THANKSGIVING TRADITIONS

Macy’s Thanksgiving Day Parade - The parade, which takes place in New York City, features elaborate floats, performances, and giant balloons. NBC will broadcast the parade from 9am to noon.

Football - Two American football teams, the Dallas Cowboys and the Detroit Lions, play every year on Thanksgiving. Many families watch the games together or even play a family game of football in their backyard.

Black Friday Shopping - The day after Thanksgiving is known as “Black Friday.” Many stores offer sales, and stores are open very early Friday morning (or even on Thursday evening) for shoppers who want to get a head start on their holiday shopping. Crowds will be insane, so be prepared and be careful!

Start of the Holiday Season - Thanksgiving marks the start of the holiday season. You will start to see Christmas trees and holiday decorations, and radio stations will begin to play holiday music.

WHAT IS THANKSGIVING?

Thanksgiving is a national holiday celebrated in the U.S. as a day of giving thanks for the blessings of the harvest and the preceding year. It takes place this year on November 27. Legend has it the first Thanksgiving was a peaceful dinner between the Pilgrims and Native American tribes in Plymouth. The holiday occurs on the fourth Thursday of every November, and today it is celebrated as a time to count your blessings and spend time with family and friends.

Note: UST students have Thursday 11/27 and Friday 11/28 off of school due to Thanksgiving.

FOOD: EASY THANKSGIVING RECIPES

Turkey

Green Bean Casserole
www.campbellskitchen.com/recipes/classic-green-bean-casserole-24099

Sweet Potato Casserole
www.southernfood.about.com/od/sidedish/casseroles/r/bl90911u.htm

The wishbone is a bone found in the sternum of turkeys. When preparing the turkey, it is tradition to take out the wishbone. Two people make a wish and pull on the wishbone. The person left with the larger part of the wishbone will see their wish come true!
STUDY TIPS

With the end of the semester fast approaching, here are some helpful tips for acing all your upcoming exams!

• **START EARLY** - Know what’s coming up for each of your classes, so you can budget your time accordingly.

• **USE RESOURCES** - Every UST department has tutors who can help you study, proofread a paper, or help you get started on projects. These resources are free with your tuition, so use them! The Center For Writing can also help with papers; make sure to make an appointment at https://www.stthomas.edu/writing/

• **TALK TO YOUR PROFESSORS** - Some professors will give a study guide before tests; others just a general guide. Regardless, it never hurts to approach your professor and ask him/her any questions you have. If any information from the class didn’t make sense, now’s the time to get that cleared up!

• **KNOW YOURSELF** - If you learn best with others, form a study group with classmates - teaching the material is a great way to understand it! If you need to be distraction-free, go to the upper levels of the library for complete silence. Everyone is different, so do what works for you!

• **GET SLEEP** - Remember to get at least 8 hours of sleep before your exam!

• **TAKE TIME TO UNWIND** - Be sure to come to upcoming MN Adventures events, to de-stress and have some fun before it’s crunch time! See event details on the last page :)

FRIENDSHIP FAMILY SPOTLIGHT

Our Friendship Families have been busy exploring the Twin Cities!

Emily Straker, Barak & Jay Barak brought their Friendship Family, Jiayi Wang (Quinn) and her friend Alex to visit a fun mural in NE Minneapolis

Sarah Kamba with her Friendship Family Betsy Lofgren visiting the iconic cherry and spoon sculpture

Yiran Chen enjoying a meal with her Friendship Family, the Trout Family
IEW is a joint initiative through the U.S. Department of State and the U.S. Department of Education. This week celebrates global education and awareness on campuses nationwide. Listed below are events presented by St. Thomas. Any other questions? check out the website: www.stthomas.edu/oiss/iew

**INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION WEEK**

**NOVEMBER 17–21, 2014**

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<td><strong>IEW Kickoff: International Fashion Show</strong>&lt;br&gt;The red carpet, the paparazzi, and “mocktails”! Members of the UST community present their traditional dress and modern fashions from their home countries or study abroad destinations.&lt;br&gt;<em>Location</em>: O’Shaughnesssey Education Center&lt;br&gt;<em>Time</em>: 6:30-8:00pm</td>
<td><strong>CultureLink Tea Presentation: China</strong>&lt;br&gt;Join UST student Jiashu (Josh) Li as he presents stories and facts about his country! Tea and snacks will be served.&lt;br&gt;<em>Location</em>: Koch Commons&lt;br&gt;<em>Time</em>: 3:00pm - 4:00pm</td>
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<td><strong>International Fair</strong>&lt;br&gt;Explore the world right here at UST! Booths from many different countries represented by UST and ELS students.&lt;br&gt;<em>Location</em>: Campus Way, in Anderson Student Center&lt;br&gt;<em>Time</em>: 11:30am - 1:00pm</td>
<td><strong>Football (Soccer) Tournament</strong>&lt;br&gt;UST students compete for the title in the world’s game!&lt;br&gt;<em>Location</em>: O’Shaughnesssey Stadium (Rain site: McCarthy Gym)&lt;br&gt;<em>Time</em>: 1:00pm - 3:00pm</td>
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<td><strong>International Trivia Night</strong>&lt;br&gt;Come test your worldly knowledge at the International Trivia Night at Dancing Ganesha!&lt;br&gt;<em>Location</em>: Dancing Ganesha Restaurant, Minneapolis (located on 11th St. &amp; Harmon Place)&lt;br&gt;<em>Time</em>: 4:00pm - 6:00pm</td>
<td><strong>GMSA Culture Fest</strong>&lt;br&gt;The Globally Minded Student Organization (GMSA) presents a celebration of the cultures represented at UST.&lt;br&gt;<em>Location</em>: O’Shaughnesssey Education Center Auditorium&lt;br&gt;<em>Time</em>: 6:00pm - 8:30pm</td>
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<td><strong>International Leadership Program Speaker</strong>&lt;br&gt;The International Leadership Program is pleased to host a leading expert in the field of global education, Dana Mortenson, co-founder and executive director of World Savvy. (For more information, visit <a href="http://www.stthomas.edu/CELC/newsevents">www.stthomas.edu/CELC/newsevents</a>)&lt;br&gt;<em>Location</em>: Minneapolis campus Thornton Auditorium, Terrence Murphy Hall&lt;br&gt;<em>Time</em>: 6:00pm - 8:30pm</td>
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OCTOBER HAPPENINGS!

AFTON APPLE ORCHARD

Our pumpkin patch event included hay rides, pumpkin and apple picking, and apple donuts.

CALANDAR:

NOVEMBER 4TH:
Diversity in Business Club has a guest speaker, Kelly Elkin, presenting in McNeely 108 during Convo Hour.

NOVEMBER 19TH:
Success Series: How to Cite Correctly vs. Plagiarism. 4-5pm in ASC 202. Food provided.

NOVEMBER 20TH:
Culturelink Tea: Welcome to China (presented by Josh Li). 3-4pm in Koch Commons. Snacks and tea provided.

NOVEMBER 25TH:
White Christmas

White Christmas is a musical adapted from the holiday film that shows the magic of the holiday season.

Date: November 25
Cost: $20 (includes tickets and appetizers at Dancing Ganesha beforehand)

Sign up NOW in the ISS office!

VALLEYS SCARE

Valley Scare was a smashing - and spooky - success.