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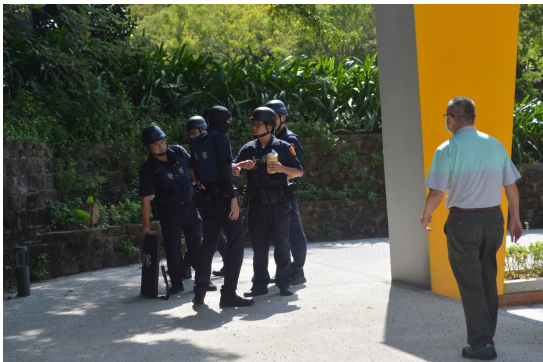
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COUNTER STRIKE: HAS

BY: TONY DING



On October 13, HAS partnered with the Hsinchu City Police Department to conduct a comprehensive anti-terrorism drill and lecture. Engaging all teachers and students, the session effectively disseminated crucial anti-terrorism information, bolstering security awareness within the school community. The event primarily consisted of informative speeches, complemented by practical drills. It covered essential topics such as tactics employed by terrorists, proper response strategies during an attack, seeking assistance, and a detailed discussion of real-life cases to provide practical insights and knowledge.



In this exercise, the police showed professional counter-terrorism skills, and the students also cooperated very well in this exercise. During the performance, the students hid in locked classrooms and waited for the police to come to the rescue. When rescuing the hostages, the police first ensured that there were no terrorists with the hostages. When it was confirmed, they were evacuated from the school. If the ordinary police can't deal with the terrorists, the police will choose to call the special police team to confront them.

During the confrontation, there will be negotiators to negotiate, and they do their best to get a successful outcome.. Finally, this exercise was supplemented by speeches. The participation of middle school students in this speech was very high, and our police instructors also patiently popularized a lot of knowledge, such as alarm calls, fire calls, etc. The instructors also taught us what to do when encountering terrorists, and also discussed some previous terrorist attacks.

During the exercise, the police showed extremely high military literacy and very professional anti-terrorism knowledge. Although this exercise was simulated with toy guns, the scene was very realistic, which perfectly showed how the police should deal with real terrorists, which is comparable to the special police. From here, it can be seen that Hsinchu is a police force with well-trained professional skills.



HOMECOMING NIGHT 2023 SHINES WITH SPIRIT AND STYLE!

BY: IRENE CHIN



The town was painted pink on October 27th for a beautiful, enjoyable, and pink-themed night at Hsinchu American School, HoCo'23! It took place at the Fleur Lis Hotel in Hsinchu. Homecoming was an event where students could dress up and spend time together. This was a night you wouldn't want to miss, with the theme Barbenheimer style, where we immersed ourselves in the shining world of Barbie, surrounded by shades of pink, glitz, and beauty. Students were ready to dance to the rhythm of Barbie's dreamland, as we created laughter, music, and wonderful memories together.

This year was a special Homecoming because not only our school students attended, but there were also a lot of outsiders attending. It was not a big venue, but the students enjoyed the party. During the party, students played games, enjoyed the food, and took a lot of photos. They prepared two activities. The first part was a game. They called two people to go on the stage and ask them a question, and they had to answer it on the board and each of them had to write down the answer. The second activity we had was dancing. Mr. Perez and Mrs. Rodriguez called the students up and really got the dance going. Students had a good time while dancing. They also enjoyed playing the games





Students voted for the homecoming King & Queen, Most Barbie, Most Oppenheimer, Party Pooper, Best Dancer, and Coolest Ships. The King and Queen this year were Andrew Kao and Serena Kao. Melanie Liu was voted the most Barbie. Erwyn Murphy was voted for the most Oppenheimer. Tim Chen was voted as the Party Pooper. The best dancer was Tony Ding. Lastly, the Coolest Ships were Ikuno Sasaki and David Kim. After getting all these awards, students were free to hang out with their friends and take some photos. What did people think of this year's homecoming? Jessica Lin said, "This year's Homecoming was very interesting and fun. My favorite part was the dancing, especially the Macarena, and Gangnam Style."





HAS SPIRIT WEEK TRIUMPHS: FROM STUFFED ANIMALS TO SCHOOL UNIFORMS

BY: ISAAC LUTHER

The HAS Spirit Week took place from October 23rd to October 27th. Monday was Stuffed Animal Day, and we witnessed that age doesn't matter when it comes to affection for these adorable creatures. Tuesday was Twin Day, when pals dressed alike. Wednesday was Jersey Day, and many teachers and students wore them to show their support for their favorite teams. Thursday was Vacation Day, so many individuals dressed as casually as possible, with sunglasses and button-up shirts being the most common. The final day was School Spirit Day, and the majority of students wore school shirts to demonstrate their love and pride for the school. "It was quite interesting! I was glad to see Henry dress up as a dinosaur. It was so inspirational," said Kerdis Pan. Other students agreed. "It was truly amazing, and the stuffed animal day was my favorite of all," said Ikuno Sasaki.





Overall, Spirit Week was not only a celebration of the school but also a time for students, teachers, and staff to come together, have fun, and strengthen their bonds. It was a week filled with positive energy and a reminder of the strong sense of community that your school holds dear.





HAUNT THE HALLS - HALLOWEEN!

BY: CHLOE LOW

Halloween, a time of spooky tales, eerie sounds, and delicious treats, finds a unique expression when celebrated within the walls of our new campus. This year at HAS, we transformed into an immersive Halloween haven, creating an event that left students and staff enchanted.



Students were dressed as iconic Halloween figures such as witches, ghouls, and werewolves. Each classroom took on a different theme, turning ordinary learning spaces into scary houses with creative designs.



One of the event's highlights was the candy rain. This year's candy rain was different from the previous. Instead of throwing candy from the top floor of our school's building, we went to the university gym to perform the candy rain. Teachers and students threw candies down and they would eagerly extend their palms, trying to catch the sugary gifts, laughing in delight. The air was filled with the tantalizing aroma of caramel and fruit flavors. Each droplet, whether it was a gummy bear, a chocolate coin candy, or a piece of hi-chew, became a delightful surprise.



No Halloween event is complete without a haunted house. Located in the largest room in our school, the members of Student Activities and Art Council poured their hearts into completing the annual haunted house. Members transformed the familiar space into a scary abandoned hospital with unique monsters. Students who visited the haunted house were greeted by creepy music and fog machines, creating an atmosphere of suspense. "The haunted house was spectacular. It was so scary I was holding onto Eagle Lee the whole time" said Kerdis Pan.

This Halloween event wasn't just about the scare factor. It was about bringing people together. The laughter, the shared moments of surprise, and the collective appreciation for everyone's efforts turned HAS's Halloween celebration into a cherished memory, marking yet another successful year of frights, delights, and unforgettable nights.





PREPARING FOR THE FUTURE: HAS COLLEGE FAIR

BY: PETER YON

The 20th of October gave the ambitious high schoolers of HAS a vast amount of opportunities and information from more than 20 different colleges and universities, all of them willing to provide each and every student that came to inquire about their campuses with answers and details about what they offer.



That morning, the 5th floor was bustling with the unrelenting stream of questions from the eager and inquisitive students, traveling from booth to booth. In addition to useful information on the schools they inquired about, the students acquired booklets, flyers and even merchandise of all sorts, ranging from rare mascot plushies to stress balls. “I love this thing, it’s so bouncy and fun to play with”, said David Kim, who managed to obtain one of the aforementioned stress balls. “I’m gonna test it out on Mr. Loi’s mini hoop.”

Overall, it was an enriching experience for HAS students to find out more about their tertiary education options and have their questions and doubts satisfied as well. Many of the students seemed more lively and enthusiastic after the informative event, which shows how successful the college fair was in lighting a spark of interest in the students. There is no doubt that HAS students will be eager to participate in the next college fair.





HAS DOMINATES FIRST GAME OF SEASON

BY: KERDIS PAN

The HAS boy's basketball team competed in their first game of the season against HCAS, Hsinchu County American School, on November 2nd. Though they emerged victorious in a 66-40 blowout win, there are some key takeaways from the game as they prepare for their second game against AST, American School of Taichung.



In the 1st quarter, things were a bit rough as the players adjusted to the fast-paced play style. Because of reckless handling of the ball, a lot of turnovers were made. Fortunately, the storm of turnovers receded as the team got in their rhythm, slowly picking up the slack and putting the ball in the basket. Kerdis Pan, the captain of the team, started off rough during the first few minutes of the game, missing all of his 3 shots. However, his teammates came through and opened up the game strong with the starting forwards, David Kim and Andrew Kao, scoring 5 of the team's 10 points early on. By the end of the first half, HAS seemed to be in control, leading 22-9.





In the second half, it was much of the same thing with HAS leading the entire game. However, there was a pivotal moment in the game that caught the coaches' eye. They noticed that as soon as Kerdis Pan was subbed off, turnover rates increased drastically as there was no longer a primary ball handler on the court. This is extremely crucial to the team's success as they cannot always rely on Kerdis Pan to handle the ball. Though the team is still young with unlimited potential, some players will have to step up and take that leap to ensure the team's success.



To prepare for the second game against AST on December 8th, each player must continue to step up and contribute as much as they can. Whether it be scoring or rebounding, each player holds immense responsibility that will be much appreciated. Let's hope that the team can keep up the good work. Go Wolves!





THE NBA IS BACK!

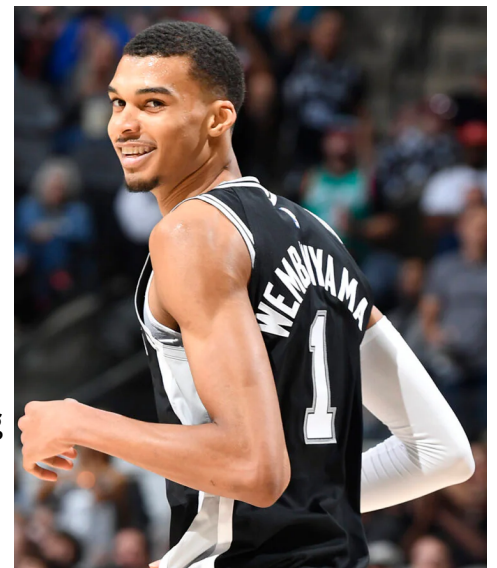
BY: KERDIS PAN

The long-awaited NBA season is finally back and is better than ever. It has only been one week since the NBA has begun, and we have already seen it all. With the world's best rising prospects, thrilling matchups, and a brand new NBA in-season tournament, competition in the NBA is at an all-time high. However, in spite of all these fresh, new developments, there is one prospect that stands out from the rest: Mr. Victor Wembenyama.



Born on 4 January 2004, in Le Chesnay, France, the 7-foot-4 19 year-old Frenchman was selected first overall to the San Antonio Spurs in the 23-24 NBA draft. His father, Félix, is Congolese and was a track and field athlete. His mother, Elodie de Fautereau, is a basketball coach and former player. Wembanyama's father and mother are 1.98 meters and 1.91 meters tall. His older sister, Eve, plays basketball professionally, and his younger brother, Oscar, has played basketball and handball at the youth level.

Victor has long been seen as the next big star of the NBA with some viewing him as the biggest prospect since LeBron James. During Victor's time with the Metropolitans 92, he averaged 21.6 PPG, 10.4 RPG, 3.0 BPG and took home LNB Pro A's scoring title and blocks title as well as the league's Most Valuable Player, Defensive Player of the Year, and Best Young Player, being the youngest player in LNB Pro A history to win MVP. Currently, the San Antonio Spurs stand 8th in the Western Conference with a record of 2-2. However, Victor is performing just as advertised averaging around 16 points, 8 rebounds, and 2 blocks, producing breathtaking highlights along the way. It is without a doubt that Victor's impact on his team is greatly valued, and he will continue to thrive in the league.





(G)I-DLE NEW ALBUM: FANTASTIC SOUND

BY: JOCELYN YANG



"HEAT," (G)I-DLE's debut English-language mini-album, was released on October 6, 2023. This project marked a significant milestone in (G)I-DLE's career, as it was produced in collaboration with industry giants Cube Entertainment and 88rising. One of the highlights of the album is the mesmerizing lead single "I Want That" which peaked at #2 on the Billboard Hott 100 chart, creating their own best-ever result. The group's remarkable achievement underlined their exceptional talent and their ever-expanding international fan base.

(G)I-DLE's "HEAT" represents the group's bold entry into the global music scene. As a result of its unforgettable tracks, it demonstrated the band's artistic growth and versatility, setting the stage for what is sure to be a remarkable journey. "I Want That's" success on the Billboard Hot chart is a testament to (G)I-DLE's exceptional music, their dedicated fanbase, and their unwavering commitment to pushing boundaries in the K-pop industry. (G)I-DLE's "HEAT" continues to break records and captivate audiences worldwide, cementing its place as a landmark release in K-pop.



When "HEAT" took the world by storm, (G)I-DLE's bass-barrel sound, fast-paced melody, and engaging performance captivated fans and music lovers. The main message the hit song was trying to convey was about wanting to get rid of the scumbag and be yourself. This resonated with me. I praised their music video for its plot and melody while maintaining the group's unique style of "breaking the mold and being independent". As the album continues to make waves in the global music scene, fans and critics alike are eagerly awaiting (G)I-DLE's next stage. Their journey to break through beauty has just begun and the world is watching with bated breath, eager to see what new heights they will reach.





DANIEL CAESAR SCHEDULED TO PERFORM IN TAIWAN

BY: IKUNO SASAKI

With his emotional and heartbreaking songs, Canadian musician Daniel Caesar has won over listeners' hearts all around the world. His journey from a small village to global fame is quite outstanding having begun his life on April 5, 1995, in Oshawa, Ontario. This article will go over the life and career of Daniel Caesar, the musician responsible for the heartfelt songs, and his upcoming concert on December 14th.



Daniel Caesar is unusual in the way he mixes gospel, soul, and R&B elements. His voice has the ability to touch your soul, along with profound lyrics. With songs like "Always" and "Best Part," he has shown that he is exceptionally good at expressing genuine feelings through music.

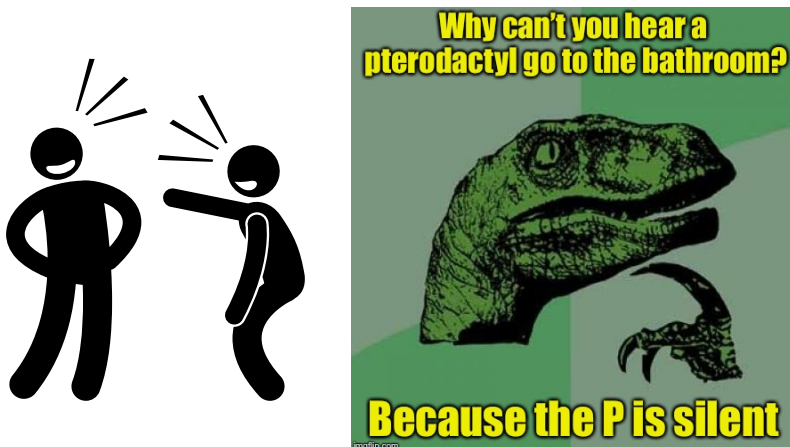
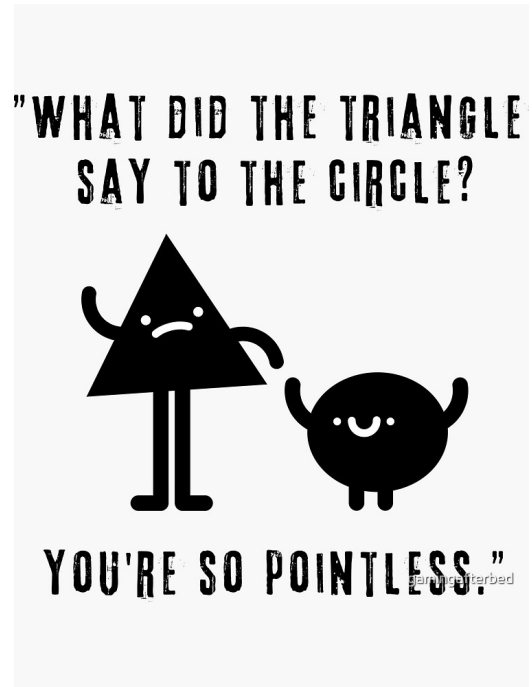
Taiwanese fans of Daniel Caesar are in for a real treat. As part of his "Super Power World Tour," he will be doing a live performance in Taiwan on December 14, 2023 in Nangang. This tour shows his appeal on a global scale and the excitement that his admirers have for him. His remarkable talent and dynamic live performances are expected to be showcased during the 'Super Power World Tour'.



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BY: JOCELYN YANG



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