



# Dondrite news

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Winter is here. And with it, this lovely edition of Dondrite News! We're getting well into the academic year now. Congrats on surviving the first period of the year - and all those lovely mid-term exams. We hope you got to celebrate, along with our most recent graduates! We're always proud of the latest cohort to go out there in the world.

In this edition, you'll find the latest fun events

for the upcoming month - spoiler alert: ice-skating and festivities are on the cards. You'll also find a history on Sinterklaas, to sate all the pepernoten-esque cravings you had about what on Earth happens here for a month before Christmas.

If you're up for a little fun, you can also check out our Sinterklaas & Christmas themed crossword from our very own resident Dutch-Canadian.

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## **The 2018-2019 Dondrite Yearbook**

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Last year was the first year we made a yearbook and this year, we want to make it even better! To be included in the 2018-2019 yearbook, please fill in this questionnaire. We thought of hundreds of things we were dying to know about all of you and narrowed it down to this list.

Anyone in the CNS programme can fill it in, and in doing so you will be a part of some beautiful

Dondrite/CNS memorabilia! There will be a small fee for the yearbook, with a discount for Dondrite members. You are not obligated to buy a yearbook if you fill in this questionnaire.

If you have any suggestions for further questions or comments, shoot us a message!

[Yearbook Questionnaire](#)

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## Upcoming Dondrite & Donders Activities

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### General Assembly:

It's time to talk about the association again! This time, the general assembly has a couple of talking points. The Board would like to discuss the concept of membership: when can someone be a Dondrite member? The Board also proposes some bylaw additions to streamline the functioning of the Advisory committee. We will also be discussing the Dondrite questionnaire we have sent out. If you haven't done so yet, please fill it in. Your feedback and opinions are what Dondrite needs to improve.

[Questionnaire link](#)

Finally, Wessel and Tabas will leave the Board and with voting being held for Charlotte, Harshil and Karolis. They all need your votes to make this happen, so please be at the GA! If you cannot make it, you can authorise someone to vote for you by emailing the Board.

We will begin the GA at 18:00, but your pizza will arrive at 17:30. You can order your pizza here: [Pizza link](#).

The GA will be in the Oval office of the Trigon building. The Board will provide all of the delicacies (read: beer and cookies) that are in their possession. Feel free to bring your own drinks and snacks!

**Info:** November 20 17:30, Oval Office, Trigon

**Facebook:** [Facebook link](#)

### Kompanio events:

For the first time we are promoting events organised by another association! There's a first time for everything, right? Kompanio is the umbrella association for the study associations of the faculty of social sciences and sometimes, they organise events! They have three events lined up which may be of interest for CNS students, so we are mentioning them here:

From November 20th to November 22nd Kompanio will host its first edition of *Social Sciences in your Future*. During these days we will organise the following activities that will help you with your career orientation.

November 20th - Interactive Lecture by Rolf Schrama (Dutch)

<https://www.facebook.com/events/2264413383837480/>

November 21st - Workshops (Dutch and English)

<https://www.facebook.com/events/178993673004028/>

November 22nd - Business Case Challenge (Dutch and English)

<https://www.facebook.com/events/711591129200737/>

These activities are a fun way to learn what you can and want to do in the future as a student at the Faculty of Social Sciences. Find out what your social science future might entail and sign up for the events!

**Info:** November 20-22, multiple locations

**Facebook:**

[Interactive](#) [lecture](#)

[Workshops](#)

[Business case challenge](#)

### Ice skating:

Join us as we graciously slide and haphazardly slip over the ice at Triavium ice-skating rink! Experience a bunch of Dutch winter traditions as we ride our bikes from campus to Triavium in a group, skate over slippery frozen water and have hot chocolate milk at the Koek & Zopie!

Make sure to bring your (orange) beanie!

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You can sign up for the event via this [link](#).

### **Multicultural Sinterklaas:**

More details to be announced soon.

**Info:** November 30 19:45-22:00, Triavium

**Facebook:**

**Info:** December 13 19:00-onwards

<https://www.facebook.com/events/651593391>

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#### **Upcoming Donders Events:**

#### **Date:**

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##### **Perception Day (Conference)**

Friday, December 7

[\[url\]](#)

##### **The Future of Developmental Neuroscience (Symposium & Congress)**

Wednesday, December 12,  
10:00-16:30

From Normal Development to Psychopathology

[\[url\]](#)

##### **DCCN Colloquium Danilo Bzdok (RWTH Aachen University) (Lecture)**

Thursday, December 13,  
13:45-14:45

[\[url\]](#)

##### **Formal DCC Lecture Dimitri van de Ville (Lecture)**

Tuesday, December 18,  
12:30-13:30

[\[url\]](#)

##### **Donders Poster sessions**

Thursday, December 20,  
10:00-12:00

[\[url\]](#)

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For more information see: <http://www.ru.nl/donders/agenda-news/agenda/>

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## What the heck is Sinterklaas?

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In case you just moved to the Netherlands this year, you might be wondering what that Sinterklaas event is that everybody increasingly talks about.

December 6th is the name day of Saint Nicholas, a Christian bishop who was known for his generosity and altruism. To honor him, there are Saint Nicholas celebrations in most Christian countries all over the world on December 6. The Dutch - clever as they are - start celebrating earlier than that, with their main celebration being Sinterklaasavond (Sinterklaas Eve) on December 5.

Sinterklaas, portrayed as an elderly man with white hair and a long, full beard, traditionally

carries a big red book with him in which it is written whether each child has been good or naughty in the past year. He is accompanied by his assistant, the Zwarte Piet (Black Pete). Whether the depiction of Piet is racist and should be changed is an ongoing discussion.

On the evening before Sinterklaasavond children traditionally put their shoes next to the fireplace or the door and leave little notes for Sinterklaas and/or some carrots for his horse. In the morning, they find their presents and thank Sinterklaas for them. In this way, it also teaches children that being kind is rewarded and valued. Sinterklaas has developed to be the main gift-giving event in the Netherlands.

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## Shout-outs!

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As we didn't receive any notifications about our lucky crossword solver - this month's shout-out goes to the recent CNS graduates. Here's to the CNS Class of 2018!

May we all strive to reach their great heights of graduate status.

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## Fun Fact

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To continue with the theme, this newsletter's fun fact centres around La Befana, the gift-giving witch of Italian Epiphany! On the night of January 5th, Epiphany Eve, La Befana flies

around on her broomstick. She enters the house through the chimney, leaving candy and presents for good children and coal or sticks for the bad.

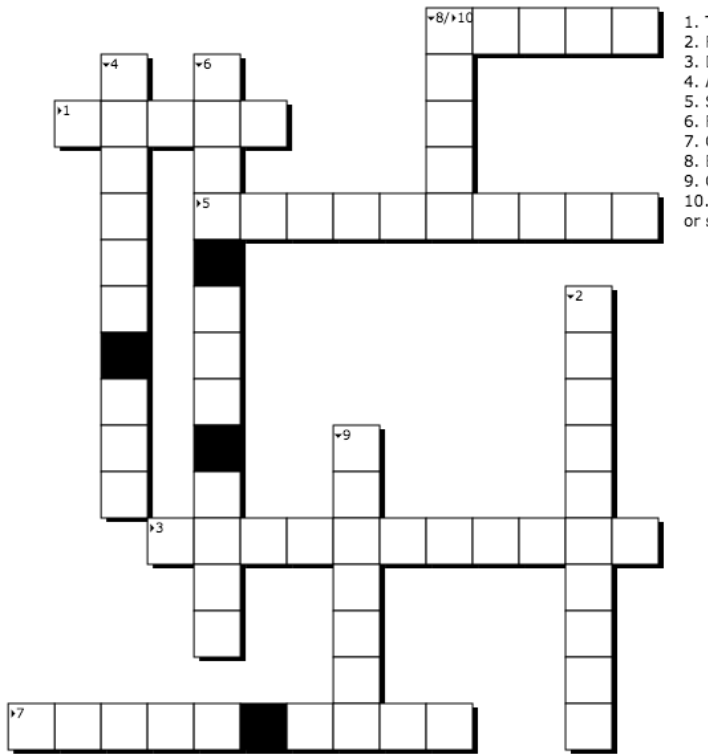
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## Crossword

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Cultures collide in this edition of the DondriteNews Crossword. Put your Sinterklaas/Santa Claus knowledge to the test

and enjoy this mashup of holiday fun-facts!  
Good luck! - Your friendly neighbourhood Dutch-Canadian.

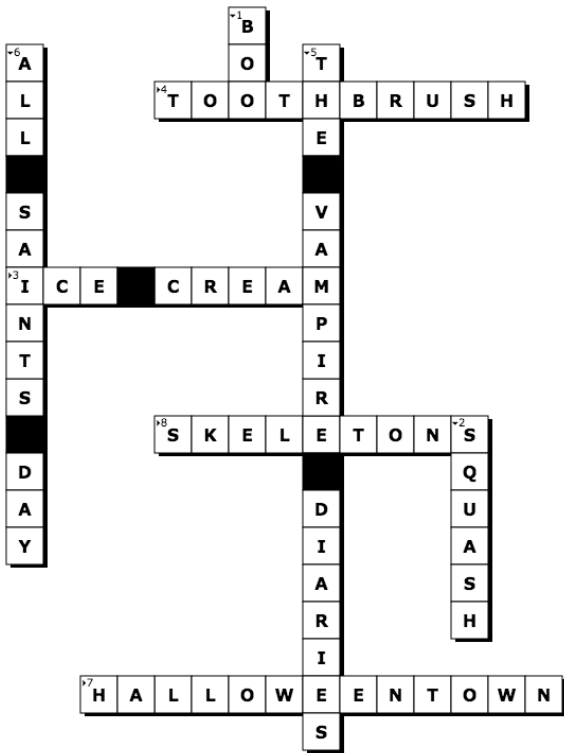


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## Solution

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For those of you who did complete last month's, here are the solutions. Happy checking!



1. A cute name for yo
2. What do you get w
3. A ghost's favourite
4. You could follow Je
5. The other books wi
6. November 1st
7. The 1998 classic fil
8. They have no body