

Student Spotlight Monthly Theme

August/September: Building Community & Growth Mindset

Nomination-worthy actions:

- Welcoming and including new or isolated students
 - Demonstrating a positive attitude even when challenged
 - Encouraging peers to keep trying after setbacks
 - Taking initiative to build class unity or school spirit
 - Sharing openly about goals and progress
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October: Emotional Awareness & Self-Regulation

Nomination-worthy actions:

- Managing emotions during stressful situations (e.g., tests, peer conflict)
- Using healthy coping skills like taking breaks or asking for help

- Staying calm and respectful in challenging interactions
 - Modeling patience and maturity with others
 - Supporting peers who are feeling overwhelmed
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November: Gratitude & Kindness

Nomination-worthy actions:

- Consistently showing appreciation to teachers, peers, or staff
 - Writing thank-you notes or giving verbal recognition
 - Doing kind acts without being asked or expecting credit
 - Speaking kindly and lifting others up with words
 - Being a quiet helper behind the scenes
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December: Conflict Resolution & Problem-Solving

Nomination-worthy actions:

- Handling disagreements with maturity and fairness
- Mediating a conflict between peers respectfully
- Listening to different points of view during a disagreement
- Offering peaceful solutions to class or club issues

- Being honest and reflective after a conflict
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January: Goal Setting & Motivation

Nomination-worthy actions:

- Setting and actively working toward personal, academic, or athletic goals
 - Demonstrating initiative to improve grades or habits
 - Staying focused and motivated through challenges
 - Encouraging others to stay committed to their goals
 - Celebrating progress and persistence—especially in others
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February: Empathy & Friendship Skills

Nomination-worthy actions:

- Reaching out to someone who is going through a hard time
 - Including someone who's been left out
 - Standing up against bullying or gossip
 - Demonstrating loyalty and honesty in friendships
 - Being known as a trustworthy and empathetic peer
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March: Managing Big Feelings & Stress

Nomination-worthy actions:

- Talking openly and appropriately about mental health and emotions
 - Using calming strategies during difficult moments
 - Helping others through moments of stress or panic
 - Creating a positive and calm atmosphere in class
 - Seeking balance and encouraging self-care habits
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April: Responsibility & Making Good Choices

Nomination-worthy actions:

- Owning up to a mistake and making things right
 - Acting as a role model for online safety and responsible tech use
 - Consistently making positive choices despite peer pressure
 - Managing time effectively and following through on responsibilities
 - Respecting school rules and promoting a safe environment
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May: Perseverance & Celebrating Growth

Nomination-worthy actions:

- Overcoming a significant personal, academic, or social challenge
- Showing growth in attitude, academics, or behavior over the year
- Staying committed to a goal even when it got hard
- Reflecting on their growth and encouraging others to reflect too
- Being proud of peers' progress and cheering them on