



# Central Press

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## November



## Thanksgiving

The 7th and 8th graders were surveyed on what their favorite part of the Thanksgiving meal is, and it is safe to say that it is a pretty split opinion:

**16** said that the **main entrée**, like turkey or ham, is their favorite part.

**15** said that the **side dishes** are their favorite.

**15** said that **dessert** is the best.

### Does the first Thanksgiving have a religious background?

There are stories of Thanksgiving celebrations held by the Settlers and Native Americans, in which a Holy Mass was offered. Squanto, the hero of Thanksgiving, was enslaved by the English, but once he was set free, he was baptized and became a Catholic. Therefore, it was a baptized Catholic who organized what is now known as Thanksgiving.



**Thanksgiving** is a traditional holiday that dates to the pilgrims in 1621, where they celebrated days of thanks. Thanksgiving is always celebrated on the 4th Thursday of every year in the month of November. This year, Thanksgiving is held on November 25th.

**Fun Fact:** *There is a turkey pardoned every year for Thanksgiving, which means that a turkey is saved from being cooked and eaten.* There is a football game on TV every year, and a lot of people watch it to enjoy the day and relax before or after eating dinner. This is what the holiday of Thanksgiving is about: spending time with family and friends.

# Teacher Spotlight

## Mrs. Lawless

- 7th and 8th grade Religion
- 7th grade Math
- Computer Applications
- Math 4

Mrs. Lawless earned her Bachelor of Science in Education with an emphasis in Math from Ohio University and her Master's in Computer Technology from Malone University. She has been teaching for 25 years, 10 of which have been at TCC. Her favorite subject to teach is Religion. Mrs. Lawless says her favorite part of teaching at TCC is the atmosphere because everyone likes each other.

Mrs. Lawless is married with three children and five grandchildren. In her spare time, she enjoys sewing, gardening, exercising, and cooking. Her favorite sport is softball, and her favorite food is anything with chocolate. Her favorite saint is Saint Joseph, Terror of Demons because even in his sleep, St. Joseph hears the voice of God. Demons knew they had no power over St. Joseph. Her favorite holiday is Easter. Mrs. Lawless' favorite quote is "Golf has too much walking to be a good game, and just enough game to spoil a good walk" by American Novelist Harry Leon Wilson.





**Chess Club is open to any 7th through 12th grade student! We meet on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month after school in room 104. Don't worry if you're just a beginner; we welcome chess players of ALL levels. Hope to see you there! -Mr. Drexler**



On October 29, Justin Fatica and the Hard as Nails Ministry came to TCC. Their mission here was to help students find God and greater purpose in their lives.

## Game Night

On November 6th, TCC held a video game tournament fundraiser for grades 7-12. Around 70 students and parishioners attended and participated in the Mario Kart 8 and Super Smash Bros ultimate tournaments. Louden Savage won the Mario Kart 8 tournament, and Michael Shull won the Super Smash Bros. Ultimate tournament. There were also other games available for people to play from various new and old video game consoles. Video-game and pop culture-themed baskets were raffled off, as well as a Nintendo Switch Lite. Anthony Conrad-Bollon won the Nintendo Switch Lite along with a game.

-Miss Stone





Mrs. Fantin's Freshman English classes sold Malley's chocolate bars to raise money to donate to *Mary's Meals*. *Mary's Meals* provides meals to students in impoverished countries. They raised over \$900 for this organization! The classes also made Christmas cards to donate to patients in Akron Children's Hospital and residents at Park Village Health Care in New Philadelphia.



**Please help support our schools through the following fundraisers!**

#### **TCC**

Buffalo wild wings Team A (ongoing)

#### **TCCES**

Casino Night - January 22

Spaghetti Dinner and Open House - January 30

#### **IC**

Park Street Pizza - Starts January 6

Spaghetti Dinner and Open House - January 23





# Congratulations, Jackson!



Jackson Triplett went to the State Cross Country meet where he placed 26th out of 183 with a personal best time of 16:30. Based on where he placed, he ended up earning the All Ohio award for making it in the top 30. He also set a school record for making it to state all four years of high school.



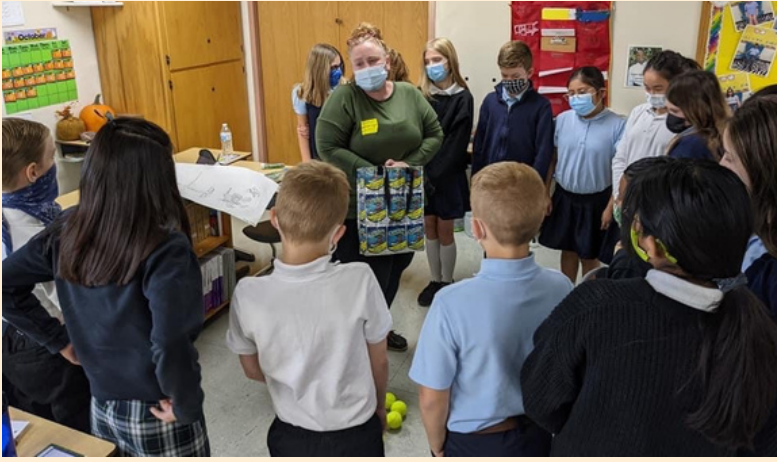
Jackson signed a Letter of Intent to run Cross Country and Track for Division I, Xavier University. Xavier is a member of the Big East Conference.



Pictured: Seated - His father, Greg Triplett, Jackson Triplett, His mother, Jacquie Triplett  
Standing - Head Coach Adam Stilgenbauer, Grandfather, John Buckey, Sister, Reagan Triplett, Sister, Reese Triplett, Asst. Coach Matt Engstrom



# **Tuscarawas Central Catholic Elementary School News**



5th grade had a special guest this week from the Recycling Center. The students learned what can and cannot be recycled and how to reduce and reuse! They have been challenged to collect 100 2-litre bottles in two weeks. If they accomplish this task, the students will be awarded with edible landfills!



TCCES held their Grandparents day on Friday, October 22, which was a prayer service with songs.



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PARENTS  
I LOVE YOU



## **Immaculate Conception School News**



Students in grades Kindergarten through 3rd took a field trip to Schumaker Farms in West Lafayette to pick a pumpkin and explore the farm.



Grandparents Day was a great success! Families filled the gym as the children sang and even played instruments for their entertainment. There was also an opportunity for pictures after.



The Preschool and Pre-K classes made and mailed more than 150 cards to veterans who are retired, currently serving, and other military persons. They even walked to the post office and mailed the cards.



# Veterans Day



Every year, Veterans day is celebrated on November 11. It is always celebrated on November 11 because that day in 1918 was the day World War I officially ended. Specifically, the “11th hour, of the 11th day, of the 11th month”.

Veterans day honors all those who have served our country and those who lost their lives to protect us from dangers around the world.



**Students at TCCES had lunch with veterans on Friday, November 12.**

*Pictured: Samuel Sciarretti with his grandpa, Dr. David Winston.*



**The Sophomores made a poster for Veteran's Day.**

*Pictured: Charlie Montan, Andrew Rombach, Thomas Renicker, Jameson Sedlock, Kimberly Flores-Martinez*

*\*In an effort to maintain the health of the veterans, Immaculate Conception School and TCC Jr./Sr. High School cancelled their annual Veteran's Day programs this year.*





# December



Christmas is an important day in the Catholic Religion, but there are events that lead up to Christmas. Advent is one of these events. We start Advent on the 4th Sunday before Christmas and light candles for each week leading up to that day. The first candle represents hope; the second represents faith; the third, which is pink, represents joy; the last one symbolizes peace. Three of the candles are purple because the color violet is a liturgical color that signifies a time of prayer, penance, and sacrifice. There are many feast days in the month of December, such as Feast of Saint Nicholas, Immaculate Conception, and the Feast of Saint Lucy.

## St. Nicholas and Santa Claus



St. Nicholas was born into a wealthy family in the Third Century. While he was still a young boy, an epidemic spread throughout his village, which killed his parents. Being raised a devout Christian, he used all of his inheritance to help those in need. Nicholas ended up dedicating the rest of his life to God and was appointed a bishop at a young age. He became well known throughout the land for his generosity to those in need, his love for children, and his concern for sailors and ships. The Feast Day for Saint Nicholas is December 6.

The Dutch brought the idea of Sinterklaas to the US, which we translated to Santa Claus. In 1820, stores began advertising Christmas shopping. By the 1840's, images of Santa Claus were seen in holiday advertisements. In 1881, cartoonist Thomas Nast created the image of Santa Claus that we all know and love today. Nast based his depiction on the "'Twas the Night Before Christmas" poem by Clement Clark Moore.



The Freshman and Sophomore classes were surveyed on what their three favorite Christmas Movies are from a list of ten movies.

### Freshmen results:

- 15 - *Home Alone*
- 11 - *Elf*
- 9 - *How the Grinch Stole Christmas*
- 7 - *National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation*
- 6 - *A Christmas Story* and *A Charlie Brown Christmas*
- 4 - *Hallmark Movies*
- 3 - *The Santa Clause*
- 1 - *It's a Wonderful Life* and *A Christmas Carol*



### Sophomore results:

- 18 - *Home Alone*
- 16 - *Elf*
- 8 - *A Christmas Story* and *How the Grinch Stole Christmas*
- 6 - *National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation*
- 5 - *The Santa Clause*
- 3 - *Hallmark Movies* and *A Charlie Brown Christmas*
- 0 - *It's a Wonderful Life*