

## HWSH ENGLISH NEWS



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#### Gender Equity Education Day-One day uniform exchange in Hu-Wei Senior High School



#### **Garden Fair Time Party**



#### By Shen, Jia-yi (沈佳儀) Class: 301

This is Hu-wei High School's annual garden party. Due to the impact of the epidemic, the school has not organized such a largescale event for a long time. Since this year's senior class didn't have an orientation or a trip, we could only create memories through activities like this. The school fantastic arranged a party, providing an opportunity for students to sign up for performances and leave their mark on this garden party. On that day, there were nearly 25 groups performing. Some sang on the stage, while others showcased their dance skills. The entire event was filled with joy, and many people from outside the school

gathered to watch the performances.

The highlight of the event was a dance performed by the three major clubs of the school at the end. They combined club dances with a green light that anyone from Huwei High School could join. It turned into a spectacular scene as everyone danced together. The conclusion of this song brought a beautiful ending to the event. After the performances, everyone gathered to take pictures, wanting to capture a memory of the event. The remaining students started cleaning up the environment to maintain the cleanliness of the campus.

#### By Liao, Jun-kui (廖俊魁) Class: 302

Today's society places great importance on gender equality. Not long ago, Hu-wei Senior High School organized an event on April 20th called "One Day Uniform Exchange in Hu-wei Senior High School." The primary aim was to promote gender equality by having male and female students exchange school uniforms. In the past, boys were required to wear blue school uniforms, and girls had to wear pink school uniforms. The organizers hoped to challenge these stereotypes through this activity and encourage students to participate in Gender Equity Education Day through poster drawing or oral publicity.

The event included the participation of the principal and several students in a cross-

classes, spanning from first to second-year students. Each stand offered distinct foods, drinks, or a dressing show. On "Uniform Exchange Day," girls wore boys' school uniforms, and boys put on skirts and school uniforms, experiencing the feeling of wearing clothes typically associated with different genders. Moreover, the "Huwei Bell" symbolizes equality. A concert was held, and experts were invited to give lectures to promote the respect, acceptance, establishment of a correct concept of equality, making the campus more vibrant and diverse.

#### The long-waited 83rd Anniversary event

#### By Yang, Kai-cheng (楊凱丞) Class: 303

Hu-wei Senior High School (HWSH) in Yunlin recently hosted its School Fair after a yearlong hiatus due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The event had been canceled the previous year because of the pandemic, making this year's fair all the more interesting and exciting. The students and the school put in tremendous dedication and effort in scheduling and planning to ensure that the fair went smoothly. Everyone, including students and visitors, could indulge themselves in the energetic and fun vibes of the event.

The fair took place on April 29, 2023, also marking the 83rd anniversary of the school. The event is widely known for stands

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run by students from various variety of fun, interesting, and engaging activities, such as DIY toasting marshmallows, a maid café, or mini-games.

In addition, for the school's 83rd anniversary, two separate concerts and performances were hosted. The first concert in the morning featured former senior students (from the past 3 years) performing their respective graduation songs, while the second concert in the afternoon provided an opportunity for all students who had applied for participation to showcase their singing talents in front of the audience. It is worth noting that cosplayers were more commonly

seen than in previous years. The events ended up being a success, with visitors and students eagerly anticipating the next anniversary.

#### Pedestrian and cars scramble for the road



### By Chang, Ru-yi (張如宜) Class: 301

After school, many students are eager to go home, so you can see many people leaving the school. However, if you are at Huwei Senior High School, you will notice both people and cars on the road together!

Why do you see people and cars on the road together? Most students on the street are heading to the bus station, which is one kilometer away. In the past, buses used to stop near the school, so students didn't need to travel far to catch a bus. However, nearby residents complained that the buses were causing traffic issues. As a result, during a road renovation, the school directed students to the new location for catching the bus.

However, a new problem arose. There are too many

students who need to take the bus. Students walk side by side on the road to catch the bus, competing with cars and motorcycles. Alternatively, students have to walk on the road because there are cars parked on the sidewalk. Unfortunately, not only has the traffic situation not improved, but it has also become more dangerous for the students.

How can we make this situation better? For instance, we can return to the previous model of parking the bus near the school. While it may not improve traffic, it will make students safer. Another solution could be to enhance road conditions, such as promoting traffic safety to prioritize pedestrians. In the end, our goal is to keep students safe because safety is the only way to ensure they get home securely.

#### The Cancellation of the Graduation Trip

#### By Chen, Wei-zhong (陳微宗) Class: 302

The story dates back to April 2022 when a group of sophomore students was pleasantly surprised about a trip to Kenting. They eagerly packed their bags after the midterm exams. However, bad news followed: the COVID-19 epidemic became severe, leading the Yunlin County government to declare the cancellation of all school trips under the university level in Yunlin.

When the news was announced, most students were very disappointed. The cancellation not

only affected the current trip but also reminded them of the cancellation of their first-year high school trip. Wanting to gauge students' feelings about the canceled

graduation trip, I decided to conduct a survey. After receiving the unfortunate news, many students felt it was a pity and expressed a desire to travel with their classmates. However, as time passed, these feelings gradually faded away, and the matter started to be forgotten.

# **Mountain Ebony: The Bloom and Wither of our Companion**



3 years ago By Weng, Han-rong (翁涵容) Class: 312

Since the first day we stepped onto the campus, the Mountain Ebony trees have always waved softly to us. They bloom every March, creating beautiful memories for HWSH students of all time and serving as a symbol of their high school years. I can vividly recall the gorgeous scene when the petals fall from their blossoms. However, the beauty I first witnessed in 10th grade, three years ago, has changed.

Last year, during the COVID pandemic, the school authorities decided to cut down many parts of the trees to create additional parking spaces. In 12th grade, when I finally returned to school after the lasting quarantine and online learning, what I saw were trunks and debris of those



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once-vibrant trees, which was disappointing. The loyal companions would no longer stand by our side in their most appealing stance. The feeling of disappointment intensified when we were assigned to hang blessing cards along the trails underneath the Mountain Ebony trees. It was the same people, the same location, everything remaining the same, but not the Mountain Ebony trees.

While I couldn't ask the school authorities to change their existing decisions, I reflect on the fact that we're going to graduate from this campus. I hope to see the same scene as nowadays when coming back to school 2 or 3 years later. Additionally, I encourage the school authorities to consider the importance of human needs and the school spirit among students in their decisions.

### Why are Senior Students Sleepy?



#### By Wang, Shou-bo (王首博) Class: 307

Many students at Hu-wei Senior High School in Yulin frequently struggle with morning sleepiness, making it challenging for them to concentrate on their studies and perform well academically. In addition to affecting academic performance, insufficient sleep can have adverse effects on mood and physical health. Personally, I grapple with morning sleepiness, regardless of going to bed early. Possible causes include an irregular sleep schedule, poor sleep hygiene, insomnia, or a medical condition like sleep apnea.

It is crucial for students and

individuals to prioritize sufficient, high-quality sleep for optimal daytime functioning.

While some individuals, known as short sleepers, can thrive on as little as five hours of sleep without negative health effects, most of us do not fall into this category. Therefore, it becomes important for us to enhance our sleep quality. One

suggestion is for the school to consider postponing the start time, allowing students ample time to rest and be alert during classes. This adjustment could positively impact the overall well-being and academic performance of students at Hu-Wei Senior High School.

#### **Beautiful Scenes in HWSH**

#### By Chang, Kai-you (張凱祐) Class: 304

Hu-wei Senior High School (HWSH) is home to many stunning yet lesser-known landscapes.



The first noteworthy scene is an orchid tree in full bloom that graces the surroundings with its beauty, particularly during the season of spring. This tree, adorned with hanging prayers, creates a picturesque setting, seemingly bidding farewell to graduating students.



Another captivating view is from the overpass connecting the second and third years of high school. This particular spot holds personal significance, as the photographer passes by several times. However, a chance glance at the trees on a sunny day revealed a breathtaking scene. The quiet and unpopulated overpass, coupled with the scenic beauty, creates a romantically lonely ambiance akin to being in paradise.



Captured the from sidewalk outside the school wall, the sky appears crystal clear, providing a serene the backdrop to school buildings and trees. This perspective offers a sense of tranquility that might go unnoticed by many.



The final scenes depict a cat perched on a yellow flower wind bell near Tiger Gao, a location known for the high probability of encountering small animals. Despite being trapped, the cat appears cute and comfortably settled. Its unflustered charm, resembling that of an angel, captivates onlookers, leaving them wondering why such a charming creature is ensnared in the tree.

108 Curriculum good for students?

#### **Students' Views on School Lunches**





#### By Tsai, Yun-zheng (蔡昀錚) Class:309

School lunches play a crucial role in students' learning by providing necessary nutrition. However, the quality of school lunches is a vital concern for students. In Hu-wei Senior High School, three meal options - Weidaxiang, Song Zhilin, and Zhumin - are available. Students have varying opinions on these choices.

Jason mentioned that Weidaxiang's cuisine generally aligns with students' tastes but occasionally falls short of satisfying their needs. Amy expressed that meals from Song Zhilin bring a sense of joy and relaxation. On the other hand, Candy finds Zhumin's flavors delightful but often

experiences discomfort after consuming their meals.

After collecting feedback from over 30 individuals, it was concluded that Weidaxiang received the highest praise from Hu-wei Senior High School students. This is attributed to its distinctive and delectable food offerings, coupled with exemplary service attitude, making it the most popular meal option.

In conclusion, the quality of school lunches significantly impacts students' health and well-being. Therefore, it is crucial for educational institutions to prioritize nutritious and varied meal choices to enhance nutrition and create a positive learning environment.

#### By Chen, Hong-lun (陳弘倫) Class: 307

The 108 Syllabus is a new education policy and curriculum framework implemented in Taiwan in 2019. The goal of this policy is to provide a more holistic and flexible education for students. To gain insights into its effectiveness, let's hear from teacher Joanna:

Q1: What do you think about the 108 Syllabus?

Ans: I believe its original goal is good, but the implementation is too complicated.

Q2: Why do you approve/disapprove of the 108 Syllabus?

Ans: I approve of this policy, but I think the government needs to simplify some unnecessary and complicated procedures.

Q3: What can we do to face this policy?

Ans: Students can explore their ambitions and interests as soon as possible. Learning skills



such as making reports and enhancing expression abilities through research and reports on subjects of interest can be beneficial

In conclusion, while acknowledging the positive goals of the 108 Syllabus, Teacher Joanna suggests there is room for improvement. Whether this policy is deemed a success or failure, she believes time will be the ultimate judge.

#### A Visit to Taiwan Yunlin District Court



#### By Wong, Zhen-wei (翁振維) **Class: 310**

The Yunlin District Court was established on January 1, 1954, following the restoration of Taiwan to the Republic of China after the end of Japanese occupation. Initially known as the "Yunlin Local Court," it has been handling criminal, civil, and administrative cases in the Yunlin County area since 1961.

Apart from its judicial responsibilities, the Yunlin District Court actively engages in promoting legal education and

community outreach programs

The court conducts regular seminars and workshops for students, lawyers, and the public to enhance awareness about legal issues and improve legal literacy in the Yunlin region. Given these advantages, we recently had the opportunity interview to individuals who visited the court on 4/12.

A student from 310 shared, "It is a rare chance for us to visit the court." Another student

accompanying them expressed that Hu-wei Junior High School might lack such resources, but the insights. The visit not only exposed them to the rigors of a trial. In conclusion, the students believe that such visits broaden their knowledge and prepare them there is a call to increase these delegations for purposes.

## experience provided valuable increased their understanding of the judicial system but also for individual applications. Hence, educational

#### Students' Views on School store's collaboration with Shinemood"

#### By Jian, Hua-xuan (簡華萱) **Class: 312.**

On February 13, 2023, Huwei Senior High School's school store initiated a collaboration with Shinemood utilized a pre-order form to assess the quantity of food needed for preparation. Additionally, they ensured to prepare extra food to accommodate those who didn't fill out the form but still desired to purchase.

As someone interested in marketing, I found Shinemood's approach innovative in promoting goods. To gauge students' opinions on the "School store collaborates with Shinemood," I conducted a survey.

After thorough investigation and summarization, most students expressed support for this collaboration, but some held negative opinions. Those in favor highlighted two main reasons. Firstly, they appreciated having various food choices. Some students mentioned that Shinemood's food tastes better than institutional food, allowing

them to select food according to their preferences. Secondly, they noted the advantage of purchasing food at a lower price through the school store.

Conversely, a few students were enthusiastic about the collaboration due to concerns about the food's healthiness, citing potential greasiness. They also worried that the food quality might not match that of the Shinemood store.



Despite these negative opinions, a significant number of still favored students collaboration. They believed that the convenience of accessing food from Shinemood outweighed the potential drawbacks. Overall, the collaboration received mixed diverse reviews, reflecting perspectives among the student body.

#### STARBUCKS to be open in Dounan, Yunlin

### By Han, Shi-kai (寒師凱) Class:

A Starbucks is set to be constructed in the open space near Yunlin County Stadium in Dounan, Yunlin. The groundbreaking ceremony took place on February 8. Perhaps government's aim is to revitalize Dounan's economy by building a Starbucks along a heavily trafficked road. The hope is that, after the easing of the epidemic, tourism and the overall economy of Dounan can experience a boost.

Currently, there are five Starbucks locations in Yunlin

#### Why do High School **Students** Like **Online Shopping?**

By Lin, Ying-chen (林映辰) **Class: 312** 

Many of my friends and I engage in online shopping, but my mom disapproves. I am curious to know if online shopping is a common trend among high school students. Most students in senior high do not have personal income, and compared to adults, their spending power is limited. According to some students at Hu-wei Senior High School, their source of money primarily comes from the pocket money given by their parents or lucky money.

In other words, their ability to shop online depends on how much money their parents provide. willing to Simultaneously, many parents disapprove of their children shopping online, leading students to hide their purchased items to avoid parental criticism. Some hide them under the bed, while others leave them at school. The methods are diverse, showcasing the creative ways students navigate this situation.

conclusion, In this phenomenon is influenced by numerous factors. In my opinion, regardless of the reasons for online shopping, having enough money to cover expenses and not causing trouble for others should be the guiding principles for all.



County, with two in Douliu, one in Beigang, one in Xiluo, and one in Huwei. Dounan will become the sixth branch in Yunlin County.

Despite some pessimistic views on the Internet regarding the Starbucks construction project, it remains uncertain how many people and how much revenue it will attract once completed. Will the Starbucks in Dounan follow the path of the famous store in Beigang? Let's look forward to the establishment and its potential impact!