

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.

- Lunar New Year, starting today February 17, 2026, is a major 15-day festival marking the beginning of the new year based on the lunisolar calendar. It symbolizes the arrival of spring, rejuvenation, and family reunions for billions of people in Asia and worldwide. 2026 is the Year of the Fire Horse which represents strength, energy, and freedom. Lunar New Year is the most important holiday in China and widely celebrated in Korea, Vietnam, and other parts of East and Southeast Asia. Celebrations include family, red decorations, exchanging red envelopes with money, fireworks to scare away evil spirits, and eating symbolic foods like fish or dumplings. Red envelopes are monetary gifts exchanged during the Lunar New Year to bestow luck, longevity, and prosperity; they symbolize passing on blessings and safeguarding the recipient from evil. Amounts typically feature even numbers which signify

harmony and the number 8 for luck and wealth. Lunar New Year coins, often gold-colored, are also sometimes put in the red envelopes to symbolize wealth, good fortune, and prosperity, and to attract abundance in the coming year. Today in recognition of Lunar New Year you can come to the Student Store at lunch where we will be handing out a limited amount of red envelopes that contain either chocolate gold coins or 5 Star Student points with denominations ending in 8.

- February is Black History Month. Every day this month we will share information and facts on the Daily Announcements. Did you know that Madam C.J. Walker was born in 1867 on a cotton plantation in Louisiana and became fabulously wealthy after developing a line of Black hair care products. She founded the Madam C.J. Walker Company in 1910. Walker also helped thousands of Black women gain financial independence as company sales agents and employees at the company's headquarters in Indianapolis.
- Seniors, time is running out to be able to sign up for your Grad Night trip to Universal Studios on May 28 and 29. We need 14 more students to sign up in order to clear the waitlist and allow everyone to attend. Please see your Class of 2026 Google Classroom to register to attend this trip.

- This week at lunch in the forum you can sign up to be a part of our intramural badminton tournament next week during lunch. Find a partner and sign up to be a part of the fun!
- If you are interested in trying out for next year's cheer team please come pick up a packet from Mrs. Castro in room 2 during lunch.
- Hey Condors! We're getting ready for our Day of the Child Festival happening right here at our school — and we want YOU to help plan it! If you're interested in sharing ideas, helping organize activities, or being part of something fun for our community, join us today during lunch in Room 2!
- “Hey students, we'll be holding a Pizza and Paint night on Friday, March 13th at 5:30PM. We encourage you to bring your parent or guardian. Don't miss out. Please RSVP on your NEST google classroom by February 20th. If you're not in the after school NEST program, contact your academic counselor or ask us in Room 10A.”
- And today's lunch special is a spicy chicken sandwich. Yummy!!!
- Have a great day Condors!!