

Good morning, Condors! Here are your Daily Announcements with Melanie and Adriana.

Please stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ready, begin: I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the republic for which it stands: one nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

Please be seated.

- During this holiday season we will discuss different celebrations of different cultures in the Daily Announcements. Hanukkah began yesterday and it is the Festival of Lights, an eight-day Jewish celebration commemorating the rededication of the Holy Temple in Jerusalem after the Maccabean Revolt against Syrian-Greek oppressors in the 2nd century BCE, symbolizing religious freedom and miracles, particularly the miracle of a single day's worth of oil miraculously burning for eight days. Celebrations involve lighting a special menorah for eight nights, eating oil-fried foods like latkes, playing the dreidel game, and giving gelt (money/gifts)
- Hey Condors! This week is our annual Winter Week and this year's theme is "Snow Much Spirit". We have some fun dress up days and daily activities planned for you.

Today we start out with “All Aboard the Polar Express” and we all look so comfy in our pajamas and comfiest clothes. We hope that those of you that got there in time enjoyed starting the day with free hot chocolate.

Tomorrow is “Snow Angel Suit Up” so come wearing your white to help us cause a “white out” around campus and we will have snowflake making in the forum at lunch. You can get 5 Star Student points for participating and remember we are starting to redeem points for prizes when we return after winter break. See our school instagram page, [condor.country](https://www.instagram.com/condor.country) and your Grade Level Google Classroom pages for more information about the week.

- Congratulations to Ms Antes’ class for winning our first “Name That Tune” Friday. Thank you to the 26 classes and offices that participated! This week we will be playing at the beginning of 4th period on Wednesday so we don’t disturb any finals time on Friday.
- Students our last program date for NEST will be on Wednesday, December 17th 2025.
- Hi Condors! We have a new community service opportunity available. The Echo Valley Winter Concert is happening on Wednesday, December 17th in the

NMCHS Forum, and we're looking for student volunteers. Volunteers will need to arrive at 4:30pm and stay until about 8:00pm. Dinner will be provided. If you're interested in volunteering, please stop by the Condor Community Center and sign up on the clipboard!

- Attention Seniors: We wanted to share an important update regarding graduation items. The deadline to order your cap and gown has been extended to December 15th. Please make sure to submit your order by the new deadline to avoid any late charges. You can place your order at: highschool.herffjones.com
- Also seniors, Cooks Photography will be doing one more free photo day this Friday, December 19 at their studio in Salinas. If you have not yet taken a photo for the yearbook, please call them at 831-424-5486 to set up a time to go in on Friday, December 19. This will be the last chance to take a senior picture for the yearbook.
- And today's lunch special is crispy chicken sandwich. Yummy!!!
- Have a great day Condors!!