



#### NORTHLAND NOTABLES

#### **COLLEGE ACCEPTANCE AND SCHOLARSHIPS!**

SECONDARY STUDENTS: GRAB YOUR CAPES AND MARK YOUR CALENDARS! ON FRIDAY, MARCH 21ST, WE WILL HAVE OUR SPRING SPORTS PEP RALLY WITH A SUPERHERO THEME!

# **ELEMENTARY**

# PANDAN QUARTET VISITS ORCHESTRA









What a treat to have the Pandan Quartet (Madeleine Hearn, NCS class of 2023, along with Sebastien Tsai, Eleanor O'Brien and Holly Bogle) from Oberlin Conservatory visit last Friday and work with all of our orchestra students! They performed John Williams' favorites (Star Wars, Jurassic Park and Indiana Jones) for 3rd-5th grade orchestra and Prokofiev's 2nd String Quartet for our older students.

They worked with the 3rd grade class, who are learning to bow, played a side by side performance with 4th and 5th grade, who just led an Elementary Fine Arts Chapel along with Honor Choir, and they helped coach the secondary students who are preparing for their Solo and Ensemble Recital.

All of our students had a wonderful time listening and being coached by the Pandan Quartet members! We're so thankful you took the time out of your busy schedules to visit! Thank you Fine Arts Society for sponsoring this amazing event!



Mrs. Moores's 4th grade class presented chapel about the Ten Plagues this week. This chapel was a great reminder of God's faithfulness and HiS perfect plan, even in times of uncertainty.

# 4TH GRADE FIELD TRIP









Fourth Grade went to the San Jacinto Monument last Wednesday to learn more about Texas History. They watched a movie on Texas History and the Battle of San Jacinto and had a great time completing a scavenger hunt.

# **LIL BOOTS DAY**











Our preschool through first grade classes enjoyed welcoming rodeo season to town with some "school-grown" fun at Northland's 12th annual Lil' Boots Day. Students were able to milk a "cow," visit a petting zoo, square dance, race "noodle horses," and ride a "wagon" pulled by some of Northland's strongest seniors! This is always a day full of smiles and today was no different! YEEHAW!

# PE SHOW - BLACK VS GOLD











Northland's Elementary campus held it's 41st annual PE Show recently. This year's theme was Black vs. Gold and the students loved competing for glory and bragging rights! Bowling, gymnastics, hula hoops, basketball, volleyball, cheerleading, and skating were some of the skills on display and the kids all shone brightly. Special honor was given to Coach Jeff Martin who is retiring after 30 years as a phenomenal PE teacher at Northland. His creativity and love for his students have changed thousands of lives for the better and he will truly be missed!

# **3RD-5TH SQUARE DANCING**









Northland's 3rd-5th graders welcomed in rodeo season by putting on their finest duds and square dancing their way through the day on Thursday! Mrs. Nelson has spent many weeks teaching them rhythm and intricate steps to several different dances and we love to watch them show off their skills! This is Mrs. Nelson's 20th year teaching our students to square dance. Amazing!

# **SECONDARY**

# MIDDLE SCHOOL TRACK

Our Middle School track team is off to a running start! After just completing their second meet at Rosehill, several students have already established new personal records and many ribbons have been won. With several more meets ahead we are excited to see what accomplishments lie ahead!







# **REGION ORCHESTRA**









Northland is home to a thriving orchestra program led by Mrs. Kelly Hearn. Our program is unique as it begins in third grade and continues through graduation. The program consistently boasts a membership of nearly 80 students and several of these students have been awarded college scholarships as a result of their talent. Recently, Northland had 17 students advance to the TPSMEA Region Orchestra weekend. There they joined

students from private schools throughout the region, rehearsed briefly, and then performed for parents, family members, and friends who were able to attend. This weekend was a fabulous display of our talented musicians!

### **THEATRE**







Another group of talented students are the cast and crew of our upcoming spring production, "The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe." Under the direction of the talented Mrs. Jurick, this group of 6th-12th graders has devoted many hours rehearsing after school. Additionally, they have spent time on the weekends building sets and designing costumes. Come witness their talents on display March 27-28 in the Northland gym!

**DEBATERS EXCEL AT NATIONAL TOURNAMENTS** 







The regular season for our debate team is winding down as team members prepare for NSDA Districts and TFA State. Over the last month, the team has had excellent results at our national circuit tournaments hosted by elite colleges and universities like Harvard, Stanford, Columbia and UC Berkeley.

Four students were invited to compete at the inaugural Harvard Round Robin, featuring eight of the top World Schools teams from across the country. After seven rounds with judges from all over the world, Northland Christian debaters placed 3rd! Congratulations to Aiden Buchanan, Jackson Lawrence, Margo Meaney, and Kate VanWormer on this accomplishment. Jackson Lawrence also received the 3rd place Speaker Award!

#### Berkeley Tournament

Anderson Hendrix and Liam McDonald advanced to triple-octofinals in Varsity Lincoln Douglas Debate. The team also enjoyed several days competing in California where they got to enjoy stunning sunsets and (slightly) warmer weather!

#### Columbia Tournament

Liam McDonald placed 3rd and advanced to the TOC bid round in Varsity LD.

#### Stanford Tournament

Carolina Crespo and Shepard Boyd advanced to semi-finals in Congressional Debate.

### NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY INDUCTION



On Tuesday, February 24, twenty-eight 10th-12th graders were inducted into the National Honor Society. Students who qualify academically are then selected to be inducted based upon the principles of scholarship, service, leadership, character, and citizenship. Here at Northland, we add the additional responsibility of upholding biblical values while demonstrating the five pillars of NHS. Congrats to the 28 sophomores, juniors, and seniors that were inducted! Also, a thank you to the NHS 2025-26 officers for their help with the Induction Ceremony!

#### NATIONAL JUNIOR HONOR SOCIETY



On Monday, Feb. 24, thirty 7th-9th graders were inducted into the National Junior Honor Society. Students who qualify academically are selected based on the principles of scholarship, service, leadership, citizenship, and character. In addition, NCS adds the additional responsibility of upholding biblical values to these pillars. Congratulations to those who were inducted this past week! Thank you to the NJHS 2025-26 Officers for their help with facilitating the Induction Ceremony!