

# NORTHLAND SCHOLARS ACADEMY



## Basketball Season

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Our guys' and girls' basketball teams practiced diligently for weeks before their first game last November. At our first home game, the bleachers were full of fellow-students and staff ready to cheer with NSA pride! Both teams played well and hard. The girls kept a heavy lead for most of their game, but unfortunately, a few last-minute shots by the opposing team took away their lead. The teams continued to play with the same vigor and determination, week after week.

Next quarter, our teams will play the last seven games in their season. Four of those games are at home, so we are excited to cheer them on until the end!

Our home games are scheduled for

- January 24th
- February 4th, 11th, and 28th.



## LET US KNOW HOW WE ARE DOING!

It was an exciting quarter! But no matter how busy we are, our teachers strive to maintain good communication with our students' parents.

Here is what one parent said about our teacher-to-parent communication, after sharing an NSA teacher's email with a high school in Kabul, Afghanistan:

*"Thank you for your message and for sharing your class activities with the parents and keeping them informed of what their students are learning. This is a wonderful teaching policy, helping parents follow up on the learning process of their children."*

*- Ali Rahimi, Afghanistan*

## Student Activities This Semester

The Second Quarter had many opportunities for fun and learning outside the classroom. Student activities included a Halloween party, organized by the student body council, outings during Thanksgiving recess and on weekends, Spirit Week, our second quarter clubs, and the Holiday Concert delivered by the choir and piano students.

During Thanksgiving recess, students visited a local movie theater and watched Frozen II, enjoyed a day of bowling, and the girls went on a shopping trip to Appleton, Wisconsin.

We had several volunteer opportunities this quarter. Some students volunteered at the hospital, and others enjoyed helping at an animal shelter. Our choir also visited a local nursing home.

This quarter, students joined one of the following clubs:

- Aviation Club
- Baking Club (pictured below)
- Volleyball Club
- Mock Trials
- Video and Film making

Clubs have proven to be an excellent way to build friendships, increase student involvement, and learn new skills in a fun environment.



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## A HOLIDAY CONCERT

DECEMBER 14, 2019 | 3 PM | WHITE CHAPEL



Students, staff, and family attended the Holiday Concert in December.

The choir and piano students dedicated many hours towards putting together an array of music to perform. When the concert concluded, the choir led a brief sing-along with the audience. Then everyone met together in the Rec Hall to congratulate the students and to enjoy refreshments provided by the Baking Club and staff.

## What is NaNoWriMo?



November is National Novel Writing Month (NaNoWriMo, for short).

With NaNoWriMo's Young Writer's Program, we took on the challenge to create stories and to see how many words we could write in November. As an online classroom, we set out to write 100,000 words.

Students set personal goals, too, ranging from 2,000 to 50,000 words!

Our stories brought us farther than we expected! Together, we wrote approximately 134,000 words! Ten students surpassed their individual goals and received certificates for their hard work.