

Scholar's Gazette



The First Thanksgiving

Jadi Balentine & Julia Rehm

Have you ever wondered why Thanksgiving started? How did it become a national holiday? In the year 1620, the Pilgrims moved to an area of America where the Wampanoag tribe lived. In that same year, the Pilgrims had a really bad winter that caused a huge lack of food for the people to eat. The winter was very harsh and the people were getting really sick from cold, mildew-filled land. The Native Americans started to get close to the Pilgrims and become friends with them. They helped the Pilgrims save food for the winter of 1621. The Pilgrims realized in November that they had so much food they could feed a lot of people. Their solution was the first Thanksgiving! It lasted three days, and for their feast, they killed, cooked, and ate deer. They ate together and played games.

What you probably didn't know is that Thanksgiving wasn't a national holiday until over 200 years later! People throughout the country celebrated it every year, but it was not recognized as a national holiday until a magazine author, Sarah Josepha Hale, decided she wanted to make it one. (Her name might be familiar to you because she wrote the famous children's song "Mary Had a Little Lamb.") She was 74 years old when she wrote to President Lincoln in September of 1863 requesting that Thanksgiving become a holiday to be celebrated every year by every state on the last Thursday in November. Some time after President Lincoln made it an official holiday, President Franklin D. Roosevelt changed the date so that people wouldn't go poor because of how close Christmas and Thanksgiving are. Now Thanksgiving is held on the fourth Thursday in November. Although some things aren't the same as the first Thanksgiving, we still enjoy the holiday, especially the delicious food, time with family and friends, and giving thanks to our Heavenly Father for all the blessings he gives us.

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You want to be part of this?!

Awesome! We would love to have guest writers for the student newspaper! If you have an idea or want to submit something, please talk to Mrs. Kacmarynski or Mrs. Hein for more information.

Got Food?

Alyssa Dixon & Mikayla Roland

Hey you! Yes, you!!

The food pantry needs your help so they can provide food to people who are in need. You can help by donating non-perishable items like these listed below. (Please do not just take food from your house! Be sure to ask your parent or guardian for permission first.)

Canned veggies: corn, cream corn, peas, green beans

Canned Fruit: fruit cocktail, peaches, pears, applesauce

Canned soups: chicken noodle, chicken rice, vegetable

Boxed or canned items: spaghetti noodles & spaghetti sauce, egg noodles, tuna fish in water, pancake mix & syrup, mac & cheese, corn muffin mix, ramen noodles chicken or beef

We all want to make a difference, so let's start now! We are the change and it's time to start being the positive influence!



True Thanks-Giving

Alyssa Dixon



Thanksgiving is a time where we show gratitude and gather with the family that God gave us to show our appreciation to the Lord. So often we get side tracked thinking with our sinful human hearts, and we forget the true meaning of many holidays. This Thanksgiving, let's take the time to thank God and our mothers and fathers and everyone who provides for us. As Americans, we celebrate and give thanks for freedoms that did not come free but were given to us through the selfless sacrifice of others. Even more than that, Thanksgiving is a time for us to reflect on how blessed we are to be CHRISTIANS. Christ died and rose for us! We belong to HIS family and will forever! Happy Thanksgiving!

Fall Sports Recap

Carle'cia Plummer-Lawrence & Mrs. Hein

Our Fall sports season has come to an end, and it was a fantastic learning experience. Good work Cross Country, Soccer, and Volleyball! We respect and appreciate all the teams and all of their achievements. I would like to share some memories about our A1 (8th Grade) volleyball team.

This was the first year that we worked with male volleyball coaches, Mr. Lepke and Mr. Leckwee. This volleyball season was challenging because our coaches worked us harder than our coaches from previous years. It was a positive experience because we improved our skills and learned even more about the sport. THANK YOU to all of the Fall coaches and athletes for your hard work, perseverance, and Christ-centered attitude!



Pardoned Turkeys

Rashaun Vinson

The Pardoned Turkey is a tradition that goes back for years in America. A pardoned turkey is a turkey that is liberated from death by the President and lives with him for the year. It is then eaten the following year on Thanksgiving!

President Obama picked the turkey for Thanksgiving 2013. That lucky turkey's name was Popcorn, and it weighed a total of 95 lbs. Popcorn was then the main course at the White House for Thanksgiving dinner in 2014. Republican Governor Bentley has pardoned this year's turkey, and its name is Clyde! This is the first time the governor and his wife, Dianne Bentley, picked the turkey. In fact, this is also the first time a governor has brought his wife to the selecting of the pardoned turkey!

Here is a brief look at other past turkeys and some of their stories! In 2012, there were two pardon turkeys, Wetherbee and Franklin! In my opinion, the turkey of 2010 had the best name ever: Apple! In 2009, the tradition of eating the pardoned turkey on Thanksgiving was ruined because the turkey was attacked by a hawk!



Thanksgiving Fun Facts

Julia Rehm

- An estimated 46 million turkeys were eaten in 2012 on Thanksgiving Day!
- TV dinners were started on Thanksgiving when a company misjudged the number of turkeys they would sell, so instead of throwing them away, they cut and packaged them.
- A turkey less than 12 weeks old is called a fryer-roaster.
- The first Thanksgiving lasted 3 days!
- Lobster, rabbit, fish, squash, beans, chestnuts, hickory nuts, onions, leeks dried fruits, maple syrup, cranberries, honey, radishes, cabbage, carrots, eggs, and goat cheese are thought to have made up the first Thanksgiving feast! (Not turkey and mashed potatoes.)
- Ben Franklin wanted the turkey to be the national bird of the U.S.

Turkey Hunting with Mr. Harms

Tevelis Winslow & Mrs. Kacmarynski

There are two seasons that Mr. Harms goes turkey hunting, one in the Fall and one in the Spring. Mr. Harms said that it was important to wear camouflage from his head to his toes because a turkey has really good eyesight and can even see colors! It is also really important to make sure he has his shotgun along with him so he can shoot the bird!

Mr. Harms gets up really early, even before the sun comes up, and then walks out to the woods with an owl hoot. He takes that along so the turkeys respond to it when they hear him blow through it. Mr. Harms tricks the turkeys into thinking that there are other animals close, not a human. He then sets up his blind (sort of like a camouflaged tent) and puts up female decoys (fake turkeys) so that the male turkeys (called Toms) come closer! If that all works, it's pretty easy to shoot the turkey.

I don't know about you, but that sounds like a fun time, even if it means I have to wake up really early!

Thanksgiving School Meal

Julia Rehm & Enjolie Smith

The Thanksgiving school lunch is a great occasion because we get to gather as a St. Marcus family and have a meal together, something we don't normally get to do. For many years, we have celebrated this St. Marcus tradition where older children gather with younger grade children to celebrate Thanksgiving. Instead of the usual daily school lunch, we eat traditional Thanksgiving food like turkey and mashed potatoes. That's something to be thankful for!



Turkey Runnings

Alyssa Dixon

The turkeys are running because they know the time.
The people's bellies are grumbling and hungry inside.
Mother turkey says, "Run! Don't stop for a minute!"
They're going to try to catch you and bake you on 350!"
Yikes!
The little turkey feet hurry and run in fright,
and the people's eyes flash as they think, "Thanksgiving delight!"
O how the turkeys won't sleep, but instead fidget.
How they dread that November Thursday!
Yum!

Easiest Ever Pumpkin Pie

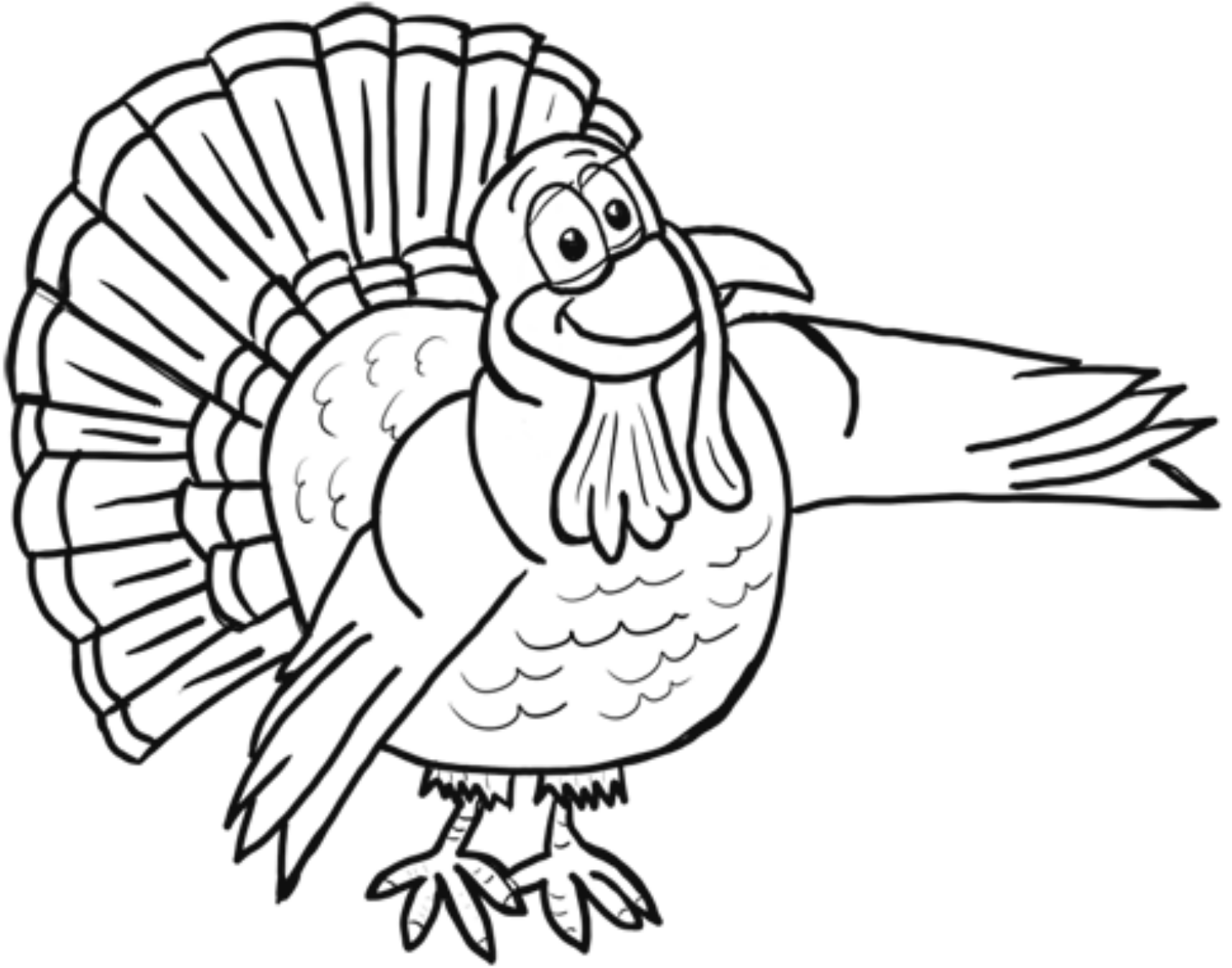
¾ cup sugar
1 ½ teaspoons pumpkin pie spice
½ teaspoon salt
1 can (15 oz) pumpkin
1 ¼ cups evaporated milk or half & half
2 eggs, beaten
1 Pillsbury pie crust

Step 1 of 2:
Heat oven to 425°F.
In large bowl, mix filling ingredients. Pour into pie crust.

Step 2 of 2:
Bake 15 minutes.
Then reduce the oven temperature to 350°F & bake 40 to 50 minutes longer or until knife inserted near center comes out clean.

Cool 2 hours. Serve or refrigerate until it's time to eat! Store leftovers in the refrigerator.

Thanksgiving Coloring Contest!



Rules:

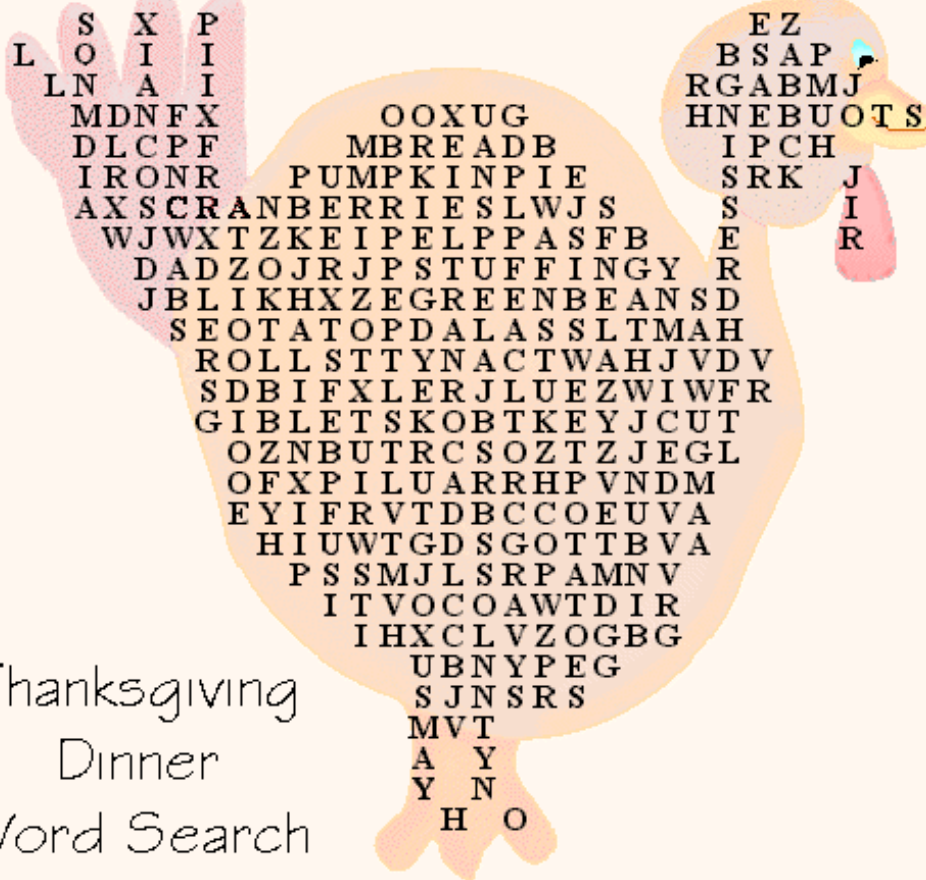
- 1) Write your name and homeroom on the blanks.
- 2) Decorate and color your turkey.
- 3) Turn this finished page in to Mr. Condia's mailbox on the middle School 3rd floor by 1:15pm on Wednesday 11/26.

Name: _____

Homeroom: _____

Be creative! You can add background and draw in a costume to make it anything you want! A ballerina turkey, a circus turkey, a firefighter turkey, or an artist turkey are just a few ideas, or you can simply color and make it your own!

Thanksgiving Fun!



apple pie
bread
corn
cranberries
dressing
giblets
gravy
green beans
ham
peas
potatoes
pumpkin pie
rolls
salad
stuffing
sweet potatoes
turkey
yams

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