

THROUGH A STUDENT'S EYES

A fantastical ride



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The Scituate Community does its fair share to ensure that the holiday season is the most wonderful time of the year. In addition to the festive decorations splashed throughout the town's landscape and lights strewn across the harbor, the holiday events run by Scituate citizens add to this ever-growing spirit.

One of the most notable and increasingly popular town-run events is the annual North Pole Express. A relatively new addition to the community, this holiday experience is brilliant in uniting local citizens and bringing the holiday stories and spirit to life.

I had my fair share of holiday experiences throughout my childhood. Whether it was seeing the Nutcracker live, making Christmas cookies or going to my elementary school's holiday fair, I always made sure to fill the December days with as much festive activities as possible. Never had I, however, experienced the well-known holiday stories and character to the extent to which community youth may now do on the North Pole Ex-

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This event, usually hosted in early December, is a family fun event open to citizens both inside and out of Scituate who wish to participate in the holiday fun. Passengers are able to relive the famous "Polar Express" ride as they board the commuter rail at the Scituate Greenbush station decorated with tinsel. Visitors are welcomed to the event by famous Christmas figures to enchant the mind of any child. The experience is completed with classic holiday story time and a visit from Santa Claus.

I had the pleasure of volunteering for this event through Scituate High School for two years in a row and have seen the success and positive energy that this event reels in. Not only does it encourage holiday joy and spirit, but also it helps to bring to life the stories that children are constantly familiarized with about Christmas. I know that if this opportunity had been available so locally while growing up, I would have been elated to take part. Although I enjoyed all of the seasonal activities I did as a child, something about this real-life interaction with a cele-

brated story seems immensely enticing.

Although the North Pole Express was birthed only a few years ago, its since success and ticket sellouts can be accredited to the hard work of the organizers and volunteers as well as the genius of the idea. With so many holiday activity options, the accessibility and dedication to perfection that this event embodies makes it a worthwhile venture for Scituate citizens.

I hope that this tradition continues because I know my adolescent love for the magic of the holidays would have surged at the thought of experiencing the North Pole express. This event is nothing but a positive contribution to the town and is something that I am happy to say I experienced if only as a volunteer elf on board.

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