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DECEMBER 15, 2025

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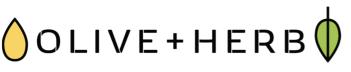
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2025-2026Winter Sports Schedules

Girls Basketball - JV2/JV/Varsity

Dec. 15 @ Berlin 5:30 7:00 5:45 7:15 Dec. 16 vs. Wisconsin Heights 5:45 7:15 Dec. 18 @ Rio

Boys Basketball - JV2/JV/Varsity

vs. Markesan Dec. 15 4:15 5:45 7:15

Dec. 16 vs. Wayland Academy 5:45

Dec. 19 vs. Randolph 5:45 7:15

Wrestling

5:00 PM Deerfield Varsity Invite Dec. 19 **UW Whitewater Invite** 9:15 AM Dec. 29

High School Curling

vs. Portage - Girls Home / Boys Away vs. Monona Grove - Boys (Varsity) Home Jan. 6

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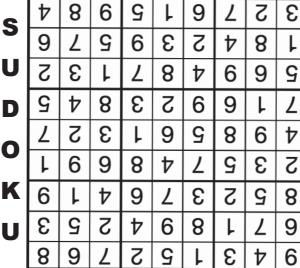


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8 AM to 5 PM

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This Week in History

1773: **Boston** Tea Party.

1914: Germans bombard English ports of Hartlepool and Scarborough.

> 1903: First Airplane Flies.

> 1892: First issue of "Vogue" is published.

> 1963: Clean Air Act becomes law.

1991: **Boris Yeltsin** announces the Soviet Union will cease to exist by New Year's Eve.

DIY POP TART HOUSE



Use 6 pop tarts and frosting. Cut pointed tips on 2 vertical pop tarts, lay 2 horizontally for sides, and 2 for the roof. Let icing dry before decorating!

FALL RIVER & RIO SCHOOLS

2025/2026 WINTER SPORTS SCHEDULES

Rio Girls Basketball - Varsity & JV

Dec. 18 vs. Pardeeville 5:45/7:15 @ Hilbert Dec. 19 /6:30 @ Cambria-Friesland Jan. 8 5:45/7:15

Rio Boys Basketball - Varsity & JV

@ Randolph Dec. 15 5:45/7:15 vs. Montello 5:45/7:15 Dec. 29 @ Johnson Creek 5:45/7:15 @ Albany Jan. 3 1:00/2:30

Fall River Girls Basketball - Varsity & JV

Dec. 18 vs. Montello 5:45/7:15 Dec. 29 Tournament @ Omro /5:00

Fall River Boys Basketball - Varsity & JV

@ Green Lake/Princeton (Princeton) 5:45/7:15 Dec. 15 Dec. 19 vs. Markesan 5:45/7:15 6 Jan. @ Montello 5:45/7:15

Wrestling - Varsity

7:00 PM Dec. 15 Dual @ Fall River 6:00 PM Jan. 6 Quad @ Rio

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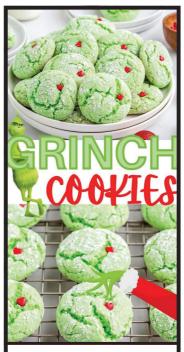
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Ingredients:

15.25 oz box white cake mix 8 tablespoons unsalted butter, softened

2 large eggs, room temperature 2 teaspoons peppermint extract or mint extract

½ teaspoon vanilla extract green gel food coloring ¼ cup powdered sugar 3 tablespoons cornstarch red heart-shaped sprinkles (or regular red sprinkles)

Directions:

Preheat the oven to 375°F. Line a large baking sheet with parchment paper and set aside.

Use a mixer to mix together the cake mix, butter, and eggs until well combined.

Add in the peppermint (or mint) and vanilla extracts and enough green food coloring to achieve desired color.

Mix on low just until combined. The batter will be thick and sticky.

In a small bowl, whisk together the powdered sugar and cornstarch

Scoop the dough with a cookie scoop and roll the balls in the powdered sugar mix to coat. Place 1 inch apart on the prepared baking sheet.

Bake for 10 to 12 minutes, or until the edges are set and the top of the cookies appear dry.

Remove the cookies from the oven and immediately place a heart-shaped sprinkle on each cookie, gently pressing it down so it sticks to the cookie.

Cool cookies on the baking sheet for 5 minutes before moving to a wire rack to cool completely.



THE ROYAL ROOTS OF TODAY'S CHRISTMAS TRADITIONS



The Christmas Tree

It all started with Queen Victoria and her German-born husband Prince Albert, who were instrumental in bringing German Christmas traditions to Britain, such as the Christmas tree.

Until then, most people in Britain thought the idea of having a tree inside the house was a little strange. A branch of a tree, or holly, or mistletoe was common, but the Christmas tree as decoration wasn't truly accepted until an engraving published in 1848 in the Illustrated London News depicting the Royal Family celebrating Christmas at Windsor that the tradition was adopted widely. Soon every home in Britain had a tree decorated with candles, sweets, fruit, homemade decorations and small gifts.

Christmas Cards

The notion of sending Christmas cards also originated during this period. Thanks to the industrialization happening at the time and the widespread use of the printing press, items such as cards and books became less expensive to make. When postage costs lowered in 1840, this led to the real boom in buying and mailing Christmas cards.

Christmas Feast

While the Victorian Royal Family may have been the impetus behind the public's adopting Christmas trees and cards, when it came to the Christmas feast, there was a lot of variety on the Royal menu. Roast beef, turkey, mince pies, soups and plum pudding for dessert. But the majority of people in Victorian England weren't wealthy, so in order to have a festive bird on the family dinner table, some would join a goose club so they could pay in installments throughout the year.

Melding American and European Traditions

The idea of Father Christmas is one that predates the Victorian era and was part of English folklore; a figure of merry-making just for adults. In the middle of Queen Victoria's reign, however, American and European traditions came together to create the idea of Father Christmas or Santa Claus, as we now know him, as the bringer of gifts to children.

And all the other traditions of Christmas trees, Christmas cards, the Christmas feast and gift-giving were celebrated in England as well as across the pond in America.

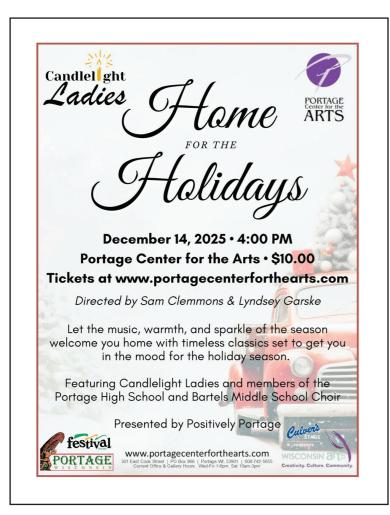


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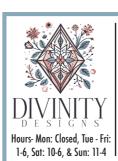


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