





Season's Greetings 2023

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by Tillamook County 2nd & 3rd Graders
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Tillamook Headlight Herald 



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Spirit of Gratefulness

By Frank Perea

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Most of us are appreciative and feel blessed individually, but I want to encourage caring and appreciation to the many businesses and individuals throughout our community. No matter what event is happening in our county, many area businesses and local individuals can be counted on to support it.

As we enter the holidays fully, let's embrace opportunities to support and harness a spirit of gratefulness and support our neighbors. Most of us are grateful for food and shelter with temperatures getting colder.



Frank Perea

Many of us may take these things for granted. Yes, I understand countless volunteers, and so many caring businesses and organizations always step up with unwavering spirit all year round. Take some time to think about

how to do more and show a spirit of gratefulness during the holidays and throughout the year.

Along the way, take pride in welcoming area visitors by supporting and recommending our local businesses and community events. Extend a hand to a visitor or a neighbor next door. A simple smile or acknowledgment of gratitude can make a difference and shine a spirit of gratefulness in many lives.

Happy Holidays!



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CHOOSE INFORMAL TIMES TO TALK AS SHE GETS OLDER.

Look for new opportunities to start a conversation about alcohol. Having frequent talks with your child in a safe environment will show that you care and foster a more open and honest dialogue about the risks of underage drinking. For tips on how - and when- to begin the conversation, visit www.underagedrinking.samhsa.gov.

Tillamook Family Counseling Center

Prevention services are available at the Tillamook Family Counseling Center.

Services Include:

- Alcohol and Other Drug Prevention Services
- Problem Gambling Prevention Services
- Suicide Prevention Trainings
- Parent Supports

This Season Gift Responsibly

Traditions are special, many traditions this season involve gift giving. This season if you are purchasing gifts for kids make sure that the gifts are not lottery products. These products can introduce kids to gambling and can increase a child's risk of future problems with gambling. To learn how you can prevent problem gambling visit www.opgr.org.

Gift Ideas for Kids:

- Book
- Movie Ticket
- Board Game
- Stuffed Animal
- Puzzle
- Art supplies



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South Prairie Elementary School - Second Grade & Third Grade Students

Second Grade

Dear Santa,
I want Five night's at Freedy's legos
and Rainbow friends legos.
Love,
Santi and Baby Solani

Dear Santa,
i have ben really good this year. I
really whant a kitten for christmas
please and a nintendo then a sonic
plushie please Santa thank you
Love,
Kirsten

Dear Santa,
I wat a barbi clothes dessup.
Love,
Sarai

Dear Santa,
I really want led lights with remote.
I also want A baby doll and A baby
doll set. And A Pet girl Pomarainiam
to. And A tablet! Fidget pack. And A
bean bag. And slippers/gloves. And A
carpet. I've been really good this year.
Love,
Scarlett

Dear Santa,
HiHihihi! I want cows smol and
horses smol Dear Santa please.
Love,
Nathen

Dear Santa,
For christmas I want a pug and
some toys for my little brother and
headphones for my tablet that connect
with bluetooth i have been good.
Love,
Andrew

Dear Santa,
I want 1 px5 and vrhead set. Please.
Love,
Joseph

Dear Santa,
I really want a dog chihuahua. please.
I want 3 heart. I want olo. I want to
hab a pokemon pet.
Love,
Abigail

Dear Santa,
I want two pokemon packs and two
charmandrs and two mewtwos and a
phone 14 and a two squishmallows
Love,
ulises



Dear Santa,
A bible and a mercey watasen book.
sow and nit and cooking stuff.
Love,
Emma

Dear Santa
nif guns we u stufes bordgames
suppris sor as x box paper
Love,
James

Dear Santa,
Wat I wold Rele Rele Rele Rele Rele
wont is for me and my brother to
not fight. (On the back) Santa so
you no this is not my rell list
Love,
Everly

Dear Santa,
My Chismis list
This will be the best chistmis ever.
Nerf guns, bluits for the nerf guns.
Lago city in my room. X box 360
Love,
Daxton

Dear Santa,
I would Like You to Please get me a
(xbox' Power cord) and a xbox 360
and a oclese quest 3 and a tv and a
game poster and a head Phones.
Love,
Ian

Dear Santa,
I wawnt a stiker book a toy cat
candy. A real cat A cat shert a cat
blanket a cat bed.
Love,
Hannah

Dear Santa,
I wont to have a shirt and a Letyr L
covrd in flowers and a Book
Love,
Laurin

Dear Santa,
Hola santa yo quiero una visiceta y
un telefono y si no puedes taremelo
esta vien y el color de la visiceta van
a ser negro y azul y verde y el color
de telefon va a ser azul eso es todo
que quiero.
Love,
Deyi

Dear Santa,
This is all I want for christmis.
10,000,010,000,100 dollers. a
scooter. a bike. a elf pajama. a pet
snake. gold. a chiristmis Blanekit.
Love,
Brooklyn

Dear Santa,
I bet that it takes a lote of wook to
guimg to hous to hous it takes hard. i
want a gumball misene.
Love,
Melah

Dear Santa,
What I want for Christmas is Master
V action figure.
Love,
Aaron B.

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Sharing Cherished Holiday Recipes

from our Season's Greetings Advertisers



We wish you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

Jane's Fabric Patch

Recipe from the family of LaVelle Stumpf

BROILED TUNA AND CHEESE SANDWICH

| | |
|------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 8 slices bread | 2 tbsp. mayonnaise |
| 1 can lean, flaked tuna fish | Dash salt and pepper |
| 2 tbsp. horseradish | 8 tbsp. grated cheese |

Toast bread on one side. Combine flaked tuna fish, horseradish, mayonnaise, salt and pepper. Spread mixture to edge of untoasted side of bread. Sprinkle top of each sandwich with grated cheese. Put on broiler rack 6 inches from heat. Broil only enough to melt cheese. Serves four.

PGE Home Service Dept.



*Submitted by
Wanda's Cafe,
Nehalem*

Red Velvet Cake Mix Cookies

*For something easy around the holidays,
you can't beat these cookies!*

Ingredients:

1/2 cup vegetable oil
1/2 teaspoon kosher salt
2 eggs
1 (15.25 oz.) box of red velvet cake mix
3/4 cup white chocolate chips

Directions:

Preheat oven to 350°F. Whisk together oil, salt, and eggs in a medium-sized bowl until well combined.

Add the cake mix and mix until fully combined, about 2 minutes. Fold in the white chocolate chips. Refrigerate for 20 minutes.

Line 2 rimmed baking sheets with parchment paper. Portion out heaping tablespoons of dough and roll them in your hands to form round balls. Place each ball about 2 inches apart on the baking sheet. (Note: the cookies will spread out considerably, so leaving plenty of space is important).

Bake in preheated oven for 10-12 minutes until the edges begin to brown slightly. Allow the cookies to cool for 10 minutes on the baking sheet before removing them to a wire rack to finish cooling.



Recipe from Caleb Oaks

Three Cheese Grilled Cheese

Ingredients:

2 slices of Your Favorite Sourdough
1 slice of Tillamook Smoked Provolone
1 slice of Tillamook Havarti
1 slice of Tillamook Medium Cheddar

Directions:

Cooked in a pan medium heat with 2 tablespoons of melted Tillamook Salted Butter



TILLAMOOK FORD

Sweet Potato Peach Bake

*Recipe from Jeff Spink,
Tillamook Motor Co.*

Ingredients

1-40oz can Yams cut sweet potatoes
in syrup, drained
1-16oz can sliced peaches, drained,
save the juice
1/2 tsp ground ginger
1/2 tsp salt
1/2 tsp pepper
1/3 cup chopped pecans
1/4 cup brown sugar

Directions:

Preheat oven to 350 degrees F

Place sweet potatoes into a large bowl and cut into slightly smaller pieces. Reserve 4-5 peach slices for garnish; add remaining peach slices to potatoes in the bowl. Add 1/2 cup reserved peach juice, ginger, salt & pepper; mix until well combined. Transfer mixture to a 2-qt baking dish.

In a small bowl, stir together pecans & brown sugar. Sprinkle over the top of casserole and arrange reserved peach slices in a line down the center.

Bake until casserole is hot and bubbly, 35-40



*Recipe created by
Jason Sterling,
Valvoline Instant
Oil Change, Tillamook*

Perfect Prime Rib

Ingredients:

Use any size prime rib roast
1/2 cup sea salt
1/4 cup rosemary
1/2 cup garlic powder
1/2 cup Montreal Steak Seasoning
1 bottle of Thick Lea & Perrins Worcestershire Sauce

Directions:

Inject 1/4 cup of Worcestershire Sauce into roast in multiple spots with syringe. Coat roast with light layer of olive oil.

Combine seasonings and rub into roast and coat seasonings with thick layer of Worcestershire Sauce.

Let sit while oven preheats to 375°.

Place roast in broiling pan, fat side up or bone side up. Add half a bottle of Worcestershire Sauce to the pan.

Bake 45 minutes.

Turn oven off. DO NOT OPEN OVEN...
No peeking, period.

One hour before serving turn oven back on 45 minutes, then pull out and let rest for 15 minutes.

After 15 minutes its time to serve...
Merry Christmas!!



*Recipe from Justin Weiss,
Tillamook County Solid Waste*

J&J's Spicy Sausage and Herb Stuffing

Ingredients:

1 stick of unsalted butter, more for baking dish
2 lbs good quality white bread, cut into 1-inch cubes (about 20 cups)
4 ribs celery, plus some leafy tops, finely diced (1 1/2 cups)
3 carrots, finely diced (1 cup)
1 large apple, finely diced
1 sweet onion, finely diced (2 1/2 cups)
1 lb bulk spicy italian sausage
2 tablespoon finely chopped fresh sage
2 tablespoon finely chopped fresh thyme
3 cups homemade turkey stock, or chicken broth stock
Kosher salt and fresh cracked pepper

Directions:

Preheat the oven to 350°.

1. Spread bread cubes on two large baking sheets. Toast 30 minutes. Stir and rotate pans halfway through, until bread cubes are lightly browned and crisp. Transfer to very large bowl when done.
 2. Meanwhile, in a large skillet, melt 1 stick of butter. Pour half the melted butter in a bowl and reserve for later, to brush the top of the stuffing. To the pan with remaining melted butter, add celery, carrots, apple and onion, a sprinkle of salt, and cook and stir over medium-high heat until softened and starting to brown, about 8 to 10 minutes. Transfer vegetables to a bowl. Add sausage to skillet in chunks, and cook, breaking it up with wooden spoon, until cooked through and lightly browned, about 6 minutes.
 3. Return vegetable mixture to the skillet and add the sage and thyme, a little salt and pepper, and cook for 1 minute. Add 1 cup of stock, cook and stir up any browned bits, until stock is reduced and cooked down by half, about 5 minutes.
 4. Transfer sausage mixture to bowl with the toasted bread cubes and add walnuts. Add remaining 2 to 2 1/2 cups of stock and toss well until bread cubes are evenly moistened. Taste and season with salt and pepper. Spread stuffing into large, buttered baking dish (about 3 1/2 quart size) and brush with the reserved melted butter.
 5. Bake in center of oven until heated through and nicely browned, about 1 hour, rotating casserole halfway through.
- Happy Holidays!

South Prairie

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Dear Santa,
What I want for Christmas is more
LEGO sets fo 3, hand cats, Gun and
Fac Guns
Love,
Mason

Dear Santa,
What I want for Christmas is a frbe,

mind box, momu babe sPris, glitr in
Pink bleu Purple.
Love,
Montgomery

Dear Santa,
what I whant for Chrismas is a
ruberband gun, a Lego Clone army,
Hand cuffs, a Fortnite obi wan
knobei.
Love,
Elijah

Dear Santa,
I think I have bin good and I really
really really wot a Yorkie pup,
squshy Ball set, blakit with a Black
cat on it.
Love,
Avalyn

Dear Santa,
What I want for Chrstmas is Books,
mimmin LOL, caned, Gum, Pop it,
babby
Love,
Jocelynn
Dear Santa,
What I wasn't for Christmas is vr
hedset, v bux x1000, Fort scis that i
hav bin acig
Love,
Samantha

Dear Santa,
What I want for Christmas is a vr
hed set, fredy fas ber Plushys. Gum
balls gta 5 game. Fredy fas ber
game to Santa
Love,
Silas

Dear Santa,
what I want for Christmas is a tatoo
mrckrs set, iegosh an a pupe.
Love,
Madilyn

Dear Santa,
What I want for Christmas is
electric bic, hvr or brd, Ps5, tv,
electriscgow, fastrsecr
Love,
Cannon

Dear Santa,
I wont for Christmas is 1m robucs,
the leporod fruit, onfruit dattl
pralns, and 1,000 gems.
Love,
Joziah

Dear Santa,
What I want for Christmas is eldea
liats for my bed, blank it's with my
cat on it is a tabea cat,
Love,
Macy

Dear Santa,
can I please have 200,000 v-bucks,
and a ps5, electric bike, zip bline,
1 million dollars, a vr head set,
rare skins in fortnie, hoover bord,
gaming room
Love,
Kaston

Dear Santa,
1000 what I want alwvoks 10000
ttyhwj mame I kyzbi fortnite game
get my up.
Love,
Makio

Dear Santa,
What I want for a Christmas is elead
lights, Lego Sets, uh cat, uh Little
elf.
Love,
Sarah

Dear Santa,
What I want for Christmas is
rainbow friends plushy.
Love,
Benny

Dear Santa,
I wunt a watr prof mot kun uchro.
and i wunt a ulak chrik stribr.
Love,
Sam

Dear Santa,
What I want for Christmas is
Fortnite more LEGO sets.
Love,
Julian

Dear Santa,
what I want for Christmas is a vr
Set. 10000 rcbucs, hovr bord, and a
Christmas.
Love,
Etta

Dear Santa,
What I want for is tmas is hadrord
and hernif gamen roum.
Love,
Michael H.

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South Prairie

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Dear Santa,
Atani dekor. Idariy you adram yeu
amagrs. yeuqist monentheg.
Love,
Adilene

Dear Santa,
I wot a Big bulga shen and i wot a
lat uv 10000 veBux and a spider-
mensot and a spidr-menwebshodr.
Love,
Lane

I what veBux 10000 and a prerte to
I get it I wiw be happy and I wute a
bog to. I like dog so much de had
you to I wut a goock.
Love,
Angel

Dear Santa,
I think I have ben medium because
I did this to be helpful. I vackyoomd
the floor and the back room. I want
a clock. I helped my famle clene so I
think I deserv awsum longons.
From,
Wyatt

Dear Santa Mom,
I want toy's because I have bene
pretty good. I want netedo switch
super smash bros. because I don't
git in truble and I ignor my sister
win I play.
I'm in 2nt Grade.
I hope you git it!
Love,
Dom

Dear Santa,
I am so so sorry for cracker dot. its
just that Steve and Linda came over
and I think Steve thought we bought
her and then Gram came over and
then Edison said "Gram touched
Cracker dot. I'm so sorry Santa
please do not take away presents.
By,
Everett

Dear Santa,
I have been a good kid I want a lik
a shoorck eben howels and I want a
minecraft mystery. Happy Merry
Christmas!
From,
Keith



Dear Santa Mom and Dad,
I think I was pretty good this year.
I was good because I helped clean
my room. Also because I tried
to ignore Ruby when she bosses
me around. I also help with our
dogs espeisaly mine. those are the
resons think I deseve to go on a
trip. I love you mom and dad. Merry
Christmas!
Love,
lone

Dear Santa,
I think I have bin good
because I work in school,
homes, invents, my friendly.
I feed my sister. I treet my
friend nise. I macke them feell
happy. That's why I should get
presints like Llats go sherts,
pants, and sweders. Have a
good Crismis.
From,
Amory

Dear Santa,
I think I should get stuff
because I have been rilly good
this year and I wont a laptop
and I think I shood get it
because I am doing rilly good
in school and every thing ells
and I rilly want a phone. I think
I should get it because I have
ben rilly good and I rilly want
a lot of crop tops and rilly rilly
ript jens and comvers and a
rilly cute key chane and cute
fake heels and fake eye lashes

please because I am doing rilly
good in school.
From,
Brynlee

Dear Santa Grandam,
For Christmas I would like
cinnamroll not the food a bunny.
Because i have been good and I
tack her outside, I feed her, I love
her. I also would i like squish melo
but it is a axlatl please and cinnam
roll stickers
I love you
Danika

Dear Santa,
I pretty good this yeyer becace my
dads girl friend has a relee herting
sholder and I am helping with that.
I want a Grinchound maxs funkoe
because my dad has a funckoe. and
I want nun of my family getting
hert or sick this Christmas. Finly I
want a Barbie culer ruvell Becase I

don't hav very meny culer rveel. I
also wont my family to be saif this
chrismas. mayry Christmas Santa!
From,
Millie

Dear Santa,
Dear Santa all I want is my dad,
Nick to not be stressed after ever
meeting. I think Ive been fantastic
so that why you could use your
magic and help me with my wish
and Ive been getting good grades.
do you think? Im good?
From,
Caleb

Dear Santa Dad,
Dear Dad I wut an uletrik scodr. And
I wut a dron and Krismis. I was kind I
tak kar ov the animals.
From,
Briggs

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Dear Santa Mom,
I have bin gud I want a fone
because you can git games on the
fone. I want a xbox because I do
the bishes, I haf don good thigs.
Savannah

Third Grade

Dear Santa,
I want a dinasour body pillow
with a shirt a blanet shirt and a
cinnaman roll plush and kuromi,
my melody, hello kitty plush too.
and a fuzzy carpet, blanket, and
pillow. And I want cloud L.E.D.
lights and and some squisheys
and 3 25 dollor roblox gift cards
and dragonballz poster and
naruto one piece poster and a get
ready desk.
Love,
Nora

Dear Santa,
I want a stuffed animal because
they are so squishy and I love
them so so so much. I would like
it to be a dolphin.
Love,
Quinn

Dear Santa,
I want a hazmat suit and hazmat
gas mask.
Love,
Elijah

Dear Santa,
This year may I have a barbie set
and pets alive and 4 dresses and
4 pars of high heels. 3 head bands
and make up/lots! Thank you
Santa you're the best man ever! I
love you
Love,
Evelyn B.

Dear Santa,
I whant a Toyo F the unefuls huge
amarican flag to the sky a huge
gummie worm. a huge toy chrain.

a puppy. a cat. a huge lego city. a
huge robot toy. a water bottle. a
huge Dog toy.
I love Santa
Love,
Zadeh

Dear Santa,
I want a new body pilo choowawa
and to live at my grandmas. And
new pj's and xbox and hover bord
and my chare back because my
brother took it and a dickshinary
pokemon mystery box.
Love,
Guage W.

Dear Santa,
I wunt a x-box-11 and vr and the
gorilla tag gam. Finnit ffr mi x-box.
Love,
Flint

Dear Santa,
I wunt a plant for my mom she
wrks so so hord. For pers uth hiye
heals m a kapy lots a jrapuling big
uno. frechie brasles.

Love,
Zoey



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May i have a book call
Hello neighbor and a vr
and a premz Legos set
please.
Love,
Michael

Dear Santa,
I really whant dog pics
and cheer leader stuff
plese. And stickers.
Thank you Santa, you're
the best.
Love,
Abilene

Dear Santa,
I wut a xbox and a oxis.
Gam dinosaur.
Love,
Conan

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Nehalem Elementary School - Second Grade & Third Grade Students

Dear Santa,
I want a lot of jellycats. I made cookies for you and I love you! Can you make my family happy and healthy? Im 8 and it is my Birthday!
Love,
Camille



Dear Santa,
today I would like a dress, and squishmellow, and cinnamonroll squishmellow! Merry Christmas Santa!
Love,
Alaina

Dear Santa,
Hi, I am Nicky. Thank you for the robot I had so much fun with. The tpy robot, but this year I want a drone.
Love,
Nicky

Dear Santa,
I love Christmas and Rudolph. 3 things on my wish list:
• Bluey, stuffed animals
• Crunch labs build box
• Big legos
Love,
Denzi

Dear Santa,
I want one piece action figures. I will leave out cookies for you. I want new clothes and a new charger. Thank you.
Love,
Marc

Dear Santa,
I want to get a tablet. Also, more chocolate and pillows, and some new clothes. Thank you!
Love,
Bailey

Dear Santa,
I've been good this year and I really want a VR for Christmas and a big squishmellow. Also I want Hello Kitty pajamas and big Hello Kitty squishmellow! Merry Christmas Santa!
Love,
Natalie

Dear Santa,
I think I have been pretty good this year, but I still don't know what I want, except for makeup for my vanity. I have also been thinking about asking for more stuffed animals for my room. Now I think I know what I want! I want more records for

my record player. I also wanted to say thank you for all of the presents you have given me.
Love,
Miley

Dear Santa,
I want the "Zita the Spacegirl!" books fpor Christmas!!!
Love,
Liam S.
Dear Santa,
Dear Santa, for my one wish this year, can I have Robux please?
Love,
Tavish

Dear Santa,
Thank you for the Barbies last year! This year I would love to have a

hamster, trampoline, and a Meemeow! The gifts that were in my stocking last year were awesome!
Love,
Emily

Dear Santa,
thank you for giving me a violin. This year I want a superhero outfit. I tried to be good this year. My sister really wants that ninja costume. Have an amazing Christmas! P.S. Your candy canes are awesome.
Love,
Valerie M.

Dear Santa,
I wish for you to have a great Christmas, and for

you to get a present this year. The reason why I'm thinking of you this year is because, you never get a present from a kid at Christmas.
Love,
Aerith

Dear Santa,
My name is Chance I am eight years old and I have been good this year. All I want for Christmas is my family and friends to have a good Christmas.
Love,
Chance



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Dear Santa,
I've been great this year!
On my wish list I would
like an ipad please, and
I am 8 years old. Merry
Christmas!
Love,
Ocean!

Dear Santa,
this year I would like
a, Barbie boat, Barbie
airplane, and a phone
case with smiley faces
on it. By the way, I have
been good this year and
I am eight years old.
Merry Christmas Santa!
Love,
Reei

Dear Santa,

I've been very good this
year. For christmas I
would like a Nintendo
switch, a big squishy
ball, a bike, an art desk,
my own computer, a pet
kitten for myself, and my
own room! By the way,
I am 9 years old. Merry
Christmas Santa!
Love,
Laura

Dear Santa,
I want some new shoes.
From,
Joshua R.

Dear Santa,
I want a PS5 and
Pokemon cards and
Robux 100000m. a
costyom a akshinfigr

apx cans and a mug nrf
guns and go to hwie
somehow snows and
clos and a manstr truk a
fot ball a cpith and a cey
pado.
From,
Charlie C.

Dear Santa,
How are you. Im ____ I
want a lot of stuff but I
riley don't need some
stuff but I do rilliy want
cat long pillow thing and
maroo wonder any way
I think Ive been relley
good!
From,
Scarlett A.

Dear Santa,
I want to hav a stare and
vare vare cool toy and
a hrfa gun theat lige
up and golf cors and
a new lige saver that
ligets up in the dark
and a big! squwish
modoy that ligets up
and a new blankit.
From,
Braxton R.

Dear Santa,
I have Ben good this
week and how are you
doing? Santa? And I
have been nice to my
friens and I wont to see
you.
From,
Jackson W.

Dear Santa,
For christmas I want
a marker plushie, PS5,
1000k Robux, leg-
warmers, arm-warmers
both blue, BFB
lunchbox, pokemon
cards, plase.

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From,
Reese B.

Dear Santa,
for Christmas I wod lik a new toma
pochy and a jepl dell frum your slap
les and thak you.
From,
Elspeth J.

Dear Santa,
you are the best prson I have ever
ment pleas get me a switch I am rily
nice to my brother and I am rily nice
to my clas and I love my nue teacher
and my mom is the best ever
From,
Paisley N.

Dear Santa,
I am 7 years old and for christmas
I want a burning Godzilla for

christmas.
From,
Connor O.
Dear Santa,
for Christmas I want to have a real
puppy and a barbie dreamhouse.
And I want a remote controled car.
and I also want a phone. and I want
a tablet. and a elektarect car big
enough for me.
From,
Frankie C.

Dear Santa,
Santa you are the best I hope you
will giv my friend Avery and kk and
Frankie and scarlett and Mrs. Honts
A cat stufe
From,
Everly B.

Letters - South Prairie

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Dear Santa,
What i whont for Christmis is
cake and a PS5 and a cumpewter
with a choter.
Love,
Hunter

Dear Santa,
I want a toy car. I also want tow
toy minty tower sets. I want tow
candy canes.
Love,
Noah



Dear Santa,
I want a PS5, yarn, art stuff,
sports stuff, swet shirts, youtub
stuff, lego's and seace stuff.
Love,
Braxton

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Yes Virginia, there is a Santa Claus



In 1897, Dr. Philip O'Hanlon, a coroner's assistant on Manhattan's Upper West Side, was asked by his then eight-year-old daughter, Virginia O'Hanlon (1889–1971), whether Santa Claus really existed.

O'Hanlon suggested she write to The Sun, a prominent New York City newspaper at the time, assuring her that "If you see it in The Sun, it's so." He unwittingly gave one of the paper's editors, Francis Pharcellus Church, an opportunity to rise above the simple question and address the philosophical issues behind it.

Church was a war correspondent during the American Civil War, a time that saw great suffering and a corresponding lack of hope and faith in much of society. Although the paper ran the editorial in the seventh place on the page, below even one on the newly invented "chainless bicycle," its message was very moving to many people who read it. More than a century later it remains the most reprinted editorial ever to run in any newspaper in the English language.

"Is There a Santa Claus?" reprinted from the September 21, 1897, edition of The New York Sun:

We take pleasure in answering thus prominently the communication below, expressing at the same time our great gratification that its faithful author is numbered among the friends of The Sun:

*Dear Editor—
I am 8 years old. Some of my little friends say there is no Santa Claus. Papa says, "If you see it in The Sun, it's so." Please tell me the truth, is there a Santa Claus?*

*Virginia O'Hanlon
115 West Ninety Fifth Street*

Virginia, your little friends are wrong. They have been affected by the skepticism of a skeptical age. They do not believe except they see. They think that nothing can be which is not comprehensible by their little minds. All minds, Virginia, whether they be men's or children's, are little. In this great universe of ours, man is a mere insect, an ant, in his intellect as compared with the boundless world about him, as



Virginia O'Hanlon

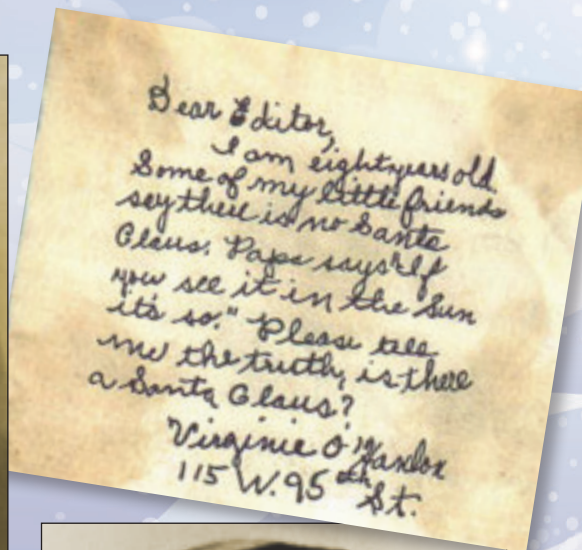
measured by the intelligence capable of grasping the whole of truth and knowledge.

Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus. He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist, and you know that they abound and give to your life its highest beauty and joy. Alas! How dreary would be the world if there were no Santa Claus! It would be as dreary as if there were no Virginias. There would be no childlike faith then, no poetry, no romance to make tolerable this existence.

We should have no enjoyment, except in sense and sight. The external light with which childhood fills the world would be extinguished.

Not believe in Santa Claus! You might as well not believe in fairies. You might get your papa to hire men to watch in all the chimneys on Christmas Eve to catch Santa Claus, but even if you did not see Santa Claus coming down, what would that prove? Nobody sees Santa Claus, but that is no sign that there is no Santa Claus. The most real things in the world are those that neither children nor men can see. Did you ever see fairies dancing on the lawn? Of course not, but that's no proof that they are not there. Nobody can conceive or imagine all the wonders there are unseen and unseeable in the world.

You tear apart the baby's rattle and see



Francis Pharcellus Church

what makes the noise inside, but there is a veil covering the unseen world which not the strongest man, nor even the united strength of all the strongest men that ever lived could tear apart. Only faith, poetry, love, romance, can push aside that curtain and view and picture the supernal beauty and glory beyond. Is it all real? Ah, Virginia, in all this world there is nothing else real and abiding.

No Santa Claus! Thank God! He lives and lives forever. A thousand years from now, Virginia, nay 10 times 10,000 years from now, he will continue to make glad the heart of childhood.

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