



HawkSquawk

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Dear Upper School parents,

I love International Week and the opportunities we offer students during it to break from our usual routine, step outside of ourselves, and look at the world through a different lens. In class, students explored Chinese literature and history; they created works of art in which they imitated Chinese artists; they even built Chinese trees in Biology. The Gallery featured an interactive view of China that allowed us to taste treats, drink tea, and try on clothes. Our own international students from China shared pieces of their lives and popular culture with us at assembly. Two outside speakers focused on the impact of economic growth and the effects of the population on the resources of China. On Sunday, students took a field trip to Chinatown for the Chinese New Year Parade. Lastly, on Monday we enjoyed our first “un-speaker”: Jan Wong, author of the history summer reading book *Comrade Lost and Found*, did a Skype interview with us from Canada.

All of these experiences enlighten and enrich us. The inter-disciplinary approach, combined with the discussion of real 21st century problems, makes the learning



Members of the Asian Culture Club and additional students enjoyed this past Sunday in DC celebrating the Chinese New Year in Chinatown.



Jenn Hoerner ('13) (center) had her face painted along with Addie and Hallie Norden in honor of the Year of the Dragon.

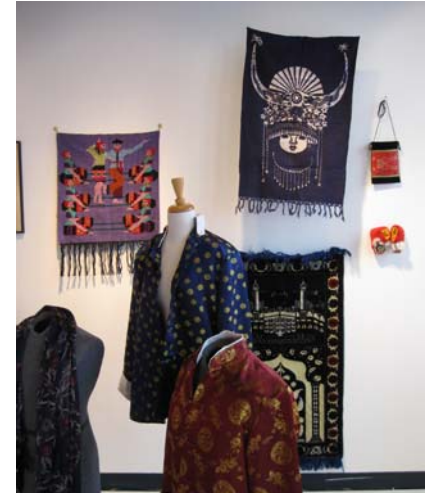
feel relevant and urgent. Our students need to acquire multiple perspectives so they can solve global problems. This is the foundation for our new Global Studies program/certificate.

John Scharfenberg will discuss this new offering at the Parents Association meeting on Tuesday, February 7 at 8 a.m. in The Rice Theater. I hope you will be able to join us.

Sincerely,

Cassin Bertke
Assistant Head of School
Upper School Director

International Week China



Clockwise From top left: (1) Diane Von Goellner-Suppa created an eye catching display in the Center for the Arts which will run through February. (2) Cassin Bertke, Tim Hamlin, Taylor Wills and Jingcong Yao. Taylor introduced Mr. Hamlin, our guest speaker on Tuesday, and Yao caught up afterwards to ask a few questions. (3) Wall Hangings and clothing from gallery display. (4) Thursday's guest speaker, Rich Cronin (center), poses with Ms. Bertke and Andrew Norman, who introduced him to the student body and guests. (5) Clothing from China in the Gallery (6 & 7)The Quiz Bowl on Friday was a great way to wrap up knowledge learned about China. Even though the faculty won, the Class of 2015 gave a valiant effort and the Class of 2012 was right behind them. Doug Ferguson did a great job of hosting the competition. (8) Mid week our Chinese Foreign Exchange students created a spirited presentation of what life is like in China. From left: Jingcong Yao, Dali (Ted) Dong, Jiayu Zhu & Lea Yiting Xie. (9) An extra treat on Monday brought Jan Wong to our assembly through Skype as a guest speaker. Ms. Wong is the author of this past summer's reading in preparation for International Week: *A Comrade Lost and Found: A Beijing Story*.





WHERE DOES MY TUITION MONEY GO?

Find out on Tuesday February 7, 8:15 AM
at an exciting interactive presentation
by Highland School division directors and faculty.

*Sponsored by the Highland School Parents Association.
Coffee and refreshments begin in the Rice Theater lobby at 8:00 AM.*

What will the **renovated Middle School** do for your child's education?
Matt Ormiston, Middle School Director

What are the "5 Cs" and "project-based learning"? Why are we using this approach and how is it **helping your child prepare** for college and beyond?
Lise Hicklin, Lower School Director
Maria Sogegian, Lower & Middle School Librarian

Harvard comes to Highland: How Highland's summer faculty studies are putting cutting edge technology and teaching in your child's classrooms.
John Harmon, Middle School Faculty

How Highland's new **Global Studies program** will give your student a deeper understanding of world cultures and issues.
John Scharfenberg, Upper School Faculty

Robotics students build **STEM knowledge** while having a blast! Highland's Lego and Robotics program is teaching our students **engineering, physics, math, teamwork, perseverance and strategic business planning.**
Claire Mello, Science Chair

Date: Tuesday, February 7
Time: Coffee and goodies at 8:00 am. Presentation at 8:15.
Place: Highland Center for the Arts (the Rice Theater)

Join the Highland School Parents Association for this second General Meeting of 2011-12, and afterward at our February Board Meeting.

January's All School Gathering



Returning from Winter Break also means an opportunity for all divisions to gather as a community. Left: Alice Silva and Laura Caperton ('12) escort their kindergarten buddies into the US Gym. Center: Jingcong Yao, exchange student from China, and Anna Brehm ('12) delivered inspired speeches. 'Yao' talked about his immediate fascination with America and Hollywood after seeing Gene Kelly in 'Singing in the Rain' when he was 5 years old and was inspired to pursue music. He recently auditioned and earned a spot to perform in the 2012 American High School Honors Performance Series at Carnegie Hall in February. Anna's "I Believe in Adventure" speech inspired us all to believe in the adventure of life and following your dreams whether it be skydiving or learning Arabic. Right: Steven Salley and Henry Miller ('12) bring up the rear as they escort their buddies back to classes.

***Please Join us for a Special Assembly with Guest Speaker
Daniel Fata***

Monday, February 27, 2012

The Rice Theater, 10:10 - 11:10 a.m.



Bio information taken from websites listed below:

Daniel Fata has traveled the world giving speeches and talks on U.S. - European relations, Afghanistan, Russia, the role of the private sector in military operations, and other current national security topics. Prior positions include serving as the U.S. Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for European and NATO Policy and acting as a key advisor to Secretaries of Defense Rumsfeld and Gates. To read complete bios on Mr. Fata visit the following sites:

<http://www.aeispeakers.com/speakerbio.php?SpeakerID=1941>

<http://www.cohengroup.net/about/teammember.cfm?id=75>

Freshman/New Sophomore Academic Planning Night

The Rice Theater

Monday, February, 27* - 7 p.m.

***This program is designed for all current freshmen,
new sophomores and their parents.***

Graduation requirements are reviewed and students are challenged to look ahead and visualize their high school career. Course choices are introduced and student scenarios are presented to spark interests.

RSVP to Wendy Safren - 540.878.2720 or wsafren@highlandschool.org

***This is a date change from our printed calendar**

GEAR HEADS RULE!

Highland's newest FIRST robotics team, the Gear Heads, competed in the First Technical Challenge Regional Event at UVA in Charlottesville this past Saturday. The team is composed of 7 freshmen: Mason Baxter, Thomas Boudreaux, Dominick Clemente, Jamie Dyer, Seth Finkel, Henry Hazel, and Liam Stetson. The boys designed and built a robot with a conveyor belt and fork lift in order to pick up balls and fill crates. The competition was a lot of fun and there were some tense moments when various pieces broke during matches. The Gear Heads finished 17 out of 27 teams, had a lot of fun, and are already planning modifications to their robot for off-season competition. Way to go Gear Heads!- submitted by Elizabeth Lang, faculty sponsor.



DRESS DOWN DAYS

Thursday, February 2nd

Wear **YELLOW** to raise awareness for Childhood Cancer. Donations are accepted but not necessary to dress down. Students must wear yellow to dress down.

Friday, February 17th

This will be our 2nd dress down day to raise money for the Enkijape School, our sister school in Kenya. Suggested donation is \$3.00.

2011-2012 Upper School Lunch Contacts

Forms for each of the lunches listed below can be found in the Main Office.

Forms for PA lunches are also posted on the website:

[Highlandschool.org/School News/Parents Association/Forms for Download](http://Highlandschool.org/School%20News/Parents%20Association/Forms%20for%20Download)

Day	Sponsor	Lunch	Contact	Phone	Email	Notes
Monday	PA	Domino's/ Honey Baked Ham	Catherine Bierman (PA volun- teer)	540-270- 5599	stlmgla@comcast.net	3 ordering/billing cycles 9/6-11/21; 11/30-2/24; 2/25- 5/18
Tuesday	Junior Class	Chinese	Camille Smith (student)	**	Camillesmith023@gmail.com	
Wednesday	Junior Class	Chik Fil-A	Lauren Bryan (student)	**	Lbryan00@verizon.net	
Thursday	Robotics	Ledo's	Joy Willey (10 th grade parent rep)	703-283- 9483	willeyjoy@aol.com	10 th grade will take over lunch after Spring Break
Friday	PA	Tropical Smoothie/ Panera	Catherine Bierman (PA Volun- teer)	540-270- 5599	stlmgla@comcast.net	3 ordering/billing cycles 9/6-11/21; 11/30-2/24; 2/25-5/18

If you have question regarding Upper School Lunches please contact the above. If there is a question of whether your account has been billed please contact Laura Dennis in the business office at 540-878-2751.

Ledo's Thursday: Lunch Order Form SPRING Semester 2012

Please support Highland's Robotics program. Order Ledo's lunch on Thursdays.

The cost is \$6.00 for a generous lunch portion of the following selections.

- 1 – Small Cheese Pizza (choice of 1 topping)
- 2 – Pepperoni Calzone (flaky crust filled with melted provolone & pepperoni)
- 3 – Stromboli (salami, pepperoni, smoked provolone layered in flaky crust)
- 4 – Spaghetti (pasta covered with Ledo tomato sauce)
- 5 – Spaghetti & Meatballs (pasta covered with Ledo tomato sauce and meatballs)
- 6 – Cheese Tortellini Marinara (tortellini covered with Ledo tomato sauce)
- 7 – Cheese Tortellini Alfredo (tortellini covered with creamy Alfredo sauce)
- 8 – Fettuccini Alfredo
- 9 – Italian Cold Cut Sub (deli meats and cheese w/lettuce, tomato)(mayo and mustard on the side)
- 10 – Ham & Cheese Sub (w/lettuce & tomato; mayo and mustard on the side)

To order, place the item number of your selection next to the date below. If ordering pizza, write in the desired topping (if any) next to the item number (e.g., "#1 pepperoni"). Please include your name and grade. Please order for all the weeks until Spring Break or return this form to the Upper School office by each MONDAY for weekly orders. Lunches will be charged to your account or please send a check payable to "Highland School."

Feb 2 _____

Feb 9 _____

Feb 16 _____

Feb 23 _____

Mar 1 _____

Mar 8 _____

Mar 15 _____

STUDENT NAME: _____ Grade: _____

TOTAL LUNCHES: _____ X \$6.00 = TOTAL \$: _____

HIGHLAND ROBOTICS THANKS YOU!

QUESTIONS?? Contact Joy Willey at willevjoy@aol.com or 703-283-9483

February 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 YELLOW Clubs during Break. Grade 8-Senior Lunch	2 GREEN DDD Wear yellow for childhood cancer awareness. Advisory during Break.	3 BLUE Spanish 3 field trip. Assembly Last Day of Drop Add	4
5 Super Bowl	6 RED	7 ORANGE DUD Assembly	8 YELLOW Clubs during Break.	9 GREEN Class meetings during Break. Math Contest #5	10 BLUE Assembly Coffee House	11 ACT Tests NYC Trip
12 NYC Trip returns Fun With Physics Event by VA Tech (2-4 p.m.)	13 RED	14 ORANGE DUD Assembly	15 YELLOW Clubs during Break.	16 GREEN Advisory during Break.	17 BLUE DDD for Enkijape Assembly	18
19	20 Presidents' Day — NO SCHOOL	21 ORANGE DUD Assembly	22 YELLOW Clubs during Break.	23 GREEN Advisory during Break. DAC Basketball Tournament	24 BLUE Assembly DAC Basketball Tournament	25 DAC Basketball Tournament
26 Basketball State Tournament Week	27 RED Special Schedule for assembly by Dan Fata (10:20-11:20 a.m.) Freshman/New Sophomore Academic Planning Night (7 pm)	28 ORANGE DUD NHS Induction Assembly	29 YELLOW Clubs during Break.			

This calendar may also be found online at [Highlandschool.org/Academics/Upper School/Monthly Calendar](http://Highlandschool.org/Academics/Upper%20School/Monthly%20Calendar).