

WHAT GOT *you* THROUGH WINTER?

Students share how they spent their time over winter break

WINTER TRAVELS

Students travel over break



William Laurine (10)

“I went to my aunt’s farm in Greenfield, Missouri. The best part for me was definitely seeing all of the different farm animals.”



Fern Reynolds (11)

“I went to Tampa, Florida to see my grandparents. We also went seashell hunting in Fort Myers, which was really fun.”



Chloe Zhang (9)

“I went to Cancun, Mexico over break. The resort we stayed at had a lot of really good food from all different cuisines. It felt really fancy, and I really enjoyed it.”



Kabir Fatnani (9)

“I went to Boston over winter break to play soccer, which was really fun. I also got to tour a university when I was there, which was really cool.”



Sarah Gong (10)

“I went to Los Angeles. It was so much fun. My favorite part was visiting the Hollywood Walk of Fame and the TCL Chinese Theatre.”



Riav Feit (12)

“I went to Cancun over break. Spending time in the warm weather was so nice, it was hard to come back home to the cold.”



Marni Rosen (10)

“I went to Israel over break with USY. My favorite moment was when we did Kabbalat Shabbat in a park overlooking Jerusalem.”

FOR me...

What was your New Year’s resolution?

“My new year’s resolution was to be healthier in general, but specifically, to workout more.”

Finnegan Wootten (12)

“I’m working on being more confident in social situations.”

Elizabeth Fries (10)

“I want to spend more quality time with the people that I love.”

Amelia Schaffrin (10)

“I want to paint more regularly this year.”

Audrey Young (10)

“I want to try to eat healthier in 2026.”

DaShai’ Hopkins (9)

“I want to not drink an energy drink every day.”

Claire Williamson (11)

“I will study more for school and get better grades. I want to stop losing points I could have gotten.”

Samuel Soufer (9)

“I will work out daily and get more sleep this year.”

Pharaoh Williams (11)

STRANGE GROWTH

Season 1 released

July 15

2016

with a total of 8.9

million viewers for the premiere.

Season 2 released

Oct. 27

2017

with 15.8

million viewers.

Season 3 released

July 4

2019

Within the first four days,

40.7

million people watched.

Season 4 Vol. 1

released May 27

2022

Its first weekend it had

286.79

million hours viewed.

Season 4 Vol. 2

released July 1

2022

With 301.28

million hours viewed in its first couple days.

Season 5 Vol. 1

released

Nov. 26

Season 5 Vol. 2

released

Dec. 25

The finale released

Dec. 31

2025

with a total viewership of

105.7

million people.

Source: Variety

final THOUGHTS

Students share their thoughts on the Stranger Things finale

“I think they ruined it with how complex they made it and how they tried to connect it back to other seasons and the fact that it took seven episodes to get ready to kill Vecna and it took a whopping 20 minutes to kill him. They didn’t kill off anybody and did too many fakeouts like Nancy and Jonathan and Steve falling.”

Kaedyn Miller (10)

“It was okay. I feel like it could have been better since there were many unanswered things like how the upside down really worked or what ever happened to Susie and Murray. I also dislike how we weren’t left with a for sure ending for Eleven, like we never know where she ended up.”

Aesha Abraham (9)

“I think that it was lacking compared to other seasons and was probably my least favorite season out of all of the five seasons.”

Penelope Whitteck (9)

“I thought it was okay, not bad, not good. But, there’s no way Kali was alive for that long after she got shot. So, I wish I did but I don’t believe.”

Nora Bangert (10)

“It wasn’t a very good ending. I feel like they made it too fast and felt very rushed. They should have made more episodes and let us slowly be able to grieve while watching the last season.”

Niyumi Rajapaksha (10)

“I thought it was good, although I felt it was a little weird that the final fight was so short. Also, El dying was just not necessary.”

Nicholas Weiss (10)

“It could’ve gone better. Even season two was better than this.”

Caroline Hyland (12)

“They hyped it up so much and talked so much about how all the ends had been tied up, but it became very apparent after the documentary came out that they played it too safe. I was shocked after the first volume, but I feel like they didn’t continue well enough with what they left us with as they wrote the second volume.”

Claire Yates (10)



source: netflix

GREATEST GIFTS

Students share their favorite gifts from this holiday season



“My favorite gift I got was the Nintendo Switch 2 because I can play more Legend of Zelda Games.”

Vivian McCaffrey (9)

“I saved up for a Nintendo Switch 2 that I bought for myself on Christmas. I’m so glad I bought it.”

Franco Van Well (10)



“I love my Parke Mockneck. It’s so cute and comfortable.”

Gretchen Goltermann (10)

“I got my Parke Mockneck for Hanukkah and I love it so much, it’s so cute.”

Olivia Berger (10)



“I got AirPods so I could listen to Spotify without disturbing anyone.”

Kevin Diao (12)

“I love that I get to listen to music when my phone is not near me. They are nice for traveling.”

Alexandria O’Hara (12)