradition is The Nativity, which is where you set up the scene of baby Jesus's birth, except you don't put baby Jesus in until Christmas Day.

Similar to many other cultures and holiday traditions, Beatrice said the delicious food that gets made only during the holidays is one of the best parts. Most people can agree with her on that!

Although there are many similarities between the holiday season in America and the holiday season in Italy, there still are some differences.

"Christmas in America starts sooner, lasts a lot longer, and is a lot bigger than Italy," Arizzi said.

That is pretty understandable, as the holiday seasons are taken pretty seriously here in America.

Everyone can agree with Arizzi when she says "Christmas is just nice to celebrate," because it really is.



# Share Holiday Traditions

## Spain

Spain has some great traditions like many other countries too. Some of the major traditions in Spain are Christmas, Nochevieja, and Los Reyes. For Christmas, Spanish people decorate neighborhoods, homes, shops ect... with decorations that are similar to the ones in the America.

An important thing that families and shops set up is a belen (nativity scene) in their windows during this time. It is a very important decoration that is always put on since Spain is a Catholic country. A belen is a set of figures that represent the birth of baby Jesus.

On the day before Christmas (Nochebuena), families gather and have a nice meal together containing simple traditional foods like Spanish ham, grilled prawns, crusty bread, and much more.

On the 25th, there is usually a family lunch that includes seafood, roasted lamb, and vegetables. Unlike in America, children do not receive gifts on Christmas. They usually get them on the sixth of January.

Nochevieja (New Years Eve) is a big deal in Spain. Everyone gathers to have a nice meal together with family and friends. When midnight approaches, 12 grapes are passed out to people to eat 12 seconds before midnight arrives. Whoever eats the 12 grapes before the new year gets goodluck for the rest of the year.

"We watch this program that is popular in Spain that starts around 10 p.m.," Alejandro Almagro Fuelleo, a foreign exchange student at Grand Ledge Highschool stated. "At 11:59 the bells start ringing 12 seconds before the New Year and we start eating a grape each second which is supposed to give us goodluck for the New Year."

When the new year comes, there is another tradition that is celebrated, Los Reyes (Epiphany).

"It's when the magic kings arrives and we get presents" Jose Miguel Melendez Alvarez said, a foreign exchange student at Grand Ledge High school.

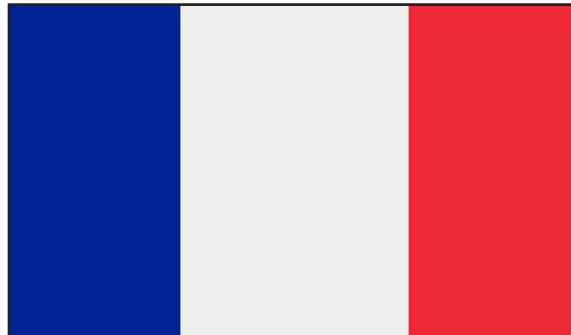
On the day of Reyes, children receive gifts from the three wisemen Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar. On the day before, there are parades everywhere and festivities. The kids before they go to bed prepare treats for los reyes and the camels that accompanied the reyes.



"After receiving gifts in the morning our family gathers and goes to a restaurant or to somebody's house and we eat together and that's how we celebrate the end of Christmas" Almagro Fuelleo said.

In the afternoon, families also gather around to take a piece of Roscon de Reyes (special cake for three kings day). In the roscon, there is a figurine of baby Jesus and a lima bean. Whoever finds baby Jesus will have good luck throughout the year, but whoever finds the lima bean has to buy next year's roscon.

"I think it's fun that the holiday season extends into January. I also just like sharing this cultural topic with students because many of them have never heard of it before" Mrs. Dietzel said, a spanish teacher at Grand Ledge High school.



## France

Like other countries, France celebrates traditions that are unique to this country.

One of the many things that are done starting Dec.1st is a Calendrier m de l'avent (advent calendars). Calendrier m de l'avent is very popular during the holiday season. An advent calendar is a calendar that is used on the month of Dec. to get people exited for Christmas. Everyday a piece of the calendar is opened and a toy or candy will appear.

Another thing done by families is setting up the Creche (Nativity scene). Families can see many of them set up not only at homes but in churches too. The Creches are very detailed and include a lot of pieces like Mary, Joseph, Baby Jesus ect...

On the night before Christmas, there's a special meal called Le Reveillon de Noel. Family and friends gather with one another to enjoy stuffed chestnut turkey, oysters, foie gras and much more.

"This meal can go on for 3 hours," Madame Sowel, a French teacher at the high school, stated.

For dessert, a very popular and traditional treat called Buche de Noel (Yule Log) is made and bought by many families. It is a chocolate cake rolled up and decorated to mimic a log..

"I make the Bushe de Noel, the Christmas cake, every Christmas for dinner on Christmas day," said Madame Sowel.

France also celebrates Epiphany. In french it is called La Fetes Des Rois. French families make or buy this special tart called La Galette Des Rois.

Inside the galette, there is a porcelain object called feve. It is hidden inside the galette and whoever finds the feve gets to be crowned "king or queen" for the day. The "king or queen" throughout the day get to wear their crown and choose someone to join them in their reign of the day.

Other French traditions are the meal Le Reveillon de Noel to Fetes Des Rois. All are very significant to France.

"I would love to actually go with the family and be part of the dinner," Madame Sowel said. "I think it would be very nice to experience that."

## From the Writers

Writing these articles was such a journey. During this process we got to meet new people and learn about different traditions that other countries have for the holiday season. All the writers had fun interviewing and learning new traditions. We thank all the people that were involved in this article. It is important for everyone to learn about different traditions from different countries. Grand Ledge High School is very lucky to have students from all over the world attending. We wish everyone a joyful holiday season and a Happy New year!



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**Katie Schupbach**  
STAFF WRITER

# Winter Sports Return To

Grand Ledge fans are back in the Stands!



**Grant Dorland**  
CO-EDITOR

The Grand Ledge basketball team is coming back from one of its best years in program history. Although they won the regular-season district title, the first-round exit in the play-offs to Waverly was a tough way to end the season.

Coach Travis Schellhammer is hoping to continue his regular-season success but is going to look to varsity newcomer, sophomore Elijah Hendricks to take over as one of the team's main scorers. Other returning starters such as junior Teddy Williams and senior Isiah Bailey are looking to continue their success with the team and continue to be leaders. Seniors such as Justin Odlum and Caden Knight are going to play key minutes off the bench and will have to contribute on both ends of the floor. Not only are there many new players on the team, the coaching staff saw a lot of adjustments over the offseason as well. Coaches Wilkerson (JV) and Carter (Freshman) are looking to provide support to the coaching staff and develop some of the talented Freshmen and Sophomores.

"I think Schell has done a great job and is a perfect coach for our team. I also think his system is perfect for the younger guys and that they will have a lot of success with him in the future," senior Justin Odlum said.

In the first game back with fans, the Comets played against their cross-town rival the Holt Rams. It was an electric atmosphere. Students and parents alike were ready to be back in the gym watching their friends and family. Grand Ledge was the better team from start to finish controlling the momentum and



**Coach Schellhammer gives his final adjustments for the team during pre-game. This will be Schellhammer's second season with the Comets.**  
*Photo by Grant Dorland/The Comets' Tale*



**Caleb Estrada hands the ball off to Isiah Bailey and the Comets go on to score. The Comets' went on to win the game 65-57.**

*Photo by Grant Dorland/The Comets' Tale*

scoreboard the whole game. Although the Comets were the better team, they let the Rams stay around and struggled to put them away. Key possessions late in the game provided the final edge the Comets needed to finish off the Rams. The final score was 65-57. The team was led by Senior leaders Isiah Bailey and Nick Ellis who were both in double digits in the scoring column and played lockdown defense.

Heading into the rest of the season the Comets have high expectations for themselves. "I expect us to win out and make a trip to Breslin," Odlum says. With these lofty goals, the anticipation is high and the Comets will need to see some improvement in a lot of their game. They shot only a measly 59% from the line and struggled to put away their second chance points throughout the game. Looking ahead into the near future the Comets will return from Christmas break with back-to-back away matchups at Jackson and potentially their toughest game of the year at East Lansing. They're an experienced and lengthy team that will force a lot of turnovers. Players like starting point guard, junior Caleb Estrada will need to take care of the ball and run the offense efficiently. "East Lansing has good guards that play fast," Estrada said when asked what problems East Lansing poses.

With some young talent as well as new and improved coaching, the future of the program is extremely bright. Let's keep the great student and fan support at each of our games, Go Comets!

## Upcoming Comets' Basketball Games

January 4th @ Jackson; 7:00pm  
January 7th vs. Waverly; 7:00pm  
January 11th vs. Williamston; 7:00pm  
January 13th vs. Everett; 7:00pm



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# Grand Ledge High School

## Comets Take the Mat



**Liam Elder**

STAFF WRITER

The wrestling team is coming off a fantastic season where three men competed at the state finals. One of these men, Jackson Raymond, was only a junior. He is returning for his

final season as a Comet, and is hoping to return to states, while also leading even more men there.

The boys team doesn't mess around when it comes to practice, and preparing for competition. Raymond Said when asked about how an average practice progressed, "We start practice by running for 15 to 20 minutes, or about two miles."

Wrestling can be exhausting, so starting this way builds up one's aerobic system, meaning a wrestler can compete in more matches in one day without wavering from being out of breath.

But of course you can't beat someone just by outlast-

ing them, so Raymond continued, "We then stretch out and do line drills, and then we transition into shadow wrestling and learning moves."

Getting down techniques is what takes up most of practice time. Learning how to move around the mat, and how to react in any given situation takes time. Shadow wrestling is pretty simple, it's a form of drilling where you practice wrestling techniques without a partner.

Practicing techniques, and actually putting them into action are two vastly different things. "We then finish live wrestling, which is exactly what it sounds like," Raymond finished.

Closing off practice off with live wrestling gives the team a chance to test out practiced moves on each other. Not only does it help improve these moves, but also how to defend them, which is almost as important.

The Comet's next invitational is Friday, December 17th at Grass Lake High School.



**Jackson Raymond faces down his opponet. He has been a crucial part of the Grand Ledge team.**

*Photo by Marvin Hall/Studio M Sports*

## Womens Basketball Starts Season with a Win

Girls Basketball is just getting started, and they're on fire. On December 2nd, the girls Varsity and JV team took on St. Johns at home. In a nail biter, the girls Junior varsity lost to St. Johns 23-26. On the other hand varsity girls managed to take down St. Johns in a physical battle, with a final score of 48-40.

Junior Ava Scanlon, our starting center, had a phenomenal first game putting up 15 points to lead the comets in scoring. Defensively she had three steals and two blocks. Ava also dominated the glass pulling in 15 rebounds for the comets. Another standout performance was Olivia Navin. The sophomore had eight points, three assists, three steals, and one block, in 25 minutes.

"We did really well at pushing the ball up and getting fast breaks, but we still need to work on boxing out." Navin said when asked about her team's performance.

Pushing the ball up the court and getting fast break points is a fantastic way to score easy points, but it requires coordination from the whole team. When a turnover or steal is made, it is important the entire team hustles back. Having more than one option during a fast break helps to guarantee those points. The rebounding was great for the the centers and, but the guards have some slack to pick up. If the guards can do this, the amount of second chance points will be a game changer.

The team has been putting in work at non-mandatory practices over the off-season, "We've been in the weight room the past three months, working on just getting stronger. That work paid off today." Navin Expressed. Being a stronger team means they'll have much more confidence when going into physical sit-

uations, such as contested rebounds, or tough shots. This confidence was on display as the girls took on many hard fouls resulting in 13 free points from free throws.

This start gives high hopes for the long season to come. The girls next game is Friday, December 17th against Okemos. And after a short break they return to the court against Jackson on January 4th, 2022.

**Below: Sophomore Olivia Navin takes the ball down the court, leading to a Comets' score. Navin is one of four sophomores on the women's basketball team.**

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# Hollywood Needs New Ideas

The movie industry continues on its roll to release more and more remakes



**Madeline Gooley**  
STAFF WRITER

Lights, camera, action! That is what movie producers have been saying time and time again. Going to the theater these days, anyone can see that a vast majority of them appear to

be sequels or remakes.

Movies like Dune and West Side Story have lots of hype surrounding their release, whereas other remakes like Ghostbusters and Space Jam have been a hit or miss with the fans.

Do these reboots honor the originals? How will the public react to these classics getting a second life? Will they view them, trash them, and forget about it entirely?

The recent release of Dune earned a whopping \$40.1 million opening weekend and, for Generation Z, it was one of the biggest releases of the year. Starring teenage heartthrob Timothee Chalamet, this remake received a lot of attention.

"Even though it's not an original film, it is an unusual property to adapt," Grand Ledge High School teacher and Film Club advisor Mr. Cook said. "It's

only been done twice before... it's never gotten a properly, well-received adaptation."

Remaking movies that had their time to shine can often give them a new life, as seen with Dune.

A remake of West Side Story is set to come out in December, directed by Steven Spielberg. Being the classic that it is, its predecessor is already known as a well created movie, since it was successful in its time to shine.

"That's an interesting one because you're talking about a movie that came out in the sixties, and has never been remade before," Mr. Cook said. "I mean, it's a first-time remake and you're talking almost 60 years in between."

With the fanbase West Side Story has already accumulated in all of its years of existence, remaking the movie can widen that fanbase.

The West Side Story remake is a great example of serving viewers nostalgia. People who experienced its initial release and those who continued to share the movie have shown excitement for the remake.

Ghostbusters: Afterlife also has a lot of nostalgic value.

Being one of the classics from the 1980s, Ghostbusters is a family film that caters to most genera-

**Marisol Macias**  
STAFF WRITER



tions. After an Instagram poll presented to the student body, it became evident that Ghostbusters: Afterlife was the movie most were looking forward to.

Containing much more computer-generated imagery than the original, the remake add modern elements to the franchise. That being said, many fans have shown confusion about its role in the franchise. Is it a sequel or reboot? It has the continued storyline of a sequel with overlying elements of the original plot.

On a different note, adding modern elements can cater to the younger generations and again, bring new fans into the franchise. Yet, some sequels with these elements have had a less than great outcome.

Space Jam: A New Legacy is a perfect example of this. After its release in 1996, it is remembered as a movie that largely defined 90s culture. The 2021 remake barfed out trashy modern elements, thus losing its charm.

"...one of the most iconic films from the 1990s was Space Jam...parents could enjoy it, too, [because it had all these cameos] Bill Murray shows up literally as himself in that movie..." Cook said.

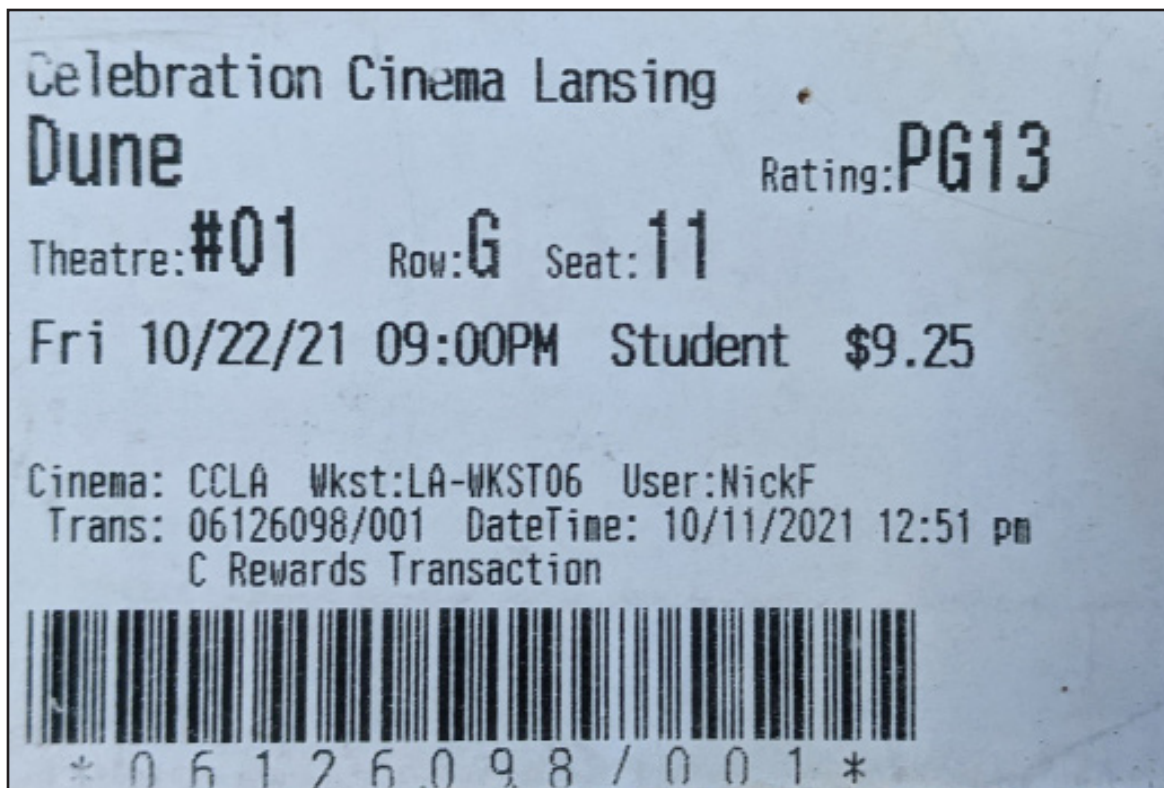
"...It's [Space Jam 1996] not a very good movie, in my opinion, it's fun, it's entertaining, but it's really stupid...Space Jam had an iconic soundtrack...This new one has a bunch of techno music and like, over-produced rap music and it's all forgettable" continued Cook.

Likewise, The Indiana Jones franchise chose to continue its long series of movies after being initially released in 1981. The original cast of Indiana Jones: Raiders of the Lost Ark, included Paul Freeman, Karen Allen, Alfred Molina, and of course, Harrison Ford. The only original cast member remaining in this sequel is Ford.

These new releases could attract nostalgia junkies but how good will they actually be? Titles like "The Matrix 4, Indiana Jones 5" sound almost as tacky as their expected storylines. Are they really needed twenty years later?

Lots of sequels were not as enjoyable as the originals. Even so, a few of them actually added value to the storyline. Both from 2018, Venom and Quiet Place

released sequels this year which seem to do just that. The catch is, both movies have yet to be remade 500 times. Their sequels fully served the franchise and not just the cast or director's income. The real question here: When should a franchise give up the stale sequels and let the story stay up in the air?



Dune opens big in the box offices. The movie did well under the direction of Denis Villeneuve.

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# Holidays with Hallmark



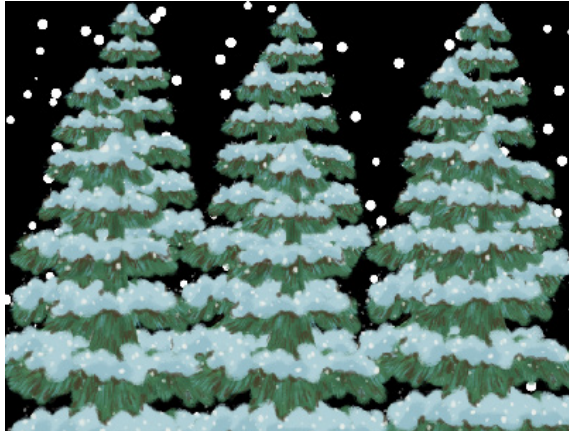
**Braelyn Jackson-Pointer**  
STAFF WRITER

The Holidays are a time for food, music, movies and family. Most importantly are the movies on the Hallmark Channel. The Hallmark Channel features Holiday and Christmas movies from November through December, also having Christmas in July during the Summer.

"Hallmark movies are so fun to watch because they're so predictable. It's fun to comment while you're watching," said Aditi Kamath, a Sophomore at GLHS.

Hallmark movies are famous for their repetition. It is almost a given that when you start the movie you know who ends up with who. It always starts with a girl who loves Christmas who meets a guy who doesn't.

"My favorite cliché is when a big city girl goes to a small town then meets a country guy who ends up



being her long lost childhood best friend," Kamath stated.

Cliches are a must in any Hallmark movie; If it doesn't have some cheesy storyline, then is it really a Hallmark movie? Again it is always either a big city girl who goes to a small town or a big city girl who

goes back to her small hometown for the holidays. Then she ends up meeting the love of her life when she goes and abandons city life.

"My mom and I like to watch Hallmark movies every year on the couch with some hot chocolate," Kamath said.

The best way to watch a Hallmark movie is on the couch with some hot coco and the fireplace going. Being in that cozy setting makes watching the movies so much more fun. It sometimes makes you feel like you are actually in the movie.

Hallmark releases their new movies every Friday, Saturday and Sunday at 10 p.m. There are going to be a total of 30 new Hallmark movies coming out this season. The newest movies that come out are *Sister Swap: A Hometown Holiday* that comes out on Dec. 5 and next Saturday on the 12, the sequel *Sister Swap: Christmas in the City* will premiere. Make sure to tune in on the weekends for a new movie and a whole lot of fun.

## It's The Most Musical Time Of The Year



**Cole Bennett**  
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

The holiday season is traditionally filled with music. Lots of songs are devoted to the various holidays throughout November and December.

Every year, the Grand Ledge Music Program plays some of these songs in their Collage Concerts. These concerts feature both the band and the choir, as well as several solo and ensemble performances from various students.

In preparation for the Michigan Music Conference, the Grand Ledge Wind Symphony has been hard at work. With over a half hour of difficult music to play, and just over a month to rehearse it, there has not been a lot of time to devote to the Collage Concert. Therefore, this year, the band broke their annual tradition, and instead of playing *Sleigh Ride*, a complicated and highly technical piece, the band played a slow, melodic interpretation of *Silent Night*, arranged by James Swearingen.

The full list of Wind Symphony songs was as follows: *Humoresque* by Kimberly K. Archer, *Shadowdances* by Kent Boulton, *Dragon Sky* by Julie Giroux, and *Silent Night*.

The Symphony Band wowed audiences as well with their impressive line-up. Two years ago, at the last Collage Concert, The Madrigals sang an incredible rendition of the traditional folk song, *Cindy*. Well, this time around, the Symphony Band gave it a shot, playing an excerpt from the song in their performance of *Kentucky 1800*, arranged by Clare Grundman.

They also played *Bobsled Run*, arranged by Lloyd Conley, and *Christmas Winds Overture*, arranged by Douglas E. Wagner.

Several choirs performed at the Collage Concerts. The Madrigals stole the show this year with their comical rendition of Straight No Chaser's *The Christmas Can-Can*. They also sang *The Winter's Night*, by Nicholas Meyers, and *Carol of the Bells*, arranged by Peter Wilhousky.

The Concert Choir, the Bel Canto, and the Vocal Ensemble also performed lots of classic holiday songs, such as *Jing-a-ling* by Mac Huff, *Jingle Bells*, arranged by Jack Gold and Marty Piach, and *This Little Babe* by Benjamin Britten. All of the ladies came together to sing *Truth*, by Andrea Ramsey, and the guys came together to end the "year of the sea shanty" with *The Wellman*, arranged by choir teacher Daniel Dade.

Throughout the show, lots of solo acts and ensemble groups perform as well. Highlights of this year were *Yeezus*, arranged by Steve Wulf and performed by percussionists Becca Foster, Isaac Hinshaw, Noah Vandlen, Brooke Vergerg, and Finn Weinstein, *Carol*

*of the Bells*, arranged by Regis Bookshar and played by a clarinet octet consisting of Madison Fischer, Corlycia Israel, Connor Johnson, Sarah Lawrence, Haley Lay, Xavier Smith, Josie Starr, and Lindsey Walczak, *Once Upon a December* by David Newman, sung by Maddie Wotruba, and *O Holy Night*, arranged by Rick Walten, and played on trumpet by Jade Friedlis.

"Not gonna lie, it was very nerve-wracking, especially coming from Covid, I'm not used to playing in front of people. It felt different than it had in the past, but throughout the performance, I think I got over it." Friedlis said.

The show ended with a performance of *O Fortuna*, arranged by Carl Orff. All of the choirs took the stage to team up with the Wind Symphony for the intense finale.

After a year away from performing, it was nice to experience such a large concert event. Lots of people gave it their all to spread holiday joy through their performances. "I think it was good. It was like, as good as we'd rehearsed, and we had rehearsed a lot," Friedlis said.



**The choirs and wind symphony perform *O Fortuna* together. This intense performance was the finale of the Collage Concert.**

*Photo by Isabella Dionise/  
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# Clash of the Christmas Songs

## *Underneath the Tree*

By Kelly Clarkson



**Olivia Schelling**

CO-EDITOR

The absolute best Christmas song is *Underneath The Tree* by Kelly Clarkson. Not to sound biased or anything, but this is the absolute most hype Christmas song. This song is not a traditional Christmas song, but rather a romantic twist on what Kelly wants for Christmas. Let's be honest, I am a hopeless romantic, so this is my kind of song. This song takes all of the beauty in Christmas and lays it all out on the floor. It takes that message of love and joy and combines it with an upbeat tune to make the perfect song. This song has never failed to put me in a good mood. Christmas is all about joy and happiness, and this song clearly depicts this message. Whenever I hear this song, I smile and dance. Isn't that what someone wants in a song?

## *Grandma Got Ran Over By A Reindeer*

By Elmo & Patsy



**Maddison Bartlett**

STAFF WRITER

One of the best funny Christmas songs there could be. Some people may prefer romantic Christmas songs, but this song is definitely one of the best. Even if you do not know the lyrics, it is very easy just to start singing and dancing to this song. It is just natural. This song is exactly how it sounds. The song is about a grandmother who celebrates Christmas to her highest level, therefore she is "getting run over by a reindeer" meaning she is spreading a lot of holiday cheer. Whenever this song comes on it automatically hypes me up, and I want to start dancing and singing to everything. If you're trying to find a catchy, comedy Christmas song to listen to on repeat, this song is definitely the one to listen to!



The Newspaper staff has some fun dressing up as their Christmas songs. Music can help spread cheer throughout the holiday season.

Photo by The Comets' Tale Newspaper Staff/The Comets' Tale

## *The 12 Pains of Christmas*

By Bob Rivers & Twisted Radio



**Garrett Callison**

OPINION EDITOR

This hilarious version of the *Twelve Days of Christmas* is a great way to have a laugh on the holiday. This song has a total of twelve different Christmas events that tend to cause pain or stress during the holidays. Things like rigging up the lights, sending Christmas cards, in-laws visiting, and even the bratty child are referenced throughout. The song starts off slow with people doing their Christmas thing, but the anger and frustration escalates from there. In fact, rigging up lights turns into trying to find extension cords, and accidentally blowing a fuse. Not to mention it is hard to write Christmas cards when you do not even know half the people and the ridiculous five months of bills! Heads up: I give the song a PG-13 rating due to one heck and an alcohol reference, but other than that I say "WELL FINE, IF YOU'RE SO SMART! YOU RIG UP THE LIGHTS!"

## *Feliz Navidad*

By Jose Feliciano



**Mayra Cruz Santiago**

STAFF WRITER

The best song for the holidays is definitely *Feliz Navidad* by Jose Feliciano. It is number five on Billboard's Top 10 Most Popular Holiday Songs. The song is telling people to have a Merry Christmas and have a Happy New Year. It is very catchy and it gets everyone to sing along even if people do not know all the lyrics. If anyone would ask what are the well known Christmas songs, this one would be mentioned a lot. *Feliz Navidad* brings a lot of joy and excitement not only to me, but to a lot of other people too. Another reason it is wonderful is because it's in Spanish and it makes me happy to hear people sing in Spanish. It is all around a very well known song during the holiday season. The song also makes me warm inside and gets me excited for Christmas and the new year. So "Feliz Navidad y prospero ano y felicidad" to you!



# Is Die Hard A Holiday Movie?

## Die Hard is NOT a Holiday Movie



**Garrett Callison**  
OPINION EDITOR

Who wants to watch a Christmas movie? How about *Die Hard*? Emphasis on Christmas movie. It is always going to be brought up at some point during the holiday season if *Die Hard* is a Christmas movie or not, and it really is not. Many things are missing from the film to make it a proper holiday film.

There are a few basic elements that make a movie a Christmas movie. In any film watched around December, Christmas has to be the big factor in the plotline along with moral lessons and heartwarming stories.. After being asked the question, what factors make a Christmas movie, freshman Emily Szczepanek responded,

"I think you have to have the music, work out the characters, and it depends on the age group," Meaning that younger audiences would much prefer animation, but the film should be entertaining for all audiences. Good examples of actual Christmas movies are *A Christmas Story*, *Christmas Vacation*, *Elf*, *Home Alone*, etc. Animated/stop motion films are also good examples of holiday films such as *Frosty the Snowman*, *Grandma Got Ran over by a Reindeer*, *Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer*, *The Year without a Santa Claus*, *The Grinch Who Stole Christmas*, etc.

These holiday films happen around Christmas and it is emphasized with parties, presents, decorations, and celebrations.

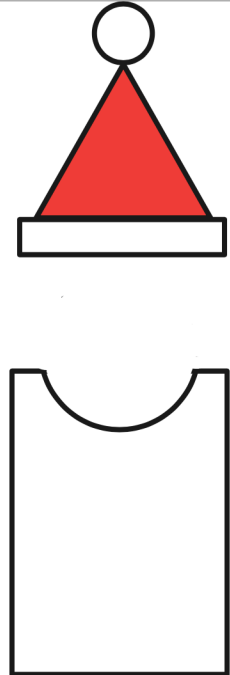
For *Die Hard*, the only Christmas features of the film are that there is some Christmas music in the soundtrack and that there is a Christmas party at the tower, even though Christmas is not the central plot.

Overall, *Die Hard* is not a Christmas movie because it lacks the motifs that a proper Christmas movie needs. It lacks the common morals of a Christmas movie, the heartwarming events of Christmas, it just lacks Christmas. Junior Devin Patton was asked what he thought about *Die Hard* being a Christmas movie. He said,

"I don't think I would consider [*Die Hard*] a Christmas movie ... it doesn't go with the element of Christmas which is happy, but *Die Hard* is more dark," Patton said. Showing that Christmas movies again have certain elements that are needed to make a Christmas movie.

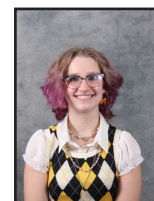
When planning the Christmas film marathon for households this year, maybe hold off on *Die Hard*. Just know that there are many Christmas films that will fit the genre better. Whether it is a cartoon, a TV special, or a holiday movie, just enjoy the season. After all, "Tis the season to be merry" and happy

New York City police officer John McClane (Bruce Willis) comes all the way to Los Angeles to be with his estranged wife, who works for a Japanese company, and kids for Christmas. John joins his wife at the building she works at, The Nakatomi Plaza tower, for a holiday party that is quickly interrupted by terrorists who are looking to take control of the building. The party guests are taken as hostages and McClane is only one who is not. McClane decides that is up to him to save everyone at the party.



**The white tank top is a large staple of the movie *Die Hard*. John McClane wore one for the duration of the movie.**  
Graphic by Garrett Callison/The Comets' Tale

## Die Hard IS a Holiday Movie



**Madeline Gooley**  
STAFF WRITER

What says Christmas more than violence, explosions, and bad German accents? Forget about Rudolph, Santa, and his little elves, let's take a moment to appreciate the true hero of Christmas, Mr. John McClane.

One of the main deciders of theme in a movie is the score. You might not realize it's there, but the music that plays in the background often changes your perception of what you're viewing. Take the *Star Wars* saga as an example, without John Williams' galactic music, there would just be a chunk of dead silence with a few laser blasters here and there.

"The soundtrack of *Die Hard* is almost completely made of Christmas songs," Bitty Raymer said, Grand Ledge High School Junior. "Jingle Bells, Let It Snow, and Carol of the Bells are some of the most noticeable [being incorporated into the score]."

On a more analytical note, the director and writer of *Die Hard* unmistakably made John McClane a "Christ figure," as Thomas Foster calls it in his book, *How to Read Literature Like a Professor*. Not only is he the savior (of the movie and the people), but when John emerges from an explosion - as Jesus emerged from the cave after his death - and his wife subsequently yells, "Jesus!" McClane also endures the entirety of the movie (at least the action part) barefoot, much like Jesus did when he walked on holy ground.

If those reasons were not enough, think of the setting. The movie *Home Alone* (1990) is considered a Christmas movie because it takes place around and during the Christmas season. Little Kevin McAlister beating up on burglars doesn't immediately make it a Christmas movie, but the setting does. Also *Krampus* (2015) is considered a Christmas movie since it also takes place on Christmas. Where a dysfunctional family accidentally summons the demon Krampus.

Not only that, but each of those movies include heavy motifs of family values. John McClane is really only in the situation of "saving the day" because he is there to spend Christmas with his family.

It's Christmas Eve, at a Christmas party, with constant reminders that it is Christmas coming from the cast. Names like Holly, the reference to classic Christmas stories, and of course Han's Gruber's line; "It's Christmas Theo, it's a time of miracles."

When it comes down to it, would you really watch *Die Hard* at any other time of the year? It's like watching *Halloween* (1978) in February or *Love Actually* (2003) in June. If "Mr. Cowboy" is celebrating Christmas in the movie, then we can say his adventures in *Die Hard* should be considered a Christmas movie. "Yippee kai yay!"



# Holiday Spirit Fills The Halls



Olivia Schelling  
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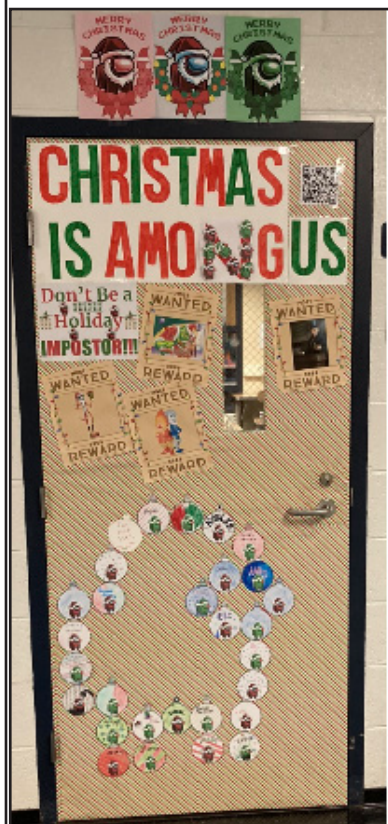
GLHS takes off into a Frozen Wonderland presented by Room 200. The ice glistens as students hear Olaf laughing and singing on his way to save Elsa from herself.



The next stop in this thrilling adventure takes students to Spain. Room 215 presents a Sugar Skull for a spooky Christmas. Students traveled back 3000 years to trace the tradition of the Calavera.



GLHS steps into a Comedic Christmas by traveling through a sea of swirly twirly gumdrops to meet Room 225. Students can smell the ooey-gooey sugary spaghetti just passing by.



There seems to be something suspicious going on. Students can figure out who the christmas imposter is by visiting Room 237. All thoughts will be shared to vote someone out.



Now on to Whoville where someone is trying to take over Christmas. Students can meet the Christmas imposter in Room 105. The Grinch can be stopped with students' help on this long journey home.



This Christmas path has been out of this world. Room 414 presents an astrological christmas to blast Grand Ledge High School Students off into break and the new year!