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The 84 Post staff collected more than 80 gifts for the Salvation Army Angel Tree.

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Elyse Banai helps bag presents for the adopted kids. Photo Credit: Molly Towns

Adopt A Family

By Mavis Cropp

The holiday season brings joy, but many families in our community could use extra help to buy gifts for their loved ones. To help, *The 84 Post* "adopted" 10 children, or angels, through the Salvation Army's Angel Tree program.

The Salvation Army was founded in 1865 with a mission to "do the most good." Now, the Salvation Army has locations in every county in the U.S. as well as in 136 countries.

Many *84 Post* parents and students graciously volunteered to help collect more than 80 presents for our adopted children, who ranged from three months to nine years old. "It's all worth it when we see the kids' smiling faces and the parents grateful for our help. It shows us we're making a difference," said sixth grader Molly Towns who donated baby

clothes and a winter coat.

Duke Haddad, Director of Corporate Development at Salvation Army said the program will fulfill gifts for 5,000 Central Indiana children this year. Haddad and Angel Tree Coordinator Tabitha Leslie will work with 300 volunteers to carry out the program. "So many people in our community need help. People's lives can be changed with this simple act of kindness. Participating in that is the greatest feeling of giving you could ever have," said Haddad.

"It made me feel really good to know I was helping people," said seventh grader Ian Miller, whose family donated shoes, a magnet set and Legos.

We thank the parents of the *84 Post* who donated gifts. We encourage our readers to find ways to give back in our community and spread the joy of the holiday season.

Check out the 84 Post website for extra articles, debates, polls, photos and more!

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HOLIDAY CELEBRATIONS AROUND THE WORLD

By Emma Towns

Christmas gets a lot of attention this time of year, but there are a lot of other celebrations. One is Hanukkah, a Jewish holiday that is celebrated from December 18th to December 26th. One of the biggest traditions is to light the menorah - a candle holder with eight candles - every night for eight days. A popular symbol of Hanukkah is the dreidel, a Jewish gambling toy that has a top with four sides. Each side has a Jewish symbol from the original Hebrew alphabet: Nun, Gimel, Hey, Chai and Shin.

Another winter holiday is Kwanzaa, a week-long celebration of African American culture based on seven principles of African heritage. The seven principles are unity, self-determination, collective work, responsibility, creativity, purpose, cooperative economics and faith. It is celebrated from December 26 to January 1. Some special traditions are gift giving and a big feast called Karamu with friends and family. Mangos are a popular dish at Karamu. This is a more recent holiday that started in California in 1966.

St. Lucia Day is a popular celebration in Sweden and Norway on December 13th. Kids wear white gowns and sing early in the morning while it's still dark. One girl wears candles on her head and a boy wears a fancy paper cone. The kids enjoy sweet bread called Lussekatter and a soft drink called Julmust which is only sold around the holidays. "My favorite thing about St. Lucia is sitting down next to advent candles with some nice mulled wine and gingersnap cookies topped with a bit of Gorgonzola cheese," says Peter Casteborn, a Swedish resident who used to live in Indianapolis.



A festive snowman decoration for the holidays.



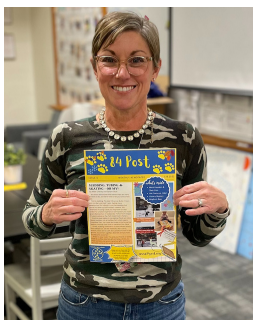
Hanukkah candles and dreidel will help you get ready for the holiday.



Learn more about Kwanzaa in this book by Lisa Herrington. Photo Credits: Piper Cleveland

Teacher Spotlight: Meg Horn

By Langston Endicott



Mrs. Horn serves as our school's Community Liaison. She manages our school clubs, is a liaison between parents and the school, onboards new families and supports our teachers. She has been at CFI schools for 12 years - first at 27 and at 84 since 2015. She grew up in Normal, Illinois.

Mrs. Horn helped launch the 84 Post Newspaper Club!
Photo Credit: Langston Endicott

Embarrassing story: "I've had so many embarrassing stories. One time in grade school, I was carrying water for Christmas in a glass pitcher. I spilled a little bit of it, and then slipped in front of the whole school! I broke the glass pitcher and glass went everywhere!"

Family: I live with my husband Derek. My son Evan, 22, and my daughter Abigail, 20, are CFI 84 grads. I also have a dog Named Murphy and cat Named Dexter.

Favorite Color: Green

Favorite Class: English/ Creative Writing

Restaurant Review: Byrne's Grilled Pizza

By Maggie Webber



For this month's Restaurant Review, we decided to try Byrne's Grilled Pizza in Butler-Tarkington. As soon as we entered, the place felt family-friendly and we were greeted and seated right away.

Byrne's pizzas are cooked on a fire grill and thin crusted, which tastes better in my opinion. It offers a variety of items, including salads, sandwiches and gluten free & vegan options. It's more than "a pizza place." We tried three pizzas. The "Hey Zeus" had so much flavor that it was a little overwhelming. The caramelized onions, red peppers and prosciutto of "The Bulldog" made the pizza smell, look and taste incredible. "Adam's Fave" was less flavorful in my opinion, but the vegetarian option is one I will order again.

The breadsticks were fine, but the cheesy bread with red sauce tasted incredible. After that, we got a small order of "Uncle Al's" Penne Alfredo. It was cooked perfectly and not too rich. For dessert, they served a chocolate chip bread pudding which was visually appealing, filling and delicious.

Overall, the food was great, and I would recommend Byrne's. Our waitress was efficient and considerate of everything we needed. The service was fantastic. Eating there also supports local businesses.

This is definitely a five-star restaurant!

Byrne's Grilled Pizza

5615 North Illinois St.

<https://byrnespizza.com/>



The "Hey Zeus," a popular pizza.



Byrne's Grilled Pizza at 56th and Illinois. Photo Credits: Maggie Webber

A bench outside of the soon-to-be Broad Ripple Middle School. Photo Credit: Alice Christie



An IPS sign gleaming in the morning sun. Photo Credit: Alice Christie



IPS Redistricting

By Edward Relue



The IPS board voted to approve the massive changes for the district last month under its "Rebuilding Stronger" plan. Our school will be affected because our middle school program will move to the current location of Broad Ripple High School. This would take place in the 2024-2025 school year, meaning students in grades 6-8 will be directly impacted.

"I'm not sure if I like the decision from IPS," says fifth grader Brendan Long. "I'm more comfortable with our school than going to a school I know little about. I'm also worried that I will have fewer friends in the classes that I know because there will be so many more students. I hope the facilities of the new school will be improved from ours due to the fact it used to be a high school." This is true for the most part with a full-sized gym along with a practice gym for athletes.

Brendan's feelings seem to be pretty much in line with the consensus of the school. Some people are excited and some are unhappy because there are benefits and downsides to the changes. Sixth grader Dylan Burke thinks the transition into high school will be easier because the school was built to be a high school, and there will be many more students than our school. "I don't like the timing of the change because my eighth-grade year will be at Broad Ripple and eighth grade is so special at CFI. But the changes will be good for other schools because our teachers are very good and there will be more opportunities for the students at this new school," he said.

Even though the changes are very large and imminent, people seem to be keeping an open mind.

Tell us what you think about the new plan at [84Post.org!](https://84Post.org/)

GREAT DEBATE

PURDUE

By Eliza Smiley



By Colvin Meek



Purdue University is a public college located in West Lafayette, Indiana. It is known as one of the ten finest STEM schools in the country and also boasts outstanding business, nursing, and agricultural programs. Purdue is ranked as the 51st-best college by *U.S. News & World Report*, making it the highest-rated public university in Indiana. According to purdue.edu, they have kept their tuition for in-state students at \$9,992 for eleven years, compared to the average cost of an in-state public college, \$11,000. This has helped graduates save a billion dollars in tuition, and 60% have no college debt! This is nearly two times the average amount! Purdue presently holds the Old Oaken Bucket, a trophy that is awarded to either Indiana University or Purdue depending on a singular football game every year. Purdue is leading this series with 76 wins compared to IU's 42. They have won eight titles in The Big Ten Conference in addition to the men's basketball team's record of the most Big Ten wins at 24. Overall, Purdue University is a distinguished college for both academics and sports.

Indiana University is a great college located in Bloomington, Indiana. Bloomington is a great place, with one source saying, "Once you visit Bloomington, you'll fall in love." This is because Bloomington has so much to love, including live music, lots of ethnic restaurants and more than 40 annual festivals. There are also many small businesses in Bloomington making it a cool developing town. IU's acceptance rate is 85% as of 2020, which is far better than Purdue's acceptance rate of only 67%, making Indiana the more accessible school. Indiana ranks 8th in undergraduate business programs. They are also widely regarded as one of the best universities for music, arts and humanities as well as economics. *U.S. News & World Report* rank it #72 in the among all national universities. Now, let's talk about sports. As of this article being published, Indiana's men's basketball team is ranked #14 in the country and the women's team is ranked #4. The men's soccer team is in the finals of the College Cup. Overall I believe that Indiana is a good school in all aspects, and I think it is the best choice in Indiana.



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Mr. Denning and eighth grader Eliza Smiley are two HUGE Purdue fans. Photo Credit: Parker Sciortino



The IU men's basketball team defeated Miami of Ohio at Gainbridge Fieldhouse on Nov 20. Photo Credit: Alice Christie

MUSICAL MYSTERY

By Eliza Smiley

When a group of 84 Post staff members went into the tunnel for this issue's History Mystery, they had their eyes set on some more recent history. Inspired by a photo of Mrs. Horn in the Playbill from *Beauty and the Beast*, which Miss Byrd directed in 2018-19, they headed straight for the boxes of costumes. After quite a bit of rummaging, they finally discovered the costumes. Mrs. Horn kindly agreed to recreate her picture, even standing by the same clock!

The 84 Post staff decided to name this photo *Cogsworth and Grammy*, a heartwarming picture of *Beauty and the Beast* star Cogsworth the clock next to his kind grandmother who is the source of all his talent. Make sure to check out 84post.org for another interesting picture featuring a grown-up Chip!



Mrs. Horn is at it again!
Photo Credit: Ian Miller



Mrs. Horn having fun with the costumes!
Photo Credit: Ian Miller

FILM NEGATIVE



Bingham stands ready to party on Winter Break! Photo Credit: Luke Bryant



DEAR BINGHAM BEAR...

Do you live in the school or do you have your own house?

Sincerely, Truly Vanes

Dear Truly,

Right now, I live at school with my family of bears! I like to think of the school as my home and I've built so many secret passages! Shhhh, don't tell anyone!

Happy Holidays! Bingham Bear



BINGHAM BEAR'S WINTER BREAK

By Emma Eckerle



Hi everyone, it's Bingham Bear! I was just thinking that I should let everyone (but the teachers) know what I do over winter break. First, I have to re-organize the classrooms to make sure they are perfect for my vacation. I put up some beach chairs and turn my wave sounds on. Next, I head down to the kindergarten classrooms - they have my favorite toys! I'll use the bin of wooden blocks to build my bear den. This is where I'll sleep; it is super cozy. Then I'll roll the slip and slide out in the hallways and go flying! I'll do this for a long time.

Next: artificial snow! I turn the heat all the way off and then wait a few minutes. It gets so cold I have to get a coat and hat on. Then I turn on all the sinks. After a while the hallways are filled with ice and snow. This is going to be the best winter break ever. I hope all of you have fun!

84 STUDENT SELECTED FOR JUNIOR JOURNALISM PROGRAM

By Eliza Smiley

Every year, the Indiana Sports Corp. holds the Inspiring Sports Junior Journalism Program during the Big 10 Championships for football and basketball. The program selects 14 young journalists in grades five through eight and pairs them with a Big Ten university.

CFI 84's very own Emma Eckerle, a sixth grader, was chosen for this year's program and paired with the University of Michigan football team. The students were given a writing assignment and access to coaches, attended a workshop with sports journalists and given a back-stage tour of Lucas Oil Stadium.

Emma's article is titled "Coach Mimi Bolden-Morris: A Trailblazer." Coach Mimi is a quarterback coach for the Michigan Wolverines and the Big Ten's first female football coach. As Emma stated in her article, Coach Mimi believes "It is a blessing and honor to be an inspiration to other little girls to do whatever they want to." Congratulations Emma on this great achievement!

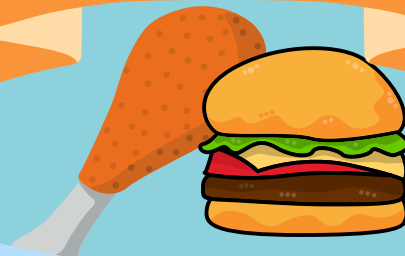


Emma Eckerle, the very special journalist! Photo Credit: A parent.



Emma's media lanyard. Photo Credit: A parent.

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BARF IT?

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SPORTS ROUNDUP

By Langston Endicott

Sports have gone well this season for the 84 Bears. The boy's basketball and co-ed futsal teams (which is sort of like indoor soccer but with a heavier ball) have been crushing the competition! One of the futsal teams won by 9 points! "Our futsal team is really good, and I think we could beat most teams that we face," said eighth grader Ollie Haug. Seventh grader Claire Becher agrees, "Futsal has been so awesome! I have had lots of fun and learned a lot!"

The school basketball team has also done very well. "I think we have improved a lot. "Last year we only won 3 games, but this year we won around 8 games and only lost 2," said eighth grader Luke Turpin.

Make sure to wish all of our athletes good luck, and go Bears!

The 84 MYP boys basketball team with the cheer squad!
Photo Credit: Colleen Nill

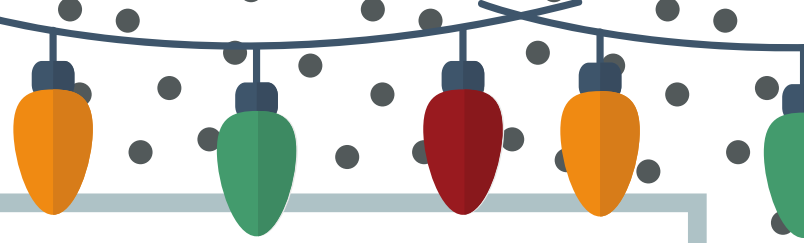


Futsal selfie!
Photo Credit: Evie Haug



WOULD YOU RATHER?

By Miles Cheney



Have you ever had to make a hard decision? Below are questions that make you have to decide between two things you may want or not want to have. Circle the option you would rather do!

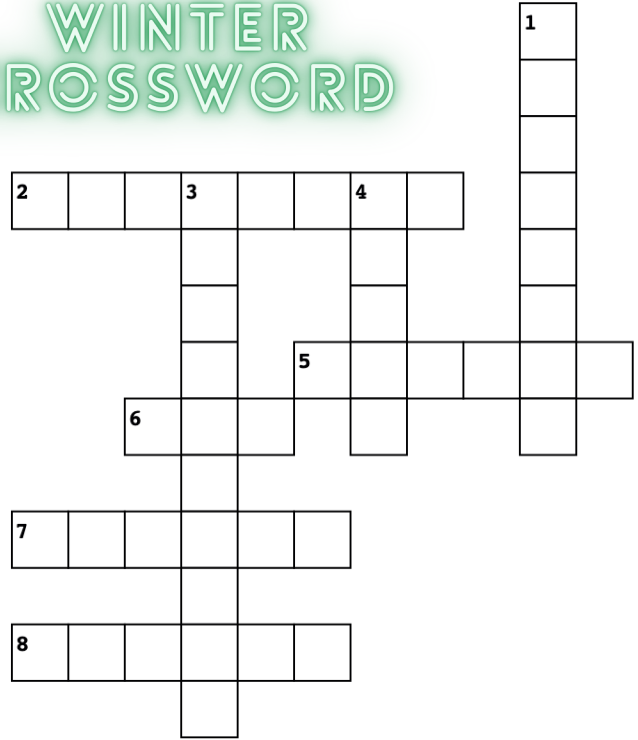
- Would you rather - Go hiking up an active volcano OR free climbing up a mountain?
- Would you rather - Live long but dumb OR live short and smart?
- Would you rather - Live on the beach OR live up in the mountains?
- Would you rather - Always be cold OR always be warm?
- Would you rather - Always be one hour late to everything OR one hour early to everything?
- Would you rather - It always be night outside OR always be daytime?



Hot tea after a snowy day out or some cold ice cream after some fun in the sun? Which would you rather have? Photo Credit: Ricky Thomas

A fireplace to keep you forever warm or a fan to keep you forever cool? Photo Credit: Ricky Thomas

WINTER CROSSWORD



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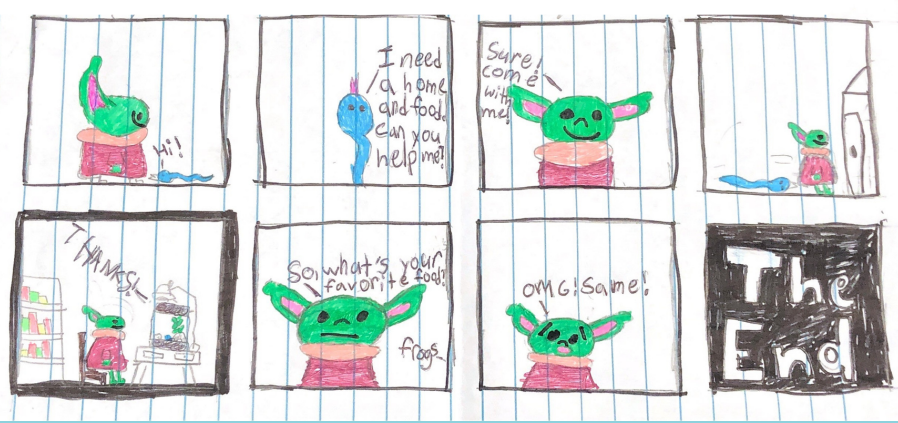
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4. name of adopted kids from Salvation Army

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2. Jewish holiday celebrated in December
5. teacher spotlight cat name
6. cozy place where Bingham Bear sleeps
7. a sport like soccer played indoors
8. The break coming up on 12/21



GROGU AND THE SNAKE by Shea L.



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