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SCHOOL EVENTS



Secondary Ski Trip

On February 14th to 16th, the secondary school went on a ski trip to Onikoubé. Over the three exciting days, students had fun in and out of the resort, creating valuable and unforgettable memories together! Even after we faced problems regarding weather.

Bottle Cap Competition



Secondary Students! The Bottle Cap Competition is finished! We'll find out which team brought in the most bottle caps helping your house team to victory once we get back to school!! Thank you for everyone's participation.

Donations for stray cats and dogs

On March 10th, an Animal Care Community formed by four of our Secondary students, "HOMEWARD" donated to a local community that supports stray cats and dogs. The students raised a total of approximately 20000 yen from selling drinks. Please support this great cause by donating or buying the drinks that they sell!



DP ART Exhibition 2024

The IB DP Visual Art students are preparing for their upcoming exhibition. This exhibition will be the DP2 (Grade 12) students graduating show, while the DP1 (Grade 11) students will be able to help and support them and put some of their pieces as well. Please stop by at Gallery Turnaround to see what these young artists have made throughout the course.

Team Quizzes - Secondary

Mr Zehmke is hosting a lunchtime quiz competition, where students form a team and compete weekly. The quiz themes vary from current events, science and technology, pop culture, etc. The league will last until the end of April, and the team "Plato's Daughters" are currently in the lead. Members of the winning team will receive a 1000 yen Amazon gift card each.



Valentines Day

On February 13th, our school celebrated an early Valentine's Day. Everyone had a wonderful time playing games and creating artworks, planned by the student council. And of course shared love through sending roses and chocolates to the loved ones!!



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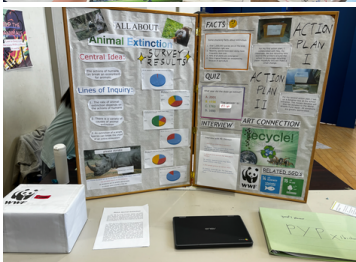
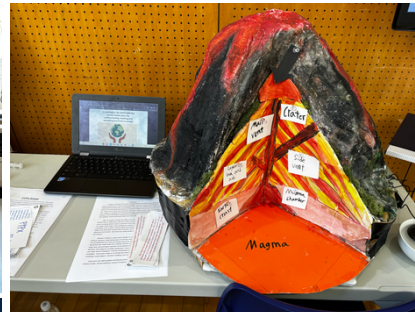
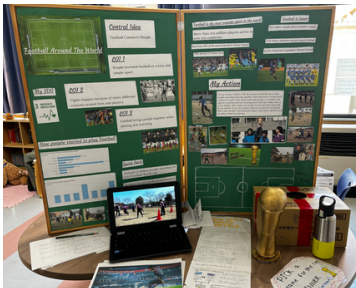


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PYP Exhibition Grade 5/6

It was an amazing experience to witness the dedication of the grade 5/6 students in their PYP exhibition on March 14 and 15. They focused on different global issues, conducting interviews, crafting action plans and surveys to make a difference in the world. Good job everyone!! Here are just a few of the amazing exhibitions.



Food Drive



From February 22nd to 26th, our school cooperated with a charity organization, Food Bank Again to host a food drive event. Our students donated supplies such as noodles, canned food, baby supplies, hygiene products, dry packaged foods and more! We had a huge success in donating the food.

Ohtani Shohei Married

On February 29 the major league baseball star Ohtani Shohei announced on Instagram that he is married to an unidentified Japanese woman. We soon found out that his wife is Mamiko Tanaka a former star in the Women's Japan Basketball League. "To all my friends and fans throughout, I have an announcement to make" he writes. "Not only have I began a new chapter in my career with Dodgers but I also have began a new life with someone from my native country of Japan who is very special to me and I wanted everyone to know I am now married. I am excited for what is to come and thank you for your support." Fans are congratulating his happy announcement.



WORLD NEWS

Grammy Awards



The Grammy Awards of 2024 took place on February 4th creating another memorable night in music history. Among the highlights, Miley Cyrus won her first-ever award and made her speech next to Mariah Carey who presented the trophy to her. Billie Eilish's newest single "What Was I Made for?" was performed by her and her brother as well. The song won Song of the Year along with five other trophies she got that night. There was also a heartwarming moment when Jay Z received his Global Impact Award and invited his daughter, Blue Ivy Carter to join him on stage, talking about how much his daughter had grown up. Taylor Swift made an exciting announcement as she accepted her 13th award, that she would be putting out a new album on April 19. The audience was also delighted to welcome a surprise appearance by Celine Dion. She shares with the audience her struggles with stiff person syndrome which has made it difficult for her to perform on tours. "When I say that I'm happy to be here, I mean it from my heart," she said, expressing her gratitude to be at the Grammys.



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The Hidden Costs of Our Digital Footprint

Mari Bediako



When you think about *pollution* a number of things probably come to your mind. Maybe you picture a vast area of land covered with overflowing mountains of trash, grimy factories emitting toxic smog into the atmosphere, or maybe you think of a beach with plastic waste coating its shore. These are common things that we all think of when we hear the word *pollution*. But what if I told you that seemingly mundane actions like sending a text message, watching a youtube video, and even liking an instagram post is a form of pollution? This type of lesser known but just as impactful form of pollution is called Digital pollution. Digital pollution encompasses the environmental impacts generated by our digital world. Digital pollution stems from 3 major causes. The first, is the electronic waste (e-waste) that we produce from hardware that inevitably ends up in landfill. The second, is all the energy that is consumed from all digital platforms (like google, youtube, netflix) as well as energy consumed from storing digital data (photo storage, email storage, etc). The third cause consists of the entire carbon footprint of the digital industry, meaning all the carbon emission that goes into producing and operating the digital devices that you use. Digital pollution poses a significant threat because unless you lead a completely technology-free lifestyle, you contribute to it. Let's consider your computer: The production of your computer took 22 kilos of chemicals, 240 kilos of fuel and 1.5 tons of clean water, and those are just the natural resources that were used. After your laptop was made and bought by you, the use of it for an average day at school produces between 44 and 88 kgs of CO₂ into the atmosphere each year. Then once your laptop has been used for several years, you discard it, and that laptop inevitably ends up in the piles and piles of never ending and everlasting landfill. Now that's just you, but an average 3.3 billion people worldwide use laptops. This adds up, causing devastating impacts on the environment.

So, you've already bought your laptop, smartphone, and other devices and the damage you have done is unfortunately irreparable. However, there are small changes that you can make while you use these devices to reduce your further contribution to digital pollution. First, let's clean up your digital clutter. Delete all your redundant emails, unused files, and apps that you haven't used in a while (maybe even go through your apps and only keep the ones that you truly need). Go through your photos, and keep only the important ones. This may seem time consuming, but the amount of energy that is used to maintain this digital clutter is worth getting rid of. Second, try downloading things instead of streaming them. Downloading a song requires the same amount of energy it takes to stream it just once, so by downloading your playlist or favorite movies, you are already cutting down your energy usage significantly. Next, if you're ever thinking about getting the brand new iPhone or Surface Pro, ponder this... do you truly need it? Is all of the damage that you will cause to the environment by getting this upgrade really worth it? It most certainly is not. So, unless your device is completely broken to the point where you are unable to use it no matter how much you try to repair it, do not buy a new one. Remember this: Out of all of the trillions of planets in our universe, Earth is ours, so let's not destroy it.

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STUDENT COUNCIL NEW SESSION

Students from grade 9 and above! The Student Council term for the year has ended and the elections just finished! It is not too late for those wanting to join us as an unelected member. Make sure to read the details below if you are interested! If you are also interested in creating the TIS Journal with us, talk to the chief editor, Elisha (Grade 11)!

Student Council members must:

1. Be in grades 9-12 as of the 2024-2025 school year
2. Be in good academic standing (average grade of 4)
3. Be able to attend Student Council meetings after school on Mondays throughout the school year.
 - a. 2 consecutive absences from meetings without valuable reason are not permitted.
4. Any unrelated and unnecessary activities (playing games, watching videos, social media, reading books, finishing homework, etc.) are not allowed during student council meetings (3:45-5:00).
5. All students must regularly check messages on the Student Council group chat and respond accordingly.
6. All elected and unelected members will be expected to attend all Student Council events.
7. Consistently demonstrate the qualities of our Five Stars.
 - a. Communicator
 - b. Risk-Taker
 - c. Open-Minded
 - d. Responsible
 - e. Knowledgeable

Here are the newly elected members of the student council:

- President: Kseniia F.
- Vice President: Taiga I.
- Secretary: Jiyu K
- Treasurer: Kouji M.
- Communications Director: Eva D. and Eima M.



CURRENT HOUSE POINTS



SC NEWSPAPER TEAM:

Elisha. P - editor, writer, layout
 Yeo Won. K - writer
 Souta. A - writer
 Jiyu. K - writer
 Jimin K. - writer

Thank you for your support in the student council newspaper!
 If you have any topics or announcements to put into the newspaper, contact us!

