

DISTRICT 211 STUDENTS SHARE WHAT THEY ARE MOST EXCITED ABOUT THIS HOLIDAY BREAK



To get in the holiday spirit, we asked several

District 211 students what they are most excited for during their holiday break. Here is what they had to say. Happy holidays and a have fantastic new year.

This winter break, I am most excited for...

"I am most excited about Tuba Christmas, which is a huge room full of low brass, playing Christmas music at the Palmer House." – Dakota Harrison, senior, HEHS

"Getting long needed rest from the past stressful months of school work." Sresht Iyer, junior, FHS

"Christmas, and spending time with family!" Rajesh Kalvakota, senior, CHS

"Spending time with my family and eating lots and lots of food." – Joanna Kalantzis, junior, PHS

"This winter break I am most excited about spending the holiday with my family and close friends, and watching old Christmas movies together." Alexis Morris, sophomore, HEHS

"Writing and posting online. I'll have more time this year than in previous years, for myself." Melissa Chyan, senior, FHS

"Snowboarding with my friends, and my new car!" Justin Perez, senior, CHS

"This winter break I am most excited about having no homework and hanging out with friends and family." Avrey Johnson, senior, HEHS

"Playing with my puppy in the snow. Also, lifting weights and gaining a few Christmas pounds." David Nordman, junior, FHS

"I'm excited about getting more sleep during winter break!" Raj Kharvani, senior, CHS

"Giving back." – Kubra Malik, junior, PHS

"This winter break, I am most excited about the family bonding time I get to enjoy with my family, plus all the food that will be there!" Chris Washington, junior, HEHS

"Working on my novel. My goal over break is to get to 20,000 words!" Melissa Peisker, senior, FHS

"My brother coming home from the Marines from California." – Jocelyn Rodriguez, sophomore, PHS

"This winter break I'm most excited about spending time with family and friends, eating good food and watching my favorite show on Netflix. Christmas movies!" Sara Ishak, senior, HEHS

"I'm going to be in a 5K run in downtown Chicago over winter break!" Taylor Parker, senior, CHS

"Snowboarding! And getting time to hang out with my Grandma and Grandpa!" Patrick Cudney, sophomore, FHS

"Sleeping in." – Kaitlyn Strauss and Mercedes Schmidhuber, freshmen, PHS

"Finally finishing a book series I started but didn't have time to finish. Due to schoolwork I found myself forgetting about it but from attending Writer's I found myself re-energized in finally finishing it." Irina Andrianova, senior, FHS

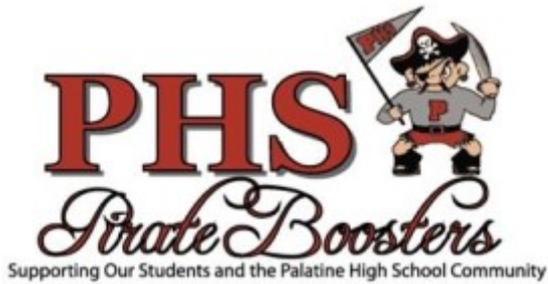
"Gathering with my family." – Roger Guadarrama, senior, PHS

"Celebrating Christmas with orphans in my community. But I'm a little upset because my Dad will not be with us for Christmas and New Years as he is travelling. I also can't wait to open presents." Devika Nandowana, freshman, FHS

"Enjoyment of everyone coming together to unite as one." – Pete Hoadley, junior, PHS

PALATINE HIGH SCHOOL'S PIRATE BOOSTER CLUB TO HOLD 29TH ANNUAL DINNER AND AUCTION FUNDRAISER

Members of the Palatine community will have a chance to enjoy a dinner with live entertainment, while at the same time helping raise funds for Palatine High School students.



The 29th annual Pirate Boosters Dinner and Auction will take place on Feb. 22 at The Cotillion, 360 Creekside Dr. in Palatine, from 6:30 to 11 p.m. The event is open to adults in the community. It is hosted by the PHS Pirate Boosters to benefit student scholarships, grants, and activities.

“This event brings the community together,” said Susan Mulert, PHS Pirate Booster member and co-chair for the dinner auction. “This isn’t just for sports or a particular group, we try hard to make sure this benefits everyone.”

The theme is “Catch the Pirate Spirit,” and guests will have opportunities to participate in raffles, 50/50, live and silent auctions while they enjoy live entertainment and a DJ. Last year’s event attracted more than 300 people, and Mulert said they are hoping for even more this year.



Ken Mate is the comedian and magician to perform at the PHS dinner and auction.

In addition to dinner, there will be hors d’oeuvres, a cash bar, door prizes, and live entertainment. The live entertainment is stand-up comedian and magician Ken Mate, and musical entertainment from Entertainment Productions. Items for the live and silent auctions were provided by Booster members and community supporters. One of the largest items available for auction is an Emmy Awards package that includes two tickets to the 65th primetime Emmy Awards Show at the Nokia Theater in Los Angeles. Other prizes include four VIP tickets and transportation with meet and greet passes

to see Bill Cosby at the Chicago Theater, Chicago White Sox tickets, and memorable experiences such as a ride along with a Palatine police officer and more.

In previous years, the dinner and auction have proven to be the largest fundraiser for the PHS Pirate Boosters, and helps provide funds for students. Tickets are \$55 per person, or a table of 10 can be purchased for \$500. All types of clothing are encouraged, from Pirate gear to formal wear.

For more information or questions, visit the PHS Pirate Boosters [website](#), or email auction@phspirateboosters.com. The reservation deadline is Feb. 19.