



Chinese New Year is a festival that celebrates the beginning of a new year on the traditional lunisolar Chinese calendar. Chinese New Year is one of the most important holidays in Chinese culture. This Chinese New Year ushers in the year of the Dragon!

Traditions: The evening preceding New Year's Day is frequently regarded as an occasion for Chinese families to gather for the annual reunion dinner. It is also a tradition for every family to thoroughly clean their house to sweep away any ill-fortune and make way for incoming good luck. Another custom is decorating windows and doors with red decorations and lanterns. Other activities include lighting firecrackers and giving money in red envelopes.

Foods: Certain dishes are eaten during the Chinese New Year for their symbolic meaning. Lucky food is served during the 16-day festival season, especially on Chinese New Year dinner on New Year's Eve, which is believed to bring good luck for the coming year. The most common Chinese New Year foods include dumplings, fish, tangyuan, longevity noodles, spring rolls, and niangao. People eat fish for an increase in prosperity, dumplings and spring rolls for wealth, tangyuan for family togetherness, niangao for a higher income, and noodles for happiness and longevity.

The 15 Days of Lunar New Year: Chinese New Year typically lasts around 15 or 16 days because it begins with the new moon and ends on the following full moon. The fifth day of the new year is the day to honor the God of Wealth, for good fortune to come. The tenth day is the birthday of Earth Mother and there will be a festive meal and pantries and candies for celebration. The fifteenth day of the new year is celebrated as the Lantern Festival. It marks the first full moon after the lunar new year started and marks the celebration's completion.

KEY UPCOMING EVENTS

March (stay tuned!):

- Movie Night
- Volunteering Event

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

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PAST EVENTS

On February 10th, the Spring Festival Gala was held at Tallwood High School. Many students at Tidewater Chinese School volunteered and hosted the event. Many students also performed at the festival. Everyone performed so well, congratulations to everyone who participated!





未来活动预告

(请留意微信的信息更新)

- 电影之夜
- 义工活动

祝二月份生日的
汪芸瑶(Katie)同学
生日快乐!

中国新年是中国传统农历新年，又称为春节，是庆祝新年开始的节日。中国新年是中国文化中最重要节日之一。今年农历新年迎来龙年！

传统：除夕通常被视为中国家庭团聚的日子。彻底打扫房屋也是家家户户的传统，以扫除厄运，迎接好运。另一个习俗是用红色装饰品和灯笼装饰门窗。其他活动包括燃放鞭炮和发红包。

食物：农历新年期间吃某些菜肴具有象征意义。在16天的节日期间，尤其是除夕夜的年夜饭上，都会提供吉祥食品，人们相信这会为来年带来好运。最常见的过年食品有饺子、鱼、汤圆、长寿面、春卷、年糕等。人们吃鱼是为了增财，吃饺子、春卷是为了发财，吃汤圆是为了合家团圆，吃年糕是为了步步高升，吃面条是为了幸福长寿。

农历新年的十五天：农历新年通常持续约十五或十六天，因为它从新月开始，到下一个满月结束。大年初五是祭祀财神的日子，祈求吉祥如意。第十天是地球母亲的生日，会有节日大餐、食品和糖果来庆祝。正月十五被称为元宵节，通常有点灯笼和吃元宵的习俗。它标志着农历新年开始后的第一个满月，也标志着庆祝活动的结束。

春节晚会的录像： <https://youtu.be/csgaz32-eCA?feature=shared>

相片剪辑： <https://youtu.be/WlyiPyyK8yo?feature=shared>

近期活动

二月十日，春节联欢晚会在 Tallwood 高中举行。泰华德中文学校的三十几位同学帮忙布置会场，发送节目单及小礼品，接待客人，并在舞台协调节目的演出。许多学生也参加了表演。晚会大约有750人参加，非常成功。当地电视台13NewsNow也做了报道。Virginia Beach ringing in Lunar New Year of the Dragon

