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Senior News!!! Seniors, THIS IS pictures will g

YOUR YEAR!!!!!!!!!

SENIOR PICTURE

DAY is Thursday,
December 9, 2021.
No walk-ins, you

No walk-ins, you need to make an appointment with LifeTouch. Please see Mr. Nelson in Guidance for more info.

Remember, these

pictures will go into the school yearbook and they will also be available for your family to purchase additional copies to send out to friends and relatives as a keepsake memory for them

2021 SENIOR INFORMATION

Get on the mailing list eMail:

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GRADUATION will be on May 31th 2021 at 9am in the Wise High School Auditorium.

Mrs. Tunstall and Mr. Phillips are the Senior Class Advisors, please See them for more information.

Be Prepared for ¢ollege ¢o\$t\$

Ms. Regina Robinson provided Croom High Schools with an insightful presentation on the current College Admissions Process last year. We are going to revisit this because it is an important topic.

Ms. Robinson is an award winning International Speaker, Amazon best-seller Author, Entrepreneur, and Educational

Coach who is widely known for engaging, motivating, and inspiring high school and college students.

She explained the intricate process of college admissions though the lens of the pandemic era.

Ms. Robinson educated the students on the differences between the Community College (Continued on Page 3)





The Croom Cougar Chronical Sports Beat—Your Name Here!

The Croom Chronical is looking for sports writers.

Are you interested in attending Croom High Schools sporting events? Are you participating in Croom sports? You could play and write about the games after the games!

Don't worry if you have never written for a paper or newsletter before, we will

This could be YOUR column featuring local and professional sporting news

help you with your column!

If you are going to attend College, writing for the school newspaper will be a great addition to include in your College application.

See Mr. Puzzella if you have an interest in writing!











Club, Group & Organization News

Clubs and Organizations are a great way to share your hobbies and interests with others.

The options for clubs are limited to your imagination.

Give it try, you will enjoy it!

How about a Guitar Club? Or even a Music Club, a Chess Club a Book Club, even a Sign Language club!











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Be Prepared For College Costs (Continued from page1)

and 4 year Universities, as well as touching on some of the stereotypes and barriers that students and families face.

Think About

- 1. Scholarships
- 2. Completion of FAFSA application
- 3. Private scholarships
- 4. Parents

5. Loans

These should be considered in the order they appear.

Applications often must be completed by Thanksgiving

FAFSA:

Free Application for Federal Student Aid

CLICK HERE FOR FASFA

If you are emancipated, Adopted, your parents are divorced, or any other questions about parents and the FASFA, CLICK HERE



Featured Poetry - And 2morrow - Tupac Shakur

Today is filled with anger, fueled with hidden hate.

Scared of being outkast, afraid of common fate.

Today is build on tragedies which no one want's to face.

Nightmares to humanity and morally disgraced.

Tonight is filled with Rage, violence in the air.

Children bred with ruthlessness cause no one at home cares.

Tonight I lay my head down but the pressure never stops, knowing that my sanity content when I'm dropped.

But tomorrow I see change, a chance to build a new,

build on spirit intent of heart and ideas based on truth.

Tomorrow I wake with second wind and strong because of pride. I know I fought with all my heart to keep the dream alive.

Staff News

We would like to wish Happy November Birthdays to:

Mrs. Maserin (6) Ms. Robinson (13) Dr. Williams (14)

Happy Birthday from all of us to you!







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Just for Fun! - Thanksgiving

The first Thanksgiving was

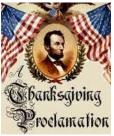


celebrated in 1621 over a three day harvest festival. It included 50 Pilgrims, 90 Wampanoag Indians, and lasted three days. It is believed by historians that only five women were present.

Turkey wasn't on the menu at the first Thanksgiving. Venison, duck, goose, oysters,



lobster, eel, and fish were likely served, alongside pumpkins and cranberries (but not pumpkin pie or cranberry sauce!).



Abraham Lincoln proclaimed Thanksgiving a national holiday on October 3, 1863. Sarah Joseph Hale, the woman roclamation who wrote "Mary **Had A Little**

Lamb," convinced Lincoln to make Thanksgiving a national holiday after writing letters for 17 years.

The history of a U.S. president pardoning turkeys is patchy.

Harry Truman is often credited with being the first president to pardon a turkey, but



that's not quite true. He was the

first to receive a ceremonial turkey from the National Turkey Federation - and he had it for dinner.



John F. Kennedy was the first to let a Thanksgiving turkey go,

followed by Richard Nixon who sent his turkey to a petting zoo.

George H.W. Bush is the president who formalized the turkey pardoning tradition in 1989.





There are four towns in the United **States** named "Turkey." They can be

4.500

found in Arizona, Texas, Louisiana, and North Carolina.

The average number of calories consumed on Thanksgiving is 4,500.



Butterball answers more than 100,000 turkey-cooking questions via their Butterball **Turkey Hotline each November** and December.

The tradition of football on Thanksgiving began in 1876 with a game



between Yale and Princeton. The first NFL games were played on **Thanksgiving** in 1920.

More than 54 million Americans

travelled during the Thanksgiving holiday last year. That will be much lower this year.



The first Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade used live animals from the Central Park Zoo.



The Parade took place in 1914 and Macy's employees dressed in vibrant costumes and marched to the store on 34th street They used floats instead of balloons. and it featured monkeys, bears, camels, and elephants, it was originally called the Macy's **Christmas Parade but was** changed to Macy's Thanksgiving Parade in 1927.

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Important Dates To Remember

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IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

November 2 T Election Day

November 2 T Staff Meeting

November 11 Th Veterans Day

November 16 T End of First Quarter

November 24 - 28 Thanksgiving Break

November 25 Th THANKSGIVING day

Gobble 'til ya Wobble!

November 30 T Staff Meeting

Letters to the Editor



Dear Editor,

Why do we eat turkey for our Thanksgiving meal?

- No Name

The history of the Thanksgiving turkey is a bit of a mystery. Nobody knows exactly how this particular bird earned a place of honor at the table each November, but historians have a few different theories.

Thanks to letters and records kept by early American settlers, we know that when the colonists sat down to dine

with the Wampanoag Native American Indians, beef and fowl were on the menu. This historical meal would later become known as the first Thanksgiving.

Although historians cannot say for sure which types of fowl were served up that day, a letter written by pilgrim Edward Winslow mentions a turkey hunting trip before the meal.

Another theory attributes the Thanksgiving turkey to the Queen of England. During the 16th century, a fleet of Spanish ships sunk on their way to attack England.

According to legend, Queen Elizabeth received this news while eating dinner. She was so thrilled that she ordered another goose be served. Some historians say the early settlers were inspired by the queen's actions and roasted a turkey instead of a goose.

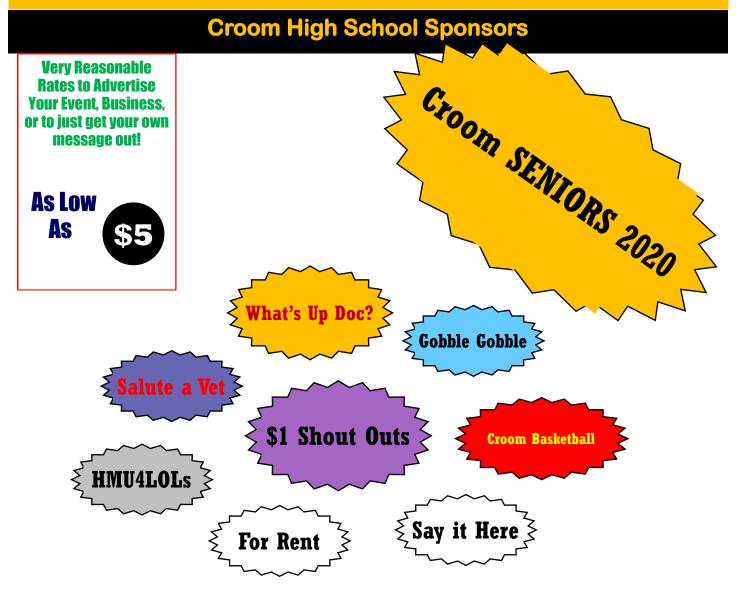
The wild turkey is a native bird of North America. As a result, Benjamin Franklin claimed this made the turkey a more suitable national bird for the United States than the bald eagle.

Not everyone agreed with Franklin, however, and the bald eagle became the national emblem for the United States in 1782. The bald eagle may be America's bird 364 days a year, but the turkey has one day all to itself — Thanksgiving.

- Editor



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What Mr. Henderson "C's"

What do you C?

This is what we want everybody to C;

A Caring and Committed Campus Community where a

Challenging Curriculum produces Citizens that are College and or Career ready.