

Christmas Time is Here

Meredith Piela

Sophomore

This Saturday and Sunday mark the beginning of December, as well as the 42nd annual Marblehead Christmas Walk. Although the Walk's festivities have remained consistent for the past several years, the activities that I have taken part in have changed dramatically. When I was younger, the Christmas Walk meant walking down with my family to the Town Landing to see Santa and Mrs. Claus come in on the lobster boat, and then watching the parade go by. Back then, it also meant going to the tree lighting ceremony with my family, as well as singing with the youth choir in Old North Church's Festival Chorus concert. Now, as a sophomore in high school and a member of the MHS Marching Band, I will be marching in the parade with the band. When I see the excited little kids around town, I will be remembering how that used to be me.

There are several things I will always love about the Christmas Walk besides the parade. I will always love: getting to spend time with my family and friends; how the Walk gets me in the holiday spirit; and how it always brings out the jovial child in me. I will always love seeing all the Christmas decorations around town, smelling the sweet and spicy aroma of holiday treats being baked, hearing the jingling of sleigh bells and the wonderful sound of carols, and even feeling the crisp, wintry air. As composer Vince Guaraldi writes so memorably in A Charlie Brown Christmas, "Christmas time is here, happiness and cheer, fun for all that children call, their favorite time of the year."

2012
permission of this
author of this
from the Headlight
newspaper editor.