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Hidden Heroes at SIS

John Bhang, Charlotte Chung, Daeun Lee

Mr. Chung: School Driver

What is your name?

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What do you contribute to SIS?

I am the D1 bus driver.

For how long have you worked at SIS?

Around 20 years

What are some difficulties you faced at SIS?

I had no such big difficulties, but I guess some of the kids are loud on the bus and disrupt everyone. Other than that, I feel like working in SIS is going fantastic.

Other than working, what is your daily routine and schedule?

Well, I wake up at 4 am. I go to the shower and come out in 30 minutes. At around 4:30, I go to church to give my prayers. At around 5:30, I come to SIS to start picking the kids up. During school hours, I get to rest and enjoy my time with fellow bus drivers. When it's the end of school, I drop the kids off, but my driving doesn't end there. I come back to SIS and wait for the ASE kids to get on. When all the dropping off is over, it is around 7 pm. Usually, I go home, eat dinner, and watch the news and some entertainment shows. When it's around 11-12, I go to sleep to restart my day tomorrow.

That's a hefty schedule, how do you like the working environment of SIS?

It is simply great. The buses, kids, facilities, and much more are just so great. I love working here.

Ms. Haugen: School Counselor

What does a counselor do?

A counselor is someone who is there to help and support in every area of a student's life - both outside life and school life.

What motivated you to become a counselor?

I got along with my high school counselor and got motivated by her. I knew that I wanted to be a counselor when I finished college.

How do you become a counselor?

You need to have 4 years of bachelor's degree and get a master's degree. Counseling is competitive and you have to apply to the school program.

What are the difficulties of being a counselor?

The difficulties I face with my job is being a yes person. You have to do everything someone asks and has to say yes, but sometimes, it can be too much for my plate.

What do you like about being a counselor?

I feel like being a counselor is the best because each day is different. Since teachers teach the same thing, they are boring, but her job is different.

We heard that you are the volleyball coach for the varsity teams. What motivated you to play volleyball?

I played volleyball since I was eight and have coached since I was 14.

Ms. Hana Lee: MS Office

What is your name?

Hana Lee

What is your job here at SIS?

I am the MS secretary

How long have you worked here?

Around 10 years

How do you enjoy working here?

It is great, it's just that there are a lot of setbacks.

Like what?

Since there are no substitutes for a secretary, I cannot miss a single day of my work, even if it means my children or I am sick. Also, since I'm a secretary I am under some pressure to do everything about the school.

What is your daily schedule?

I wake up around 5:30, and arrive at SIS at 7:30. Then, I handle parent emails and questions until about 9. Since PTC is coming up, my work has become more strict. Also, I have to take care of the school budget, which is a lot of burdens. Finally, I also help kids find their lost items such as wallets, AirPods, water bottles, etc. Then I end my day.



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Mr. Hagen: Language Arts Support Teacher

Do you like SIS?

I do like SIS. I like how welcoming and kind all of the staff are, and how friendly and hardworking all of the students are.

What motivated you to become a teacher?

I wanted to make a difference in the world and make an impact.

Is it good to travel to a foreign country?

It is good, but difficult because you don't know the language, while sometimes it is hard to get basic things set up, such as Coupang Eats.

How does it feel like being a Language Arts support teacher?

It feels wonderful because I get to work with 3 different grades and 3 different teachers, so his days are always different.

What are the differences between the Language Arts teacher and the Language Arts support teacher?

The differences are that the Language Arts teacher designs the curriculum and I design the learning activities.



Mr. Vaisman: MS Spanish

How do you feel about teaching a 2nd language to students?

It is the profession I chose and I feel fortunate that I get paid while teaching it.

Where did you live before?

Columbia

What motivated you to be a Spanish teacher?

It seemed like a good match because I love my language and a lot of people are interested in learning Spanish, so it felt like a service that is well received.

How do you learn a 2nd language? Are there any tips for your students?

Some tips are using YouTube, Netflix, and Spotify.

Do you like living in a foreign country?

Yes because I get to experience different cultures and different foods, and be outside my comfort zone.

We also heard that you are the cross-country coach. Is there any tip for balancing your schedule and playing sports and studying?

Yes, do things that charge you emotionally. For me, it is being with my dogs, which makes me happy.



THE NBAS

Kevin Kim & Namhoon Kim

The NBA is the National Basketball Association that was established in 1947 on June 6th. This year, the NBA has reached its 76th season. There are 30 teams in the NBA; each team has 82 games and is an 8-month-long round-robin tournament until the playoffs. There are two different sides to the NBA: the Western Conference and the Eastern Conference. There are 15 teams on each side. The top 8 teams from each side are then placed into a bracket. There are games until only one victorious team gets 4 wins. Then, there is an elimination and the last 1 team from both conferences play a final game to get to 4 wins first.

The Golden State Warriors and the LA Lakers played the first game of the western conference October 19, 2022, 11:00 A.M. (South Korea Time) The Warriors won the game by 123 to 109. The player with the most points was Stephen Curry who made 33 points. These points are 10 points from a field goal, 12 points from 4 3-pointers, and 9 points from free throws. From the Lakers, LeBron James scored the most points from his team. He made 31 points - 12 points by a field goal, 9 points from 3 3-pointers, and 4 points from 4 free throws.

MY OPINION: I believe that the Golden State Warriors will win. They almost have the game lineup, meaning that they will have the same team chemistry that won them the NBA championship. They also have one of the best shooters called Stephen Curry.

Philadelphia 76ers vs Boston Celtics

At 8:30 am (KST), there was a game at the TD Garden with over 19 thousand people present. Boston Celtics won by 126 to 117, with the star player being Jason Tatum. He played the small guard position and had 35 points, 12 rebounds, and 4 assists. He shot 65% on field goal shooting and 28% from the three-point line. He had the highest box plus-minus of 10. On the Philadelphia 76ers was James Harden with 35 points, 15 rebounds, and 5 assists with the box plus-minus of 1. The box plus-minus is the point differential when a player or team is on the floor.

Ime Udoka was suspended for 1 season after violating a team's policy. Joe Mazzulla has entered the coaching scene as the main coach. Things are going well as the first game of the East has gone in their favor with a victory. Bill Russel was given respect today on the opening night of the Celtics game. The franchise celebrated the life and legacy of Bill Russel, an 11-time NBA champion. Boston started to take the lead in the 1st half as Boston took a lead of 10 points. The 76ers tried to keep up with the increase in shooting percentage, but only managed to decrease it by 1 point ending in 126 to 117. Blake Griffin was recently signed by Boston Celtics and is yet to confirm if it is a good signing as he has only played 8 minutes in the first game.

STATISTICS	Boston Celtics	Philadelphia 76ers
Field Goal percentage	56.1%	50%
3 point percentage	34.3%	38.2%
Free throw percentage	78.6%	85.7%
Rebounds	36	31
Assists	24	16
Steals	8	8
Turnovers	11	14
Fouls	24	25
Largest point gap.	16	8



Nets vs Grizzlies

On October 25th at 9 AM (KST), the Brooklyn Nets played against the Memphis Grizzlies at FedExForum with over 17 thousand people. The player of the game was Ja Morant playing the point guard role. He scored 38 points, 8 rebounds, and 7 assists. Right behind was Desmond Bane with 38 points, Kevin Durant with 37 points, and Kyrie Irving with 37 points. Ja Morant shot 54.5% field goal percentage, 66.6% on three-point percentage, 90.9% on free throws, and box plus-minus 20. Ben Simmons sounded off as he fouled out in the 4th quarter of the game. This was the 2nd foul out in 3 regular seasons. It was shown that Steven Nash, Nets coach, was in disbelief alongside Ben Simmons. The post-game interview showed how Ben Simmons was confused with the technical foul in the first quarter and the last baited foul by Ja Morant. Ja Morant agrees that it was bait and learned this back when he was a rookie and Simmons did the same thing. Although Ben Simmons has a troubling history, Steven Nash seems confident that Simmons will be able to increase the offense and be a big part of the Nets' starting line-up. Many teammates have given support to Simmons and only time will tell if the trade was worth James Harden, who has been playing extraordinarily.

MY OPINION: Both teams have a lot of potential, but many teams have already proved that they are capable. The Nets and Grizzlies have many different players dropping 30 points per game. To be a serious contender, it will have to be on the other players and their improvements over the season to see if they can meet the expected potential or go further.



Mavericks vs Pelicans

On October 26th at 8:30 AM (KST), Dallas Mavericks played against the New Orleans Pelicans. New Orleans ended up winning by 2 points at 113:111. The star of the game came from the Mavericks Luka Doncic playing the point guard role. He ended up with 37 points, 11 rebounds, 7 assists, and a box plus-minus of 6. Right behind is also from the Mavericks, Spencer Dinwiddie with 24 points, Christian Wood with 23 points, and a New Orleans Pelicans player, Trey Murphy, at the 3rd with 22 points. The Pelicans did not have three of their starting players Zion Williamson, Brandon Ingram, and Herb Jones. But they proved they could beat them with an impressive 40 points in the first quarter. Luka had the potential to score a 33-foot (10m) fade-away shot as a buzzer-beater, but could not make the shot. Willie Green - the New Orleans Pelicans head coach - used Naji Marshall and rookie Dyson Daniels in place of Jones for most of the night in guarding Doncic. This helped wear down Doncic and his 3-point percentage started dropping in the second half. Daniels was the 8th pick in the overall 2022 NBA draft. The team bench has been very powerful in the starting season mentioned by C.J McCollum and only time will tell what will happen.

Statistics	Dallas Mavericks	New Orleans Pelicans
Field Goal percentage	50%	57.9%
3 point percentage	31%	44.4%
Free throw percentage	70.8%	72.2%
Rebounds	37	26
Assists	18	25
Steals	8	7
Turnovers	12	14
Fouls	16	21
Largest point gap.	7	16

The New Tiger's Den

Ethan Park & Yoojoon Kwon

Buildings these days are like living beings; they seem to have multiple incarnations and lifetimes. To illustrate, The Tiger's Den café recently underwent a renovation and boasts a fancy new menu. Yet, there are some especially popular drinks, a few price concerns, and contrasting students' opinions.

Smoothies (Strawberry / Mango)

It is a suffocatingly hot day, and the AC is doing nothing to combat the need heat. Sitting at your desk while working on your Social Studies project is agonizing, and you want to drink something other than water. If so, the smoothies down at the Tiger's Den are the perfect refreshments for you. The main reason we love the café's smoothies is because of their fresh taste; at first, most were skeptical about them because they seemed like a simple mix of fruit and ice, but they later found them delicious. The smoothies are currently one of the most well-liked beverages in the café, and we'd recommend this drink.

Milk Tea

Another popular drink in The Tiger's Den is milk tea (coming in both hot and iced forms). It is another refreshing beverage that can revive you on steamy days (or cold temperatures, based on the weather). However, despite its popularity, some students commented that the milk tea's taste and sweetness were inconsistent; sometimes it would come out too sweet, while at others, it would come out too bland. Overall, the general taste is satisfactory, though students recommend consistency.

Student Opinions

Although students love the fresh new taste of the café's renovated menu, they still have complaints about the price and accessibility. "I don't like the new cafe," Justin Chen (7th-grade student) said. "It's overpriced, and you can't go every day like we used to in 6th grade." "I usually get the strawberry or mango smoothies," Brad Hu (7th-grade student) said. "I think they taste really good, but the price might be on the high side. Also, the lines are long after lunch and after school, so it may be hard to get sometimes, especially since middle school is on a 3-day rotation." "In my opinion, the new café isn't bad, but not good either," Alex Lee (7th-grade student) said. "The milk tea is pretty bland, but the food (bread) is all right. It's still pretty expensive, though."

Like Justin, Alex, and Brad stated, most students that we've surveyed are not satisfied with the current price tags; the café charges us 500₩ more for iced drinks and 3500₩ for a simple mixture of fruit and ice. Even the milk tea that is on sale in convenience stores costs only 2000₩, so this is something the café should consider. Additionally, students also want a better system that would improve accessibility – they aren't pleased with the current 3-day rotation. Yet, in general, The Tiger's Den is a significant improvement for SIS students.



Doge: The Famous Shiba Inu

Aaron Chin & Semin Chung

Have you ever heard of that Shiba Inu that's sitting like a majestic emperor? Research states that there are 7 wonders of the world. Yet, I believe that humanity is missing something. I believe the missing piece is the last and 8th wonder of the world, Doge.

Initially, the Doge meme originated from a Japanese photograph of a dog called "Kabosu", a female Shiba Inu who was born on November 2nd, 2005. A Shiba Inu is a small, but well-muscled dog that is popular in Japan, with its triangular-shaped eyes, cheerful, outright personality, and distinctive colors and features. However, the actual photograph was not popular when it was first taken in late 2010. It took two years for it to become a notable meme. It was finally early 2013 when Doge earned fame. For your information, a doge is a very chubby-looking dog with a slight orangish-beige and white fur color, and initially, a spelling mistake of "dog".

Meanwhile, in the picture of Doge, there is colorful text in the font comic sans. The photo consists of a beige couch, wall, flower pot, and the doge, sitting with her left leg covering the right leg. After a while, the picture became a bull-marketing stock company; there are many beings who use this photo. The main attraction of this meme is its iconic comic sans writing style.

Elaborating on this, even major business companies, organizations, and markets have used Doge. On December 6th, 2013, the creators, Billy Markus and Jackson Palmer, created the crypto-currency, Dogecoin. Similar to other meme-based crypto-currencies such as Pi-Coin, and Nyan-Coin, Dogecoin is of great significance. For example, Elon Musk - the Chief Engineer, CEO, and founder of SpaceX and Tesla Motors - has taken a step into the world of Dogecoin. Inspired by his ambitious action, many people have taken a small time in their lives to dedicate their honor to Doge. Meanwhile, there was also an easter egg on YouTube. When the internet user searched the term "doge meme" in the search bar of YouTube, the whole website would be filled with fonts of comic sans in different colors. Another adaptation of Doge was in Sweden. Advertisement agencies used Doge in an advertisement for a public transportation company SL in Stockholm, the capital of Sweden. The advertisement contained Doge holding transport tickets in her mouth. Finally, in the Legends of Zelda: Tri Force Heroes, a 2015 video game, there was also a reference to this meme. In the North American version of the video game, when you examine the ancient bookshelves, it would say "Still, coming here has at least afforded me the rare chance to explore these ancient ruins. So ancient. So ruin."



<Learn to speak like Doge! Let us all speak like Doge. Doge uses two-word phrases>

FIRST: Memorize and learn the 5 modifiers. 'So', 'Such', 'Many', 'Much', and 'Very'.

SECOND: Now that you know the five modifiers, you should learn why you need to know them. Doge speaks with one of the five modifiers as the first word. For the second word, doge uses any English word. Yet, it can NOT make sense!

LASTLY: Speak It Yourself! Have fun with ancient knowledge!

BEST HALLOWEEN COSTUMES



A creative Full Body-Suit Sloth Costume, with a two-layered padded bodysuit, It has separate movable extended claw-gloves, claw-slippers, and of course, the head!



This father-daughter duo created this 6-foot tall "beast" inspired by several fantasy movies, but the end aesthetic is mostly from a post-apocalyptic movie - creative for sure!



This Hades costume is perfect for Greek Mythology lovers. You only need some blue hair dye and makeup to soon become a god of the underworld!



This costume only requires a pair of funky, retro goggles! It is so easy to pair with any outfit and makes you seem like a character from a sci-fi novel!

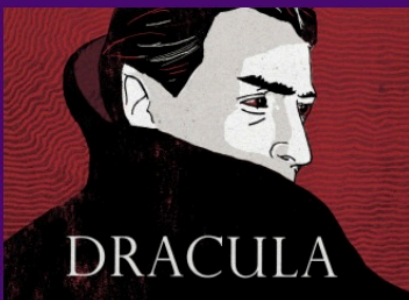


The Maleficent costume - a classic one - is suitable for anyone who wants to look both elegant and luxurious! Take a few of your black clothes and there you have your costume!



For those who want to simultaneously appear glamorous, but minimalistic and iconic, this headband will fit your use!

HALLOWEEN BOOK RECOMMENDATION



DRACULA

This is a classic book by Bram Stoker, the ultimately spooky tale of Jonathan Harker who is traveling to Castle Dracula - the place where the spooky Count Dracula resides. Read this book to discover the ghostly tale of how Harker discovered Dracula's true self and the dark plot that follows...



NIGHTBOOKS

This is the story of Alex, a boy who loves horror and writes original stories in his "nightbooks". Lured out of the elevator when it unexpectedly stops at the 4th-floor of his apartment building, he is taken captive by the witch Natasha and has to tell her a horror story every night to stay alive. However, his worry is that soon he'll run out of stories to tell.



ALL THE MISSING GIRLS

A spooky mystery told backward in time, featuring Nicolette Farrell, a girl who left the town after her best friend went missing. After a few years, Nicolette returned, but her neighbor vanished a few days later. By solving the mystery of Anneliese from next door, she might uncover the truth behind Corinne's disappearance from so many years ago.

2-Sentence HORROR STORIES



I always thought that my cat had a staring problem-she always seemed fixated on my face. Until one day, when I realized that she was always looking just behind me.

Put back the mirrors.
We miss watching you.

They delivered the mannequins in bubble wrap. From the main room I begin to hear popping.

I woke up to hear knocking on the glass. At first, i thought it was the window until i heard it come from the mirror again.



My sister says that Mommy killed her. Mommy says that I don't have a sister.

As Jack climbed the beanstalk, edging one worn foot after the other, he couldn't help but remember the odd smile of the Wandering Tradesman; the Tradesman's smile was often discussed by Jack's parents, his mother's face twisting into disgust even as she spoke of how the tradesman could not help that he'd been caught in a fire, that he could not help the deformity of his face. And yet she drew Jack closer as the tradesman arrived with his strange smile, strangled and torn and shredded.

He remembered how he'd jeered at the tradesman, at first, when the poor trader had first approached with an offer about magical possessions. He remembered reluctantly taking the beans when the Wandering Tradesman forced them into his palm, and spitting at the filthy tradesman's feet as he rode away on his bicycle.

And as the beanstalk wavered and fell, hurtling towards the ground, as Jack's grip on the beanstalk loosened and he careened to the ground, towards sure death, he remembered the burned, smiling face of the Wandering Tradesman as he gave the three small beans to Jack.

When Jack died, the last image in his mind was the burned smile of the Wandering Tradesman.



Jack and the
Beanstalk

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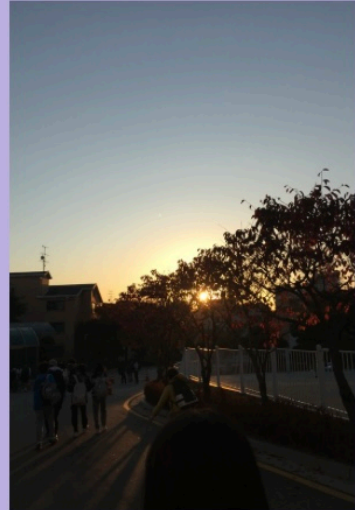
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