

Future


Freshmen

Visit

February 15, 2024



Today's Activities

- **Welcome students:** Mr. Twomey, WA Principal
 - **Scheduling Overview:** Mrs. Clark, Director of School Counseling
 - **Fall Sports:** Jeff Bunyon, Athletic Director
 - **WA Fun:** Peer Counselors
 - **Presentations/Performances:**
 - Business/DECA
 - Ghostwriter
 - Mandarin
 - Visual & Performing Arts
 - **Building tours:** Peer Counselors
 - **Dismissal at 10:45am**
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Scheduling timeline

Middle school counselors already presented on scheduling! Here are some helpful dates/reminders:

- February 15th: Parent(s)/Caregiver(s) Curriculum Presentation, 6:30pm (tours offered at 6pm)
- March 1st (after school): PowerSchool portal opens for students & Override Link available/open
- March 8th: PowerSchool portal and override link closes at 2pm
- Peer counselors visit middle schools in the spring!
- Master schedule created in May
- The goal: schedules given to students in June

Your resources

Freshman Transition

- Freshman Course listing
- Program of Studies: Course composites
- Co-Curricular Activities
- Academic Planning Tools
- Course Selection Worksheet
 - If you complete this worksheet in advance, the software piece is easy!

Think carefully about balance – do what's right for **YOU!**

Review the Program of Studies! We are offering some new courses!

Other important info:

Submit by the deadline (Friday, March 8th at 2pm). Even if you may not be attending WA in the fall, please still complete your course registration!

If you don't see a recommendation in PowerSchool OR if you have questions about your recommendation, see your teacher!

If you have questions about scheduling as a whole, see your current school counselor!

Fall Sports

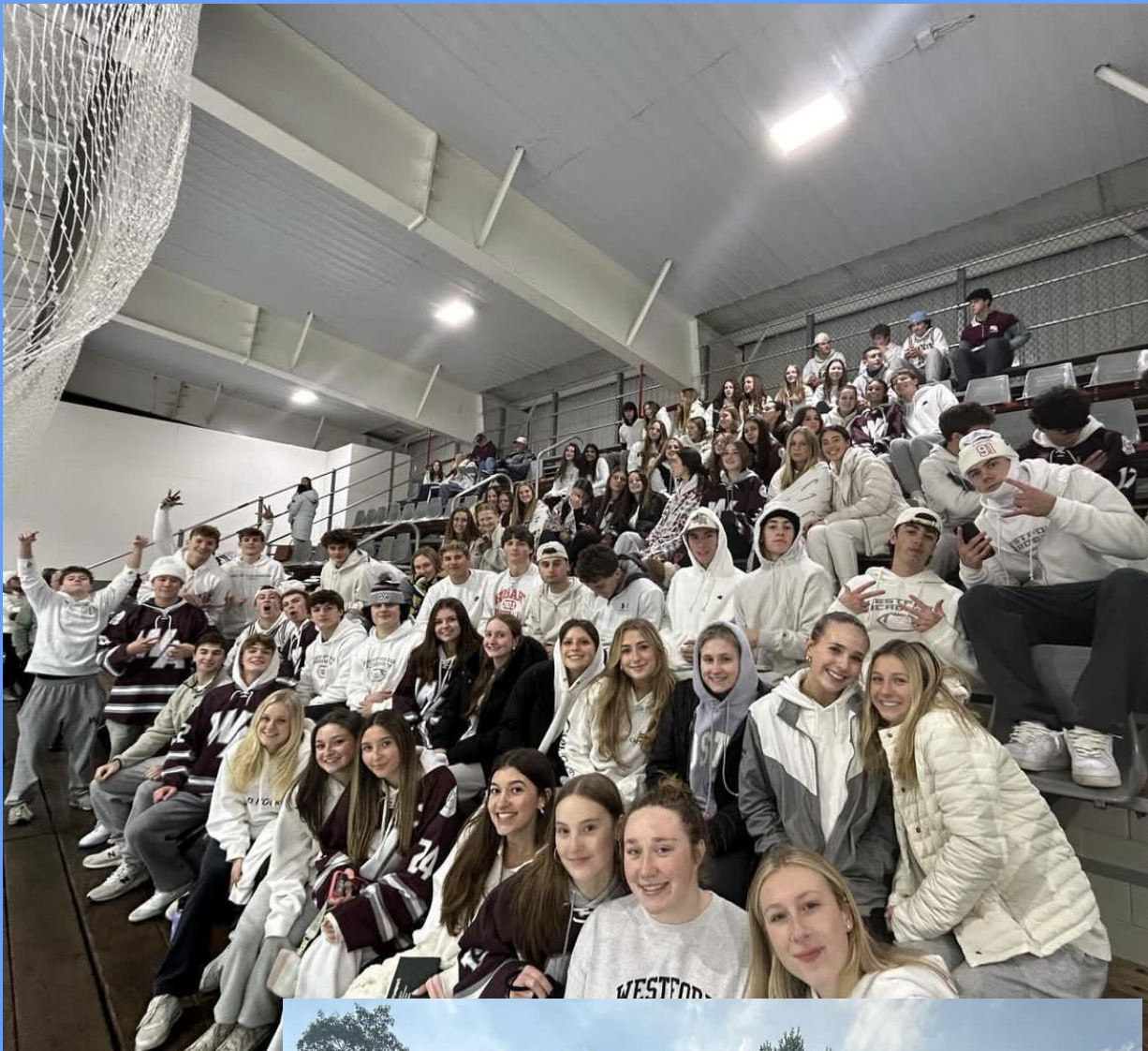
- **WA Fall Athletics begin on Monday August 19th**
- **Register for WA Fall Athletics**
 - **www.familyID.com**
 - **Up to date Physical**
 - ***Cheerleading, Crew, Cross Country,
Field Hockey, Football, Golf, Soccer,
Girls Volleyball**



FUN!

**By: 2023-2024 PC
Leadership Team**

Sports Games





Clubs



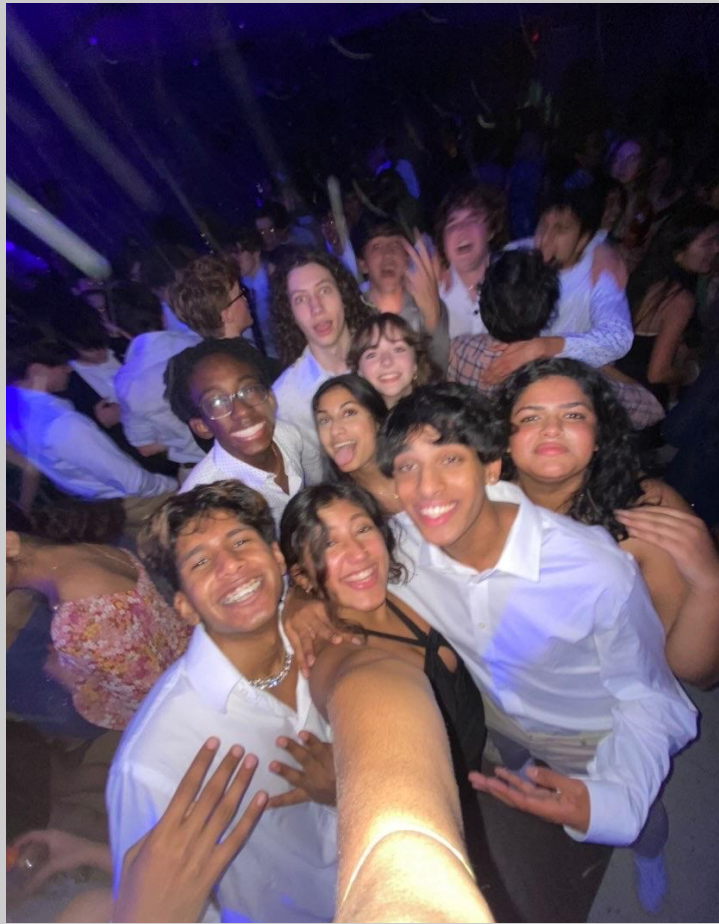


Class Events





Dances





Theater





Spirit Week



THAT LOOKS LIKE THE
MOST SPIRITED TO
ME!!!!





New friends!



WA DECA + BUSINESS AT WA

**GET
THE** **EDGE**

 **DECA**



WA'S BUSINESS PROGRAM

In order to participate in the DECA Club - you must take at least one business class at WA each year.

Classes to Choose from for your Freshman Year:

- **Principles of Marketing**
- **Principles of Management**
- **Accounting**
- **Introduction to Business and DECA**
- **Webpage Development**
- **Microsoft Certified Application Specialist**

A group of high school students in business attire (suits and dresses) standing outdoors. The image is slightly blurred, focusing on the text overlay.

WHAT IS DECA?

- **DECA is a Business Club/Competition** for highschool students around the *globe with 200,000+ Members*
- DECA Members learn various business concepts and skills that prepare them for a professional career
- **DECA Prepare YOU to be a leader!!**
- WA DECA has over 300 members and is the **Largest Club at WA!!**

WHY JOIN?

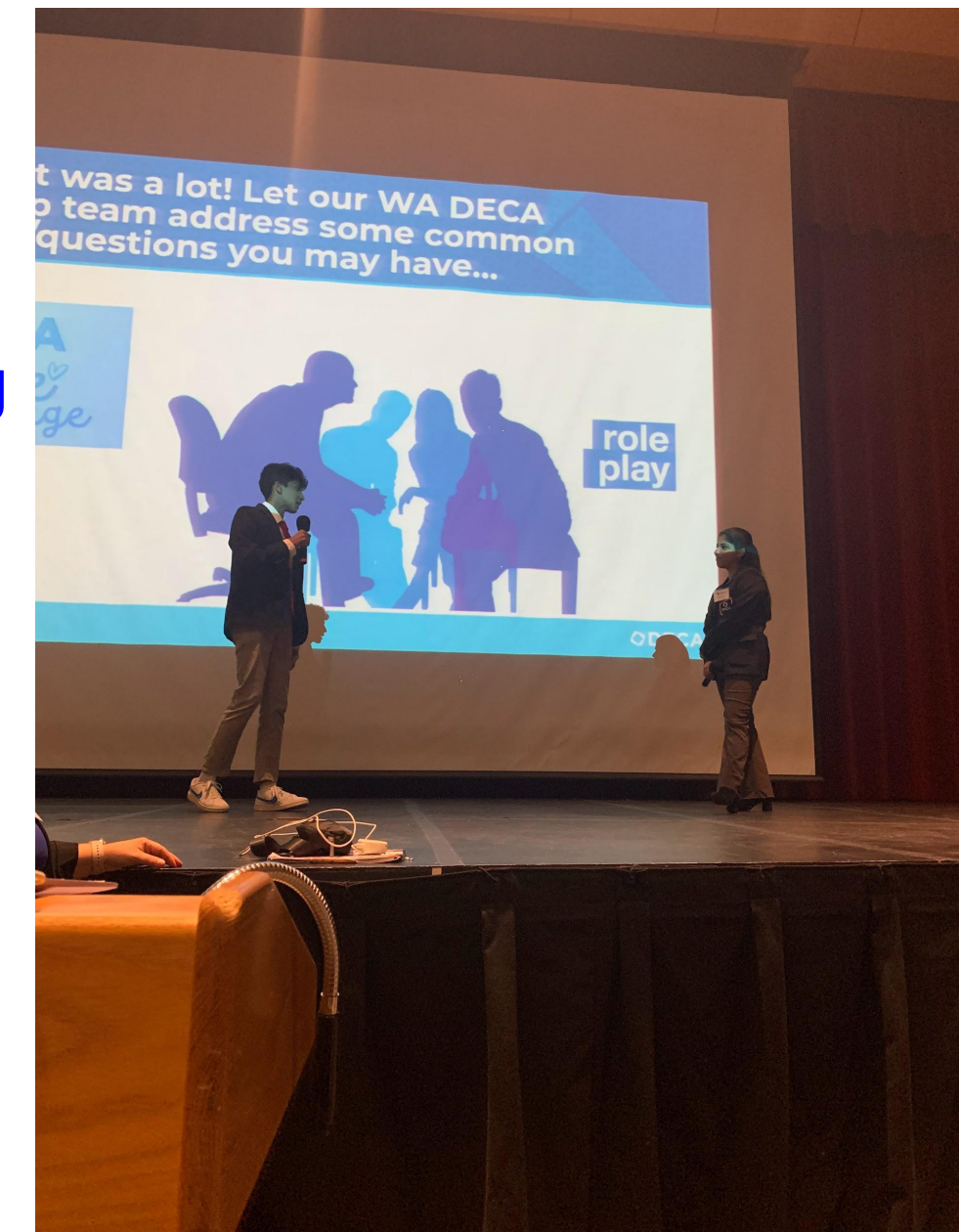
1. Learn how to be a LEADER and PROBLEM SOLVER



DECA Officer presenting
a Business Solution in a
Roleplay



DECA Officers Leading
members through a
presentation

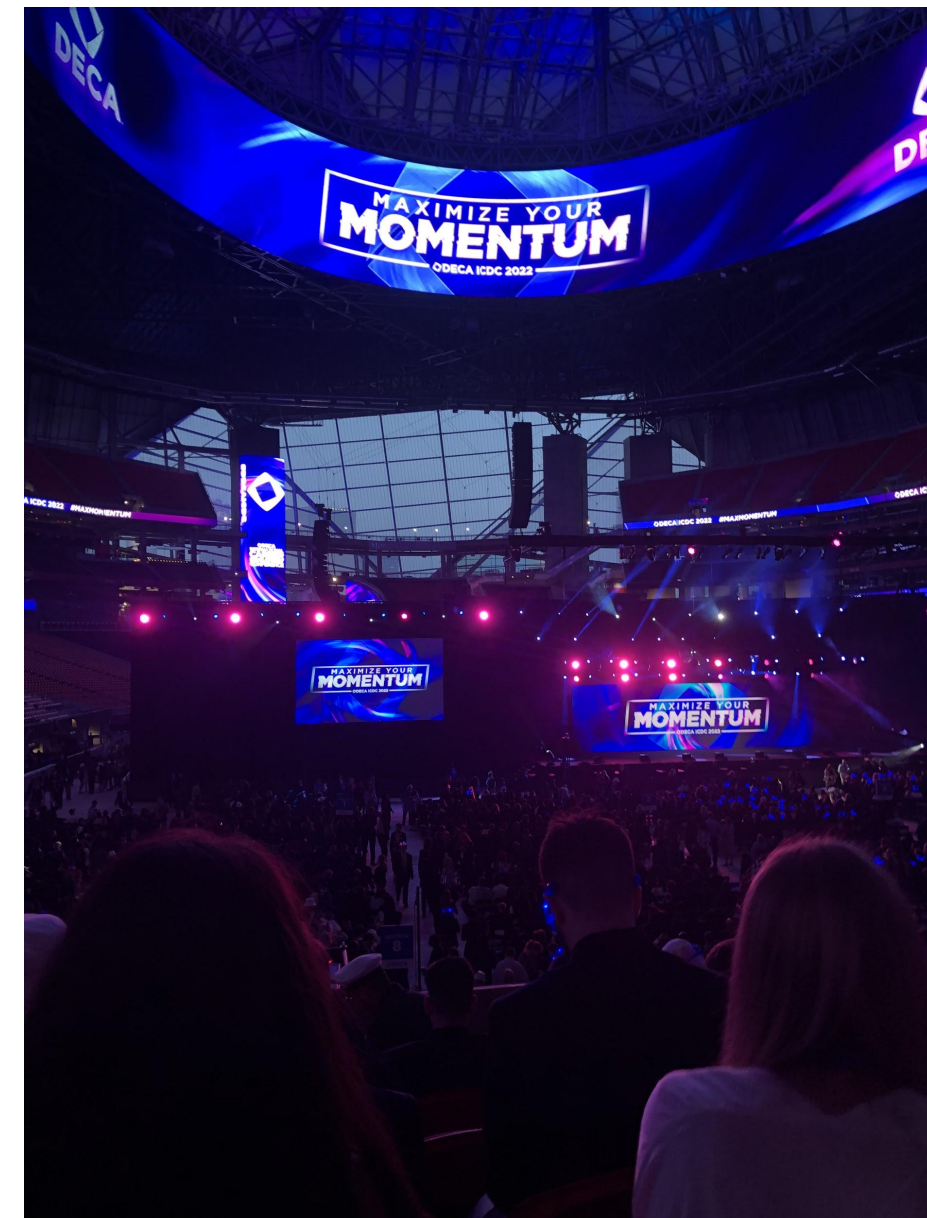


WHY JOIN?

2. Amazing Opportunities to TRAVEL!



International DECA
Conference!



WHY JOIN?

3. Gain SELF-CONFIDENCE and Learn how to SUCCEED



DECA Officer -
Landon Chwalek
winning the
International DECA
Competition!



WHY JOIN?

4. Join the DECA COMMUNITY + Make New FRIENDS





**KEEP
CALM**

AND

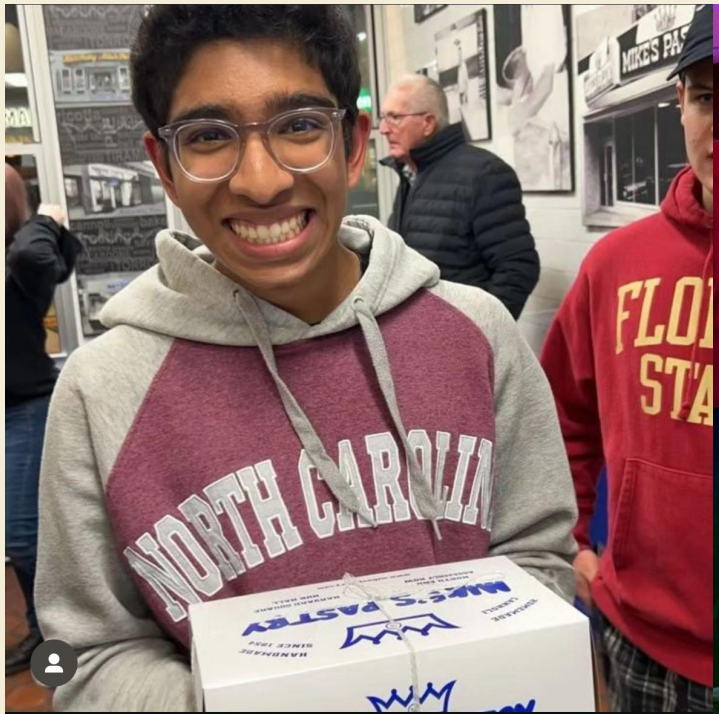
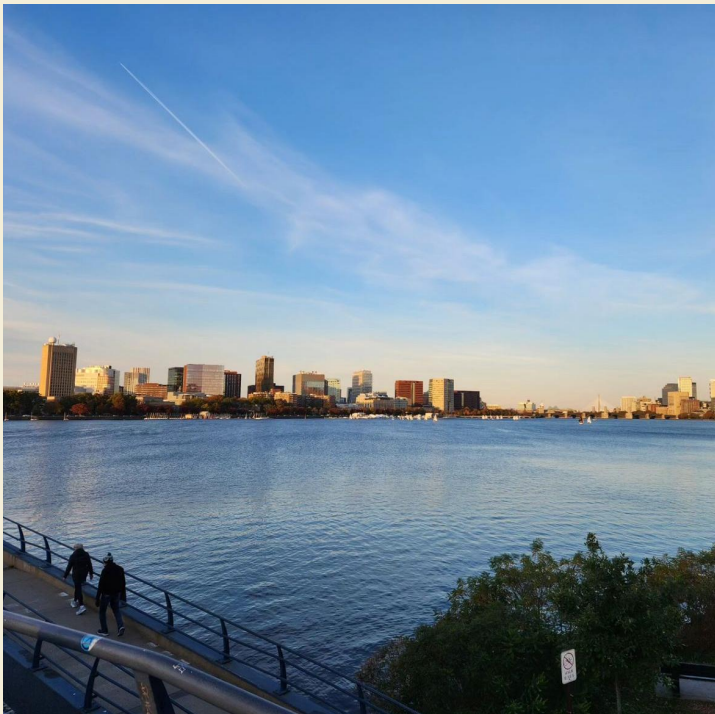
**JOIN
DECA**



THE WESTFORD ACADEMY

GHOSTWRITER

STUDENT-RUN NEWSPAPER · 30 PATTEN ROAD, WESTFORD, MA 01886





The Ghostwriter

If you like...

- Writing
- Photography
- Graphic Design
- Videography
- Podcasting

Take Journalism I as an
elective course!

What we cover:

- Sports Games
- WATA Productions
- School Committee Meetings
- Student Features
- Review Local Restaurants
- *Basically Anything You Want!*





The Ghostwriter

- Full Year Course
- Receive Honors Credit after completing Journalism I
- Become a leader/editor
- After school club: *Ghostwriter Club*
- Go on National Conventions!
- waghostwriter.com

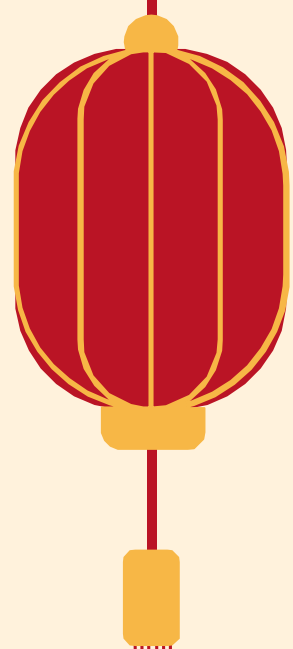
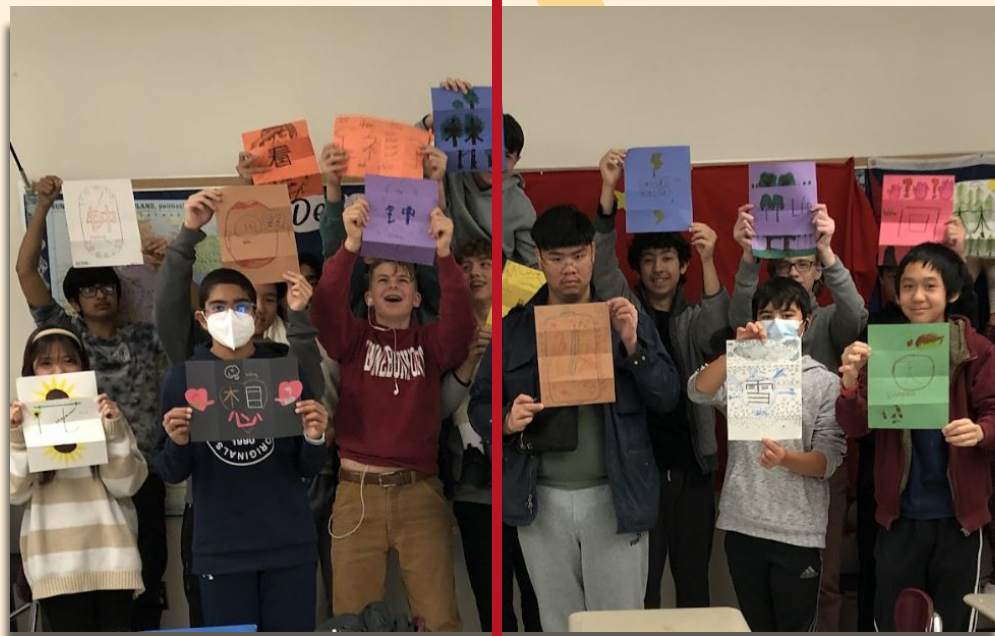


Check us out on social media!

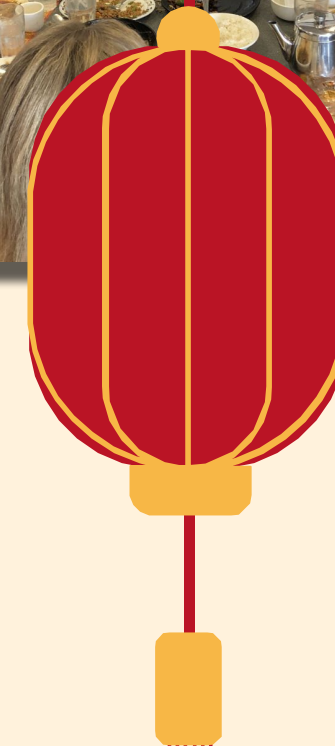
@WA Ghostwriter

@wa_ghostwriter

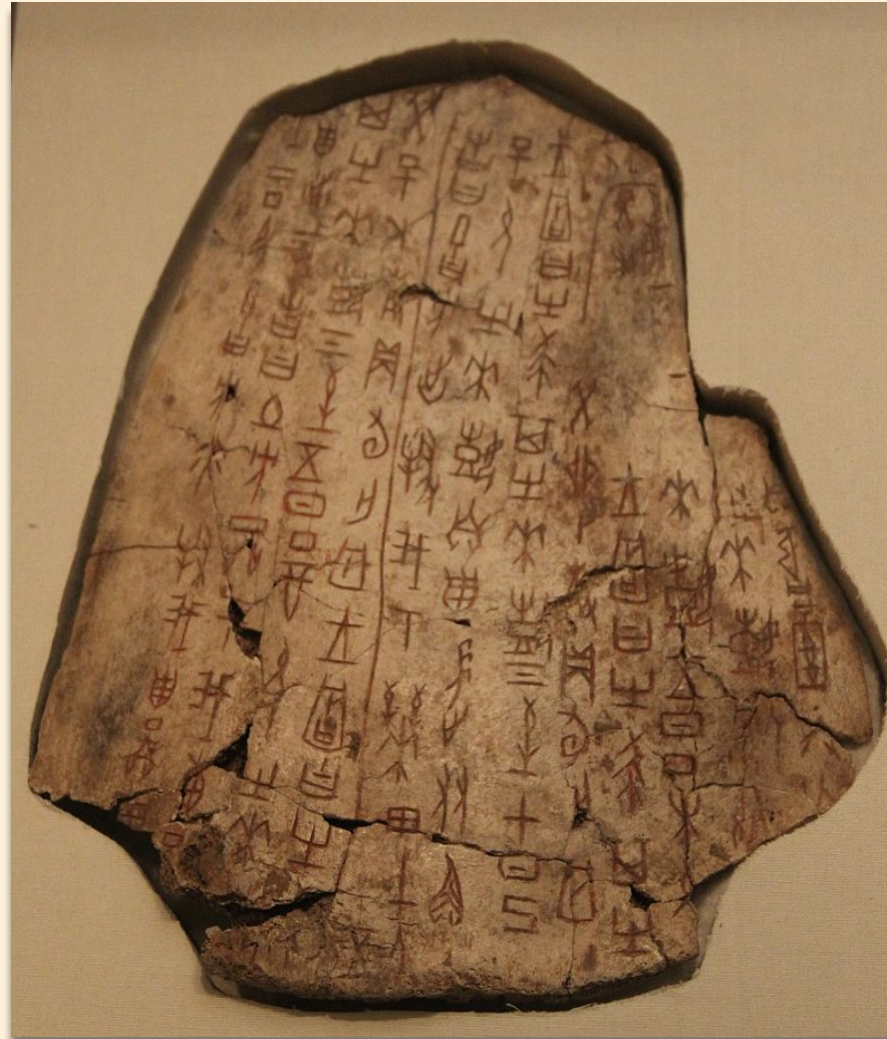




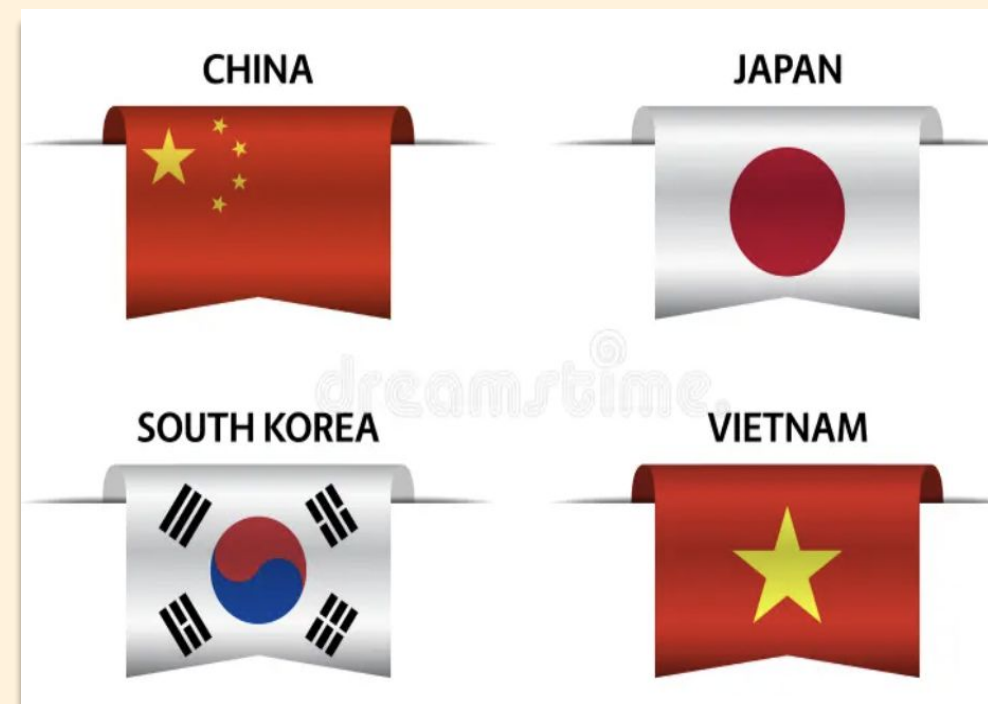
中文 Mandarin Chinese



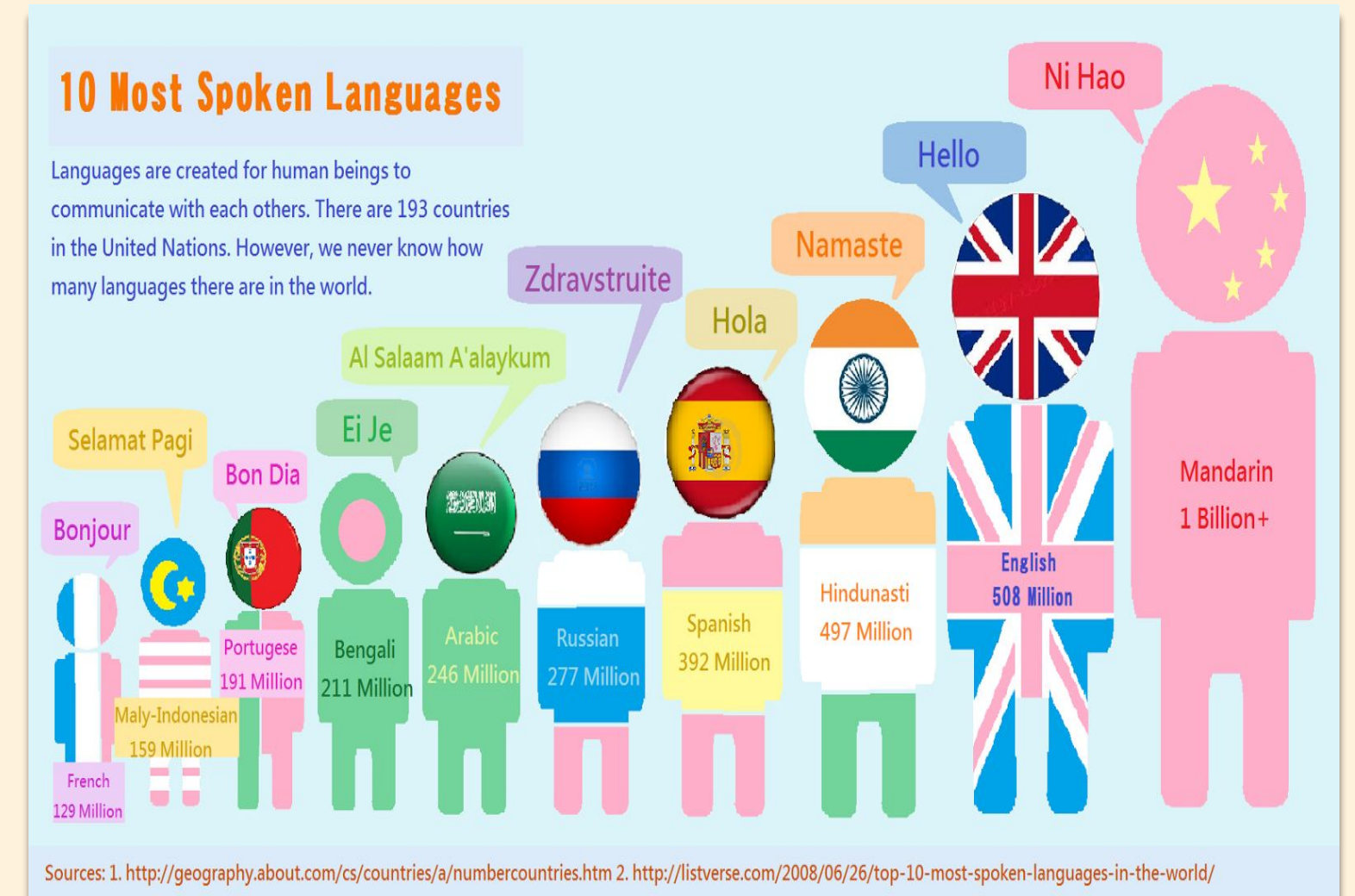
The old and the popular



Jiagu Wen
Shang dynasty
(1766–1122 BCE)



East Asian cultural sphere
Chinese character cultural sphere



1 out of 5 people speak Chinese

Celebrities speaking Chinese



Easy Pronunciation

Short and simple syllables

A typical word contains only 2 syllables

100% phonetic



Easy Grammar

~~conjugations~~

~~tenses~~

~~articles~~

~~plurals~~

~~gender~~



Fixed sentence patterns



Which one is hanzi (Chinese Script)?

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🔍 Which one is hanzi (Chinese Script)?

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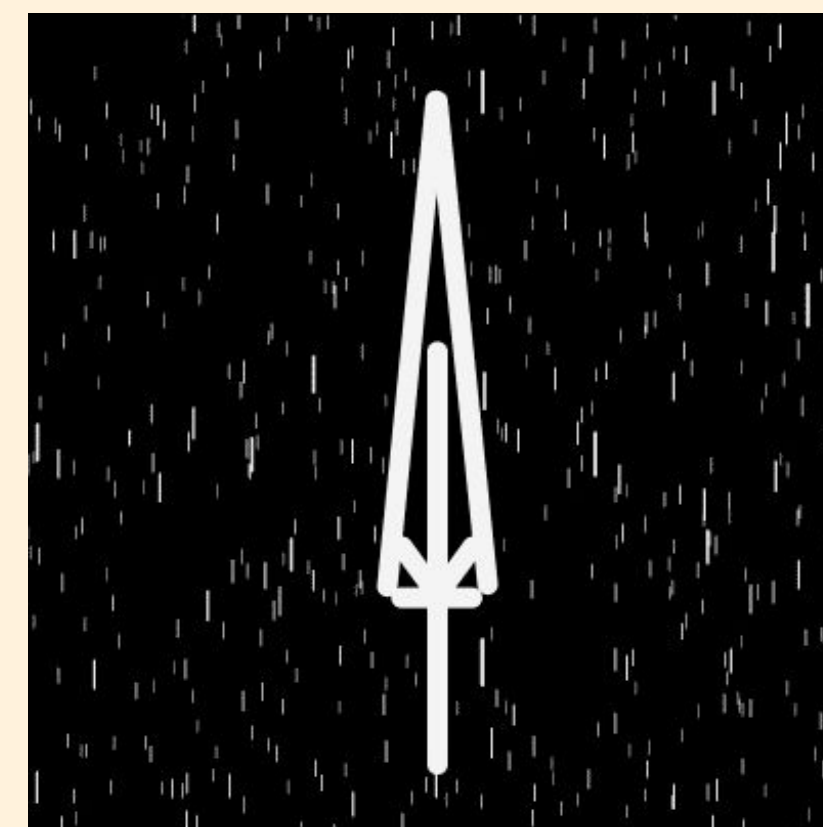
Let's take a close look



Each hanzi tells a story

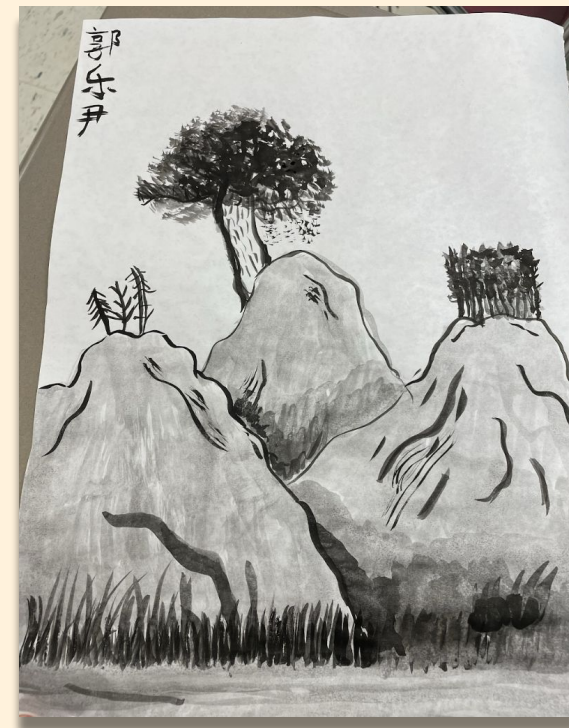


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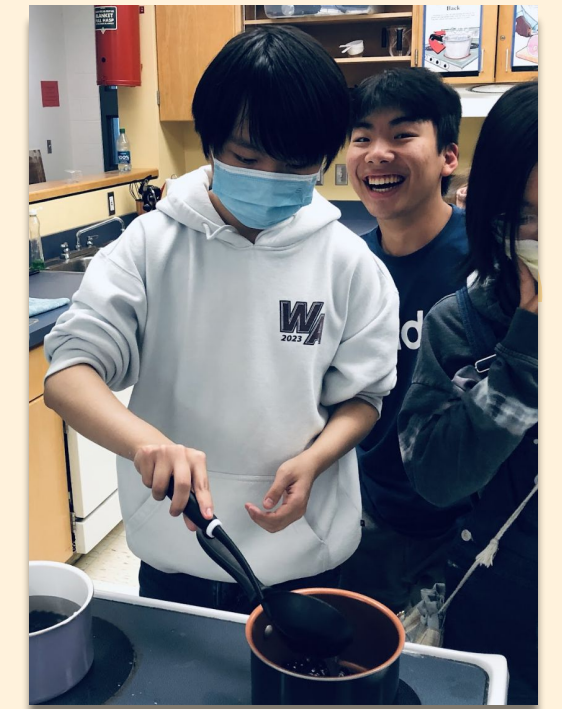


Cultural Exploring

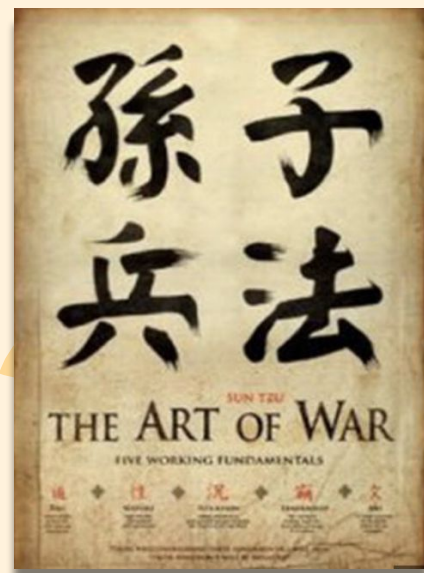
Calligraphy & painting



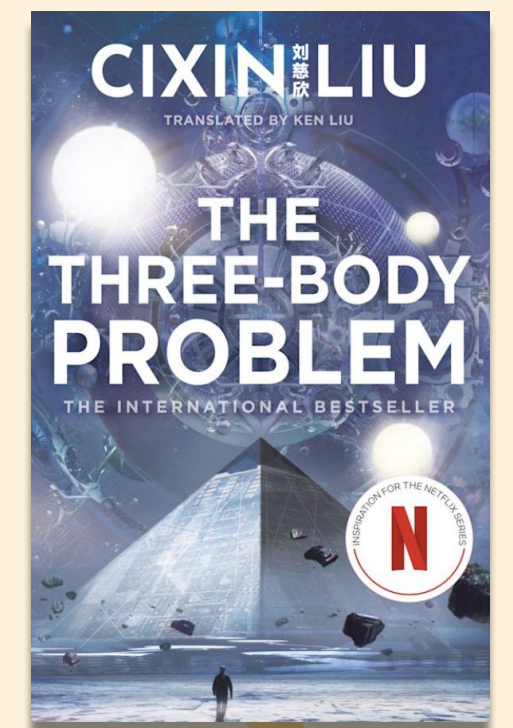
Being an Asian cuisine foodie



Classic Literatures and costumes



Songs and movies



Lunar New Year Celebration



*ART Courses available to **FRESHMEN**...*



- **Digital Art**
- **Foundations of Art**
- **Intro to Movie Making**
- **3D Animation & Modeling**

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Thank you!

A yellow banner with a slight upward curve, containing the text 'VPA Performances are NEXT!'.

VPA Performances are **NEXT!**