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Inside this issue.... Thanksgiving!

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Opinion

My Hot Take: Thanksgiving Food I Hate

Pumpkin Pie, Turkey, Cranberry Sauce...Yuck.

REAGAN STRAUB STAFF WRITER

Thanksgiving is a wonderful holiday to spend time with our family and loved ones. We get to sit down with our entire family and talk to them. We get to see people that might live far away and that we might not get to see often. The value of the holiday is great, but why is the food so nasty? I know this might be a hot take, but I always feel sick after eating all the food. So here's what I hate about Thanksgiving food.

1. Cranberry Sauce

Why on earth is cranberry sauce a staple of Thanksgiving dinner? It is so confusing to me. I have ALWAYS hated cranberry sauce. It's so sweet and gross and I hate the texture. I feel like it does not fit in with the other iconic foods Thanksgiving. I have never ever liked it and I never will.

2. Stuffing

I hate stuffing. I hate the process of making it. My mom always chops up this bread loaf and lets it sit out for days. Then she seasons it and stuffs it into the turkey. The process is disgusting. I hate to see her stuffing the turkey with her bare hands. It always grosses me out. I hate the texture of the stuffing, not the taste. I do not like how soft and mushy it is.

3. Turkey

I do not like the white meat of the turkey. It's always so dry and flavorless. I could, however, eat the dark meat forever. That part of the turkey actually has some flavor and some natural juices. The turkey is the star, but I just always feel like it's dry. Every turkey I have had has been dry. The turkey is also always so big and we have leftovers for weeks. I do not want to eat turkey for that long.

4. Pumpkin Pie

Pumpkin Pie is disgusting. I hate the flavor: to me it tastes like cardboard. I hate the texture of it. It's so thick and I am not a big pumpkin person so I just have never enjoyed it. I've had it once before and I spit it out. I do like the crust and the whipped cream on top. It is the filling that I cannot stand.

"The value of the holiday is great, but why is the food so nasty?"

Do you have a Hot Take? Email a Rampage Staffer!



PR Local

Survey Reveals PR's Holiday Dishes

Which Thanksgiving Side Dish Rules Them All?

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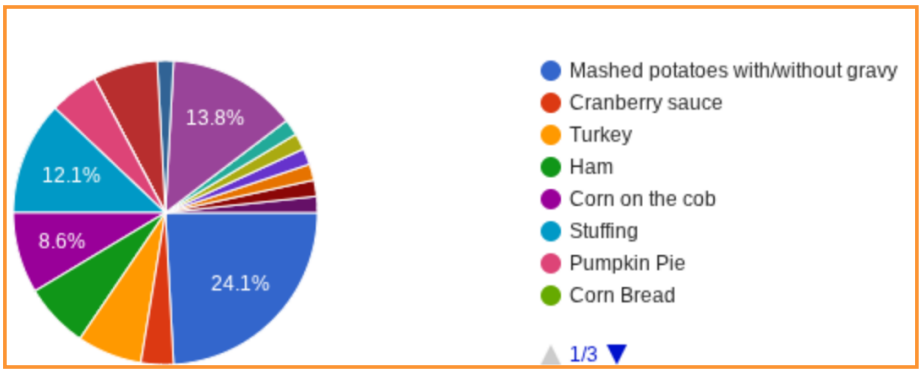


Thanksgiving food survey

Welcome back guys! I am back with my opinionated series and I personally love this one! Thanksgiving is normally forgotten by Christmas and Halloween, but I wanted to bring is some recognition and some love, so let's get started with what food has won!

First place

Let's give a good drum roll for our first place medalist **MASHED POTATOES.** With or without gravy, I love mashed potatoes too! They are the first thing I run to when I see them and turkey gravy is my favorite type of gravy. I'm glad to see people love it as much as I do.

Second place

Our second place medalist is a real shock to me! I put this one on there because I personally run to it after mashed potatoes, but drum roll for **MAC AND CHEESE!** Some people would not consider mac and cheese as Thanksgiving food, but I do. Especially homemade mac and cheese; it is so good and I'm so glad people consider it a Thanksgiving food!!

Third place

Gotta hand off the third place medal to something, so round of applause to **STUFFING.** Now I gotta hand it to you, stuffing lovers, you really love to show your love towards this food. I have not had a good stuffing, but glad to see people have a bit more differences between me and all of you so thanks for replying to my survey and I will be back with the next opinion-based article. If you have any specific topic you would like put into a survey, email Mrs. Harshman or me; we would love to get some more of this series out there.

PR Local

First Time Participant Reflects on PR's Color Run Experience

HANNAH CUPRIK STAFF WRITER

On Sunday, November 8th, PRHS hosted the annual color run. It was a great time, and I'm here to tell the Rampage Readers all about it.

When I arrived at the high school, I was greeted by many kind members of Peer-2-Peer. There was a table of delicious snacks.

The run consisted of two laps around the perimeter of the middle school and high school.

During the run/walk, students passed through stations where P2P members blasted everyone with colorful chalk powder.

At the end, everyone gathered together, and we got a handful of color powder, and threw it up into the air all at once. It was super fun and everyone had a great time.

I recommend students trying it. However, if you don't like to get dirty, I wouldn't recommend this, as by the end, you will be covered in color powder.

One thing stood out to me when I was there: the P2P members. All of them were extremely kind and had a great, exciting energy. They all cheered as we passed through their stations.



Pictures from the Color Run 2026

SEND A RAMPAGE REPORTER YOUR PICTURES FROM THE COLOR RUN IF YOU WANT TO SEE YOUR MEMORIES IN PRINT.



PR Local

Seniors Become Writing Mentors

Eden Hall Visit Encourages Young Writers

JULIA JAKOVAC STAFF WRITER

High school seniors traded their usual classrooms for a trip to Eden Hall Upper Elementary, where they had the opportunity to share their love of writing with a younger generation. During a writing mentor workshop, seniors visited Mrs. Lestitian's sixth-grade classroom to work one-on-one with students and help them develop their writing skills.

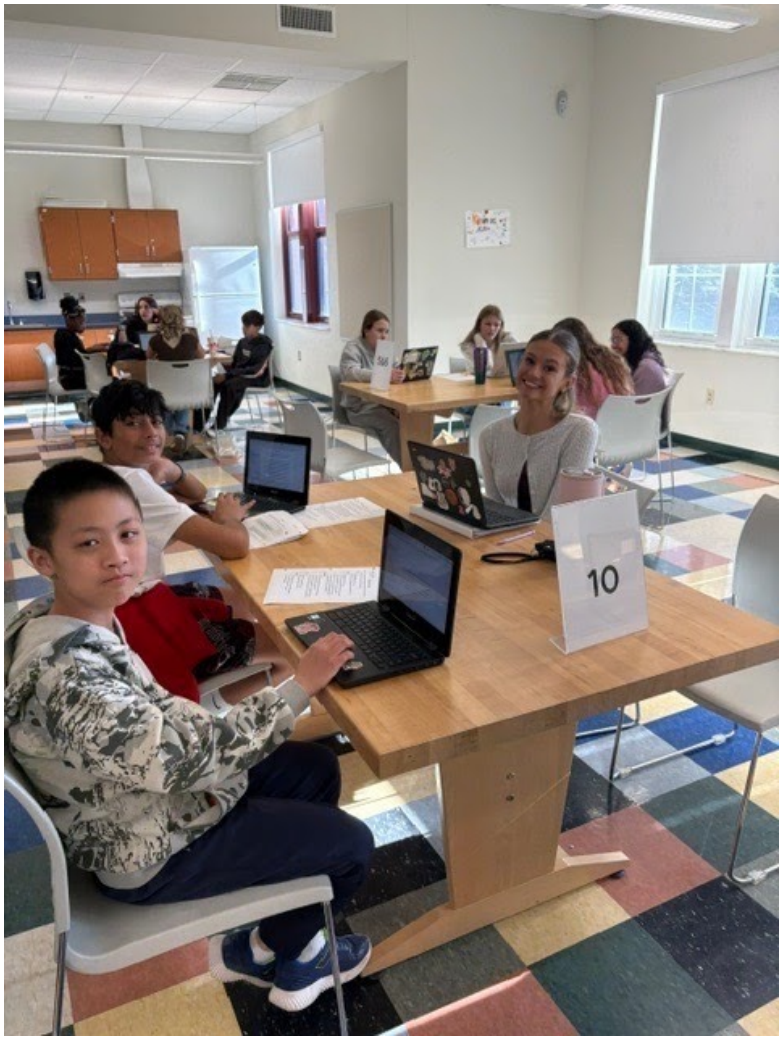
The workshop gave sixth graders the chance to receive individual guidance from high school students while also allowing seniors to gain experience as mentors. Throughout the visit, students worked together on writing activities, shared ideas and discussed ways to improve their work.

For the seniors, the experience was about more than just helping with assignments. It was an opportunity to connect with younger students, encourage their creativity and show them that writing can be an enjoyable way to express themselves.

Having high school students visit the classroom also gave sixth graders the chance to learn from someone closer to their own age who has recently experienced many of the same stages of learning.

The workshop highlighted the importance of building connections between different grade levels and creating opportunities for students to learn from one another.

By the end of the visit, seniors had not only helped sixth graders strengthen their writing skills but also shared their own experiences and enthusiasm for storytelling. The experience served as a reminder that sometimes the best way to learn is by teaching someone else.



Senior Julia Jakovac mentoring the sixth graders

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PR Sports

Round 1 of Playoffs

Interview with Football Player: Jack Berbinich

COOPER STISCAK STAFF WRITER

Q: Round one of the playoffs finally arrives this week against Trinity. What feels different about walking into the building knowing one loss ends the season?

A: "You definitely feel a different kind of energy in the hallways and the locker room because everyone knows there are no second chances now. All the work we put in during the regular season just gets us to this point, so we have to earn every single week from here on out."

Q: Trinity brings a tough matchup into the first round. What has stood out most on film about their squad?

A: "They play super aggressive on defense and fly around to the ball, so we cannot afford to take any plays off. Their offense also likes to control the clock, which means our defense has to get off the field on third downs."

Q: How did the coaching staff switch up practice this week to get everybody locked in for Friday night?

A: "Practices moved at a way faster pace all week, and the coaches stayed on us about every little detail. We spent extra time working on situational drills like two-minute offense and red-zone stops because playoff games usually come down to just a few key plays."

Q: What will decide whether Pine-Richland advances to the second round after four quarters?

A: "Execution and toughness in the trenches will decide the entire game. If we protect the football, avoid dumb penalties, and play physically from the opening kickoff, we put ourselves in a great spot to win."

Q: Before you guys take the field on Friday, what is the mindset among the seniors heading into this playoff run?

A: "None of us want to take these pads off for the last time anytime soon. We just want to go out there, trust our preparation, and play for the guys next to us."



Football Player Junior Jack Berbinich after FNL Game of the Week Win

FOOD DRIVE: EACH DAY THIS WEEK THE HIGH SCHOOL COUNSELING OFFICE IS HOLDING A THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE TO BENEFIT THE LIGHTHOUSE FOUNDATION. ITEMS IN NEED ARE CANNED FRUIT, STUFFING, CRANBERRY SAUCE, BREADCRUMBS, INSTANT POTATOES, COOKING OIL AND MAC AND CHEESE. DONATIONS CAN BE DROPPED OFF IN THE FRONT LOBBY OF THE HIGH SCHOOL.

Opinion

The Importance of Veteran's Day

Freshman Reflects on Impact, Celebration

HOUSTON HEINAUER STAFF WRITER

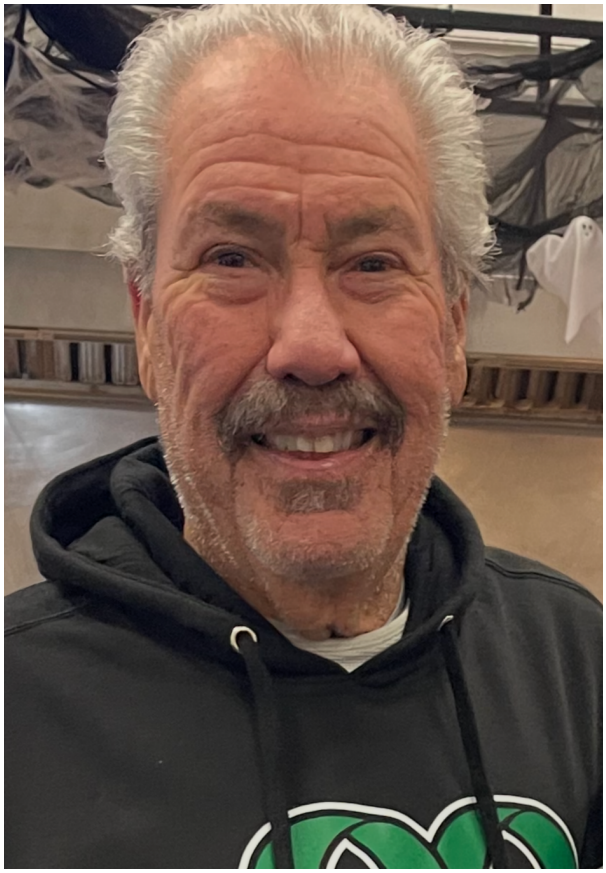
Have you ever sat down with a veteran and talked with them about their experience? Do you understand the strength of character it takes to make sacrifices? Veterans have one of the most important jobs in our society. They protect the basic right of freedom for everyone living in the United States, so how can we celebrate and honor these courageous individuals?

Veteran's Day was a momentous occasion at Pine-Richland. Our celebration featured our very own AFJROTC, included naming and honoring veterans in the Pittsburgh area, and paying respect to prisoners of war and soldiers missing in action. Students took the time to honor the veterans, but how can we honor these brave men and women in our daily life?

Historically, Veteran's Day was known as Armistice Day. This day marked the end of WWI in 1918. An armistice, or a document signed that ends all fighting, was signed on the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month. This day is also known as 11/11 at 11:00. Armistice Day became a federal holiday on May 13, 1938. After WWII and the Korean War, Americans realized they should honor all veterans fighting for our country. After veteran service organizations urged for the holiday to change, Dwight D. Eisenhower signed the legislation on June 1, 1954 that made November 11th Veteran's Day.

We should all make sure to celebrate our veterans, not just ceremoniously at school, but in our day to day encounters. You most likely have a relative or someone you know who served in the military. Their bravery should be commended, so please take time out of your day to thank them for their service. If you don't have a relative or someone you know who served, thank a veteran you come across in your daily life.

Veteran's Day is an important holiday that appreciates the veterans who have defended our country during our nation's long history. Let's make sure we give them the respect and thankfulness that they deserve.



This is my grandfather, Ray Smith. He served in the military from 1964-1965.

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PR FOOTBALL ADVANCES TO WPIAL CHAMPIONSHIP!!



