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Greetings Warriors,

Today marks the beginning of Chinese New Year. Based on the Chinese lunar calendar which historically functions as a social, religious, and dynastic guide, Chinese New Year lasts about 15 days beginning with the new moon. The celebrations typically end with a full moon and the festival of lanterns.

Chinese New Year is the most important holiday in China. This tradition is filled with feasting on long noodles and round dumplings, connecting with family, and honoring ancestors. Every year is characterized by one of the 12 zodiac animals: tiger, rabbit, dragon, rat, snake, monkey, horse, sheep, dog, ox, rooster, and pig. 2021 is the year of the ox. The cycle of the 12 signs represent the path of the sun through the cosmos. Every practice is symbolic and represents bringing in good luck and long life.

At ESU, our Chinese Club has hosted Chinese New Year celebrations annually. These celebrations have represented the vast culture, language, and traditions of Chinese people. Students, faculty, and staff dressed in traditional garments, enjoyed Chinese food, and participated in festive dragon dances. While celebrating together is not possible this year, here's a great resource to learn more about this [wonderful tradition](#).

We encourage you to learn more about ESU's [Chinese Club](#). Don't forget to wish your fellow Chinese Warriors a Happy New Year!

Dr. Santiago Solis

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