



STELLER JAY TIMES

Holiday Volunteering

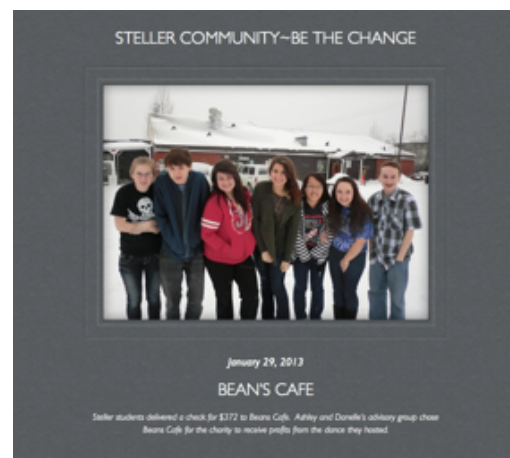
Giving Back To The Community

Deck the halls with some volunteer spirit! The holidays are a joyous time to give back to your community so, students of Steller Secondary School, I urge you to go out this holiday season and volunteer! Whatever you choose to do is good, such as volunteering at the local food bank and Beans Café or participate in a canned food drive. If you're stumped on what to volunteer for, you should ask Victoria or look at the "Be The Change" board by the office. Victoria always has it updated and filled with many different local events that want and need you!

If you are looking to donate canned food to Bean's Cafe this holiday, you might want to hold off a little while. "Be The Change" president Victoria says, "Bean's always gets so much food during the holiday season, which is good, but after Christmas is when they really need food. They use all the canned food during the holidays and, after the Holidays are over, people don't really donate as much." With that said, if you have some left over canned foods after the holidays, you might donate it but always remember that anytime of the year is always a good time to volunteer!

Instead of canned food, Steller runs a sock drive and be sure to participate in that! This is going to be a cold winter and supplying people in need with socks will really help them this holiday. You could even donate old sweaters to you local charities to keep people warm in this harsh weather! Have a Happy Hoilday, Stellerites, and may the volunteer spirit be with you!

Aisatou Sannoh



Overplayed Holiday Music Review

'Tis the season for good music! Falalalala lala la! Yes, it is the “time of celebration and giving” (according to Eslam Torkey), and the time to go through the good, the bad, and the ugly music to listen to around the holidays. We all love good music, right? Well, today we’ll be counting down the top five overplayed must-have songs to have blasting on your stereo for the holidays.

5. “Santa Baby” by Eartha Kitt- Of course this particular song has been covered by artists like country singer sweetheart Taylor Swift and Michael Buble singing a version of “Santa Buddy”. This song is too raunchy for even Santa’s ears to hear, and why would someone refer to Santa Claus as “honey”, “baby” , or “dear”? Being a classical favorite of the Christmas music archive, it ‘s a song that people don’t enjoy listening too often over the holidays.

4. “ Grandma Got Run Over by a Reindeer” by Dr.Elmo –This song should have been run over by something more destructive than a reindeer. Around 30 years ago this song was picked up by a San Francisco radio DJ. This song was created by a part-time veterinarian who wrote this a as a joke. He went by the name of “Dr.Elmo”. “This song is the most annoying song I’ve ever heard!”Michael Rene, a graduated Steller student exclaimed. The man can’t sing nor write a song. In America’s population, this song is probably the most annoying Christmas song to hit the top 10 on the Billboard Charts.

3. “Rudolph, the Red-Nosed Reindeer” by Montgomery Ward- Yes everyone! Rudolph is everyone’s favorite reindeer! The lovable reindeer hit the catalogs in 1939 for an ad campaign as a fictional, lonely reindeer. In the 1940s, a New York City producer turned this story into a song and Gene Autry turned this song into a hit by 1949. This song has been covered by iconic artists such as Bing Crosby, Frank Sinatra, and Dean Martin. Even though this song is always overplayed during the holidays, this song is a classic favorite for children and all mankind.

2. “Feliz Navidad “ by Jose Feliciano- One of the most popular English/Spanish speaking song to hit the chart in 1970. The song has only six words and is very repetitive. And get this! The second verse of this song is said in English! “It’s a very catchy song!” Daniel Joubert exclaimed (a Steller Student). If you want to enjoy a good old-fashion, overplayed song, then “Feliz Navidad” is recommended for you.

1) And the LAST-but-not-least overplayed Christmas song is “Sleigh Ride” by Leroy Anderson, released in 1948. This song was considered the most overplayed song of the holiday season according the American Society of Composers. This song hit the charts on October 1, 1948 and was probably played more the 60,000 times across America. Also when it was released in October, it got more hits than some Halloween songs.

So there you have it. These are the top five overplayed songs for the holidays. This should help everyone over the holidays know which songs not to listen to or avoid to make your holidays worthwhile.

-Gina Hays, Class of 2015



Souper Steller Holiday Edition!

Souper Steller is organized by the parent group/advisory group and put on every Friday. Usually there are three soups offered, such as tomato basil, broccoli cheese, chicken noodle, and others, all of which are “souper” delicious! Our idea is to start a Souper Steller tradition where one week during December, there will be a holiday edition. We could have Christmas-y tablecloths for the tables in the MPR and candy canes given out at the soup stations for the Christmas edition. And Christmas soups such as, Chili Gumbo, Turkey Soup, and Chestnut soup could be offered. We asked several students to state their opinion.

Daniel Joubert gives us his honest opinion when our reporter asks him, “Is it a good idea to start this holiday tradition?”

“Sounds really cool!” He replies.

“What type of soups would you like to see?” we ask him.

He responds to our question, “I don’t know, something warm and hearty. Maybe chili or chestnut soup.”

We ask, “Do you think it’d be too much on the parent/advisory group?”

He ponders the question for a moment, “It shouldn’t be too much. I mean, it’s their decision to do this when it comes down to the end.”

“Any soups currently in Souper Steller as of now that should be in the edition?” We ask.

He replies with, “Chicken noodle soup? Matzo ball? I’m not sure.”

We now ask an anonymous student next.

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“Sounds awesome!” she replies.

“What types of soups would you like to see?” we ask.

“Hm...I don’t know, maybe something warm and I hear chestnut is sort of a holiday soup.”

“Do you think this would be too much on the advisory/parent group?”

“It shouldn’t be. They are already doing Souper Steller and buying the ingredients for it.”

We ask, “Any soups currently in Souper Steller as of now that should be in the edition?”

She replies, “Matzo ball and tomato basil. Tomato basil is a classic and should be there all the time.”

That’s all for this edition. - Fielding Steinke



Trendy Gifts

Every year, we always want to get a good gift for someone, like family members, friends, or even people like our neighbors. But every year there's always someone you have trouble finding a gift for. Well, I'm going to try to help you find the best gift for anyone you're having trouble finding one for.

For a guitar playing, music loving friends the “Pick Punch” is a great gift! The “Pick Punch” punches out a guitar pick from a credit card or pretty much any hard material similar to a credit card. A perfect gift that will last awhile! If you're looking for a gift for an arts-and-crafts type of person, then you might want to consider getting him/her “Kinetic Sand”! It's a great gift for all ages! It's easy to clean up and also a really good kid’s gift for the holidays!

If you're getting into the holiday mood and planning to have fun, buy your family or friends the new PS4! It's quite expensive but it's definitely worth the money! It's a great family present and your friends will enjoy it too! “It's very new and has a very beautiful design.” -Anonymous student.

Your friends have always been there for you for everything. It's only fair to show them how much they mean to you. If you are on a budget, you could always give inexpensive Christmas gifts but this doesn't mean you have to compromise on quality. If you know what each of your friends really wants, the remaining friends can all pool in and gift collectively. You can do this for all your friends and by the end of it, everyone will have what they wanted even if it is expensive. If you would rather gift individually, good Christmas gifts for guys would be gadgets, a music collection, cologne, or even the latest Xbox game. Good Christmas gifts for girls are always easy to choose. You can gift her jewelry, nice gloves, a box of chocolates (yes, it is okay even if she is not your girlfriend), a nice perfume, or a gift basket of expensive body care products.

Most of the time we look back on the past and we buy people gifts that they might have wanted then, but they might not want it now. People change, and they want the new, fresh, updated version of everything! Last year, someone might have wanted the iPhone 4, but this year they might want the ALL NEW iPad Air! A perfect gift to give that one friend or family member that always wants the newest thing. It's a really light gift, only weighing one pound! The iPad Air also is a small gift, staying with what seems to be Apple's trend of making their newer models smaller than the last. The iPad Air is only 7.5 millimeters thick!

For this holiday season some people just want a friend, so be a good friend this holiday season and enjoy the weather. Be safe! Happy Holidays!

Mae Baker



WINTER INTENSIVES

Intensives at Steller Secondary are very unique attributes to our school, to the many that represent us. They offer many vast experiences from traveling to a foreign countries, to making toys, to camping, to even neuroscience. Whether you need to fill your extra gym credit, want to travel, or just want to bake some warm cookies, Intensives are filled with wonderful experiences. "It's a great idea, I'm in "Outdoor Camping" and I can't wait for this to start. The only problem is, I wish the Intensive ideas were more student selected. There should be more opportunities for us to pitch our ideas, I would love to bring back the Horror Movie Intensive." Another said, "Wouldn't it be awesome if there was an Intensive where all you did was style hair and do makeup? That would be amazing!"

There are so many great unique minds here with independent ideas that are totally and completely different from each other. The possibilities are endless! For example, the "Cookies for the Community" Intensive features a wonderful lesson in baking for our community. Cookies, pies, tarts; basically anything sweet and delicious that you could think of. Even though baking isn't a core necessity, knowledge of how to bake a good pie will never let anyone down. One said, "On sign up day, there were crowds of people lining up to get into the Cookies Intensive. She picked two names out of a cup for every grade. My heart was racing! she called my name! I froze! I couldn't have been happier! These couple of weeks will be amazing!" We hope everyone is excited for their intensives and has a wonderful time doing them.

Breegan Cummings



Student Plans for Christmas Break

Christmas break is coming up and students will have two weeks to do whatever they want without having to worry about school. Some students have eventful vacations planned while others want to use their free time to relax and do nothing.



When asked what she is going to do over break, Hannah Elam said, "Nothing." Daniel Joubert summed his vacation up in the words, "Probably just gonna snowboard, eat, and sleep." During his break, Kashtin Boberick said that he plans on keeping up with his homework and online classes.

Ryan Cox has more of an eventful vacation planned than anyone else. “I’m probably just going to sit at home,” he started by saying. “Christmas, I’m gonna celebrate with my family.” He also plans on getting his band to play as many shows as possible and would also like to look for a job.

Eli Matthews plans on celebrating Christmas with his family. Every year, they eat crab legs for dinner and “all sorts of cookies and cake rolls” that his mom makes for dessert. When asked what he wants for Christmas, Eli said, “A new computer would be nice.” He doesn’t plan on traveling anywhere or really leaving his house at all.



Since Eslam Torky ‘s family is Muslim, he won’t be celebrating any holidays over winter break this year, but he already got presents after Ramadan ended a few months ago. When asked about his plans for break, he said, “My mom was maybe thinking that me and Selma should go to Hawaii.” Otherwise, he plans on just hanging out in his house.

Every year on Christmas, Corinne Earnest-Steinke’s family sleeps in late. “We probably open presents around twelve,” she said. One of the presents is always a new movie, which her younger siblings watch as she and her sister help her parents make a ham dinner. Then, after dinner, they all re-watch the movie as a family together. Corinne’s other plans for the holiday season include traveling to Belize for winter intensives, which she is excited about.

Regardless of the things students are going to do over break, they are all going to enjoy the time away from school to do whatever they want.

Gabrielle Stewart

Health During the Holidays

By Laura Bronson

Health during the holidays is an overlooked topic. Health is becoming a serious issue and should be taken into consideration. High levels of meat and sugar consumption are linked to Type II diabetes and coronary heart disease.

The average American eats 5.5 kilograms of chocolate per year. The United States is not even in the top 10 countries for eating chocolate. The holiday when people eat the most chocolate is not Christmas but Halloween.

Meat consumption is extremely high. Daniel Joubert, a student at Steller, claims to eat approximately 5-10 pounds of meat during the holidays. The average American eats 124 kilograms of meat per year. Forty-six million turkeys were consumed at Thanksgiving in 2010. The average American eats over 15 pounds of turkey each year. Twenty-nine percent of all turkeys eaten are eaten during the holidays. Ham consumption also goes up during the holidays, but it is high throughout the year. Twenty nine percent of people report eating ham in the previous two weeks, not including lunch meat.



Bûche de Noël is a traditional French dessert. It is made of sponge cake rolled with chocolate buttercream frosting. The frosting is raked with a fork to look like a log. Decorations such as berries and small twigs are added to enhance the log image.

Santa Lucia Day is celebrated on December 13th, especially in Scandinavian countries. The holiday honors Saint Lucy and it's traditional for children to prepare coffee, special bread, and pastries and bring them to their parents in the morning. Children usually dress in white wearing special wreaths with candles in them and sing the traditional Santa Lucia song.

Health during the holidays is an important subject and should be brought attention to. Everything should be eaten in moderation. Instead of trying to lose weight during the holidays, try to maintain your weight.

Holiday Recipes

Holiday season is now here! This means it's time to find new recipes or bring up those traditional family recipes for those holiday parties! Some typical recipes during the holidays are pumpkin pie, turkey, and yams. However, there are quite a few new recipes suggested by students and staff from Steller Secondary that could be of interest to you!

Instead of going with the stereotypical "turkey and mashed potatoes" dinner for this holiday season, Aisatou Sannoh and Dale Evern both have different yet unique recipes during the holidays. "My family and I cook king crab for Christmas. It's a family tradition," Aisatou, who is currently a sophomore at Steller, states. Seafood entrees are very different from the traditional holiday dishes but they fit perfectly for the season and are very elegant! Dale, who is the principal at Steller, adds, "One holiday recipe I eat are mussels. I have them at least once during the holidays!"

If these main courses are not of your interest, we also discovered new dessert recipes that could be a new addition to your list of holiday recipes! Michelle, who is the secretary at Steller, has made up her own holiday dessert. It's called cranberry fluff; it contains marshmallow fluff mixed with cranberries.

Also, desserts are a perfect holiday gift! For example, people give out goodie bags that contain truffles, peppermint chocolate bark, fudge, etc. But an innovative gift that would be very festive this year is Cake in a Jar. The name of this dessert says it all! What makes this dessert one-of-a-kind is that you can make any kind of cake of your choice and also they're the perfect size for presents!

Another product that could be a new addition are holiday beverages! Some hot beverages that have been famous throughout the season are eggnog, hot chocolate, hot apple cider, and peppermint mochas. But one famous holiday drink that is trending this year is pumpkin spice lattes. Pumpkin spice lattes are basically a holiday in a cup! The taste reminds you of a Christmas morning! Not too sweet nor too bitter, this drink has a great, deep coffee taste with a touch of pumpkin and spice. Perfect for this chilly holiday!

Hopefully these recipes will be a new addition to your holiday list!

-Julia
Acosta,
Class of
2015



Holiday Door Decorating

Jen's advisory group is hosting a door decorating contest for the advisory groups of Steller. The winners of the contest will receive hot cocoa and baked goods. What someone might find unusual is that an advisory group is holding a contest. Jen's group believes that since their group won the last few door contests, they should give back and host a contest for a change (One of Jen's advisees).

Hopefully this spirit will be found among other advisory groups, and possibly other students would be willing to let their advisory group give back. Jen's group is currently on a 3 year winning streak for the Steller Olympics, and some are saying that at this rate, soon Jen's group will be hosting that as well!

Every student is invited to join in, and the winners will be announced and judged very soon! We're all excited to see what design will win, and who's going to participate.

Good luck Everyone! - Tommy



The Holidays With Staff

The Holidays are a time of festivities where families come together to celebrate in their own way. Stores will be shutdown and the workers will be at home spending time with their family. All of the students at Steller Secondary will be going home to enjoy the happiness that fills the air, but what about staff and their holiday break?

The staff at Steller Secondary will be going home during their time off to enjoy this time of celebration, no matter what they celebrate. “I celebrate all of the holidays!” Danelle stated in an interview. While Danelle celebrates all of the holidays, Jen celebrates Christmas, and Marla celebrates Hanukah.

While all are expecting presents, some staff cannot wait to get their hands on their presents. “Being able to spend time with my family...” Jen expressed, “...and maybe a new computer.” Jen, one of the most upbeat people at Steller Secondary, continued by saying, “I like setting up the Christmas Tree with my husband and drinking homemade eggnog. I like watching movies with my parents and my husband all day, and I make a lot of my Christmas presents. I knit and I make biscotti and things like that.”

Christmas seems like fun and games, except for setting up. According to Ken, “If I’m doing it by myself, yes, it’s enjoyable. If I’m doing it with somebody hovering over my back—like my wife—then it all depends.” On the other hand, according to Marla, “Oh yes! It’s so much fun!” Marla is talking about Hanukah.

Hanukah is very different from Christmas. Marla says that many people assume that Hanukah is as important as Christmas, but she said that it is not a big holiday. “For Hanukah, gifts aren’t a big deal. They’re small gifts over eight days. The gift I like to receive of course is... chocolate. That’s a favorite. And usually we make things like jewelry or like a scarf, things like that; little handmade gifts.” Christmas and Hanukah are very different holidays.

Overall, the holidays are a fun, happy time. Every one of the staff stated that the most important part is spending time with their family. That shows how great and nice the staff is here at Steller Secondary. Students and staff will be enjoying their time off during this wonderful time. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Eslam Torky



Holiday Food Waste

Everyone has thrown out food at one point or another, whether it is the milk that went bad or last month's leftover Chinese take out that you forgot about. The average person throws out or wastes around \$40 per month. That's about 33 pounds per person per month. In a family of four, the entire family wastes about \$2,275 a year. During the holidays (Thanksgiving through New Years) the average family wastes 25% more than the rest of the year. Around 45 million turkeys are consumed on Thanksgiving and about 22 million on Christmas.



When Steller students were questioned about holiday food waste, they said that not throwing parties for people and eating less would cut down on food waste. Freshman Christina Napoleon said, "If you do throw parties, know how many people are going to be at them and make any leftovers into stews or soups." When Steller students were asked how much food they think the average family wastes during the holidays, Tommy Rademaker, a Junior, said, "I don't know. Maybe like 69 pounds." And Ryan Cox, a Senior, stated that he thinks around 550 pounds of food is wasted during the rest of the year.

Although these answers are real and very helpful, some other ways to cut down on food waste are to compost food scraps, donate leftovers, or just create shopping list to avoid impulse buying. Don't be like most other Americans this year. Please save food this holiday season.

Daniel Joubert



Holiday Clothing

Looking for Holiday steals this winter? Well look no further! Read along and figure out the hottest outfits that your peers have picked out. From funky sweaters to elegant winter socks, we have it all. It's difficult to find great things around the Holidays. There are just too many things to buy. If you are looking for great deals on clothing, going to a clothing store that has Holiday sales is the worst idea. Stores mark down, but only after marking up their prices, giving the appearance of "A Great Deal!" Going to a store right after their Holiday sale is the most opportune time! The best Holiday clothing that this reporter has found is sweaters, lots and lots of sweaters. Fuzzy sweaters. Itchy sweaters. Crop top sweaters. Big sweaters. Small sweaters. Patterned sweaters. Solid color sweaters... One thing that this reporter knows is that everybody loves sweaters!

Looking for a Holiday gift for a loved one? Ask them how much clothing they need a month before Christmas. Make sure to keep a list. Whatever your loved one says, make sure that you get that! Nothing says "I appreciate you," or "I love you" like remembering something they said a month ago! Only 34.7% of the student body says that they give clothes to their loved ones for Christmas; 55% say that they love getting clothes for the Holidays! Some hot ideas to get during the holidays are nice dresses; warm dresses are the perfect thing this Holiday season! Looking to cuddle up near an open fire? Try to snag some fuzzy socks and warm blankets, conveniently located at your local stores!

Not everyone likes getting clothes for the Holidays, but who doesn't want a nice pair of gloves and a scarf!? Finding Holiday gifts for loved ones is easy and accessible! Some local stores near you are Walmart, Target, Fred Meyer's, Kohl's, Old Navy, Gap, Forever21, and even Sports Authority, These stores hold the hottest and most wanted things this Holiday season!

A gift card is another perfect way to show someone you care! When you give the receiver of the gift the power to choose what they want, it shows that you care about them and respect their wishes. Some may say that gift cards are "taking the easy way out" but this reporter disagrees! Being a recipient of gift cards, I can clearly say that this is a wonderful gift this season! 83.4% of students said that they got gift cards last Holiday, and they loved it! When asked which she preferred, clothes or gift cards, Aisatou said "Gift cards! With clothes you don't

know if they fit or not, and then you have to worry about going back to the store to exchange it. Too much hassle! With a gift card I can choose my size and my style.”

There you go. So if you have a loved one that you want to get a gift for this Holiday, get them something special. Clothes give the perfect meaning for a perfect Holiday! Just remember, sweaters, socks, and gift cards are the perfect holiday gifts!

-Corinne Earley-Steinke



Gym Equipment Article

Steller is a good school overall, usually on top of important things that are for the good of the school. One thing that needs to get done would be to have new gym equipment. There are some things in gym that need replacing or that the school needs to have. For instance, we need new jerseys because the current ones are bad, a few are ripped, and all different colors. I have recently talked to our gym instructor and asked him what equipment we need replaced and what new equipment we need. He said “ Our school needs some new equipment... like some foam balls for cone ball because all of them are ripped up and worn out from previous years... Some other small things along with that would include some flag belts for flag football because a lot of them have ripped and are missing flags.”

If we did want to get new equipment for the gym we need funding. To do this “funding”, we would have to get a small group of people bring the subject up in Op Group. Op Group is a student lead group which is held once a week to vote on important matters that go on around the school and decide what happens and what money they can give towards someone or something. Another possible idea is to have a Steller sports team if we had proper equipment. Our gym instructor said “that it would be a good idea but again we need people to back it up and have it well organized...We also have to decide what sport is most wanted to be played because our school isn’t publicly funded by ASD unlike all the other schools here.”

At the end of the interview, I asked Troy if it would be a good idea for equipment rentals. For instance, if someone wanted to bring home equipment to play football, they could go to Troy and fill a rental tag out. If they don’t bring the equipment back, they would have to pay the price to replace it. During the beginning of the year before snow and during Spring. we have gym classes that involve the outdoors and I know some students don’t have good footwear for soccer or football. So, it would be cool if the school would be willing to put money towards buying cleats for renting out in various sizes to use during a class.

All this gym equipment talk should help you think about what you would like to do and if you support this idea or not.

Taylor Davis

Temple of the Bean: Christmas Edition

Can you feel that winter breeze come your way every time you go outside from school? Wouldn't you mind having a cup of eggnog latte, a hot Chai tea or hot coco with colored whipped cream? Well you can have any of this at Temple of the Bean since its Christmas. First of all, this Christmas season TOB is going to prepare new drinks and maybe include food. The food won't probably be junk food since the school district requires all food to have an exact amount of calories. Secondly, if you are one of the students who has been waiting to join Temple of the Bean, well, this might be your chance. TOB is offering a volunteering application at their store during lunch and after school. If you want to apply for this, here are some of the expectations that older students working for TOB are expecting: good grades, responsibility, social skills, reliability, compromise, etc. Also, some of the goals that Kyle ,the manager of TOB, has for this team this year are to educate students more on the history of coffee and to make Steller students buy more coffee from TOB since there are various competitions outside school borders. So help TOB make their coffee better by leaving a comment at the suggestion box, asking for new drinks, and asking students working at Temple of the Bean for their "special" drinks.

Andrea Beltran



White Christmas

Here in Anchorage, we always end up having a snow white Christmas. The average first snowfall in Anchorage is usually in October, according to the National Weather Service. The earliest recorded snowfall in the city was September 20, 1997. This year's first snowfall didn't come until November 7th.

Many people go sledding during Christmas with family for family time; others go traveling. Some stay home and just sleep or hang out with friends and family. Whatever activity you do, there's snow outside and you should go and sled or something.

Mae Baker says she watches Christmas movies with her family. Breegan Cummings says she goes sledding with her friends and family. Gabi Hamrick says she drinks hot chocolate and hangs out with her friends and family. Different people celebrate in different ways, whether it be watching movies, sledding, or just hanging out with friends or family. Even if you don't celebrate Christmas, do something on that day. Go outside and sled, hang out with friends, or stay in bed and sleep.

Anchorage won't be getting any more snow anytime soon. Might as well enjoy it now. Anchorage has a little more snow than it did last year. It's super cold, so bundle up and get out there and have fun with your friends and family.



Update: SNOW AT LAST!!! Morgan Loftis

Frugal Gift Shopping

Christmas music is in the air, and your money is soon to be down the drain. Everyone but your wallet loves the Christmas cheer. But not this year because I'm going to give you six unique gift ideas that won't cost you your arm and leg. However, the first step to great gift giving is to know your recipient. Chances are not every suggestion I give you will be great for everyone you know. Long story short: a non-book reader won't want to receive a book this Christmas.

A fun gift to get a family member or friend is one single stock in any company you choose. The price can range from a few cents to a few thousand dollars. You can buy stock from a newly forming company that you think might take off in a few years, or maybe buy stock from a company that the recipient enjoys. It gives them something to check every once in awhile, until they have made a small profit.

Board games range around \$5 to \$30 and can be really fun for the family. Get this for a younger brother, sister, or other family member and you can use it whenever you are bored for instant fun. You can go with a more unconventional route and buy them a board/card game that most people haven't heard of before like Cards Against Humanity, a black comedy game fun for young adults.

Do you feel the need to give gifts to all of your friends? Homemade candy, cookies, or other treats might be the gift for you. All it takes is about \$5 - \$40 and some time. A little cookie wrapped in a ribbon can really make someone's day.

Hand-me-downs can be a wonderful thing. If you have an old video game console that you don't use anymore, how about giving that to your younger brother or sister? Same goes with movies, clothes, or almost anything. Best part of all, it's free!

If you know someone in your life who loves reading, why not make them a personal bookmark? The price can range from free to \$10. Find some loose ribbon and tie some beads at the end to make a special gift for any reader.

www.etsy.com is a great website where you can buy almost anything you can imagine. There are different categories for you to look at for picking out the perfect gift, all from independent



sellers. The price can range anywhere from \$1 to \$10,000. The item does need to be shipped, so make sure to buy whatever you need now so you can have it in time for Christmas or any special event.

Any gift giving holiday doesn't have to be about money. The best presents are the ones that have thought put into them. With this list, you can save money on gifts while still giving thoughtful gifts that the recipient will enjoy. Kashtin Broberick

