

# Loy Krathong Day

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Krathong. A container that is floated on lakes and rivers as part of the festival

Loy Krathong Day is an ancient tradition in Thailand. The festival is popularly performed on the full moon day of the 12th month of every year (it falls on November 19th this year), when the water in the canals rises high and the air starts to cool.

Many beliefs are tied to the

festival, such as believing that it is for worshipping and asking for forgiveness from the Ganges Mother. For some, it is for worshipping the God of Brahmanism, or as a worship of the Buddha's footprint, etc... Loy Krathong festival has events in almost every province in Thailand, and is an important annual event in all cases. Chiang Mai, a city in northern Thailand, has an especially notable parade, a small Krathong procession, Krathong contest, and the beauty pageant of the Krathong as well.

P's mom and his mom's friend



# Diwali

/By Parshant Kumar/

Diwali, also known as Festival of Lights, is a Hindu festival celebrated any day in late October or November, depending on the overlap between Hindu and Roman Calendar. It is a historical day for Hindus and remember it as the



Rangoli. Image: pxfuel.com

day when light prevails over darkness. Before Diwali, people clean and decorate their houses as a symbol to welcome guests. It is a joyful day where people spend their day with their families and friends, wear their finest clothes and eat a lot of sweets, like pumpkin pudding and Barfi (fudge). They also exchange gifts, visit the temple (Hindus' religious place) where they pray for peace and prosperity, and end the day with fireworks as a representation of light. It is as important a festival to Hindus as Christmas is to Christians. People also light their houses with diyas (oil lamps made from clay) to symbolize inner light that protects humans from evil and attain spiritual prosperity. It is common to visit the elders of the family to get their blessings and have dinner together with the whole family, like during Thanksgiving. Over the years, it became celebrated by other religions like Buddhists and Jains too. People also decorate their home's doorstep with Rangoli, a colorful art form made out of powdered limestone. It symbolizes prosperity, and serves as a welcome to family and guests during this time.



Raymie Howard shoots a layup. Photo from the 11/6 game vs Churubusco by Meghyn McMullen

# Girls Basketball

/By Meghyn McMullen/

Congratulations to the girls basketball team on the first win of the season! The JV team played West Noble on November 16th and won 9-6 in a two quarter game. The varsity team, unfortunately, did not win their game, but they made significant improvement from when they faced West Noble last year.



**Flash Update!** Hamilton's varsity team has notched it's first victory with a 45-38 win over South Bend Career Academy on November 20th. Congratulations!

Jasmine Schiek takes the ball up the court. Photo from the 11/6 game vs Churubusco by Meghyn McMullen

## Semiformal

“Off to Neverland”

Hosted by the class of 2025

December 11th

8pm-11pm

HHS Gym

\$10/ticket

Purchase tickets from

Miss Lucas

## Upcoming Events

**November 20:** HS Girls Bball vs South Bend Career Academy— home @ 12:00 pm W! 45-38

**November 22:** JH Boys Bball vs Lakeland— away @ 5:00 pm

**November 23:** HS Boys Bball vs Lakewood Park— away @ 7:30 pm

JH Boys Bball vs Fremont— away @ 5:00 pm

**November 29:** 6th Grd Boys Bball vs Garrett— away @ 5:00 pm

**November 30:** HS Boys Bball vs Central Noble— away @ 7:30 pm

6th Grd Boys Bball vs Lakeland— home @ 5:00 pm

**December 1:** 6th Grd Boys Bball vs Angola— home @ 5:00 pm

**December 3:** HS Boys Bball vs Elkhart Christian— away @ 7:30 pm

**December 4:** HS Bball vs Lakeland Christian— home- girls @ 1:00pm, boys at 4:00 pm

**JH Boys Bball 4-Way Shootout** (WN, WV, Fremont)- away @ Fremont @ 9:00 am

**December 6:** 6th Grd Boys Bball vs Eastside— home @ 5:00 pm

JH Boys Bball vs Eastside— home @ 6:00 pm

**December 9:** 6th Grd Boys Bball vs Blackhawk— home @ 5:00 pm

**December 10:** HS Boys Bball vs Fremont— away @ 7:30 pm

**December 13:** HS Boys Bball vs Hilltop— away @ 7:30 pm

6th Grd Boys Bball vs Lakewood Park— home @ 5:00 pm

JH Boys Bball vs Churubusco— home @ 5:00 pm

**December 14:** HS Girls Bball vs Central Noble— away @ 6:00 pm

HS Boys Bball vs Westview— away @ 7:30 pm

**December 16:** HS Girls Bball vs Lakewood Park— away @ 7:30 pm

6th Grd Boys Bball vs Smith Academy— away @ 5:00 pm

**December 17:** HS Boys Bball vs Fairfield— home @ 7:30