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Redefining Home

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As Lunar New Year approaches, international students, expats and local students alike find ourselves wondering what the holidays will have in store for us with travel restrictions barring us from visiting family and friends once again.

Home, I'm sure for many international students and expats, has always felt somewhat abstract. While some may be able to think of a place or articulate a meaningful metaphor for what home means to them, I find myself struggling to do either.

When I first moved from the States, I was confident when answering questions like "where are you from" and "where do you consider home?" I used "Michigan" and "home" synonymously but since then, the lines have begun to blur, especially as I begin to mediate more on what living in China has taught me and the place it has in my heart.



Lunar New Year is meant for family reunion and time to visit home and is subsequently a very special holiday for most, but I didn't see it as such until this year. Besides family dinners and visiting my dad's hometown, the holiday had little significance to me. In fact, I used to dread this holiday because it meant having to visit my dad's family in the middle of nowhere while my friends got to stay at beachy resorts. So, when the government announced that they strongly recommended for everyone to not travel, I gladly complied. Because to me, I wasn't celebrating the holiday as I should because I wasn't "going home."

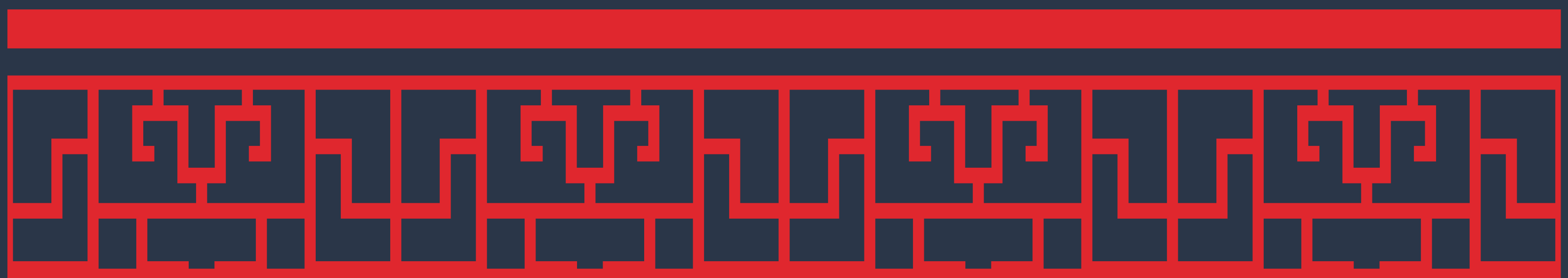
However, after visiting my family this past summer, I realized how much I had missed out on. The great food. Talking to my cousins. The beautiful countryside scenery. I felt a tinge of regret and sadness knowing that this was the last time I'd be there for a long, long while and that I hadn't fully appreciated those Lunar New Year family dinners with the whole family huddled around a small wooden table while the 春节晚会 show blasted in the background.

It was also this time last year that many of my classmates left for their vacation destinations and never returned or have yet to do so. When talking one of my OOC friends, we both reflected on our identities as international students and what home meant to us.

Despite us both living in the countries we ethnically "belong" to, something feels off. It doesn't feel like we're truly home.

I think perhaps the reason I struggled to see China and my dad's hometown as anything other than a place was because of the fact that "home" in and of itself is singular. It doesn't lend itself to multiple meanings or definitions despite its complicated connotations and heavy emotions attached to it.

Since moving to China, I've begun to learn more about what home means from conversations with other students and self-reflection. I've heard of many people describing home as the people they surround themselves with or being many places. But to me, home is a feeling. It does not belong to one place or one person or anything tangible, for that matter. Instead, it belongs to time. It belongs to those moments when you're laughing so hard you can't stand, or those moments when you're being hugged so hard you can't breathe. It's those little moments that feel like home to me. And so, for this holiday while we are barred from visiting our family and friends in other cities and countries, look for those little moments that make you feel at home.

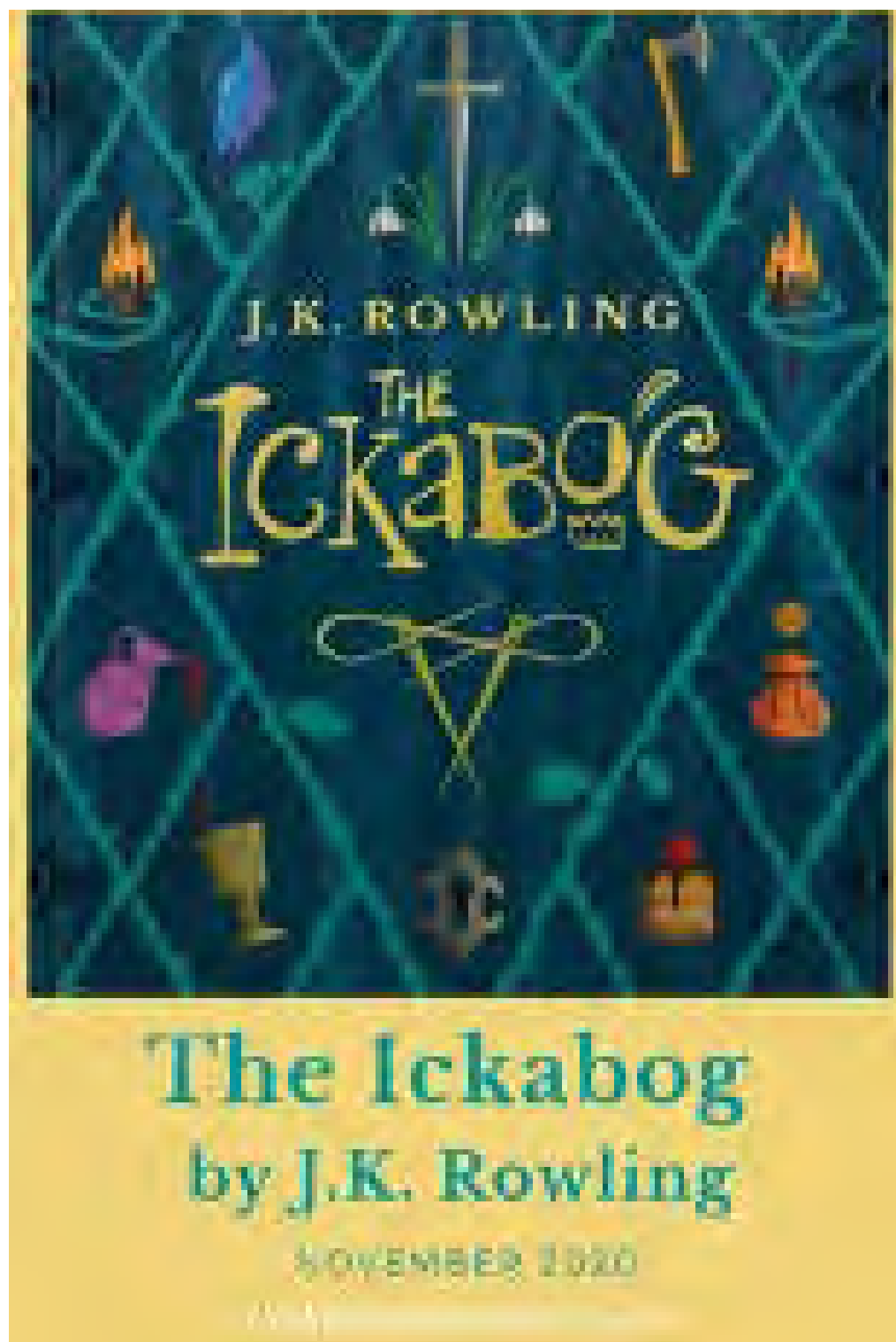


J.K. ROWLING'S NEW BOOK

BY MUYUN LING GRADE 6

After J.K. Rowling released the final book of the Harry Potter series in 2007, she hadn't written any books for children since 2007.

Now Ickabog is here, the book of brave.



Picture from pining.com

"It is a very interesting story," said Sophia Ding HIS Grade 6 student. "I was very interested in this book because I like J.K. Rowling. My favorite character was Daisy."

"I'm excited to read it," said HIS Grade 6 student Victoria Cao. "I love the other books that J.K. Rowling wrote, namely Harry Potter."

"I read Ickabog because my older sister was reading it," Mufei Lin age 8 said. "I think the illustrations are very cool because the kids in my age drew them."

The idea for Ickabog came to J.K. Rowling while she was still writing Harry Potter. Busy with creating one of the most popular series of all time, she never had the time to complete Ickabog until now. Her daughter was the one who inspired her to revisit and finish this fairy tale.

The illustrations in the book are all created by hand by 7 to 13-year-old kids. When the 7-13 years old kids read it, they will feel very comfortable and existed.

The story begins in a rich kingdom where people live very happily. Trouble starts when the king is informed that Ickabog has eaten a villager's pet dog. To find out what happens next, you'll have to read it for yourself.

Let's go to the moon

NASA | 2021

By: Muyun Lin Grade 6



I'm sure we have all heard about the plan NASA (National Aeronautics and Space Administration) had in 2020 to go to Mars. Like the resolutions we set out for ourselves in the beginning of the year, NASA too, has a vision for 2021.

In 2021, NASA plans to send a man and a woman to the moon. According to the NASA report, NASA will also test a series of landing technologies on a commercial space mission in 2021. The main experiment of the project is the rocket and the tested technology will make it possible to land on the moon more safely and accurately, which will be the key to formulate norms for space tourism and establish a permanent colony in the future.

But, all these plans will only be carried out after the experiments for NASA's Mars rover "Perseverance" is over. As of now, "Perseverance" has landed on Mars, and started search for evidence of microbial life that could have existed on Mars billions of years ago. Also on board the rover is a tiny helicopter called Ingenuity. It weighs only 1.8 kilograms (4 pounds) and is solar-powered. The helicopter will be the first powered aircraft to attempt a flight on another planet.

Demon Slayer

鬼灭之刃

BY: MUYUN LIN G6 & AMY XIAO G8

THE NEW MOVIE

Demon Slayer is an anime that a lot of people like. Now this anime had launched a new movie, it is now showing in Japan. This movie soon become the most popular movie in Japan, but is not showed in China yet, but the people are waiting for it.

LIGHT SHOW IN JAPAN & A NEW RECORD!

In the capital of Japan Tokyo, people had a light show on the sky tree about the demon movie, and also the principal voice actor of different characters came there too. There were many people came to that light show.

In the past 18 years, the movie that has the largest people had buy for going to the cinema to watch is the movie "Spirited Away" that Hayao Miyazaki, but when the Demon slayer came out, the movie Spirited Away is not in the first place anymore, the Demon slayer take the first place! In the past 8 years, there's no anime movies that break the record that Spirited Away had made, but the movie called Demon Slayer make it, the thing that many people think is imposable!

This movie talks about in the past Japan, there will be cannibals comes out and eat person. The lead of this anime is a boy. When this boy comes back home from selling charcoal, his mom, three brothers and a sister are all die, the only sister is alive become from a human to a cannibal, but the thing that is interesting is that the boy's sister won't eat people. The boy makes up his mind to make his sister back to human, if you want to know what is happening next, watch the anime.

INTERVIEW

"I hope I could watch it." said Sophia Ding in HIS grade six. "my favorite character is the lead's sister because she is very brave when she is helping her brother, she is also a very kind and nice person in the story.



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鬼灭之刃：无限列车篇

新的记录！

动画电影《鬼灭之刃：无限列车篇》改编自日本漫画家吾峠呼世晴创作的漫画作品《鬼灭之刃》。该片由ufotable负责制作，于2020年10月16日在日本上映。截至2020年12月27日，日本国内累计票房收入已突破324亿7889万5850日元，仅用73天就成功打破了2001年上映的《千与千寻》的316亿8000万日元的票房记录，成为了日本国内最高票房电影。

鬼灭之刃剧情简介

传说太阳下山后，有恶鬼出没吃人。亦有猎鬼人斩杀恶鬼、保护人们。卖炭少年炭治郎，他那平凡而幸福的日常生活，在家人遭到恶鬼袭击的那一天发生了剧变。母亲与四个弟妹惨遭杀害，而与他一起生还的妹妹祢豆子亦异变成凶暴的鬼。在猎鬼人的指引下，立志成为猎鬼人的炭治郎与变成鬼却尚存理智的祢豆子踏上了旅程。

东京的灯光秀！

鬼灭之刃：无限列车篇在2020年10月16日上映，而为了配合它的首播，在日本的首都东京晴空塔举行了点灯活动也就是灯光秀。为各个角色配音的声优，包括唱鬼灭之刃的主题曲的歌手织部里沙 LiSA在内都纷纷在现场努力的宣传呢。

电影的播出

这部鬼灭之刃：无限列车篇为鬼灭之刃动画的后续。鬼灭之刃这部动画本身就是一部热番，所以新出的鬼灭之刃：无限列车篇的人气也非常高。因为国内还没有完全引进，所以国内的许多人还在期待着鬼灭之刃引进国内。据说在中国的首都北京，这部电影已经播出了。不过因为大陆还没有完全引进，能不能在国内看，我们也只能拭目以待了。

SELENA GOMEZ AND BLACKPINK COLLABORATE TO
BRING TOGETHER THE WORLDS OF AMERICAN POP
AND K-POP

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ICE CREAM

By: Sylvie Hao Grade 6

K-Pop group BlackPink's song, "Ice-Cream", was released on August 28, 2020. They set a new record of 10 million views in just a few hours from their collaboration with Selena Gomez. "We think that the people who are suffering from the summer heat can chill while listening to the song," said BlackPink in an interview with NAVER Media. "We hope that the good energy and excitement we felt will be delivered to everyone who listens."

Many fans were wondering if Ariana Grande wrote for the song Ice-cream. The answer was yes! In a post on Ariana Grande's Instagram Stories on Aug. 21, she admitted she helped write the song. "I really like that this song is sort of different than Blackpink's previous songs," said one fan with the username Ariel ari. "It's a new side and concept that really suits them. I can't wait for the new album!" Have a listen and you might like it too!

SLIME

By: Diana Xiang and Victoria Cao Grade 6

INTRODUCTION

Slime is a squishy, soft trend toy that many people make and use. One can add beads, foam balls, buttons, and more. Slime is popular for its visual appeal and satisfying sounds. Slime has been popular with people all over the world of all ages. Slime's stretchy and sticky texture is very appealing to many who love to play with this slimy toy.



SLIME DANGERS

According to a study, borax slime can be toxic. Although borax is toxic, borax slime is usually made using a small amount of borax. Borax is toxic only in large amounts, so usually, borax slime should not be dangerous to one's health. If there is a large concentration of borax in slime, symptoms include skin rash, nausea, and vomiting can occur. Even the smallest amounts of borax can be deadly to pets, so do not leave slime where pets can reach it.



SLIME FACTS

- The first slime was created by Mattel toy maker in 1976 .
- The first slime was a gooey green mess made of guar gum and borax
- The current slime trend started in 2015
- The slime trend started when some young people started to post videos about how to make slime, and people playing with slime
- 2017 is said to be the slime year, as it was the year that it was most popular. .
- Slime is still being used now, even though 2017 is long past

POPULAR SLIME TYPES

According to the internet, the most popular types of slime are fluffy slime, classic slime, and butter slime. These are the types of base for slime, but many people also add sparkles, glitter and beads into their slime to decorate it. “My favorite is fluffy slime and I love to make bubbles and its non-sticky texture that’s very soothing.”, says Sylvie Hao. Fluffy slime is created using shaving cream, and is very popular because of its airy texture, and it’s soft, but not sticky stretchiness. Classic slime is the very basic slime, that’s normal slime with no added ingredients. It’s the easiest to make, and one of the most popular. Butter slime is known for its buttery, glossy texture that smooths over everything. To make butter slime, add clay to normal slime. “I like water slime, because of its watery, stretchy, and not that sticky.”, says 6th grader Lucia. There are tons of different types of slime that many different people love to play with.

SLIME BENEFITS

Slime can have a calming effect, due to something called ASMR (Autonomous Sensory Meridian Response). This makes a person feel calm and satisfied. Slime can be beneficial towards mental health, as it can reduce stress. It reduces stress because when you squeeze it, your arms and wrists lose tension and eventually you will be distracted from your source of stress. Overall, slime can be very beneficial to mental health. “Slime relieves stress and feels very calming to me.”, says Muyun from 6th grade.



US AND EUROPEAN RESPONSE TO THE GLOBAL PANDEMIC

It has been one year since the Corona Virus appeared. Countries all over the world sprang into action to try and keep their citizens safe. Different countries had different ways of dealing with this pandemic.

By Lucia Hoarau Mateos

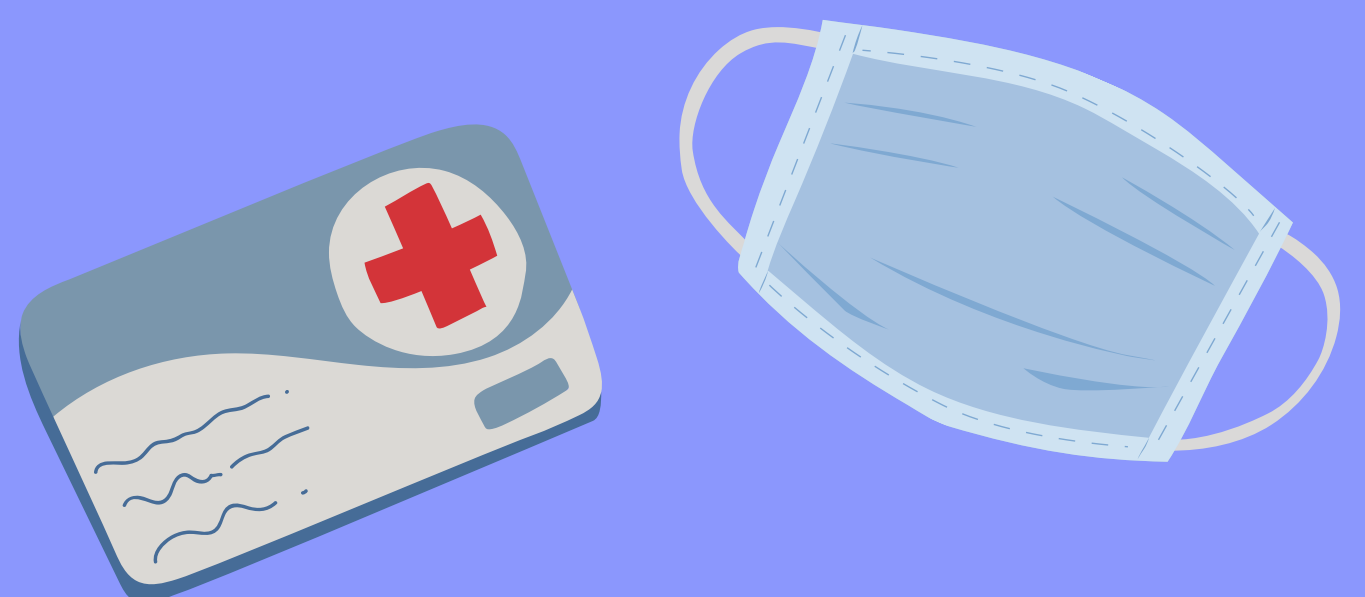
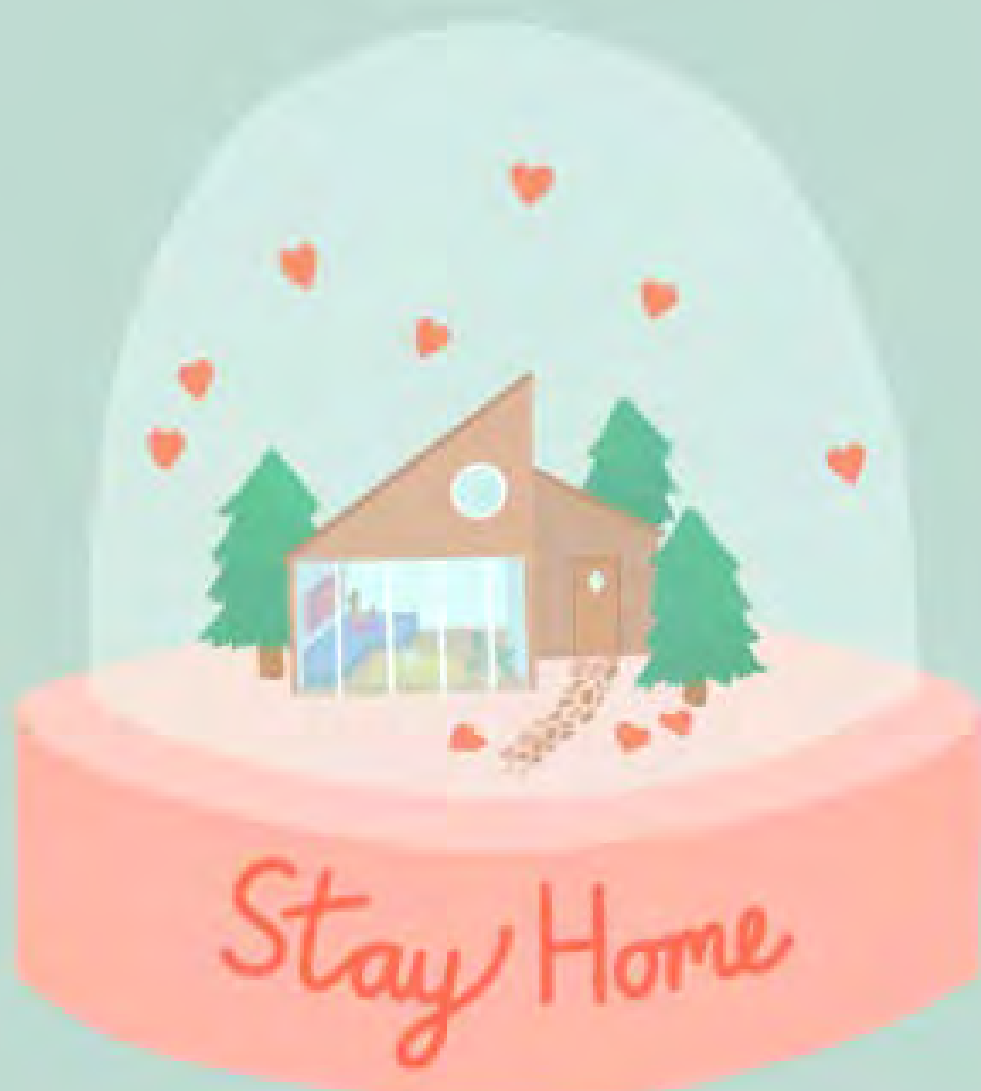
COVID-19, also known as Coronavirus origin's have been highly debated and still unknown as of now, but many people think that the virus started in a food market in Wuhan, China. On January 20, 2020 the first case was reported, and by April, all 50 states in the US had reported cases. In America alone, over 700,000 people have died due to the virus. On March 6, President Trump signed the document: Coronavirus Preparedness and Response Supplemental Appropriations Act, which provided \$8.3 billion for emergencies regarding COVID-19. On March 13, President Trump declared the virus a national emergency. Later, the U.S. started to compile medical equipment used to treat the Coronavirus patients. Numbers in the US continue to grow each day.

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"Just about everyone I know back home knows at least one person who contracted the virus," said Brianna Riani an American Citizen and HIS Grade 4 teacher said. "It was so difficult to watch and hear about the struggles of friends and loved ones back home who are trying to stay safe." The US is organizing a vaccination platted to vaccine 100 million people before 2021.



The UK, in fact, has already started vaccinating people. Queen Elizabeth and her husband Prince Philip will be part of the first people to receive it. The name of the vaccine is Pfizer-BionTech, and it comes from a U.S. and German biotech startup. The first person to be vaccinated is a 90-year-old woman. The UK is the European country with the highest death rate 61,000 persons. This is why they started the vaccination campaign before the others according to Figaro Newspaper. Other European countries are also facing an intense second wave of the Coronavirus and a lot have been put in lockdown once again. Most borders have been closed and are being controlled to avoid the spread of the virus. "Well, I think that Coronavirus is very bad, and very aggressive. It is very aggressive in Europe it killed 413,296 people," said my grandmother, Julia Caro, resident of Spain. "I am old, and I am scared to get it. To stop this, I think that we should wash our hands, stay inside and only go out for necessary things and when we do go out, we should remember to wear a mask and everything like that." The Coronavirus has affected countries far and wide. If we all do our part we can help put an end to this deadly virus.





from my dream school.

By: Grace Tan

As college decisions roll around, students around the world are feeling all sorts of emotions ranging from ecstatic to miserable. In this article, I wanted to share some of my thoughts as well as information on the US college decisions process that I've learned about while applying to these schools myself.

So, I just got rejected from my dream school, Stanford. Shocker! With a 9.52% early action acceptance rate and a poorly written Common App essay, I was expecting this. But still, it doesn't take away from the initial shock and dulling pain that these rejections bring along. Alas, I have some thoughts on the whole process, which I hope can in some way comfort you the way it has comforted me.

For context, higher education in America is unique, to say the least. With the most baffling tuition prices and convoluted admissions processes in the world, students across the globe pay hundreds of dollars and spend hours writing and perfecting essays for a sliver of a chance to be accepted into some highly prestigious schools. Just for reference, I wrote eight (8) supplementary essays and paid 90 USD for my application fee to Stanford.

However, it's not really education that is at the focal point of these institutions, although the US is home to some of the world's top schools. One of the main priorities, at least for students like me, is the "college experience." While other cultures and countries also view university as a time for personal growth and finding lifelong friends, the US seems to have a heavier emphasis on this. I mean, there are university lists specifically for the country's best party schools.

During my college search, I found that what I was prioritizing was location, student life, campus culture, and which Youtubers attend their institution so I could form my entire concept of a school around their personality. When compiling reasons for why I wanted to attend this "dream school" of mine, I found that the core reason was not just because they had interesting academic programs, rather, it was because of the façade and personality this school presented to me. I felt that Stanford was really "my place," where I would really "find myself." Which was one of the reasons the rejection stung a bit more. Realistically, you can get a quality education anywhere. However, you can't get the same "experience" everywhere. It is this abstract concept that American universities, especially the elite ones, use to get you to buy into paying tens of thousands for mediocre dorms and in school dining.

That being said, there is also the fact that American college decisions are kinda whack. Many factors, often times out of your control, are heavily emphasized, such as your income bracket, ethnicity, whether or not you're a legacy, and even your geographical location. This is mainly done to ensure that the body of students at a university is diverse and interesting, and I honestly do not have a problem with this. Except for legacy admissions, legacy admissions can die.

However, taking into account other factors such as ethnicity and income bracket is one of the ways in which many families can be brought out of systemic poverty and ensures that class discussions don't end up being completely overrun by privileged kids with an often-narrow worldview. Of course, there is also rampant corruption and bribery that can take away seats from students as well. For example, the Olivia Jade scandal and other cases of parents casually donating millions of dollars or buildings to these institutions.

On the more conspiratorial side, it has been suspected that some schools may reject students who are more than qualified in order to protect their acceptance rates, especially if they think that candidates are "too good" for them and will reject them by choosing to not attend their institution. This is called "yield protection" or "Tufts syndrome," which is the name of a university suspected of engaging in such practice. While there has been some debate about the plausibility of such a practice, it can explain why some seemingly perfect students can get rejected even from their safety school.

Similarly, schools who have large applicant pools but only a small class size have to reject students in order to ensure they don't go over their student capacity. Furthermore, we must take into account that there are real people reading over these applications; real people who have bad days or perhaps don't find the topic you're writing about interesting. There is a lot of randomness and luck in the process which is why students with perfect SAT scores, outstanding extracurriculars, international level awards and amazing essays can still get rejected.

While it seems unfair that things so out of your control are so important in the college admissions process, I understand and accept that it is necessary.

Really though, what the problem is for admissions decisions in the US isn't that these somewhat arbitrary elements can become the forefront of your application, rather, it is the fact that these schools are so selective to begin with. With billions in endowment, schools could easily choose to build more dorms, hire new faculty and take in new students, but they don't, and students find fault in themselves and scrutinize their applications searching for answers as to why they didn't get in.

Tablo, a Stanford graduate and leader of Korean rap group Epik High once said, "you don't remember the universities you didn't go to." A simple yet profound quote that illustrates that education and the elusive "college experience" is truly what you make of it. Going to your dream school or a T20 isn't conducive to having the best college experience and going to your safety school isn't conducive to having a horrible college experience. This is probably not what you want to hear, nor is it what I want to hear, but your college experience and education is what you make of it. That freedom and choice to create your own path is horrifyingly uncertain, but also comforting because of it. Life doesn't end after college and it sure doesn't end once you get rejected from your dream school.

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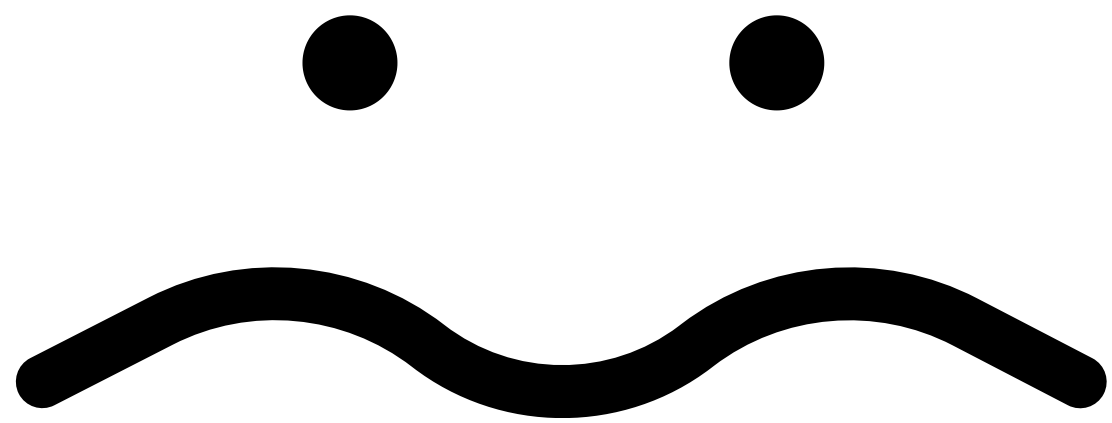
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ANXIETY IN HIGH SCHOOL:

By: Nseyo Perry

get help



In recent years, mental health has become less of a taboo topic, allowing for more conversations and a better understanding of such issues. However, that stigma has not faded completely. In this article, Nseyo discusses her personal experience and encourages those struggling to seek help.

I think I've always had anxiety. Even when I was in elementary school, the thought of having to throw away a piece of paper with the class watching gave me serious nausea. I could barely make friends. It took me twenty minutes of overthinking to decide to talk to the girl I now call my best friend. Back then I couldn't manage it. In fact in middle school, it was so bad sometimes I couldn't breathe. It wasn't until eleventh grade that this extreme feeling of fear was officially diagnosed as anxiety.

High school is hard, especially as an IB student. And as adolescents, we are prone to depression, stress, and of course anxiety. How do you manage it? Do you ignore it? Do you deal with it head on? Do you have a therapist or psychiatrist? Do you use unhealthy coping mechanisms like I used to? Dealing with any mental illness is hard. It's even harder when you have a million assignments and it feels like you're getting no support. My advice: get help.

Getting help is not exclusive to seeing a doctor. It has a multitude of meanings. Leaning on your friends and family could be something that helps. Talking to a trusted teacher or faculty member could help. Even talking to a shrink could help. My point is this: anxiety is something I wouldn't wish on anyone. I certainly wouldn't wish for anyone to deal with it alone. So, get help.

Talk to someone, anyone who would be able to lessen the anxiety that may or may not come with being an IB student in high school.

Having anxiety or periods of it is NOTHING, I repeat nothing to be ashamed of. Almost everyone I know has experienced it. If you're reading this and are feeling ashamed, your friends have probably dealt with anxiety. Your teachers. Even your parents at one point. There is nothing to be ashamed of.

From reading this. I hope you feel less alone. I hope you realize that I have anxiety too and I empathize; I sympathize. I hear you. I see you. Email me if you need to. DM me if you need to. Even write me a letter. And if you've learned anything from this, I hope it's to get help.

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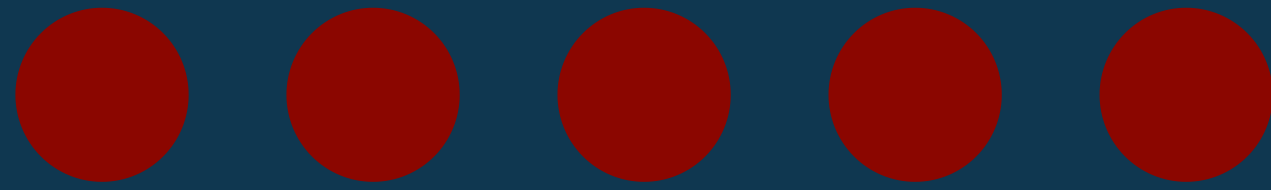


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