

## CHINESE NEW YEAR

### A CELEBRATION OF A LUNAR NEW YEAR



There are many activities during the celebration, such as having a large family dinner, decorating the house with red decorations and lanterns, and setting off fireworks to celebrate and bring good luck.

Every year, people celebrate Chinese New Year according to the lunar calendar. It does not fall on a fixed date but usually takes place in January or February. The celebration lasts for 15 days and includes many traditions that have been passed down for generations.

People celebrate Chinese New Year to honor their culture, keep their Chinese roots alive, show gratitude to one another, and wish for good luck, happiness, and a bright future in the year ahead. - Londyn Nishimura

Families celebrate together and visit relatives, often taking turns hosting gatherings in each home. These visits strengthen family bonds and allow everyone to reconnect and share good wishes for the year ahead.

Younger family members show respect to elders, sometimes by offering greetings and well wishes for health and prosperity. In return, elders may give small gifts or red envelopes as a symbol of good luck.  
-Keuanei Hughes

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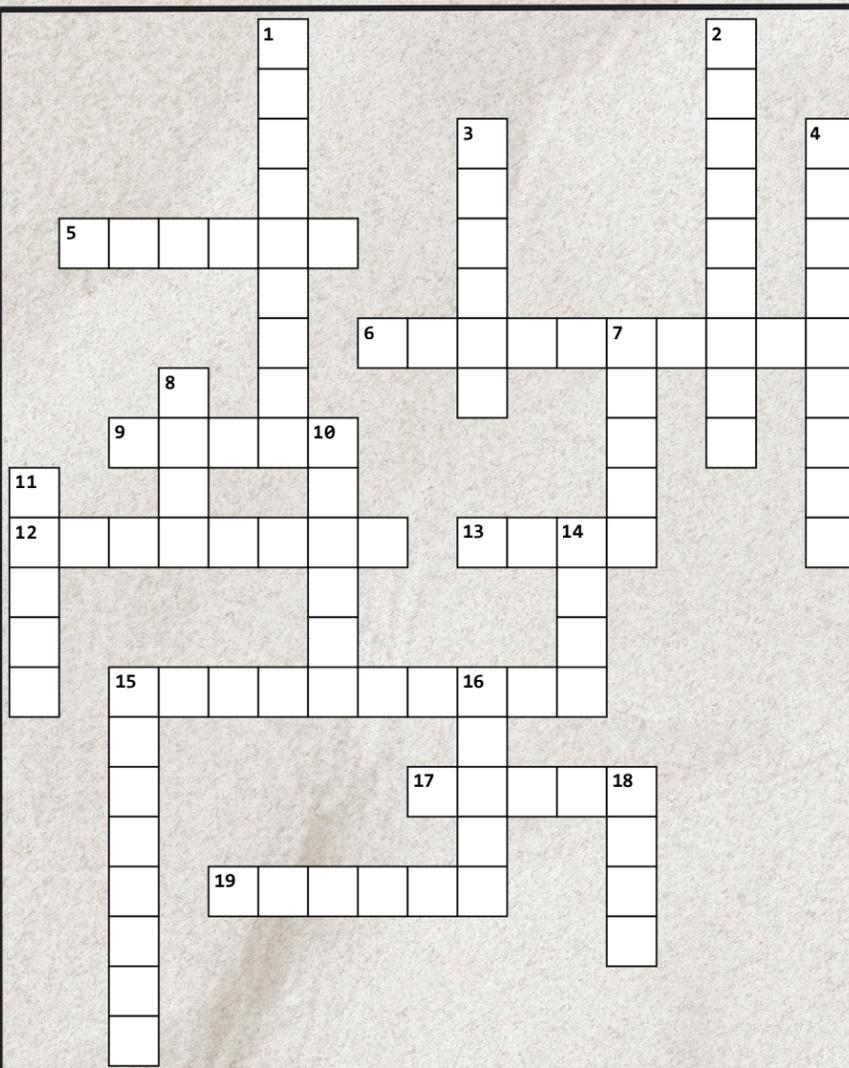
— Brian Sekiya Jr.

#### Across

- 5. What the groundhog may see
- 6. What happens on Groundhog Day
- 9. Flowers often given on Feb. 14
- 12. Tool used to track days and months
- 13. Typical February weather description
- 15. Something celebrated alongside love
- 17. Notes exchanged on Valentine's Day
- 19. Another winter clothing item

#### Down

- 1. Popular Valentine's Day treat
- 2. A person you show affection toward on Feb. 14
- 3. The season that February falls in
- 4. Animal that predicts the weather
- 7. Mythical figure who shoots arrows of love
- 8. Central theme of Valentine's Day
- 10. A division of the year based on weather
- 11. Clothing worn to stay warm
- 14. Something February sometimes does every four years
- 15. The second month of the year
- 16. Symbol often associated with love
- 18. Frozen precipitation common this time of year



## LENTEN SEASON

### WHAT ARE SOME FACTS PEOPLE MIGHT NOT KNOW ABOUT LENT?

One fact that many people may not realize is that Sundays do not count toward the total forty days of Lent. Although Lent lasts for a period of forty days, the Sundays during this season are considered days of celebration and reflection on the Resurrection, so they are not included in the count.

The forty days of Lent represent the time Jesus Christ spent in the desert. After His baptism, Jesus retreated into the wilderness to prepare for His ministry. - Skylar Chun

During those forty days, He fasted and was tempted three times. Lent mirrors this time in Scripture, as the Church unites with Christ in prayer and sacrifice. For Catholics and many other Christians, these forty days are a time to turn away from temptation and grow closer to Christ. We focus on this through three main practices: prayer, fasting, and almsgiving.

-Treyten Adachi  
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In the early Church, Lent was also a period of preparation for converts who were learning about Jesus before being baptized. Today, Lent continues to be a time of spiritual growth and renewal. We pray not only for ourselves, but also for unity in the world and for those who are in need. Fasting, for those who are able, is a way to practice self-discipline and refocus our hearts on God, similar in spirit to other religious fasting traditions like Ramadan. Catholics also abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and Fridays during Lent.



## UPCOMING

### EVENTS

Looking ahead to March, on March 13 we will have The Great Shamrock Hunt along with Kona Ice at 2:30 p.m. In April, several exciting events are planned: April 1 is Tattoo a Teacher, April 17 features Jamba Juice at 2:30 p.m., and April 22 will be our Can/Bottle Recycling Drive.

| Month    | Event                      | Date/Time         |
|----------|----------------------------|-------------------|
| January  | Healthy Snack (Field Day)  | Jan. 29           |
| January  | Kona Ice                   | @ 2:30pm          |
| February | Candy Grams Sales          | Jan. 26 - Feb. 6  |
| February | Jamba Juice                | Feb. 20 @ 2:30pm  |
| March    | The Great Shamrock Hunt    | Mar. 13           |
| March    | Kona Ice                   | @ 2:30pm          |
| April    | Tattoo a Teacher           | April 1           |
| April    | Jamba Juice                | April 17 @ 2:30pm |
| April    | Can/Bottle Recycling Drive | April 22          |
| May      | Kona Ice                   | May 1 @ 10:45am   |
| May      | End of the Year Bash       | May 15            |

**THANK YOU FOR SHOWING SCHOOL SPIRIT**

### SPS BASKETBALL

During the D2 season, the boys finished 4th in their pool, and the girls finished 5th in their pool.

For DI, tryouts are taking place today. Official practices will begin next week, and the season is scheduled to start on March 2.

Please note that there will be no fundraisers for athletics at this time.

PREVIEW