

# L e t t e r f r o m t h e E d i t o r

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Everyone knows the age old tradition of sitting down to eat Thanksgiving dinner with their families, taking time before the meal to say a few things that they are thankful for. However, I must say that honestly people take a lot of things for granted. Being one of the most blessed nations in the world, I think

we also have the most complaints. (Or at least we verbally acknowledge them). So if you are drawing a blank about what you really have to be thankful for, I wanted to share a few.

Family – Whether you have a big family or a small one, or don't have one at all, you still have something to be thankful for. Family these days can be just about anything, your group of friends, your classmates, your team. Any group of people that you look out for, care about, and want the best for (and they want the same for you), could be considered a

family in my book.

Education – We dread waking up to come to school every morning because it's something that we have always had to do. If we lived in certain other countries, maybe we would see our education as a privilege. So many people wish they had the knowledge to help get better careers, live better, etc.

Freedom – We can choose to worship the way we want, have the freedom to say and do most things, and can determine who we want to be without intervention from the government. Once again, this is a privi-

lege that we take for granted because people in other countries are unable to do these things. We should all be thankful that we have choices.

These are just a few things that I know I am thankful for, so maybe they will help you think of a few more.

Sincerely,

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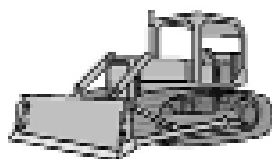
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**First Round of State Playoffs**

**November 25-27**  
**Thanksgiving Holidays**