

Student Q'n'A section; X-mas edition

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Question 1: When does the bookstore begin to buy back books?

Answer: The book buy back program at the Brevard College bookstore begins 8 am December 10th. Please keep in mind, they will not accept any books that have water damage. Also, you can PRE-ORDER your books, new and used, for next semester now. Just bring in your schedule for next semester.

Question 2: Christmas is almost here and I have no idea what to give my parents and friends as gifts. Any suggestions?

Answer: Yes, if you play music, create a CD. If you are artistic, make a print of your artwork. If you write, print your story. You can also create a photo collage

of your time at Brevard capturing your adventures. There are also great gift items in the Brevard College bookstore.

Question: Why do we decorate Christmas Trees?

Answer: Ancient Northern Europeans worshipped lots of gods. They created them to explain the Earth's mysteries – like rainbows, or the difference between day and night. The gods were like symbols of things. In the winter when it got really cold and really dark, people had ceremonies to show they knew spring would return with light and warmth. They decorated the trees that didn't lose their leaves – evergreens. That's where the Christmas tree came from.



They also gave each other wheat because food was scarce. That was called "JIL" – our word, "YULE" comes from it.

Question: When was the first Christmas recognized?

Answer: No one knows what day Jesus was born. But it seemed important to observe his birth. Since early Christians were a persecuted minority, the first celebrations were held in secret. In the year 312 the emperor of Rome – Constantine – converted to Christianity. That made celebrating the holiday easier. His old religion had a festival for the sun god, Mithra, on December 25. He changed that to Christmas Day. The first calendar with the Christmas Day on it was in the year 350.

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