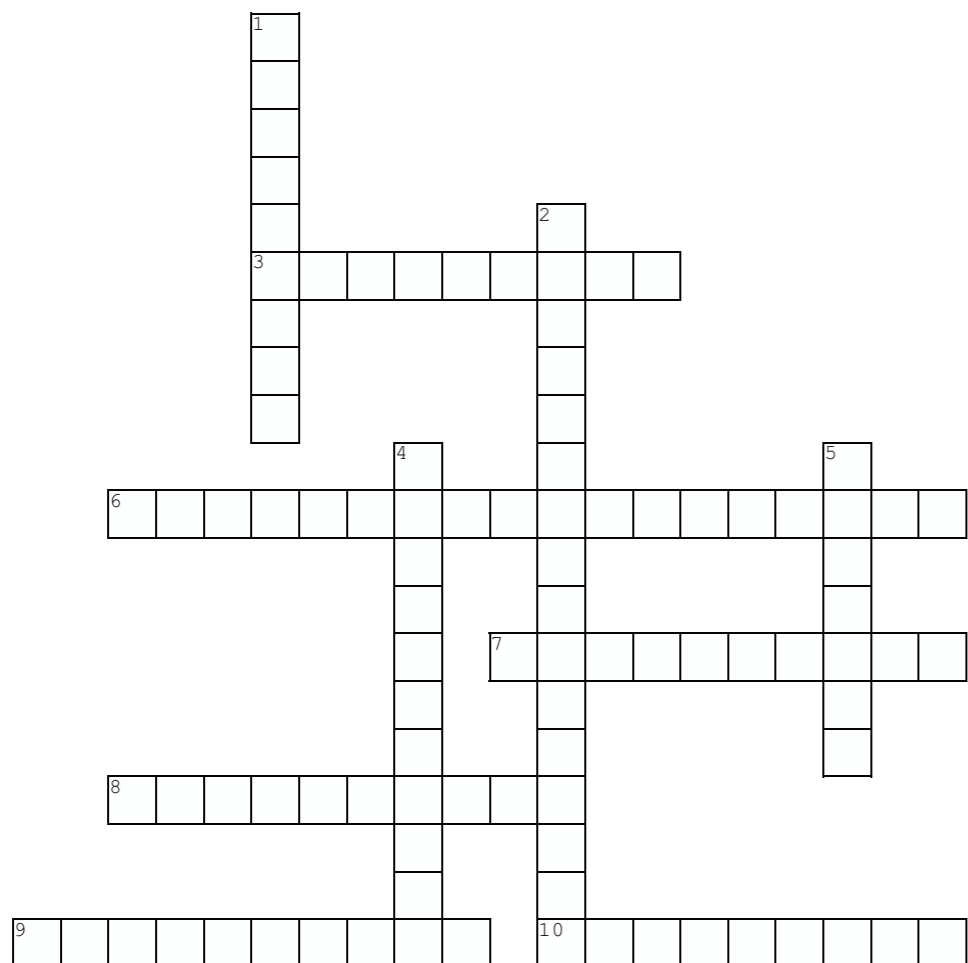


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Across

- 3. The study of human social relationships and institutions.
- 6. A school subject in which you exercise and play sports.
- 7. The study of mind and behavior.
- 8. The class or the total of writings, of a given country or period.
- 9. Collecting news and writing about it for newspapers, magazines, television, or radio.
- 10. The study of how people, businesses, societies, or nations deal with scarcity.

Down

- 1. The scientific study of the structure of substances and of the way that they react with other substances.
- 2. The study of computers and computational systems.
- 4. The study of numbers, quantities, functions or shapes.
- 5. The study of the human past as it is described in the written documents left by human beings.



Photo by Ken Su

Beach Clean Up

Taichung, September 11 (Ken Su)
Ms. Chen, along with Mrs. Swarthout, brought a group of over energetic students to Taichung to do a beach clean up, to give back to the community.

“One man’s trash another man’s Treasure”

There were a lot of different types of trash found on the beach that day, from beer cans to UA shoes, but what was really interesting was that

the students thought they had found dead bodies. When I say that I mean metaphorically and not literally. A few students were using pieces of things they had found on the beach to create their hypothetical victim. At one point a few students spent 20 minutes digging up what was said



Photo by Ken Su

Everyone had to carry different bags: soft plastic, hard plastic, trash and bottles. Once their bag was filled they had to drag the bag and walk



Photo by Ken Su

through miles and miles of sand to get back. And before anyone asks, no, bringing the trash back wasn't fun; especially if it was heavy and stinky.

“From 0 to 260”

I'm just going to be honest, on the morning of the beach clean up I actually didn't wanna go. I thought to myself, “Why waste my time earning service hours and cleaning beaches, when I can finally just stay home and chill.” But after the community service, something changed inside. I liked giving back to society. After seeing what mankind had done to Mother Nature, the sea of bottles, and piles of trash, it was time for a change. When all the cleaning had ended, all the bags were weighed. At the end of the day we collected 260 kgs of trash; with a few more

to be “The Coffin”. It just ended up being an empty foam box. Although everyone was disappointed, I was relieved.

“Fishing, for Trash”

Bottles and shoes weren't the only things found, the HAS kids also found finishing nets, wheels and even a Sonic the hedgehog doll.

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Students Just Wouldn't Go Home

Hsinchu, September 28 (Ervin Hsu)

On September 28th, HAS had their annual lock-in. Many different rotating activities were created for the lock-in to help the students get to know each other better. Students had different rooms to go to for their free time throughout the night.

activities, all the students had free time to explore the movie room, a gaming room, a chill room, a KTV room, a badminton, and a volleyball room.

While sleeping rooms were available, many students tried to stay awake



Photo by Mr. Stancati

There was a movie room and a board game room for students, who stayed at school, to participate in. When students returned to the school at 5 o'clock, there were many rotating activities for them to join. There were musical tiles, a water bucket relay challenge, and a whisper challenge for students to earn house points. After the rotating

the entire night. Others passed out wherever they were in the most awkward of positions.

Overall, everyone had a great time and activities committee made quite a bit of money from different activities at the event. We look forward to our next lock-in!

China Pressures Taiwan Elections



Photo Courtesy of REUTERS

Hsinchu, September 12, (Jeff Lee)

Taiwan president Tsai Ing-wen commented on Wednesday that China was exerting pressure on the island in an attempt to influence its politics, include upcoming local elections. In the past, China has put pressure on Taiwan internationally, which puts Taiwan in a lonely situation on the international stage. For the local elections in December, President Tsai Ing-Wen believes China will use any way possible to affect the elections.

“China’s pressure towards Taiwan will not stop ahead of the elections,” Ms Tsai said in a statement, adding that Beijing was attempting to affect the election results. The truth is that Taiwan is a self-ruled country but Beijing has always considered it a wayward province of China. Taiwan is set to hold mayoral and magisterial elections in late December. Due to Beijing’s political and business pressure, Taiwan has lost many allies in last 3 years, which means it is feeling more isolated internationally.

The Democratic Taiwan vowed on Tuesday, to fight China’s increasingly out of control behaviour after Taipei lost another ally to Beijing when El Salvador switched allegiances to China.

Classifieds

HAS Presents



Thursday, December 13th

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Autograph

Nations must acknowledge that those organization are here to help their citizens make a better life, not to become a weapon against others. It is unreasonable for nations to do this. After China gained 85°C's support, it angered the Taiwanese and Americans. Taiwanese are now angry at 85°C's support of the "One China Policy" and want to boycott 85°C from Taiwan. This fiasco happened during trade war escalations between China and the U.S.. For Americans, it is an insult to them and they might respond with a great counter attack. 85°C might gain back China's support, but will they form more enemies in the process.

Trade War

According to the White House, the purpose of the tariffs is in response to Chinese cyber and intellectual property theft (USA TODAY). China has a reputation for making a new design brand while borrowing the technological process. Trump also aims to shift the production line back to the US so he could fix the unemployment problem in America. Imposed tariffs on China will result in decreased incentives to manufacture in China. Kerry Logistics Network, a Hong Kong-listed firm owned by Malaysia's billionaire Kuok family, is not. The South China Morning Post reported that Kerry shifted part of its production lines from mainland China to its corporate home further south in order to avoid tariffs (Forbes). Many companies are starting to shift their supply chains, but not necessarily home.

Globalization is causing many US

companies to move their factories to somewhere they can avoid tariffs. Trump has seems the issue of globalization. Globalization allows countries like China to easily make knockoffs of designer brands by copying technological breakthroughs, which leads to unfair practices that negatively affect US companies. As Trump promised in his campaign to fix unfair practices and unemployment, he is using the intellectual property issue as a reason to punish China's unequal trade behavior. Trump is right here, he is protecting the US worker by imposing tariffs to solve the unfair practices. However, he has put too much tension on his campaign promises. The trade war affects the whole world and in the end will it benefit the American people or make things worse.

NBA Preview

The Atlanta Hawks have the worst projected record of the entire NBA. I would agree with the prediction, even though the Hawks have a lot of young players, and two of them, John Collins and Trae Young, have very high potential. However, the Hawks don't really have stars on the team. All they can do is hope these young players develop in the future.

The Sacramento Kings had some pretty horrible choices in the past decade, they have some young players with amazing talent, but the Kings weren't able to develop them well. Their only hope is the rookie, the second overall pick Marvin Bagley III, can be a future star. Until then, nothing will really change. The Phoenix Suns only have Devin Booker, but they will improve in the upcoming season with the first

overall rookie Deandre Ayton. As with the Kings, until the rookies develop into stars, the Suns are not going to make it into the playoffs.

The best three projected teams this season are the Warriors, the Celtics, and the Rockets. The Celtics have a higher projected record than the Rockets which is astonishing. Usually, the West would have a few teams with a better record than the best team in the West.

The Golden State Warriors have one of the best rosters in the entire NBA history, with the signing of DeMarcus Cousins, they have five all-stars on the team. They are looking forward to dominating the league for the next five years, unless something crazy happens.

The Boston Celtics had a wonderful season last year and almost beat LeBron's Cavaliers. The future is bright for several young players such as Jayson Tatum, Jaylen Brown, and Terry Rozier. Also, if their two all-stars stay healthy this year, they have high expectations to be the top team of the East.

ESPN and the Bleacher Report believe the Rockets will be the third best team in the NBA. I do agree that they will, however, while ignoring the record, I will choose the Lakers to be one of the top three teams in the entire league. There is only one reason and one word, LeBron.

Thanks for reading Ni's NBA Niche! We will see you in the next issue, but if you can't wait, you can check out NBA.com for the latest news or www.youtube.com/c/nitringonba for more NBA highlight videos.

Local & International

Is China's One-Child Reform Too Late?



Courtesy of Alex Tung

Editorial

Autograph Causes International Incident

Hsinchu, August 22 (Editor)

Are forcing non-government organizations to take sides a normal thing in modern society? Recently, 85°C was the focus of worldwide news due to tensions between Taiwan and China. The event occurred in Los Angeles, when Taiwan President gave a signature to an employee at an 85°C location. This action and its consequences angered China, Taiwan, and the U.S.. Once again innocent non-government organizations were

forced to get involved with tensions between governments. Afterwards, China forced 85°C to take a side, either Taiwan or China. This is unacceptable for a nation to threaten businesses in order to gain an upper hand against an opposing nation.

After the event, China stated that, they believe it's unacceptable for 85°C to support Taiwan's independence but that they should support China. Simply telling them to take a side or to face retaliation. According to 85°C's annual report,

60% of their income comes from China, and the rest is split between the U.S. and Taiwan. It is not realistic for China to threaten 85°C and make them support the One China policy. As a business that mostly does business in China, of course 85°C will state that they would support China's policies, even though the creator is Taiwanese. Those poor employees and stores were forced to take a side and take on a name of China supporter after this event.

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Business

Upper Class Planning Their Escape

Hsinchu, August 27 (Gloria Ma)

The Earth used to be so blue and so green, the air was fresh and sweet. However, as humans developed, the buildings appeared in different locations, the air isn't that fresh anymore. The planet isn't that blue, that green anymore. Oil, coal, and natural gas are going to be used up within 50 years, these resources give out pollutants that cause global warming and different kinds of pollution. The Earth is dying! If we keep on going the way we are, overusing energy, the Earth is going to die, and there will be no way to go back to the beginning. To save the Earth, you really don't have to do much, use less electric devices, plant more trees and do more exercise, but who is going to do that. It would mean sacrificing their own joy and fun. So, there is another way that comes out for the rich, which is to build a rocket to take them away from the Earth to another planet.

The Earth is dying at the moment, instead of saving it, the rich planned to build a rocket to escape from the Earth. The Starck-designed station will be opened by 2022, they will start sending curious travellers into orbit as early as 2020. Axiom's station can house eight passengers, including a professional astronaut. Every passenger will have to pay \$55 million for the journey, which includes 15 weeks of training, much of it at the Johnson Space Center, a 10-minute drive from Axiom's headquarters, and maybe a trip on one of Elon Musk's SpaceX rockets. According to Mr. Suffredini "So far three entities have signed up for on-the-ground training, which starts at

\$1 million, though he declined to name them." The inaugural trip will be only \$50 million.

With training, the journey will be safer, and the expansion of rich people's travel horizons comes at a price for everyone for both rich and poor. With the exception of America's weirdly-expensive Amtrak system, cost and luxury scale with fossil fuel consumption; travel that costs more and feels more indulgent is also travel that has a huge effect on the environment. The faster and further you can pay to travel, the greater your

environmental footprint is. Often, the people less able to travel are the ones left holding the toxic-chemical and pollution-filled bag.

All of these actions and plans, lead us to think they are just gathering up to find a way to leave the Earth. Leaving the rest of us to clean up the mess. By leaving the planet, they ignored the problem made by their greed, and they are effectively creating a galactic upper class that rests on the backs of the earthbound. Even though it may not be literally the plan, it may be the ultimate future.

US - China Trade War



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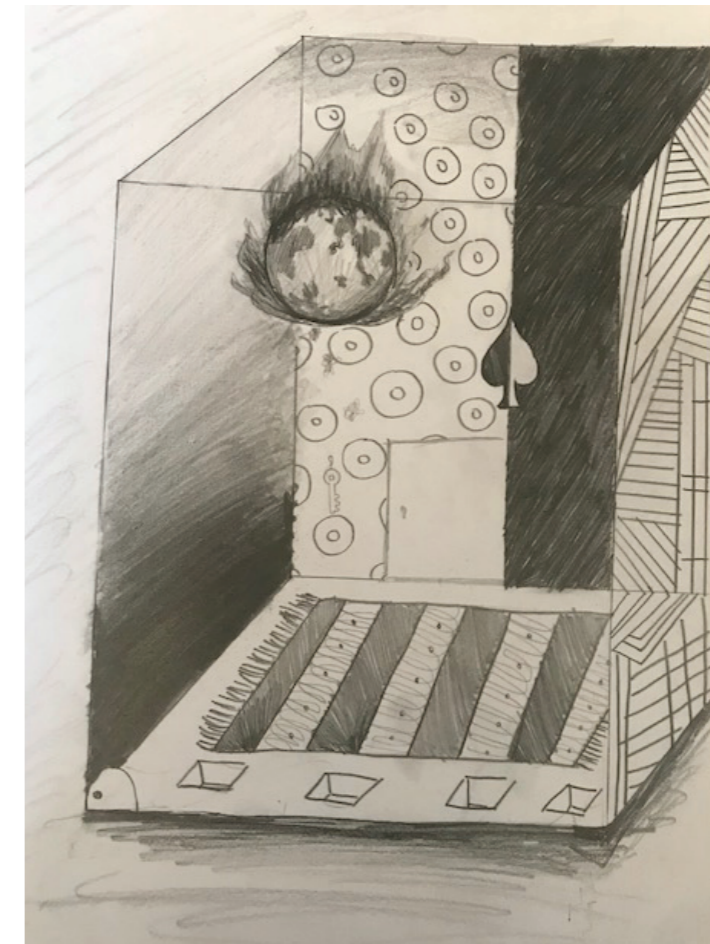
US president Donald Trump promised in his campaign to fix China's long term abuse of the broken international system, unemployment, and unfair practices. For these reasons, in April 2018, Trump imposed tariffs on steel and aluminum that are imported from China. Later on July 6, he announced 25% tariffs on \$50 billion in Chinese exports to the US. Four days later, Trump listed \$200 billion of different products in China to be imposed with a 10% tariff. In response, China imposed a similar size tariff on US products

(World Economic).

The US imposed tariffs on Chinese goods was to flog the China market by making Chinese products more expensive. When the Chinese products become more expensive, people will hopefully start to buy the same products locally. Over time, Chinese business will be crushed. However, Trump's purpose can be varied.

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The Box by Evelyn Kuo



Uptown by Lian Chang

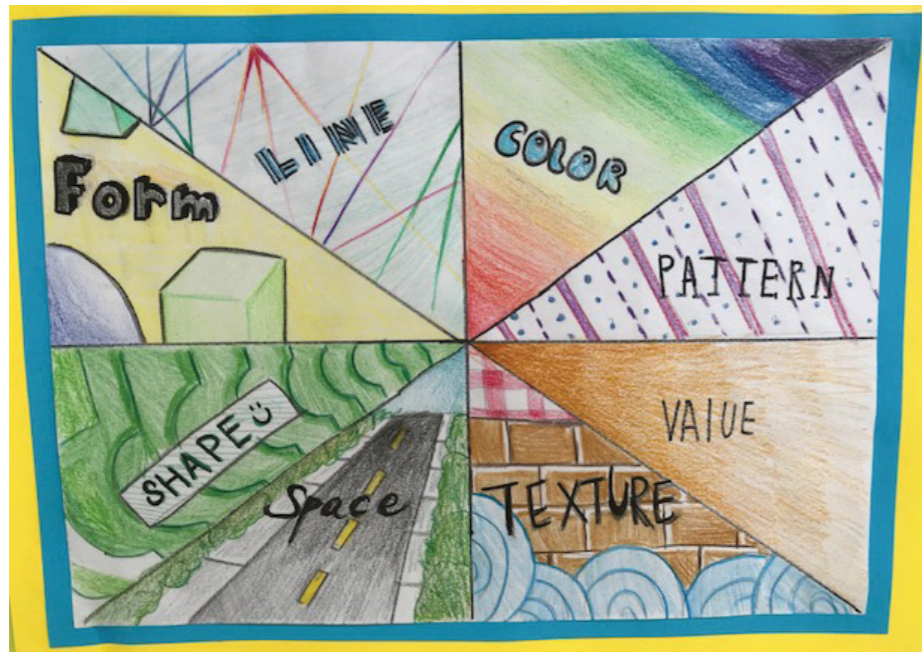
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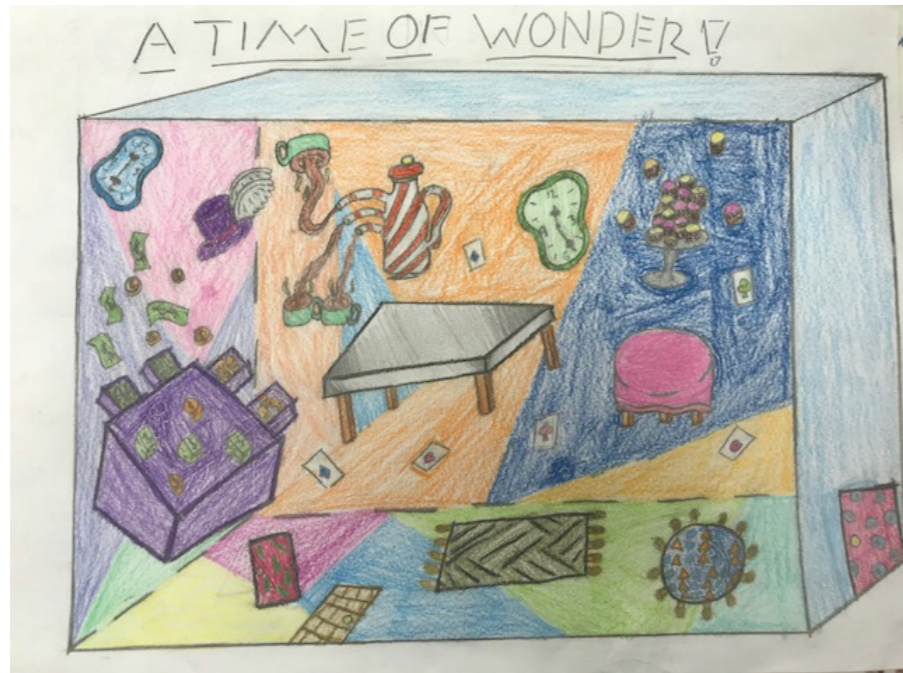
Hsinchu, September 25 (Ms. McDowell)
This month, art students focused on the Elements of Art to developing mathematical terminology and skills using art. The first piece demonstrates what all of the elements look like

separately while the other three are art expressions designed by grades 5-8 and features the elements of art. We have "The Box" by Evelyn Kuo, "Uptown" by Lian Chang, and "A Time of Wonder" by Kalani Salas.

Overall, our students have had fun creating their masterpieces while increasing their educational vocabulary.



Elements of Art by Brenda Hsiao



A Time of Wonder by Kalani Salas

Sports

Ni's 2018/2019 NBA Preview



Photo Courtesy of NBA.com

Hsinchu, September 12 (Ni Shiue)
The NBA season is back! As well as Ni's NBA Niche for the latest NBA information. First, the preseason will start on September 28th. In the preseason, we can somewhat see whether some of the new players on the teams will fit in well or not. On October 16th, the official regular season will finally start. In this month's article, I am going to review the worst three teams and the best three teams

according to Bleacher Report and ESPN.

The worst three teams based the lowest wins on their records are the Hawks, the Kings, and the Suns. Surprisingly, two of the worst three teams are in the West. This is kind of odd since recently, teams in the West are performing better than teams in the East, so maybe teams in the East are going to rise up in the upcoming season.

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HAS Basketball Team Preview

Hsinchu, September 22 (Alex Tung)
This year will be a rebuilding year for the HAS basketball team, since the eleven best players graduated from HAS in June 2018. However, it will be a good opportunity for all the young players to play and gain experience from the games with other American schools. Many of the young basketball players possess extraordinary agility, Spartan conditioning, and mental toughness. However, they should

make defensive skills and team work their top priority strategy to be competitive this year. According to my analysis, the list of possible starters on the HAS basketball team would likely be Peter Cheng, Wen Chuang, Ni Shiue, Otis Tsou, and Andy Liu. Everyone is looking forward to watching the boys this year. They definitely have the chance to be a first place contender, if they come together as a team.

HAS Swim Team Dominates



Photo by Wen Chuang

Hsinchu, September 20
(Wen Chuang)

The HAS swimming team participated in the Hsinchu Athletic competition at the National Tsing Hua University on September 15th and 16th? Many of the swimming team members won places in the competition. Ian and Erwin recorded their personal best times in the 50-meter butterfly, the 100-meter butterfly, and the 50-meter freestyle, even though they hadn't practiced since June. Erwin, earned 5th place in the 50m butterfly and 7th place in the 100m butterfly for the high school group. Evonne Hsu, the only female on the HAS swimming team also won 7th place in the 100-meter medley. Last year's captain and MVP, Wen Chuang, placed first in the 50m freestyle, 100m freestyle, and 200 meter medley. He is currently ranked 1st in the 100m and 50m freestyle in Hsinchu City. In total the HAS swimming team won three medals and seven awards.

Club News

Student Council Goes to Yilan



Yilan, September 20 (Gloria Ma)

The retreat was on, the HAS Student Council went to Yilan and stayed at the Annong White House for one night and then returned the next day.

StuCo left the school at 8:30 a.m. in the morning, and got on the bus to Yilan. The bus ride took three hours to get to Yilan. On the bus everyone was doing different things to entertain themselves. Ariel and I were playing poker, Erwin was chatting with Ben, and Amy was playing with her phone and chatting with Chrissie. At about 11:30 a.m., the bus arrived in Yilan, but it was a bit earlier than expected, so everyone gathered to take a group photo followed by 30 minutes of free time. Thirty minutes later everyone formed into groups to complete different mission. Ariel, Anson, Elvis, Chrissie, Erwin, Evonne, Ben, Angel and I went to go get pizza. Amy, Dana, Kelly, and Hannah went to go get drinks. Miss. Reep and Miss. Chen brought the Middle School Student Council, Ikuno, Brenda, Steve, Kenneth, Kerdis and Ethan, to Carrefour to

buy some essentials. Thirty minutes later, was on the bus again and off to the Annong White House.



At about 1:00 p.m. the group arrived at the House. It was so beautiful and big, but there was problem. We couldn't find the big swimming pool in the backyard as shown in the photo. We didn't see the cute rainbow unicorn either. Instead there was a pool that was so small that, even though many people brought their swimming suits, no one went to swim at all!

When we arrived there, we immediately went inside and started eating pizza. The pizza was so good. The owner also prepared some fruit and drinks for us. After our meal, we had our icebreaker to warm up the atmosphere. First we

gathered around in a circle, and then divided into three different teams.

First, we had a game of guessing, the game holder picked a category, like animals and each of us had to choose one thing in that category and acted it out for our teammates. Lastly, the teams had to arrange their teammates into an alphabetical ordered line, if the team failed to do it, they lost the game.

For the second game the teacher gave a sentence, and then the teammates had to continue the story for 3 minutes.

For the last game, we had an egg drop contest. We were only allowed to use wooden chopsticks and plastic straws to build safety shells for two eggs. I won't tell you which group won, because they didn't have a group name.

Finally, we had a meeting to discuss the outline for School Council next year. The meeting took about two hours

For dinner Elvis, Anson, and Ariel cooked something on the stove, Ben and Angel cut mushrooms, Kelly and Dana washed things in the sink! I took some plates, transferred food from one plate to another, and heated the chicken wings that we ate in the afternoon.



Photo Courtesy of HAS Photoclub

After dinner, we tried to sing karaoke with the television in the

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took a bite of the sandwich.

"Those sinners were greedy, they wanted more and more power and authority. So God said, 'I can give you the power that you long for, as long as you give me your soul in exchange,' mumbling the last part so they couldn't understand. Of course the sinners immediately said YES! But without their souls, they wouldn't even be able to control their brains. Their bodies would be like puppets for God to play with. Luckily, not all the sinners said "Yes". Some of them were selfish and wanted to know what exactly was going to happen. Their selfishness ended up saving them. Some of the others were sloths and gluttonous. They didn't want power or authority, so they didn't say "Yes" either. Lastly, some sinners were kind of fake-sinners. Although they couldn't control their desire to harm others, they would regret it later, so they locked themselves in caves in

the valley, or other places, to stay away from peers. Deep down they didn't want to harm anyone because they couldn't handle the guilt. All of them had different reasons of not saying yes, so they ended up keeping their independent minds and bodies."

Suddenly, Clay's phone rang, so Clay stopped,

"Sorry guys, I may not be able to finish it now." He left the canteen with his phone on his ear. "Hello, this is Clay,"

"I know who you are, why else would I call you?"

"Um, who are you?"

"A person who is going to be a good friend to you. Anyway, could you come to your classroom now? I think I need to talk to you," and cut off the call.

"Hey!" Clay was shocked and stunned, a stranger had just called him, asked to see him, and hung up like a General giving orders to a

soldier.

It was so weird and strange, that he decided to ignore it, but when he tried to go back to the canteen he couldn't move because he was frozen. Then, his body started to move by itself. He wanted to scream for help, but his mouth wouldn't move. Clay was terrified, but his body was walking so normally that no one could tell that his body was possessed. At that moment, his friend came out of the canteen and saw him.

"Hey, you're still here! Could you continue the story? It was too good. I'm addicted." said Nash, while Jason kept nodding his head.

"No, I got to go. Remember that call? Yousida asked me to go to the classroom. Bye!" who then ran towards the classroom.

Watching his body run to the classroom, Clay kept screaming in his head, but no one could hear it...

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Image Courtesy of rg247.com

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The Demon by Gloria Ma



Image Courtesy of deviantart.com

Clay lived on an island west of California. He was nice and friendly, well-dressed and very smart. He went to school as a grade 9 student because the island was so small. However, he didn't have many friends, not saying that he didn't have any, but a person like this usually would have a lot of friends. Clay only had two friends though. It is not always necessary to have a lot of friends because sometimes it is best to just have a true friend.

There was a bigger problem for him though. He was always dreaming of strange things. Sometimes the same dream would repeat for many nights. The problem was he never remembered what the dreams were about. All he knew was the dreams were strange and they repeated frequently.

"At the very beginning, God created animals, and humans to handle the animals, but some of the humans were sinners. They were deeply influenced by the seven deadly sins," said Clay. It was lunch time and Clay had a job to read and tell stories to the middle school kids. He took this job to

get community service hours. The story he was telling was from a book called "The Demon". It was a strange book which had no ending. Half of the book was blank. Still he chose to read this book because it was interesting. He thought that he may just create the ending himself to finish the story for the kids.

Ten minutes later, he came out from the library and went to the canteen to meet up with his friends.

"Oh my God, I'm starving. Give me my food!" said Clay.

"Oh you're here finally. I thought that you didn't want to have lunch because of your diet!" said Clay's friend, Narash. Narash took out a red lunch box from her lunch bag and handed it over to Clay.

"What? A sandwich again, I am sick of sandwiches," said Clay holding the sandwich in his hands with an expression of repulsion, "I have been eating them for the whole week!"

"So, maybe next time you should make it yourself, just like me," said Jason, who walked slowly towards the table of friends, with his hand holding a lilac-colored

lunch box filled with salad.

"Oh really Jason, you are talking to me like that with such a girly lunch box?" replied Clay.

"Can you two just stop it? Everytime you see each other, you just start to argue! Anyway, Clay what story did you tell today? Tell us!" said Narash with excitement because Clay was really talented at telling stories. Everytime he told a story, everyone was just mesmerized. Even if he was telling a boring story, the audience still felt completely captivated.

"Um, I didn't really finish the story today because it was a little bit long. But that won't be a problem for you guys, since lunch break is long enough," said Clay, and then quickly started the story.

"In the very beginning, God created animals, and also humans to handle the animals, but some of the humans were sinners. They were deeply influenced by the seven deadly sins. Not saying that other people didn't commit any of the seven sins, but they could control themselves and not do anything to harm others." Clay paused as he

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living room, however the songs stored on the television were mostly Chinese songs and we didn't really know how to sing them. Dana decided to use her phone to play the music out loud, and the rest of us used the microphone to sing. After that we set a fire on the grill and barbecued marshmallows. They tasted wonderful.

At about ten o'clock we played killer and truth or dare. I found out that I am really bad at lying or pretending. For wolf killer I was constantly being kicked out of the game and however because Evonne doesn't talk a lot, when she was the wolf no one found out. For truth or dare, I was the first one picked. I chose dare, and the dare was for me to smell my foot, pretend that it smells really good and say, "Hmm, it smells like chocolate!"

The next day, everyone woke up at six thirty. We ate the breakfast that the owner provided and got on the bus for our journey back to school. On the journey, we sang karaoke all the way back to school.

Shutterbugs Fill the Gap

Hsinchu, September 22 (Ken Su)

In Photography club, they capture the moments of true happiness. They capture the images of human beings in their truest form, from frowns to smiles, happy moments to sad moments. Since Journalism doesn't have their own photography club, they are highly dependent on the Photography club. This means that the Photography team has a huge responsibility to take high quality photos. Members in the Photography club have devoted

their time into doing it. There has only been two meetings in the Photography club, but as days turn to months, and months turn to a semester, each individual member will get better. It's not going to be an easy journey, but it'll be worth it.

Robotic Club Works Toward a Promising Future

Hsinchu, September 22 (Mike Lin)

As a club that was newly created, there were the usual difficulties. The creator of the Robotic Club put in a lot of effort into developing the club and getting it into competitions. With many members signing up for the club, it has also gotten bigger than had been expected. Finally, in September, they were ready to go forward.



Recently, they have decided to try hard to participate at the regional competition in Iran that will be held on December 5th, this year. With a time limit of two months, it will be a tough challenge for the club to completely build a robot to perfection. But the club members are all trying very hard to contribute to this team. This year the HAS Robotic Team is facing a tough challenge using OpenCV with Arduino and Raspberry Pi. This is a really advanced technique, but with all of the members are working

together, I believe that our team will be able to finish it.

The Robot club is not just about competitions, they are a team that works hard to help new members that are not familiar with Robotics or coding to practice. They have also assigned a team to the line tracker competition held in Taipei around March 2019. Line tracker is like an Intro to Robotics course. The competition will help our members to get familiar and get ready for an actual regional competition. This year's line tracker team are using LEGOs. With robots built with LEGOs, they don't expect it to win the competition against all the self built robots, but this competition is for the new members to gain experience. Therefore, the results of the line tracker doesn't matter, yet the process of it is the most important part.

With this kind of team formation in our club, I believe HAS will make their club better as they move on and we will one day get the result that everyone in the robotics club wishes for.

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Teacher Spotlight

Jesse Swarthout

Hsinchu, September 20 (Ian Hsu)

For our first teacher spotlight this school year, We are excited to present an interview with Mr. Swarthout.

During this interview, we got to know more about Mr. Swarthout. We did some digging to discover more about his personal traits, and



Photo by Max Tseng

life experiences.

First, tell us a bit about yourself:

I moved to Taiwan from Seattle Washington, and this is my 6th year teaching. I love to play sports, especially basketball. I also love to be outside either hiking or biking, and I enjoy reading novels. I just got married in July and I am a big fan of the Washington state cougars.

Why did you decide to become a teacher?

My grandpa was a teacher and a coach, at the high school and at the college level, so when I was growing up he was kind of my role model. I always look up to him. So, from a young age I knew that whatever job I did, I wanted to work in a field

where I could make some sort of difference. Teaching was a position where you could do that. Then, as I got older I just realized, when I started coaching the really young team, that I love working with kids. From then, I wanted to continue doing that in some way and so I wanted to teach.

What major did you study in university or college?

I got a degree in English and psychology with a minor in sociology and a teaching certification.

Describe your college or university experiences?

College for me was as they say, one of the best times of my life. It's where I met some of my best friends, but it was also a chance for me to really be out in the world by myself. You're alone so you kind of have to learn how to live and how to survive, so college goes beyond just teaching you the standard college

education. You have to learn life skills. It allowed me to get away from my family for a little bit, and develop as an individual. I met my best friends, and I also met my current wife in college so it was a big part of my life.

What is your favorite and least food?

My favorite kind of food is any kind of Mexican and Indian food. My least favorite type of food is broccoli, it tastes like a tree.

What made you move to Taiwan?

It's kind of long story. I was teaching in the United States for 5 years, and I wanted to try something new and experience a new culture. It happened to be Taiwan, because I knew someone in Taiwan, and they got me the opportunity to teach here. I am glad to be here in Taiwan.

How did you feel about becoming an HAS teacher?

I was very excited. I heard great things about the school, but I was very nervous at first, as expected.

Technology

Hyperloop

Hsinchu, September 17 (Erwin Hsu)

The Hyperloop promises to get to your destination 10 to 15 times faster than a traditional rail train, but is it worth it? It could completely change our human life and the environment. First, the Hyperloop will be faster and safer than other transportation. Secondly, it can save people's precious time. Lastly, it is environmentally friendly.

The Hyperloop is a future form of public transportation that can help people travel long distances in a short period of time. The Hyperloop will be the safest form of transportation in the world because there will be no interaction with other forms of transport or wildlife. It is also autonomous, so there would not be any driver related errors. The company has

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been planning to make multiple emergency brake techniques to try and stop the vehicle in serious situations.

Secondly, it will not only provide people with fast speeds to get to their destinations faster, but it will also help people to save more precious time from traveling from place to place. Although the internet and VR can help us to connect with friends and family, there is nothing like seeing each other in person. As Pishevar said during an event, "Some connections just can't be made virtually. No matter how realistic VR becomes, you can't hug a hologram." (Thompson, 2016).

Lastly, the Hyperloop will be the best transportation for the environment. It is six times more energy efficiency than traveling on an airplane with short routes, and it is more than three times faster than the world's fastest high-speed rail train. The Hyperloop would also be Eco-friendlier to the environment than cars on the roads. It will not only reduce the use of energy but also reduce sound noise. The Hyperloop is made with no contact motion through a steel tube, so it sounds just like a big whoosh.

Overall, the Hyperloop will be the best transportation available in the world, and can totally change our lives and improve our footprint on the environment. It will be the fastest traveling tool, help people to save time, and keep our environment much cleaner for later generations.

Hsinchu, September 21 (Dorris Lin)

HAS is once again looking forward to our Thanksgiving celebrations. Thanksgiving Day is a North American national holiday celebrated all over the world. A good time was had by all at last year's annual HAS Thanksgiving event. Every year, parents, students, teachers and staff will gather to give thanks for the good things in life near the close of the year. A full complement of students was on hand for a sumptuous buffet

dinner served by staff with the help of the hard-working and hospitable parents who really got into the spirit of this American holiday. Last year, HAS celebrated Thanksgiving by also giving back to the community. Students traveled to Big City and volunteered at the International Body of Fighters Day event to help people with disabilities. We appreciate those who participated last year and we look forward to another amazing event this year.

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