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## A Holiday of Gratitude From An Act Of Generosity (Native Americans Role in the Holiday)

Thanksgiving is a time of great celebration, unity, and gratitude. It is also a time to remember the generosity the native Wampanoag tribe showed the first pilgrims of America. Thanksgiving came to be in 1621 when the English pilgrims joined together with the Wampanoag people in an allyship during a hard time for both peoples. The English pilgrims were struggling after a failed harvest, while the Wampanoag people were fighting against other Native American tribes.

During the three-day celebration of Thanksgiving, the two peoples came together to agree on a peace treaty. The Wampanoag people shared food and knowledge on how to have future successful harvests. The pilgrims aided the Wampanoag people in their fight against other native tribes.

For a long time, this allyship stood strong, both parties prospering in this “new world.” Until the pilgrims started to expand their settlement, which encroached on the Wampanoag People’s land.

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## Acton/Agua Dulce Events

This month in Acton and Agua Dulce, many exciting things will be taking place. At Agua Dulce Library people will be gathering to make their own dessert dishes. This will take place on Thursday November 9th, from 5 to 6pm. We will have no school on November 10th for Veteran’s Day, so make sure you show your love and gratitude to the veterans that gave it their all to protect our country. On Thursday November 16, from 6 to 8 pm there will be a SCVCC Monthly Taste of The Town. Take a break and hangout with your friends and family at Agua Dulces local Maria Bonita’s Mexican restaurant and try some amazing food the restaurant has to offer! November 2nd is the Spanish field trip to Plaza Olvera for El Dia Los Muertos festival. The celebration has evolved to incorporate the pre-Columbian, Aztec, Mayan and Catholic rituals surrounding death.

*Events by Hailey McCarty*

## The History of Thanksgiving

Thanksgiving is a holiday that is celebrated mainly in the United States and Canada. It's a day of giving thanks for the blessings of the year. The modern version of Thanksgiving has its roots in the Pilgrim's Harvest Feast of 1621, but the ancient Greeks, Romans, and Chinese also celebrated harvest festivals. The first recorded Thanksgiving was in 1565 when the Spanish explorer, Pedro Menendez de Aviles, arrived in what is now Florida. To celebrate his victory, Menendez held Thanksgiving and had a feast.

The Pilgrims who established Plymouth, Massachusetts, celebrated their first harvest in the fall of 1621. The Pilgrims' invitation to Native Americans to join the celebration for a three-day feast led to the traditional Thanksgiving meal consisting of turkey, stuffing, cranberry sauce, and pumpkin pie. It is usually referred to as the First Thanksgiving. The governor of Massachusetts, Bradford, declared it the first Thanksgiving in the New World. The feast had game birds, fish, wild fruits, vegetables, and corn.

It is believed "Thanksgiving" became a national holiday only after George Washington proclaimed it so in 1789 to honor the people's newly gained independence from British rule. It wasn't until October 1863, when President Abraham Lincoln officially started Thanksgiving as a national holiday. He announced it after a series of meetings with a writer named Sarah Josepha Hale, who stuck on the idea that Thanksgiving be celebrated as a national holiday.

Throughout the years, different presidents and government officials have signed papers saying when Thanksgiving would be celebrated, but since 1941, the fourth Thursday in November has been recognized as the official day of celebration.

Over time, the tradition of Thanksgiving has evolved. Some people still stick to the traditional meal and family gatherings while others celebrate with friends or travel to tourist destinations. On Thanksgiving Day, people in the US have parades, watch football games, and share a meal with family and friends. The meal typically consists of roast turkey, mashed potatoes, stuffing, cranberry sauce, and pumpkin pie. It is a day of reflection and gratefulness for all the blessings of the year, and it is an opportunity to spend time with loved ones.

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## Meet Your Staff: Mr Krolik

### What got you into teaching Math?

Started out as a tutor in college and found that i had an aptitude for math and got my degree

### What got you into Star Trek and why?

When I was a little boy I liked science fiction. I loved Planet of the Apes and when I was in college that’s when I really got into Star Trek. The dorm I was in, everyone got into the living room and watched it during college when Star Trek really started coming out.

### Why did you choose to work at Vasquez High School?

Because Vasquez is a small school and I previously worked with smaller groups. I wanted to connect well and have smaller classes.

### What's your favorite memory you made from being at this school?

My favorite memory is when my first year here was on my birthday, my statistics class wrote Happy Birthday on my white board.

### What's a crazy fact about you?

A crazy fact about me is the first thing that comes to mind back in summer 2019. I went to Devils Tower and Mount Rushmore.

### What's your advice for kids who don’t like math so much?

It's more like in my perspective, people don't like math because they don't look over the foundations or have any interest in it, but it really isn't that difficult if you just follow the rules. It is super easy if you just follow the rules and/or you just listen to them.

### What's your favorite part of teaching and why?

It may sound strange, but I like to be a part of helping improve the lives of my students. You see, it was through education that saved me from being unable to support myself. While it is true I love learning and have since I was a boy, I firmly believe it is through getting an education that one can change one's life for the better.

### If you could travel to any year, where would you go and why?

I would like to tour France and maybe even try living there, if I had a year. I would also like to travel to Israel (not now, of course).

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## Horoscope

Happy birthday November Scorpions! Here’s your horoscope for this month: Are you ready for new experiences to come?. The New Moon in your sign on the 13th will be a highlight of your month, helping you shape your future in the way you want it. Opportunities open up right now that you didn't see coming. Everything that you've been wanting can sweep into your life without notice. It's an exciting time to be sure! Also, keep in mind that the energy can get pretty intense, so you will want to create space for yourself to process your feelings as they come. The air is crackling with potential, which awakens your passion and ignites your drive and desire to reach for your dreams!

*Horoscope by Angelina Newell*

## Sports News

### SPORTS EVENTS FOR VASQUEZ. MONTH OF NOVEMBER

- Cross Country Boys VR: 11/10
- Cross Country Girls VR: 11/10
- Basketball Boys JV: 11/14, 11/27, 11/30, 11/21
- Basketball Boys VR: 11/14, 11/21, 11/27, 11/30,
- Basketball Girls JV: 11/16, 11/27
- Basketball Girls VR: 11/14, 11/16, 11/21, 11/27, 11/29,
- Soccer Boys VR: 11/16, 11/27, 11/29, 11/30
- Soccer Girls VR: 11/15, 11/16, 11/27, 11/29

*Events by Nico Olmos*



Photo by Aeslin Cameron



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This caused unrest in their allyship. So began a struggle for the many Native American tribes in America as the pilgrims began their concurring.

It's important to be aware this holiday season of the suffering done to the native tribes that happened as a direct or indirect result of the English conquering of America. Many native tribes will be observing, "The National Day of Mourning" as they have been for many years, this Thanksgiving. People should be wary of accidental cultural appropriation that may be taking place this Thanksgiving. Feathered headscarves and things similar are not symbols of this festive time, but cultural items for many Native American tribes.

Thanksgiving should still be a time to come together with friends, family, and even strangers, to acknowledge all the things in life people can be thankful for. It is a holiday that has been celebrated for many years, even if it didn't go by the same name. This autumn harvest was celebrated by the Wampanoag people themselves, even before the pilgrims arrived. So this year while enjoying your turkey or ham dinner, try to be conscious of the true history of the holiday, as well as the suffering it inadvertently caused many Native Americans.

*Article by Aeslin Cameron*

## Inspirational Quote

"Success is no accident. It is hard work, perseverance, learning, studying, sacrifice and most of all, love of what you are doing." – Pelé

"I'd rather fail while trying to be brilliant, than succeed at being mediocre." – Samuel Eto'o.

*Quotes provided by Valentino Orlandoni*

### Did you play any sports or went into any school clubs?

No, I did not play sports, but I was involved in several clubs when I was in high school: NHS, CSF and the Literary magazine of my school.

### If you could meet any famous person who would it be and why?

If I could meet anybody, it would be great to have seen and spoken to Jesus Christ of Nazareth. Why? Because he, more than others, has influenced our culture, our civilization, our religious beliefs and even how we count time in history.

### What is your favorite holiday?

As a child I loved Christmas, now I'd say I like Halloween the best. Why? because I like cosplay, it's one of the few days of the year I can wear my Starfleet uniform.

### If you could live anywhere, where would it be?

I like French culture, language and history. I speak a bit too.

Interview conducted by Shoned Carr and Hailey McCarty



## Thanksgiving Cooking

Its Nearly Thanksgiving! A time for family and friends to get together and have a great time, to play games, eat together, and show how thankful you are to be with each other! There are plenty of delicious ways to cook the well known Thanksgiving turkey. The most common ways to cook a turkey are to Roast, Grill, and smoke it, but there are so many more ways to cook a turkey such as Honey Brine, meatloaf, and herb roasted!

To **Honey Brine** a turkey you will need to mix a bowl of Hot water and salt, mix until salt dissolves. Then you will need to add honey and vegetable broth in with the salt water mixture. Once you finish, place your turkey breast side up into the mixture, place a lid on the bowl and let your turkey brine for up to 12 hours. After the turkey has finished brining, dry your turkey thoroughly and rub it with vegetable oil. Now you cook the turkey! Make a tinfoil ball with hickory wood chips inside, and leave a small opening on the top of the foil ball. Place the tinfoil ball directly on top of the charcoal or the metal bars over the gas flame. Place the turkey over indirect heat of 160 degree Fahrenheit then cook with a lid on top for 1 hour.

If you would like to make your turkey into a **Meatloaf** then you will first need to grind your turkey, then in a bowl mix together these ingredients; Ground turkey, Beaten eggs, finely chopped onions, chili sauce, finely chopped red peppers, Worcestershire sauce, salt, and pepper. Mix oats milk in a separate bowl and let the oats absorb the milk. Once the oats absorb the milk, take both mixtures and combine them. Spray a 9x13 baking pan with cooking spray, place your meatloaf into the pan and cook it for 50 min at 350 degrees.

To make a **herb roasted** turkey, you need to make your baste by mixing together lemon juice, chicken broth, basil, thyme, garlic salt, pepper, and poultry seasoning. After making the baste, place your turkey into a roaster pan and roast it at 325 degrees uncovered for 4-5 hours. After every 1 and a half hours of roasting, baste your turkey with the baste you had previously made.

*Recipes by Alexandria Van Blarcom*

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Thanksgiving is a holiday that honors the Pilgrims Harvest Feast of 1621 and is now celebrated as a national holiday in the United States and Canada. It originated as a day of giving thanks for the blessings of the year, and it has evolved into a day of family gathering, meals, and community events. While its history is rooted in the past, it remains an important tradition that is cherished by a lot of people.

*Article by Angelina Newell*

## Weather

Halloween is over, so naturally we're all thinking about Thanksgiving and Christmas, and we all hope the weather will be cool enough for going out the see our neighbor's Christmas lights and for hanging out with family or friends. Luckily, November seems like it might be a little more consistent with the chilly Fall weather. With temperatures averaging around the 60s, it seems like the weather is going to be fit for cozy fall sweaters. The days will be around 64° to 67° on average and the nights will probably stay around the 40s and 30s. The hottest day will be the fifth with a temperature of 79° and the coldest day will be the 30th with a temperature of a chilly 61°.

*Weather by Charlotte Hernandez*

