

Dear LSC Campus Community:

Here we are in December already! I know students are scrambling in these last few weeks getting ready for finals (Dec 17-Dec 20). December brings several holidays such as Kwanzaa (December 26-January 1, 2025), Hanukkah (the evening of December 25-January 2, 2025), and Christmas (December 25). December also marks the winter solstice (December 21). December holds many special days such as Pearl Harbor Day (December 7), Bodhi Day (December 8), Boxing Day (December 26), and International Volunteer Day (December 5).

Other noteworthy December days and events:

- Dec. 11: International Mountain Day
- Dec. 13: National Violin Day
- Dec. 13: National Day of the Horse
- Dec. 20: Underdog Day
- Dec. 26: National Candy Cane Day
- Dec 13: Geminid Meteor Shower
 - Look up after 9 P.M. on December 13 for a chance to catch a glimpse of the Geminid meteors. This year, the peak of the meteor shower lands just one day after the new moon, meaning that the sky will be nice and dark—perfect for stargazing! If the sky is clear and temperatures aren't too chilly, it's worth venturing outside to try to see the Geminids.

As 2024 begins to close, let us commit to approaching the new year with an attitude of gratitude. I am grateful for each of you, grateful to have you in my life and in sharing this important work. I am grateful that we have such a lovely campus and in knowing that, when we need pull together, we do so with joy and caring for each other. Thank you for this year.

Stopping by Woods on a Snowy Evening

Robert Frost

Whose woods these are I think I know.
His house is in the village though;
He will not see me stopping here
To watch his woods fill up with snow.

My little horse must think it queer
To stop without a farmhouse near
Between the woods and frozen lake
The darkest evening of the year.

He gives his harness bells a shake
To ask if there is some mistake.

The only other sound's the sweep
Of easy wind and downy flake.

The woods are lovely, dark and deep,
But I have promises to keep,
And miles to go before I sleep,
And miles to go before I sleep.

Be well, have a lovely December. Thank you.

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Poem is available at: <https://www.panmacmillan.com/blogs/literary/winter-poems-poetry-snow-frost-rossetti-poe>