



## International Day 2024

*Diversity* is important to everyone here at MANH, and International Day is our way of celebrating that diversity we all cherish. Each class takes part in the presentation by studying a country and practicing a dance from that country, with the addition of an art exhibit from some of the students in Elementary. An international feast is offered, with every family bringing a dish from their cultural background.

### When is International Day 2024?

International Day will take place on **Saturday, March 2, 2024**. Doors open at **8:30am**. **There is no entry prior to 8:30am. Please arrive no later than 9:00am**. Our program will commence with our International Potluck feast.

### Where will International Day be held?

This year's International Day will be held at **Willow Creek Community Church**, this is the same location as last year, located at *67 Algonquin Road, South Barrington, IL*.

### **\*\*Parking & Entrance in Willow Creek Community Church\*\***

Willow Creek Community Church is very large. It is easiest to **enter the grounds from the Barrington Road Entrance**. From this entrance, follow the road and signs to **“Activity Center”** and **Parking Lot F**. You will enter at **Doors F**. (If you choose to use the Algonquin Road entrance, you will need to drive almost entirely around the church in order to reach parking lot F.). Please see the attached map to help with arrival.

After entering through Doors F, Look for our *MANH Food Drop Off Area*. Please have your dish covered in foil, with your last name written on top. You will leave your dish at the MANH Food Drop Off with one of our MANH Volunteers. From there, you will head around back into the Auditorium for the show!

### **Students**

All students need to arrive **dressed in their costumes**, ready to go. On your way to the auditorium, ALL students will be dropped off at the Dress-Rehearsal Garage Area. (Don't worry, we have volunteers to help guide you here). Students will meet their teachers, prep for their dances, and line up for performances here. Parents will head into the auditorium to find their seats. Students will remain in the Garage with their teachers and classmates until their performance.

### **Art Exhibit**

This year, we will also be having an art exhibit created by Elementary students that have chosen to create art for International Day. They have selected art from countries throughout Asia. These will be displayed throughout the auditorium. Please stop by

and admire their hard work!

### Parents & Performances

Each class will take the stage to perform their country's dance. In an effort to help our teachers and staff, ***we ask that after each performance the family of each child to please stand*** so your child/children can find you to be seated with you for the remainder of the show.

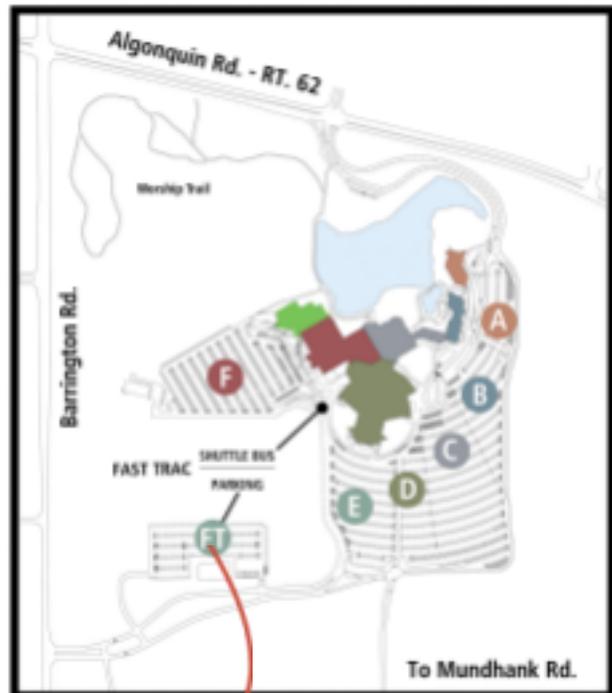
### Closing Remarks

Following the show, we will exit through the auditorium's back doors and head into the cafeteria to enjoy our International Potluck Feast. Beverages and food will be served (vegetarian and meat options available) as well as dessert. *Please no children running around unattended while we feast.*

### International Feast

Our International Feast is a potluck where each family is asked to bring a dish from their cultural background. Please follow the guidelines below:

1. Food sign up sheets for each class are posted outside classrooms. Please sign up with your student's name, the name of the dish, the country it comes from and note whether or not it contains MEAT, NUTS, DAIRY and/or GLUTEN. We are also asking for a list of ingredients to help us identify any other allergens. If you would like to send the recipe instead of writing on the sign up, please send it to [PTOevents@manh.org](mailto:PTOevents@manh.org) Any recipe sent will be included in an MANH International Day cookbook. LAST DAY FOR SIGN UP IS 02/23/24.
2. Each student should bring a dish that serves 10-12 people. If a family has 3 students, they should bring 3 dishes. If you have multiple children, make sure to sign up on each student's classroom sign up sheet.
3. Your student(s) will bring home disposable aluminum containers that hold 10-12 servings for you to use and bring to the feast.
4. On Saturday, March 2:  
Bring your food dish/dishes (NO LATER THAN 9AM) along with a disposable serving utensil for each of your dishes. Dishes should be covered tightly in foil as there are no facilities to re-warm.  
We are excited to see each and every performance. As always, thank you for your support and all of your help in making International Day such a beautiful community event for our



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