

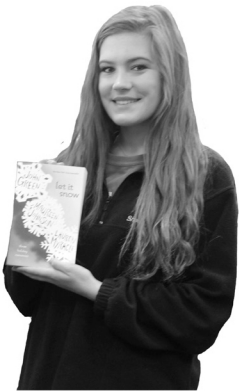
A Guide to Giving

As Christmas approaches here are some tips to buying the perfect gift

For your BEST FRIEND

Your homie. The peanut butter to your jelly. The person who you know like the back of your hand. And what better way to celebrate friendship than with concert tickets. No one should know better than you what music they love, so picking out these tickets shouldn't be hard. For Caroline Crain and her best friend, Lauren Davis, that meant Justin Bieber.

"Since we have gone to so many concerts together, I know we will have a good time," Crain said. "Tickets were flying so getting to see Justin Bieber with my best friend is a great Christmas surprise." Along with JB, Carrie Underwood and One Direction tickets are up for grabs.



Emily Flourney (10)

For your DISTANT RELATIVE

For the relative you haven't seen since last Christmas but your mom still insists you get them a gift, we suggest going to Books-A-Million. Whether you pick a classic or a new dystopian young adult novel, you really can't go wrong.

Pair your book with one of Books-A-Million's many funny bookmarks, and you will have an instant great gift.

"It's a simple enough gift that's easy to pick out if you don't know your relative that well," sophomore Alyssa White said. "I would definitely plan on getting this gift if I had a relative that needed it."



For your AQUAINTANCE

They might be a friend of a friend and you might only talk to them every so often, but sometimes it's just nice to spread the Christmas spirit. For your acquaintance we suggest gift cards. But not just gift cards, gift cards to places that give students what they want most - food. Starbucks, Chick-fil-A, and Sonic, are only a few of the many different types of gift cards anyone would love to receive this holiday.

"Even your acquaintance deserves a holiday gift and giving gifts is a great way to make new friends," freshman Quynh Nguyen said. "For girls I would recommend a Starbucks card. For guys, almost every other kind of gift card works."



Hannah Griffin (11)

For your SIGNIFICANT OTHER

Buying a gift for your loved one, or maybe just liked one, can seem tricky. After all, what kind of gift you need depends on the amount of time you've been dating. If your gift ideas are minimal, we suggest Kendra Scott necklace from Abby Gayle's or a Polo Pullover from Dillard's are never bad choices. Because there jewelry and clothes come in so many different styles, it's easy to personalize it just to your bae's liking.

"I think jewelry, especially Kendra Scott jewelry, is a great gift because my girlfriend can wear it wherever she goes and think of me while she wears it," junior Bryceson Laing said. "I have definitely given my girlfriend that gift before."



Finding the Christmas Spirit

84% of students decorated a Christmas tree

79% of students have never been Christmas caroling

28% of students don't like buying Christmas gifts

* 106 surveyed

What's the weirdest ornament on your Christmas tree?

"I have one that has a picture of an old woman. I guess she's in my family but I don't know who she is."

Bailey Fenton (12)

"I have a garfield sitting on a lawnchair eating icecream. My brother got it when he was a kid."

Anthony Delgiorno (12)

"My mom's oldest ornament is a bunny. It doesn't have arms anymore."

Brittany Campbell (12)

"I have an ornament of Stewie in a car that was given to my stepmom."

Hannah Reed (11)

All of the LIGHTS

As Christmas break (finally) comes around, students can find the best and brightest lights in the neighborhood here



Location: Fortune Avenue

Edge Rating: (Out of five lights)



With too many blow ups to count, you won't miss this house as you drive down the street. Christmas cheer is all the merrier at this house, and is sure to bring back that old-school feel of getting in the spirit. Make sure to bring your camera because there are penguins, polar bears, and Santas set up and waiting for some company.



Location: Spotswood

Edge Rating:



Not one, not two, but a whole street dedicated to everything Christmas. Every household on Spotswood puts out lights, blow ups, and signs that read "We wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year" as you drive down and back up the street. Sure to leave you with a merry feeling, this is definitely a place to see this holiday season.



Location: Post Office

Edge Rating:



Getting away from the average house feel, the downtown post office displays lights bright enough to blind you, but still fun in every way. Showing everyone that Texarkana is in the spirit, these lights keep on spreading the joy. Even though it may be a little trek, it is definitely worth it to see something different.



Location: Lesley Lane

Edge Rating:



Right across from the school, these festive decorations don't just light up. They are programmed to a radio station that you can listen to in your car, and the lights move along with the music. Pretty stinkin' cool, plus, it's free! Grab some friends, some popcorn, and get ready to get down to the best of the best Christmas songs, and Christmas lights.



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