



THE HOWLER



Robotics teacher/club advisor Nathan Youngblut watches as fifth grader Peter Chang navigates a robot on Monday, Sept. 13 during Robotics Club at Hsinchu American School. (Photo/Kelly Ho)
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(Photo/Ray Wang)



LOCAL NEWS

StuCo Retreat - 2021 Lock-in - Robotics Program

Boring or Brilliant? StuCo Retreat 2021

BY EAGLE LEE

Every year, HAS holds a Student Council retreat and this year was different from other years. Some people said it was boring, and some people said it was pretty good overall. So let's hear from some of the people who went on the trip. "The trip is going to be boring," said sophomore Tim Chen. We can see that Chen was not very excited about this trip, but why did he say that? "We will just stay inside and walk in the mall the whole evening." Let's go see what other people said. "This trip was pretty good overall," said teacher Jeremiah Wilson. In fact, Wilson said something funny happened to him and some of the students at a 7-11 while on the trip. According to Wilson, a strange man approached them while they were buying snacks and kept repeating, "I love you, this is Taiwan." The students were both laughing and were very afraid to stay. Most of the students also said the trip was helpful because it helped them to get to know each other.



The entire Student Council poses together. (Photo/Jeremiah Wilson)



(Photo/Heather Wilson)



(Photo/Heather Wilson)

Locked In for a Night !

BY EAGLE LEE

Middle school teacher Kim Masson thinks this year's lock-in was pretty successful and fun because she saw that this year's elementary and middle school students had fun and got involved in the games. She also said that some of the students didn't even want to leave the school. McKenzie Chen said that KTV was the most interesting part for him, and he also thought that this year's lock-in was pretty successful. Chen said that after he went to watch people singing in the KTV, he went to play board games with Andrew Kim, Antony Chen, and Andy Liu. He almost won all the games that he played. Overall this year's lock-in seemed to be pretty fun and successful to everyone.



(Photo/Kelly Ho)



Kerdis Pan gets some salad from Ms. Masson during the dinner. (Photo/Kelly Ho)



(Photo/Kelly Ho)

"It was a successful lock-in. Many students had a lot of fun."
-Kim Masson

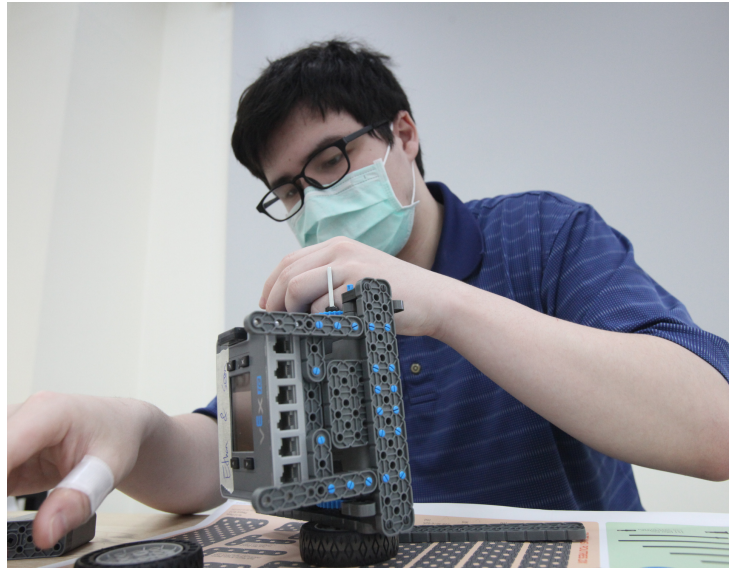


(Photo/Kelly Ho)

Communicate With Robots!

BY TANYA HSIAO

The school this year has started a new course – Robotics. According to Nathan Youngblut, “Robotics is the study of designing and building robots, and has to do with engineering to control the hard skills and some programming to control the soft skills.” In the Robotics class, students study the engineering process and different components of the robots with their creativity. Students will learn to design their own robots to meet specific goals and purposes and tasks, evaluate their own design, and improve their design. Two popular fields that we often hear about in Robotics are AI and robots, which are taking over the global economy. Here in HAS, the school wants to help students to prepare for their future with the skills they need. Sophie Su said in the interview, “I think some of the things in robotics that interest me is the process of building the robots and communicating with my peers.”



(Photo/Jeremiah Wilson)



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By attending Robotics classes, students can learn more than just how to code. They can learn skills in leadership, community involvement, communicating across different technology platforms, finding their passions, and learning to work as a team. The school this year bought a lot of new equipment for the students to have better learning of robotics. The students are hoping to participate in a robotics competition. Robotics can be used in manufacturing, and more and more fields are adding robots into their working environment. Students don't need the background to get into this class. The class will teach you step-by-step from the base to the more advanced design.

"Some interesting things that I learned in this class includes knowing how to read instructions and understanding how the robot works."

- Sophie Su



(Photo/Jeremiah Wilson)

FEATURES

Most Popular Video Games - Teacher Profile - No PDA



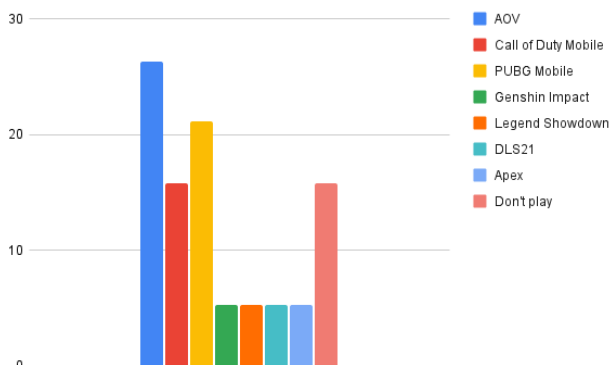
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Squish and Squish, is This Really Fun?

BY GLEN TSAI

As phones are being used more and more in this modern society, online games on phones started to rise up and become more viral than they used to be. Video game producers target their customers as students or younger children because children like to play more than other age groups. So have you ever wondered what kind of games your friends and classmates are playing? And what is the ranking of online phone games in your school?

We interviewed three students that chose the most famous three games that are played on our campus. "So it's actually quite weird, I saw all my friends playing the game and then at Christmas night when my parents are both not at home I installed the game and I played it and then I liked it," said James Chang of AOV.

"I like this game because you can actually play your friends, 1 vs. 1, 2 vs. 2, and yeah I think that makes it unique," said Ray Huang of Call of Duty Mobile.

"I like this game because my younger brother always plays, it's fun playing with him even though he annoys me all the time," said Evelyn Lin of PUBG.

Most of them started to play because of the people around them. And the one thing that they all mentioned was keep practicing if you want to get better in these games. And don't forget to watch national leagues for the games your playing; you can learn from their skills and knowledge in the game.

"You need both skills and your brain."

- James Chang

Teacher Profile: Mr. Cam

BY MICHELLE LIAO



(Photo/Kelly Ho)

“People in Taiwan all have very interesting and funny personalities.”

- Mr. Cam



(Photo/Michelle Liao)

Camren Murphy is from San Clemente, CA. He is a new teacher in our school. He prefers students to call him Mr. Cam. He has talked about students in HAS, and he thinks the students in HAS are well-behaved, very fun, and have great personalities, which are very rare in Taiwan. He also talked about how Taiwan is the place that he loves to live in. He lived in Taiwan for a year and a half in 2016, then went back to America, and is now back to Taiwan because he loves Taiwan so much. His expectation for this year is to be a good teacher. Murphy said that he loves to teach history and he's enjoying writing, and he thinks he can make the writing classes more interesting. That's also why he's teaching 6th, 7th, and 8th-grade social studies, and introduction to writing, and modern world history for high school. Also, he does a lot of interesting things when he's not teaching. He likes reading, playing guitar, and hanging out with his friends. He also enjoys traveling, hiking, and seeing waterfalls, so sometimes he goes to the beach to play on a scooter and takes trips around Taiwan.



(Image/screenrant.com)

“When I was little, I always wanted to be a Ninja Turtle because I like pizza.”

- Mr. Cam

For HAS Couples, PDA a No-no!

BY MICHELLE LIAO

No PDA has been implemented since last year, but this year has strengthened control. Heather Wilson is the principal of HAS and the main person in charge of PDA. Wilson teaches service learning and she is the coordinator of WASC. However, she is also the principal at HAS. "No PDA is a school policy in HAS. There isn't a strict written policy on what type of disciplinary procedures that will be for it, and that will be based on the offense," said Wilson. The full name of PDA is Public Displays of Affection. The penalty of PDA depends on the level of PDA. According to Wilson, "No PDA is not only for couples, it is for any inappropriate touching." It can be just hooking up and is not for couples only.

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- Mrs. Wilson

A lot of couples do not agree with these rules, however, sophomore Kerdis Pan thinks they are fair. "I don't really hate these rules, but I respect them because there are elementary schoolers. But we won't really do anything bad, seriously. These rules are fair because I know that teachers don't want us to PDA all the time," said Pan.

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- Kerdis Pan

Holding hands, hugging, kissing, and making out are all not allowed. Any sort of touching that is not done in a friendly way, such as a pat on the back. Same-gender is ok as long as they are not couples. The levels of PDA are varied. Right now the school's stance is that there should be no PDA, according to Wilson. Someone would not get the same punishment for holding hands as they would if they were making out. There are different levels of punishment, which depend on the levels of PDA.



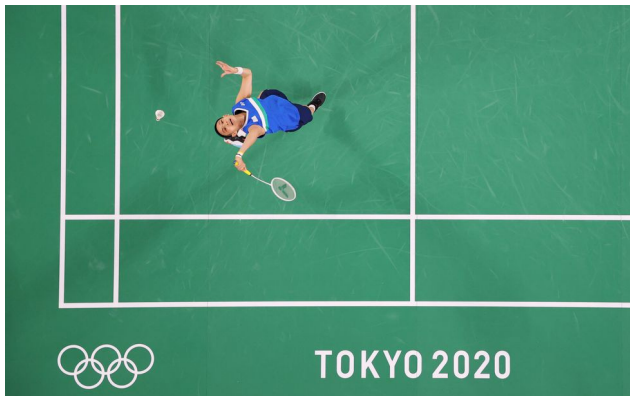
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(Image/PDA in the City)

HAS SPORTS

2021 Olympic Badminton - Boys' Volleyball



(Photo/urn.com)

Taiwan's Proudest Time in 2020 Tokyo Olympics

BY KEVIN HUANG

Editor's Note: The 2020 Tokyo Olympics was extended to 2021 due to the pandemic.

Have you ever heard of a woman playing badminton in Taiwan who also went to the Olympics three times? Her name is Tai Tzu-Ying and she was on the Taiwan National Badminton Team. In the 2020 Tokyo Olympic games Tai Tzu-Ying represented Taiwan. While there, Tzu-Ying won the silver in the solo women badminton game, but she has some areas that she needs to improve in. "She is already a very good player and in the Olympic games she was very nervous, I think that is something that she can improve her mental game," said Bill Cheng. At the next Olympic games in France, people still believe Tzu-Ying can be the champion. "She have the ability to be the champion of the Olympics, she has adequate skills and has her own unique way to defeat her opponents," said Evelyn Lin. Lin and Cheng both hope that Tzu-Ying can win the championship in the French Olympic games.



Tai Tzu-Ying won the silver in the 2020 Tokyo Olympic (Photo/Women's Health)

"I do think that she has the ability to be the champion of the Olympics."

- Evelyn Lin

SHHH! The Best Volleyball Team is Here

BY KEVIN HUANG



One -Two-Three-Wolves!!! (Photo/Brenda Hsiao)

"Never give up. Boys volleyball is the best."
- Tim Chen



(Photo /Brenda Hsiao)

Editor's Note: Boys Volleyball Team 2021-2022

On August 30, 2021, the boy's volleyball team started practice. This year the volleyball team has 13 team members, including water boy. The goal of the volleyball team is to try their best in all possible games competing with other schools. Every practice we work on different skills and have a match against each other. The girls volleyball team also practices with the boys volleyball team once a week. Does this year's boys volleyball team have a slogan? "Yep, we restore our slogan since like three years ago, so our slogan is One, Two, Three Wolves and that's what we do," said Tim Chen. This year the pandemic has affected volleyball a lot. Boys volleyball can't play games against other schools. "Yes, since the pandemic, the volleyball team cannot play the game against with other schools. And then that reduced amount of the practice so that our level isn't that high," said water boy Andrew Kao. Both Chen and Kao believe that more practice can increase the level of skills and also playing games against other schools are important to the volleyball team.

OP-ED

The World With Aliens

BY TANYA HSIAO



(Illustration/Evelyn Kuo)

She made a smart choice on the use of materials. Kim said in the interview that, “I think that she made a very smart choice on the markers because of the subject matter and because of how intense the other colors are.” By using a sponge, the clouds look more realistic and it adds a layer to the 2D drawing, with the feeling that the clouds are surrounding the earth and floating around. She also mentioned that the overall drawings are done with markers. She said that using markers creates a more realistic look at the aliens that are attacking the earth.

You can see the holes and dots on the aliens, and how detailed each of the things is done. The way that she plays with colors is very impressive. She chooses to use very bright and eye-catching colors like red and light green. It grabs the viewer’s attention very quickly and makes it hard to move the eyes away. I personally really like the collage, especially the way she cuts the images and the pictures that she pastes on her drawings. The texts saying “Help!” and “Stop!” make you understand the key ideas that she is for conveying to the audience better, but doesn’t distract the audience's eyes.

This artwork is done by Evelyn Kuo as one of the AP art assignments. Her original idea of this piece of art is to express her passion and beliefs towards aliens. Kuo said, “I truly believe that there are aliens on earth and that they will attack humans someday.” If you take a close look at the painting, you can see a lot of details. She said in the interview that it took her four to five days to complete, with a massive amount of work. She uses a variety of tools in her artwork to create different textures and layers. For example, the white clouds on the planet earth were created with sponges.

“I truly believe that there are aliens on earth and that they will attack humans some day.”
- Evelyn Kuo



Hungry? Come grab some food! (Photo /Kelly Ho)



Time for MAPs test! (Photo /Kelly Ho)



Never say never, trust your teammates.(Photo /Brenda Hsiao)



Rock, paper, scissors! (Photo /Kelly Ho)



The fire beacon has risen. (Photo /Kelly Ho)