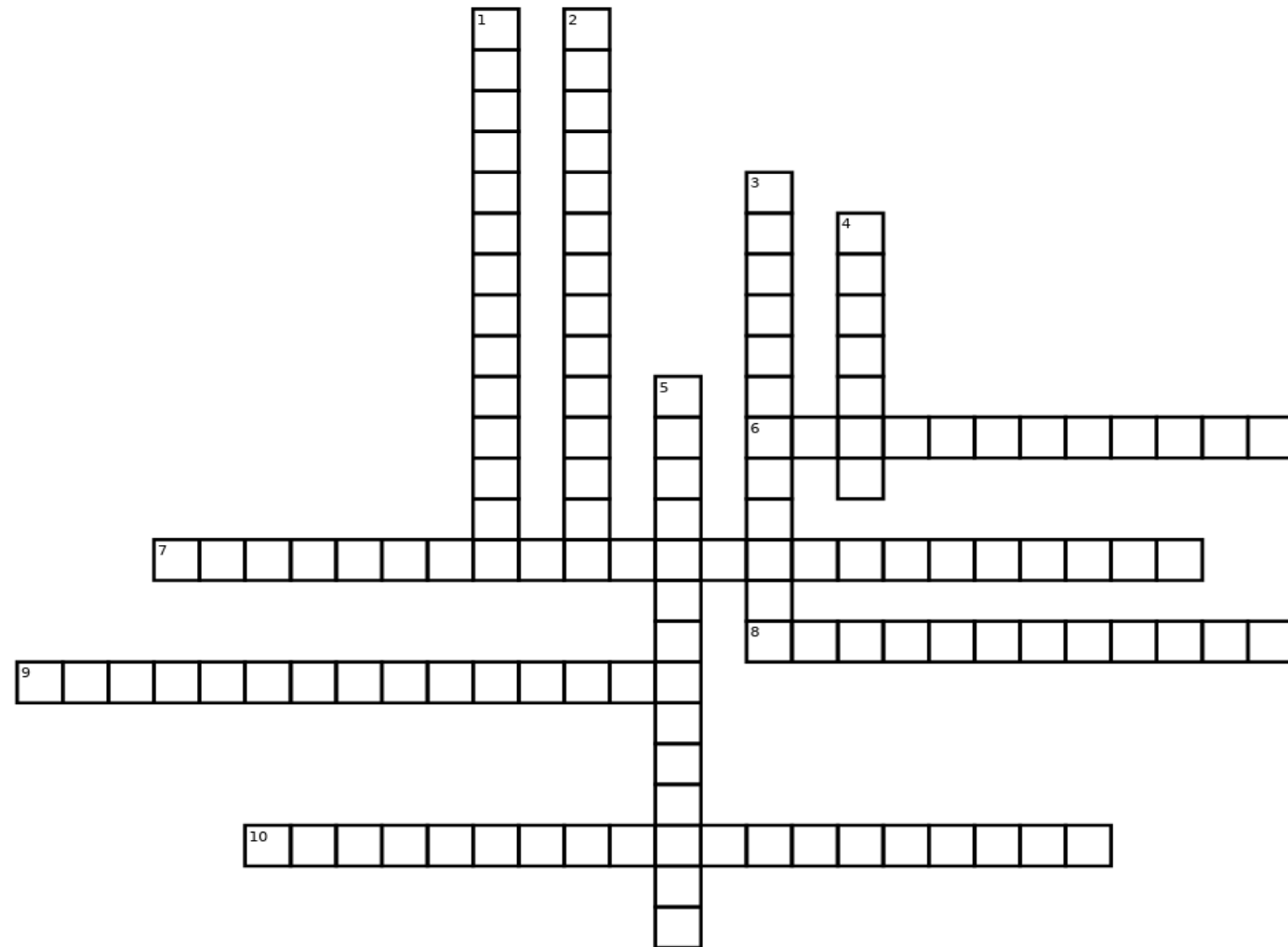


# Turkey Trivia

Hey Gladiators! The first eight students to turn in a completed crossword puzzle to Mr. Fleming earn a gladiator ticket! Good Luck!




## ACROSS

6. What city has the oldest Thanksgiving Day Parade?
7. Which President officially made Thanksgiving the fourth Thursday of every November?
8. Which President formalized turkey pardoning as an annual event?
9. Which President refused to celebrate Thanksgiving as a national holiday?
10. During which Revolutionary War battle did troops have a day of Thanksgiving?

## DOWN

1. Which President made Thanksgiving a permanent national holiday?
2. Which President received a live raccoon as a Thanksgiving present?
3. What Native American tribe celebrated the first Thanksgiving with the Pilgrims?
4. Which city's Thanksgiving Day Parade ends with Santa Claus getting a key to the city?
5. Where was the first Turkey Trot?

*Editorial contributions: Daniel Pagnone, Mr. Fleming*



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*"The only true wisdom is in knowing you know nothing."*  
- Socrates

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## Food Drive

By Anushka Khare '24

November 13th - 17th was North Phoenix Prep's annual food drive. This year's drive was one of our most successful ones yet with over 500 cans being given to the PV Community Food Bank, helping countless families in need this holiday season. The food drive has been a tradition for our school for many years. Senator Kayla Johnson believes it is because "our school understands the value of helping others, especially during this season" and we could not agree more! She also said her favorite part about organizing the drive this year was "coming up with the prize and seeing people's eagerness to donate." On that note, thank you to the Senate for organizing this year's drive and making it possible to help those in need. Congratulations to Mr. Pagani's first period class for being the High School Winners for most cans donated. Enjoy your pizza and ice cream party!

## NPX Sports Calendar

By Anushka Khare '24

NOVEMBER / DECEMBER 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
19	20 Valley Lutheran- BB Valley Lutheran-GB	21 Ray -BB Ray-GB	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29 Glendale Prep-GB	30	1	2
3	4	5 Salome-BB Salome-GB	6 Northwest Christian-BS Northwest Christian-GS	7 Desert Heights Prep-BB	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15 Lincoln Prep-BB Odyssey Institute - BS	16 Anthem Prep - BB Anthem Prep - GB
17	18	19	20	21	22 Highland Prep West -GS	23

- BOYS BASKETBALL
- GIRLS BASKETBALL
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# Origins of Thanksgiving

By Maya Waters '24

In September 1620, a ship called the Mayflower filled with 102 passengers left Plymouth, England in an attempt to find new land. Most of the passengers were seeking religious refuge where they could practice their faith freely. Their journey lasted sixty-six days when eventually they ended up at the tip of Cape Cod. They then crossed Massachusetts Bay and landed in Plymouth, Massachusetts where they started their village.

During the first winter, most of the colonists stayed on the ship, suffering from exposure, scurvy, and other diseases. About half of the passengers made it through their first New England spring; the remaining passengers moved ashore, where they were greeted by a member of the Abeneki tribe who spoke in English. A few days after their meeting, he introduced them to another Native American, who was a part of the Pawtuxet tribe, named Squanto. Squanto taught the colonists, who were at this time malnourished, starving, and suffering from illness, how to cultivate corn, catch fish, extract sap from maple trees, etc. He also helped the colonists forge a relationship and alliance with the Wampanoag tribe. This alliance lasted for more than fifty years and is considered one of the only examples of harmony between a Native American tribe and European settlers. In 1621, Governor William Bradford organized a feast between the colonists and Native Americans. Although they probably didn't call it Thanksgiving, we now consider this to be the first Thanksgiving feast. We can't be sure of exactly what the colonists and Native Americans ate at the feast but Edward Winslow, a Pilgrim chronicler wrote:

Historians have suggested that many of the dishes were likely prepared using traditional Native American spices and cooking methods. Because the Pilgrims had no oven and the Mayflower's sugar supply had dwindled by the fall of 1621, the meal did not feature pies, cakes or other desserts, which have become a hallmark of contemporary celebrations.

During the American Revolution, the Continental Congress devoted days of giving thanks in honor of the celebration between the settlers and Native Americans. George Washington, John Adams, and James Madison all established days of giving thanks during their presidencies. In 1817, New York was one of the first of several states to acknowledge Thanksgiving as an official holiday. However, they all celebrated on different days.

In 1827, Sarah Josepha Hale, a magazine editor and writer, launched a campaign to establish Thanksgiving as a national holiday. She spent thirty-six years in her attempt, writing to senators, governors, presidents, and politicians. She eventually earned the nickname "Mother of Thanksgiving." In 1863, Abraham Lincoln finally heeded Hale's request and made Thanksgiving a national holiday to be celebrated on the last Thursday of November until 1939 when Franklin D. Roosevelt moved it to the third week of November. Roosevelt did this to spur retail sales during the Great Depression and the holiday started to be known as Franksgiving. However, people did not like this and his plan was met with great opposition and in 1941, he signed a bill making Thanksgiving the fourth Thursday of November.



"The First Thanksgiving 1621 is an oil painting by Jean Leon Gerome Ferris (1863-1930). Library of Congress Prints and Photographs."

# Grandparent's Day

By Lucy Lentz '29

Grandparent's Day was on November 20th this year. In celebration, students are allowed to invite their grandparents to observe classes and take a look around the campus. Grandparents day is hosted so that more members of our community can see and engage in the things we do every day at NPX. Thank you to our grandparents for being a part of our community.



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# Chess Corner Update

By Daniel Pagnone '28

Check out the new chess corner, courtesy of our very own NPX chess team. Some of the new changes include having dedicated tables for chess players, nearby trash cans, and a new set of rules. See you there!

## CHESS CORNER RULES

**PACK UP ALL YOUR PIECES AND RETURN THEM TO THE CART BEFORE YOU LEAVE  
THROW AWAY ALL TRASH, EVEN IF IT IS NOT YOURS  
PUSH IN YOUR CHAIRS**



**WIPE YOUR BOARD OR PIECES IF YOU GET THEM DIRTY  
If you find ANY chess pieces on the floor, put them in the spare box  
IF YOU ARE MISSING PIECES, CHECK THE SPARE BOX  
IF A PIECE IS MISSING OR BROKEN, PLEASE NOTIFY MS. FAUST**



**FAILING TO FOLLOW THESE RULES WILL RESULT  
IN A TEMPORARY LOSS OF THE CHESS CORNER**

**-NPX Chess Team-**

## Gladiator Ticket Standings

1st - Retiarri: 1274	7th - Cestus: 959
2nd - Dimachaerus: 1193	8th - Sagittarius: 702
3rd - Murrillones: 1143	9th - Equites: 623
4th - Samnite: 1076	10th - Laquearius: 601
5th - Provocatores: 972	11th - Velites: 495
6th - Bestiarri: 966	12th - Thraeces: 261