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Happy Thanksgiving!

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Gratefulness. Thankful. Giving. That's what Thanksgiving is all about. Thanksgiving is a time when people come together and celebrate what they are grateful for.

Thanksgiving is just around the corner in a time when our world is in a horrendous situation. COVID-19 placed everything on pause and caused our normal to be topsy turvy. Although things may be considered this way, it is even more important that we express gratefulness this Thanksgiving. We have faced many adversities both as a community and personally. This Thanksgiving Day, November 26th, let us be positive. Let us be the best Braves we can be.

This year *Chieftain* asked the students what you are grateful for and what Thanksgiving means to you. *Chieftain* is grateful for the amount of people that responded to this survey. Your answers were amazing, Braves! See the many answers we received from Indian Hill High School students on the next few pages. We learned you celebrate Thanksgiving in many different ways and have many different ideas of what Thanksgiving means to you. The answers varied from the usual - eating turkey, gathering with family and friends (which may be different this year) - to watching the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade.

However, these Braves were certain to tell us they were still grateful for everything they have. In the words of Will Klekamp ('21), who summed it up most eloquently, "Thanksgiving is a time of celebration for everything that I am thankful for. It is a time to cherish the time spent with your friends and family. It means much more than the turkey and mashed potatoes that are on the dinner table. Instead, it means giving back to those who are less fortunate and reflecting on everything I am thankful and grateful for."

We enjoyed reading all the answers to what Thanksgiving means to the students in our community. Whether you celebrate Thanksgiving or not, let's all take a moment to appreciate all that we have; it is good to be grateful for all the little things in life. Many Indian Hill High School students are grateful for a lot: friends, family, shelter, food, and more. Braves, you have shown us your best. Here are some things students are grateful for.

- Greta Zender ('22) - "My supportive friends and family. They are always there for me when I need them the most, cheer me up when I'm feeling down, and encourage me to be the best person that I can be."
- Robert Brunner ('21) - "Second chances, they're rare and sometimes can change so much."
- Issac Acheson ('24) - "This amazing community and the supportive environment I have discovered here."

And that's just to name a few. Gratefulness comes in all sizes, big and small. You can be grateful for the things you take for granted or the things you are lucky to have. Gratefulness can be very personal too. After all, it is different for each of us. People can also show their gratefulness in many different ways, all unique to themselves. You don't have to search far for gratefulness; it can be found everywhere, even in unexpected places. Being kind is enough to show your gratefulness. As this Thanksgiving nears, let us all take a moment to appreciate the people who make us smile everyday and the people who help us throughout the day. Let's appreciate all the opportunities that we have together. Happy Thanksgiving, Braves! ■

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Continue reading to view some quotes from Indian Hill students regarding what Thanksgiving means to them!

What does Thanksgiving mean to you?

“It means family gathering, love and peace. A time to just sit with your family and enjoy a meal together.” - Sydni Cowherd ‘24

“It’s a way to celebrate everything we’ve gotten accomplished and reflect on ourselves to make sure the final stretch of the year is the best it can possibly be. It’s also a way to rest and remember how good we have it compared to others and to cherish everything we have rather than dwell on what we don’t” - Natalia Byer ‘23

“Getting to be surrounded by friends and family.” - Hayden Wentz ‘22

“It means getting together with my family and having a family feast altogether to just enjoy ourselves.” - Jonathan Michael Cobb ‘23

“Thanksgiving is an opportunity for me to see my extended family and spend time with the people I love.” - Audrey Bristol ‘21

“Lot’s of just okay food with a lot of people.” - Jack Brunner ‘21

“Thanksgiving is a time to be with family and a time to take a break from the stress of the school year.” - Ethan Marx ‘21

“Appreciating and being grateful for the things you have.” - Sten Lu ‘21

“Remembering what we are grateful for and what we take for granted.” - Miles Taylor ‘24

“Seeing family and being around the ones I love and appreciate.” - Ty Kendall ‘22

“Thanksgiving is a time to spend quality time with family, have fun, and eat amazing food!” - Sarika Singh ‘23

“Stuffing and turkey :)” - Dylan Kondor ‘22

“Thanksgiving is not a very important holiday to me as my family doesn’t really do anything traditional for the occasion. However, I use it as a time to think about all the things I have that most people do not and how I should be thankful for that.” - Hannah Pollock ‘23

“A time to come together and remember what you are thankful for and to celebrate all that you have been given.” - Lauren Steltenpohl ‘24

“Being grateful for all that you have. Family, friends, money, a happy life.” - Nathan Padhy ‘24

“It is a time to enjoy time with family.” - Caleb Tinon ‘22

“Spending time with family and recognizing what you are thankful for.” - Penelope Orr ‘24

“Thanksgiving is a day where I can help my dad cook the turkey and apple pie. Also, it’s a day where family comes together to be grateful for the small things in life.” - Shea Cowles ‘24

“It’s a time where I can come together with my family and share food and quality time. It’s about coming together and being with one another, not just eating (really) good food or gifts or anything like that.” - Lucia Barrett ‘22

“Being with those you love, whether it’s in person or simply setting aside time to FaceTime or call them.” - Carson Brown ‘23

“It means a rich Thanksgiving dinner and toasty fire in the hearth with lots of general warmth. It means a lot of turkey, autumnal colors, and crunchy leaves. It also means embracing the encroaching holly-jolly creep of Christmas like mold slowly covers bread. Christmas supremacy.” - Joy On ‘23

“Thanksgiving is a day for people to be thankful, not that we shouldn’t be thankful every day, but a day for people to emphasize that thankfulness. Some of us spend this day with our family, some spend it with friends, some spend it with both! No matter how or who we spend it with, we should all be thankful for these things that some people don’t have. Some people forget or ignore the meaning and only care about the day being, “a holiday.” a day to rest. But instead, we should always try to reflect on what we have that makes us so lucky, what helps us undergo the deprivations and adversities of life.” - Senuka Abeysinghe ‘24

What are you grateful for?

"I'm grateful for my family and friends because they motivate me to do my very best and allow me to be the best version of myself. I'm also thankful for my health because we are living through a pandemic and keeping myself healthy is more important now than ever." - Connor Roehrig '21

"I am grateful for doctors because they are doing their best through these hard times." - Stefan Karaus '22

"I'm grateful for my family and the fact that I get to be in school with 2020 being so crazy. I am grateful for my teachers who spend a ton of time working on lesson plans, with the overhanging thought of "will the school shut down next week?" I'm grateful for everyone who sacrifices their time for me, because they mean a lot to me and it shows that they care a lot about me." - Maggie Petrie '24

"My friends and family because they are a big part of my life and support me." - Willow McClung '24

"This year, I'm grateful for the countless number of first responders, nurses, and doctors on the frontline of the ongoing pandemic, working to keep us all safe." - Caleb Zender '21

"My closest friends because they've been there for me whenever I've needed help or advice. I always know I can count on them to cheer me up when I'm down. My family because they've always been supportive of what I do and have guided me throughout life. I'm grateful for my teachers who've always listened to me and challenged me to do my best." - Vandita Rastogi '21

"Life." - Isaiah Thompson '24

"A roof over my head, two parents under one roof, never having to worry about food on the table, my amazing friends, my sister, my pets, the school I go to, and even just waking up every morning to a new day. Even two parents who are stable and love me under one roof is something not everyone has and I never even take a second to think about it. Never having to wonder where I am going to sleep or when I will eat next is something so many of us don't realize how fortunate we are to not have to think about. There is so much in life that is better rather than bad, but we never take a moment to step back and appreciate it." - Ashwini Krishnan '23

"I am grateful for this school. We have access to great teachers whose only goal is to improve our life through furthering out education and thinking skills. Many kids do not have access to that. We are also figuring out ways to stay in school despite the global pandemic. Other schools do not have access or the resources to stay in school." - Julianna Lewis '23

"Discipline has taught me many things and an understanding of the world. It has taught me to face realities and overcome adversity. It sounds very vague but I did not want to give a cliché answer like friends and family. Although I am very thankful for them, I put something that I strongly believe is influential on my humility and generosity." - Joey Scholle '21

"That we have school and that OSU and the Bengals have a season. Also, the fam." - Charlie Rogers '24

"I am grateful to attend a school with so many resources and opportunities for all students and interesting outreach programs, and for swimming which is where many of my friends are and where I feel a real sense of community and love. And lastly, of course, for my family!" - Maria Nath '24

"Home to live in, transportation, communication, ... but MOST IMPORTANTLY family." - Euan Ji '24

"Time to rest." - Will Martin '24

"I'm grateful for my teachers, my family, music, a home, my parents having jobs, and the many more things in my life." - Anna Colegrove '23

"I am grateful for my family's health because, well I love them and don't want them getting sick." - William Wiedamann '24

"My dad's pumpkin pie recipe, my uncle, my family, my dog, and turkey." - Allen Beiter '24

"I am grateful for the science hallway's broken-glass bags because I yote (past tense of yeet) my lunchbox and broke my pyrex lunch container. I am grateful for sushi. I am grateful for coffee because it brings some semblance of life to my otherwise bleak soul. I am grateful for *Siddhartha* because it was the best book ever. I am grateful for milk because it is milk." - Min Jae Kim '23

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