

Jingle Bells, Jingle Bells, Movies Rock Your Socks.

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I was sitting by an open fire, roasting some chestnuts, when I realized that Christmas was only a few weeks away. My first instinct was to put in the Frosty the Snowman DVD and start dancing around the house in my underwear, but those "Risky Business" dreams soon faded. Instead, I decided to put together a list of my Top 10 Favorite Christmas movies.

10- Simpson's Roasting on an Open Fire- Yea, alright, it's a TV show, not a movie, but it still is a classic staple in Christmas tradition. It brings Santa's Little Helper into the show, as well as being the first Simpson's episode aired. This is also known as The Simpson's Christmas Special. It's a classic, through and through.

9- Jingle All The Way- Sinbad and Arnold's best movies; period! The plot was very funny, and the constant bickering between the two co-stars over the action figure reminds me of the new meaning of Christmas, greed.

8- How the Grinch Stole Christmas- Jim Carrey's edition is so much better than the animated show. Carrey's interpretation of the Grinch is near perfect. Add a little extra background on the Grinch and a show stopping song by Cindy Lou, who makes this film just a step ahead of the cartoon.

7- It's A Wonderful Life- This classic Christmas story is what the Christmas spirit is all about: giving. Jimmy Stewart gives an unforgettable performance that brings tears to other people's eyes. I don't cry. Well, except for when Old Yeller died, and at the end of Rudy. He was just so little and he never gave up.

6- The Santa Clause- There's nothing cooler than seeing the real Santa dead face down in the snow. Alright, seeing a regular Joe turn into a big fat man was pretty sweet too. The technology thrown into Santa's workshop and his sleigh gave all of us a reason to believe in Santa again. Oops, did I just let the cat out of the bag? Too bad. If you are in high school and still believe in Santa, you are either very

naïve or your name is John Stengel.

5- Nightmare Before Christmas- It's a Christmas-Halloween musical spectacular, not to mention the dream world of every emo girl in existence. The fact that Jack wants to be Santa is a great metaphor for how each of us wants to be something we aren't during the holiday season. Sorry to be so harsh, but this is a fantastic movie that brings some of the catchiest songs to the screen as well as being an eye opener for the whole student body.

4- Home Alone- This is the dream of every little boy all across America. We all want to

take advantage of robbers by using household items. The tandem of Joe Pesci and Daniel Stern make a great villain combo. Does this sound familiar? Who ate all the cheese pizza?! Oh yea!

3- Rudolph the Red-Nosed

Reindeer- This is a must see every holiday season, with no exceptions. No lie, I wish I could buy a Bumble for a pet. Yukon Cornelius is my hero, and I cried when he went down with the Bumble. For some reason, I wanted to be a dentist for weeks after seeing this. To this very day, I still search for the Island of Misfit Toys.

2- National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation- Chevy Chase and Randy Quaid make this one of the best Christmas movies ever. The charred kitty cat, the ravenous squirrel, the sledding scene, and the Jam of the Month Club make this classic to every Christmas Break. It encompasses the true hatred that each of us feel for our families, and what ends will we go to in order to get away from those people.

1- A Christmas Story- You'll shoot your eye out! I can't move! Naddafinga! Daddy's gonna kill Ralphie! Shall I go on? This movie might even be the most quotable movie in existence. The other day, I saw a leg lamp, and almost died laughing. This movie makes me proud to be a product of the parenting of Mr. Lopez. I promise all of you that I will not shoot my eye out.

Well, now that my list is finished, I can now decorate my bathroom with tinsel that is hung with care. Merry Christmas movie goers!



Battle of the Gaming Titans!

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As quite a few of you know, the next generation of gaming is here, and the battlefield has been set. We've got Nintendo's Wii, Sony's PS3, and Microsoft's Xbox 360. What can we expect to see in this war? Well, it's my job to keep you informed.

The Xbox 360 has had a large head start and remains to be the best system for online play. A lot of people have been using it to play some Halo 2 online, but now the guys behind the death match giant, Unreal Tournament, has come out with Gears of War. It's tactical, it's violent, and it's a lot of fun. That should keep you busy

until the end of next year, which is when Halo 3 is released.

If you have a PS3, then you have way too much money. You also have Resistance: Fall of Man. With so many cool weapons and adrenaline pumping moments, this is a must for any PS3 owner.

Now for the wallet friendly Wii. It's definitely worth the hassle of getting it if you want to play a game of bowling or tennis on the game, Wii Sports, with motion sensed remotes.

Whoever wins this battle of the titans will be around for maybe a year, or until the next system comes out.

What's Hot Over Cold Winter Break

Mrs. Blackall's Journalism Class

LO'T Review Guest

Mrs. Blackall's 3rd period class was asked to come up with a few of their top ten Christmas lists. This is what they came up with:

Top 10 Gifts

10. Gloves and Scarves
9. T-Shirts
8. DVDs
7. CDs
6. Video Games
5. Underwear
4. Perfume
3. Gift Cards
2. Movie Tickets
1. Candy

Top 10 Games to Play over Break

10. Tony Hawk Project 8
9. Dragonball Z Budakai Tenkaichi
8. Call of Duty 3
7. Final Fantasy 12
6. World of Warcraft
5. Need for Speed: Carbon
4. Final Fantasy 3
3. Gears of War
2. Legend of Zelda: Twilight Princess
1. Guitar Hero 1 & 2

Top 10 Worst Things about Christmas

10. Christmas Shopping
9. Eating Grandma's fruitcake
8. Visiting relatives
7. Lame Christmas Parties
6. Ice on the streets
5. Re-gifting
4. Over-decorated houses
3. Light up reindeer
2. Non-stop Christmas music
1. End of Christmas vacation

Top 10 Places to Go during Break

10. North Pole with Santa
9. Caribbean Cruise
8. Beach in Florida
7. Wisconsin
6. Mexico
5. An island
4. To the Mall
3. Get out of the country!
2. Aspen, CO.
1. Being with the family.