

# What I'm thankful for

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There are a lot of things I'm thankful for. I'm thankful for big things like school, basic resources like food, water, clothing and shelter because I know not everyone has these. I'm thankful for people's actions like when I drop something and someone helps me pick my stuff up or when I lose my watch and a teacher helps me hunt it down after school, even when it ends up just being hidden behind something in my locker (thank you Ms.Viera). I'm thankful when I don't have a ride and someone else's parents offer to drive me home. I'm thankful for forgiveness even when I don't deserve it. I'm thankful for teachers, coaches, directors, and my friends, but most of all I'm thankful for my parents. They both do so much for me. My mom does the laundry, she drives us to activities, drives my sister Alice to school once and then twice when she comes home and realizes she left her clarinet at home. She works. She cooks dinner. She is the one I call when rehearsal, auditions, practice, or soccer tryouts just got out and I'm ready to go home. She helps us with our homework even if she says "the way they teach us things doesn't make any sense" and she is the one there to comfort me when I'm sad. My dad works all day then comes home and goes to my soccer practices and coaches our team, he cooks dinner, he packs my sister's lunch, he makes us breakfast, he plans fun vacations, he goes to the grocery store, he drives us places, he helps my little sister fall asleep when she just woke up from a bad dream.

The list goes on and on forever! I think that we shouldn't feel obligated to say thank you to our parents on special holidays or only on their birthday. I think we should always appreciate our parents and know how much they do for us. If you don't feel like it's that big of a deal because they are our parents, then maybe try listing all the things they do for you. It may change your opinion.