

INTENSIVE ENGLISH INSTITUTE NEWSLETTER

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IMPORTANT REMINDERS

- Final exams run from Thursday, Dec 4th to Tuesday, Dec 9th
- Last day of Class: Tuesday, Dec 9th

New Spring 2026 session:

- New Students: January 12th, 2026
- Continuing Students: January 13th, 2026

A Season of Celebrations: Christmas, Hanukkah & New Year's

As the year ends, you will see many special decorations and celebrations. December is a special time for holidays, especially Christmas, Hanukkah, and New Year's. Christmas, celebrated on December 25th, involves decorating with lights and an evergreen Christmas tree, exchanging gifts, the tradition of Santa Claus delivering presents to children and celebrating the birth of Christ. For the Jewish holiday of Hanukkah, which lasts eight nights, the main custom is lighting the Menorah (a nine-branched candelabra) one candle at a time each night, and eating foods fried in oil, like Latkes (potato pancakes), to commemorate a miracle involving oil. The entire season concludes with New Year's Eve on December 31st, where many people attend parties and watch the famous countdown to midnight; a popular custom is making a New Year's Resolution—a goal for self-improvement in the coming year. We hope you enjoy this festive season and learn more about the diverse traditions here in the US!

THINGS TO DO



- **Mizner Park Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony:** The city holds a tree lighting ceremony.
- **Holiday Pops Concert:** The Boca Raton Symphonia and FAU chorus perform on December 7th at this event.
- **Holiday Night Market:** This event features over 40 vendors, live music, and photo opportunities with Olaf on December 12th.
- **Zoo Lights at the Palm Beach Zoo:** Over one million eco-friendly lights, plus photo opportunities with Santa.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Ice Skating Event | Friday, Dec 5 at 12:00 PM

Certificate Ceremony | Wednesday, Dec 10 at 1:00 PM at the Grand Palm Room in the Student Union

End of Term Celebration | Wednesday, Dec 10 at 4:00 PM at Yard House