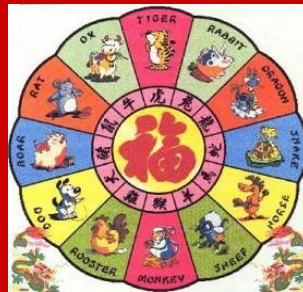


Chinese New Year or Spring Festival is the most important of the traditional Chinese holidays. It is also an important holiday in East Asia. The festival traditionally begins on the first day of the first lunar month in the Chinese calendar and ends on the 15th, also called the Lantern festival. Chinese New Year's Eve is known as Chúxī (除夕). Chu literally means "change" and xi means "Eve".

New Year's Eve and New Year's Day are celebrated as a family affair, a time of reunion and thanksgiving. It is a traditional practice for adults to give children little red envelopes-*hong bao* in Mandarin or *lai-see* in Cantonese-filled with money in order to symbolize wealth and prosperity for the coming year. It is also common for elders to bestow red packets to unmarried members of the family. It is a sign of respect to bow three times in order to accept the *hong bao*. Envelopes are not to be opened until the recipient has left the home of the giver.



By the Chinese Calendar 2008 is the Year of the Rat, which is also known by its former name of Wu Zhi.



Saint Mary's College

2008 China Night Program

7:30 - 9:00 p.m.
February 7, 2008

Carroll Auditorium



Chinese New Year Celebration

China Night Program

Welcome

Dr. Patricia Fleming (Saint Mary's Vice President and Dean of Faculty)

Hev Jude and Hotel California

The Legend of Dragon and ND Girls

Cong Chen (Bass Player, Singer)
Nan Chen (Leading Guitar)
Yenchang Huang (Drummer, Singer)
Weimin Lin (Rhythm Guitar)
Qin Yang (Keyboard, Singer)
(Notre Dame Crystal Clear)

Lion Dance

Francis Chen, Eric Lee, Michael Wang, Joshua Zhao, Norman Ji
(South Bend Chinese Language School)

China Night in 1967

Susan Yang Kiang (former Saint Mary's Faculty Member)
Siqin Yang (Saint Mary's Assistant Director of International and Intercultural Learning)

2008 China Summer Study Program

Dr. Jinmei Yuan (Creighton University Program Director and Philosophy Professor)
Dr. Marcia Rickard (Saint Mary's Program Coordinator and Professor of Art)

Phoenix Tree 2 (Short Story Reading)

Dr. Jinmei Yuan

Amazing Grace (English and Chinese)

Dr. Maorong Jiang (Creighton University Asian World Center Director and Political Science Professor)

Beijing Opera Tune

Mellina Yeh, Rebecca Wei, Ivy Yen
(Granger Chinese Dance Company)

Ribbon Dance

Andreana Spilger (Granger Chinese Dance Company)

Phoenix Bamboo under the Moon Light (Bawu)

Jingqiu Guan (Saint Mary's International Student)

Poem Reading

Frances Hwang (Saint Mary's Assistant Professor of English)
Lily Hoang (Saint Mary's Lecturer of English)

Fishing Boat in the Sunset (Guzheng)

Wenwen Bai (Saint Mary's International Student)

Peacock Dance

Jingqiu Guan

Traditional Fashion Show

Alex Meckes, Wenwen Bai, Jingqiu Guan, Dana Carr, Denise Lopez, Hannah Fischer, Kris Hingstrum, Karolyn Wojtowicz, Maricruz Cardenas, Molly Gainey, Ni La, Stephenie Tsui, Paige O'Brien, Grace O'Brien, Jade O'Brien, Gabriel Meyer-Lee, Jackson Meyer-Lee, Lucas Meyer-Lee
Instructor: Michele Kriner (Saint Mary's Dance Instructor)

MCs: *Jingqiu Guan, Karolyn Wojtowicz,
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