

December 13, 2024

Knights' News

REMINDER. We are a Latex free building as well. No latex balloons are allowed in the building!

Announcements

- December 13th- 3 Week Progress Report
- December 16th- School Board Meeting & Truth in Taxation
- December 17th- Winter Music Concert
- December 19th Book-It Reward in the Small Gym
- December 20th- Elementary Movie Event
- December 21st - Elementary Robotics Tournament (Fisher)
- December 23rd - Jan 5th No School – Winter Break



Articles

Friday the 13th Elizabeth N. 12th Grade

Nowadays most people associate Friday the 13th with Jason Voorhees because of the famous movie franchise “Friday the 13th”. People also associate this day with bad luck and just bad things happening in general. This belief comes from the actual origins of the day. Though there are many different origins that people say exist. The main ones are The Knights Templar, Christianity, Norse mythology, and the number thirteen.

The Knights Templar happened on Friday, October 13, 1307. It was when the officers of King Phillip IV of France had arrested a ton of people of the Knights Templar, which is a religious and military order for the defense of the Holy Land. The charges of the arrested included various illegal behaviors, and a lot of the Templars had later been executed.

Within religion and mythology, there are a few different origins told. Christianity, for example, says that Friday the 13th is a day with bad luck because of The Last Supper having 13 guests. Among one of these guests was Judas, who had betrayed Jesus. There have also been many unfortunate events that have happened on Fridays within the Bible. On the mythology side of things, specifically Norse. They say it's a day that brings bad luck because of how Loki, the god of mischief, is the 13th god, and he was known to bring chaos and death.

Lastly, you can tell that all these things have one thing in common. That is the number thirteen in general. People have always just associated this number with bad luck because of how an odd number, and with how twelve were considered perfect back in ancient times. So, thirteen coming right after twelve made people think that it was unlucky and all that.

History of Christmas Trees!

Kaydee V. 12th Grade

Originally Germany was where the idea of Christmas trees came from, although in America the first records of Christmas trees being cut for display was from the 1820s in Pennsylvania's German community. They became popular throughout the United States later in the 1840s when Queen Victoria and Prince Albert, who were German Descent, were featured in a magazine with their children standing around a Christmas tree. That then brought more popularity to the idea of Christmas trees, particularly upper-class families. By the 1850s Christmas trees started appearing in homes across the US, and in 1851 the first Christmas tree lot was set up in New York City, which made it easier for others to get. They used to have candles as lights on the trees, but in the 1880s with the invention of electric lights made it much easier to have a lit Christmas tree and less of a fire hazard. In the early 20th century, Christmas trees became a central part of American Holiday celebrations, and now today Christmas trees are a great tradition in American homes, with millions sold every year both real and artificial!

Red River Valley

Ayden O. 11th Grade

The Red River Valley is an area in North America that is drained by the Red River of The North, that flows northward from the United States into Canada, emptying into Lake Winnipeg. The river originates in the state of North Dakota and serves as a boundary between the states of North Dakota and Minnesota, as well as between the United States and Canada. Historically the Red River Valley was home to several Indigenous groups that include the Dakota, Ojibwe, and Cree peoples. The fertile land along the river brought European settlers in the 19th century, and the valley became an important agricultural region. Today the valley is known for its rich soil which supports the growing of crops like wheat, corn, soybeans, and sugar beets. The region's climate marked by harsh winters and humid summers has contributed to its success, although flooding remains a significant risk. Economically the valley is a core for agriculture, but it also has a presence in industries like energy manufacture and transportation. Cities like Fargo and Winnipeg are in the valley serving as cultural and economic centers. While the Red River Valley is not just an agricultural hub, it is a region rich in history and beauty with its rivers, wetlands and prairies offering ecological and recreational value. The area's ecosystems provide habitats for a variety of wildlife, including birds that stop around the Central Flyway making it a popular destination for birdwatchers and nature enthusiasts.

Owls

Veronica R. 11th Grade

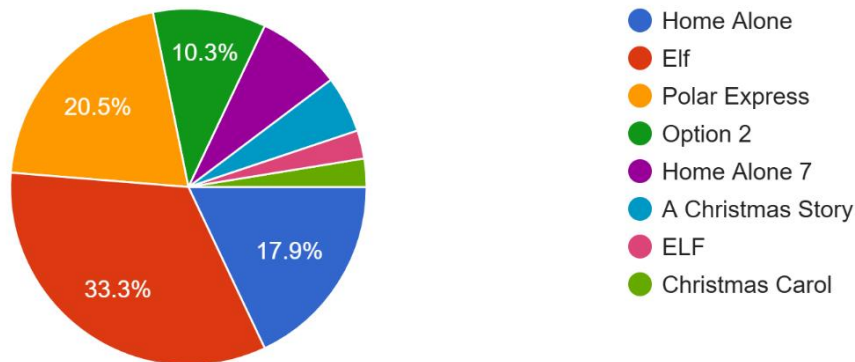
Many owl species have asymmetrical ears, their ears are able to pinpoint the location of sounds in multiple dimensions. Owls live almost anywhere around the world except Antarctica. You might wonder why they don't live in Antarctica, that's because the extreme cold, lacks prey and the landscape of the continent makes it impossible for them to survive there. Owls don't have eyeballs the eyes are long and shaped more like a tube. They can't move their eyes because their eyes are held in place by a bony structure called sclerotic ring within their skull which prevents them from rolling or moving their eyes. Owls have extraordinary night vision that's 35-100 times better than humans but are far sighted meaning they cannot see things up close. Owls can rotate their necks 270 degrees. A blood-pooling system collects blood to power their brains and eyes when the neck movement cuts off circulation. Not all owls Hoot shocker right. They in fact make whistles, barks, shrieks, hisses, coos and wavering cries. Owls sometimes hunt other owls. Great Horned Owl are the top predators of the smaller Barred Owl. There are about 222-268 species of owls; the smallest owl is the Elf Owl, and the largest is the Bakestone fish owl.

Sports Update

Boys' varsity played Laporte on Thursday December 5th and won 93 to 59, JV won 57 to 13. Tuesday December 10th the boys and girls played park Christian the boys played in climax and lost 60 to 26 JV lost 29 to 57, the girls played Moorhead and lost 26 to 74. On Monday December 9th the JH girls beat Ada and won 24 to 22. On December 8th the JH boys played EGF and lost 7 to 23. Thursday December 12 the JV girls and boys both lost to Bagley. The Varsity teams took the win against Bagley.

What is your favorite Christmas movie?

35 responses



Kid Thoughts Week #15

What's the best Christmas present you've received?

Cace – An iPad

Lily – A Dog

Saul – Seeing his family





National Honor Society

Candy Cane Sale

December 20th | After Lunch

Candy Canes will be 2 for a \$1

**The Candy Cane Cart will be brought
around to High School classrooms
during the Holiday Fun Day!**

