



THE HOWLER



Senior Jason Wu shoots the ball on Thursday, Nov. 25 after the annual HAS Thanksgiving feast. The day featured teachers, student, and their families enjoying food and fun together. (Photo/Kelly Ho)

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(Photo/Lilian Hsieh)



LOCAL NEWS

Thanksgiving - Preview: Winter Performance - History Fair

Did You Fall in Love with Thanksgiving?

BY TANYA HSIAO

Every year at the end of November, all the students and teachers gather and celebrate Thanksgiving together. Thanksgiving Day is an annual national holiday in the United States and Canada celebrating the harvest and other blessings of the past year. During Thanksgiving, every student will bring a healthy appetite for food and there will be decorations put around the school as well. Parents and staff are also invited to join the celebration. Everyone sits around big tables and all enjoy their meals together like a big family. "I participated in the Thanksgiving event because I wanted to enjoy the food," said Brenda Hsiao. This year there was a variety of food, from traditional things like turkey and mashed potatoes to tasty desserts like homemade cookies and cupcakes for people to fill their plates with. After everyone was finished feasting, students were allowed to go outside and play under the sun. Many students choose to play sports like volleyball, basketball, and football, while the others choose to sit aside and chill. Thanksgiving is a good day to celebrate with family and friends. "I enjoy having meals with my friends," said Evelyn Kuo. "And I really enjoy eating the food, especially the donuts from Costco!"

"I enjoy having a meal with my friends."
- Evelyn Kuo



(Photos/Kelly Ho)

A Sneak Peek at Our Next Performance

BY GLEN TSAI

When it's December what do you think of? Christmas? National Cookie Day, maybe? But you're still missing something. It's the annual Winter Performance at HAS! "It's one of the events where the whole school gets together and it's really fun being able to interact with the parents and being able to show them how much we come not just as academics but also for cultural and social interactions," said Atulya Mittal, who is a senior and our MC this year. And now let's turn the camera towards our student council president and the script writer for the seniors...Ethan Murphy! "As seniors, we're planning to do a skit about the story of how Christmas came to be with the scenes such as the birth of the baby Jesus and the three wise men giving him gifts," said Murphy. Last but not least, let's take a look at a freshman this year who just got into high school - Lian Chang! So what is her class doing this year? "We are going to sing," said Chang. And what song will they sing, you ask? "You'll know when you come!" said Chang. Looks like we're going to have to wait until Winter Performance to find out what they are singing. Seems to me this year will have a lot of interesting skits and songs to watch and listen to. Here's hoping everyone enjoys it!



(Photos / Ms. Kelly)

"Show them how much we come not just as academics but also for cultural and social interactions"
- Atulya Mittal



Don't Worry, Hard Work Pays Off!

BY MICHELLE LIAO

What do you think is the most stressful school event for students? If asked, many will say it is History Fair. This year HAS held its annual History Fair on November 17 and 18 and the theme was "Debate and Diplomacy." While it was a little bit challenging, many students did a great job on it, according to history teacher, Camren Murphy. Murphy was one of the history fair judges this year at HAS. He thinks that the History Fair is meant to let the students explore their own learning and their own interests in history. He thinks the students' performances were amazing. And he was very proud of his students and how they were able to discipline their knowledge of history. Take Lian Chang, a freshman student at HAS. Her history fair topic this year was "The Cuban Missile Crisis." She won first place in the high school History Fair this year. She thinks hard work helped her to get into the top three.



(Photos/Michelle Liao)

"I thought the students did an incredible job."
- Camren Murphy

HSINHU AMERICAN SCHOOL

2021-2022 HISTORY FAIR

1ST-4TH GRADE

1st Place - Oscar Chang
2nd Place - Ryan Kuo
3rd Place - Chung Tai Lai & Yoyo Chen
Honorable Mention - Melinda Lett, Claire Liu & Christine Chang
Honorable Mention - Simon Wu & Ellis Lan

5TH-6TH GRADE

1st Place - Angela Wen
2nd Place - Peter Chang
3rd Place - Henry Gau
Honorable Mention - Johnny Wu
Honorable Mention - Isabella Lai

7TH-8TH GRADE

1st Place - Mandy Lin
2nd Place - Allen Chen
3rd Place - Espen Fu
Honorable Mention - Amy Han

HIGH SCHOOL

1st Place - Lian Chang
2nd Place - Neal Cheng
3rd Place - Sophie Gau
Honorable Mention - Cindy Wu
Honorable Mention - Powell Chiang
Honorable Mention - Andrew Kao
Honorable Mention - Edison Poon

Congratulations to our winners.
Thank you all for participating!

"Work hard and try hard."
- Lian Chang

FEATURES

Lifetime Story- Favorite HAS Subjects - "Old School" - Photo Page

Simple Moments Make Lasting Memories!

BY KEVIN HUANG

People are just like a book. Different books have different emotions, different storylines, and different climaxes. Every person has different childhood memories which somewhat influence their future in different ways or the stories that people don't want to talk about. Let me tell you some stories. Sometimes you will feel a little pain after hearing some of these stories. "The most memorable moment I have was when I was in second grade. I remember my friend chasing me down in the alley, that alley is full of stones so I tripped on one of them, and my knee dug into the ground, the stone stuck in my knee so I needed to pull it out. That's why I have the scar there," said Bill Cheng. I can tell that different stories have different feelings, let me tell you another one. "I crawled under the vans with my sister, to my neighbor's house. The neighbor found out, but he accepted and we fed his dog," said Andrew Kao. "When I was five years old, I moved to Taiwan, and I stayed here ever since."



"Life is colorful, full of detail."
- Bill Cheng

LifeTime

(Photo/Johnson)

Can You Guess Our Favorite Subject?

BY TANYA HSIAO

Have you ever wondered what is the most liked subject at HAS? Our school offers a wide variety of courses for students to choose from. Even though some courses are counted as graduation requirements and students must take them to graduate, most of the courses are optional to take and students are allowed to drop and change courses. To find out the answer to the previous question, we made a survey and separated courses into 6 main options: PE, math, social science, art, foreign language, and science. Then we asked students from grades 9-12 to choose one and explain why. And by looking at the responses, the result shows that the student's favorite subject is PE, followed by science and art-related subjects. People who chose PE as their favorite subject mostly said that PE is active and easy. On the other hand, people said they like science because they can learn things about life and they think it's fun and exciting. People who chose art said that they enjoy painting and drawing and that art is interesting. But there are other opinions as well. Evelyn Lin said, "I like drama class compared to the other classes because I think it's more fun." As more and more subjects are being added to the school system, knowing a high schooler's favorite subject might be helpful when you don't know what class to choose!



"I like drama class because it is fun."
- Evelyn Lin



(Photos/Kelly Ho)

Our School is SOO OLD!

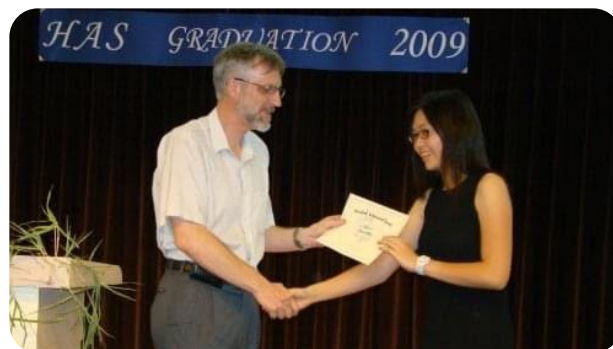
BY MICHELLE LIAO



(Photo/Jeff Harris)

Darin Murphy came to HAS in 2006 and this year is his 15th at this school. The school has changed a lot. Our school went from being a school that was not accredited, to now being an accredited school. We are now in our second 6-year full-term accreditation. "When I took over the school in 2009 we had 16 students, now we have over 100 students." said Murphy. "We used to be in a different building on one floor. Now we have our own building that's four floors. We used to have to share outdoor sports facilities, now we have our own sports facilities. The future planning for HAS is to keep expanding to get more students and probably expand some programs like robotics." Murphy is hoping to get full-time music in the near future and keep expanding the opportunities for students to learn new stuff. He thinks that all the teachers and all the students whether they teach or not, and have a lot of fun events like the Halloween party, Thanksgiving, Christmas party, and Spring Fair.

"We get a lot of good students, they all like the school's small atmosphere." - Darin Murphy



(Photos/Max Tseng)

Sophomore Erwyn Murphy is the son of Darin Murphy. He has been at HAS for five years. He thinks that behavioral tolerance has increased. Back when he was in 5th grade, he would get so many behavioral contracts that involved doing little things, but now he can get away with so much more. He thinks there is a certain expectation for him to not do any stupid things around the school. He thinks growing up at HAS is pretty nice and getting to know a lot of people as they come and go. And he is kind of sad when good teachers leave, but other than that he thinks it is fine.

"If I do anything dumb then I have to suffer severe consequences."
- Erwyn Murphy



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HAS SPORTS

Boys & Girls Volleyball at AAIA - Boys Basketball at AAIA

Catch Your Dream and SPIKE IT!

BY KEVIN HUANG

On November 22, the HAS boys & girls volleyball team played against the AAIA volleyball team. This was their first game against another school. The volleyball team members are all high schoolers. The team captain also coached the volleyball team to develop their volleyball skills. The girl's volleyball team unfortunately lost their game. "I think we could win the game. We could work more on team work and our skills," said Mia Darrough. This is because some team members were chatting with others on the court during the game. Also, the boy's volleyball team lost their game against AAIA. "Boy's volleyball team needs to improve more their skills, such as how to catch, spike, set the ball. Also communicate more," said Tim Chen. "And, in my opinion, I think we need to gain more game experience."



(Photo/Kevin Huang)



(Photo/Marie-Louise Burden)



(Photo/Kevin Huang)

"I'm not tall, I'm short. I don't have better volleyball skills, but I love volleyball."
- Kevin Huang

A Big Win for the Wolves

BY EAGLE LEE



(Image/has.hc.edu.tw)

"The key to winning this game is the defense and good passing."
- Aaron Shantz



(Image/Facebook.com)

On Tuesday, Nov. 30 the boy's basketball team had a game with AAIA in Xinbei. And they got a big win for the game. Let's see what the players and the coach of the basketball team, Aaron Shantz, said. Neal Cheng is one of the players, and he thinks we had a good game with AAIA. He thinks we won the game due to defense and offense all doing very well. So he says this helped us have a big win over AAIA. I think the best moment of the game was when Kerdis Pan dunked, because no one can dunk while in the game and all his teammates were very happy and surprised about it. I think the boy's team has improved a lot from their last game. Our defense and offense got a lot better than last game. And the coach of the basketball team, Aaron Shantz, thinks the key to winning this game was the defense and the good passing. He thinks the best moment of the game has to be when Kerdis Pan dunked in game. And he thinks we definitely improved. He thinks in the first game we were just too nervous and in the second game we had more confidence out there, so we improved a lot.

OP-ED

Is PDA on Campus Really That Bad?

BY EAGLE LEE

So apparently PDA is a problem right now in our school, so our principal Heather Wilson made a policy that couples can't demonstrate PDA at school. But is PDA really that bad at school right now? What do you think? Let's see what Andy Liu said. For him PDA is really bad because he doesn't like to see couples hugging and kissing in front of him. Liu said that couples should do this at home, not at school because it is really bad for students at school. So other students in our school, like Andrew Kim, thinks that PDA will have the chance to spread Covid, and he thinks PDA will affect a couple's grades and their attitude at school. He think it also will affect elementary school students. So we can see that Andy Liu and Andrew Kim didn't like PDA on campus.



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