



Youth of Today
Hope of Tomorrow



Another Amazing Thanksgiving



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Hello, Thanksgiving was truly amazing this year we actually celebrated a day early at our house because my mom had to work on Thanksgiving day. We bought all of the food on Wednesday the day before and we all agreed to each make a dish. I made green beans

and my brother made a german chocolate cake.

I wanted to know more about the Thanksgiving holiday and its a national holiday celebrated in the US, Canada and some of the Carribean Islands. It began as a day of giving thanks for the harvest and of the preceding year.

Lastly, I had a great time at Mt Olive Baptist Church feeding the homeless and needy this past Thursday and it was great to see all of the Youth Brigade there for a great cause. Thank you to Mrs. Youngblood and Mr. Wyatt for doing this every year, it really puts things in perspective for me. Thank you

Thanksgiving



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Thanksgiving is a tradition that people celebrate with family one time a year. Family members in the kitchen cooking, watching football or

the Macy's parade. For Thanksgiving all my siblings came together. We played board games, watched movies, went shopping, and spent quality time together.

On Thanksgiving my family and I woke up to watch the Macy's Thanksgiving parade to support Manor High Schools Cheerleaders as they were performed with other chosen cheer squads. When we went to my Nana's house I took pictures of my family on my polaroid camera. We also ate a big meal that my grandma made and hung out in the back yard.

Take the turkey, you turkey



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This thanksgiving was an experience, to say the very least. I had it at my aunt's house this year, without either of my parents being present because I actually wanted to have people below the age of 40 around me.

Generally, this year was a lot more exciting, with a lot of moving parts and energy to keep the party going. The food was still as good as it always is, the football games were still exciting (even

though that broken ankle was nasty and had me walking out of the room), and I still will be a bad pool player.

One of the best parts of this dinner is when two cousins of mine were arguing over who got a turkey leg, and my aunt said she'd give it to the cousin who complained about it the least. This caused the two to start trying to give each other the leg to show their generosity. It was the most intense competition of charity I had ever seen. Sadly, it ended when one of my cousins said, "Take the turkey, you turkey!"

That being said, this thanksgiving was one of the more invigorating family gatherings I've been to, and although I was super tired afterwards, the time I spent there was the greatest time I've had in Dallas.

And no one needs to know I took most of the ham in my to-go container.

Thanksgiving Travels



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For Thanksgiving, my family traveled to Baton Rouge. We visited our family and friends. My grandmother prepared her traditional Thanksgiving menu. We had plenty of food to choose from and ate a lot! On Friday, we shopped at a few Black Friday sales then went to New Orleans for the Battle of the Bands.

The Battle of the

bands was at the Mercedes-Benz Superdome. There were many people wearing black and gold or blue and gold clothes to show which university they supported. The battle began with the "Human Jukebox" of Southern University greeting the fans. They played some songs and told us about the official Human Jukebox, Louisiana license plate. Then, they tossed playing of songs backward and forward with the Grambling State Tiger Marching Band. Both bands played old-school hits and today's Top 40.

I enjoyed the battle! If you have never gone to a Bayou Classic event, you should consider attending one soo

The Celtics



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This National Basketball Association (NBA) season has been full of surprises. Many players and teams have greatly improved during the offseason to become potential playoff contenders. Teams such as the Timberwolves, Sixers, and Nuggets have made their way from the bottom of their conferences last season to become some of the top seeds this season. However one team, after a shaky start, has surprised the league and its fans for their resilience and determination. This team is the Boston Celtics.

The Boston Celtics faced LeBron James and the Cleveland Cavaliers for the first game of the season on October 17th, 2017. This game featured a new looking Celtics team that had just acquired former Cleveland point guard, Kyrie Irving, All-Star Gordon Hayward, and rookie sensation Jayson Tatum over the offseason. However, their season did not start the way

they thought it would. In the first quarter of the season opener, Gordon Hayward suffered a fracture to his left ankle when going up for a dunk. The injury was gruesome and hard to watch. The Celtics ended up losing the game with a final score of 102-99. The next day, Boston lost to the Milwaukee Bucks with a final score of 108-100. That's when the Celtics' season turned around.

After starting off the season with a record of 0-2, the Celtics went on a sixteen game winning streak that lasted until November 22nd, 2017. During each game, Boston demonstrated the range of skill sets that each player brings to the table. Jaylen Brown rose from a doubtful young player last season to one of the top defenders and playmakers on the team. Kyrie Irving has also shown that he is one of the top players in the league by averaging 23 points per game. The Celtics have found ways to defeat the league's reigning champions, the Golden State Warriors, as well as the young, athletic Milwaukee Bucks team.

Though their win streak came to an end against the Miami Heat on November 22nd, the Celtics have continued to dominate the league. They pose a serious threat to the teams in the Eastern Conference. This could be the year that a team in the east, other than the Cavaliers, breaks through in the playoffs to appear in the NBA Finals.

Thanksgiving Bash!



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Hello, everyone! As we all know Thanksgiving was about a week ago. A happy holiday it is. It's a holiday about family and love. So, I thought I could share my Thanksgiving experience, as you may have guessed. I hope you enjoy my article!

First, I want to write about the Thanksgiving Parade on TV. I saw lot's of huge balloon characters like the red power ranger, Charlie Brown, Hello Kitty, and much more. There was also lots of floats with different themes like Ronald Mc Donald float. On the floats were bands, singers, and people with costumes.

Something that was really good was the mood and the energy. The music, cheer, and even the bright colors lightened the mood and energy and that is really amazing. It was a great way to start Thanksgiving.

Now, let's write about the next part of Thanksgiving. The family, love, and food. Some people may say that food brings people together and in my opinion it's true. Especially on Thanksgiving! We have dressing, cranberry sauce, turkey, ham, greens, apple pie, peach cobbler, rolls, sweet potato pie, mac and cheese, cake, egg rolls, and chicken with seasoning! It's a feast! The feast also makes everyone in the mood to talk over some fabulous dressing. There is so much love mixed into the food!

Those are some joys of Thanksgiving. I hope you had an awesome Thanksgiving and I hope you enjoyed my article.

Midterms



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The next big upcoming school event is midterms. Every grade level that takes a language course is required to take a midterm, meaning that I have to take it. Also, because I am in algebra, I am also required to take another midterm for my math course. The grade I receive on my algebra midterm, starts my high school grade point average (GPA). The reason for this is because I am taking a high school class even though I am in the 8th grade and still in middle school. I will be taking two

midterms this year and I am doubling the amount of studying I have to do in order to pass this test while still continuing to maintain a great GPA. A midterm, is an exam given in the middle of an academic term. Midterms assist in letting teachers know what needs to be taught, practiced, and what topics they can focus on more, or longer. Exams are important and they're a certain amount of your average grade. To practice for the midterm, I was given a study guide to review everything we've learned over the period. The study guide has 123 questions and is due the day of the test. I have been attempting and working on the study guide but it is challenging. I practice and I usually stress because I overthink the questions. I am a little nervous about the test but I know that as long as I attempt it and try my best, I will have done all that I could, which I plan on being my best. Midterms, here I come!

Thanksgiving Break



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Last week was Thanksgiving break. During that time I got to play lots of video games while my brother went to work. A few days before Thanksgiving me and my dad got sick.

Since I was sick my mom made me go to the doctor and get the flu shot so that I had less of a chance to getting the flu, it hurt and made my arm really sore, so I did not like it.

Another thing that I did not like was that since I was sick my mom would not let me volunteer at the church because she thought I was going to put germs on the food. I also did not like that I couldn't go to any of my grandparents houses and celebrate Thanksgiving cause I was sick and had to stay at home. I loved that I was still able to get some of the food that my grandparents made.