



NORTHRIDGE PREPARATORY SCHOOL

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Studying Culture with Flavor at Northridge Prep

Eighth Grade Students at Northridge Prep Attempt to Go Beyond the Statistics in Cultural Studies

NILES, Illinois- The eighth-graders at Northridge Preparatory School presented an International Fair for the culmination of their unit on immigration and cultures around the world. For three hours, students lined the walls of the gym with tables, banners, music and food; sporting cultural attire, they told visitors about the meanings of flags while some even had stories of their own parents' immigration to the United States.

Also browsing the presentations was Michael Burns, a veteran history teacher at Northridge Prep and coordinator of the International Fair. Burns observed the presentations and asked students detailed questions concerning the conditions of socialism in Poland or religious persecution in Mexico, conversing with them to gauge the depth of not only their research, but of their understanding.

The purpose of the Fair was to give the students a chance to “learn the reason behind the [immigration] numbers” that they learned in class; looking into their presentations, Burns commented on how he was “impressed by the students’ understanding” of the various situations. Eighth-graders Aiden McNally praised the effect that Persian immigration has had on our culture, particularly in terms of the foundation of Ebay and innovations in math and science that come from Persian Americans. With food and music ranging from Southeast Asia to Southwest Latin America, the students at Northridge Prep’s eighth-grade class gave visitors a chance to see and taste cultures from around the world.

Northridge Preparatory School is a college preparatory school for young men in grades 6–12 in Niles, Illinois. It is a top ten school in Chicago [Chicago Sun-Times], a top 96 school in the Country [US News & World Report] and a top 50 Catholic school in the Country [The Catholic Honor Roll]. Northridge is guided by the teachings of the Catholic Church and the spirit of Opus Dei, and aims to develop spiritually mature men who are selfless family members and productive professionals.

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Attached: 2 Photos

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celebrating 35 years of educating young men

