

## WHAT I'M THANKFUL FOR THIS YEAR

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A lot of people take life and things for granted. In everyday life we all forget to stop and smell the roses so the saying goes. We should stop and every once in while reflect on what there is in life to be thankful for, not just on Thanksgiving. Every morning when I get up, sitting on the bed, with my feet on the floor I say thank you for another day. I don't always take the time to think about things I should be thankful for but know I should. It's a hard age being 12 going on 13. It seems that thinking of the past year is really hard to remember some of the things I'm thankful for. I started 7<sup>th</sup> grade this year and was looking forward to expanding my education

The first of many would be good health. When I see the news and of all the sickness of children and adults I can really say this is among the first to be thankful for. Good health. Most people wouldn't even think of it. We do take a lot for granted. A good example is I went to the dentist today and received the report of no cavities. I'm very thankful for that. There are many things that happened this past year to be thankful for. I was able to go to Disney World because my sister's soccer team won the state finals. Thanks to my sister for that.

To see the city of Buffalo and the new waterfront being completed is another to be thankful for. Watching the environment being taken care of and put to good use is important. It would be nice to see the powers to be think about putting in a theme park such as Cedar Point along the waterfront, then I would really be thankful. The nice summer weather we had was another to be thankful for. The weekends were always beautiful, and the short trips we took were nice.

I'm very thankful for the friends I met over the summer at soccer camp. The blast we had and all the good times together. Out of it all another important thing to be thankful is my family. We all get along well and have fun together. My two dogs and four cats, well what more can I say. Some have none. So that you can remember to take time and enjoy the view you too can find things to be thankful for.