

# GREAT GASTBY PROM NIGHT

Hsinchu American School



June 6th, 2019 from 6:30-9:00pm

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FIRST 20 & MIDDLE SCHOOLERS: 550 NTD

REGULAR: 600 NTD

COUPLE: 1000 NTD (ONE MUST BE FROM HAS)

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## TAIMUN

Taichung, April (Ken Su)  
The world is changing every day, even if you don't notice it. In MUN we not only make changes, but also friends. This year at Taichung MUN, one of the largest Model United Nations Conferences in Taiwan, many friends were made and many were reunited. These three days were filled with groans, whines, waves of laughter and lots

of screaming in the hallway. Since almost over four hundred delegates were living in the hotel, things got a little wild. On the first night when we got there, we got to try out some Indian food nearby, and oh man, it sure was great. After



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walking back and forth multiple times looking for each other.



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During those few days, lots and lots and lots of tea was spilt, metaphorically and physically. The long night talks and sinful gossip, Angels by day and Devils by night. One of the most memorable moments of that night would be getting locked out of your own hotel room for more than twenty minutes and then asking your neighbors for help. I ended up seeing a friend I made from months ago. The closing ceremony was probably the most emotional part of final day, lots of hugging, lots of crying, and lots of farewells. It was like losing a friend you've known for years, perhaps that's what makes MUN special.

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that, we had to go to the opening ceremony ... and lets just say that the part where the opening ceremony ended, was the best part. Right after that was when the real fun began. We got to roam the night markets and explore "every" corner of it and by explore I mean

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# Local & International

## History Fair



Photo by Max Tseng

*Hsinchu, April (Dragon Bos)*

This year, HAS had once again hosted an annual event that every student love—history fair. History fair will give students the opportunity to research on a topic of their interest that is related to the given theme and compete with other students for the number one place. For this year, the students are given the theme “Triumph and Tragedy” and students have someone relates the theme to their topics. The students will apply their research and rhetoric historical analysis skills into their chosen topics and design a superb project that include all the necessary details for a high score. All the necessary details will be listed in the History Fair rubric. On the day of the presentation, students will go to their designated classroom and begin presenting their hard

effort to their judges, who will test students’ understanding of their topics and give out a score based on what the students did. In the end, Mr. Murphy will announce all the winners all the way from middle school to high school and give out rewards to chosen ones.

### Winners Lists:

#### (4TH - 6TH GRADE)

- 1st Place: Lanna Ma
- 2nd Place: Yuki Lai
- 3rd Place: Lian Chang
- Honorable Mention: Edison Chi Little and Ryan Chen
- PTA Award: Gigi Hsu

#### (7TH - 8TH GRADE)

- 1st Place: McKenzie Chen
- 2nd Place: James Chang
- 3rd Place: Jacob Chiang
- Honorable Mention: Jia Qi Gooi and Bill Cheng
- PTA Award: Tim Chen

#### (HIGH SCHOOL)

- 1st Place: Kaiya McDowell
- 2nd Place: Ben Lee
- 3rd Place: Kelly Loo
- Honorable Mention: Edison Chi Jr, Ricky Wu, and Vicky Hsu
- PTA Award: Ariel Chen

# Life

## Literature

### I Am Poem

*by Evan Wan*

I am a tree.

I will be keep growing

I remember the love my grandmother gave me.

When I was five, I was in her arms.

When I was ten, she was still smiling at me.

When I was twelve, she closed her eyes forever.

I am like a newborn baby, crying hard.

I remember the first time I saw her, she was that gentle and soft.

I know her sleeping comfortably.

I know that she has a sweet dream.

I remember the day of sadness.

Tomorrow is a new beginning.

I expect everything will be alright.

I cannot be limited by anyone.

I resemble in spirit a fortitude.



# Life Culture



Photo Courtesy of eventfinda

*Hsinchu, April (Ian Hsu)*

Easter is a Christian holiday that celebrates the belief in the resurrection of Jesus Christ. For Christians, Easter is a day of religious services and the gathering of family. In many churches, Easter comes after many weeks of prayer. Easter 2019 occurs on Sunday, April 21. However, Easter falls on a different date each year.

On the HAS campus, we also had a similar activity. This year's Easter hunt started on April 22nd and ended on April 26th. During this week of school Student Council

members designed various paper eggs, then hid them around the school. During break time many students gathered together in the school to try their best to search out all the hidden eggs. This year, the Student Government planned to use different sizes of eggs to represent points for the house points. The larger eggs were worth 10 points and small eggs were worth 5 points each. There were also special eggs, however, those eggs only appeared on the last of the event. These special eggs were worth 30 points. The students

collected the eggs in a cup, which was placed in the office. When the hunt was over, prizes were given out for the largest number of eggs collected by each house.

Easter is a really special holiday.

On that day you can celebrate with your friends by finding eggs, and showing how much you contribute to the school events.

# Local & International

## Endgame Review



Photo Courtesy of IMDB

*Hsinchu, April (Mike Lin)*

*Endgame* was released on April 24th, in Taiwan, two days earlier than other countries. The release of this movie is definitely the most historical moment in the Marvel Universe in 10 years. *Endgame* is a conclusion of 22 marvel universe movies, also a transition from old age to a new Marvel Universe age. The movie starts from where *Infinity War* ended and ends with a conclusion of many first generation heroes from the Marvel Universe. With the intention of drawing an ending to many characters, it is definitely reasonable for the movie to last for 3 hours. There are multiple emotion shifts and classic Marvel jokes throughout the movie, which make the 3 hours seem short for people who are watching the movie. Even though the movie is long, there is no moment that audience members would want to miss. Every moment in this movie is an important part of the whole story Marvel has built up to with 22 movies. It's very impressive

how the Russo brothers didn't leak anything about this movie at all. We had no idea about changes to characters like Thor... Within this movie, we can see how almost every character in this Avengers changed. Iron man changed from an arrogant man into a good father. Captain America changed from an idealist to a realist. Black Widow

changed from a cold-blooded spy to a full-hearted leader in this movie. Thor changed from having everything to losing everything. There are just so many changes and story in this movie that you won't notice unless you watched most of the previous MCU movies. For fans of Marvel's movies, it's a great fan service, yet for people

who didn't follow Marvel's movies as others did, it will definitely be confusing for them. After all, this movie is for sure one of the best movies in 2019. The movie's plot, character development, and effects are incredible. Although it might be a bit too lengthy and confusing for people not familiar to MCU, it is still the best movie in 2019.



# Sports

## Girls' Volleyball Team



Photo by Ken Su

*Hsinchu, April (Dorris Lin)*

The HAS girl's volleyball team was made up of 12 girls total, composed of both middle and high school students. We've had so many amazing students develop a love for volleyball this year and competing in tournaments and competitions with other schools. They all played incredible volleyball and united as a team where their hearts and bodies moved to the same beat.

On April 23, the HAS team played against the HIS team. Even though they lost the game, the team learned a lot. How we've lost and how we've grown as a team and what we take away from it, is what was important. Our girls enjoyed the game, that's the most important part. They just enjoyed laughing



Photo by Ken Su

their heads off when they missed a ball or inventing new ways to hit the ball over the net last minute. I could really see an improvement from our team. All in all, it was a great team to play for and they all supported each other when serving and hitting the ball over the net. Everyone had lots of fun and learned a lot. It was a good experience.

Our members became better at reading the opposition, attacking and receiving formations as well as covering each other on blocks, tips, and spikes. They all improved immensely in both individual skills and teamwork, which was learned from the coaches, Anson and Elvis. Our HAS volleyball team came together really well because of them.

# Life

## Tech Review: Vivo Dual Display



Photo Courtesy of Giztop

*Hsinchu, January (Ian Hsu)*

The phone is one of the most essential devices that everyone owns. It has altered the way that people work, socialize, and organize. The phone is just like a human's second brain which can do anything for us: communication, photos and video, learning and research, and watching live events. Today, Vivo has turned something impossible into reality which was launched in China one month ago. This newest product is called the Vivo Dual Display Edition.

The Vivo Nex Dual Display is one of the first handfuls of dual screen phones that had ever been made. This design allows your phone to

work on either the front or back side of the screen. It brings a full-fledged secondary screen at the back with a dedicated power button. On the one side, it has a 5.49 inches 1080x1920 display and a 1080x2340 display on the other side. The phone is made out of OLED and AMOLED panels. In this phone, there are two ways to unlock it. The front screen by using a fingerprint sensor which takes a fraction of a second. Or on the other side of the screen by using 3D Sensing camera. This system works extremely fast in both good light and inside a dark room.

With this phone, Vivo has designed a program called Secondary Selfie

Display. The program's main point is to take a selfie. Within this program, it has a mirror mode. Such a mode displays the camera output on both the front and back displays. This design is extremely useful when taking a photo of other people because it allows the photo takers to see their pose in a way that they like before taking the picture.

At this point, we could conclude that the Nex Dual Display holds a powerful software and an extra screen on a phone. We would hope to see Vivo bring better features and software for the next generation.



# Life

## Teacher Spotlight

### Michael Stancati



Photo by Max Tseng

*Hsinchu, January (Ken Su)*

#### Mystery of Stancati ???

Who is this mysterious Michael Stancati?

#### What were the first things you had to overcome when you came to Taiwan?

The first thing I had to overcome? I think getting used to the water, and getting used to um... not knowing the language and not being able to read or do things on my own.

#### How's your Taiwan life right now?

It's good! I am at a good school, and Hsinchu is nice. The weather is cooler right now.

#### What's your favorite thing about Taiwan?

If you want to go out and do stuff, like go hiking or go to the museum; a lot of that stuff in Taiwan is free and there are a lot of free parks and attractions you can go to.

#### If you were given three wishes what would they be, besides asking for more wishes?

Have a B&B with a restaurant, see my family more often, and for my wife and I to have a baby.

#### If you get to restart your career, what would you pick?

I think if I was to restart my career I would go to Europe and apprentice to be a chef.

#### What would you say to the Michael Stancati ten years ago?

Get a good suitcase you're going to be traveling a lot.

#### Do you feel guilty for giving students too much homework sometimes?

No, because I'm preparing them for the future.

#### Who's your favorite senior?

I love everyone equally!

# Sports

## Boys' Volleyball Team



Photo by Ken Su

*Hsinchu, April (Erwin Hsu)*

Over the past few weeks, the HAS boys have competed in three volleyball games against two other schools. On April 22, they played against AST at HAS. They played very well against the AST volleyball team. Unfortunately, the game ended as a tied game because there was an accident. One of the AST team members ran into the referee's stage and was bleeding, so the two teams didn't have enough time to finish the last set of the game. Injuries aside, it was a very fun game between the two teams. The second game happened on Wednesday, April 24th. This time the HAS boys went to AST. Our boys' had a good start, and they won the first game. During the intermission, Anson discussed strategy with the team. The whistle blew, and the game started. Everyone was ready to play and got to their positions. Luckily, we won

the second game as well. We almost lost the game, but AST didn't serve the ball over the net for the game point. The boys finished the game early, so they continued playing the third game for fun. Our boys managed to win the third game as well. Our boys' will see action again on May 1st, against HIS.

## HAS Team Competition

*Kaohsiung, April (Wen Chuang)*

On April 20, 2019, two of the Hsinchu American School students, Wen Chuang and Kevin Huang, participated the national middle school athletic games in Kaohsiung, the biggest middle school and high school sports competition in Taiwan. Kevin represented the Hsinchu fencing team, and received 17th place for individual fencing. Wen represented the Hsinchu swimming team, and

also received 17th place for the 50-meter freestyle, 22nd place for the 50-meter butterfly, and 21st place for the 100-meter freestyle. Although, neither of them didn't got into the top 3, they both put forth an astonishing performance during the competition. According to Kevin, despite the fact that this was his first year participating in such an event, he was able to get the 17th place among all the Taiwanese fencing competitors. He was also eager to improve on fencing techniques that he learned from the games and hopes to secure a better place next year at the National Middle School Athletic Games in Pingtung. Wen, on the other hand, who was making his second appearance at this event, was upset with his performance due to mistakes he made during his 50-meter freestyle. He described it as a fatal mistake that prevented him from getting into the final race. However, the two of them still ranked in the Top 30 in Taiwan. Overall these two students performed solidly and they are hoping to finish with the better results at next year's National Middle School Athletic Games.



# Sports

## HAS Civil War



Photo by Ervin Hsu

*Hsinchu, January (Ervin Hsu)*

On Tuesday, January 22, we had our first HAS floor hockey game on the basketball court. The teams were separated into Team Stancati and Team Maguire. Team Stancati consisted of Elvis, Anson, Mr. Auge, Kevin Huang, Justin Mao, and Mr. Swarthout. Team Maguire consisted of Mr. Lines, Ms. Burden, Mr. Thompson, and Kerdis. At the beginning of the game Team Stancati had a brilliant

start by quickly putting away four goals, while Mr. Maguire's team had only 1 goal. In the second half of the game Maguire's team slowly came back to tie the game 4-4. It was harder for Stancati's team to score in the second half since they didn't have too many substitutes, and Swarthout didn't show up to the game. The team was tired and we could see it. However, it was also hard for Maguire's team to score because Team Stancati had

a very strong goalie in Mr. Auge. He blocked shots from Team Maguire, just like a strong wall. They continued to play through sudden death, but neither team was able to put the ball in the net, so it ended up a tie game. It was pretty competitive and everyone enjoyed the game.

# Club News

## Rock Band

*Hsinchu, January (Ni Shiue)*

The HAS rock band is where the best music and songs happen in our school. The purpose of the band is to welcome students who like to play music or want to learn how to play some musical instruments. There are a total of 8 musicians under the lead of Mr. Francis Maginn in the band. Amy is good

at everything in the band, especially playing bass, piano, and singing. Anson and Elvis are in charge of electric guitars while Anson is also a great rapper. Ben is the master of acoustic guitar, Richard Lin and Ethan Murphy are awesome at playing drums. Finally, Dana and Kaiya are talented singers. Kaiya also plays drums when she has

the chance. The band practices on Thursday and Friday every week. Recently, the rock band is practicing to cover rock songs from the 1990s and the 2000s. The band is looking forward to having an explosive show in the spring fair on May 18th, 2019, I am sure people will enjoy their show.



Photo by Ken Su



# Club News

## World Scholar's Cup

*Kaohsiung, April (Alex Tung)*

World Scholars Cup is a grand event that takes place each year in Kaohsiung American School for the regional round for any scholars from Taiwan. Anyone who is qualified in the regional round will go to the global round around the world. Scholars from every part of Taiwan compete with each other to win medals and qualification. This event is consist of four different competitions, which are Scholar's Challenge, Collaborative Writing, Team Debate, and Scholar's Bowl.



Photo by TAS

The first competition is known as the Scholar's Challenge. It is an individual task of multiple choice where you can fill in more than one answer. The fewer answer you mark, the more points you can earn if you're right. This challenge has about one hundred and twenty questions that are in the range of literature, art, science, history, music, and unsolve mistery. Apply all of your knowledge of those six subjects in the Scholar's challenge and you might win one, two, or

even all of the medals.

The second competition happens right after the Scholar's Challenge, which is the Collaborative Writing. You will team up with the other two members from your school and that all three members will be given six different prompts from six subjects. Then, each of the members will choose a different prompt from the other members of your team. You can discuss with your teammates for fifteen minutes before starting the essay. There will

also be judges to grade the writing, and if you get a high score, then you will receive medals.

The third competition is Team Debates. It is also a competition with a group of three people. Each team will debate three times with different opponents. Your team will either be affirmative or negative. If your team is affirmative, then you'll have to present all the points and persuade the opponents and judge about your motion. On the other hand, the negative team will try

their best to attack and refute against what the affirmative team says. In the end, the judge will decide which team wins the case and the winner will move on to the higher level.

Last but not least, the Scholar's bowl! This is also a group competition where you get a clicker and seat in a theater with your teammate. Your team will work together to solve analytical questions and diverse challenges on the screen. After you come up with an answer with your teammates, you will press your answer on a clicker. Remember that it's not the first team who answers correctly that gets all the credit, instead, anyone that answers correctly will get all the credit. At last, the adjudicator will calculate all the scores you earn and see if you can get prizes or not.

In conclusion, the World Scholars Cup is a very fun event that everyone can participate in. You will get an Alpaca (an auspicious animal in WSC) if you participate in the competitions. Also, anyone who attends the competitions will get at least one medal. (You can get more if you win many competitions), and most importantly, you can make a lot of new friends and improve your English skill if you join World Scholars Cup.

# Travel

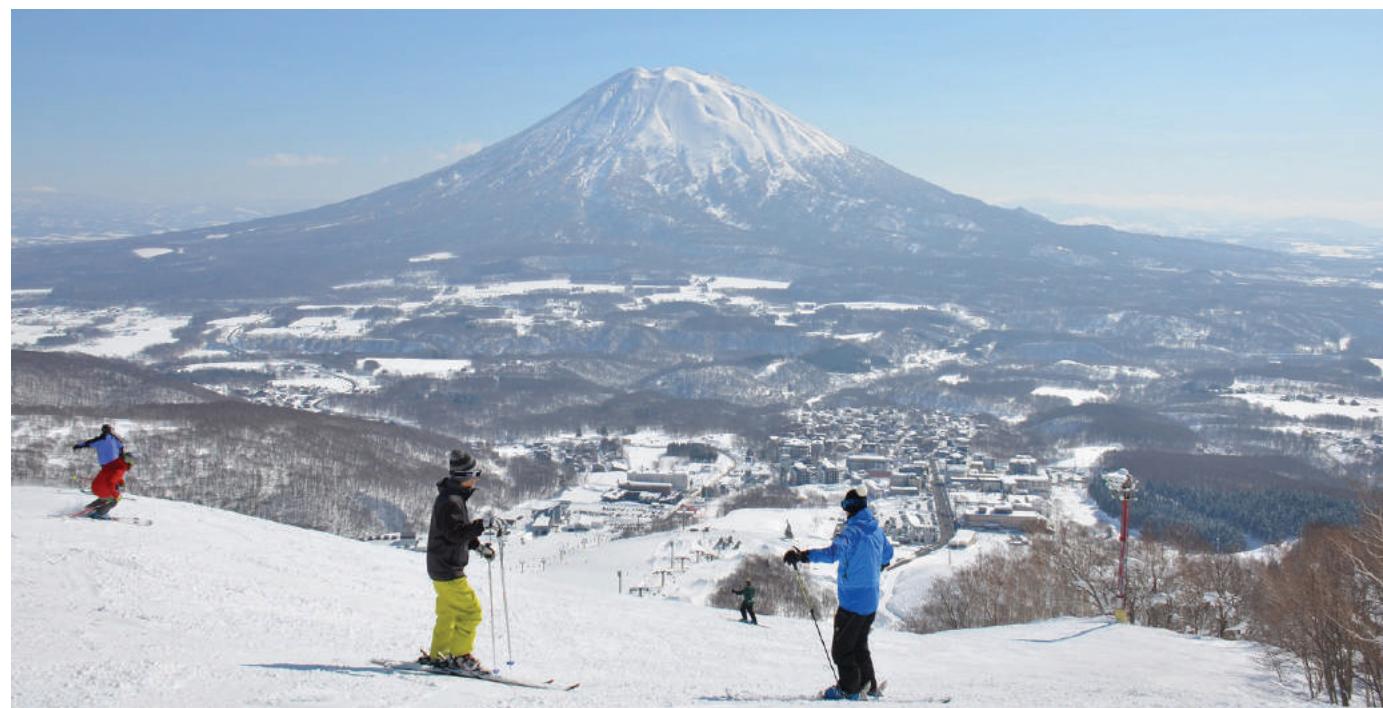


Photo Courtesy of JW Web Magazine

*Hokkaido, January (Alex Tung)*

I have been a ski lover since I was ten years old. My parents have taken my brother and I to Hokkaido, Japan every winter to ski. We have gone to different ski resorts every year because each one has their own features. For example, Rusutsu resort has the longest beginner route from the mountaintop to the end which is very well suited for my mom. That's why she still skis with us every winter. Tomamu resort has a unique artificial wave pool. You can not only go swimming, but also do a lot of water activities as well. This year, my family and I went to Niseko resort, which is most famous for its fabled deep powder and international-influenced bar and restaurant scenery.

On the other hand, every ski resort has many traits in common, such as the enormous onsens, delectable cuisine, cozy bars, great powder snow, and traditional Japanese hospitality. Onson are a kind of large hot spring for people to take baths and enjoy the snowy scenery indoors or outdoors. I especially love to soak in the outdoor onsens and enjoy snow floating onto my face after a day of skiing. Whenever I soak in the hot spring, I definitely forget all my worries and relax my sore muscles. There are also a lot of delicious cuisines at the ski resorts as well. For example, Wagyu, which is the best quality of beef, shabu shabu that is all-you-can-eat, Japanese-T Teppanyaki, Italian dining, and

Japanese set meals..... To me, each kind of cuisine is equally palatable. Secondly, every ski resort has a cozy bar that makes people feel relaxed. It has a lot of superb beverages such as red wine, beer, white wine, whiskey, Japanese Sake..... Moreover, each resort in Hokkaido has great powder snow, which is a kind of perfect dry snow. It is the most comfortable snow to ski on according to most people. Finally, all ski resorts provide Japanese-traditional hospitality to their customers. For instance, the chef will make sashimi elegantly, and the waiters will bow ninety degrees as the tourists leave. This is one of the reasons why I love Japan so much.



# Club News

## Community Service

*Hsinchu, January (Dorris Lin)*

HAS begin the year by giving back to our community. January is known to be a month of giving, sharing, and spreading joy to all. To start the year of giving, HAS gave the gift of joy by volunteering in Hsinchu senior homes. It's not just about the hours, it is an opportunity to have an impact on people's lives, on the community,

community, helping the elderly is a great place to start. January 26, HAS gone to a seniors house in Hsinchu. We played Bingo with them, and teach them how to fold origami. By doing these activities gave us chances to really interact with the elderlies. We all enjoyed talking and interacting with the elderlies. Overall, this event was interactive, fun, and

enriching. It was a cool experience to understand and learn from the elderlies, and it's also a good chance to learn how to take care of people.

In conclusion, I can say that I have definitely learned how to be more patient and be more understanding. We're proud to be playing a leading role in the services for the care, support, and protection of the



*Photos by Ken Su*

and yourself. Volunteering at the community service event in senior homes help me realize that we should cherish every moment we have with our family.

For someone who wants to be involved in serving their

elderlies. We all enjoyed talking with the elderlies and had learned many life lessons from them. Able to help and teach, and to also show love and support to the elderlies there was definitely a privileged. Seeing their smiles on their faces

really makes our day and makes us feel the joy of doing these little things. If I had an opportunity to do this sort of event in the future again, I would definitely want to volunteer and help out.

# Club News

## Cooking Club

*Hsinchu, January (Jeff Lee)*

Cooking is a very important life skill, and it is a delightful way to educate everyone, especially students at HAS. Cooking brings people together and creates a sense of teamwork and provides life skills which bring joy to people. The HAS cooking club made Deluxe Mac & Cheese and the students had lots of fun making it. One of the members from the cooking club said that "The important part is the process, not the ending. Anyhow, the ending is always the best" because you can freak out on the delicious Mac & Cheese. The cooking club made the Mac

& Cheese with lots of chicken and broccoli. You can add anything you want though due to your personal eating preferences. The Mac & Cheese was delicious and students are looking forward to making and enjoying more great food in the future.



### Preparation

1. Heat olive oil on medium heat in a large pot. Add chicken breasts, season with salt and pepper, and allow the chicken to brown on one side.
2. Flip chicken, then add onions and garlic as the second side browns.
3. Once the chicken has browned on both sides, add chicken broth, water, and pasta to the pot.
4. Stir all ingredients, cover the pot with a lid, and bring to a boil. When it begins to boil, uncover and stir. Bring the heat to low, stir, then cover and let simmer for 20 minutes.
5. After 20 minutes has passed, uncover and add in the broccoli. Stir continually as the broccoli steams until the rest of the liquid evaporates.
6. Add milk and cheddar cheese and stir until the cheese melts and you have a smooth cheese sauce.
7. Add salt and pepper (to taste), cayenne, and nutmeg. Stir once more, then you're ready to serve.

### Ingredients (for 4 servings)

- ☐ 2 tablespoons olive oil
- ☐ 2 chicken breasts, cut into 1 inch (2cm) pieces
  - ☐ salt, to taste
  - ☐ pepper, to taste
- ☐ ½ cup yellow onion, about half an onion, diced (75 g)
  - ☐ 2 cloves garlic, about 1 tablespoon, minced
  - ☐ 2 cups chicken broth (470 mL)
  - ☐ 3 cups water (710 mL)
  - ☐ 16 oz pasta shells (455 g)
- ☐ 4 cups broccoli, or one head of broccoli (1 kg)
  - ☐ ½ teaspoon cayenne powder
  - ☐ ¼ teaspoon nutmeg
  - ☐ 1 cup milk (235 mL)
  - ☐ 2 cups shredded cheddar cheese (200 g)