

Connections

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What Are We Thankful For?

Pope Francis has said, "Gratitude is a flower that blooms in noble souls."

We asked our Notre Dame Middle School and McDonnell High School students and staff to fill in the blank: I am thankful for _____. We even got a few responses from our readers.

Here are a few of their responses!

Notre Dame Middle School:

Evelyn (6): Books.

Jonathan (6): My go-kart.

Ryan (7): Jesus dying on the cross for me.

Jaidyn (7): My friends.

Kidist (8): My family and my sister.

Grant (8): God.

McDonnell High School:

Marley (10): Being able to go to school and having the opportunity to play sports.

Devin(11): My friends.

Emily(11): My friends and family.

Emily (9): Having as normal of a school year as we can.

Brendan(11): My parents.

Tanner(12): My family and the opportunity to play football.

Teachers and Staff:

Mrs.Doyle (Middle School Religion Teacher): the opportunity to serve Christ.

Mrs.Ritchie (Middle School English Teacher): my students being in my classroom.

Mrs.Hughes (Administrative Assistant): being healthy enough to stay in school.

Mrs.Tozer (Administrative Assistant): having a healthy and safe family.

Mrs.Canfield (High School Biology Teacher): Having healthy children and family.

Mr. Reiter (High School Math Teacher): The secretaries that pick on me all the time.

Mr.Schulner (Principal): A dedicated staff.

Our Readers:

Suzanne: Having had parents and friends and for my children and grandchildren.

Joanne: My great family and my great life! I am also thankful for all my great friends and my church.

Marlene: My parents and the value of being a good citizen.

James: My parents and the ability to become a good person.

Edna: My family.

THANK YOU VETERANS!

The United States of America stands out from all other countries in the world for several reasons: size, economy, etc. However, the greatest and most important aspect of America is not any of these mentioned; rather, it is the Armed Forces, and all the people in it. The strength of their character and keeping us safe are reasons they should be honored. As a result of their selfless character and their noble service, veterans are people we should honor, respect, and assist as they grow older.

The military is impressive on the surface because of its sheer size and power. However, the most impressive thing about the military is not the technology, funding, or size. The military is incredible because of the honor and integrity of each of its members. The Armed Forces, through each of its branches, instills a mark of good character which cannot be removed. The admirable bravery which is required to join is a testament to the strength and selflessness in their hearts. As mind-blowing as the military's size may be, the fact that each and every one of those men and women have a selfless and honorable character of integrity is a far greater statement.

Not only are the members of the military amazing because of their bravery and courage, but the results of their efforts can be seen if one looks hard enough. Through the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, and Coast Guard, the United States Military keeps us civilians safe from all foreign threats. Any domestic incidents may be resolved by the National Guard. The brave men and women in these forces are tasked with protecting America and all its people, and they lay their lives on the line to complete that mission. Many fine soldiers have died in the service of our country, and some have gone missing in action. Despite this, selfless people who want to serve a higher cause still enlist to the armed forces every day, willing to face danger no one else can. It is a direct result of their efforts that everyone else can be free and safe, and these great men and women expect nothing in return.

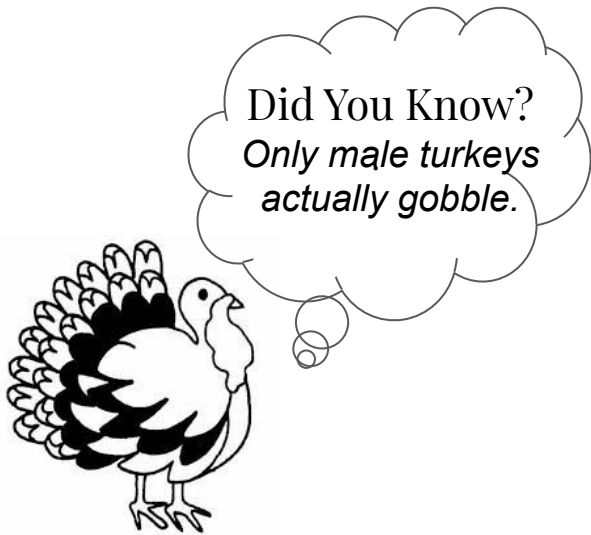
At the end of the day, there is no group of people quite as incredible as the military and the veterans that come from it. The personalities of these people are always consistent in the qualities of honesty, bravery, and selflessness. Considering both the bravery and the sacrifice of the veterans who valiantly served in the military, it is no exaggeration to say that they are some of the greatest people who have ever lived. God bless our veterans this Veteran's Day and every day!

Written by Drew Hunt, McDonell senior



We don't know them all,
but we owe them all.

THANK YOU!



Thanksgiving Prayer

Thank you, Lord,
 For autumn days,
 For grateful hearts,
 For Psalms of praise.
 Thank you, Lord,
 For food to share,
 For family times,
 Of faith and prayer,
 Thank you, Lord,
 For all these things,
 And every joy
 Thanksgiving brings.
 Amen.

'My Fair Lady'

Well it's that time of year again, and no it is not Christmas yet! Students at McDonell High School and Notre Dame Middle School began preparing for the play auditions since *My Fair Lady* was announced as this year's musical. However, students who do not want to try their hand at acting in the musical can still contribute behind the scenes. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, community members who previously helped with the musical will not take part in the musical. So this year, students will be doing hair, makeup, stage crew, etc. mostly by themselves, and this has given way to new crews for students to join.

MACS staff members will be directing us. Mrs. Greta Jorgensen will be the new director. Mr. Sean Hanson is the orchestra director. The vocal director is Mr. Mark Nepl. The trio has made changes to with the play in the midst of a pandemic. The theater will have a 25% capacity limit and the play will run six times: February 19th, 20th, 21st, 26th, 27th, and the 28th. Mrs. Jorgensen is optimistic about the play and she "felt honored to have the opportunity to direct the play after such a strong tradition of 30 years."

Written by Freshmen Olivia Clark and Maria Herron



Photo taken from our last school musical, *Guys and Dolls*.

Fun Local Facts

- In 1924, Chippewa Falls hosted the state convention of the American Legion.
- In 1925, the Cadott American Legion Band performed for President Calvin Coolidge at the National Legion Convention.
- In 1926, in a newspaper straw poll, Chippewa Falls voted 4 to 1 to repeal Prohibition.
- In 1940, the United States enacted its first peacetime military draft, and 4359 county men registered.

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FUN AND GAMES

WISE-Cracks

Q: What kind of music did the Pilgrims like?

A: Plymouth Rock

Q: Why did they let the turkey join the band?

A: He had his own drumsticks.

Q: What do you call a running turkey?

A: Fast food.

Q: What side of a turkey has the most feathers?

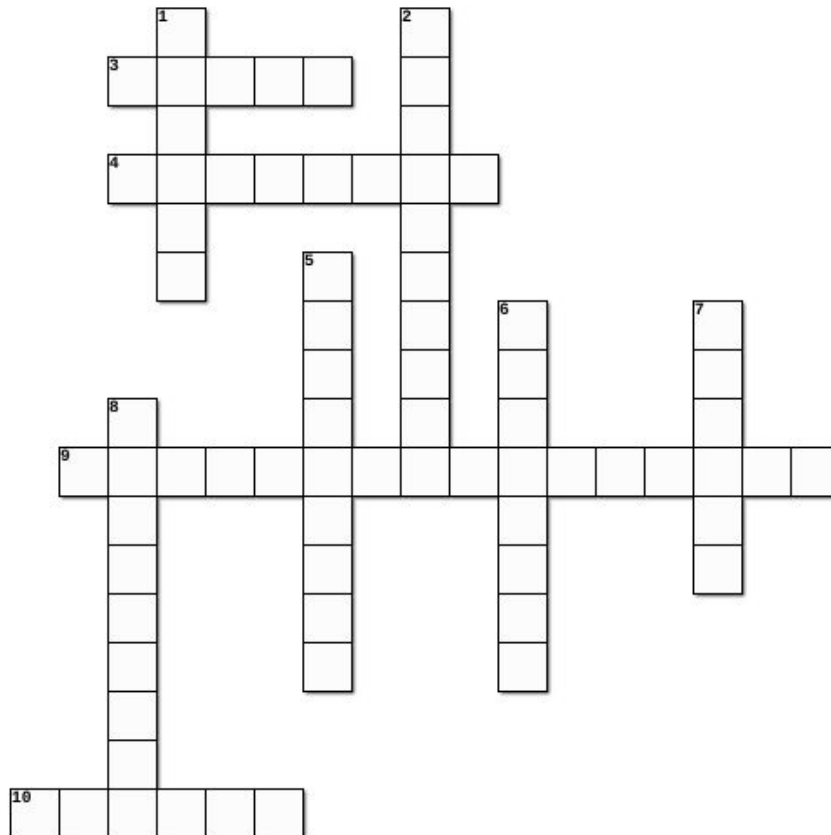
A: The outside!

Sudoku Answer From Last Month

5	8	3	7	2	4	1	9	6
1	2	6	9	3	5	8	7	4
4	9	7	6	1	8	3	5	2
3	5	9	8	4	2	7	6	1
8	1	4	5	6	7	2	3	9
7	6	2	3	9	1	5	4	8
2	3	8	4	5	9	6	1	7
6	4	1	2	7	3	9	8	5
9	7	5	1	8	6	4	2	3

Thanksgiving Crossword Puzzle

Complete the crossword puzzle below



Across

3. Another word for corn
4. This bone is in the turkey carcass. Two people break it apart on Thanksgiving day.
9. These people helped the Pilgrims with farming.
10. Festive meat eaten on Thanksgiving day

Down

- Created using the Crossword Maker on TheTeachersCorner.net
1. Most people spend Thanksgiving with _____.
 2. Goat's horn that consists of fruit, corn, and flowers. It means plentiful.
 5. Common dessert eaten on Thanksgiving day
 6. The month Thanksgiving is in
 7. A gourd eaten on Thanksgiving day.
 8. The ship that the Pilgrim came to America on.