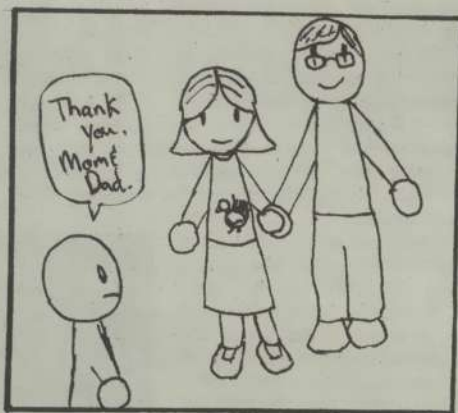


# Top ten things to be thankful

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**1. Your family.** Yep, it's number one. Although subjective, most of us love and care for our family deeply and would be up shit creek without a paddle if it weren't for their guidance and support. Whether you're thankful for your close bond with your parents, or a sister who always bails you out, I think that family is number one on almost everyone's list (or at least we act like it for the sake of Thanksgiving).

**2. Clackamas Community College.** Thanks to you, lies and mine, we are able to go to college for a much amount than at a four-year university, and are able to be by real professors and not just grad students. I'm thankful Clackamas mainly because of all the opportunities and we have to succeed, when elsewhere we normally would



**3. The iPhone.** If you've got an iPhone, it's safe to say you have the world at your fingertips. And if we look past the cliché, we can realize how much iPhones have truly helped us during crunch time: for me, it's all the times spent getting lost and using the Maps App to find my way again. There's also the times it saves us from a boring lecture with YouTube, visual voicemail to keep us from wasting our time and Shazam so we can download that random song we really like playing in Starbucks.



**4. The world has not ended.** Unlike in the movie 2012 we can rejoice in the fact that the world has not ended and we still have a planet to call home.

5. The John album, "Studies." word: gold you haven't listen so. I was so bold that it's his album so his career sure to to "Heart Warfare."

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## Holiday survival tips for the beleaguered student: from

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It's supposedly the most wonderful time of the year, but you already know that's always true. Often times, the holidays can be stressful and unpleasant to say the least. But worry not, because I have collected the wisdom of a number of students as well as my own advice into this handy guide. I can't promise everything will be perfect, but hopefully with a little bit of mental and physical preparation the holidays really can be as wonderful as they promise to be. Let's break things down into a few sections.

**Traveling:** Traveling can be quite a hassle around the holidays. Whether it is by car, bus, train or airplane, it almost always involves a ridiculous amount of waiting. Drake Tolan said, "As far as holiday travel, the trip back is always longer than the trip there because you can't wait to get back home. Holiday travel is legendarily bad."

The best piece of advice I can give you is, give yourself a lot of time to get to your chosen destination. Things are going to be even more unpredictable than usual, and it is a good idea to make sure you can handle delays and still manage to be on time.

Travel by flight is going to be especially bad around the holidays. Show up to the airport earlier than you usually do, and be prepared for delays everywhere. As Tolan said, "Delays are rampant in airports during the holidays."

Buy tickets as soon as you can. There are two reasons for this. One, you can get your preferred flight time and get tickets before they possibly sell out. Two, ticket prices will probably increase as it gets closer and closer to the flight time.

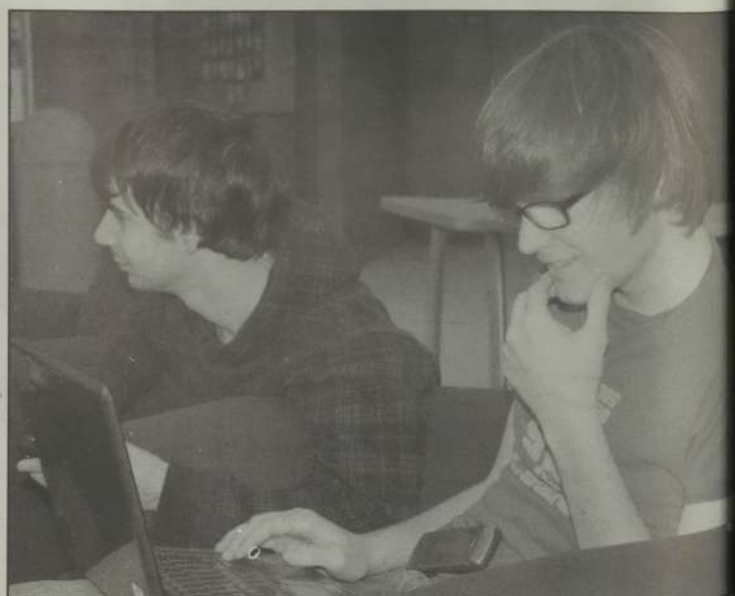
Travelling by car has its own hazards and inconveniences. Besides what has been said before, it is also important to be a relaxed and careful driver. Depending on what time you are driving, the roads are probably packed. Just take your time and don't be rash.

Tolan also added for travelling by car, "Bring board games to play on the ride there because someone is not talking to someone on the way back." I think he was half joking. But he has a point, if you aren't the one driving it is a good idea to find something to occupy your time.

Check the bus schedules beforehand. The busses usually run less frequently on holidays, and they often stop running a little earlier, but otherwise they are not any more inconvenient than usual.

**Shopping:** Whether it is for food or gifts, holiday shopping is busy and often unpleasant.

On the subject, student Steven Wonsler exclaimed, "For the love of God go early." I agree wholeheartedly. Starting your shopping early is a good way to avoid the crowd and get the items you need.



Steven Wonsler, left, and Tristan Harris, right, spend time in between classes at the community center.

Alicia Stalcup said, "The mall is a bitch. When it's getting close to the holidays, fuck that shit." The mall certainly is a busy place as it gets closer to the holidays. It can even be dangerous with so many people in a limited space like that. Stampedes aren't just for gazelles and buffalos. Sometimes people form a stampede too.

Tristan Harris gave a piece of advice from a slightly different angle. He recommended shopping with the person you are buying something for. "Choose the person you're shopping for and then it is for someone else." It makes sense, even if it is a bit silly. I think it is hard to screw up when the person shows you what they want.



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