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# THE NEWSHAKER

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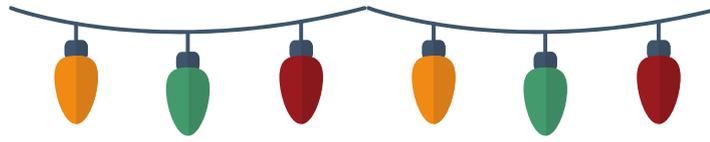


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Dear readers,  
Again, this year, November offered us an avalanche of news! Of course, as usual, good news were often overshadowed by bad ones. Indeed, the Australian fires and the infamous London attack were sadly noteworthy events of November. But let's linger on positive news! Last month had been filled with emotions. Firstly, we made the most of Thanksgiving, to express our gratitude to our relatives. Then, we were pleased to witness the first snow of the year in Nivolas-Vermelle. And to finish with, as you probably noticed, Christmas is coming! It is with a great pleasure that we are going to illuminate our Christmas tree, and look forward to the sparkle and effervescence of this special time of the year. And for our readers who can't stop dreaming about snowflakes and Christmas elves, we advise them to organize a "Secret Santa". You just need to pick someone's name randomly, out of a box full of all the other names of the people you play with, and offer them a little gift. If everything had been well coordinated, you should receive a small present in return, from the person who picked up your name, but be careful, the identity of your secret Santa must remain unknown until Christmas Eve!  
The whole Newshaker's team wishes you a pleasant reading, a fantastic holiday and a Merry Christmas!  
Ana B.

# FESTIVITIES IN THE USA

## CHRISTMAS IS COMING !



It's Christmas time !

But before talking about Christmas, let's not forget Thanksgiving! Indeed, Thanksgiving is a federal holiday celebrated every fourth Thursday of November in the United States. It is usually associated with a big family dinner including the famous turkey... unless you are vegan. Today, many people are becoming vegan and want to change the traditions of the usual Thanksgiving dinner but it can sometimes be complicated to find appropriate food. Fortunately, many food alternatives have been found today to replace non vegan Thanksgiving food , for example, by swapping the famous and antiquated traditional Thanksgiving turkey for a delicious vegan one known as a tofurky (a turkey made of tofu) or even a vegan pumpkin pie ! Thanksgiving is also a great way for people to thank for things they are grateful for.



Then, right after Thanksgiving comes Christmas with its magical spirit. Christmas is a very famous and celebrated holiday in the United States. To prepare it, many American families decorate their houses, offer presents to each other and gather around a huge dinner. They also exchange Christmas greeting cards because it is a very important tradition for them. Indeed, Christmas cards have exist since 1843, they are personal, thoughtful and help you realize that you are circled by amazing people you love.



Therefore, Thanksgiving and Christmas have both something very important in common which is the positive social impact that they bring to people. In fact, these holidays symbolize happiness, togetherness, kindness and empathy. It is a time when people do not only think about themselves but they also try to take care of one another to make the world a better place.

Mathilde F.

# FESTIVE VIBES

# THE INTERNATIONAL SECTION REVIEWS

## FROM SPECTATORS TO ACTORS

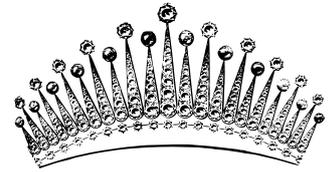
Thursday, November 28, was a fulfilling and interesting day for the 10th grader of the international section. In fact, in the morning, they went to Saint-Michel high school in Annecy to attend a play by « Le Théâtre en Anglais », a touring company. The play told the incredible journey of Mandela from freedom fighter to President, the story of a man who had never given up and had fought all his life for equality between Black and White people. The students were seized with emotion after seeing the play because the actors really expressed the feelings that the Black South-Africans endured during the Apartheid. The emotion was reinforced by the original music of the play and the talented actors and singers of the « Théâtre en Anglais ». They appreciated this play because it was educational, it made them learn a part of South-African history.

In the afternoon, once back to school, the International students became actors to be ready for a show to celebrate Thanksgiving. They had been working on it for a month, and despite the fact that it was difficult to cooperate because the three international classes had very few common moments to see each other, the show was a real success, the good personal investment of every student led to various and elaborated skits such as the Space debate and the dance contest. They showed great cohesion and collusion, it was not only a show it was a teamwork. After seeing this show, it seems obvious that Saint-Marc's students are talented!

Maxence T.

# IN THE DEPTH OF TODAY'S SOCIETY

## IS THE MISS UNIVERSE PAGEANT A VICTORY FOR FEMINISM ?



"Tonight a door was opened and I could not be more grateful to have been with the one to have walked through it. May every little girl who witnessed this moment forever believe in the power of her dreams and may they see their faces reflected in mine." said Zozibini Tunzi, Miss Universe 2019.

This beauty pageant has gathered the most beautiful women in the world since 1952. It is one of the most important reflections of women's standards in today's society.

Moreover, Zozibini Tunzi was the first black woman who refused to wear a wig, as a sign of protest towards the restricted beauty standards. This coronation shows that standards are changing.

Despite these improvements we have to mention that this pageant does not represent women rights, Especially in South Africa, where 38% of girls do not have access to primary education. Those girls have not had any benefit from this societal change yet. They are still discriminated against and are not given the same opportunities as boys.

Finally, the average price of a miss' dress is 20,000 dollars, which represents 4 years of the average income in South Africa. This fact raises a question : "Are these pageants relevant in today's world, when inequalities are a major concern for the future, especially in South Africa ?"

Salomé D-R. ; Vincent G. ; Carla A. ; Pania B. ;  
Timothé M. ; Claire B. ; Damien D.

# SNAPSHOT

## A NEW STAR IN THE NEWSHAKER

Maëlle Lapierre, one of the international student in Ière.

She turned 15 a few months ago, and she is a very busy teenager. She used to do fencing classes, but recently she stopped to take guitar lessons. Not to mention she is fond of literature. A few months ago, she took part in a poetry contest organized by the city of Morestel which only happens once every two years. Candidates have to send anonymously their poem or their short text and a jury determines which the best is. This year the theme was "Promise", Maëlle won the 1st prize in the under 15 teenage category with her short text "Promesse brisée, promesse tenue". The reward ceremony happened on October 10, the prize (5 books) was handed to her by the mayor and the jury, the press was there too! She has not finished reading all the books yet, even though she's craving for it, she has to study for her mock exams. Despite the fact that it is the first time she finishes 1st at this poetry contest, she is not unfamiliar with winning. Indeed, she was in the top three two years ago for the same event.



Maëlle Lapierre



"I would have never thought I had any chances! Nonetheless, I wanted to write something just for fun. I first heard of it in my village's library and I thought "why not?" I was jubilant when I received the letter announcing I won." Her humbleness does not impact her talent. She even studies literature and philosophy in school. The contest inspired Maëlle to continue writing and maybe later to become an author as an extra job.

International students are so talented ;) !

If you think you have a chance or like Maëlle you want to write things for fun you can participate in this contest:

<https://www.morestel.fr/wp-content/uploads/R%C3%A8glement-Concours-Po%C3%A9sie-2019-1.pdf>

If you want to see more candidates and their place go to the link:

<https://www.morestel.fr/wp-content/uploads/PALMARES-2019-adress%C3%A9-aux-candidats.pdf>

Anaïs G.

# LATEST US NEWS

## DO YOU SHOP GREEN ?

You surely know or have heard about Black Friday, this annual commercial event, right after Thanksgiving. In the USA, this Friday signs the beginning of the Christmas shopping season. It has spread in Europe since 2010. An opposition to the Black Friday had been established to fight against overconsumption, since 2017. Also, some companies (REI, cosmetics Deciem) refuse to take part to Black Friday. Environmental associations like Greenpeace support this movement by forming a collective named "Green Friday". In 2019, the protest against Black Friday had taken another extent, different movements joined and did blockages, in particular in front of Amazon's warehouses. Nowadays, when we talk about Black Friday, we also think about "Cyber Monday". Year after year, more and more people shop online. This increase has an impact on carbon footprint. "Amazon" is pointed with its device "Prime members". It allows members to be delivered for free in two days, but with less time for shipping, it requires more trucks on the road using oil. Fast options pollute more than slow options.



Who is guilty: Companies that offer those delivery systems OR the customers who choose to take this offer and be delivered in less than 48 hours. Now because some companies offer fast deliveries, others need to face the competition and deliver quickly too. Most people who buy items during Black Friday or Cyber Monday, just want to have the newest and the most performing technology!

And you, are you ready to renounce to those new technologies and those faster and faster deliveries?

N.B : Did you know that even in France, at the initiative of the Faguo's company (wholesale of clothes and shoes) that is opposed to overconsumption and overproduction, 600 French brands followed the campaign «Make Black Friday green again ».

Lucile M.



Since last August, Australia has been afflicted by drought. The country is fighting against forest fires that are more and more violent and persistent because of the droughts and the wind. Fires are threatening plenty of species and reserves listed as UNESCO World Heritage sites. Moreover, the president announced that the climate change has no link with the fires. On December 3, 120 fires were raging on a territory bigger than France. The Government had even announced his helplessness to stop the fire. In addition of those fires, a record heat wave had been registered (40,9°C at Melbourne, 45,3°C at Murray Bridge, 46,6°C at Nullarbo). Already 6 inhabitants had died and more than 100 are injured. 688 houses had already burned, and about 2.1 million of hectare of agriculture ground, forests and bushes burned. Thousands of animals including koalas died in those fires because of their slowness; people had risked their life in the flame to save koalas in danger. Besides Sydney's sky is now tainted orange by smoke and ash, sports events were cancelled.



On November 29, 2019, a stabbing attack happened in London, during an event at Fishmonger's Hall. Two people died and three were injured. The suspect was shot dead by the police. The Met Police's commissioner announced that it was a terrorist attack. The police didn't know if the suspect had any accomplice. The suspect was sentenced for 20 years of jail in 2012 but he was released on parole, which is now a big controversy.



The #KuToo movement began in 2019, it was instigated by a Japanese actress and writer, Yumi Ishikawa. A major part of businesses in Japan obliged women employees to wear heels from five to seven centimeters. Businesses also prohibits women employees to wear glasses, they must wear contact lenses. Yumi Ishikawa has collected over 150 000 signatures on a petition for women not having to wear high heels at work. On another petition for glasses at work, she had 31 000 signatures. The Government announced that he will consider the petition and take a final decision. For Yumi Ishikawa, those norms on glasses and high heels have to be considered like harassment at the Workplace.

**EQUALITY**



The ceremony of the feminine Ballon d'or was on the 2nd of December at the Theater of Châtelet in Paris. It was the second feminine Ballon d'or of history! The winner of this second title was Megan Rapinoe; she is the co-captain of the American soccer team. She also fights for LGBT rights and men-women equality. The fact that this ceremony was just the second one means that in professional and amateur sport, sexism is still present. The wage difference between male and female athletes is impressive; Messi's salary (winner of the masculine Ballon d'or) is about 81 million euros a year, and Megan Rapinoe's is about 280, 000 euros.