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FEATURE: THANKSGIVING DURING A GLOBAL PANDEMIC

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The sweet smell of pumpkin pie floods your nose, and the sound of family chatter is music in your ears. The table is set with fine china and a plump turkey centerpiece. You are excited to share a meal with family and friends, for Thanksgiving is a time of happiness and love. The date is Thursday, November 28, 2019. Fast forward one year—it is again Thanksgiving, only its traditions in 2020 look different than before.

After enduring months of the Covid-19 global pandemic, many families long to reunite with their loved ones. The holiday season is after all the “most wonderful time of the year,” but how safe is it to continue normal practices with the lurking threat of illness? Will the Macy’s Thanksgiving Day parade still go on?

Is it possible to continue annual Thanksgiving activities? Despite the unknown circumstances, there are several creative ways to celebrate Thanksgiving in a safe manner with our loved ones.

Before we leave school or work for Thanksgiving this year, it is vital to think about the health and safety of the community. The threats Covid-19 poses should be considered before embarking on holiday travels. The St. Paul's Schools have exemplary precautions to fight this virus. In order to stay safe during the holidays, Mrs. Ferrens, head of the girl's upper school, reminds us that "wearing a mask and being vigilant about hand washing" is necessary to prevent the spread of disease. Although this information has become monotonous in our daily lives, the importance of following these restrictions during the holidays cannot be stressed enough. This virus will not stop for a gathering of family and friends, so changes must be made in regard to how this holiday is celebrated.

Will your family adjust their plans as a result of Covid-19 this Thanksgiving? After surveying a group of St. Paul's School for Girls (SPSG) faculty, the general answer to this question was a resounding YES. Flexibility and positivity are the keys to having an enjoyable break. Some families have decided to stick to an immediate family reunion, whereas others will take advantage of the internet to interact with loved ones. For example, Ms. Treska, english teacher at SPSG, says that her family will "schedule a Zoom call at some point, so we can say hello and share our gratitude for one another." This is a fantastic way to deal with an undesirable situation. Thanksgiving can still be celebrated with the incorporation of safety measures and the flexibility to change plans. Although this holiday will seem different, the meaning does not change.

Other Thanksgiving events may also need to be altered this year. In our pre-Covid-19 world, many people attended parades and football games, but this year it is difficult to continue these annual traditions. Never fear, there are still numerous fun activities to take the place of high-risk Thanksgiving Day events. Mrs. Felderstein, math teacher at SPSG, enthusiastically remarks that she will be "hibernating and watching a lot of Netflix." There is a plethora of fantastic films to enjoy over break, so why not indulge your movie addiction?

The Head of SPSG, Ms. Malfa, says "cooking, baking, and decorating" are other enjoyable ways to stay busy. Spending quality time with family and doing small tasks is meaningful beyond belief. Break out those dusty board games or have an outdoor fire pit. The warmth of these activities will still fill you with that well-known feeling of simple peace. Even if your "new normal" is uncomfortable, "it'll be different yet familiar," says Dr. Huang, President of The St. Paul's Schools.

Rather than participate in the madness of Black Friday shopping, stay home and shop online. Plenty of worthy deals are available from the comfort of your home. An additional way to shop is to "support local businesses with an online presence as much as possible and give gift cards for nearby restaurants," recommends Mrs. Awalt, SPSG admissions officer. The options of activities for Thanksgiving are endless with a positive attitude.

Regardless of the changes and compromises made for Thanksgiving this year, the values of the holiday are no different. This celebration still centers around the expression of gratitude toward the people you love. Appropriately, Ms. Golato, SPSSG upper school math teacher, states, “Thanksgiving is all about being with those you care about and enjoying each other’s company.” Even if communicating with the people who make you happy is virtual, there is no better way to enjoy Thanksgiving. Dr. Huang adds that he is “thankful that the community of people who make up The St. Paul’s Schools have really come together.” Our unity will drive us forward through tough times, crossing every bump in the road. If we “make the best of the situation,” says Mrs. Malfa, then this holiday will be like no other. Even with change, Thanksgiving still can and will be special.



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19 THOUGHTS ON “FEATURE: THANKSGIVING DURING A GLOBAL PANDEMIC”



Diane Stavtos

DECEMBER 1, 2020 AT 6:41 PM

Beautifully written! Great ideas for the season! Bravo Sofia, Yiayia is very proud of your Essay!

**Yareli**

MAY 5, 2022 AT 1:28 PM

where to buy cbd oil in michigan city

**Taliyah**

MAY 10, 2022 AT 5:19 PM

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**Mikel**

MAY 25, 2022 AT 3:12 AM

Why is it I always really feel like you do?

**Alejandro**

JUNE 3, 2022 AT 4:16 PM

This is really attention-grabbing, You're an overly skilled blogger.
I've joined your rss feed and look ahead to in search of more of your wonderful post.

Also, I've shared your website in my social networks

**Winona**

JUNE 4, 2022 AT 12:52 AM

Thanks for sharing such a pleasant thinking, article is fastidious, thats why i have read it completely

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JUNE 7, 2022 AT 4:13 PM

Good Afternoon everybody , can anyone suggest where I can purchase CBD E-liquid?

**Mekka**

JUNE 30, 2022 AT 9:23 PM

Can someone recommend Plus Size Lingerie Sets? Cheers xx

**Otto**

JULY 1, 2022 AT 2:02 PM

Hey There. I found your blog using msn. This is an extremely well written article. I will be sure to bookmark it and return to read more of your useful info. Thanks for the post. I'll certainly return.



Emery

JULY 1, 2022 AT 4:37 PM

Hi there, i read your blog from time to time and i own a similar one and i was just curious if you get a lot of spam remarks?

If so how do you prevent it, any plugin or anything you can suggest?
I get so much lately it's driving me mad so
any help is very much appreciated.



Zenaida

JULY 1, 2022 AT 5:31 PM

I have read so many content concerning the blogger lovers except this post is in fact a fastidious piece of writing, keep it up.



Fern

JULY 1, 2022 AT 5:37 PM

Wow, this piece of writing is pleasant, my younger sister is analyzing these kinds of things, so I am going to let know her.



Caryn

JULY 1, 2022 AT 6:02 PM

Hi! I could have sworn I've been to this web site before but after going through some of the articles I realized it's new to me. Anyhow, I'm certainly happy I found it and I'll be book-marking it and checking back frequently!



Hayden

JULY 1, 2022 AT 6:19 PM

Excellent blog here! Also your web site loads up very fast!
What web host are you using? Can I get your affiliate link to your host?

I wish my website loaded up as fast as yours lol



Valencia

JULY 1, 2022 AT 6:49 PM

I have read so many posts on the topic of the blogger lovers however this paragraph is actually a good piece of writing, keep it up.



Pilar

JULY 1, 2022 AT 7:05 PM

Asking questions are truly pleasant thing if you are not understanding anything entirely, but this post gives fastidious understanding yet.



Callum

JULY 1, 2022 AT 7:12 PM

This paragraph presents clear idea for the new visitors of blogging, that in fact how to do blogging.



Adan

JULY 1, 2022 AT 7:14 PM

An intriguing discussion is worth comment. I do think that you ought to publish more on this topic, it might not be a taboo matter but generally people do not talk about these topics.
To the next! Cheers!!



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JULY 27, 2022 AT 5:03 AM

A round of applause for your blog. Really thank you!