Gift giving should be fun, but all too often it feels like a burden. When the holidays are looming and you have a long list of family members, friends, and casual acquaintances to provide gifts for, it is easy to understand why! With a little bit of planning and thinking outside the box, you can save time and money on gifts.

Homemade Presents
Homemade gifts are so much more special than something you buy in a rush - especially when you are on a budget and don’t have a lot to spend. Giving homemade presents can save you a lot of money, give you the satisfaction that being creative gives, and tells your friends and loved ones that you put some time and thought into your selections!

Re-gifting
Re-gifting can be a smart way to give frugally, or it can be in very poor taste - it all depends on how you do it! Follow these guidelines if you are thinking of re-gifting.

- That are new and never opened
- That are something you would have chosen for the person anyway
- When the original giver and the new recipient don’t know each other
- When you re-wrap it!

Gift Exchange
Money is always tight around the holidays, particularly these past few years. Instead of buying gifts for everyone in your family, suggest a gift swap for presents. That way, you can purchase a meaningful gift (or gifts!) without having to blow your bank account.
Preston events (Nov. 29-Dec. 6)

Preston Ambassadors sponsor Capture the Flag
PRESTON vs. MAXCY
Tuesday, Nov 29
Meet in the Lobby at 8:20pm

The Chosen Gospel Ensemble Fall Concert: “Give Thanks to the Holy One.”
Tuesday, Nov 29
7pm
Greene Street United Methodist Church
(on the corner of Greene & Main)

Preston’s own Nia Wylie & Courtland Thomas will be singing in the concert. Come out and support your fellow Prestonites!

Fall Banquet
Thursday, December 1
7p-10p
Campus Room, Capstone
Semi-formal attire, please!

Holiday Celebration
Friday, December 2
5p-9p
JCR

Sundaes on Sunday
Sunday, December 4
9p-11p
JCR

Last newsletter of the semester :-(

Don’t worry, it’ll be back in January, every Monday!

Random Trivia

1. There are 293 ways to make change for a dollar.
2. Peanuts are one of the ingredients of dynamite.
3. Rubber bands last longer when they are refrigerated.
4. Two-thirds of the world’s eggplant is grown in New Jersey.
5. The longest one-syllable word in the English language is “screeched.”
Campus events you don’t want to miss!

Tuesday, November 29
The Darla Moore School of Business Wells Fargo Lecture Series: “Steve Jobs”
Presented by Walter Isaacson, author of the official biography of the late Apple co-founder 7:00 p.m. (Lecture) Lumpkin Auditorium, 8th floor, Darla Moore School of Business 8:00 p.m. (Book signing) Books can be purchased prior to the event at the Russell House bookstore, and will also be available at the event. This program is free, but limited seating will be on a first-come, first-served basis. Overflow seating will be available in Moore School videoconferencing rooms. To RSVP and for more information, please visit www.moore.sc.edu/events Sponsored by Wells Fargo.

Thursday, December 1
Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony (6pm) Historic Horseshoe The USC Tree Lighting Ceremony is a celebration of Carolina’s dedication to Carolina After Dark! * Massage chairs and beds * Oxygen Bar * Graffiti Shirts * Battle Boats (bumper cars + pool rafts - the water) * Special gift for first 150 students in the door.

Be a Site Leader for MLK Day of Service! The 15th annual MLK Day of Service event that will be held on Monday, January 16, 2012 as well as two additional service days on January 20 & 21. All three trips offer opportunities for students to practice and learn leadership skills through a site leader position. Site leaders are in charge of groups of students and guide them through the day ending the day by facilitating a reflection on the service the group has completed. This is a great opportunity to make a positive impact in our community while enhancing leadership skills! Site leaders only have to attend one 1-hour training session before the day of service.

More information at http://www.sa.sc.edu/communityservice/mlk/

See something wrong? Want to see something else? Please direct all comments and questions to Sarah Morgan, Assistant Principal at morgans@mailbox.sc.edu

UNIV 101 Peer Leader applications NOW AVAILABLE!

A University 101 Peer Leader is an exceptional upper-class student, chosen to serve as a co-instructor in a University 101 class. Peer Leaders are selected through an application and interview process based on their academic success, involvement in campus organizations and knowledge of the South Carolina campus. Peer leaders are not simply teaching assistants. Rather, they are co-instructors, taking responsibility for leading class discussions, planning activities and working one-on-one with each student.

How do I become a Peer Leader?
Undergraduate students interested in becoming a peer leader must apply online, submit a completed recommendation form by the appropriate deadline, and go through a group interview process in the spring. Qualified applicants are students in Junior standing or above during the semester which they will serve and have a minimum 3.0 GPA. Please view the University 101 Peer Leader position description for more information on the qualities and duties of a peer leader.

All peer leaders must attend a training workshop and Team-Building workshop during the spring semester. Peer leaders are also required to enroll in EDLP 520: The Teacher as Manager during the semester they are serving.

Check out www.sc.edu/univ101/ for more info!

How’s the weather?

Monday, Nov. 28
Low: 45° / High: 77°

Tuesday, Nov. 29
Low: 36° / High: 56°

Wednesday, Nov. 30
Low: 33° / High: 60°

Thursday, Dec. 1
Low: 32° / High: 61°

Friday, Dec. 2
Low: 34° / High: 65°

Saturday, Dec. 3
Low: 32° / Low: 57°

Sunday, Dec. 4
Low: 39° / High: 64°

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* Apply search methods
* Examine & compare information from various sources
* Examine ethical & legal issues regarding information

Three sections are offered (all sections meet in Thomas Cooper)
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