



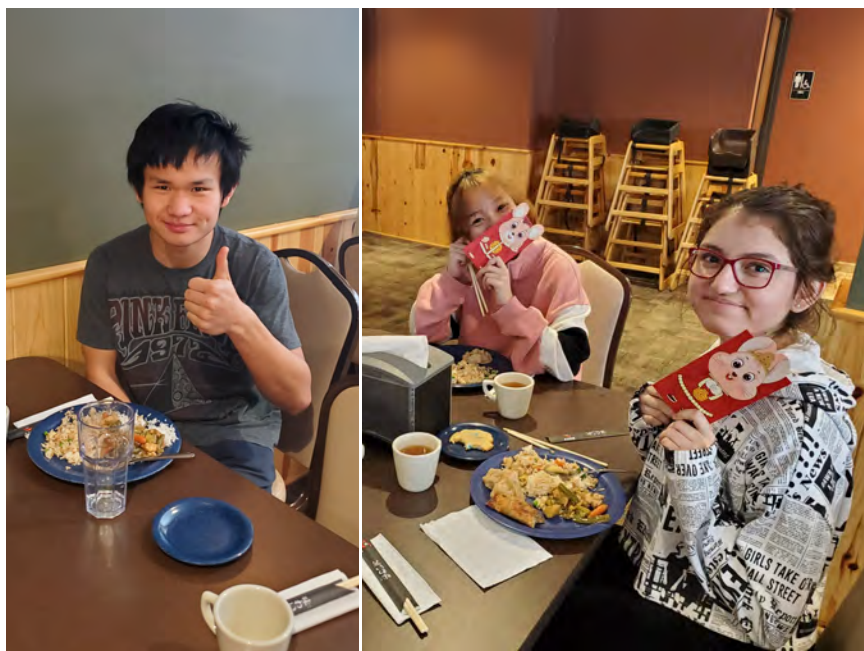
NORTHLAND SCHOLARS ACADEMY

Celebrating the New Lunar Year!

The new year didn't start in the United States first, of course. Some students were excused from morning classes so they could call their families back home at the start of the new year in China, Vietnam, or Korea.

Though we weren't able to celebrate this holiday 100% authentically, the students appreciated the effort, and everyone enjoyed participating in the celebration!

The school halls and office area were decorated for a few weeks to coincide with the usual length of Lunar New Year celebrations. On Friday, January 24, we tried our best to introduce "the Year of the Rat" authentically. At lunch, our cook made a special meal, and the staff gave red envelopes to all the students - symbols of luck and well-wishing for the new year. Per the request of a few students, we also tried to make a Tray of Togetherness - small sweets to bring a sweet new year!



CLUBS - LOOKING BACK AND LOOKING AHEAD

We have offered a variety of active and creative clubs this year, including Volleyball, Canoeing and Kayaking, the Great Outdoors, Mock Trials, Baking, and Aviation.

This quarter the students chose to join one of these offered clubs: Ice Skating and Broomball, Writing and Poetry, Indoor Soccer, and Weightlifting. Though we have our own outdoor ice rink on campus, the Ice Skating club played indoor broomball when we had higher temperatures. The Writing and Poetry club met in our coffee shop, and the Weightlifting and Indoor Soccer clubs met in the gym's facilities.

Next year, we are excited to offer after-school clubs again. These were a great way for students to build friendships and learn new skills!

Special Assemblies

Every Tuesday is student assembly, a time for Mr. Todd, our Head of School, or another staff member to share announcements and deliver character challenges to the students.

This quarter, we started Student Sponsor Assemblies, where each grade meets with assigned teachers to discuss and gather ideas for improvement.

We have also had a few guest speakers at assembly. We had a visit from the Sheriff's Department, which was a student favorite. Officer Callahan spoke about internet and personal safety. Afterwards, he answered questions and shared funny stories about his job. Then he showed a few students his car and allowed them to sit in it and take pictures with it. (pictured on right) Most recently, the entire NSA staff and student body attended the documentary presentation of "The Daniel Project," a story to raise awareness about teen suicide prevention.

Theme Days

Last semester, we held a Spirit Week to build student body morale and fun. But this quarter, we decided to try something different. Instead of a week of theme days, we selected a few individual days to show school spirit.

Our theme days included:

- Class color day
- Red/pink/white day (Valentine's Day)
- Sport Day
- School Color day
- Classes pick a theme day



Basketball Summary

The guys' and girls' teams finished their basketball seasons at the end of February with two games at home. Two schools we had played previously agreed to play us again in order to extend our season.

As usual, our athletes played with everything they had. What a privilege it was to begin and end the season on our own court so our students could cheer on their classmates to the end.

Six of our players will be graduating in May, but we look forward to another season with many of them returning.

Closing Activities

Due to the spread of COVID-19, we made the difficult decision to close the dorm early and move our classes online. That didn't stop us from having some fun, though.

On Tuesday, March 17, we held a Pre-Graduation ceremony on campus to recognize our senior class. These students received humorous diplomas as they were individually recognized for their upcoming graduation.

The choir and piano students performed for the ceremony, using the pieces they have been working on for the Spring Concert.

Our basketball coaches also used this opportunity to present several awards to their players.

After all these celebrations, the students and staff enjoyed a pizza party in the dorm - complete with a graduation cake!