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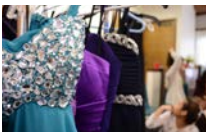
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SENIORS CELEBRATE FINAL CAMP



HALEY PILIEN

The class of 2016 throws colored powder into the air before having a paint war.

BY BRETT WATANABE
Staff Writer

The weekend going into Thanksgiving break, the class of 2016 went on their senior camp. The theme of the camp was R.A.F.T., which stands for Reconciliation, Affirmation, Farewell, and Thinking Destination. Since the camp was just before Thanksgiving, the seniors were treated to a Thanksgiving buffet for dinner on Friday night. Senior Logan

Takeda, who also served as a student camp counselor, was impressed by the spread. He said, “It was a buffet and we could get as much food as we want!” The dinner included turkey, mashed potatoes with gravy, salad, sweet potatoes with marshmallows and brown sugar, and homemade banana pudding. Many seniors raved about the banana pudding and sweet potatoes. “Senior camp probably had the best food out of all the camps because they served Thanksgiving food,”

added Takeda. The weather during camp was rainy and left many puddles on the path going to the chapel and on the basketball court. “The weather at camp was dismal, but it did keep the day cool. During this time I enjoyed talking to the girls in my cabin,” said senior adviser Dynah Ustare. Many seniors ended up playing board games or hanging out indoors. Hellen Chen said, “The weather was gray and wet, but we still had fun doing other ac-

tivities indoors. We stayed inside our cabin and hung out.” For Takeda, the weather was a positive aspect of camp. He said, “I actually loved the rain because everyone was forced to either stay in the big house or in our cabins. This gave everyone an opportunity to bond closer with people that they normally don’t talk to since everyone couldn’t go out-

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BY S. BURKE "RED GUITAR PLAYING THE BLUES". CREATIVE COMMONS

Music To Warm Your Heart

BY JOEL LAU
Staff Writer

It’s Black Friday and you rush into the car, still bloated from your feast the previous day. As you hop into the car and head straight for the mall to get a head start on all the lines, you reach toward the dashboard and turn on the radio, expecting to be surrounded by catchy anthems, rapidly recited raps, or classical music. But they are no more. Instead, they have been replaced with music that hasn’t been played since last year. Then it hits you: it’s the day after Thanksgiving, and most of the radio stations have changed their musical repertoire to holiday themed Christmas music, marking the start of the Christmas frenzy

of parties, shopping, and celebrations. But this yearly tradition is not just something that changes with the seasons, nor is it just a commercialized marketing ploy. Christmas music affects our mood and the way we feel, as well as serving to trigger emotions and memories that would otherwise lie dormant. Christmas music has its origins in the Roman times, during which a pagan holiday celebrating the winter solstice was taken and turned into Christmas by early Christians. Since then, Christmas music has evolved into a variety of genres, from traditional Christmas carols/hymns, to Oldies (from the 1900s) by artists like Frank Sinatra, instrumentals, and

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Not Missing The Point

Let's not allow Christmas clichés rob us of wonder

BY KAYCI KUMASHIRO
Staff Writer

We have all heard this question: “What is the meaning of Christmas?” Books have been written about it. Movies have been made. Songs have been written. It’s nothing new. Every year this question is put on loop as holiday shoppers scramble for the best prices, as children pour out their hearts’ desires in a letter, and as the air turns from sizzling to chilly.

Over the years, I have encountered my fair share of Ebenezer Scrooges and Jack Skellingtons. There are varying degrees of affection for the merriest season. To some, Christmas means outrageous lines at the cashier, overly stuffed shopping malls, and melodramatic hype over finding the perfect sales. To others, the holiday means plates of cookies with hot chocolate, presents galore, and the chance to wear the most cringe worthy sweaters designed specifically for the occasion.

So, through all the hubbub of the holidays, what is the true meaning of Christmas? Like the characters mentioned above, we have learned that Christmas is a time for family and friends, a time for giving rather than receiving. Big whoop. Everyone has heard that recycled cliché.

I, too, have found myself sighing disappointedly every time a Christmas movie ended with the same sappy



GAVIN ARUCAN

message. It gets old real fast. I would sometimes go as far as changing the channel whenever a cynic’s frozen heart melts as he or she discovers “what Christmas is all about.” I never understood how people could enjoy the regurgitated meaning of Christmas every year, until now.

But first, I have one question: why has the meaning of Christmas become a cliché?

The answer is simple; the meaning of Christmas has been repeated so much that it has lost its value. Like listening to nagging parents, constantly reminding us about chores, we tend to tune out the words. In one ear it goes and out the other. We have become numb to the mushy sentiment.

However, the fact that the meaning has been repeated so many times signifies some-

thing. Even though the meaning of Christmas has been crammed into every song and movie of the season, that doesn’t mean it should be tossed into the chaos of Christmas. There is a reason why it is repeated each December: repetition signifies importance.

With all that happens in a year, it’s easy to get side-tracked. Obligations and responsibilities distract us from remembering the importance of spending time with loved ones. Hectic schedules and our own daily problems keep us from thinking of others. Christmas is the one time of year when we are forced to acknowledge this issue and do something about it. We make ourselves buy gifts for family, friends, and strangers. We spend hours with family untangling

strings of lights to decorate a tree that will only be up for a few weeks. We send Christmas cards to relatives we haven’t seen in months, wishing them well and sending our love. Have we become “too cool” to be kind and show others we love them? I hope not. Being kind and expressing love are important traits to acquire, but we sometimes forget it. That is what Christmas is for. Christmas is a memento that remind us to break away from our everyday lives.

It’s cheesy. It’s sentimental. It’s annoying. But, it’s important. This season and all year round, remember what the holiday means. Be grateful, be selfless, and spend time with family. Let Christmas be everything that it is meant to be. ■

CAMPUS OPINION | *Who do you side with: The Grinch or Santa?*



“Santa is overrated and the Grinch is misunderstood.”

TORI ONO
Junior



“Obviously Santa, but I understand the Grinch.”

TONY TRAUGHER
Bible Teacher



“I choose Santa because I love Christmas and the festivities.”

CHESTER HUI
Senior



“I would side with the Grinch because he can alternate between good and bad. He can choose who he wants to be.”

ETHAN SANE KANE
Sophomore

Students Find Deals At Dress Drive

BY ISABEL WIEMKEN
Staff Writer

In the month of November, the Dress Drive committee, advised by HBA Communications Officer Christina Yasutomi, planned the second annual Dress Drive, an event that focuses on making Winter Banquet shopping a little easier for HBA’s female students. Located in the Administration Building this year, room C201 was transformed into a beautiful boutique so that girls could shop for secondhand banquet and prom dresses at low prices. In the two weeks leading up to the event, Dress Drive organizers collected donated dresses from students to fill up the racks at this year’s drive. Many volunteers arrived early on the morning of the

event to help set up racks, iron dresses, and sort dresses by size and color. “With a total of about forty volunteers, the planning and execution of the event went smoothly,” said Paige Oshiro, one of the four co-chairs of the Dress Drive. “It was much easier planning it this year since we were able to use the same foundation that we built last year. Last year was our first Dress Drive ever, so we ran into more problems.” Student reaction to the Dress Drive were very positive. Senior Taylor White donated a long prom dress and received a \$50 coupon, which she was able to use towards a semi-formal dress. “The Dress Drive was not only beautiful, but a place where I could feel love and happiness from girls of all different grades. It was



PAIGE OSHIRO

Students donated formal and semi-formal dresses to build the Dress Drive inventory.

just so light, encouraging, and exciting!” White said. However, not all those who shopped at the Dress Drive were successful. Freshman Shannah Mau said, “I unfortunately wasn’t successful in finding the right dress for me, but I

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side.” Takeda introduced a game called “Kakazu” to his friends, which involved players having their own unique animal hand signs which they have to hold up whenever their animals are called. The players clap and chant to a beat while the first player starts the game by doing the sign of another player to hand off his turn. The receiving player must then do his own sign, and then another player’s sign to hand off his turn. Players who are not in sync with the beat or mess up on a sign have to drop out of the game. Takeda said, “It was hilarious because we would always burst out laughing when someone makes a mistake or when someone does something silly. We played this for about two hours, and I was really glad that I showed them this game. We also shared some riddles that other people had to solve. It was funny seeing everyone struggling to figure out the answers.” During chapel sessions and family group times, the seniors were challenged to be intentional about the time that they have left in school. Chen said, “I learned a lot about saying farewell, and the reality of us leaving in about seven months finally hit me.” The seniors also had a chance to ask their advisers about life after high school in panel sessions called AMA—Ask Me Anything.



HALEY PILIEN

The seniors get together for a class picture after having a paint war.

Takeda said, “I enjoyed the AMAs because it was interesting to hear the teachers’ different opinions on certain topics.” Being that it was their last camp together as a class, many seniors appreciated the free time they got to spend with their classmates. Chen said, “It was different from other camps. My favorite part about senior camp was getting to enjoy the time with our classmates.” Takeda said he enjoyed lead-

ing the activities for his family group and that his favorite part of the weekend was the late night talks with the boys in his cabin. With less than six months left to graduation, the seniors will have a busy second semester when they return from Winter Break. While the senior camp is the class’s last Oahu camp together, they can look forward to their Maui senior trip come Spring 2016. ■



Seniors pose for a picture before the start of a chapel session.



HALEY PILIEN

Senior Trey Larsen chugs a bowl of milk and Lucky Charms cereal in a pre-Spirit Week game.

The Journey To Spirit Week

BY MEGAN YAMAUCHI
Staff Writer

This October, the student council announced the 2016 theme for Spirit Week: Cereal Boxes. The idea was inspired by the many cereal commercials that are seen on TV. Student council President Isabel Wiemken said, “I figured everyone would be familiar with cereal box commercials, and I thought it’d be fun to apply it to the Spirit Week theme.” Middle and high school class council presidents met in the beginning of the second quarter to randomly draw sticks to see who would get to choose first from ten different cereal choices: Lucky Charms, Cookie Crisp, Apple Jacks, Honey Nut Cheerios, Froot Loops, Cap’n Crunch, Frosted Flakes, Trix, Cinnamon Toast Crunch, and Cocoa Puffs. Here are their choices:

7th Grade: Lucky Charms
8th Grade: Cocoa Puffs

FRESHMEN

The freshmen Class Council chose a cereal that they figured most grades wouldn’t choose in order to guarantee their first pick, which was *Apple Jacks*. The class of 2019’s social chair Julia Olivera said they are looking more toward improving from the previous years than actually taking the win. Like most of the other grades the freshman council says their biggest challenge is getting everyone to participate during Spirit Week. “I really encourage the freshman class to grow closer together. Being that I’m in highschool now, I feel a bit more motivated to do better this year. I want to see all the hard work that the

class council and students are putting in pay off,” Olivera said.

Fun Fact: Originally all *Apple Jack* cereal pieces were orange, and it wasn’t till 1998 that green was introduced.

SOPHOMORES

Honey Nut Cheerios was the obvious choice for the sophomore council because of the easy dress up, cool puns, and Pepper Squad ideas that they can use involving bees. The council is banking on their class’s fiery spirit to help them win Spirit Week. Vice President Anika Keuning said, “I think our grade has one of the most spirited classes and I know we will be able to channel all our energy as a united grade and win Spirit Week.”

Spirit Week preparations can be a tough time. Like the freshmen, the hardest part for the council is getting people out of their comfort zone to participate in Spirit Week activities. To her classmates who are shy Keuning said, “Everyone counts. You may think you don’t matter because you’re one person, but you will make big difference in dressing up and cheering. Spirit week is the one time of the year where you can let loose, so give it all you got and just have fun!”

Fun Fact: In 1985, Baskin Robbins created an ice cream flavor created for *Honey Nut Cheerios* called *Honey Nut Crunch*.

JUNIORS

The junior class council decided to pick the cereal *Froot Loops* after taking a class-wide poll to determine the best cereal for their class. Vice President Samanta Nucuum said the



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Sophomores meet up at Blythe Yoshikane’s apartment to work on Honey Nut Cheerio props for their pepper squad.

juniors are ready to conquer this year and work hard in supporting each other. Nucuum said the hardest part for them is getting everyone in the mood and planning. “I’m not going to lie but school definitely cakes down hard on students. Planning is also difficult because there are so many awesome ideas and not enough time to incorporate all of them,” she said. Despite these challenges Nucuum wanted to remind her grade that by working together and playing hard they will come out on top and “soar on the wings of the toucan.”

Fun Fact: There is no actual fruit in *Froot Loops*, and all loops are the same flavor.

SENIORS

The senior class council chose *Cap’n Crunch* as hands down their first choice...or so they thought. President Briana Smith says, “Originally we thought the character was a pirate. Then I looked at the box and realized Cap’n Crunch was just a captain of

a ship.” In spite of this surprise, the senior council says they are striving to do their very best and to make the most of it. Smith says the hardest part of Spirit Week for them is the all-school cheer, because in previous years they always learned it last minute, making it extremely stressful. She wants her class to “get crazy, but not too crazy.” “Go all out because it’s our last year, and most importantly, have fun!” she said.

Fun Fact: *Cap’n Crunch*’s mascots full name is Horatio Magellan Crunch. He also captains a ship called the Guppy, and was born on Crunch Island in the Sea of Milk.

Wiemken shares some advice to motivate students in these tough Spirit Week preparation times: “Throw all your inhibitions out the window and just go all out. You have limited time with your classmates and a limited amount of Spirit Weeks left in your entire life, so take it for what it is and just have fun!” ■

Music

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contemporary/pop.

In a recent poll by the *Eagle Eye*, three different age groups (freshmen, seniors, and faculty) were asked about their holiday music preferences. Poll participants were asked to pick their favorite song from a list that featured a song from each genre, and were asked to choose which song they would enjoy listening to the most. All three demographics seem to be pretty split in their Christmas music preferences.

The most popular choice for the freshmen was pop star Justin Bieber’s *Mistletoe*, which garnered 32% of the votes. However, many freshmen also preferred Italian-American Oldies singer Frank Sinatra’s hit *Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas*, which came in at a close second with 30% of the votes.

For the seniors, the most voted choice was *Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas*, which gathered a 41% of the votes. Lastly, many faculty members preferred listening to instrumental Christmas music, with 40% of the faculty voting for the symphonic rendition of Mykola Leontovych’s *Carol of the Bells* by the Trans-Siberian Orchestra.

But how much do HBA students and faculty actually listen to Christmas songs during the holiday season? Librarian Arlene Huster says that she’ll listen to Christmas music “[only] when it comes up on the radio... in the car, so that’s not much time.” Likewise, junior David Toda said that he’ll definite-

ly listen to Christmas music, but not intentionally. Others listen more avidly, like Science teacher Sean Shiroma, who stated that he listens to it “all the time, as soon as [the season] starts.”

Around half of the all of the poll participants’ listening schedules seem to align with Shiroma’s, with the aggregated responses from all three surveys showing 46% of the responders saying that they would listen to Christmas music all the time. 35% say that they would only put Christmas music on if the occasion calls for it, and 19% say that they would only listen to it if it happened to be playing in the background (e.g. on the radio).

For many people, hearing Christmas music brings back childhood memories. History teacher Michelle Hendricks says, “My mom had these Michael W. Smith and Steven Curtis Chapman Christmas CDs, and whenever I hear them [today,] I always think about when I was a kid because she played them all the time.”

Toda remembers the song *Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer* specifically. “He was a cute reindeer and I liked little animals,” Toda explained. “I dressed up as him for Christmas and put a red nose on.”

Sophomore Zachary Fujita recalls the song *Must Be Santa*, because it is one of his family’s favorite Christmas songs that they sing every Christmas Eve. Freshman Kacie Kaneshiro recalls the song *We Wish You a Merry Christmas*. “I remember in elementary school we’d always sing [the song] together as a class,” Kaneshiro said, “...and as a family we’d all

listen to it... and sing Christmas songs together on Christmas Eve like a big [family] reunion.”

Christmas music is an integral part to the world’s Christmas celebrations. From small churches to gigantic shopping malls, Christmas music is sure to be playing on Christmas Eve. But why does Christmas music play such a large role in society and the holiday season? Huster suggests, “I think music really touches the emotions, and brings up memories, so I think people listen to Christmas songs because it recalls memories. [And] Christmas is associated with good memories.”

Victoria Williamson, Ph.D in Music Psychology, said likewise in an article on NBCNews.com. According to her, Christmas music affects the brain such that “those who approach the holidays in a receptive, relaxed state are more likely to get a boost from the happy associations—childhood memories, family gatherings, or the holiday’s religious meaning—triggered by holiday music.”

Fujita said that people enjoy Christmas music so much because “they just make you feel good on the inside.” He added that the music embodies the birth of Christ, which was announced by a chorus of angels. “Everyone can relate to [the music] because everyone knows the Christmas songs,” he said. ■

A Final Farewell To John's Store



KAYCI KUMASHIRO

John's Store has been in business for 89 years, selling various local snacks including shave ice, a favorite choice among HBA students.

BY KAYCI KUMASHIRO
Staff Writer

A big yellow banner proclaims, “Aloha, John’s Groceries for 89 years in our community! 1926-2015.” John’s Grocery or more commonly known as John’s Store, on Liliha Street in Nuuanu, will be closing after December 19.

There has been talk since last year that the store would be closing soon, but it doesn’t make it any easier for loyal fans to say good-bye. This little yellow shop has been a welcome sight for HBA students, eager for an after school bite. Selling everything from shave ice to spam musubis, this “mom and pop” store has been a favorite among students for decades. “When I have the time, I go to John’s store at least once a week,” said junior Evan Ebesu. “I like to get their savory spam musubi and a bottle of POG to go along.”

This store has made a large impact on generations of people. Archie Lardizabal, the man behind the cashier since 1982, said, “The store is, how would you say, is for the community. I watch kids grow up. They bring their kids and those kids bring their kids. HBA students

come and sit down there and talk story. That way nobody got into trouble.”

When the store’s closing was announced, many students were saddened by the news. “Well, I am not too happy about John’s store closing,” said junior Karly Tom. “Where else am I going to buy shave ice or lunch from when I have to stay at school?”

Although the doors of John’s Groceries will be closing, another door opens for Lardizabal. Planning for the future, Lardizabal said, “I’ll probably fix lots of things at home, like repairing fences, and then after that, maybe do some traveling, then go fishing.”

John’s Groceries will be hosting one last celebration for the store on December 19 to say farewell to the beloved little yellow store in Liliha. ■

Dress Drive

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would still go again next year since there will be different options.”

At the end of the event, the Dress Drive accommodated 10 happy shoppers, raised \$50 and had 10 dresses to donate to the Bella Project. The Bella Project is a non-profit organization that promotes self-confidence by providing girls with banquet and prom dresses that they may not otherwise be able to afford. Not only did the Dress Drive support the organization, but the organization also supported the drive by donating dresses to add more variety to the inventory.

The numbers are small,

but the co-chairs of the Dress Drive are hoping to have the event grow over the next years. “I think the Dress Drive should continue because it was a great chance for girls to find a dress for little or no cost. The Dress Drive helps keep a little bit more money in our wallets, while also putting more money into the Bella Project’s wallet. I’m sure everyone can agree that’s a great thing,” said sophomore Megan Yamauchi, who volunteered her time to help at the event. ■



Volunteers and shoppers have fun trying on dresses.



The dresses are ironed and sorted by size in preparation for the sale.

The Rise Of Online Shopping

Online shopping stomps retail store sales

BY BRANT YAMAMOTO
Staff Writer

It’s the holiday season, and Americans are out to find the perfect gifts for their loved ones. With an increasing number of online retailers, many shoppers now opt to shop online on Black Friday. According to *Time* magazine, online sales have beaten store sales this Black Friday; in fact retail stores lost \$1 billion from last year. The largest online store, Amazon, dominated with 36% of total online sales, according to Slice Intelligence, a company that tracks digital commerce activity. It seems as if waiting in long lines and searching for a parking spot at the mall have fallen out of favor with many shoppers. According to the Adobe Digital Index, which tracked 80% of all online transactions from the top 100 U.S. retailers, shoppers spent \$11 billion between Thanksgiving and Cyber Monday this year, a 15% increase from the same period in 2014.

Many online stores such as Amazon started their sales mid November, a week before Black Friday. Many shoppers bought earlier, meaning they may not have gone to stores on Black Friday. Some found retail store sales unfavorable. Sophomore Tiffany Ibara explained, “The sales were okay but not good enough for me to wait and stand in the long lines.” Sophomore Cameron Kaneshiro also found that the online deals were better than those at retail stores. “Online sales were much better than the stores... almost all of the online shops gave at least 20% off and free shipping,” said Kaneshiro.

There were some that braved the crowded malls



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on Black Friday. Sophomore Nicholas Miwa braved the crowds at Ala Moana Shopping Center for a deal. “I bought a John Cena shirt for \$10,” said Miwa. “The shirt usually retails for twice the price.”

Sophomore Joel Lau also went to a retail store on Black Friday. “I went to Best Buy and bought a Canon SL1 Camera Premium Kit. It was \$300 cheaper than the original price,” said Lau. Like Lau, sophomore Jessie Lin also went to Best Buy, but she had to wait in line overnight for her deal. “I wanted the TV and saw that Best Buy had it on sale, so I stood in a really long line and got it. I know

some might think that is crazy, but it was a really good deal,” she says.

The Black Friday tradition of going to stores at midnight seems to be fading away. As online stores continue to offer more products and sales, many are shopping online this holiday season. Instead of just one day, Black Friday is now turning into a time period where stores offer deals. Some online stores are still offering post Black Friday sales, such as Amazon’s *12 Days of Deals*. ■

Student Delegates Shine In Model UN

BY JASCI LIGSAY
Staff Writer

Model United Nations or Model UN is a club that is offered at the high school that allows students to take part in United Nations conference simulations. Students take on the role of UN delegates in mock conferences where they represent their member countries.

When a conference is coming up, students choose or are given a country to represent. They then have to do research on their country so that they can represent its interests well. Sophomore Lauryn Liao says, “We debate on topics that pertain to global issues and think of solutions. This past conference, the three topics that were up to debate included poverty, freedom of speech on the Internet, and the situation in Syria.”

Junior Renee Galolo says that Model UN helps her to understand other countries’ beliefs. “The purpose for having Model UN is to have an opportunity to discuss global issues and look into possible

solutions,” she says.

Club members say that research can be time consuming. Sophomore Blythe Yoshikane explains, “You need to do a lot of research once you get your country and know everything that’s related to your committee, [including] the relations with other countries and its strongest imports and exports.”

Model UN also gives students a taste of politics and a chance to practice their public speaking skills. Yoshikane says, “I think it improves your confidence in public speaking by a lot. You’re surrounded by a bunch of other students from public and private high schools from different grades.” For junior Makenzie Cammack, Model UN allows her to see how international politics would work up close. She says, “Students also become more aware of current events as well as get more insight on other countries’ politics.”

Like Cammack, junior Dylan Tsuruda and senior Briana Smith have gained a different perspective on the

world through Model UN. Tsuruda says, “The thing I enjoy most about Model UN is that it opens me up to see a larger world. From Model UN, I see that the world is made up of more than just the US.” Smith says conference debates have taught her to look beyond obvious answers. “Being able to debate topics and issues opens your eyes to so many possibilities...I like having the ability to think for myself and decipher what would work best for each country,” she says.

Model UN meetings are organized by the Pacific Model United Nations (PACMUN) committee. The next conference will be held in February at Iolani School. Model UN conferences are attended by students from private schools, public schools, and home school groups. According to their website, the goal of PACMUN is to give Hawaii’s Model UN teams a chance to meet at a central conference, and to further expand the Model UN community within the state. This past November’s conference also included students



STANLEY HERDER

Senior David Hixon holds up his Outstanding Delegate award from November’s Model UN conference organized by the Pacific Model UN committee.

from Canada and California. In the future, PACMUN hopes to include delegates from even more parts of the world. ■



JOEL LAU

Snowy buddies are a festive twist to the more traditional Muddy Buddies. (Above, left to right) Ingredients needed for recipe; Melted white chocolate and butter are used to coat the Chex cereal; Ghiradelli White Chocolate chips are used for this recipe but any brand or type of chocolate chips will do.

BY JOEL LAU
Staff Writer

The phenomenon of rebirth is evident throughout nature: a little caterpillar evolves into a magnificent butterfly, and a tiny seed sprouts into a beautiful flower. In the same spirit, the Peppermint Crunch Snowy Buddies recipe transforms a bland cereal into a delectably mouthwatering treat. Based on the chocolate treat commonly known as Muddy Buddies, this sugary concoction is perfectly suited to satisfy even the pickiest of sweet teeth during this holiday season.

The Snowy Buddies recipe uses white chocolate on the crunchy *Chex* cereal in lieu of milk chocolate. Add in crushed up candy canes, powdered sugar and a little bit of butter to make it creamy, and you get a simple treat that resembles a field of freshly fallen snow reminiscent of Christmas past (at least on the mainland).

INGREDIENTS

5 cups of *Chex* Cereal
10 oz (1 1/4 cup) white chocolate chips
1 cup crushed candy canes (around 10 normal sized candy canes)
1 cup of powdered/Confectioners sugar
2 tablespoons unsalted butter (melted)

DIRECTIONS

1. Pour cereal into a large mixing bowl.
2. Crush candy canes in *Ziploc* bag with a hard, blunt object, or two at a time in a blender/food processor until consistency resembles course sand, but not to the point of being powdery.
3. Melt white chocolate according to the directions on the package. Melt butter until liquid in microwave.
4. Mix white chocolate and butter together until the mixture is smooth.
5. Pour chocolate and butter mixture onto the *Chex* cereal, and, using either a spatula or your hands (I used my hands), mix until white chocolate is evenly spread throughout the cerea.
6. Pour *Chex* mixture into a gallon sized *Ziploc* bag. Add crushed candy canes and powdered sugar.
7. Seal the bag tightly with some air still left inside, and shake until the candy cane and powdered sugar evenly coats the cereal.
8. Store at room temperature in an airtight container for up to two weeks, and enjoy!

Based on the Peppermint Crunch Puppy Chow recipe by Sally McKenney
Find it at her website: sallysbakingaddiction.com



Crushed candy canes add a festive peppermint flavor to the Muddy Buddies.



Coat Chex cereal evenly with melted white chocolate and butter.



Shake together the coated Chex cereal with crushed candy canes and powdered sugar.

2015 Cardboard Boat Regatta

BY RYAN SU
Staff Writer

On December 4, 2015, the Physics, AP Physics, Oceanography, and AP Environmental Science classes raced their cardboard boats at the Wet 'n' Wild waterpark in Kapolei.

The boat building process stretched over a month and led up to a roughly 16-minute race. During the heats, boats endured the calm water in the Hawaiian Waters Wave Pool with

varying degrees of success. Some boats took on water and sank, while others lasted the length of the heat. The top three boats from each heat went on to compete in the final race.

For the final race, the wave machine was turned on, creating currents and choppy conditions. Teams were left to paddle against the rough conditions and most groups failed to move past the starting line as their paddling was negated by the waves. Eventually, a clear winner emerged from the

unrelenting walls of water. Kmark, a narrow-bodied vessel captained by senior Michael Tawata, cut through the waves with its low profile and pointed edge. Just halfway through the race, it was clear that the Kmark's feat would be uncontested, and so the race was declared finished. ■



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(Clockwise from top left) AP Physics student Michael Tawata captained the winning boat (Kmark) for the 2015 Cardboard Boat Regatta; Students attempt to turn their boats around at the halfway point of the race; AP Physics student Chandelle Takashi paddles her team's boat, The Quacken; Junior Skyler Kimura tried to stabilize his boat at the start of the race; Boat captains race for the finish line after making the half-way point turnaround.