



# The Crusade

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## Upcoming Events

- ▶ **Veterans Day (No School)-**  
Monday, November 11
- ▶ **5 Week Progress Report-**  
Tuesday, November 19
- ▶ **Thanksgiving Break (No School)-**  
Wednesday-Friday,  
November 27-29
- ▶ **GBCS Christmas Program-**  
Tuesday, December 3  
7:00 PM
- ▶ **Candy Sale Ends-**  
Tuesday, December 3

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## Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

Prodigy - /noun/ a person, especially a young one, endowed with exceptional qualities or abilities

Throughout history, many child prodigies like Pablo Picasso or Marie Curie changed the world. Child prodigies excelled in math or art or music. The most noted one is Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart.

Johannes Chrysostomus Wolfgangus Theophilus Mozart, better known as Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, born January 27, 1756, was one of the greatest composers of classical music ever. He began composing songs at the age of five, a year after he began learning to play the piano. He also learned to play the harpsichord, violin, organ, and viola later on. His father Leopold Mozart was a choir director and a small composer himself which was no wonder why his son was very intrigued with music. His father was the one responsible for teaching Mozart how to play the piano.

At eight years old he created his first two sonatas for the harpsichord. As he grew older, his ability to compose music advanced. And by the age of thirteen, he had created another sonata at the request of an emperor. His father took him and his sister on "tours" throughout Europe to play music. He was six when he began these "tours", and he played for kings, queens, and other royalty. Mozart was such a great composer that after he had heard "Miserere" (a song composed by Allegri, a famous composer), he later wrote down the entire song from memory with only a few minor errors.

Fast forward to 1782, Mozart married Constanze Mozart. They had six children, but unfortunately, only two survived. In this year, Mozart added two more piano concertos to a list of many. It is said that Mozart had written over six hundred compositions in his lifetime. Some of his songs would include "Eine Kleine Nachtmusik," which means a little night music and is over twenty minutes long, "The Marriage of Figaro" and many many more.

Many believe that he composed "Twinkle Twinkle Little Star," but no one is sure of the definite answer. "The Magic Flute" was Mozart's last work. He created it three months before he passed away. Sadly, he died on December 5, 1791, at the young age of thirty-five. The reason for his death is unknown, but there are many theories. One of the many theories would be that many believe he was poisoned. Others think that he had a strep infection.

Although he was a fantastic composer, there is more that we can learn from Mozart than just music. Throughout his life, he went through many hardships. He was constantly sick, and there was rarely a healthy day for him. As mentioned before, only two out of six of his children survived, and his mother passed away when he was only twenty-two. Many other unfortunate events happened as well, but even though these events took place, he didn't give up on life. Instead of that he wrote beautiful pieces of music. So, we can learn from Mozart not to allow hardships to put us down.



## IN THE MOOD FOR FOOD: PUMPKIN SPICE

Pumpkin spice is an essential flavor for the fall season. The sweet pumpkin spices paired with rich tasting coffee create a warm and frothy drink that is perfect for any chilly autumn day. But there is no need to rely on lattes for your pumpkin fix. You can easily bring the taste of pumpkin spice to your delicious baked goods, including muffins, pancakes, cakes, pies, or donuts.

Let's get into some pumpkin spice origin. Most Americans associate the fall season and holiday meals with a scent of warm pumpkin pie or rich pumpkin bread fresh from the oven. The candle and scented oil industries profit from offering the scent of warm pumpkin spice wafting throughout many homes. The history of pumpkin spice will surprise many, especially upon learning that pumpkin spice contains no pumpkin. Pumpkin spice is actually a modern-day joke to some people who know its actual origin. In

Here are few items you can make at home:

- ▶ Pumpkin pie
- ▶ Pumpkin bread
- ▶ Pumpkin soup
- ▶ Pumpkin pasta
- ▶ Pumpkin pancakes

1996 Home Roast Coffee referenced pumpkin spice beans. Pumpkin spice coffee slowly spread across the country, culminating in the Starbucks introduction of their pumpkin spice latte. Starbucks is undoubtedly reaping the greatest of profits from the pumpkin spice craze with its lattes. An August 2014 article says the recipe "has been unchanged in 11 years." However, 2015 marked the first year that the famous pumpkin spice latte contained pumpkin. So, if you bought a pumpkin spice latte in 2014, just know that there was no pumpkin in it. You have been lied to. Besides pumpkin spice and everything nice, thanks for reading this month's pumpkin spiced themed mood for food. 😊 Keep calm and get your pumpkin on kids. Stay hungry!



## Life Cycle of the Mexican Jumping Beans



Bean Pod

Larva

Moth

## THE MEXICAN JUMPING BEAN

The Mexican jumping bean is a well-known attraction in the country of Mexico, but not many people know why the bean jumps. The type of bean is known as frijoles saltarenes, and is inhabited by a worm known as cydia deshaisiana. These worms burrow a hole in the beans and will use the beans as a cocoon. The beans are kept as pets, and though they are non-toxic they are not exactly a delicacy. When heated by any source, these worms will pull on strings inside of the beans which causes a jump. These beans must be kept under a cool temperature, or the worms will die. They will often go into a dormant stage, which you can tell by hearing a slight rattle when shaking the bean. I would highly recommend that if you ever visit Mexico you buy a bean (mostly, because I have never personally bought one).



## UNCLE SAM'S PATRIARTICLE: MARK ALLEN

Mark Allen was a great hero of America that has recently passed away. About ten years ago, he was shot in the head by a Taliban sniper; he lived for ten years with serious brain damage. He couldn't walk, speak, or really do anything a normal person can do. On top of the head injury he sustained, he also went through about twenty surgeries and required 24 hour nursing care. When he finally went home, he still needed much care and couldn't provide for himself; his wife had to attend to him.

The mission he was trying to accomplish before he was shot was that he was trying to locate Army Private Bowe Bergdahl, who deserted his base and was taken captive by Taliban forces. Mark Allen gave his life to save another. Much like every other person that serves in the military, Mark Allen was a hero. These men give their lives for our freedom. May God bless them, and America.

## OBSCURE SPORTS: SQUASH

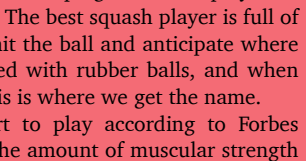
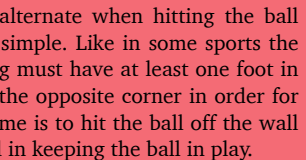
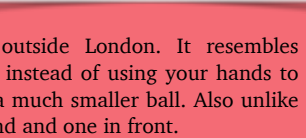
Squash is very good for your health and nutritious for your diet. Examples of squash would include butternut squash, spaghetti squash... Wait, wrong kind of squash.

In 1830 in England, the sport squash was created. This sport was invented by a group of students from Harrow School outside London. It resembles handball very much except for the fact that instead of using your hands to hit the ball you use a racquet, and you use a much smaller ball. Also unlike in handball, you play on two walls, one behind and one in front.

Squash is played by two people who alternate when hitting the ball (like in ping pong or tennis). The rules are simple. Like in some sports the game begins with a serve. The person serving must have at least one foot in the serving box, and the ball must be hit in the opposite corner in order for the serve to be legal. The objective of the game is to hit the ball off the wall until you are able to make your opponent fail in keeping the ball in play.

It takes extreme hand-eye coordination. The best squash player is full of agility, strength, and endurance in order to hit the ball and anticipate where the ball will be. Squash was originally played with rubber balls, and when hit they would "squash" against the walls. This is where we get the name.

It has been voted the healthiest sport to play according to Forbes Magazine. The reason for this is because of the amount of muscular strength



and muscular endurance needed in order to play it. An hour of playing squash can burn six hundred to one thousand calories. So, I was telling the truth when I said in the beginning that "squash is very good for your health."



## WORD SEARCH

DORITOS  
PRINGLES  
CHESTER  
FRIES  
RUFFLES  
CHEETOS  
LAYS  
TAKIS

U S K I Y L N T O O G I N C Q Q C P S Z  
Z L O W R D Q O I Z C A U L I T D H J M  
R J K T V U B X C X Z W W S G N M V E I  
Q N S X I L Z K W D Y Y Q E E J G R A M  
Y E C I W R J S I N S Y A L L A O P H N  
Q F X J K R O B J J Y I C G E J N U V M  
K F A E Y A X D R J H Q R N S L C H Z U  
F G C H E E T O S D C E T I Q E B M V I  
I Z I W Q X C G K D S X H R V T C I D P  
F B X Q W N U T P L E K B P Q H I M G I  
H W O J E C Z I A Y L C B S E I X D S B  
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T O X V Q I G H R V N U F D M D Y L I G  
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## Black Friday

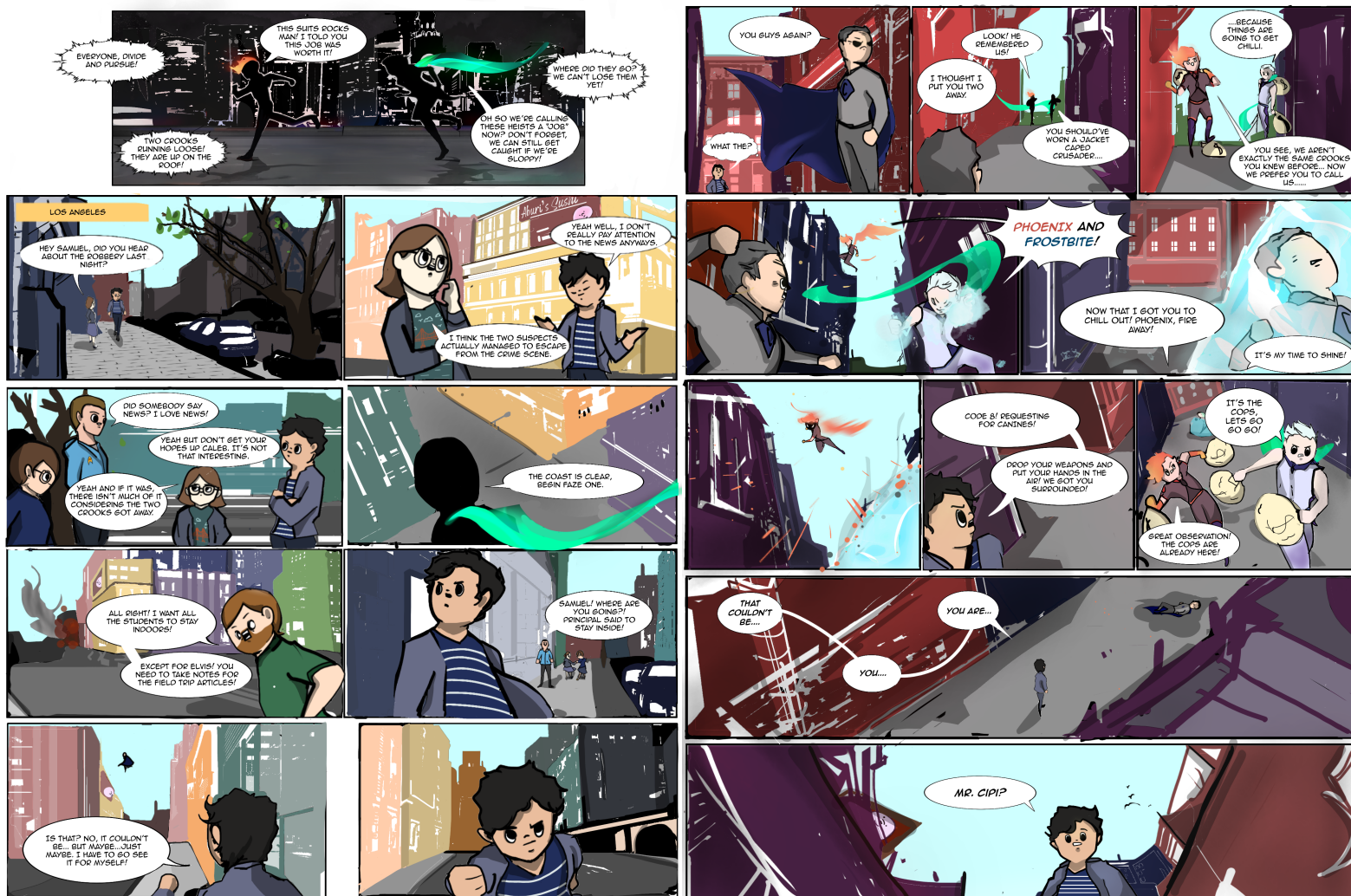
The commercial holiday known as Black Friday is one of the most well-known days of November. The name came from the traffic usually occurring the day after Thanksgiving, due to the leaving of many people. Many companies saw this as a huge opportunity for sales and would drop their prices in preparation for Christmas. By focusing all their retail discounts on one day they would get more people to come to their stores. However, in recent years the sales of Black Friday have been lowered due to cyber Monday, the online counterpart for Black Friday. Several people have found many good deals from it and many more stores have gotten more business from it. Throughout the years the marketing of Black Friday has brought countless billions of dollars to businesses around the world. In the year 2012 consumers spent 59.1 billion dollars, the highest ever seen. Since 2006, there has been more than 12 reported deaths (probably why it is called Black Friday). Black Friday is not just found in the U.S., but in other countries around the world. This started when U.S. marketers brought the idea to foreign businesses to increase profits elsewhere. This year, take advantage of these deals and have a merry Black Friday.

## GUESS WHAT

- What animal can predict an earthquake?  
a. hedgehog b. snake c. cat d. dog
- How many penguins can a polar bear eat in one sitting?  
a. 22 b. 15 c. 16 d. 86
- What day of the week are heart attacks most likely to happen?  
a. Monday b. Tuesday c. Wednesday d. Thursday
- How many miles away can a lions roar be heard?  
a. 1 b. 3 c. 5 d. 7
- How much TV energy do you save if you recycle one glass jar?  
a. 1 hour b. 2 hours c. 2.5 hours d. 3 hours
- How many steps are in the Eiffel Tower?  
a. 1,710 b. 2,034 c. 2,526 d. 3,650



# Cartoon Corner



## THE RONALD REAGAN PRESIDENTIAL LIBRARY

The Reagan Library rests on a majestic hill with a view of Southern California. It is a stunning museum in its perfect location! Many students had fun role playing and learning more about the Reagans which made the long drive worth the wait. The students were split into two groups, the oval office and the command center. Both groups discussed and made tough calls (under the leadership of Caleb and Josiah) in order to save historical students in Granada. We watched a hologram that was created off of a sketch and went inside the Air Force One that was used by Ronald Reagan himself. The students enjoyed the visit and the tour. We learned more about the Reagans than we knew before.



## Random Facts

- North Korea and Cuba are the only places you can't buy Coca-Cola.
- The entire world's population could fit inside Los Angeles. (not comfortably)
- The hottest chili pepper in the world is so hot it could kill you.
- M&M stands for Mars and Murrie.
- A baby puffin is called a "puffling."
- The lyrebird can mimic almost any sound it hears — including chainsaws.
- Fear of the number 13 is called triskaidekaphobia.
- A \$1 bill costs 5 cents to make.
- The Crown Jewels contain the two biggest cut diamonds on Earth.
- Baby sea otters can't swim.

## Crusader Quips

- What's the key to a great Thanksgiving dinner?  
The turkey
- What do you call a running turkey?  
Fast food
- What did the turkey say to the computer?  
Google, google, google!
- What do you call the age of a pilgrim?  
Pilgrimage
- What was the turkey looking for at ToysRus?  
Gobbleheads
- What sound does a turkey's phone make?  
Wing! Wing!

# DEAR ABIGAIL: BALANCING SPORTS

Dear Abigail,

How do I balance out sports and God?

Sincerely,

Sporty Christian

Dear Sporty Christian,

This is a very good question. There is nothing wrong with sports; but when you put sports above church and your private time, this is a problem. You must have a balance. A balance is an even distribution of weight or something to remain upright and steady. Sports are very entertaining and help teach us hard work and discipline. Sports can be good for a Christian. We can be a witness to our unsaved teammates. Also, when we use our talents, we should be giving God the glory. When we are talking about balancing God and sports we have to make sure our schedule fits with our time with God. On Sundays, we as Christians have to be in our place at church serving and obeying God. Some people will put sports before God. For example, they skip church and go to a game or doing something else than being in your place at church. So, when we are balancing out those two things, we have to make sure you are not letting the sport that you play or watch distract you while you are in church or when your reading your Bible. I hope that this helped you in some way. Don't forget to put God first, because the devil is always trying to distract us.

Sincerely,

Abigail



## The Riddler

1. What has two hands, a round face, always running, but stays in place.
2. I'm tall when I'm young and I'm short when I'm old. What am I?
3. Q: You can drop me from the tallest building and I'll be fine, but if you drop me in water I die. What am I?
4. What has an eye but cannot see?
5. Who was never hungry during Christmas?
6. If a rooster laid a brown egg and a white egg, what kind of chicks would hatch?
7. Why weren't the tennis players allowed in the restaurant?
8. Why can you not trust Atoms?

## CRUSADER SPIRIT DAYS

### Photography Week

- Students may submit fun pictures of school life by Friday, November 15.
- Monday-Thursday of the next week students will vote on which pictures best represent Crusader spirit.
- Winning photographers will be awarded Starbucks gift cards.



Behold finally a way for robots to  
make you breakfast in the  
comfort of your own home!

## Tech Talk: 3D Pancake Printer

The pancake 3d printer is not necessarily the fastest most efficient way to make breakfast, but it is one of the coolest! To start you can either download a pre-made file off the internet or draw your own masterpiece on the website made for the printer. Once downloaded, place the file on an SD card then put the SD card in the printer. Simply load the printer extruder with pancake batter, select the file, and presto! Your pancake begins its process to completion.



**Pros:** It is high quality, it uses a combination of a rubber belt and motors so it is very accurate. The software is easy to learn. If it fails it is usually because of user error.

**Cons:** To get it to work properly you have to know what you are doing. A perfect pancake cannot be guaranteed every time. The price point clocks in at \$339.99. It can be dangerous for children without adult supervision. Its speed varies on the design you pick.

**Verdict:** To own this over engineered piece of machinery, you really have to love pancakes. If not I would just suggest saving your money for a rainy day folks, and just make pancakes the old fashioned way.

**"I think its very handy  
when you need  
something handy"**

**- Sam Martinez**

## Crusader Athletics

Tuesday, 11/12- **Lighthouse @ GBCS** (Varsity Basketball)  
Friday, 11/15- **Faith @ GBCS** (Varsity Basketball)  
Friday, 11/22- **Bethel @ GBCS** (Varsity Basketball)  
Friday, 12/6- **Montecito @ GBCS** (Varsity Basketball)  
Monday, 12/9- **Pacific @ GBCS** (Volleyball & Basketball)



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1. A clock  
2. A candle  
3. Paper  
4. A needle  
5. The turkey,  
because he  
was stuffed.  
6. Roosters.  
7. Because  
they make too  
much racket.  
8. Because  
they make up  
everything