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### **Greater Cincinnati Chinese School Hosts Chinese New Year Gala**

Greater Cincinnati community gathers on February 11 to celebrate the Lunar New Year

**Cincinnati, OH** – On Sunday, February 11, 2018 from 3-9 pm, the Greater Cincinnati Chinese School (GCCS) will present its annual gala to celebrate Chinese New Year. The gala will feature a variety show, cultural exhibitions, kids' games and dinner.

Along with GCCS students, other local talent will showcase Chinese art forms in music, poetry, dance and martial arts. The audience will also be treated to a “face change” performance, a closely-guarded art form rooted in Chinese opera. The performer will change faces (masks) in rapid succession, from the mythical Monkey King to legendary figures and warriors.

This is an exceptional year for community collaboration. The Greater Cincinnati chapter of Families with Children from China (FCC) is joining GCCS to celebrate and support the gala. VIBE Cincinnati is sponsoring a poster board competition to encourage the youth at GCCS to tell their stories of Cincinnati.

“We have talented kids who can't wait to tell their personal stories about the Queen City,” said Ling Peng, the Dean of GCCS. “The response has been wonderful.”

Various display booths will offer an immersive experience in Chinese art and culture, some dating back many centuries. Attendees can view intricate paper-cutting, demonstrations of calligraphy, and even try on ancient Chinese royal costumes.

“Chinese New Year is the biggest of celebrations for the Chinese community,” said Allan Cheng, the Principal of GCCS. “Our all-volunteer team has put remarkable effort into this gala so we may welcome and celebrate with all members of our community.”

The evening will include dinner and a slew of games for the young and young-at-heart, such as a bounce house and human foosball. There will also be door prizes, a silent auction, and karaoke for aspiring singers. Children at the gala can look forward to receiving red envelopes containing “lucky money” for extra good luck in the New Year.

**Details:**

Date: Sunday, Feb. 11, 2018

Time: 3 pm – 9 pm

Location: Sycamore High School, 7400 Cornell Rd, Montgomery, OH 45242

**Tickets:**

Early bird pricing until Feb.1: \$12/adult, \$8/child (6-12 years old), free (5 years old and under)

After Feb. 1: \$15/adult, \$12/child (6-12 years old), free (5 years old and under).

Tickets can be purchased online at [www.gccsohio.org](http://www.gccsohio.org), or at the GCCS front desk on Jan. 28 or Feb. 4 while school is in session, Sundays from 2-5 pm. Limited tickets will be available for purchase on the day of the gala. For more information, call 513.635.4650 or 513.238.9062.

**About Greater Cincinnati Chinese School (GCCS):** The Greater Cincinnati Chinese School (GCCS) is a non-profit organization that provides culturally integrated Chinese language education. Since its founding in 1995, GCCS has relied on generations of volunteers to serve K-12 children in Greater Cincinnati. The school offers three tracks of classes: Simplified Chinese, MLP Chinese, and Chinese as a Second Language (CSL). GCCS is committed to advancing regional diversity by fostering appreciation for heritage and culture, and collaborating with other area cultural organizations.