

BEARIN DOWN

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TENOSHII CHRISTMAS TOSHIN NEN WO OIWA! MOSHIMASU

by Dr. Huston Jack

Those words - strange sounding to some of us - are the way Japanese people say, "Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!" My comments to you opened in Japanese simply to underscore that Christmas is a time and a season for all people, all over the world. The spirit of Christmas goes beyond mere boundaries of geography to the very heart of the human race. I dare say, the spirit of Christmas will never die. It will not die, because it is the joy of the soul and the soul cannot die.

Time cannot make the Christmas spirit decay, for that spirit is eternal. Indeed, the beautiful spirit of Christmas is the spirit of peace and joy and love, and that's the combination that can never be equaled.

Like a blanket of softly fallen snow, the spirit of Christmas cover the world! Once again our thoughts reach out toward the star of higher things; once again a babe is king; once again faith and love and service are abroad in the land!

Let me conclude by wishing you the spirit of Christmas, by wishing you the eternal blessings of peace and joy and love. Be good to yourselves. Take care and return to us safely. You are all part of our high school family.

BHS DRIVES ON

by Chris McAnallen

This holiday season, the students of Berlin American High School are involved in the Christmas spirit of giving through the ACS Can Drive.

The Can Drive is going strong throughout the Berlin American Community at various American organizations.

Berlin American High School hopes to be the biggest contributor. Last year our school contributed 1400 various types of canned foods to the cause but this year we want to out-do ourselves so we raised our goal to 1500.

The sponsor of the Can Drive here at school is the Student Council, and the person in charge is Suzanne Wood, SC Vice-President.

The canned goods collected from our school as well as the entire American Community will be distributed to various needy American Military families to make their Christmas a little more special.

The Can Drive started at B.A.H.S. on December 7 and the cans were picked up on December 17.

There is a competition between the classes to see who can collect the most. The winning class will have a dance sponsored by ACS at either the DVA of our High School, with a provided DJ and prizes given

A TRIP INTO THE HOLIDAYS

by Scott Feldman

The Weihnachtsmarkt has been in Berlin for the past two weeks, it will be in Berlin up until the 20th of December. You can see the exhibit, which ranges from hand crafted items for Christmas, to a delicacy of foods from all over the world, at the Funkturm.

If you enjoyed Grunewoche last year you will enjoy this event just as much.

This year Werner Prigge the German Host Nation teacher took

students of Berlin American High School who were interested in going.

The students who were going, were asked to pay early for the fee in getting in.

The Students departed the high school at 2:15 and caught the U-bahn up to the Funkturm. They returned by our bus, which arrived back at the high school at 5:30.

I asked a couple of students who went, what they thought of the Weihnachtsmarkt. They replied by saying, "It was very nice and the prices were fairly inexpensive."

CHORUS ADDS TO CHRISTMAS SEASON

by Betty Barnhart

At the last PTSA meeting the Junior and Senior High Chorus performed a Christmas Concert. It started at 7:30 in the school cafeteria.

Under the direction of Mrs. Payne, the 7th and 8th grade Chorus sang: "Christmas is a Feeling", "I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day", "Wind Through the Olive Trees", and "Kling, Glockchen, Klingelgelingel".

COME DANCE

By Kim Berg

Tonight there will be a sophomore dance being held in the cafeteria. The D.J.'s are Alan Robinson and Mark Stewart. When I spoke to Alan about what he is going to play he said there would be some soul, disco, and rock. Their plan is to play four rock songs a soul and a disco song. They will also be taking requests for songs to be played.

The sophomore class will be selling cokes and things to eat. Come on out tonight and help support the sophomore class. The dance will begin at 7:00 and end at 11:00. Admission will be \$1.50.

BERLIN REVIEWED

by Tracey Turner

On the 10th of December 1981, Students and Faculty of Berlin American High School Boarded specially marked buses in front of the school and headed downtown for a special English presentation of the Multi-Media Show.

The price of admission was a mere 3DM. During this 60 minute program, the history of the great city Berlin was illustrated on a wide screen in a slide presentation. The show was just as entertaining as it was informative for all of those who attended.

The students who attended the program were excused from periods one and two to witness this unique presentation. The buses returned the students in time for their third

The Senior High Chorus sang: "Carol of the Bells", "Christmas Bells", "Do You Hear . . .", "The Jesus Gift" with Loren Washington as the soloist, and "Ring the Bells" with Andrea Dedman.

The Chorus members said that they worked long and hard for this Christmas production. All of their hard work didn't stop there, they performed on the 15th of this month for the Student Body. The 7th and 8th graders attended the concert 1st hour and 9-12 attended during 2nd hour.

A LETTER FROM DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

by Mr. Stowell

There is a song that goes something like, "Hey, what's it all about?" It seems like the Christmas season is a good time to sing that song. We hear and see so many different approaches as to what Christmas is and should be. We feel the pressure to spend money to buy gifts for our families and for those special ones that are really important to us. It gets to be a greenback parade.

We feel the joy and pleasure of school holidays, of sleeping in, and of a special dinner. We see and even feel, the manger scene all that it has done for the world. We think about snow and how nice it is to have a white Christmas.

There are any number of things that we might attribute to the spirit of Christmas, but to me the true spirit must be found in how we think of ourselves and how we treat other people. What better time of the year is there to review how we have treated our schoolmates, teachers, and family. What better time is there to reach out and help a fellow human being? Isn't Christmas being true to what you believe in and being ready to believe in what is true?

Have the happiest of Christmas' and get yourself ready for the best

You can always guess what a kid wants, it's always the same things, a doll, or truck, kid stuff. But now we aren't kids anymore, most of us, so our taste is changing, for a sample of what many of us think is the good life, I mean Christmas presents, I took a poll and here's what a few students said-

"Money, clothes, luggage, a stocking full of toys, ice skates, and a trip to the states for the summer."- Marcia Spohn grade 11

"A moped, clothes, and a million dollars."- Ronald Moffett grade 9

"A watch."- Laurie Barsh grade 11
"A nice man, about 6'2", with a nice body. That's my kind of 'Baby Doll.' And a mini-head set."- Trish Lindsey grade 12

"Trish."- Von Johnson grade 12

"Two suits and a car." - Allen Evans grade 10

"A nice, big, juicy lollipop and Jeff."- Karen Kohn grade 12

"A pack of gum and Ron."- Laura Morgan grade 11

"I got what I want for Christmas." Evelin Cruz grade 12

"A woman: 36- 24- 36 - a winning hand."- Keith Muhart grade 9

"5'10", blonde hair, blue eyes, must be American...no foreigners, and college graduate."- Randy Smith grade 9

"A real monkey. a cute baby monkey with a hoop uniform." - Janice Diego grade 10

"Tape cassettes of ABBA and Reo Speedwagon."- Jubin Goodarzi grade 12

"A Sony Walkman."- Tim Shaw grade 9

"A plane ticket to Geneva."- Pras Singgih grade 9

Well, there you have it! Our taste is changing.

"Happy Holidays with my relatives in West Virginia." Michelle Begley-grade 11.

"To be in Buenos Aires." Beate Zander-grade 11.

"A trip back to the United States." Janet Hermann-grade 11.

"I want to pass Algebra 2." Loren Washington-grade 11.

If we're lucky maybe we'll get everything we want for Christmas even if some of it is too controversial to print in the paper!

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To: Herr Prigge
From: Max und Moritz
Dedication: Frau Weinknockin unt ein-um gloplichtes 'nnoy ja.

To: David Murda
From: T.I.I.
Dedication: One fine body!

To: Cathy
From: Sis
Dedication: An Endless Love!

To: Fellow Sultans of Slam
From: Russell "Magic" Walton
Dedication: SLAM ON!!

To: Mrs. Payne
From: Chris Eichner
Dedication: A new turkey.

To: Malissa Stewart
From: Doug Kohn
Dedication: I've been waiting for a girl like you! (by Foreigner)

To: Jack Lockheart
From: A secret admirer!
Dedication: Don't be so shy!

To: Russell Walton
From: Antoinette Brown
Dedication: Very Special!

To: My best friend Natalie
From: Kim
Dedication: "STYX" forever!

To: Bobby Harrell
From: Cheryl Flack
Dedication: Very Special!

To: Elizabeth W.
From: Maite
Dedication: Good luck and best wishes.

To: Charlie
From: A friend
Dedication: A pair of green socks!
To: J.H.
From: J.J. and L.F.
Dedication: We wish you a Merry Christmas.

To: Nicky
From: Queenie
Dedication: A chance to get familiar.

To: Mr. Sennett
From: One of your "gems"
Dedication: May your stocking bubble with the delights of Ag, Au and KCN.

To: Christ Wyatt, Dawn Abel, Carrie Abel
From: R. St. John
Dedication: May the force be with you!

To: Lisa & Scott
From: Diane
Dedication: I'm really going to miss you alot! You've been great friends and we've had alot of great times. I can't believe you're leaving I wish there was more time. Take care of yourself and please write! Hope you have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

To: Russell Walton Jr.
From: The volleyball studs.
Dedication: 500 new mirrors to crack.

To: Frank Noel
From: Sharon Jennex
Dedication: I'll always love you!

To: Tom Britton
From: Fuzz Kuzz
Dedication: Song? You're no good.

To: Sullivan
From: Steven Horua
Dedication: A world's "BESTEST" jokebook.

To: Mark Millen
From: Your not-so-secret admirer
Dedication: I'm "snowblind"

To: Tracey
From: B.E.J.
Dedication: A year supply of Grade A-Prime Choice Beef!

To: Russell
From: Beth
Dedication: Too bad you're not short, blond and cute.

To: Mr Stowell
From: The Auto Lab
Dedication: A damage proof car.

To: Mr. Leonard
From: Erik Flint
Dedication: A copy of the Karl Marx Doctrines.

To: Kim
From: Tracy
Dedication: A bottle of non-smelling perfume.

To: Carol Lewis
From: Natasha Smith
Dedication: Merry Christmas!

To: BAHs
From: Kam-Lin Young
Dedication: I would just like to say, that this school has been very nice to me and I especially like my classes and the teachers that come with my course. This is my second day here, and I love it already so much.

To: Scott Blake
From: C.J.
Dedication: Good Bye, Good Luck. Love you always and forever!

To: Mick, Di, Susie, & Mina
From: Lady Di
Dedication: How the heck are you?

To: Kerry
From: Debbie
Dedication: We can work it out! Love You!

To: Dawn
From: Tonya
Dedication: Thanks for being such a good friend through fights & fun.. Merry Christmas.

Outlook



Song of Christmas

The trees bend and sway in the wind
As the whistling wind blows through them
The sun soon will hide its face
And the dark black night takes over

A bright shining star light the sky
Different from all the others
It sends a message down to earth
Of hope and joy to our brothers.

Christmas night is nearly silent
All you can hear is the wind
Singing its song through the trees
Singing its song of Christmas.

Maite Mendiola
Grade 9

Christmas

Christmas will be here soon
Then it will be gone,
It will leave bold memories,
For us to carry on.

The anxiety and impatience
From the children will be immense,
And parents will carry on
The same Santa Claus pretense.

When the happy day does
Finally arrive,
You can see the children's faces
Joyfully come alive.

Their thoughts are on the presents
That soon they will get,
Though it's the day that Christ was born
They are quick to forget.

Christmas will be here soon
Then it will be gone,
It will leave memories
For us to carry on.

by Penae Berge
Grade 10

Winter Joys

The snow enhanced the Christmas scene,
The sparrows fluttered through the sky,
Disguising all that fear had seen,
Above snow blankets they would fly.

We then looked out upon the world,
And saw the season before spring,
Here the snowy north winds swirl,
We heard the winds a caroling.

Great happiness then filled our souls,
Our passion for the season grew,
Forgotten were our darkest goals,
December joys would now ensue.



SALVAGE SPIRIT!!

I look at all the people rush--
Never taking the time to stop
To enjoy the time before the crush,
Of never fulfilling the present time,
Then looking back with a regretful mind.

by Laura Hagan
Grade 11

Pleath!!

All I want for Chrithtmath
Ith my two front teeth:
I'm thixteen,
And I'd like
To be able to
Fix it
Tho I can thav thingth
Without lithping.
Before I graduate.

by The Unknown Poet
Grade a deen, dark
secret

YES, BARBIE THERE IS A SANTA CLAUS

We were a little late with our big fall clean-up,
so it was actually the end of November when our
stairwell had a big basement sale. There were all
sorts of old things being sold, and among them were
my sister's and my old Barbie dolls, which had not
been played with in many, many years.

As we entered our teen years, we gave up Barbie
for other more challenging pastimes such as skiing,
horseback-riding, traveling and of course, more home-
work. Barbie became dusty from being unused, and was
stored away with other forgotten childhood toys.

Appearing somewhat neglected and forlorn, Barbie,
Ken and their "celluloid world" associates were
dressed properly, yet uncaringly, and lined up
amidst all sorts of knick-knacks and odds and ends
that were for sale.

There was one particular couple with a five year
old daughter whom I remember well. They came over to
me as their little girl left the room. They picked
up a Barbie she had fondly admired and bought it.
The young pair said it was going to be a Christmas
gift for her.

I looked at the slightly faded, light blue eyes
framed by the straight, dull blonde hair and I re-
called bygone days. Barbie would live on in the
spirit of Christmas. I looked at my former doll and
smiled. Yes Barbie, I thought, there is a Santa
Claus.....

Jeanne A. Dansereau
Grade 11

Child
wide-eyed, believing
St. Nicholas, gifts, money, aggravation
rushed, cynical

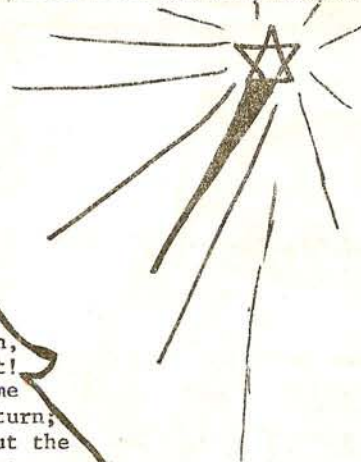


GREENINGS

Christmas Eve

Sweet sleepy faces
Of good girls and boys wait late
To see old Saint Nick.

by Krissy Ahrens
Grade 12



I
had waited
so long for this
Christmas season.
Ever since Halloween,
I could hardly wait!
Daddy had promised me
that this was to be my turn;
this Christmas I would put the
star on top! Every other year, my
sister would place it perfectly upon
the treetop and gaze endlessly
at her "splendid taste of placement".
But now I was to be the one who would put
the ornament on as perfect as she, and then
what would she have to say about perfect place-
ment? Grandma would be arriving soon, and
now I could run to her and tug on her sleeve,
and show her the decorated tree with my golden
foil star on top. So, as I got on Daddy's shoul-
ders and Mommy handed me the star, I struggled to
place it perfectly straight, along with the coa-
ching of my impatient sister whining below. Instead,
I placed the star to the side--for that's where I want-
ed it--different from everyone else's. Grandma and me

like things
better that way.
by Beth Deasy
Grade 11



Christmas

Joyous, exhilarating

Santa Clause, children, sparklers, champagne
refreshing, festive

New Year

The Night Before

Christmas is the time of year
When egg-nogs are in season
Every home is filled with cheer
And the smell of food is pleasin'.

We'll all go to bed, not able to sleep
Because of that day, tomorrow,
We're waiting for Santa to make his sweep
That will chase away grief and sorrow.

We'll get up early, at three or four
And sneak out to the tree
To see the presents on the floor
And hope my parents don't hear me!

We'll peek into our stockings red,
Then play a while and go back to bed.

by Larry Wilkinson
Grade 11

Christmas Spirit

As winter comes near and trees hang low,
The snow drifts by as the cold winds blow.
The Christmas season, fills the air,
While the last minute shoppers are everywhere.
Decorations are hung, and presents are wrapped;
children wait in line, to sit on Santa's lap.
Melodious bells ring out through the night;
while carolers sing with all their might.
As January ends the joyous season,
New Year's comes in with all the more reason.
To make resolutions, and relish good cheer,
And to keep up high hopes throughout the coming
Year.

by Cheryl Dearing
Grade 9

DEDICATIONS CONT.

To: All the Babes in school
From: Russell Walton
Dedication: Thank you to all of
you lovely women who have helped me
in writing my bestseller the 'Art
of Rapping'.

To: Dad
From: Mom, Jeanne, Melisse and
Rollie
Dedication: We love you Merry
Christmas.

To: Camille Raymond
From: Stacy Wahlquist and Penny
Willson

Dedication: I wish to give you Rick
Springfield for Christmas.

To: Mr. Leonard
From: ?

Dedication: Free ticket to Rolling
Stones concert (front row seats).

To: Beth Deasy

From: Andy Blackwell

Dedication: To have your own friend.
I will sacrifice for it hahahaha!!!!

To: Mr. Lazerbeam

From: A former student

Dedication: TEN CASES OF RC (RAT
COLA)!!!!

To: Mr. Sell-a-van
From: Miss Teri-Writer
Dedication: Have a Marry Crispness
with ur grammar and grampy.

To: All my friends
From: Bonnie
Dedication: I'm going to miss all
of you!

To: Carrie Huml
From: Terrance Odell
Dedication: I give you myself with
a big red ribbon!

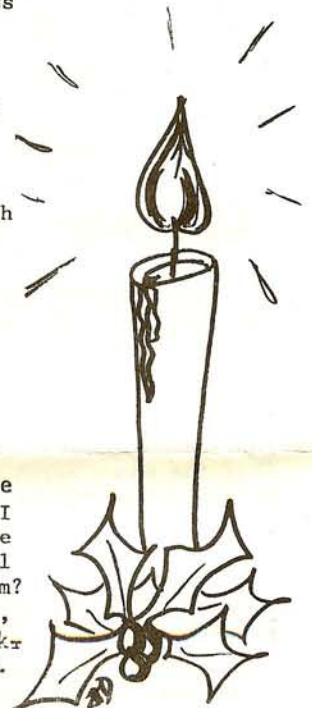
To: Mrs. Lewis
From: 1st period class
Dedication: Have a good vacation.
To: Laura Morgan

From: ?
Dedication: A spelling book.

To: J.J. Jones

From: J.H.

Dedication: They say dreams are
fleeting fancies but, I wish I
could dream of you more often where
else could I see a very special
someone like you, if not in a dream?
I hope you'll have a star-bright,
love-warm Christmas. I'll be think-
ing of you at Christmas and always.



Sports



BEAR-A-CUDAS KILL DOLPHINS

by Kim Farmelo

The Berlin Bear-a-Cudas have won yet another swim meet this 1981-1982 season. Last November 22, the Bear-a-Cudas swam against the Munich Dolphins. The final outcome of this Double Dual was: Berlin-333: Munich-71.

Kelly Murnoh, Didi Stowell, Sally Shoup, Chris McGoe, Christine Cox, Cathy Speer, and Jeff Edelman all placed first in either one or two events. Two Berlin relays set pool records, and J. J. Jones, Kim Farmelo, Tammy Stoebner, Paige Beagle, Sonva McKnight, and Dennis Patton all swam and improved their times.

So far the saying "Practice makes Perfect," has held through for the Bear-a-Cuda Swim Team. Practicing two times a day, seven days a week, the Bear-a-Cudas have kept a perfect record, 5-0.

On December 13, 1981, the Bear-a-Cudas will take on Mannheim and Wuerzburg. Swimming at Andrews Pool at or around noon. The Bear-a-Cudas would love to have you there to cheer them on to victory.

BASKETBALL

15-16 Jan.	away	Mannheim
22-23 Jan.	away	Bitburg
29-30 Jan.	home	Zweibrücken
5-6 Feb.	home	Baumholder
12-13 Feb.	away	Hanau
19-20 Feb.		Bye
26-27 Feb.	away	Osterholz
5-6 Mar.	home	Hanau
11, 12 13	Germany AA Tournament at	Berlin

B-Ball Team

Plays Frankfurt

On Jan. 6

"BEARS" WERE AT THIS PICNIC

by Diana Pederson

On Thursday, the third of December, the fall athletes had their annual awards banquet. The ceremony began with the "jocks" and their parents dining on an assortment of home-cooked dishes. The opening remarks were made by Susan Setzer, the Varsity Club president. The first group to receive their awards was the volleyball team. Miss Gygas, the volleyball coach, gave a short spiel on each of the players before handing out the letters. They were followed by Mr. Lazenby, the golf coach who commented favorably on the golf team and proceeded to present to the members their Berlin letters. Mr. Moeller, the cross-country coach, told a little about each member before handing out awards and he was then presented with a plaque by the team. The Varsity football letters were given out by Coach Burgess and the JV football by Coach Johnson, after each told a little about the players and season.

The cheerleaders and the drill team supported the teams throughout the season and at the banquet.

A LOOK AT THE WINTER SPORTS

The winter sports season is amongst us once again. Practices for the two sports, basketball and wrestling, have already begun.

The wrestling team, which is sponsored by Mr. Conway, had a disappointing season last year, but this year we hope the team does better.

The men's Varsity and J.V. basketball teams, which are sponsored by Mr. Lazenby, had a very successful season last year. Last season, the Men's Varsity squad, was first in its division with a perfect 16 win, zero loss record. The team was upset at the Class B tournament, and came home with a disappointing fourth place finish. The squad returns three starters from last years squad. The team should do well this year, but any chance of another perfect season is not in the picture.

The women's Varsity and JV teams are being sponsored again by Mrs. Rowlands. Last season, the Varsity team had one of the worst records in Germany, a dismal three win, 13 loss record. The team returns two starters from last years squad. The experience gained by returning players and a crop of new recruits, make this year's season a little brighter.

The wrestling team starts its season on January 16th against Wiesbaden, Osterholz, and Hanau. The meet is being held at Hanau.

The men's and women's basketball teams will travel to Mannheim for their first game on the 15th of January.

Here We Come a-Caroling--

Join In!



MERRY CHRISTMAS!!

WRESTLING

WRESTLING SCHEDULE

Jan. 16	at Hanau	Wiesbaden, Osterholz, Berlin
Jan. 23	at Berlin	Frankfurt, Wiesbaden
Jan. 6	at Osterholz	Zweibrücken, Berlin
Feb. 13	at Karlsruhe	Berlin, Bitburg
Feb. 20	at Berlin	Wurzburg, Heidelberg
Feb. 26-27	at Patch	Regional Matches

Winter Sports

Word - Find

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

Word List

Pin Sitout Dunk
Hoop, Hook Shot
Take Down, Lay Up
Set Shot, Full Nelson
Wrestling

CHRISTMAS



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Solter

Jennie
Tucker Mrs. W. Jane Bair

Maite
Mendiola

Erik Smith

Jeanne L. *
* Wanssereau *

Yvonne
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