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A NEWSLETTER FROM NORTH CROSS SCHOOL'S RESIDENTIAL LIFE PROGRAM

TRUE CONFESSIONS:



This winter break, I had a chance to travel with my cousin. We stayed in an airbnb for the first time in our lives in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania! Our host was very nice and sweet, he gave us a box of chocolates as a gift for Christmas! It was such an exciting and fun trip as we went to explore many different places like the City Hall, Magic Garden, Franklin Square, the Reading Terminal Market, museums and a lot more. My cousin and I were both hungry for Asian food, especially Vietnamese and Chinese food, therefore, we went straight to Chinatown to eat on our first day and I got to drink some bubble tea! The town was very busy and crowded with people from all around the world! We also visited Little Saigon and met some Vietnamese people. They were very friendly and some of them speak very good English!

On December the 24th, we took a train to New York City to go shopping and feel the joy that Christmas brings. The city was crazy crowded but also filled with bright and extraordinary decorations from buildings to parks and streets. We went to the top of the Rockefeller Building, down to Lower Manhattan, made wishes under the giant tree and bought some cute clothes and gifts from shops in Times Square.



I went to meet Hannah in Washington D.C. (pictured left) on January the 2nd and we had a good time with each other. We visited The White House, the US Capitol, Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum, Washington Monument and Chinatown. We rented bicycles and rode it around the city! We talked and took a lot of photos for each other and I'm glad that we met each other!

Tammie Le, Vietnam



TO FAMILIES REGARDING THE RECENT CORONAVIRUS OUTBREAK

In light of the recent outbreak of Coronavirus in China, I wanted to take a moment to communicate with you regarding how this affects North Cross students and offer some resources as you look for the latest information regarding the situation.

As many of our students know from our wonderful Lunar New Year performance, Chinese New Year celebrations are underway, which means that millions of people are traveling within China. The number of confirmed cases has grown rapidly in the past week, and there is reason to think that it will continue spreading in the upcoming weeks. Although the outbreak started in Wuhan, a number of cases have also emerged in big cities, likely due to airport transfers in the region.

At the time of this letter, the Centers for Disease Control has raised its travel advisory to Warning Level 3, which advises against all non-essential travel to China. As a result, I have canceled my upcoming trips to China, and the purchasing of tickets for our June student trip there is postponed. You can rest assured that we will not take ourselves or our students to China (or any other country for that matter) unless we are confident that no danger to their health is posed.

With North Cross's spring break fast approaching, we are working to implement systems and procedures to keep all students safe.

Please reach out to me through WeChat (ID: nickiddk) or email (ndabney@northcross.org) if you have any specific concerns or questions.

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BIG APPLE

Students saw all the sights to see—day and night—on their Thanksgiving trip to NYC.

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MAKE IT!

Ms. Emma shares a favorite recipe she recently baked with students.

TAKING A BITE OF THE BIG APPLE THANKSGIVING IN NYC



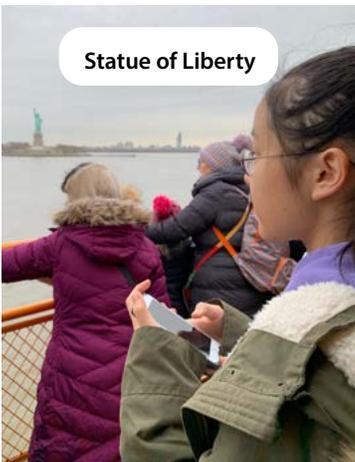
Hey look, it's the Brooklyn Bridge!



Bright lights, big smiles



On top of the world!



Statue of Liberty



Now, *that's* a view



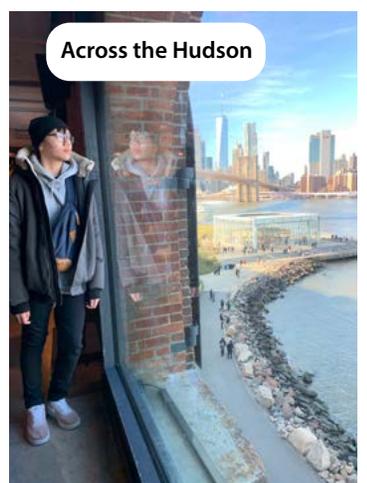
Walking across the Brooklyn Bridge



Street food on the go!



These feet were made for walking...



Across the Hudson

Shhh... It's a secret!



Students got into the holiday spirit through a **Secret Santa gift exchange** on dorm. The festivities were complete with hot chocolate and plenty of laughs.



Lunar New Year / Tết Assembly



Our Chinese and Vietnamese students celebrated the **Lunar New Year and Tết** with fun for the whole school. They explained their traditions, performed songs, handed out candy and treats, and even involved the teachers in a skit!



Baking with Ms. Emma!

Emma's Favorite Chocolate Chip Cookies

Nothing's cozier than a warm chocolate chip cookie in the dead of winter.

INGREDIENTS

2 cups (16 oz.) Semi-Sweet Chocolate Baking Chips
1 cup (4 oz.) butter or margarine, softened
3/4 cup (64 grams) sugar
3/4 cup (64 grams) brown sugar, packed

2 large eggs
2 teaspoons vanilla
2 1/4 cups (288 grams) unsifted flour
1 teaspoon baking soda
1/2 teaspoon salt
1 cup (8 oz.) walnuts or pecans, chopped (optional)

INSTRUCTIONS

- Heat oven to 375°F (190°C).
- Stir flour with baking soda and salt; set aside.
- In large mixing bowl, beat butter with sugar and brown sugar at medium speed until creamy and lightened in color.
- Add eggs and vanilla, one at a time. Mix on low speed until incorporated.
- Gradually blend dry mixture into creamed mixture. Stir in nuts and chocolate chips.
- Drop by tablespoon onto ungreased cookie sheets.
- Bake for 9 to 11 minutes or until golden brown.

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Feast with Faculty



Faculty from the two schools represented in the dorm: North Cross and Roanoke Catholic School, joined dorm residents for **fellowship and food** during the month of November to help start of the season of Thanksgiving and sharing.