

# December Newsletter

## Merry Christmas!

In America, people enjoy decorating their homes' exteriors with colorful lights, statues of Santa Claus, Snowmen, and Reindeer to celebrate Christmas. On Christmas Eve, some cookies and a glass of milk are frequently set out as a snack for Santa! Towns and cities often adorn the streets with lights. Also, people uphold the custom of hanging their sock-shaped sacks from bedposts, doorknobs, or fireplaces in their houses. Santa typically leaves candy or other tiny items that fit inside when he arrives, along with the gifts.



## Secret Santa



To add some fun to the big holiday, we did a Secret Santa gift exchange. Secret Santa is a Christmas tradition in which members of a group draw a person to whom they give a gift. The identity of the gift giver has to be kept a secret, and the giftee has to guess who the gift giver is after receiving their present. After passing out the gifts to all giftees, we revealed everyone's Secret Santas. It was so much fun seeing each other's reactions when were opening our gifts!

## CEC Christmas Concert

To fully be immersed in the American Christmas experience, the dorm students were told to go to the school's Christmas concert, and let's just say it was nothing short of amazing. The concert featured everything from choirs, an acapella group (The Notables), and band. The concert featured some classic Christmas music, including songs from the movie famous Polar Express and "All I Want from Christmas is You". It was overall a very joyful experience and definitely got all the students excited about Christmas.



## Local Activity: Peddler's Village



The dorm students visited Peddler's Village, a popular Christmas-themed village located in New Hope, Pennsylvania. The village was filled with Christmas spirit, featuring Christmas trees, lights, and antique shops. The students had fun walking around the village and getting in the holy jolly mood. It was a wonderful experience to be a part of one of the biggest national holidays.

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# Photos of the Month

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