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## What is MHS Grateful For?

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I am grateful for car ride playlists, old friendships, and the family I come home to every day (not in this order). I am also grateful for when I understand my math homework, have time to watch the sun set, and laugh with my tablemates in art class. Some of these things that I appreciate are moments, others are intangible connections, but all of this appreciation reminds me that no matter where I am, there is always something to be grateful for. With this in mind, I asked MHS students, faculty, and

teachers throughout the school what they were thankful for, and this is what they had to say...

-Family and good health -Food, my family, and my friends

-Mr. Cecere's positivity -Health -The ability to have a

good education -I can go to this school, not be oppressed,

and have the freedom to live the life I want

Sound View Camp

-My mom, because she will do anything,

she makes my lunches and my breakfast, and she makes my life a lot easier -For the ears that listen -For my friends who sup-

port me -Ms. Grivakis, because she is a good math teacher

-The clothes I'm wearing right now and the Thanksgiving break that's coming up because I can see my family and eat food -My friends

-My family, my friends, and education

In the end, one student admitted that his gratitude was for something small, as if the size made his appreciation less meaningful. In reality, recognizing common occurrences is just as sincere as appreciating the abstract privileges that we rely on. Whether practicing gratitude encourages people to reflect on the values that mean the most to them, or just the common experiences that make them randomly happy, there is no scale dictating

which is better. In the end, both types of appreciation shed light on something good in this world, or something good in oneself, and this positivity is significant. So right now, stop, wherever you are. Look around

you. Find something in front of you that you are thankful for. Then close your eyes and find something within yourself that you are thankful for. Appreciate your current situation.

As I see among my fellow students, everyone's lives are different, but right now, be thankful for your own.

Not only am I grateful for music, and school work, and friends and family, but I'm also grateful for being able to say what I want with this platform, and for living

in a town where people listen to what I have to say. Thank you for reading, and enjoy your Thanksgiving!

## Friendsgiving, More Like Endsbringing Kate Gardner, Junior

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Colorado Springs Gazette

It's a dire time for everyday Americans. Young people are increasingly irreverent, disillusioned with the values that this nation holds dear. In class, many students refuse to pledge allegiance to our flag. On the field, many kneel in flagrant disrespect of our national anthem. What happened to the flag-waving, tailgating, all-American fervor that marked youth of

previous decades? The youth are spineless and end-

lessly sensitive. In the forties and fifties or the seventies and eighties, one didn't post about one's feelings on-No, one practiced emotion-

al temperance, instead forcing any sadness into the darkest corners of one's brain. If the youth were really good at suppressing their feelings, they destroyed their families with decades of self-medication like real men. Today's 'guys' have no such

Millennials and Generation Zers even think it inappropriate to harass retail workers. Apparently, it's impolite to degrade people in the service industry, as if getting yelled at never improved moral character. I, for one, possess a spine. If provided with cold McDonald's fries, I will summon my Viking heritage and yell like a berserker. No, scratch that, I will yell like an American.

No symptom is more indicative of American decline than the obscene rejection of traditional Thanksgiving food. When I see a group of young people profaning themselves with meatless turkey alternatives, I weep for George Washington's ideal of civic virtue. If we don't consume the flesh of pathetic, nearly flightless birds, how will we assert our domi-

> nance the world's stage? Every time a Californian goes vegan, Rockquiver, and the Alleghenies roil beneath their stone

foundations. Global warming? What about global shaming? It's time to shape up, America.

Young Americans have given in, not only to Satan's temptress, tofurkey, but also to vegetables with flavor. They consume an exotic menagerie: avocadoes, kale, and even bok choy. As opposed to the boiled nothing of our beloved ancestors, Millennials season vegetables! And Gen Zers are next. Imagine, dear readers, the foul odors of cayenne and sesame rising from the table like a cohort of the dead. Imagine an herbaceous miasma, carrying yuppie pestilence to the innocents. This is what Snapstagram does to people. This is what it does to our children.

## **Marblehead Dominates Powder Puff Game** to Beat Swampscott 33-12







Pictures courtesy of Jared Lederman



This past Saturday, November 22, senior girls from Marblehead High School and Swampscott High School faced off against each other in the rival towns' annual Powder Puff game. Marblehead dominated the game, winning 33-12, courtesy of touchdowns from Summer Urich, Olivia Cleary, Bryn Burton, Carter Murray, and Callie O'Neill, as well as conversion kicks from Mia Atallah. After a week at school spent dressing up in camouflage, boys' football jerseys, and ripped up Swampscott shirts, among other things, the Magicians were focused on achieving their goal come game day. Swampscott broke Marblehead's four-year winning streak in 2018, but this year, Marblehead girls were ready for revenge, and their determination shone clearly in their performance. Until next year, Swampscott.









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