

# HISTORY HAPPENINGS

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## Department Teacher Spotlight:

**Mr. Wolf – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade U.S. History**

**Wilson Middle School**

Mr. Wolf is currently in his second year as a teacher at Wilson Middle School, teaching 8th grade U.S. history. He completed his undergraduate degree at Messiah University and looks forward to soon investigating his start into a graduate program.

Mr. Wolf states that he loves being able to interact with the 8th graders and feels like he is making an impact on their lives. He states that when he was an 8th grader, he remembers not feeling like he had a role model, and this is what he is trying to be for his students.

In terms of teaching, Mr. Wolf loves being able to help students understand why the world around us is the way that it is. He says everything that happened in the past continues to impact us in one way or another. This is why he believes it is so important to learn about our history. A fun fact that most people would not know about Mr. Wolf is that he has hiked over 500 miles over the past summer. He also states that students might be surprised to learn that he loves to play video games. If Mr. Wolf could be any superhero, he would want to be Superman, so he could fly to work and save a lot of money on gas!



**Mr. Mazias – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade U.S. History**

**Wilson Middle School**

Mr. Mazias is in his 17<sup>th</sup> year of teaching, all of which has been at CASD. He received his undergraduate degree from Dickinson College. He received a law degree from Quinnipiac School of Law and his teaching degree from Wilson College. Mr. Mazias says his favorite aspect of teaching 8<sup>th</sup> graders is seeing the desire to learn in their eyes. His favorite part of U.S. History is allowing students to develop their own perspectives on the events and people that shaped our history. Two fun facts about Mr. Mazias are that he was a Dungeons & Dragons fanatic in his teens and could never say no to a game of chess (WMS champ way back). Students might be surprised to learn that Mr.



Mazias was a member of Carlisle's first two state champion basketball teams (84-85 & 85-86). Mr. Mazias says his favorite superhero growing up was Spiderman, because of his selfless nature in helping others in distress, but growing older his father (Thomas Mazias) has become his superhero because of his selfless nature in always looking to help others.

## DO NOT FORGET TO VOTE!!!

Tuesday, November 8<sup>th</sup> is Election Day! Please be sure to make your voice heard. And we would love to suggest that you take your son or daughter with you to the polls! It is a great way to have them see the process in action. Five reasons you should vote: 1) elections have consequences, 2) it is your right, 3) it is your money (those tax dollars spent), 4) voting is an opportunity for change, and 5) the community depends on you. **FUN FACT:** Texas might not have become part of the United States in 1845 if **one U.S. Senator** had voted differently. The vote in the U.S. Senate was 27-25 to invite Texas to become a state. If it had been a tie, Texas would not have been asked to become part of the Union.

## THANKS TO OUR VETERANS!

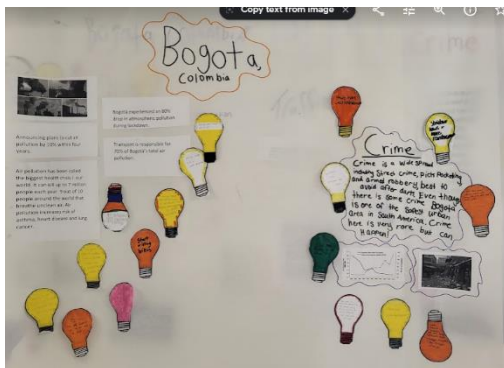
How do you thank someone – for laying down everything they have for the ultimate cause...our freedom? For sacrificing home and comfort so friends and family can enjoy peace? Two small words, "Thank you" seem so tiny compared to all the sacrifices our veterans have made, but they come from the deepest part of our nation's heart. Thank you for your service to our nation!



## Department Happenings: What's Going On in Our S.S. Classrooms?

### Mr. Roper's World Geography Elective:

In Mr. Roper's World Geography class students were examining problems found in one of the six megacities (populations of 10+ million people) in Central and South America and displayed their findings of posters. Students were then asked to propose potential solutions on the lightbulb cutouts for the other cities from the class.



### Mrs. Williams' 8<sup>th</sup> Grade U.S. History:

In Mrs. Williams' U.S. History classes, students took part in a "Colonial Café" that even included a special visit from participants of the past! Special thanks to the Bare Foot Historian for helping out. You can learn more about Carlisle History and take special tours – check out [Bare Foot Historian!](#)



### Mrs. Warner's 11<sup>th</sup> Grade Civics:

During their Bison Block periods, Mrs. Warner's classes are looking into the recipients of the Medal of Honor and the characteristics that they exhibit to be solid role models for our young people. During a recent Bison Block students wrote on four questions and then ranked their fellow classmates' best responses. The questions were: What qualities does one need to become a hero? What's expected of a person who leads a military unit? What words describe a Medal of Honor recipient? What other everyday jobs require similar characteristics to Medal of Honor recipients? To learn more about the Medal of Honor recipients, click [HERE](#).



## Social Studies Resources Online

Both our middle and high school libraries have many research resources available to students. Check out the direct links below which will take you directly to the databases available through our school libraries.

### **Middle School Level**

At Home Database Log In Information

[Culture Grams](#) and [SIRS Discoverer](#)

**LMS Username:** lambms

**Password:** Bisons@1

**WMS Username:** wilsonmid

**Password:** Bisons@1

The News Literacy Project offers resources that aid in the fight against misinformation and disinformation. The News Literacy Project offers several free resources for the public, including an e-learning platform, an app, a new podcast, shareable tips, tools, quizzes and an annual news literacy event. Check them out!  
<https://newslit.org/for-everyone/>

### **High School Level**

- [Opposing Viewpoints](#)
- [Historical Biographies](#)
- [Military & Intelligence](#)
- [U.S. History](#)
- [World History](#)

## Important November Dates in History

As the eleventh month of the year in the Julian and Gregorian calendars, November has 30 days. The month derives its name from way back in Roman times when under the Romulus calendar (c.750 BC) it was the ninth month and the Latin word for nine was 'novem'.

11/1/1765 – Stamp Act goes into effect in colonies  
11/2/1734 – Daniel Boone born in Buck County, PA  
11/7/1944 – FDR elected to an unprecedented 4<sup>th</sup> term  
11/9/1989 – The Berlin Wall comes down  
11/10/1969 – Sesame Street debuts on TV  
11/11 – **Veterans Day – Thank a Veteran!!!**  
11/11/1620 – Pilgrims sign the Mayflower Compact  
11/14/1960 – 6yo Ruby Bridges desegregates her school  
11/15/1777 – Articles of Confederation adopted  
11/17/1800 – Congress meets in the new capital in D.C.  
11/18/1883 – Railroads institute time zones in U.S.  
11/19/1863 – Lincoln delivers the Gettysburg Address  
11/21/1877 – Edison invents the phonograph  
11/24/1859 – Darwin's *Origin of Species* is published