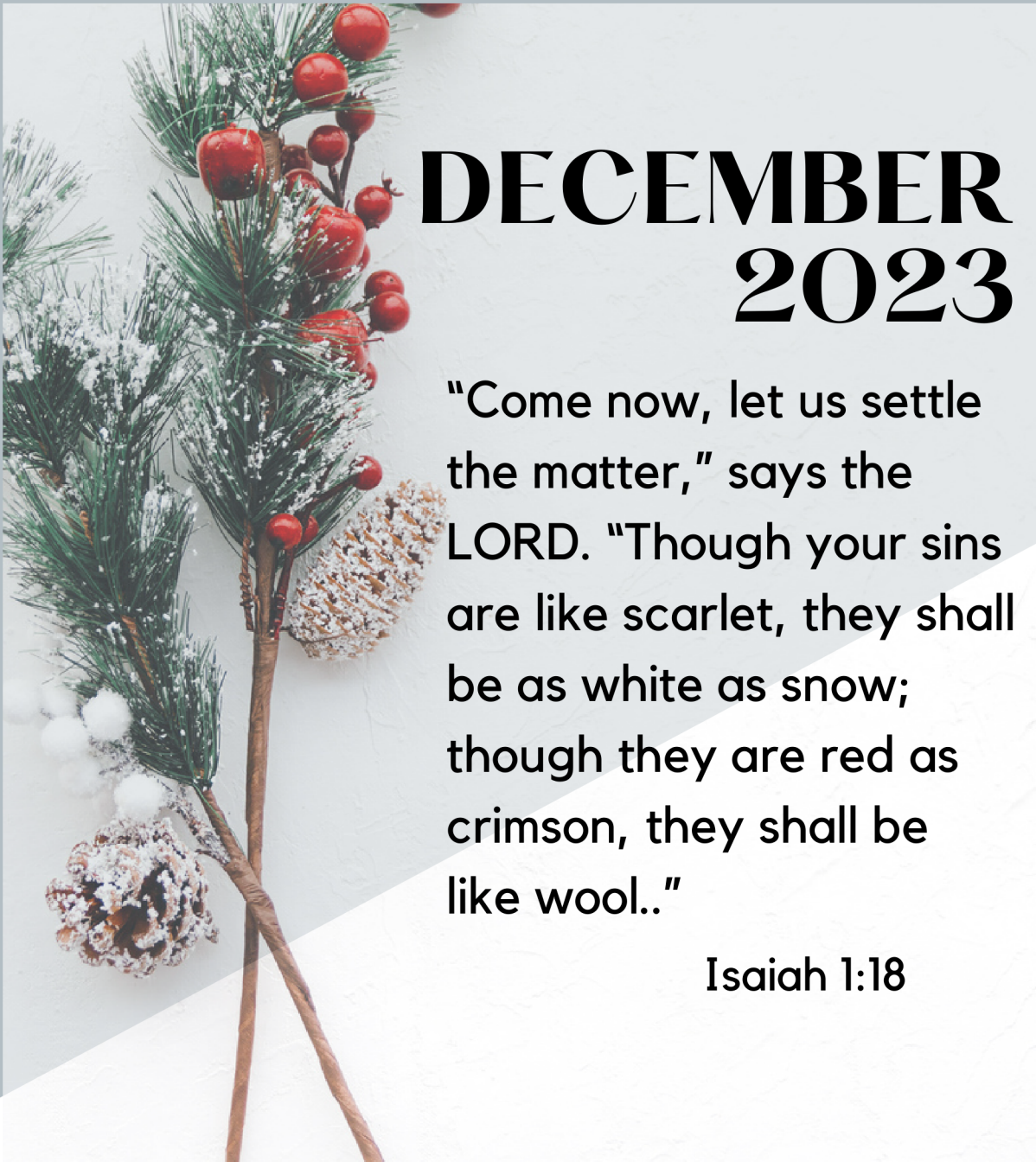


TOWLE BRIDGE

NEWSLETTER



DECEMBER 2023

"Come now, let us settle the matter," says the LORD. "Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red as crimson, they shall be like wool."

Isaiah 1:18

ACADEMIC ADVISING NOTES

SENIORS: WATCH FOR COLLEGE & SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINES

- Towle Christmas Break 12/18/23 -1/1/24
- Seniors MUST submit completed request forms for transcripts or letters of rec no later than December 4th, 2023
- Allow THREE (3) working Mondays for teachers to write letters of recommendations.
- Please supply the teachers with a stamped, addressed envelope to where the letter should be sent.
- Mrs. Watts requires TWO Mondays' notice to send transcripts to colleges.

FOR ALL HIGHSCHOOL STUDENTS

- The ASVAB test, as part of the Career Exploration Program, will be administered at Towle on Friday, March 8, 2024 at 9am. There will be a follow-up Post-Test Interpretation guided session on Friday, March 22, 2024 at 9am.
Contact Mrs. Watts if you are interested in taking this test and/or if you have any questions. Details Here (<https://www.asvabprogram.com/student>) Test is free and for 10th 12th grade students. Not limited to Towle students, all homeschoolers invited.
- If you are taking the SATs or the ACTs, please use the School Code of 080071 in order for Towle to receive a copy of your score report. (Same as College Application Code)
- These scores are NOT automatically printed onto your transcript permission must be given to Mrs. Watts.
- For those of you who took the PSATs this past October, use College Board for things like preparing for the SATs to selecting colleges and majors. Time spent investigating the College Board site is well worth it!

Please feel free to contact Mrs. Watts jill.watts@towleinstitute.com with any questions and/or concerns.

Thank you and Merry Christmas!

-- Mrs. Watts

SCHOOL COUNSELING NOTES

What do you consider is the most important characteristic to cultivate in order to succeed in learning?

It may surprise you that your mindset will heavily influence your success in learning. “Mindset determines how much effort we expend and the expectations we have for ourselves, so it logically follows that it is a major factor affecting our performance.” (Teach Yourself How to Learn: Strategies You Can Use to Ace Any Course at Any Level, by Sandra Yancy McGuire, 2018)

There are basically two types of mindsets, found on the opposite sides of a spectrum. On one side is a fixed mindset and on the other side is a growth mindset. Most of us have mindsets that fall somewhere in between these two extremes. Those with a fixed mindset avoid challenges; give up quickly when the going gets rough; take criticism way too personally and, therefore, end up completely ignoring what is being said. In contrast, those with a growth mindset embrace challenges; persevere; listen to and benefit from criticism.

In order to discover what God’s plans are for us, it is best to adopt the growth mindset as much as possible!

-- Mrs. K

FROM THE ATHLETIC DIRECTOR

Towle Lions Basketball teams have been practicing for a month now, and games start in December! Please come out and support the teams at local games, especially at our home games, which are played at Ogletown Baptist Church, 316 Red Mill Road, Newark, DE 19713. Keep an eye out for information about upcoming games and spirit wear, which may be purchased by all Towle families!

December Games:

12/13 (Girls @3:30pm, Boys @ 5pm)

Delaware School for the Deaf

630 E Chestnut Hill Rd, Newark, DE 19713

12/15 (Girls @ 4pm, Boys @5:30)

Cumberland Christian School

1100 W Sherman Ave, Vineland, NJ 08360

**If you have any questions, please contact Sara Chick
at sara.chick@towleinstitute.com**

-- Mrs. Chick

Senior Spotlight

Abby Watts

by Kelly

What are your plans after you graduate?

I plan to attend Liberty University and major in either Elementary Education or Special Education.

What are some of your hobbies or activities?

One of my favorite hobbies is crocheting. I also love reading and babysitting!

What is your dream vacation?

One of my dream vacations was to go to St. John in the Virgin Islands, which I have already had the opportunity to do. I also want to go to Europe with my mom!

What is your favorite class?

My favorite class this year is Anatomy and Physiology. My favorite class that I have taken at Towle was Spanish 3.

What is the best ice cream flavor?

The best ice cream flavor is key lime pie!

What is your best Towle memory?

I really like the Psychology field trip to Turkey Hill, which I have gone on three times!

What has been your biggest challenge in highschool?

My biggest challenge in highschool has probably been just staying motivated to actually do my schoolwork. I also really did not enjoy taking the SAT.

Describe yourself in three words.

I would say quiet, creative, and (Micah said this one) blonde.

Who's your biggest role model?

Jesus! I also definitely look up to my parents and my sister :)

What is your favorite Christmas memory?

My favorite Christmas was the only time that we didn't go anywhere for Christmas. We spent the day at home and then had some family over for dinner. Then two days later my aunt got married!

BONUS QUESTION

What's your favorite Taylor Swift song?!

This is hard to choose! It was definitely Getaway Car for a while, but it has been shifting to Clean.



NEW TO TOWLE!

Meet Penelope Schlabach

Interview by Emily Matthews

Where did you go to school before Towle?

I was homeschooled last year.

Do you have a favorite subject?

My favorite subject is math because it comes naturally to me.

Do you have any pets? If so, what kind of pet(s) do you have?

Yes, I have a dog and a fish.

What is your favorite holiday and favorite thing to do during that holiday?

My favorite holiday is Easter because I like celebrating Christ's Resurrection.

What is your favorite place to go on vacation?

I like to go to Tennessee because the mountains are really pretty.

What is your favorite food and/or restaurant?

Tacos.

If you could have any superpower, what would it be?

Flying



Meet Grace Riley

Interview by Mackenzie Riley

Where did you go to school before Towle?

I was homeschooled

Do you have a favorite subject?

Science

Do you have any pets? If so, what kind of pet(s) do you have?

Yes, I have snails and a lizard.

What is your favorite holiday and favorite thing to do for it?

Halloween and my favorite thing to do is do my makeup and have sleepovers.

What is your favorite food and/or restaurant?

Chipotle

What is your favorite place to go on vacation?

My bed

What is your dream vacation spot? (A place you've never been)

Chad

If you could have any superpower, what would it be?

Superspeed

BULLETIN BOARD



Upcoming Spirit Day Events:

December 11th - Christmas Spirit day

January 29th Pajama day

February 12th Valentines

March 25th Color wars

March 25th Tourist day *COMPETITION*

May 20th Twin day

Gauging Bible Quiz Interest!
Trinity Community Church is
scouting for next year's Bible
Quizzers!
Grades 6th-12

Come check out a practice, help
volunteer at a meet to see what
it's all about!
Email Faith Miller @
faith@onetruhealth.blog
or text 610-322-9833

Cornerstone Youth Group
Come join our youth group!
Revolution (REV) for
highschoolers and Under the Cross
(UTX) for middle schoolers

Upcoming Events
12/3, 6:30-8:20 - REV @
Cornerstone
12/15, 7-9:30pm - UTX Christmas
Party @ Cornerstone

Cornerstone Presbyterian Church
109 Gypsy Hill Road
Landenberg, PA 19350

20 CHRISTMAS GIFT IDEAS

KELLY MCHUGH

Here are some Christmas gift ideas
if you need some help

For Boys:

- Theragun Mini
- Beats Studio 3
- MONEY
- Vans Old Skool Canvas or Air Force 1
- Doorframe Pull-up Bar



For Anyone:

- A Nice Heartfelt Letter
- Portable Phone Charger
- Spikeball Set
- Amazon Alexa Echo Dot
- Bose or JBL Speaker

For Girls:

- Stanley Quencher 40 oz
- AirPods 3rd Generation
- Ugg Tasman
- Jewelry
- New Balance Sneakers

For Your Parents:

(sorry nothing is that budget friendly)

- Uncommon Goods Custom Coffee Mugs
- Ninja Airfrier
- Kindle Paperwhite
- Ninja Bullet
- Digital Picture Frame





COOKIE RECIPE

BY MACKENZIE RILEY



Gluten Free Gingerbread Men

Ingredients:

- 1 ½ cup / 210 oz Better Batter (order online from BetterBatter.org or make your own version of it with glutenfreeonashoestring.com)
 - ½ tsp baking soda
 - 1 ½ tsp cinnamon (maybe a little more, measure with your heart)
 - 1 tsp ginger
 - ¼ tsp salt
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- ½ cup /109 grams brown sugar (no matter how sweet YOU are)
 - 6 TBSP butter (at room temperature)
 - 4 TBSP Molasses
 - 1 TBSP Honey
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- 1 egg
 - ½ tsp vanilla extract (again, measure with your heart, vanilla is the best)

Instructions:

- Whisk your dry ingredients:
 1. Mix all dry ingredients from the first section of the ingredients, and then add in the brown sugar.
 2. Whisk the egg and all wet ingredients, and add it to the dry ingredients.
- Transfer dough to parchment paper, and place an identical piece of parchment paper on top for rolling the dough out to about ⅜".
- Chill the dough, cut out your cookies, and then place in the freezer for 5 minutes.
- Bake at 350 degrees for 8 minutes. Cool completely before decorating.

SANTA'S ELF NAMING SERVICE



Hey there! My name is Gingersnap, and welcome to Santa's Elf Naming Service. Are you looking for the perfect holiday name? You've come to the right place. Just follow the simple steps below, while I go finish delivering these presents to the Gift-Packaging Station. Have fun!



For your first name, choose the month in which you celebrate your birthday:

January	Jingle	July	Tinker
February	Frosty	August	Merry
March	Tinsel	September	Chestnut
April	Tiny	October	Snowball
May	Jolly	November	Chilly
June	Peppermint	December	Gumdrop

For your last name, what is the first letter of your first name?

A - C	O'Snickerdoodle	M - O	Von Mistletoe
D - F	McMittens	P - R	McNutcracker
G - I	Twinkletoes	S - U	Sugar-stockings
J - L	Silver-sprinkles	V - Z	Cookie-crumbs



Character Day





Gingerbread Wars

Monday, December 11th, 4:30 pm - 5:30 pm

Where: Wilmington Community Evangelical Church (Study Hall Room)

Who: All Towle Families, Alumni, and Staff are encouraged to participate.

Cost: \$5 per person (supplies provided)

Rules: Teams of 3-5 people will be given 30 minutes to build a gingerbread house using a provided kit. The house must be standing at the end of the allotted time. All items in the final house must be consumable. Prizes will be awarded in a variety of categories.

Registration: Use the attached registration form or this [link](#).

FAQ:

Can I bring my own supplies? To keep things fair, we will provide each team with the same base supplies which must be used. Your base kit includes gingerbread pieces, graham crackers, icing, candy, and a tray. You may bring your own building tools, scissors, plastic knives, toothpicks, pastry bags, and extra candy and icing.

Can I alter the pieces in the kit given to me? Sure! You need to use the pieces from your kit and have a standing house, but cutting or changing the pieces given to you is fair game!

When does registration end? To participate, you must be registered by Friday, December 8th.

Can my non-Towle family members participate? Absolutely! This is a fun family event! We want the whole gang to come!

Can Alumni participate? Of course!

I prefer to work on my own. Do I have to be on a team? You can compete independently, but the minimum team amount of \$15 must be paid.

When do payments need to be made? You can make payments in advance to Mrs. Slaten or the Towle Office. We will also collect payment at the event.

What payment types are accepted? We will accept cash or checks payable to Towle Institute.

Do I have to pay if I am watching and not participating? No, but we encourage you to consider being a judge if you don't want to build.



Gingerbread Wars

Monday, December 11th, 4:30 pm - 5:30 pm,

Gingerbread Wars Registration Form

Email _____

Participant's name(s)

(If registering more than one person, please provide all of the names of the participants.)

If registering together, do you wish to be on the same team?

(Teams will consist of 3-5 members)

Yes

No

Don't Care

I wish to be on a team that is already registered.

Desired team name _____

(Teams will consist of 3-5 people)

I prefer to be a judge.

(Judges will not be building on a team. Three judges are needed.)

Yes

No

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Remember ★ Honor ★ Teach



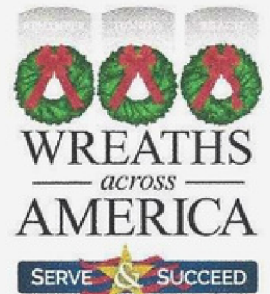
★ **December 16, 2023** ★

National Wreaths Across America Day

**Help Brandywine Cadet Squadron,
DE-004 honor local heroes!**

Sponsor a wreath today to be placed on a
veteran's grave this December at Delaware
Veterans Memorial Cemetery-Bear.

Scan the QR code to make a donation online or
visit www.wreathscrossamerica.org/PA0216P

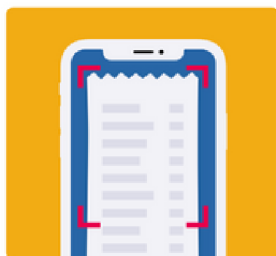


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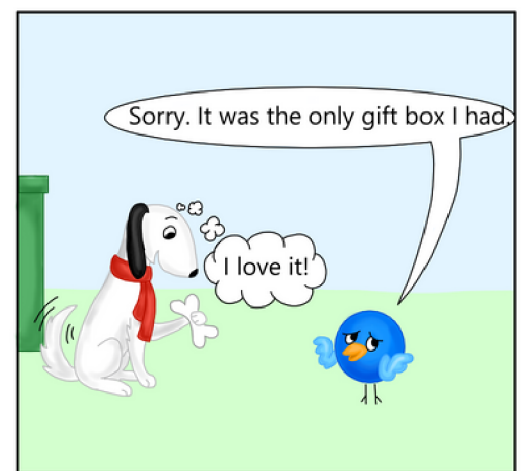


ONLINE

Whether you've ordered groceries for delivery or pickup, shopped through your store's app, or requested an email receipt at checkout, you can earn Box Tops with digital receipts too.



December 2023						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
3	4 Week 13	5	6	7 Week 13 Drama	8	9
10	11 Week 14 Christmas Spirit Day Picture Retake Day Geography Fair Gingerbread Wars	12	13 Labs Science Fair	14 Week 14 Drama	15	16
17	18	19	20	21 Start of Winter (Winter Solstice)	22	23
Holiday Break						
24	25 Christmas	26	27	28	29	30
Merry Christmas & Happy New Year !						
31	1 No School	2 Week 15	3	4	5	6



Emile Matthews

2023-24 Lab Schedule

(Wednesdays-WCEC)

First semester

December 13th

Time Slot	Course	Course
8:30 - 10:30 am	Health	Anat. & Physiology
10:30 am - 12:30 pm	Chemistry	Biology

December 13 -- Science Fair

Merry Christmas!