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(Photo by Ms. Kelly)



FARMING EVENT

BY LIAN CHANG

Recently, HAS Community Service started cooperating with an organization supporting children with disabilities. The Manfair organization invited HAS students to help with their farming program. Students get community service hours through these events. They encourage HAS students to go there at least once a month. So far, the school has been there three times. Each time, students did different activities.

During the visit on November 19, students cleared the plants of weeds. The organizer kindly offered to teach students how to make candied fruit because she realized that students were tired. Most students enjoyed the drink made from candied fruit. After some rest, students went back to work again, and they finished at an amazing speed earlier than expected. Because they did an excellent job, the organizer decided to reward them by letting them play with chickens. Since it is a farm, they also raise chickens there.

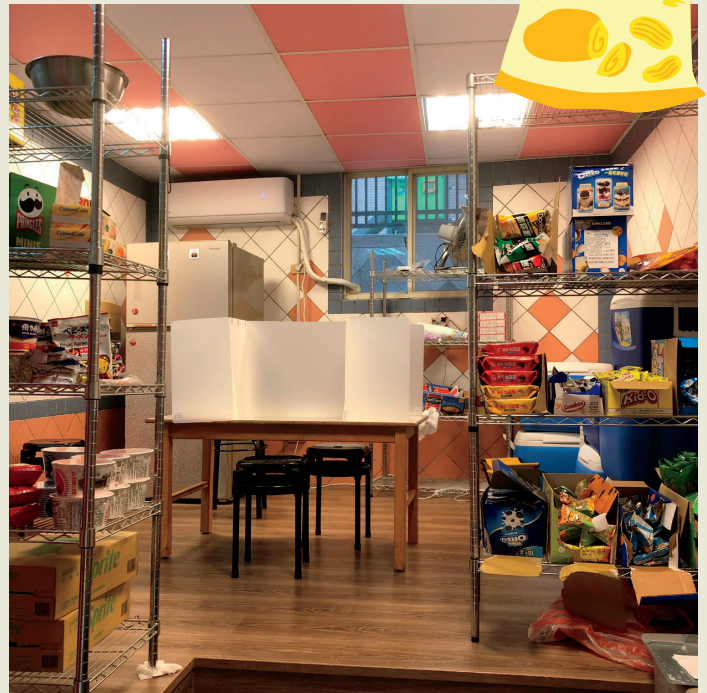
On the most recent visit to the farm, students were asked to help carry bricks, so the organization can build a floor. Students found it very tiring, but they still enjoyed the event. Sophomore David Kim said, “It was very challenging and we all worked very hard. I like that we got hours.” If students want to join the fun, the next event will take place soon. Remember: every student is required to do 15 hours of community service, so this is a great opportunity for students to have fun and earn community service hours.



STUDENT STORE

BY CASEY CHIU & JOANNE PENG

This year, the marketing class is in charge of the student store. Mr. Ferris and the students in the marketing class are responsible for ordering the products, counting the products, and finally selling them. Usually, the student store opens at lunchtime. The students or teachers can go to the student store when they want some snacks. The purpose of having a student store is to allow students to buy snacks at a cheaper price and in a more convenient way. The students in middle and elementary school are not allowed to go to OK Mart during lunchtime, so the student store is the best choice for them to get something to eat. This is why the student store is popular for elementary kids. Each lunchtime, there will be a line of elementary students outside the student store to get their snacks.



What do the clerks do in the student store? They order the products that are popular among the customers by observing what they usually purchase: such as popsicle sticks, Pringles, chocolate milk, milk tea, etc. They also count how much money they earn each week. The clerks can get a snack or drink when they work in the student store three times. The store provides microwaves for the workers in the student store and the people who buy things can heat up their lunch. Simon Wu said, "I like to buy Pringles!". Most elementary kids like to buy popsicles, even in winter. Overall, the student store is an important part of the school, bringing students warmth and joy.



THE HAS RECYCLING ISSUE

Recyclables are thrown away with non-recyclable trash

BY SOPHIE GAU

In the 2022-2023 school year, sustainability is one of the major focuses of HAS Community Service and that includes issues concerning the disposal of school waste. At the beginning of the school year, HAS reached an agreement with a local farm that is willing to take our food waste. The collected food waste will be fed to the chickens on the farm, a sustainable disposal of the food while saving the farm from the chicken feed fee. However, another issue concerning school lunch caught Community Service's attention yet again, and so far this issue has not been solved.

When Covid started and HAS school lunch switched from buffets to lunch boxes (which was around three years ago), Mr. Shantz noticed that the plastic lunch containers were not recycled but were thrown away with trash, and reported the issue to Community Service. The recyclable plastic lunch boxes are disposed with non-recyclable garbage instead of being disposed with recyclable waste. To solve this problem and establish the concept of recycling, students are now advised to throw lunch boxes into recycling bins. Yet the issue doesn't end there. HAS needs a recycling truck to carry the recyclables to the recycling factory, but HAS is only hiring garbage trucks for unrecyclable garbage. Therefore, at the end of the day, the recyclables are once again mixed together with non-recyclable trash and not recycled.



Junior Hogan Wong showed disbelief after hearing about the recycling issue. “I felt deeply shocked and surprised when I heard this information. The school should tackle this problem seriously. In order to tackle this inefficiency, I strongly suggest that the recycling process at our school should be monitored by a group of competent and responsible students and teachers. I also think that the school should get a recycling truck as well,” commented Hogan.

Since Hsinchu City’s recycling system does not provide private organizations with public waste collection services, the most effective solution is to hire a recycling truck that can pick up the recyclables at our school at least once every week.

The amount of paper, bottles, and lunch boxes that are thrown away every day may not look impressive, but consider 3 years’ worth of them. According to the National Geographic Society, in Taiwan, more than 96% of trash is treated by incineration, which is harmful to the environment. Toxins and CO2 are emitted into the air, acting as a contributing factor to global warming. The average global temperature increases by 1.5 degrees annually. “First, (recycling) is important for its own sake, doing things to help limit the damage that humans do to their environment. It’s extremely important more so now than ever. Second, if we teach them to throw everything into the trash, it sends the wrong message,” said Mr. Shantz. Everyone is responsible for the future of the Earth. Big changes are done through small actions. HAS should provide students with a good future by both providing them with a good education and a good environment to live in. Hiring a recycling truck can solve the recycling problem of used paper, plastic bottles, and other recyclable materials. Mr. Murphy said the school is working on switching the school lunch boxes to paper lunch boxes or returning to buffet style, thus greatly reducing the environmental impact.



HAS BASKETBALL REVIEW

BY NEAL CHENG

Our basketball season is half done after four games in the first semester. In its last four games, the HAS basketball team has gone 2-2. Unfortunately, two games before the Chinese New Year break were canceled; however, they will be rescheduled after the Chinese New Year.

Before we start the next series of games, let's review our last four games. The first game of the year was on October 20th against HCAS, and we lost by three points in that game. According to the coach, the main reason why we lost was that many of our teammates weren't ready yet and because we don't have as many players as HCAS. Many of us were running out of energy. According to the team captain, Bill Cheng, the main reason we lost is because of the defense in the last 3 minutes. We committed too many unnecessary fouls, and we lacked communication.



The second game was on October 27th against AAIA. There were two games on that day: one for junior varsity and one for varsity. Even though the junior varsity team lost, according to one of the players, David Kim: "we gained a lot of experience during the game; it was a very precious opportunity." The good news is that the varsity won that game. The final score was 36-29.



The third game was on November 14th against GCA; the final score was 60-48. According to the coach, we had a really good defense and good communication during the game, which made our offense very fluid. Kerdis Pan also dropped a season-high 16 points.



The fourth game was on November 29th versus AST; it was a very difficult game, and before the game, we lost several players due to SAT tests and injuries. We only had seven players available; our opponent (AST) had 19 players available. In the first half of the game, the score was very close. However, in the second half of the game, our shortage was exposed, and our energy couldn't keep up. The score difference was getting bigger and bigger. The final score was 35-47.

This is sports. There is always winning and losing, but we will never know the results until the end. The only thing we can do is do our best and never give up. I hope the HAS basketball team can get a better result in the next few games. Let's go Wolves!



THE LAST DANCE

BY DAVID KIM

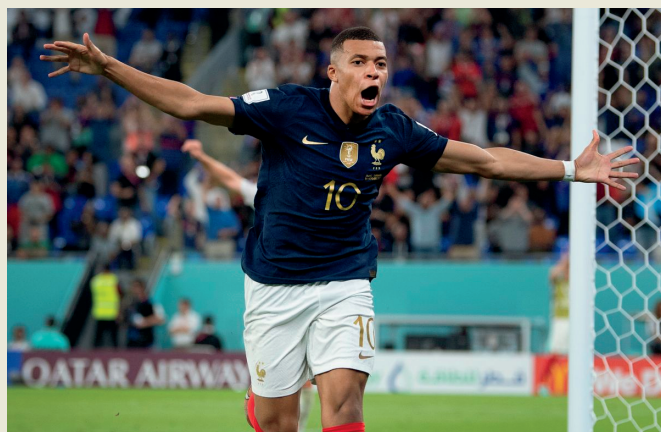
The Qatar 2022 World Cup was a World Cup full of comebacks and upsets, with nations accomplishing what was thought impossible. From Japan managing to defeat two footballing juggernauts in the likes of Spain and Germany, and Morocco being the first-ever African nation in FIFA history to qualify for the semi-finals of the World Cup, it was undoubtedly a year of unexpected twists and turns. However, there was one game that surpassed every past match of the already thrilling tournament, and that was the World Cup final between Argentina and France. An exciting clash between an aging living legend, Messi, who has dominated the sport for the past generation, and an upcoming bright and shining talent, Mbappe, who will dominate the game for years to come.



The match first began with Argentina evidently in a much better position, with momentum undeniably on their side. In any case, Argentina's morale was boosted even further when Ángel Di María was pushed and fouled in the penalty area, resulting in a penalty kick. Messi walked up to the ball and stoically kicked it through the net, giving Argentina a 1-0 lead against France. The series of good luck and skill continued for Argentina when, in the 36th minute, Di María again delivered Argentina another stunning goal that gave the team a comfortable 2-0 lead. However, for Argentinians, the sight of the World Cup trophy would quickly disappear when France was awarded a penalty. France's best player, Mbappe, stepped up to the plate and delivered a stunning and powerful penalty kick, giving France a chance to fuel an improbable comeback.



Despite Argentina still having the lead, their confidence and optimism were completely deflated, while France was suddenly back alive. Just a minute after Mbappe's stunning penalty, Mbappe delivered again with an absolutely beautiful volley goal that tied the game at 2-2. The game was now heading to extra time, and it felt like it was only a matter of time before one team scored the deciding goal of the game. This would occur right at the 108-minute mark when Messi kicked the rebounded miss into the goal, giving Argentina the lead. In spite of all of Argentina's hardships, it all came crashing down when France was awarded another penalty, and yet again, Mbappe delivered another incredible penalty.



The momentum was now entirely on the French side, and sure enough, France had another massive chance to score at the very last minute. On the spur of the moment, Argentina's goalkeeper Emi Martinez became the unsung hero and made an extraordinary save that saved Argentina from blowing everything they had worked so hard towards. The game was headed toward a penalty shootout, and the possibilities were endless. Even with the pressure all on the goalkeeper, Emi Martinez never looked away from the big stage and led Argentina to victory, making Argentina a World Cup champion for the first time since 1986.



The 2022 World Cup final is considered by many to be the most excellent football match in history. With Messi having announced that this would be his last World Cup appearance, it felt like a pre-written script for Messi to showcase his last dance and wield the most prestigious trophy in history for the whole world to see. In the end, this win gave Messi the World Cup trophy, which now elevates him to be the undisputed GOAT in the eyes of many fans. Despite everything that Messi has done for the sport of football, there will always be detractors out there who try to undermine his performances. However, it would just be erroneous and vacuous to deny his unprecedented, profound greatness.

AVATAR 2- STUNNING VISUALS, MEDIOCRE PLOT

BY: HOGAN WONG

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Cinematography	★ ★ ★ ★ ★
Characters	★ ★ ★ ☆ ☆

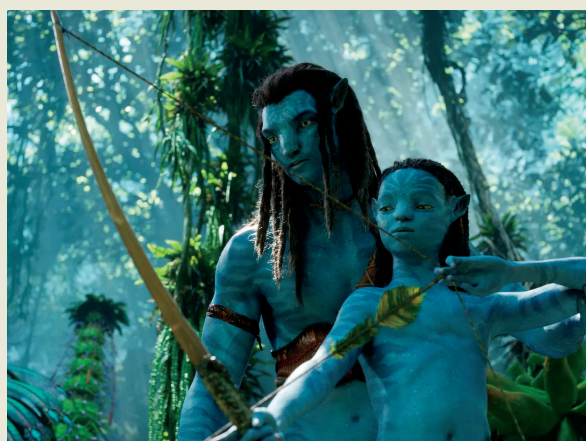
Avatar: The Way of Water, the sequel to the 2009 film Avatar, debuted in Taiwan on the 14th of December. Directed and written by James Cameron (famous for Titanic as well as the Terminator and Aliens franchises), the film broke box office records and as of writing this article, it is currently the 6th highest grossing movie of all time. The film focuses on Jake Sully (Sam Worthington) raising his family along with his wife Neytiri (Zoe Saldana) and facing enemies such as a resurrected Quaritch (Stephen Lang).



The film utilizes a lot of stunning CGI as well as amazing cinematography, causing it to become one of the most expensive films ever produced. The VFX artists, along with the director, were extremely successful at leaving the audience in awe. Additionally, the sea creatures had unique designs and mechanics, further developing a sense of realism. Although The Way of Water is recognized for using CGI to create the beautiful world Pandora, some of the scenes were actually filmed underwater. The use of brilliant cinematography complements James Cameron's vision and contributes to the franchise's worldbuilding.

Furthermore, another highlight of the film is the character development. Jake Sully, the protagonist, underwent a significant transformation from the last film; it managed to be consistent with the previous installation yet gave the character interesting situations. His role as a father is entertaining and something that is rare to find in contemporary cinema. Neytiri also underwent a similar arc that landed pretty great except for an absurdly strange character decision during the third act. However, the character arcs of the three children were not as interesting and felt too rushed and not set-up properly.

Unfortunately, there are some additional flaws with the film. Even though *The Way of Water* is not as formulaic as its predecessor, it sometimes gets a bit clichéd. For example, the second act of the film feels like a generic teenage drama story. Hence, the pacing in the second act is too slow and felt boring. Despite that, most of the eye-catching visuals were in that section. Having said that, the first act felt well-paced and reminded audiences of the first film. If only the second act were better written, the pay-off third act would be greatly improved.



Even though the alien world of Pandora was explored and heavily developed in the movie, the same could not be said about the villains, their origins and motivations. The decision to bring back the main antagonist (Colonel Quaritch) from the first film felt contrived. Besides that, the villains are still portrayed as cartoonish as their motivations are under-explored. Even though there are brief hints to interesting topics such as the Earth dying and immortality, these were never addressed.

In conclusion, *The Way of Water* is undoubtedly a technological masterpiece. The use of practicals and CGI, combined with a creative vision, will definitely leave audiences enthralled. Nevertheless, the plot of the film is not as interesting and original. It's definitely not the worst film of 2022, but there is a lot of room for improvement. That being said, multiple sequels have been greenlit, and they seem to have a lot of potential.



HAS WORD SEARCH

BY KIKI CHEN

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SPRING FAIR LOCK-IN

Picture Page

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Photos are being taken every single day in our school. On this page, I'll share several photos that are either very funny or very memorable in HAS.



This is what the students look like in journalism.



Ethen Chiu trying to pretend he is an anime character



The view on stage during Winter Performance.



Everyone's getting bored of amusement park facilities.



The HAS basketball team having a game with AST.



Kerdis Pan completing an absolutely insane 360 dunk.

Picture Page

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HAS students joining a gardening event



People playing Majong during Lock-in



Students getting a certificate from a CS event



This is a random picture of Joanne Peng



This is Ray Wang during the MAP test



People participating in an event on the back to school day

LAUGH OUT LOUD!

What's the best thing about Switzerland?

I don't know, but the flag is a big plus.

Hear about the new restaurant called Karma?

**There's no menu:
You get what you deserve.**

Why don't scientists trust atoms?

Because they make up everything.

Did you hear about the claustrophobic astronaut?

He just needed a little space.

What do you call a fake noodle?

An impasta!

What did the Buddhist say to the hot dog vendor?

Make me one with everything.

Why do we tell actors to "break a leg?"

Because every play has a cast.

