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HONORING DR

By: JOAN HUH on January 27, 2025



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Every January, Americans come together to honor the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., a man whose faith-driven pursuit of justice changed the course of history. At New Covenant Academy, MLK Day is more than a holiday—it is an opportunity to reflect on the Christian values of love, equality, and service that Dr. King demonstrated throughout his life.

Born on January 15, 1929, in Atlanta, Georgia, Martin Luther King Jr. grew up in a segregated society, where systemic racism shaped every facet of daily life. Inspired by the teachings of Jesus Christ and the nonviolent philosophy of Mahatma Gandhi, Dr. King embraced a path of peaceful resistance. He believed that justice could be achieved not through violence or revenge, but through understanding, forgiveness, and a steadfast commitment to love.

One of Dr. King's greatest contributions to the civil rights movement was his philosophy of nonviolent resistance. Inspired by Jesus' teaching to "turn the other cheek," Dr. King led peaceful protests and demonstrations to challenge unjust laws.

As students at New Covenant Academy, we are reminded on MLK Day that the fight for justice is not just a historical event—it is an ongoing mission. Dr. King's legacy calls us to reflect on our own lives and ask how we can make a difference. Are we standing up for what is right? Are we treating others with dignity and respect?

May we honor Dr. King not just on January 20th, but every day, as we work together to build a world that reflects the Kingdom of God.

PRINCIPAL'S COLUMN

By: DR. SONG on January 27, 2025

Because January 1 represents a new beginning, many people come up with resolutions. But, let's face it. Most resolutions last just a few days or a few weeks. Why is that? On the one hand, some goals are unachievable. They're way beyond the reach, or they demand too much work and discipline. On the other hand, some goals are unimportant or too trivial. So, they are pushed aside or ignored. Thus, it's important to come up with achievable and meaningful goals.

Once such goals are identified, the next step is to address the mental and physical sides of achieving the goal(s). Let's consider the case of losing weight, a common goal for the new year. We all know that, without exercising and changing one's diet, weight loss is virtually impossible. Now, exercise and diet require careful planning, sustained commitment, hard work, and frequent monitoring. So, as you can see, there are two sides to this endeavor: mental (planning, determination, will) and physical (exercising, eating the right food, etc.). Hence, be sure to address both dimensions of your resolution! Think, plan, and take concrete steps. Oh, and don't forget to frequently monitor your progress.

But hold on! When workable resolutions are drawn up, most folks immediately create a "to-do" list. That's all good, but I must remind you to also come up with "not to do's." Jim Collins—the renowned author *Good to Great*—said goals aren't achieved by actions alone; there have to be inactions or not-to-do's as well. According to Collins, a major part of achieving goals is categorically unplugging anything extraneous or removing anything that gets in the way.

SENIOR FIELD TRIP

By: JOAN HUH on December 17, 2024

On January 30th, the senior class of New Covenant Academy embarked on a much-anticipated trip to the Americana and Glendale Galleria, marking a memorable moment in the school year. The day was dedicated to relaxation and fun, and students enjoyed a well-deserved break from their rigorous academic schedules.

The group departed from school promptly at 9:30 AM, buzzing with excitement for the day ahead. After a short drive, students arrived at the Americana at Brand, a popular outdoor shopping and dining destination. They were also free to explore the adjacent Glendale Galleria, a bustling indoor mall with a

That might sound too obvious. But could our past failures with resolutions be the result of fixation on doing so much without getting rid of what gets in the way? You see, action and inaction are opposite sides of the same coin. They cannot be separated or isolated. We need both. Consider a related axiomatic statement

"Expecting a different outcome by doing the same thing is... insanity." Boom. We cannot do the same thing to achieve new goals. We need to do things differently, and that requires eliminating or ceasing what didn't work.

What will you stop doing this year to achieve your goals?

For students, much of the following should be included in their "not-to-do" list: don't go to bed too late at night; don't play games (too long); don't waste too much time on social media; don't procrastinate on assignments/tasks; cut down on junk food or soda; don't curse; don't gossip; don't lie; etc.

No matter what your goals are for the new year, make sure to not only create a list of things to do but compile a list of what not to do. This approach will enhance the chance of achieving your goals.

I wish you a Happy New Year, and may God grant you wisdom, a passion for growth, and the determination to reach your goals.



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variety of stores and eateries.

Unlike structured field trips, this excursion provided seniors with the freedom to plan their own day. Some spent their time shopping at popular stores like Zara, Nordstrom, and Apple, while others enjoyed the dining options, ranging from quick bites at Shake Shack to sweet treats at Sprinkles Cupcakes.

Beyond shopping and dining, the trip fostered a sense of camaraderie among the senior class. Groups of friends roamed the malls together, sharing laughs, and swapping fashion advice. Faculty chaperones were on hand to ensure everyone's safety,

and students were reminded to keep their teacher's phone number handy in case they needed assistance.

The group reunited at the designated meeting spot by the fountain at 2:30 PM, ready to head back to school by 3 PM. Pastor Ted graciously treated every senior to a sweet treat. I personally took advantage of the chance and treasured my deluxe banana split. Though tired from a full day of activities, students returned with shopping bags, smiles, and stories to share to others.

Here's to more adventures before graduation!

MY EXPERIENCE AT SBS

By: JOAN HUH on December 17, 2024



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The last door on the left. That is where the curtain of journalism was pulled back, and I witnessed the magic behind the camera. This past summer, I interned at the Seoul Broadcasting Station. Walking through the halls, I was in awe of the glass office rooms filled with staff diligently working away. That was just the entryway.

In the control room, I stood next to directors controlling handheld cameras and cutting to microphones by pushing the seemingly millions of buttons on the control deck. My amazement snapped quickly as the reality of my work began. I was put in charge of preparing the recording room. Thus, I adjusted the lights to emphasize the newscasters' desks, arranged their notes, and completed a quick audio check.

Those first days of my internship passed in a blur. I was learning to juggle multiple responsibilities while racing against

tight recording deadlines. The experience was exhausting, yet exhilarating at the same time. My previous experiences running the school newspaper and writing articles for the Korea Times were dwarfed by television news production, and I longed for more. I had seen the broadcasts on TV, but being behind the beast provided many opportunities to be involved in news production. With editors, designers, secretaries, directors, and writers as my mentors, I explored each position and observed how essential each role was in communicating the news we depend on.

As I proved myself in my position, the station gave me more responsibilities. I learned how to change titles that would be broadcast to hundreds of thousands of viewers and readers. At first, I only had the simple role of yelling "cut" and "action" but soon, the producers trusted me with changing the titles and preparing the background image files for broadcasting. I was not only learning the technical requirements but also immersing myself in a sea of current events and gaining a more global perspective.

I wholeheartedly recommend this internship to anyone considering a career in journalism or media production. While your experience may differ from mine, the most valuable takeaway is the opportunity to immerse yourself in a professional workplace and expand your perspective. If you are interested in signing up or want to learn more, feel free to reach out to me! I'd be happy to share tips and help you get started.

Today more than ever, people need information from trusted sources. And I am fortunate to have found my place in that world through the last door on the left.

HUSKIES GIVE BACK

By: JOAN HUH on January 27, 2025

New Covenant Academy recently brought up a donation drive to support wildfire relief due to the fires in California. Organized by the student council, the drive collected essential items and funds for Baby2Baby, a nonprofit organization dedicated to providing critical supplies to children and families affected by natural disasters.

California's wildfires have devastated many communities, leaving families without homes and basic necessities. In response, Huskies rallied together, contributing to the cause and showing their commitment to helping those in need.

The drive officially ended on January 24, 2025, and the response exceeded expectations. "The support we received was

incredible," said Suejung, student council president. "We're so proud of our community for stepping up to help during such a critical time." By coming together to aid those in crisis, the Husky community demonstrated what it means to live out their faith in action.

The donation drive's impact will be felt by the families who received support during their time of need. The success of this effort serves as a reminder that even in challenging times, small acts of kindness can make a big difference.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to this meaningful cause. Let's continue to carry the spirit of giving forward, supporting those in need whenever the opportunity arises.

NCA UNIFORM POLICY

All students must adhere to the dress code policy described in the NCA fall packet and the Official Dress Code Policy Document. Dress code policy will be monitored by both Student Council and Honor Council.

- Monday through Thursday students are required to wear the school uniform as described in the school guidelines.
- All students are required to wear a tie and purchase a blazer.
- Nose rings and other piercings are not allowed for both boys and girls, with the exception of girls' earrings.
- Natural hair colors only- boys' hair must not cover their eyes or touch their shirt collars.

Reminder that consequences to violating the dress code may result in revoked free dress on Fridays. This consequence applies to both middle and high school students.

We have an Art & Writing column where we proudly display the talents of the students at NCA! If you would like to have your own artwork, poem, or writing piece displayed in next month's edition of The Husky Herald, please email your submissions to hylee@students.e-nca.org along with your name and grade! Submissions can also be anonymous if that happens to be your preference. We look forward to seeing your amazing creations soon!

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