

christmas tree: making sure that the christmas tree is assembled and decorated to meet high standards, is a responsibility that lizzie takes on every single year without fail. growing up, this was something that the twins would do with their parents, but now it's done in the salvatore boarding school with participation from the other students. even though everyone gives a helping hand when it comes to decorating the tree, putting the star on top of the tree is done by lizzie saltzman, and lizzie saltzman only.

snowman: building a snowman together is one of the family traditions that lizzie holds closest to her heart. when her and josie were little, they'd always build a snowman with their mother and play out in the snow. although circumstances are slightly different now, with the girls having grown in age and caroline searching for a solution to stop the merge, they still try to find time in the holidays to build at least one snowman and relish in the joy that the holidays and snow brings.

presents: gift giving (and receiving) is undeniably one of lizzie's highlights of the holiday season. every single thing about it has to be perfect, from the gift itself to the bow on top. lizzie's christmas shopping is done weeks beforehand, as she prefers being organised for the holidays. leaving things until the last minute causes her stress, and there's nothing more she despises than feeling rushed. to ensure that all of the salvatore students are included in the holiday spirit, lizzie put together a secret santa which all must participate in every year. the gifts are exchanged on the last day before christmas break, and allows every student to receive a gift. [CIC..]

christmas baking: although she usually leaves the baking to josie and hope, there's been the rare occasion where lizzie has put her culinary skills to the test. the christmas cookies that they bake are a seasonal favourite, even though she prefers to stick to the decorating aspect of it all. when the twins were younger, christmas baking was something they would always do with caroline — and sometimes they still do — but it's something that lizzie, josie and hope have planned for this year after all the chaos they've experienced.

decorations: if lizzie had it her way, she'd be putting the christmas decorations up on the first day of november, but she never seems to get permission from her father until the first weekend of december. the holiday season brings her an immense amount of joy and it's something she goes all out for. every square inch of the salvatore boarding school is coated with something festive, encouraging holiday cheer. christmas lights are without a doubt lizzie's prefered christmas decoration. she finds every aspect about them beautiful and insists that they're what brings everything else together. a number of different lights are strung up around the boarding school in a variety of different colours. it remains consistent and unaltered year after year.

gingerbread house: due to lizzie's atrocious culinary skills, the gingerbread house — which has also been an annual tradition — has always been store bought, leaving the saltzman twins to do the decorating. every christmas eve since the twins were around the age of three, they've always decorated a gingerbread house whilst situated around the fireplace watching a christmas movie. since the majority of the students at the salvatore school go home for christmas, the house is rather vacant, allowing them to have some much needed family time.

family: in lizzie's eyes, being surrounded by family is the heart and soul of christmas and is what makes it most special. since she doesn't get to see her mother as much as she'd like, the quality time they get to share around the christmas season is significantly more important. christmas season is the teen's favourite time of the year, and it would mean nothing without being surrounded by the people she holds closest to her heart.

christmas party: the christmas party is an annual event that everyone at the salvatore school gets involved in, and of course, lizzie saltzman is the mastermind behind it all. every single fraction of the event has to be perfect, otherwise she'll see it as a complete failure. it's either go hard or go home. party planning is one of the many things that lizzie thrives in, especially when it comes to christmas. every single event within the salvatore school is done with the involvement and assistance of the blonde saltzman twin. It's undeniable that she gets it from her mother, caroline forbes.