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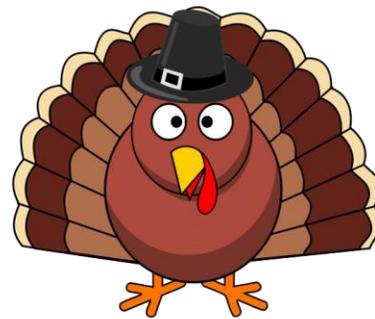
Thanksgiving is right around the corner, which means getting together with family and eating turkey, mashed potatoes, and pie! Here are some Thanksgiving traditions you and your family can participate in this year. You can watch the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade where thousands of people line the streets of New York City to watch. You can break the wishbone for good luck. Whoever ends up with the bigger piece is said to have their wish come true and good luck for the upcoming year. You can run a turkey trot. From a 5k to a marathon, these races take place all across the country. Finally, you can watch or play a football game. There's always a football game played on Thanksgiving day that you can watch on TV with your family, but if you want to burn off the calories from your Thanksgiving meal, you can play a game instead. Regardless of your family's thanksgiving traditions, make sure to spend time with your loved ones and be grateful!

## **Being a 7th grader at Notre Dame**

**By Jacob Ferris**

Starting at Notre Dame, in the seventh grade is definitely an adventure. Learning your way around a school can be a hassle, but at Notre Dame it was easier for me because the school was almost like a straight line of rooms. The teachers are some of the nicest people I have ever met and were very helpful while I was getting to know the routine.

Notre Dame has a wide variety of sports and extra-curricular activities to choose from. There are lots of people to meet in your own grade and in other grades. Lunch is the best time to meet people and/or talk to some of your new or old friends. The hallways can be hectic but once you know your way around the direction can be easy to follow. So far my experience at this school is great. I will definitely be sticking with this school.



## **Anyone Can Be Family**

**By Brielle Ricks**

Family is an important thing to life. You have blood family, but you can also pick your family. One thing that you should always do is thank the people that you call family. If you don't, they might not know how much you appreciate them. One person who appreciates everyone in the school is Mr. Bianco.

When asked, if he thought of everyone at Notre Dame as family, he didn't hesitate to say yes. Mr. Bianco says that we're all on the same mission. Although our paths may be different, we all have one goal in mind.

Three eighth graders, Isabella Manzella, Bradley Gabehart and Dakota Arnold, had very mixed responses to who they were most thankful for at Notre Dame. Izzy answered Aidan Boehly because she couldn't think of anyone. Bradley answered with Ashton "Bubba" Pfendler, Roy Ricks, Landon Narburgh, Chase Antinore, Brody Havens, Julius Santiago, and John Scheidt.

Dakota answered with Mr. Bianco because he is a good principle. When faced with the question to see if he likes his job, Mr Bianco told me he loves being the principal at this school.

One question that Mr. Bianco did not get but only 2 of the 3 did, who their favorite family member was. Bradley answered with his grandparents. Like any other grandmothers, his grandmother gives anything and everything.

Dakota answered this with ease, saying her father for no particular reason. Instead of getting the same question as the rest, Izzy's question was, how many cats do you have and do you consider them family.

Her answer was that she has 7 cats in total with all her cats being her family.

When asked what football team Mr. Bianco likes he said, for college football he said Syracuse university, professional being the New York Giants. Later on asking him about his favorite football player, he said Josh Allen because he was a great person for always giving back to the community.

Not being big into football, Izzy didn't know who to support. Always being the best choice, she chose to pick her school. For her favorite football player, she chose Tom Brady not knowing any of the names.

Bradley, playing on the modified football team, was questioned with his experience. Bradley considered playing on the team fun, with his best memory being bugging Roy Ricks. He says that Roy had the best reactions when he was upset, just don't get too close to home or else you might want to start running. For his favorite player, for the professional league, it was Ezekiel Elliott.

Dakota, who is an obvious Buffalo Bills fan, said her favorite players were Josh Allen and Patrick Mahomes.

Questioning if Mr. Bianco loves all of the sports teams for Notre Dame, he said yes. The next question was what was his favorite sport to watch in November. He thought about it and said Ohio state Michigan football game.

The eighth graders answered with Izzy saying nothing that turned into swimming which turned into hockey. Her final answer, which was the same as Brads, was hockey.

Dakota's favorite sport, which also happened to be another one of Bradley's favorites, was football.

Asking everyone on what they were most thankful for, Mr. Bianco answered by being healthy and being able to help other people. Izzy answered with all her medication, Bradley saying sports, and Dakota saying being able to work.

Questioning him on things he does at Thanksgiving, Mr. Bianco was asked about his family traditions. Although it took him some time to think about it, he answered by saying, having a family meal, thanking God and giving to other people.

Asking the same question, Izzy said hers were drinking apple cider, and having a food fight.

Brad, having a normal answer, said he eats and watches football. Dakota, having a lot said, doing the wishbone, the last person last at the table cleans the mash potato bowl, and if you drop food on the floor, you have to eat it.

While on the topic of food, everyone was asked what their favorite food to eat at Thanksgiving was. Mr. Bianco said, artichokes, mushrooms, candied sweet potatoes, pumpkin pie, Italian meatball soup and turkey.

Izzy and Dakota answered with mashed potatoes and gravy. Bradley saying ham.

The three of them answered the questions, who are their best friends and are they family. Izzy answered with Peyton Goebert, Sylvia Vickers, Ari Bodine, and Grace Mileham. When I asked if she considered them family, she said yes and that Izzy would fight for them.

Bradley was asked the same question, Bubba Pfendler. Just like Izzy, Bradley does consider him to be family not knowing why. Another person who was asked was Dakota Arnold. Her response was Brielle Ricks and Aliyah Green. Dakota does not consider us as her family yet because they are not yet close enough with her.

Having favorite teachers depends on what teachers you had. Izzy and Bradley's favorite teacher is Mrs. Antinore, while Dakota's favorite teacher is Mr. Zakes.

Lastly, one question that everyone has been wondering is, why does Mr. Bianco wear so many rings? At the time of the interview, he was only wearing two rings, his wedding ring, and a ring that he thought was pretty cool. He went on to say that he had a third ring that he had sadly lost, but his response would have been the same as the first one, "I just like 'em."



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## Volleyball

**By Luciana DiRisio and Riley Yunker**

Last evening on Thursday, at Leroy High School the Notre Dame Fighting Irish Varsity volleyball team beat The Elba Lancers in the semi finals. It was a tough game but the team pulled through. Notre Dame won in three sets. Leading the first set twenty five to nineteen. In addition, winning the second set twenty five seventeen, and then overpowering the team and winning twenty five eighteen in the last set. That evening the top players, Senior Avelin Tomidy had fifteen kills, Senior Amelia McCulley with ten kills five blocks, and Senior Sonji Warner four kills four aces and four digs. The team had an outstanding game as a whole. Well done to the team and their coach. Coach. Babcock with fantastic tactics to beat the Elba Lancers in the semi finals. After eight years of not winning sectionals the Notre Dame Fighting Irish Varsity Volleyball team rose to the occasion and beat C.G. Finney. It was such a hard fought game, it went all the way to five sets. These girls put a lot of determination and teamwork into this match. Senior Maggio Monachinio had twenty four assists, six digs, Senior Amelia McCulley had sixteen kills, nine blocks, and seven digs, Senior Sonji Warner had ten kills, two blocks, and seven digs. Along with Freshman Lylli Miller with six kills, seven digs, and eight assists, Loretta Sorochty with eight digs, and Jordan Dwyer with seven digs and a near perfect serve reception. Incredible game to watch, both teams fought their hardest. In the fifth set, the final point, a perfect spike by Sonji Warner. Led the volleyball girls to a sectional title.

## **Bills!**

**By Maddie Becker**

The Buffalo Bills had a good starting season so far being currently 1st in the AFC East division. On November 6th we lost to the New York Jets by a score being 17-20. Currently the players that are out are Spencer Brown (questionable), Tremaine Edmunds (unspecified), DaQuan Jones (unspecified), Taiwan Jones (unspecified), Carn Lewis (unspecified), Matt Milano (questionable), Von Miller (unspecified), Mitch Morse (unspecified), Jordan Poyer (out), Rodger Saffold (unspecified). In the game against the Jets our quarterback Josh Allen seemed to be holding his elbow/lower forearm and is being evaluated for a ULC injury. Overall our team has been doing pretty good being 6-2 so far this season. GO BILLS!



