



# The Husky Herald



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**November  
2022**

**11/11 Veterans Day Holiday  
(NO SCHOOL)**

**11/18 Thanksgiving Service**

**11/21-22 Faculty Inservice  
(NO STUDENTS)**

**11/21-25 Thanksgiving  
Break (NO SCHOOL)**

## GIRLS' VOLLEYBALL PEP RALLY (10/13)

By JOAN HUH October 15, 2022

Every year, the NCA community shows our support to the sports teams through pep rallies. Pep rallies are a great way to celebrate NCA's athletes, especially the seniors who will leave next year. With the girl's volleyball season coming to a close, the school wanted to commemorate their hard work and encourage their make- or-break game against Waverly.



Photographed by JENNA LEE (12)

The students cheered for the girl's volleyball team when the players ran into the gym, ripping through a large sign. Afterwards, Coach Johnston delivered a heartfelt speech to the seniors, giving a special shoutout to Cherise and Maria for leading our volleyball team. After introducing the players, the pep rally activity was introduced. A relay race was held between three volleyball members and three audience members. Each player would first run around a line of hurdles. Then, they would have to receive a volleyball whilst standing in a ball pit. Lastly, they had to knock down five cones on a table with a volleyball. The volleyball girls ended up winning, earning loud cheers from the crowd once again.

It's important to remember that pep rallies can be very motivating for sports teams. Although the season didn't end the way the volleyball team wanted it to, they knew NCA was supporting them til the end. The pep rally was a way in which NCA could express their pride and enthusiasm for the girl's volleyball team's achievements. It was also a way to thank the seniors who worked so hard this season. Although they won't be able to join the team next year, their spirit and motivation will carry through to the future captains. A big thank you goes out to the volleyball team and Coach Johnston for working so hard this season.

## VETERAN'S DAY (11/11)

By YEJOO NAM October 11, 2022

On November 11, we celebrate Veterans Day. Even though it is widely observed across the country, some are unaware of the story behind why such a holiday came to be and why we celebrate it. Veterans Day is a federal holiday in which we honor those who served in the military, navy, or air service. These veterans volunteered to sacrifice their life to obtain peace and tranquility in our nation and around the world.

Veterans Day is an opportunity for us to thank the men and women who have fought gallantly for us and to reflect on the importance of peace. The holiday also draws attention to the worldly challenges many Veterans face after military discharge. As we take a break on Friday, we should never lose sight of the reason we observe Veterans Day.

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# TEACHER TALK: MR. GREENER

By APRIL LEE on October 16, 2022



## 1. We have been blessed to have you at our school this year! What led you to start teaching at NCA?

Before I came to NCA, I was teaching at an IB (International Baccalaureate) school in Korea (Gyeonggi Suwon International School), where I was teaching DP Language & Literature. When we decided to move to sunny Southern California, it was a natural fit to come to NCA to help in its transition to becoming a fully IB school; especially one in Koreatown which seemed to be a way to ease our family transition from Korea back to America.

## 2. How do you feel about your first year teaching at New Covenant Academy?

I'm really enjoying getting to know the students here. It has been a pretty big adjustment going from teaching at international schools in South Korea for almost a decade to teaching in America, as well as switching from teaching juniors and seniors to teaching grades 4-8 in Middle School English here; but it is an opportunity to put the growth mindset into practice that we teachers encourage you, students, to do so often.

## 3. If you weren't a teacher, what do you think you would be doing right now?

Actually, I'd probably be a journalist, writing interviews like this. Although, I would probably be in sports journalism, as I was the sports section editor of my school newspaper for two years in high school and also basically got a minor in journalism at university.

## 4. Is there a different subject you would want to teach?

Journalism. With my background in that. Also, I've coached middle school PE and been an Athletic Director before, so I'd definitely enjoy doing some coaching here.

## 5. What do you prefer: Halloween or Christmas?

Definitely, Christmas... and my kids and I are really looking forward to experiencing the Christmas Season here in America after they have grown up only knowing Christmas in Korea. We're especially looking forward to going back to Montana to spend the holidays with my family and hopefully getting to see a White Christmas!

# QUALITY EDUCATION AND TEACHERS

By MRS. HAN on October 26, 2022

Many studies examine the relationship between student achievements and the characteristics of teachers. The achievement of our children highly correlates to the teachers they are designated and teacher quality. Accordingly, one enduring approach at NCA has been to focus on teacher effectiveness. By prioritizing feedback & reflection, preparedness, high expectations, and modeling best practices, our teachers gain new skills and make professional strides. The skills needed for effective teaching have many nuances. On top of expertise in the academic field, effective teachers have a positive attitude, understand students learn in different modalities, and set a clear tone for the

class. With educators devoted to enthusiasm, commitment, flexibility, and preparation, our students are motivated to learn rather than solely focusing on receiving a good grade. Student achievement gains can be categorized with student satisfaction, student achievement in the classroom and test scores, and student growth and progress each year. NCA is happy to present that we are putting forth our best effort to provide quality education and teachers to promote lifelong learning opportunities for all students.



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# THE STORY BEHIND THANKSGIVING

By SUE JUNG PARK on October 11, 2022



Jean Leon Gerome Ferris: The First Thanksgiving

November is known as the month of gratitude. To give thanks, we celebrate Thanksgiving. Many families spend the day eating delicious food with loved ones, but some might not know the history behind the well-loved holiday. It all started in 1621 when a group of people called the Pilgrims, also known as the Plymouth settlers, emigrated to America. After a harsh winter, nearly half of the settlers lost their lives.

## CREAM OF THE CROP

By DALE LEE October 11, 2022

We all know the phrase “I scream, you scream, we all scream for ice cream!” Historical figure Fidel Castro was one of many who said that phrase the loudest. Castro was a dairy fanatic: he ate eighteen spoonfuls of ice cream at breakfast, drank many milk shakes, and consumed other dairy products multiple times a day. His obsession with dairy motivated him to open one of the largest ice cream parlors in the world (which is still open to this day). Dairy affected every aspect of Castro’s life, from his diplomatic interactions to his assassination attempts. For example, he once argued with a French diplomat over the superiority of Cuban cheese to that of French cheese. What’s more, the CIA even tried to poison one of his milkshakes! However, to Castro’s horror, the milk production in Cuba was subpar and did not meet his dairy-production expectations. Hence, he ordered a team of scientists to create a new cow breed that would produce increased amounts of milk. This led to multiple failed projects, with one exception: Ubre Blanca. Ubre Blanca was a sole cow that produced over 100 quarts of milk per

Fortunately, the Pilgrims met Squanto, who taught them how to grow food and catch animals. Squanto also was an interpreter for the Pilgrims.

By facilitating communication with other Native-Americans, the Pilgrims were able to trade food for fur. After their first harvest in 1621, the Pilgrims celebrated with the neighboring Wampanoag people. They enjoyed a three-day celebration of eating food, dancing, and singing. During this event, everyone shared a meal of delicious food. This meal consisted of deer, corn, roasted meat, and more.

This event is now known as America’s “first Thanksgiving.” On November 26, 1789, President George Washington issued a proclamation for “a day of public thanksgiving and prayer.” Later in 1863, Abraham Lincoln encouraged Americans to recognize the last Thursday of November as a “day of Thanksgiving.” In response to this, Congress made Thanksgiving a national holiday in 1870. As you celebrate Thanksgiving this year, remember to be thankful for what you have, and most importantly, give thanks to God who provided you with everything!

day and over 10,000 gallons per year. Consequently, Castro, who craved and loved all things dairy, would visit Blanca regularly to receive updates and track her progress. Due to her satisfactory milk production statistics, Blanca was nationally recognized and, thus, became forever engraved into Cuban history. How’s that for satisfying a craving?



Fidel Castro eating an ice cream cone photographed by Meyer Liebowitz

# THANKSGIVING SERVICE

By ABIGAIL PASTEL on October 14, 2022

Thanksgiving is near, NCA! As usual, we will be having our Thanksgiving Service in November to celebrate. It will occur during the school day and will include a chapel service and a Thanksgiving-style lunch for all NCA students, staff, and faculty to enjoy. The lunch will include turkey (or chicken), sides, gravy,

stuffing, and a traditional pumpkin pie! The elementary school students will also do performances based on the pilgrims' first Thanksgiving. We are all looking forward to the tasty food and biblical/holiday-themed events and activities coming up in light of November. Don't forget to bring your bibles and appetite!

# CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

By DR. SONG on October 27, 2022

In the months of October and November, NCA holds its annual capital campaign. Through this endeavor, everyone at NCA can (1) recount all the wonderful features about NCA, and (2) make donations to support NCA's vision and mission to educate, enable, and equip the Christian leaders of tomorrow.

NCA is a nonprofit Christian ministry. That means, profit is not at the central aim of NCA. The school's tuition is set each year to have enough financial resources to keep the school operational and growing. The underlying rationale is to make every effort to make NCA affordable to all families and students who desire to join NCA. NCA also provides some form of financial aid and scholarships to 40% of all families. These are the reasons why NCA needs your generous donation to sustain its schooling ministry.

Now, if one were to compare NCA's output (student

achievement results, student/parent satisfaction, college acceptance, character and spiritual formation, etc.) with that of other private schools in Los Angeles, it becomes obvious that comparable schools charge at least 2x, if not 3x, NCA's tuition. Yes, you read that correctly—200% to 300% of NCA's tuition is charged by other schools that produce even lesser results.

So, let's put this in perspective. NCA is a nonprofit school. And, it produces even better results than schools that charge two or three times its tuition. Plus, NCA provides financial aid and scholarships to a large number of families. Thus, NCA needs your donations to keep it going and growing.

I ask you to give, and give generously, to NCA today. (If you already made your contribution, thank you from the bottom of my heart.) Do note that you can give as an individual or as a business entity, and all donations are tax-deductible. And, giving is extremely easy—just visit the Bluefire link provided below to make your donation today.

May God bless you richly, and thank you for supporting NCA!

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](mailto: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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