

November 26, 2025



Knights' News

REMINDER: We are a Latex free building as well. No latex balloons are allowed in the building!

Announcements:

November 27th – 28th No School Thanksgiving Break
December 8th ECFE Holiday Pajama Party 6:00 - 7:00 pm
December 12th 3 Week Grade Check
December 20th IQ Robotics
December 22nd – January 2nd No School Christmas Break

Have a great day!



Articles

Polar Bears

Ayden O. 12th grade

Polar bears are one of the most iconic animals of the Arctic region. These large mammals are perfectly adapted to living in some of the coldest environments on Earth. Polar bears primarily inhabit areas around the Arctic Ocean, including parts of Canada, Alaska, Greenland, Norway, and Russia. They rely heavily on sea ice as a platform for hunting seals, which make up most of their diet. Polar bears have a thick layer of blubber and dense fur that help insulate them from the freezing temperatures. Their fur appears white, which provides camouflage in the snowy environment, but it is translucent and hollow, helping to trap heat. Their large paws are specially designed to distribute their weight when walking on thin ice and to aid in swimming. These bears are excellent swimmers, capable of covering long distances in search of food or new ice platforms. However, climate change and the resulting loss of sea ice pose significant threats to polar bear populations. As the ice melts earlier in the year and forms later, polar bears have less time to hunt and build up fat reserves necessary for survival. Conservation efforts are focused on protecting polar bear habitats and addressing global climate change. Understanding the biology and ecology of polar bears is crucial to ensuring their survival in a rapidly changing world. Protecting these majestic creatures is not only important for biodiversity but also for the health of the Arctic ecosystem.

Toads

Evret. C. 9th grade

Toads are amphibians that have dry, warty skin. The most common species of toad in Minnesota is the American toad, which is small, with the average size of 2 to 3.5 inches long, and its lifespan in the wild is about 1 to 2 years; in captivity, it can live up to 10 years. American toads also can change their skin color based on their environment to better camouflage themselves. As a defense mechanism, toads can release toxins from their skin if they feel threatened; every toad has a different concentration and mixture of toxins, making some more dangerous than others. The most dangerous toad is called the cane toad because of its lethal toxins called bufotoxins, which are strong enough to kill or make predators that attempt to eat it sick; the cane toad can get big, up to 9 inches and weigh up to 3 pounds. Toads start as eggs in water, which hatch into tadpoles, then they develop legs, and finally they transform into toadlets that leave the water and grow into adult toads. Toads spend most of their time on land, but toads can also survive in water for a while because they can absorb oxygen through their skin, which is also how toads drink. A wild toad can eat up to 100 bugs in a single night, although it only needs about 3 to 6 bugs every other day. Toads jump shorter distances than frogs, mostly because their hind legs are not as long or powerful as frogs.

Facts about Thanksgiving

Sawyer S 9th Grade

The first Thanksgiving was celebrated 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 would present. Turkey wasn't on the menu at the first thanksgiving feast. Venison, duck, goose oyster, lobster, eel, and fish were likely served, alongside pumpkins and cranberries Abraham Lincoln proclaimed thanksgiving a national holiday on October 3, 1863 Sarah Joseph Hale, the woman who wrote Mary had a little convinced Lincoln to make Thanksgiving a national holiday after holiday after writing a letter for 17 years. The history of U.S. presidents 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. More than 54 million Americans were expected to travel during the thanksgiving holiday this year, which was a 4.8% increase from last year. There are four towns in the United States named "Turkey" they can be found in Arizona, Texas, Louisiana, and North Carolina the tradition of football on Thanksgiving began in 1876 with a game between Yale and Princeton the first NFL game

Sports Update

Taylor P 9th Grade

On Monday November 24th the girl's junior high basketball team played against Norman County East and lost 11-22. On Tuesday November 25th the girls JV and varsity basketball team had their first home game played against Kittson County Central. JV lost 18-34 and the girls varsity had a close game but ended up losing with a score of 71-76. Also, on Tuesday the varsity boys' basketball team had a scrimmage against Crookston at the Crookston high school.

Week 13 Kids Thoughts

What is your favorite
pizza?

Devney: Cheese with
pepperoni and tomatoes
pizza

Aaron: Pepperoni pizza

Ellie: Sausage and taco
pizza

