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WACKY HOLIDAY TRADITIONS

To get everyone in the holiday spirit, I've found a few bizarre Christmas traditions from around the world.

1. Tio de Nadal (AKA "The Pooping Log")

We're starting off strong with this one. In Spain, some families hollow out a log, paint a face on it, and "feed" it fruit, nuts, and other small gifts. The gifts keep accumulating until, on the final day, the children beat the log with a stick until it "poops" out all of its contents.



2. This next tradition is taken up by the entire city of Gävle, Sweden. Every year (since 1966) a goat made of straw has been constructed in the centre of a square. It stands at 13-metres tall and stays up from early December until around January 5th. I'm not sure why, but vandailizers in Gävle have burnt this goat down 29 times, and have even ran a car into it. The latest burning happened in 2016. As of December 7th, 2018, the goat is still safe.



3. In Wales, from Christmas until late January, the ancient Celtic tradition Mari Lwyd is carried out. During this time, groups of people go out caroling, led by someone dressed as a horse. The horse costumes use actual horse skulls, which really amps up the bizarreness. The groups are given food and drinks from homeowners and supposedly are brought good luck for the rest of the year.

-Grace Tunski, The Victoria Voice School Newspaper

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WORD OF THE WEEK

galumph

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verb

to move with a clumsy heavy tread

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MOVIE REVIEW

Pride and Prejudice and Zombies

This movie is a parody made by Seth Grahame-Smith about the book *Pride and Prejudice* by Jane Austen. It is set in the 19th century when a mysterious plague breaks out turning people into zombies. Elizabeth Bennet and Mr. Darcy meet each other but have mixed feelings for one another. The zombies have taken over most of England, but the people living there are still supposed to marry and live as normally as they can. This movie is a love story and zombie movie. I give this movie 5/5 because they did such an amazing job with explaining the story. The CGI was very realistic and so were the props. This movie is rated PG-13.



-Grace Rompfer, The Victoria Voice School Newspaper



STUDENT WEEK AT A GLANCE (S.W.A.A.G)

Monday, December 10

- Wellness Centre open to Students and Staff from 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
- Math Help Session (7-12) 8:15 – 8:45 a.m. in Room 2422
- Dance/Choral Tech Rehearsal (in-class) 8:45 – 11:37 a.m.
- Math Help Session (7-12) 11:40 a.m. – 12:10 p.m. in Room 2422
- Running Club Practice (Division 2) at lunch in the North Gym
- Dance/Choral Tech Rehearsal (in-class) 12:18 – 3:10 p.m.
- Intermediate Jazz Ensemble 3:30 – 5:00 p.m. in Room 1258
- Math Help Session (7-12) 3:30 – 4:30 p.m. in Room 2112

Tuesday, December 11

- Wellness Centre open to Students and Staff from 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
- Winter Wishes Rehearsal 8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. in the Cafeteria
- Dance/Choral Tech Rehearsal (in-class) 8:45 – 11:37 a.m.
- Leadership 15/25/35 at lunch in the Basement Multi-purpose Room
- Math Help Session (7-12) 11:40 a.m. – 12:10 p.m. in Room 2422
- Dance/Choral Tech Rehearsal (in-class) 12:18 – 3:10 p.m.
- Advanced Jazz Ensemble 3:30 – 5:00 p.m. in Room 1258
- Math Help Session (7-12) 3:30 – 4:30 p.m. in Rooms 2112 and 2423

Wednesday, December 12

- Beginner Jazz Ensemble 7:30 - 8:30 a.m. in Room 1258
- Wellness Centre open to Students and Staff from 8:00 a.m. – 3:15 p.m.
- Math Help Session (7-12) 8:15 – 8:45 a.m. in Room 2423
- Smudge Ceremony (morning) 8:30 a.m. in Room 2439
- Winter Wishes Rehearsal 8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. in the Cafeteria
- Dance/Choral Tech Rehearsal (in-class) 8:45 – 11:37 a.m.
- Intermediate Jazz Ensemble 11:40 – 12:10 p.m. in Room 1258
- Leadership 15/25/35 at lunch in the Basement Multi-purpose Room
- Math Help Session (7-12) 11:40 a.m. – 12:10 p.m. in Rooms 2110 and 2422
- Running Club Practice (Division 2) at lunch in the North Gym
- Dance/Choral Tech Rehearsal (in-class) 12:18 – 3:10 p.m.
- Math Help Session (7-12) 3:30 – 4:30 p.m. in Room 2112

Thursday, December 13

- Wellness Centre open to Students and Staff from 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
- Winter Wishes Rehearsal 8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. in the Cafeteria
- Smudge Ceremony (morning) 8:30 a.m. in Room 2439
- Dance/Choral Tech Rehearsal (in-class) 8:45 – 11:37 a.m.
- T'Was the Night Before Christmas (Elementary Classes) 9:30 – 11:30 a.m. in the Theatre
- Advanced Jazz Ensemble 11:40 – 12:10 p.m. in Room 1258
- Elementary Hot Lunch
- Math Help Session (7-12) 11:40 a.m. – 12:10 p.m. in Room 2111
- Dance/Choral Tech Rehearsal (in-class) 12:18 – 3:10 p.m.
- Math Help Session (7-12) 3:30 – 4:30 p.m. in Room 2112

Friday, December 14

- Wellness Centre open to Students and Staff from 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
- Winter Wishes Rehearsal 8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. in the Cafeteria
- Elementary Tech Rehearsal (in-class) 8:45 – 11:37 a.m.
- Math Help Session (7-12) 11:40 a.m. – 12:10 p.m. in Room 2110
- Running Club Practice (Junior High) at lunch in the North Gym
- Elementary Tech Rehearsal (in-class) 12:18 – 3:10 p.m.
- Smudge Ceremony (afternoon) 3:20 p.m. in Room 2439
- Math Help Session (7-12) 3:30 – 4:30 p.m. in Room 2112

HOROSCOPES

Aries (March 21-April 19): You're feeling annoyed, but you don't want to bring it up. Consider why you are feeling annoyed and address it.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): Sometimes, confidence can hinder you and your actions. Refrain from being over-confident and appreciate everything and one around you.

Gemini (May 21-June 20): Tired? Set a goal to get to bed at the same time every night this week.

Cancer (June 21-July 22): This may be a turbulent time for you emotionally, so it is important to consider how your emotions will affect the people around you.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): Don't make life a large competition. Only compare yourself to the person you were yesterday.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): This week it may seem easy to say yes to what everyone asks of you, and get overwhelmed. Only say yes to things you have time to do.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You have a lot on your shoulders, but that doesn't mean you have to go it alone! Ask for some help!

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Time may not be on your side, plan carefully.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec.21): Your attempts to change up your life may not be going as planned. Be patient, it will all work out in the end.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan.19): Your typical methods of getting things done may not work this week. Try something new.

Aquarius (Jan. 20 -Feb. 18): Remember to care for yourself, and give your mind and body everything it needs to stay happy and healthy.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20): Refresh your wardrobe, and get rid of all those clothes that you don't wear anymore!

-Nathaniel Sorochan, The Victoria Voice School Newspaper

RECIPE

Soft Christmas Cookies

Ingredients

- 3 3/4 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1 cup margarine, softened
- 1 1/2 cups white sugar
- 2 eggs
- 2 teaspoons vanilla extract

Instructions

1. Sift flour, baking powder, and salt together, set aside. In a large bowl, cream together the margarine and sugar until light and fluffy. Beat in the eggs one at a time, then stir in the vanilla. Gradually blend in the sifted ingredients until fully absorbed. Cover dough, and chill for 2 hours.
2. Preheat oven to 400 degrees F (200 degrees C). Grease cookie sheets. On a clean floured surface, roll out small portions of chilled dough to 1/4 inch thickness. Cut out shapes using cookie cutters.
3. Bake 6 to 8 minutes in the preheated oven, or until edges are barely brown. Remove from cookie sheets to cool on wire racks.

-Nathaniel Sorochan, AllRecipes.com



WEATHER

Long Term Forecast

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	10	11	12	13	14	15
	Forecast 2 °C -10 Feels like -2 24h Snow Snow: .cm POP 40%	Forecast -1 °C -3 Feels like -5	Forecast 1 °C -7 Feels like -4	Forecast 0 °C -4 Feels like -5	Forecast 1 °C -6 Feels like -4	Forecast -6 °C -10 Feels like -11
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
Forecast -6 °C -9 Feels like -8	Forecast -7 °C -9 Feels like -11	Forecast -6 °C -8 Feels like -9 24h Snow Snow: .cm POP 30%	Forecast -7 °C -9 Feels like -9 24h Snow Snow: .cm POP 60%	Forecast -8 °C -13 Feels like -13 24h Snow Snow: .cm POP 70%	Forecast -12 °C -14 Feels like -19 24h Snow Snow: .cm POP 10%	Forecast -12 °C -14 Feels like -20 24h Snow Snow: .cm POP 70%

Severe Weather Risk

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
Snowfall Risk	0	0	0
Freezing Rain Risk	0	0	0
Wind Risk	0	0	0
Rainfall Risk	0	0	0
Thunderstorm Risk	0	0	0



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SHORT STORY

The Sister Mysteries - Chapter 6, Lynn

I didn't hear the first shriek but I sure did hear the second one. It was loud and clear, like a stab to the heart. I sat up bolt right, sweating profusely. I ran to see what was going on. Yep, the shrieks were coming from Lysa alright, but there was another voice. One that I hadn't heard before. It sounded like a girls voice. I knocked. "Go away, you little...!" shouted the unknown voice. "Don't talk to my sister like that!" Lynn roared. I rushed in. there standing before me was a girl. She looked around 18 and she was very pretty. She had tanned skin and a nice little headband that looked like a crown. She was tall and she had roughly brown hair.

"Lynn? Is that you?" she asked. "Come here. I need to tell you this." "I told you, No!" the unknown stranger shouted. "I want to know!" I shouted. "Oh Lynn, by the way, this here" Lynn pointed at the stranger, "is Zia" "ugh" Zia stretched her h's very long so that her 'ugh' lasted forever. "Fine. the brat can stay. But only for a little bit, OK?" "Ok. Start," I said. "Long ago the first witch was born. She was born to 2 non-witches. They lived in Egypt. The witch's name was Cleopatra VI6 in roman numerals her parents knew about it but they just thought it was something wrong with her brain. As she grew older she realized that she wasn't the only one that could do things like this so she formed a secret group called the~~~~~. Cleopatra eventually became pharaoh, married and died. But her children lived and married and died and so a long line of pharaohs became and kept coming into a line that we now call 'the blood of the pharaohs', your parents were part of that line so that means that you are too." "Omg so we are witches too????!!!" I squealed. I looked over at Lysa but she just sat there. "We have to get you to ~~~~~'s training facility ASAP" said Zia.

-Matilda Barron, The Victoria Voice School Newspaper