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# Indian Spring News

General Meeting, November 21 • Holiday Lighting, December 11

## Traffic solutions discussion at the General Meeting

by Heidi Whitesell

Please join us at the Indian Spring Rec Center for this very important meeting on Traffic Solutions for Franklin Ave. We will find out the results of the traffic studies on Franklin Ave, and have input into proposals to address safety issues. Anyone concerned about pedestrian and vehicle safety in our Indian Spring should plan to attend so that all aspects of how possible options could affect residents can be considered. ☞

## Holiday Lighting

by Stephanie Helsing

On December 11th at 5:00, come join your ISCA neighbors for our annual Tree and Menorah lighting celebration. We will hear the story about Hanukkah, sing some Christmas songs and most importantly drink hot chocolate and eat fabulous homemade cookies that your ISCA friends made and donated for the event. I would like to thank Jim and Suzy Finelli of Binghampton landscape for their generous tree donation all those years ago. For those who have not had the opportunity to see the tree in a while, come and check out how big and beautiful it is. I look forward to seeing you all there. ☞

*Editor's note: The newsletter is printed in black and white to save on costs. A color version is online at [iscaonline.com](http://iscaonline.com); so if you want to see any photos, ads, etc. in color, I recommend going online. Additional photos from the January general meeting can be found in our online photo gallery.*

**ISCA General Meeting**  
**NEW DATE: Monday,**  
**November 21**  
**Time: 7:30 p.m.**

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## Save the Date!

**November 21  
General Meeting**

**December 11  
Holiday Lighting**

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## PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

by Jill Ortman-Fouse, November 2011

It was wonderful to see so many neighbors at our annual Fallfest. We had beautiful weather, a great crowd and delicious chili. Kristy Wallmo did an outstanding job organizing all the pieces of this very fun ISCA annual tradition. The event would not have been possible without the helping hands of many volunteers. Know that everyone's contribution is important, no matter what role you played. Hats off to Joe Kowal, the winner of our coveted ISCA Golden Ladle. To the rest of our chefs, your chili was scrumptious. Better luck next year!



Our next neighborhood celebration will be our annual Christmas tree and Menorah lighting. Thank you to Stephanie Helsing, who will again be our holiday hostess. Even in the pouring rain last year, my son insisted on going to this special ceremony because it is a holiday tradition that he has enjoyed so much through the years. Please let Stephanie know if you would like to help with this event.

Now a word about dog poop. For those not on the listserv or in-the-know, people seriously don't like to see dog poop, or step in it, or have it in their yards. This is a pretty universal concept. Bring two bags if you think that the need might arise. We are considering having a couple of bag stations in the neighborhood as you may have seen in other communities. Neighbors can put their newspaper bags in the containers, and if a dog walker is out, they can grab a free bag. Then please dispose of your poop bags in your own trashcan. And please remind your kids to properly dispose of the dog's waste when they walk your dog. Happily, no one has taken anyone to court over it here (like that case in Virginia), but really, nobody likes it here either.

PLEASE note: Our next ISCA meeting date had been changed from previously advertised. Please mark your calendars for **Monday, November 21, 7:30 p.m.** at the Indian Spring Rec. Center. Several county officials will be attending, who are assisting ISCA in addressing speed and line of sight issues on Franklin Ave, and will be available to answer questions. It is important for everyone who has concerns about traffic or pedestrian safety in our neighborhood to attend because some options might affect cut-through traffic, etc. As mentioned in previous newsletter articles, options could include curb "bump-outs" and other traffic "chokers," pedestrian islands, and speed humps. The issue of updating / laying down sidewalks along Franklin Avenue will also be discussed. If you have an opinion, please come to the meeting and find out what all these terms mean, and how they might make Franklin Ave safer for both people and vehicles.

Due to my dad's declining health, I will likely need to be going back and forth to North Carolina to assist with his needs for the unpredictable future. It has become more challenging to give all my commitments the attention they deserve, so I feel I need to cut back on my volunteer obligations. *continued on page 3*

## Presidents Column

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I have really appreciated your support over the last year and half, but I think it would be best for me to turn over the reigns to another volunteer.

This neighborhood is chock-full of leaders and potential leaders. Please consider taking this opportunity to serve our amazing community. Seriously, you can do this job. I know you're thinking about it right now. Don't think too hard—just send me an email. We'll have a vote at our next ISCA meeting. And you will only be committed to serve until June—such a deal! If not you, who? If not now, when? You could also nominate a neighbor.

Speaking of my dad, due to the generosity of neighbors, I far exceeded my goal for the Cancer Research Institute's DON'T STOP Marine Corps Marathon Team, which I ran in his honor. I know a lot of you have gone through, or are going through similar circumstances with your family. Being among neighbors who support you, listen to you and understand, is a blessing. Thank you. ☞

**ANNOUNCEMENTS;** (this section for announcements about new neighbors, births, deaths, weddings, graduations, etc. Send announcements to [thausner@gmail.com](mailto:thausner@gmail.com))

## Crime Report

*from Joyce Stocker*

Crimes Reported to Montgomery County Police from Indian Spring Community from 9/22 to 10/27

9/28	Breaking and Entering	9900 block Moss Ave
9/30	Theft from Vehicle	9600 block Evergreen St
10/1	Attempted Break In	500 block Granville Dr

Please report all crimes, no matter how minor, to the police and to the listserv.

*Editor's Note: Joyce Stocker has indicated that she would be glad to facilitate the reporting of burned out street lights to PEPCO. Send an email to [comit89@aol.com](mailto:comit89@aol.com)*

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We are also on Facebook under Indian Spring Citizens Association.

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**Editor's note:** As noted previously, we will be including interviews with noted members of our community. We would welcome suggestions for further persons to be interviewed, please send to [thausner@gmail.com](mailto:thausner@gmail.com), 301-587-6943 and we would love to have students to serve as reporters for student service credits.

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# Thank You Neighbors for Another Successful ISCA FallFest and Chili Cook-off

*By Kristy Wallmo*

Many thanks to everyone who turned take out for the 13th Annual FallFest and Chili Cook-off that took place Sunday Oct. 23. It was a beautiful fall day and neighbors enjoyed food, fun, games, face-painting, art, and the much anticipated ISCA Raffle.

Kids (and adults) came away very well-exercised thanks to the ever-popular moonbounce provided by Glenn Clevenger at Highland View Kids After Hours and the field day races and tug-of-war, brought to you by Deb Levy and Anabelle Filbert. I think it's safe to say that the kids out-tugged the adults this year, but wait until 2012!

Kids enjoyed the artistic renditions of cardinals, ghosts, stars, zombies, bats, and other funny forms painted on their faces by Lucy Volz and Mo Bridgewater and then had the opportunity to create art themselves thanks to Karen Ravitz, who coordinated the Art to Remember table. Domino Sugar would like to thank Pam Wertz, Donna Case, and Ann Horton for providing enough tasty cupcakes, candy decorations, and a to-die-for ganache frosting to feed a small army (or neighborhood), and to Christine Jasper and Chris Clark for serving up the root beer floats – you guys rock!

For those needing something slightly more substantial in their stomachs, Jay Goldman kept neighbors supplied with perfectly grilled hotdogs throughout the afternoon, and many more neighbors contributed delicious side dishes, desserts, chili, and corn-bread.


Of course the big foodie event was the Chili Cook-off, with huge kudos going to Eileen Fisher for organizing it once again, all the contestants for putting their best chili to the test, and to Joe Kowal, whose spicy chili won the coveted Golden Ladle, handmade by Ann Linstrom.

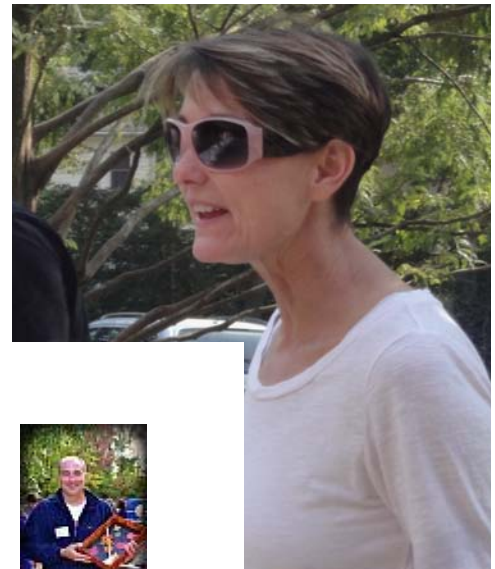
The festivities ended with the highly anticipated ISCA Raffle, with over 20 great prizes donated by neighbors and local merchants. A huge thanks to Allegra Tasaki for coordinating the raffle and to all who donated prizes.

Many thanks are needed to all that helped with the event, and I'm sure I've forgotten a name or two, but a quick thanks to all who helped set-up, clean-up, and during the event—Brian Ng, Tony Hausner, Arlene and

Dave Montemarano, Dave Flanigan, Jerry Hovis, Paul Hyland, Juliette Hughes, Bryson Filbert, and anyone else that I am remiss in naming. Also thanks to Phyllis and Fred Zusman who manned the membership table and a very special thanks to Jim Hoskinson, a.k.a. Jimmy Bingo, for providing emcee services, complete with football updates and groovy music, throughout the day.

Thanks for making our FallFest and Chili Cook-off a fun and successful event and be sure to check out the photos at [iscaonline.com](http://iscaonline.com). See you at the next event!

Note: More Photos and Videos from this event are posted in [iscaonline.com](http://iscaonline.com) photo and video gallery 



*upper right: Kristy Wallmo, FallFest coordinator. (photo by Tony Hausner)*

*lower left: Joe Kowal, winner of the coveted Golden Ladle. (photo by Bridget Stocker)*

## Raffle Donations

By Allegra Tasaki

Many thanks to all the wonderful organizations and individuals who contributed to this year's fallfest raffle.

**Dichroic Jewelry/Necklace**, donated by Kay Gaston (Tony's sister in California). Plain and Fancy Jewelry by Kay Gaston-she is an artist from California who works in textiles, beading and other media. Her fused dichroic glass jewelry will include subtle changes of color depending on the light and color surrounding it. plainfancybykay.com

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**Free Design Consultations** donated by Palimpsest—Michelle Lamprokos. Design and consulting firm specializing in the transformation of existing buildings and homes.

**\$50 Drum Lesson gift certificate** donated by Carrie Slenkovich. Two 30-minute private drum lessons (any age or level ) and one pair of drum sticks.

**\$10 Knife Sharpening gift certificates** donated by Lenny Slenkovich. Sharpening is done by Japanese wet stone and by hand, not by machine, excludes serrated blades.

**\$40 Math Tutoring gift certificate** Math Tutoring & Academic Support with MBHS Parent. All math levels are covered, but not limited to, ES, MS up to HS Algebra, Geometry, Pre-Calculus, Probability and Statistics math. All math levels are covered, but not limited to, ES, MS up to HS Algebra, Geometry, Pre-Calculus, Probability & Statistics math.

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**\$100 Enneagram Workshop & Coaching sessions** donated by Jill Ortman Fouse. Stuck, stressed, in transition? Jill uses a tool called the Enneagram to help you identify your patterns of thinking, build on your natural strengths, and become aware of the belief and assumption traps that may be getting in your way.

**\$35 Dog Walking gift certificate** donated by Liz Hunter This gift entitles you to two dog walks or care for a cat over a weekend from Liz Hunter, a #1 choice of many ISCA neighbors for these services.

**\$25 Flippin' Pizza gift card** donated by New York style pizza right in D'town Silver Spring.


**\$25 Pacer's Store gift cards** donated by Pacers Running Stores is a family owned and operated running and walking specialty retailer in the greater Washington DC area

**\$60-Value Manicure and Pedicure gift card** donated by Headlines Hair Designers-recognized as one of the top 200 fastest growing salons in America by Salon Today for four years

**\$150 Hollywood Interiors gift certificate** Two hours of interior decoration consultation—your home is an expression of your style and spirit, Hollywood Interiors can help you create a decorative and practical environment

**\$150 Tom Linstrom Handyman Services gift certificate** donated by Need a helping Handyman? ISCA's own Tom Linstrom is here to fill in whatever project gaps remain in your home!

**Two pounds of Fairy Tale Honey** donated by our resident beekeeper, we are offering two 1 pound squeeze jars for your culinary enjoyment

**FAB Outdoor Fitness Camp \$36 value** donated by Marian Lally. This certificate is good for two classes at Woodside park in Silver Spring. Boost your metabolism, build muscle & core, best of all, clear your mind! 

# **TAKOMA FIRE**

## **10U/12U WINTER 2012 SOFTBALL CLINIC**

*Girls born 1999-2003*



Takoma Fire is again offering winter fastpitch softball clinics.

- 12U: girls who would play at the 12U level during the 2012 softball season (born 1999 or 2000; typically 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> graders).
- 10U: girls who are 10U eligible for 2012 – born 2001 or later.

Instruction will be provided by the professional team from **Five Star Athletics**, under the direction of **Jillian Callaway**. A former University of Maryland star softball player, Jillian is a dynamic instructor who has great rapport with the girls and is at the cutting edge of softball technology and age-appropriate instruction. This is a great opportunity and we are excited offer it. Instruction will cover:

- Offense – hitting, bunting, base running, sliding
- Defense – throwing, fielding, defensive positioning

The **12U** clinic will be eight 90-minute sessions, **Saturdays, 11:30-1, January 7** through **February 25, 2012**.

The **10U** clinic will be six 90-minute sessions, **Saturdays, 10-11:30, January 21** through **February 25, 2012**.

**Location:** The gym at the **Silver Spring Boy & Girls Club**, 1300 Forest Glen Road, Silver Spring (just north of Sligo Creek Parkway).

**Cost:** For 12U, **\$140** if you register by December 1. \$155 after December 1.

For 10U, **\$65** if you register by December 1. \$75 after December 1.

Partial scholarships are available upon request.

### **For more information**

For 12U, contact Ray Denenberg: [raydenenberg@starpower.net](mailto:raydenenberg@starpower.net) or 301-445-1289.

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## ISCA Entrepreneurs at Home: Christopher Lancette

by Jay P. Goldman

*(Editor's Note: This is part 5 of an ISCA newsletter series focusing on individuals in the neighborhood who run businesses out of their homes. Previous installments featured Ann Horton, Deborah Levy, Kendra LaDuca, Iantha Carley and Monica Bridgewater. Send future suggestions to [jgoldman@aasa.org](mailto:jgoldman@aasa.org).)*

Chris Lancette's fascination with collecting began with old and rare books about the American Revolution, which prompted him to designate a room in his house as a library.

In the process of bouncing around to auctions, he discovered many people were interested only in the most expensive and oldest items. With patience and planning, he realized he could pick up enough affordably priced merchandise to re-sell and make a profit. And so began a side interest that has blossomed into a major preoccupation for Lancette and his girlfriend Won-Ok Kim.

They now buy and sell an array of house products, especially used furniture. "I think we made something like a \$150 profit on the first dining table set we bought, and we've been hooked ever since—despite the fact this does involve a ton of physically punishing work," Lancette says.

He calls the business Orion's Attic, named in memory of a much-loved Siberian husky that he nursed back to health from severe abuse by previous owner while living in the Atlanta area.

Orion's Attic became an official entity early in 2011, and Lancette hopes it might someday grow to be his principal occupation. Until then, he's working as a communications director for a nonprofit organization, while Kim, a Korea native who became a U.S. citizen last year, works as a hospital database manager.


*Chris Lancette and Won-Ok Kim, of Orion's Attic and this month's ISCA Entrepreneur profile.*

Lancette describes Orion's Attic as a "multi-faceted, home-based discount antique and flea business," which carries antiques and collectibles, art and used furniture, selling online through a web store ([www.orionsattic.com](http://www.orionsattic.com)), eBay, Craigs List and consignment shops. He's also run sizable yard sales, which he says soon will morph into "upscale garage sales" now that he holds a two-year lease on a house on Ocala Street with a three-bay, two-level garage. The home shop is open by appointment.

"Our mission is focused not just on making a profit but making a difference," Lancette says. "Our mantra is to enable people to buy good stuff (and) do great things." Orion's Attic donates 10 percent of profits to House With A Heart Senior Pet Sanctuary in Gaithersburg.

On the Orion's Attic website, ISCA residents can browse around the current offerings, sign up for Lancette's e-newsletter and follow his blog.

The business is growing more quickly than Lancette figured "so we're beginning to look at commercial real estate and explore whether it may be possible to open a store in the next year or two."

For the time being, though, Lancette and Kim spend most of their free time earning bumps and bruises from moving all the furniture and boxes of new items they find while scouring the roads near and far. 



## Indian Spring Technology discussion group ISCATECH

by Robert Bullock

Dear fellow Indian Springers, I perceived a need in our neighborhood (actually the entire world could benefit from this) for a separate forum to seek and supply answers to technology related questions from trusted sources (or at least accountable sources, we know where you live!). I happen to have some free time at the moment between jobs and will try to answer as many questions as I can (in my areas of expertise), but I really want to encourage other “techies” in the neighborhood to join in answering questions.

The focus of this forum will be for more specialized or specific questions which are not of wider interest to the entire Indian Spring community. Questions such as general experience with RCN cable or FIOS reliability should probably stay on ISCAonline, while questions on how to connect my Wii to my wireless router to watch NETFLIX streaming movie would be more appropriate on ISCATECH.

Some possible topics for discussion:

PC/Laptop hardware and software

Home Networking

Home Theater, Audio, Video, Streaming media

Cable, Satellite, Internet Video services

Cell Phones Android, Blackberry, iPhone ...

Free WEB Hosting services (Google Sites etc.)

I actually created this group several months ago and some of you may already be subscribed, I am hoping this article will spark additional discussions on the list. I hope that we can have a good balance of requesters and responders (other than me). I have one rather gaping hole in my tech knowledge, Apple computers, since I last owned an Apple computer in 1980, and I hear they have changed quite a bit since then...

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If you have a problem just send me a note at my address below and I will add you.

Finally I would like to apologize to ISCA for not clearing the use of “ISCA” in the forum name in advance. If there are any issues with this let me know and I will change the name.

Thanks, and hope this is helpful.

Robert Bullock

[bullockrgjr@gmail.com](mailto:bullockrgjr@gmail.com) 

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### Downtown Silver Spring

#### Calendar of Events – November/December 2011

##### **TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 1**

**Joseph Howell Wine & Cheese Reception**  
**Silver Spring Arts & Entertainment Committee**

##### **FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 4**

**Autumn Moon Festival**  
**5:00 – 9:00 p.m.**

##### **SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5**

**Fenton Street Market, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.**  
**FreshFarm Market, 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.**

##### **SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6**

**Total Health Villa Festival, 12Noon – 6:00 p.m.**

##### **SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 12**

**Fenton Street Market, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.**  
**FreshFarm Market, 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.**

##### **SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13**

**Dog Days of Downtown Silver Spring,**  
**11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.**

##### **MONDAY, NOVEMBER 14**

**Silver Spring Citizens Advisory Board**

##### **WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 16**

**SSCAB Commercial & Economic Development**  
**Committee meeting – 7:30 p.m.** *cont on pg. 11*

**Downtown Silver Spring  
Calendar of Events – November/December 2011** *cont from page 10*

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 17**

Silver Spring Urban District Advisory  
Committee meeting

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 19**

FreshFarm Market, 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.  
Montgomery County's Thanksgiving Parade,  
10:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20**

Don't Panic Foundation 5K, 9:00 a.m.

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 23**

SSCAB Transportation & Pedestrian Safety  
Committee meeting

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 26**

FreshFarm Market, 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 28**

SSCAB Neighborhoods Committee meeting

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 1**

Opening: 22nd Washington Jewish Film Festival  
(through December 11)

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3**

FreshFarm Market, 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.  
Light Up Downtown Silver Spring, 3:00 – 6:00 p.m.

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6**

Silver Spring Arts & Entertainment Committee

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10**

FreshFarm Market, 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11**

Closing: 22nd Washington Jewish Film Festival

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 12**

Silver Spring Citizens Advisory Board

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15**

Silver Spring Urban District Advisory  
Committee meeting

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17**

FreshFarm Market, 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 21**

SSCAB Commercial & Economic Development  
Committee meeting – 7:30 p.m.

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24**

FreshFarm Market, 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 26**

SSCAB Neighborhoods Committee meeting

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 28**

SSCAB Transportation & Pedestrian Safety  
Committee meeting

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 30**

Closing: Farmers Market - 9:00 am - 2:00 p.m.

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## Northwood High School Report

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### Painless Fund-raising Support

If you haven't already pledged your support to another school, please consider supporting Northwood High School – which draws a number of students from the Indian Spring neighborhood – through your weekly grocery shopping.

Northwood runs a painless fund-raising program with these options:

- If you shop at Snider's, save your receipts and when you have a few in hand, contact ISCA resident Susan Luck, a Northwood parent, at [susanluck@comcast.net](mailto:susanluck@comcast.net) to arrange for pickup of the receipts. Northwood receives 1 percent of their value in a yearly grant from Snider's.
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### Hot Athletic Rivalry

Whenever Montgomery Blair and Northwood tangle in an athletic contest, the decibel levels are a little louder and the emotions definitely run higher. ISCA families have students at both high schools.

The two schools' basketball teams will square off early in the 2011-12 season, on Friday, Dec. 9, as follows:

- Boys basketball, Blair at Northwood, varsity 7 p.m., JV 5:15 p.m.
- Girls basketball, Northwood at Blair, varsity 7 p.m., 5:15 p.m.


One of the backcourt stars for Blair this season is senior Myla Sapp, who averaged about 15 point per game last winter. Myla, daughter of Phil and xxxxx Sapp, also is the online sports editor for Silver Chips, the student newspaper.

### Block Scheduling Reconsidered

Northwood HS has taken up discussion over whether to retain its distinctive eight-period block schedule – in which students have four extended course periods one day and then four different courses the next day – or to return to the standard, seven-period daily schedule used at most high schools.

The school system requires a three-stage decision-making process involving multiple stakeholders. Ultimately, the school's instructional leadership team, consisting largely of faculty and administrators, will make a recommendation to Montgomery County Public Schools administration.

A final decision will be made by February when the 2012-13 class registration process commences.

Northwood has used a block schedule since opening its doors in 2004, one of the few schools in the Washington area with this type of schedule. Block scheduling provides students with extra opportunities to take course electives and allows internships in the senior year. (This fall 75 of the 275 seniors are serving as interns at outside organizations and professional offices.) 



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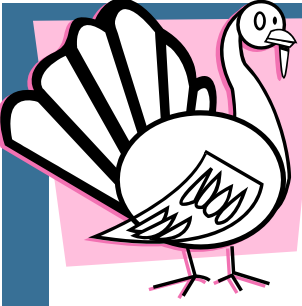
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