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LiNK representatives visit NCSSM

about the crisis in North

Korea can be an interesting experience. The crisis itself is something hard to describe. The country is led under the dictatorship of Kim Jong Il, whose leadership has left the country isolated from the rest of the world and censored from everything. Daily life there is bizarre—the country focuses on feeding its people propaganda, and the only focus is that the dictator and the country are superior. There are no human rights, and especially for the lower classes, living conditions can be the worst.

Now, just given the topic you know now, if you let yourself know more about this issue, you know you're going to come out a bit frazzled—a little guilty, a little sad. Maybe, you might wish that you hadn't learned about this kind of



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Satellite photo of Korea

thing. Because now there's no turning back—you know that something this horrible exists.

And honestly, I was afraid of that. LiNK is my precious

something, and when I saw how many people accumulated in the Lecture Hall that Wednesday, that was exactly what I was afraid of. That people would take one look at this documentary, see the content, and then they would walk out, and never even think about the refugees that they watched that day ever again.

But that's not what happened, and that's what's important now. That Wednesday, people stayed and watched. They signed

up for club membership; they bought LiNK's merchandise; they stayed behind and talked with the Nomads personally. People genuinely cared, they

were interested in helping, and they weren't ignorant of the North Korea crisis.

Yes, you can go watch a documentary like "Hiding," and you can come out feeling horrible—about yourself, about the situation, about the refugees. But you can also come out wanting to know more about it; at the end of it all, you want to know what you can do to help. And then you're ready to face more issues like this. You might be expecting to feel horrible again, sure. However, your desire to help will become so strong that it replaces those negative feelings, and it will be like it never even occurred to you to feel responsible for the crisis.

The LiNK chapter here at NCSSM is still in its infancy. It started last year, with a few participants. But those who

did participate are still here, and we're making sure the club grows. The response and feedback for "Hiding" were great. People already wanted to know more; some that I've talked to were actually ready to see something even more intense than what they saw that day.

So that's the next step. I'm still afraid that there will exist those who blind themselves to the North Korea crisis, but then again, there will be the others, those who want to participate—the ones who may become the next Nomads.

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this paper!**

A message from SG to students

Hello Students! SG hopes that your trimester and exams went well, and we wish you a great trimester break! As you gear up for second trimester, we invite you to our Sunday committee meetings to voice your opinions and ideas:

6:00-6:30 pm - Government Operations
6:30-7:00 pm- Academic Affairs
7:00-7:30 pm- Student Affairs
7:30-8:00 pm- Programming

Each committee has its own agenda and projects.

Government Operations works on internal SG structure including our constitution and bylaws. Government bills and legislation go through the GovOps committee for analysis and suggestions and they work on accountability reports for all of the committees. This year GovOps will also be working on compiling a History of NCSSM SG, using files and documents from the past 30 years. Hoel Wiesner is the committee head, wiesnerh@ncssm.edu.

Academic Affairs works with Academic Programs to bring reforms to existing class structure and environment, including additional progress/grade reporting periods. They are also working for students to be able to choose classes and class periods they would like; so if you want all lunch-outs senior year, that could be a possibility! Joseph Moo-Young is the committee head, moo-youngj@ncssm.edu.

Student Affairs works on projects to better student life around campus, including bringing speakers to campus, organizing the SAT/ACT/AP book drive, supplying the dorm printers, getting mirrors in the music rooms, and placing whiteboards in hall lounges. Reena Gupta is the committee head, guptar@ncssm.edu.

Programming is in charge of all SG-related school-wide events including Mr. Unicorn, Lock-ins, spirit week, Powderpuff games, and other great events! Radhika Ghodasara is the committee head, ghodasara@ncssm.edu

Our SG Office is now open and fully functional, so if you would like to check out study books or talk to an SG rep, come by Art Room 106:

MONDAYS 6:30-8:00 pm
THURSDAYS 6:30-8:00 pm
SUNDAYS 3:00-4:30 pm

Our Executive board has also been busy as well - Our Director of Public Relations, Dominique Beaudry, set up the Senior Breakfast which was a great success! She is also working on getting our senior t-shirt designs together (you can still submit if you would like!). Our Director of Information Technology, Bojia Chen, set up our new, dynamic website with a forum feature. You can find all of our meeting agendas and minutes on the site, as well as relevant downloads. Register Today: www.ncssm.edu/sg.

We are also working with the Association of Student Governments (ASG), the state student government, to get additional funds for our campus to work on projects such as an art initiative fund, hand dryers in bathrooms, and a community service project.

We would finally like to congratulate the new senators, listed to the right, along with Senior Senators and the SG Officers.

We hope to see you around!

Sincerely,

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