# Knights' News

**REMINDER:** We are a Latex free building as well. No latex balloons are allowed in the building!

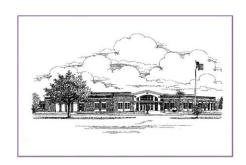
### Announcements

December 8th ECFE Holiday Pajama Party 6:00 - 7:00 pm

December 12th 3 Week Grade Check December 16th Holiday Performances

December 20th IQ Robotics

December 22nd- January 2nd No School Christmas Break





### **Articles**

#### **Detroit Lions**

Tiyaz D 10th grade

The Detroit Lions are a professional American football team based in Detroit. The Lions compete in the National Football League as a member of the NFC north division. The team plays their home games at Ford field in downtown Detroit. The franchise was founded in Portsmouth Ohio as the Portsmouth Spartans in 1928 and joined the NFL on July 12, 1930. Despite financial struggles the franchise was relocated to Detroit in 1934 and renamed to the Detroit Lions in reference to the city's Major League Baseball team, the Detroit Tigers. The team won four NFL championship games between the years 1935 and 1957. Following the 1957 championship the franchise did not win another playoff game until the 1991 season and did not win another until 2023 season. They are the only franchise in the super bowl era to not appear in a super bowl. The history of the lions changed their colors to scarlet and black from 1948 to 1950, instituted by head coach Bo McMillan, which was influenced by his years as a coach at Indiana the Lions uniforms have basically the same since they moved to Detroit in 1934- silver helmets, silver pants, either white or blue jerseys. Glenn Presnell, the then last surviving member of that 1934 team recalled that after the Portsmouth Spartans relocated to Detroit the team owner George A. Richards asked him and his wife to pick the Lions Colors for combinations that included red, and white, orange, and black, and blue, and silver.

#### Geckos

Evret C. 9th grade

Geckos are small-to-medium-sized reptiles that are a type of lizard with either sticky feet or claws. My favorite type of gecko is the Leopard gecko. Leopard geckos have claws instead of sticky pads, which makes it difficult to climb smooth surfaces; they also have eyelids, allowing them to blink. They are nocturnal like most geckos, store their fat in their tails, shed their skin often, and are generally easily tamable. Leopard geckos have a defense mechanism where they can detach their tail, which keeps wiggling, distracting the predator.

It takes them about 30-60 days to regrow their tails. Leopard geckos are good at vocalizing; they use it to communicate or express needs, such as stress, hunger, excitement, or even as a defense mechanism. But most of the time, leopard geckos are quiet. They are mostly found in the southwestern part of Asia. In terms of size, leopard geckos can get up to 7-11 inches in length and can live for 15-20 years or even longer with really good care. The largest species of geckos is the New Caledonia giant gecko, which can get up to 17 inches long and have about the same lifespan as the leopard gecko. The smallest gecko is named the Jaragua dwarf gecko; it is 1.6 centimeters long and can fit on a quarter. Its weight is 0.13 grams, lighter than a dollar bill that weighs 1 gram. In summary, geckos range from various sizes, weights, and physical characteristics.

#### **Christmas Tree**

Kayelynn Grade 9th grade

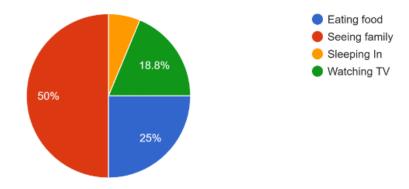
The Christmas tree, do you know the history and the meaning behind the Christmas tree? I will tell you that the Christmas tree is a holiday decoration for Christmas. It is usually an evergreen tree but can also be any type. Christmas trees are normally fake now, but some are still real, you can get some cool fake ones, you can get ones that look like they have sown, some that have lights built in and all these other crazy things. The Christmas tree is a symbol of home and life and eternal life, especially through its every green tree. Decorating a Christmas tree symbolizes peace and god's love the lights represent his role as the light of the world. The meaning of a Christmas tree is to celebrate life and Christmas. The tree has changed so much over the year that most people don't celebrate Christmas the same way based on their religion. The first Christmas tree was put up in the 16th century in Germany. It didn't come to Minnesota until 1913 and was lit on Christmas day. Germany did start the tradition to put Christmas trees in your home as decoration in the early 1900s, but its roots go back to ancient civil evergreen trees as symbols of life during winter. The first Christmas tree came out in the 19th century. The first artificial tree made from bristles was in 1930 and the first artificial tree was not just made by one person it was made by a group of people.

### **Sports Update**

Emma S. 11th

This week Monday December 1st the girls' and boys' varsity played in Blackduck Minnesota. Girls Varsity won 66-56 and JV girls lost. Boys varsity won 66-57 and JV boys won 43-11. On Tuesday December 2nd girls basketball played at Central Valley. Girls Varsity basketball lost 52-57 JV lost. The boys and girls high school basketball teams are traveling to Rothsay on Friday December 5th.

What was your favorite thing about Thanksgiving break? 16 responses



## Week 14 Kids Thoughts

What is your favorite thing to do in the snow?

Sophia S - Build a Snowman Mia E - Snowball fight Reed B - Rolling in the snow

