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BOYS' BASKETBALL

By SUEJUNG PARK on November 25, 2023



Photographed by SARAH CHUN (12)

Even though the girls' volleyball and boys' soccer season has come to an end, New Covenant Academy's athletes are still busy, as it is officially the beginning of the 2023-2024 Boys' Basketball season! For the past few weeks, the team has worked hard and have continuously improved, their practices were filled with enthusiasm and strategic preparation. Through these practices, the team was able to build camaraderie and sharpen their skills in anticipation of the challenges that lie ahead.

The players focused on drills to improve many skills and to be prepared for future games. These drills consisted of practicing shooting, dribbling, and defensive techniques. The 2023-2024 season's coach also helped instill a sense of teamwork and sportsmanship within the team. This will lay the foundation for future victories in games and another successful season! This is because team strategies and communication are crucial as they enable players to coordinate movements, make split-second decisions, and help establish the basis for a cohesive unit. The seniors who are also part of the team gave advice to the younger players and are role models the other players can look up to. Although there may be setbacks and obstacles the team will be facing, I believe that the team will be able to persevere and create excellent results in this year's season! This season will yet again be a memorable one filled with valuable victories, fierce competition, and thrilling matchups.

All students, staff, and parents are invited to support and cheer on our boys' basketball team by coming out to future games as they will be playing hard in every game. In every play, they poured sweat and heart. Your support and cheers make a difference. Let's fill the stands with school spirit to fuel our team to victory as they need your cheers to boost their spirits! Go Huskies!

PRINCIPAL'S COLUMN

By DR. SONG on December 1, 2023

As we draw closer to the Christmas season, we must refrain from getting caught up in the spirit of commercialism. For many, Christmas has become all about selling and buying gifts, vacationing, traveling, feasting, and watching football games. That, I'll tell you, is the trick straight out of Screwtape's playbook: celebrate Christmas—but for all the wrong reasons.

We must also reject “political correctness” by “watering down” our greetings to “Happy Holidays.” I personally make a conscious effort to say “Merry Christmas” to store employees or people I meet. You may think that this is a trivial matter, but I beg to differ. If Jesus is the reason for the season, well, then we better articulate that with passion and conviction. We marvel and revel because of Jesus, not because of gifts, holiday food, decorated trees, etc. Let's not settle for “Seasons Greetings.” Let's say with confidence and boldness that “Jesus is the reason for the season!”

We ought to further make an effort to focus on the profound significance of the birth of Christ, our Savior, the embodiment of God's boundless love and mercy. In light of this miraculous and unparalleled historical event, everyone in the NCA community should express deep gratitude to God for the Gift of Christ, for accepting that gift leads to salvation and eternal life. Jesus is indeed the greatest gift anyone could ever want.

CHRISTMAS SERVICE

By JOSIE CUEVA on November 20, 2023

This coming December, New Covenant Academy will be hosting a Christmas service during school dedicated to celebrating the Christmas season and the birth of Christ. As the semester starts to come to an end, this service allows students, their families, and alumni to celebrate this special holiday season with each other. It typically takes place on the last day of the first semester of school, allowing everyone to come together before the year ends to celebrate during this festivity. During this service, we are usually able to hear performances from both elementary school students and middle school students. These performances tend to include activities such as singing Christmas songs or even acting in Christmas-related plays! There are also acts such as worship songs from our wonderful praise team, where the whole assembly is able to stand and sing praises to God together.

We should also have a time of reflection. How have I journeyed in 2023? Have I lived by placing the utmost importance and value on the Gospel? Have I loved my family and friends graciously and generously? Have I treated others with kindness and patience? Have I reached the goals I've set for myself at the start of the year? These and other penetrating questions must be asked and answered. We will then be able to make better plans for 2024.

Finally, as we exchange gifts, attend special church services, share meals with family and friends, etc., let us reach out to those who are in need. If we are blessed, then we ought to share the blessings with those who are less fortunate. That's how we represent the Good News in this season.

May God's love and grace continually shine upon us all, and may each and every one of you experience joy, serenity, and satisfaction throughout this Christmas season.

May the lessons of Christmas be evident in 2024 as the Gospel truth guides our deeds and interactions. May the light of Christ lead us to overcome the obstacles that lie ahead in the New Year. I wish you a blessed Christmas and a happy New Year!

These worship songs can help both the lead singers and the listeners be able to bring themselves closer to God and His Word, and also to strengthen their relationships with Him. Finally, we are able to hear a lovely message from one of New Covenant Academy's leaders, Pastor Ted. Pastor Ted's messages allow the assembly to remember and reminisce on why we all celebrate Christmas and its importance in our lives. His messages let all of us know that it is important to do these things and to do it together with the people we love and care about the most. During this Christmas service, being able to celebrate such an important holiday like Christmas together with the entire school community is an important event for everyone because we are all able to come together to bring joy and honor God together, as well as contribute to all of our celebratory and festive spirits as a group.

RESTAURANT REVIEWS: MASTER HA

By APRIL LEE on November 26, 2023



Photograph from TimeOut

Within a convenient ten-minute radius from the bustling grounds of NCA's campus lies a hidden gem, Master Ha, an exquisite eatery boasting an array of authentic Korean cuisine. This restaurant offers a relaxed and casual, but sophisticated atmosphere, captivating every customer stopping by.

My familiarity with this restaurant stems from my connections to students Kaitlyn Ha and Chloe Ha, whose family owns and operates this delightful business. Recently, I visited the restaurant with my family and the long wait time was inevitable, due to its popularity.

The price of their signature Marinated Crab Dish ranges from around \$45 to \$100, depending on the size, but serves enough portions for sharing with your friends and families. The Marinated Crab is probably their most famous dish. It's unlike any other marinated crab we've tried and is exceedingly rich and juicy. The crab is coated with the perfect amount of soy sauce, which was addictively salty and sweet. We almost had to order seconds!



Photograph from TimeOut

My personal favorite on the menu has to be the Marinated Salmon Rice Bowl. As a seafood lover, I've tried numerous sushi rice bowls within Koreatown, LA, and no one is doing it like Master Ha. Their perfectly seasoned rice contains different kinds of fish egg and greets you with the delightful scent of sesame oil and soy sauce. The soft and high quality salmon melts in your mouth, contrasting to the fish egg infused rice base. Ranging from around \$30 to \$60, there are various selections of rice bowls, which I can ensure all deliver the same mind blowing satisfactions.

Before their reopening, however, their main menu was actually the Ox Bone Soup. Being only \$15, it is still very popularly sought for by original customers and never seems to disappoint. Especially during colder weather like now, a hot, delicious bowl of Ox Bone Soup is just what your body is looking for.

Don't walk, run to Master Ha with your friends for great meals and memories!



Photographs from www.masterhala.com

TEACHER TALK: MS. OGBARA

By MATTHEW CUEVA on November 24, 2023



1. What inspired you to become a teacher here at NCA?

While my previous position as a community college lecturer allowed me to teach the subject I love, transitioning to NCA was driven by my passion for shaping young minds and encouraging them to truly appreciate literature and to have meaningful discussions regarding its connections to religion, philosophy, history, and current events.

2. What is your general philosophy that you implement when it comes to teaching your class?

My teaching philosophy centers around student empowerment, employing a student-centered approach that prioritizes individual growth. I believe in fostering creativity through interactive and interdisciplinary methods, weaving

diverse subjects and texts into a challenging curriculum. By integrating fun activities and projects, I aim to make learning engaging, ensuring that students not only absorb knowledge but also develop critical thinking skills and a lifelong love for learning.

3. How do you feel about this being your first year teaching at this school?

I'm enjoying my first year here at NCA. The administration is supportive, and the students are so kind and intelligent, not to mention hilarious!

4. If you were not an English teacher, what other subject would you like to teach?

If I weren't an English teacher, I'd probably be working as a book editor or as a full time writer. If I were to teach another subject, it would most likely be philosophy or history.



THE SQ3R METHOD

By KATIE KIM on November 25, 2023

As you progress throughout the year, student workload will become more difficult as you reach new levels of learning. Don't worry, though – there's a solution that can help you tackle these challenges if you're willing to invest time and effort. At NCA, we require students to purchase textbooks for our classes. These textbooks are essential for our teachers to aid students in understanding the material being taught. However, studying textbooks independently can be challenging, which is why we introduce the SQ3R method.

The SQ3R method, developed by Francis P. Robinson in 1946, is a highly effective technique for studying and reading textbooks. Robinson designed this method as a systematic approach to enhance students' reading and studying skills. His ultimate goal was to provide students with a structured technique that could help them to comprehend and retain information more effectively from their textbooks.

The acronym SQ3R stands for Survey, Question, Read, Recite, and Review – a systematic approach to effective reading and studying. First, you must survey the material to gain an overview of headings, subheadings, and any summary elements. By doing

this, you are establishing a framework for yourself to further understand the content that you want to retain and comprehend. Then, question the material by formulating queries based on the topic to further guide your focused reading and active attention. Now, during the reading stage, try to delve into the material with a purpose, pay close attention to key concepts and supporting details that may appear within the textbook. Additionally, take notes and highlight important information. After reading a section, move on to the Recite stage by closing the book and recalling the main ideas and details.

Now, try to answer the questions that you formulated earlier during the questioning stage to reinforce your understanding. Once the entire material is covered, proceed to the Review stage. Remember to review the notes and key points that you made along the way, reinforcing learning and improving long-term retention.

The SQ3R method encourages a strategic and active approach to studying, providing students with a structural framework to tackle challenging academic materials. I highly recommend this method to everyone, as it opens an effective way to study.

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 Friday 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.

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 aelee@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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