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THANKSGIVING SERVICE

By: SKYLER LIU on November 23, 2024



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Thanksgiving is a special holiday celebrated every year on the fourth Thursday of November in the United States. It's a time when families and friends come together to give thanks for what they have and enjoy a delicious feast. The tradition began hundreds of years ago, with the Pilgrims and Native Americans sharing a meal to celebrate the harvest. Today, it's not just about food like turkey, stuffing, and pie—it's also about spending time with loved ones.

This year's Thanksgiving service was a great success, with students, teachers, and parents gathering in the chapel to give thanks to each other. Several fascinating performances were delivered by students ranging from kinder to high school. The food was great as well, with delicious grilled chicken and mouth watering chocolate chip cookies. Parents and teachers walked around and by giving students food, showed their kindness and appreciation.

Another achievement we have made this Thanksgiving is this year's canned food drive. We have broken our NCA school record by collecting nearly seven thousand cans! High school Juniors and seniors contributed the most, with each grade bringing over 1900 cans. The cans we've collected will be all sent out as donations to the ones living in poverty.



PRINCIPAL'S COLUMN

By: DR. SONG on November 23, 2024

Why do we have Thanksgiving Day each year? You know all too well about the Pilgrims and their encounter with the Native Americans, so I won't detail the historical narrative and traditions. (Of course, the historical significance of Thanksgiving Day should not be dismissed or ignored!)

Let me give you my personal take on why we need Thanksgiving Day or the time set aside for giving thanks.

"Thank You Lord for...." is a common prayer starter, and we add to it a list of things that come to mind: food, clothing, shelter, weather, friends, etc. That's all good. The Bible, in fact, commands us to thank God for everything and always. So, it's important and necessary to daily express gratitude toward God. Yet, over time, such expressions can become rather sterile, superficial, trite, and repetitive if the heart isn't in them. And, without sincerity, words are meaningless.

Let's think about the following examples. Have you ever seen an upset child 'try' to apologize? The child may say sorry, but the expression is a mere formality, a bare minimum to satisfy the demand or requirement. There is no contribution or remorse! How about asking a teenager to "have manners" by saying thank you, or sorry, or excuse me? I work with teens daily at NCA, so students have heard me say good manners are necessary for making positive impressions and developing beneficial relationships. But, alas, often it takes many months or years for some to develop basic manners. And, sadly, many do not have the heart behind the mannerism.

Our "Thank You, God..." prayers have become something of that sort: a formality, a ritual, a mantra, a requirement—all

all without the heart and genuine gratitude. One reason for that is the hustle and bustle of life. We're just too busy! We do not pause to reflect or take a step back to see the big picture. Given that the word thank comes from the word think, we cannot give thanks—at least not heartfelt thanks—without deep reflections and thinking.



So, we need Thanksgiving Day and the season to express gratitude. We need to slow down, pause, think, and give sincere thanks to God. You can do that by making a list to count your blessings. Or, by reviewing the 11 months to recognize the hand of God in many events, encounters, and even in trials. How about memorializing your gratitude in a handwritten letter to God? What about taking a long walk—no earbuds, no cellphones—and just talk to Him and give Him thanks?

I hope and pray that, as you reflect, consider, and meditate on God's presence and providence in your life, your heart will be filled with gratitude. And that that gratitude will be lifted up to Him in prayer, worship, fellowship, and in offerings.

While you're at it, why not thank all those people whom God has placed in your life to positively affect you? Parents, teachers, pastors, friends, neighbors, grandparents, etc., well, there's so many people we ought to thank, don't you think?

So, have yourself a fantastic and meaningful Thanksgiving season everyone!



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HUSKYWEEN RECAP

By: Katie Kim on November 13, 2024



Photograph by Chaewon Wi (11)

As October comes to a close, New Covenant Academy gets ready for Huskyween, an annual tradition that allows students to celebrate school spirit during the last week of the month. Students in grades 8 through 12 have the opportunity to participate in a series of themed dress-up days, starting with Morning Monday, where everyone can wear cozy and cute pajamas. Following this cozy start, each day presents its own unique theme. For instance, on TV Tuesday, students dress up as television characters from their favorite television programs.



Photograph by Chaewon Wi (11)



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This is then followed by Wacky Wednesday, a day dedicated to outrageous and fun outfits that are silly and fun. Then comes Timeline Thursday, where each grade dresses up to represent different age groups: 8th graders as babies, 9th graders as toddlers, 10th graders as members of the 2019-2020 VSCO trend, 11th graders as adults, and 12th graders as the elderly. This engaging week not only fosters camaraderie and school spirit, but also provides students with the chance to express themselves in creative ways, making Huskyween a highlight at New Covenant Academy.



Photograph by Chaewon Wi (11)

VETERANS DAY

By: DANICA KIM on November 21, 2024

New Covenant Academy annually celebrates Veterans Day on November 11, to honor and recognize the sacrifices of many who have joined the U.S Armed Forces to serve the country and have helped shape the freedoms we hold today. This holiday gives us the opportunity to recognize the courage and selflessness of our veterans, whose contributions have impacted our country greatly. We take this day off from campus to thank our veterans, but there is a deeper history and meaning to this holiday.

The origins of Veterans Day are rooted in the events of the anniversary that ended World War I on November 11, 1918. Originally named Armistice Day because of the signing of the armistice that ended the war, Congress decided to rename the holiday to Veterans Day after World War II and the Korean War to recognize and respect all U.S. military veterans, not just ones who served in World War I. We remember the significance and selflessness of each and every U.S military veteran, and their impact on our country.

We encourage students and parents to participate in this important holiday of remembrance, so take a moment to thank a veteran you may know in your life or a member of your community. We may use this time to reflect on the meaning

behind the holiday and understand the history of our country. As we celebrate Veterans Day, let us remember that it is thanks to our veterans that we are able to enjoy our liberties and opportunities we have today. Let us take this opportunity to express our gratitude to the veterans who have shaped our history and our future.

By annually celebrating Veterans Day, this ensures that the stories of military veterans are never forgotten and that their sacrifices and braveness continue to inspire the generations to come.



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CANNED FOOD DRIVE + GOAT DRIVE

By: MATTHEW CUAVA on NOVEMBER 15, 2024



Photograph from Kansas Food Bank

It's that time again! The community of NCA hosts two fundraisers every year to try and help feed the impoverished and those in need around Los Angeles! The canned food and goat drives have come to be a tradition in our school, where the high school classes try and compete for the most cans they can bring. This year, we're aiming high with a goal of 2,000 cans! The drives will end on November 22nd, so don't delay-every donation counts. In addition to canned goods, you can contribute by purchasing a goat for just \$70. These goats are donated to

families in need, providing them with a sustainable source of food and income.

As an exciting incentive, the class that donates the most cans by the end date will win a special field trip of their choosing! So rally your classmates, bring in those cans, and consider contributing toward a goat to make a meaningful impact. Together, we can make a difference and show the strength of NCA's generosity in the name of Christ!



Photograph from World Concern Organization

THANKSGIVING RECIPE

By: APRIL LEE on November 21, 2024

As the temperatures drop and we approach the Thanksgiving season, pumpkin cupcakes are the perfect way to embrace the flavors of fall. These soft, spiced treats, topped with tangy cream cheese frosting, are extremely simple to make.

1. In a large bowl, sift together flour, granulated sugar, baking powder, baking soda, salt, pumpkin pie spice, ginger, and cinnamon.
2. In a separate bowl, whisk together pumpkin, oil, brown sugar, eggs, and vanilla.
3. Add the wet ingredients to the dry ingredients, mixing until the flour is fully incorporated.
4. Spoon the batter into paper liners, filling them about three-quarters full (roughly $\frac{1}{4}$ cup each). If using one pan, cover the remaining batter and set it aside. Bake for 20 minutes and allow the cupcakes to cool in the pan for 10 minutes.



5. In the bowl of a stand mixer with the paddle attachment, beat the butter on medium speed until creamy. Add the cream cheese and continue beating until smooth. Stir in the vanilla and salt until just combined.

6. Sift powdered sugar into a large bowl.

7. With the mixer on low, gradually add the powdered sugar.

8. Once fully combined, increase the speed to medium and beat until light and fluffy. Pipe the frosting over the cooled cupcakes and decorate as desired. *(Recipe by Preppy Kitchen)*

Bake, frost, and enjoy! Use this easy simple recipe to make pumpkin cupcakes to savor the season's best flavors. Happy Thanksgiving Huskies!

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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