HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

The snow is on the ground, finals are fast approaching, and the holiday shopping season is in full swing. Whether it's your first, last, or only semester at UST, we wish you luck with the end of your semester!

“Winter is the time for comfort, for good food and warmth, for the touch of a friendly hand and for a talk beside the fire: it is the time for home.”

-Edith Sitwell

Success Series:
Being a Student Leader

If you are still looking to get involved further next semester in our St. Thomas community, look into our December Success Series meeting, taking place on December 10th. Students who come to the meeting will be given a copy of "The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People" and will hear from a panel of student leaders on campus about their experiences in their positions!

Building the Perfect Snowman

Building a snowman is not as easy as it seems in the movies! It requires a certain type of snow, and a certain type of architect! Looking for some tips? This website has it all!
THINGS TO DO IN THE SNOW:

- Go sledding (see the last page for our February tubing event!)
- Make snow angels
- Snowshoeing
- Build snow people
- Skiing (downhill or cross country)
- Build snow forts and have a snowball fight

How to survive Minnesota winter:

a quick-tip guide for beginners

1) You will slip on ice. And potentially fall. It happens to the best of us, even seasoned Minnesotans. We don’t judge!

2) Your wardrobe needs to be prepped. A warm coat is a must, preferably including a waterproof material and a hood for especially cold days. Gloves that are insulated and waterproof along with a hat (ear flaps aren’t just a fashion statement, people!) are also important winter buys.

3) Be safe and smart. You should always have your phone with you, charged and ready to go in case of emergency. Also, stock your car or backpack with some water and snacks, in case you get stuck somewhere. Winter storms in Minnesota come and go as they please, and there isn’t always much warning. Be prepared!

4) Use your resources. Public Safety offers rides to and from school within a six block radius. Instead of walking home alone in the dark, give them a call: 651-962-5100

5) Know your enemy: Understand the snow, accept the snow. These people did, and look how much fun they are having.

6) Check the weather! Wondering if class is cancelled? Call the UST “Snow Line”: (651) 962-SNOW (7669). Planning a trip? Visit www.weather.com for 10-day weather forecasts.

Be ready to add extra time to your morning routine to scrape your car, walk carefully and slip-free to class, or wait for bus delays.
What our I.S.S. Office Loves About Winter

"My favorite thing to do in the winter is to play in the snow, make a snowman, and then come inside for some hot chocolate!"

Lori

"I love snow - there's something magical for me about watching snowflakes flurry around in the middle of a snowstorm. It seems like in that moment, the whole world is still."

Stephanie

"My buddy and I went out on a frozen lake once, which was cool. We learned later this is actually not smart, because not all lakes freeze over. Luckily we survived."

Blair

"The best part of winter is staying inside where it is warm and dry, and drinking delicious hot chocolate!"

JB

"I love the feeling of winter, even though the weather is horrible sometimes, there is something magical about being outside, looking at all of the house lights and decorations, and making snow angels and forts with friends!"

Megan
Any international students feel up to experiencing more of this delightful Minnesota Winter? JB and Steph want to hear your ideas! Find them on Facebook or e-mail them with any questions or ideas for events you would like to participate in!

Steph: kacz9607@stthomas.edu
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Mark Your Calendars for the Following Events:
December 5th-Ice skating at the Depot and a trip to the Holiday Market (Sign up now in ISS office)
February 12th-Snow tubing at Buckhill

December in the Twin Cities
The cities have a lot to offer during December if you are interested in diving into the holiday spirit. Listed below are a few holiday-gared activities around the Twin Cities for those who are interested:

*Theater presentations of:
  - The Christmas Carol
  - White Christmas
  - The Nutcracker (Moscow Ballet)

*Fun Holiday events to go with friends or family:
  - Nordic Christmas (crafts and fun)
  - Lightwire Theather: A Very Electric Christmas
  - Holidazzle Village and Holiday Market (Come with MN Adventures crew December 5th)

*Other fun activities:
  - Holiday Brewery Tour
  - Macy’s Santaland

Looking for the full scoop on what to do in the cities during the winter? Check out this website for more information!