

The Ivanhoe's Classic

1984, 2000 - Present

Played the Friday before finals week to bring campus together before exams, attending Silent Night is a rite of passage for Taylor Freshmen and easily one of the most anticipated events.

In 1984, popular local restaurant, Ivanhoe's, began sponsoring the annual Ivanhoe's Classic basketball tournament.

This tournament became linked with the "Christmas With Jay" celebration and, beginning in 2000, the tradition of Silent Night began. After weeks of costume preparation, students pack Odle and maintain silence until Taylor scores their 10th point. Taylor then takes an automatic timeout as students loudly storm the court to break the quiet. The rest of the game maintains high energy as different chants circle the court, ranging from the name of Taylor's president to the traditional "C. S. Lewis". In the last two minutes of the game, students, faculty, and staff link arms to sing Silent Night in a beautiful display of unity.

