

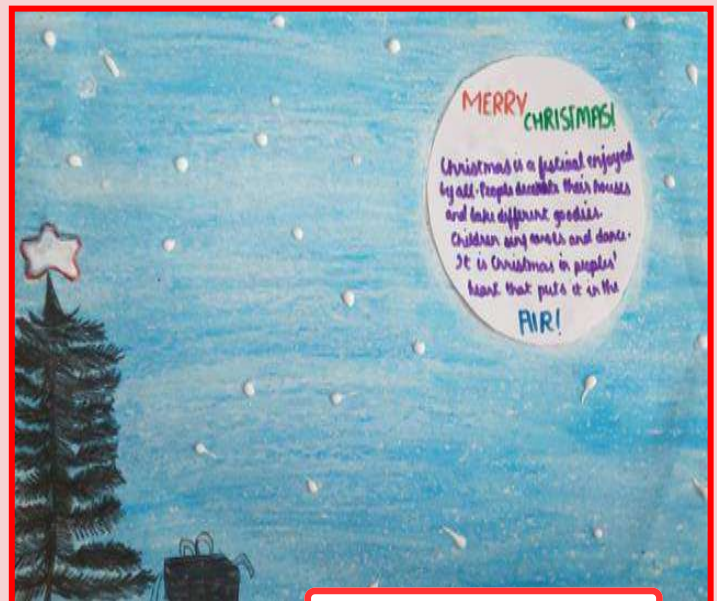


Christmas! - A time of the year when people rejoice. A time when we thank our family and friends for helping us throughout the year. It is a festival that is equally loved and cherished by adults and children. Market shops and showrooms display a theme of glittering red and white colors to set up the Christmas mood. Christmas celebrations set our spirits high for the upcoming New Year. On this day, people remember Jesus Christ and his lessons of life. The festival teaches us to practice kindness and love toward each other.

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Reminiscing about Christmas. .

The whole thing began at least a month before the actual day. Added ornaments to the Christmas tree as if it were an entire ceremony. It looked like a lit candy cane all over the house. Growing up, Christmas was always a big deal for my family. The Christmas dinner party my mom and I threw every year and the gala we had with friends and family are memories I'll never forget. I grew up reading books and watching movies like the Nutcracker, the Grinch, and 12 Days of Christmas, home alone, among other things. Watching Christmas movies was a tradition from the first weekend of December. Having giant blankets wrapped around us and wearing matching pyjamas was also a significant step. It would be a shame not to mention the food. There was no need for an excuse not to enjoy cookies, pasta, cakes and all things fancy. Every year, I managed to bake a chocolate cake all by myself without causing the house to burn down. In addition, the most important part was getting more gifts than your siblings. I was too enthralled by the idea of a non-existent Santa Claus rewarding me just for existing to notice that it was my parents who did all that. Even though my Christmas wish list would never end, the night would, with lots of good food, hours of catching up with friends and family. Christmas has been and will always be an indelible memory for me.

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Christmas Miracle

Every part of a hill
Covered in snow
Over the night
The miracle was born

People decorating their houses
Children making snowmen
Everyone was happy
When Christmas miracles happen

Teens making wish lists
Waiting for their presents
Children waiting for Santa Claus
Hiding near the Christmas tree till midnight

Full of lights presents and happiness
Singing Christmas carols
Eating Christmas cookies
Christmas is a miracle



Sukhnoor Kaur (IX D)



BAKING MEMORIES

Festivals are some of the most exciting parts of the year. Christmas is one of those festivals that are the most special to me. Christmas is important and memorable to me for many reasons. From hanging the decorations on the Christmas tree to singing carols, to baking cookies with my mother to sharing a Christmas dinner with my family and passing around presents, it all makes the day more extraordinary than any other. It makes me realize that with love and togetherness, everything is better!



Keosha Mittal (VIII D)



Mistletoe - Life to Christmas

Christmas brings an end to the beautiful old year and welcomes an exciting new year. But Christmas didn't always exist as it does today. When we talk about mistletoe, it does not mean to have missile toes during the war of Claus. Instead, mistletoe forms the significance of something better.

Once upon a brawl, two wizards fought with dark magic, both seeking vengeance against the crimes committed by each other's kind. They fought for days, blow after blow, and strike after strike. The world could only sustain enough of their magic. Earthquakes started breaking apart the once combined continent and families separated. The wizards were too strong that it seemed like the end of the world before their very own eyes. But, when all seemed lost, from the crowd, dispersed a young little boy. He chanted some words and before everyone stood, a boy inside the crystal body of a reindeer. He flew up to the mountains and entered a cave. Within the cave was a crystal. He took the crystal and with a single swipe, a blinding light took him and the wizards into a ring of leaves, trapping them forever. The boy then turned into two sweet cherries mark ing goodness and peace flourish. That victory was what caused people to come forward and fight for good, as that is what shall triumph! What's interesting here is that the spirit of the boy flew around, until it found a lovely yet poor couple. He gave them everything they could ever desire. They wanted to spread this love and today, every kid knows this couple as Santa and Mrs. Claus! The name of the boy was...Rudolph Turkestan. Now you may not believe me, but I think once you know who I am, you too shall believe. Till the next story, this is me signing off.



It's Christmas . .

It's Christmas

And Santa's up to secret business

His elves are making presents

For the royals and the peasants

I hope I don't get coal

I really want a foal

We decorate the tree

Because it's time when we are free

We spend time with family

Very happily

It's almost like a fantasy

We sit at a bonfire

With family our entire

New Year

It's the New Year

We have new clothes to wear

Make your promises

And complete them like it is

Resolutions we make

That we will bake,

Or early we will wake

Or to not repeat our mistakes

We dance

And give others a chance

It's a time with no tears

1, 2, 3 Happy New Year



Tavleen Badwal (VI-D)



Deep Thoughts at Unexpected times

This is the reason why people invest in alarm clocks, idiot.' I muttered under my breath as I rushed through people waiting to board their flights.

The morning rush was crazy, in fact, there were high chances I could potentially miss my flight. I just ran as fast as I could, hoping and praying I would make it just in time. My legs were screaming in pain and I ran as if my life was on the line. Technically, it was because I was flying home where my mum was expecting me for Christmas. *'Good afternoon passengers. This is the announcement to inform you that there has been a gate change for flight 89B to India. Please proceed to gate 3 immediately. The final checks are being completed and the captain will order for the doors of the aircraft to close in approximately 5 minutes time.'*

'Move! Coming through! Incoming' I ran and pushed.

I knew people were judging me. I may be annoying people but no way am I missing this flight. I sprinted like a madwoman who escaped from an asylum. Yelling and sprinting, I eventually came to see the last passengers boarding the flight and screamed 'I am here! Passenger for flight 89B!!'

Finally seated and in the air, I put in my earphones and soft music played. Waiting for sleep to hit I couldn't help but think, isn't it weird how so many Indians boarded this flight in hopes to go home and spend the holidays with their families? So many go home to celebrate the birth of Christ when Christianity may not be their religion. Such is the Spirit of Christmas. It spreads so much love, hope, faith, and goodwill towards humanity that everyone comes to celebrate it. It has the magic to connect people and communities all around the world for the love and joy that it brings. It's because of Christmas, lights are strung, trees are decorated, cards are sent, and gifts are given all in the name of God, brotherhood and love for humanity. We express this spirit through materialistic things but not many realize that the Spirit of Christmas is in each twinkling light, glowing in glory and reflecting on us is the light of our forgiven sins, of a new year and a clean slate. The best gift I have is this love for humanity, this joy that I can share with my family, and this care for my friends.

I hope the people who have this gift will give it away as many times as they can. So others too can see that the Christmas Spirit is alive and well. That it walks among us, especially this time of year. I want to celebrate the spirit of Christmas this year and for all the years to come.

With these surprisingly deep thoughts, I slipped into slumber. I don't remember the dream specifically but I know I dreamt of warm homes with laughter and delicious food to eat. I still look forward to Christmas and I won't have it any other way.

Armaanjoy Kaur (X-A)





It's not just about PRESENTS

All over the world, people celebrate Christmas with joy and laughter. Unfortunately, Madhav wasn't one of them. He hated it! He was a ten-year-old boy living in the outskirts of New York. Every night he would sleep at 9:30, but he couldn't sleep at all on Christmas night. It could be because of the sound of the Christmas carols, or the noise of children playing with their new toys. He was the only child who never received any Christmas gift. The very next day, on his way to school, he met Jason, his best friend who invited him for Christmas dinner at his house. Jason was a poor boy and lived in a cramped space. Madhav went for dinner and enjoyed being with Jason's family. There, he realised that the Christmas celebration isn't just about presents. It's about spreading happiness all around, sharing and being content in one's life. From now, Madhav celebrated Christmas to the fullest.

Kishna Kataria (X A)



Christmas and the New Years. .

The winter season is filled with dreariness where the night falls before the day starts and everyone craves the comfort of their homes. The cold creeps its way into our daily lives making it difficult to even get out of our beds. In such a time where there is a lack of motivation and charm in our lives, Christmas and New Years are the perfect occasions to liven things up and bring some warmth to the cold weather. Lights brighten up the environment and the shops are bustling with people finding gifts for their loved ones, houses are stocked with cakes and Christmas trees are set up. New goals are set while the old ones are crossed off and change is welcomed. The air buzzes with excitement as people indulge in the festivities. Our spirits are lifted as we meet our loved ones and prepare ourselves for the New Year. These festivals remind us of how we can have the jolliest of times in the coldest weather. Not only do these festivals lighten the atmosphere, they also teach us the important lesson of being grateful and coming together. When we unite with our families, exchange presents and connect we are reminded of how blessed we are to be surrounded by the people we love. We learn that each moment is precious and find this newfound appreciation for creating moments everywhere. Christmas and new years are the festivals of new beginnings, laughter, connecting with our loved ones, throwing out our old selves and building better versions. And as dinner tables are laid out with good food and the sounds of good conversation and genuine laughter fill our homes, we truly experience the feelings of joy and high spirits that only these festivals can bring.

Sidak Gyani (X-A), Reporter



Watching Christmas



*Soft snow on the windowpane
I could see some on the shingles too
Cold breeze leaving the bells jingling
And on the front door sits a lovely mistletoe*

*Coziness gives the fireplace with stains
In this home sweet home so immaculate
Leaves me ecstatic and intemperate
Sugarplums, pies and bells galore,*

*The scent in the air
Send me to the north pole shore.
The ornaments float lackadaisically on the tree
As my mother leaves
For her yearly Christmas shopping spree.*

Haransh Kaur (IX D)



Interpretations of Christmas

The notion of Christmas means a lot of different things to a lot of people. It might be a holy day for the Christians, may be a joyous day for the kids. Traditionally, it's a religious holiday to commemorate the birth of Jesus Christ, and many people do attend church services during this time of the year.

Christmas time is also an important time for charities. As well as gathering donations, charities receive an abundance of volunteers willing to give their time to those in need, perhaps helping to prepare meals for the homeless, or wrapping gifts for those who otherwise might not receive any. Christmas is the festival of giving. Giving to your loved ones, family members and adding on to your own. From a child's perspective, it's all about receiving and getting smiles on their faces.

The most important aspect of Christmas all over the world is to spend quality time with family and friends, no matter how the festivities are carried out. Christmas Day, for many busy families, is the one day of the year when everyone is able to gather in one room at the same time.

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