# January Newsletter

### **Happy Lunar New Year!**

Lunar New Year is a celebration of the arrival of spring and the beginning of a new year on the lunisolar calendar. It is widely celebrated by countries in Asia including China, South Korea, and Vietnam. While the official dates encompassing the holiday vary by culture, those celebrating consider it the time of the year to reunite with immediate and extended family.



#### Did You Know?

A lot of people think that the term "Lunar New Year" and "Chinese New Year" are interchangeable, but this is not true. Chinese New Year is a festival celebrated specifically in Chinese culture, whereas Lunar New Year is an umbrella term that refers to the holidays celebrated widely throughout East Asia.

#### **Lunar New Year Celebration**





For the rest of the event, everyone relocated to the dorm cafeteria and enjoyed delicious food, which included Bulgogi(Korean stir-fried beef), Japchae(Korean stir-fried glass noodles), sushi, and pizza. It was a great time for everyone to learn about traditions from other cultures.

## Local Activity: Movie "Avatar"

The students went to AMC
Philadelphia Mills to watch the new
Avatar movie, Avatar: The Way of
Water. The movie is a visual
masterpiece that features a
powerful story with important
themes. The top-notch graphics and
acting made an immense effect on
the film. The students all enjoyed
watching one of the most popular
movie series in the world.







## **Boys Basketball Senior Night**

To commemorate what the senior athletes have done throughout their 4 years in high school, they get a special game in which all the seniors get called out to the middle of the court with their parents and have an announcer announce their personal things such as their favorite memory or what college they're going to.



The team played Cardinal O' Hara
High School, and while they were not
able to get the win, it was definitely a
memorable moment for all the
seniors and their families. It was not
only the basketball team that had
their own special day, but the senior
cheerleaders got called out as well
and got to enjoy this amazing
moment with their families.
Congratulations to all seniors and
good luck in your future endeavors!

## Photos of the Month



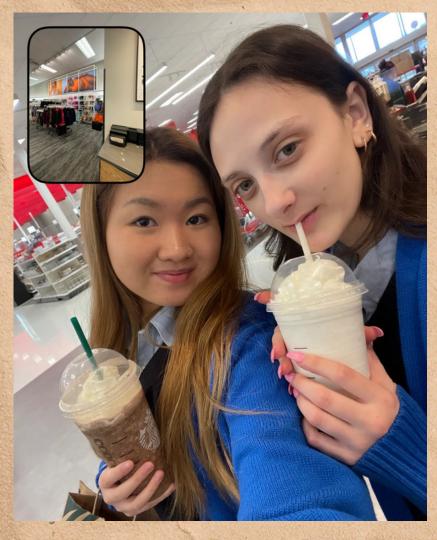














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