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We hope you all had a good finals week and your exams went well! In this edition of the Honors Report, we have an amazing holiday theme lined up. We will be covering holiday books and music recommendations to get into the spirit of the season! We also have some family traditions and annual festivities happening here in Millersville and in Lancaster. The Honors College wishes all the students and families a Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays, and a joyful New Year!
We asked students what their favorite holiday tradition with their family was. Here is what they said!

**Claire Weaver:** Claire’s family holds a Christmas Cookie Party where everyone brings a variety of holiday-themed cookies!

**Leah Eckert:** Leah’s family goes caroling during the weeks leading up to Christmas!

**Karina Hossain:** A member of Karina’s family dresses up as Santa Claus on Christmas Eve to deliver presents to all the children!

**Kiara McGonigal:** Kiara’s family watches “Christmas Vacation” after Thanksgiving dinner!

**Tatum Dolan:** Tatum’s family goes to dinner in Manhattan on December 23rd and then takes a carriage ride through Central Park!

**Emma Kraemer:** Emma’s family attends midnight mass on Christmas Eve!

**Lauren Wartluft:** Lauren’s family holds a Secret Santa event every year!

**Mandi Laudenslager:** Mandi’s family watches “Elf” every Christmas Eve!
The Honors College has so many music lovers! The season is always filled with holiday cheer and music! Here are some of our favorite Christmas and Holiday songs to add to your playlist this season!

**Last Christmas** by Wham! has been one of the most popular since its release in 1986. This synth-pop song has since been a classic Christmas hit!

**Mariah Carey's All I Want for Christmas Is You** has yet again topped charts at the #1 spot for Billboard with over 1.4 billion streams!

**Santa, Can’t You Hear Me** sung by Kelly Clarkson and Ariana Grande is a pop-diva bop! It's such an incredible song from two talented women sure to get you in the Christmas spirit!

**Justin Bieber’s Mistletoe** is an iconic holiday song whose music video has nearly 500 million views! Bieber delivers a holiday classic that must be added to your playlist now!
The winter break leaves so much time to discover some new books! If you love reading, these recommendations will have you hooked! Check them out this holiday season:
Lancaster City offers many exciting Christmas events during the holiday season! Regarded as a cherished holiday tradition, every Black Friday in downtown Lancaster we celebrate the Mayor’s Christmas Tree Lighting. This three-hour event features live music, the arrival of Santa Claus, the famous tree lighting, and live music, as well as entertainment from the Fulton Theatre.

Saturday, November 25th, Lancaster City kicked off the Christmas season with Small Business Saturday: a special day designed to support the hundreds of small local business owners that fuel the Lancaster economy!

December 8, 9, and 16, Santa Claus is coming to town! He will be accompanied by The Lancaster City Bureaus of Fire and Police throughout Lancaster City as he visits downtown and local neighborhoods!

From November 24th until December 31st, Clipper Magazine Stadium will return with its one-of-a-kind Christmas light display and music show that one can enjoy from the comfort of their own vehicle!

For additional information on upcoming Holidays events in the Lancaster County Area visit https://www.discoverlancaster.com/blog/holiday-events/.