

NAN Spirit Week Feb 22-26, 2021

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Feb 22nd- "Hammerin' Hank Day"- **Wear Baseball attire (hats and/or shirts)**

[**Henry Louis Aaron**, nicknamed "Hammer" or "Hammerin' Hank" (a.k.a. Hank Aaron), was an African-American professional baseball right fielder who played 23 seasons in Major League Baseball, from 1954 through 1976. He recently passed away on January 22, 2021. Aaron is regarded as one of the greatest baseball players of all time. His 755 career home runs broke the long-standing MLB record set by Babe Ruth and stood as the most for 33 years. Aaron still holds many other MLB batting records. In honor of Hank Aaron's accomplishments, NAN is making February 22nd, 2021 "Hammerin' Hank Day.]"

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Feb 23rd- "Hip-Hop Hooray Day"- **Wear 70s/80s attire**

[Aug 11, 1973 is the birthdate of hip hop. This is where DJ Kool Herc, real name **Clive Campbell**, and his friend, **Coke La Rock**, hosted a back-to-school party in the Bronx, New York. Eighteen-year-old Campbell and Coke La Rock are often referred to as the fathers of hip-hop. This is because at the back-to-school party, DJ Kool Herc was the first person to use "breakin" techniques on records which is known as the "scratching" sounds on many popular hip-hop songs while Coke La Rock started rhyming over the musical track. This sound has started an entirely different genre of music which is now home to many popular stars such as Jay-Z, Tupac, Notorious B.I.G., Cardi B, Eminem, Megan the Stallion, Kendrick Lamar, DaBaby, and many many more. In honor of DJ Kool Herc and Coke La Rock's contributions to the creation of Hip-Hop, NAN is making February 23rd, 2021 "Hip-Hop Hooray Day".]"

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Feb 24th- "Space Mathematics Day"- **Wear Space colors/NASA attire/Mathematical attire**

[**Creola Katherine Johnson** (commonly known as Katherine Johnson) was an African-American mathematician whose calculations of orbital mechanics as a NASA employee were critical to the success of the first and subsequent U.S. crewed spaceflights. Katherine's story was depicted on the silver screen in the movie "Hidden Figures" (2016). Last year, on February 24th, Katherine Johnson passed away. In honor of her strong will and great accomplishments, NAN is making February 24th, 2021 "Space Mathematics Day".]"

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Feb 25th- “General Austin Day”- **Wear military colors (fatigues or military branch colors/attire)**-

**[Lloyd James Austin III** (born August 8, 1953) is an American retired four-star Army General. Austin previously served as the 12th commander of United States Central Command (CENTCOM). General Austin was the first Black commander of CENTCOM. Before CENTCOM, General Austin was the 33rd Vice Chief of Staff of the United States Army from January 2012 to March 2013, and the last commanding General of United States Forces – Iraq Operation New Dawn, which ended in December 2011. General Austin is the current Secretary of Defense as of January 22nd, 2021 making him the first Black Secretary of Defense in American history. In honor of General’s Austin’s service to the country and great accomplishments, NAN is making February 25th, 2021 “General Austin Day”]

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Feb 26th- “Black Anime Day”- **Wear Animation/cartoon attire**

**[D'ART Shtajio** (D-Art-Sta-Gio) is a 2-D animation studio situated in Tokyo founded by 32-year-old animator Henry Thurlow, background artist Arthell Isom and his twin brother Darnell. The three created a studio that would infuse American sensibilities with Japanese anime, and ended up working on some fairly huge anime projects (Bleach, Black Butler, Tokyo Ghoul, and Naruto to name a few). The Isom twins are both Black men, making D'Art Shtajio one of the first major anime studios founded by Black men. In honor of this great feat, NAN is making February 26th, 2021 “Black Anime Day”.]

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