

Hillside's

GLOBAL GAZETTE

September 2021



~ Global Club ~President William Gong, Vice Presidents Tony Koo & Max Wang

This club was created in 2010 to foster a continued strong connection between our international students and American students and faculty. We are intent on sharing our diverse cultures with the Hillside population as well as learning about other cultures.

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Travel Blog: Faculty Favorites



Amsterdam ~ Mr. Brown

Amsterdam is the capital of the Netherlands and is known for its elaborate and magnificent canal systems, artistic ambiance, cafes, and tall gabled row houses. In 2009, I had the pleasure of traveling to this remarkable city. I spent three days visiting some of the city's landmarks which include: Anne Frank House, Van Gogh Museum, Vondelpark, and more. I bought an original piece of artwork from a Dutch painter and cruised through the canals on a river boat.



Paraguay ~ Mr. Hinde

Paraguay is known as the heart of South America. This country has some of the rarest plant and animal species in the world. There are beautiful beaches, one hundred plus foot waterfalls, and hundreds of small hills that stand out from the flat landscape. It has become tradition to build swimming pools on these hill-mountains, helping people to enjoy the views in style. This photo was taken in 2019 outside a small city called Caacupe. As you can see Paraguay is a mini paradise.



Guilin, China ~ Ms. Sharrow

Guilin, China is a city in southern China known for its majestic scenery of limestone karst hills. It was one of the most fascinating landscapes I have ever visited. Exploring the local pagodas, the Li River by boat and the scenic Yangshuo countryside was lovely, despite the high humidity! We ate dumplings every night on West Street and even learned how to make our own. This picture was taken in June 2019. It was an experience that I will never forget.



Cool Facts about Travel

- Smoke-line left by airplanes is really water vapor
- Longest commercial flights is Singapore to NYC
- Tokyo's Narita Airport has world's most expensive taxi



JumpStart 2021



Early Arrivals

Hillside's 8th annual JumpStart program kicked off four days early this year in order to accommodate travel restrictions due to the pandemic. We had 10 boys arrive from China at Newark Airport on August 26th. They were chaperoned by trusty Hillside parent Ming Tang. More boys trickled in before Registration Day and the official start of the program on August 30th.

Purposes

The Purposes of JumpStart are threefold:

1. Acclimate new international students to the rigors of Hillside life so that when they do start the regular school year, they feel confident and familiar with Hillside life.
2. Provide returning non-senior students with an opportunity to develop their Hooks (unique talents), student leadership skills, and to exercise initiative.
3. Offer secondary school application training to senior students. That training includes research, mock interviews, and meeting with secondary school admissions' personnel from 7 prominent schools in the New England area.

Classes

Language-focuses on developing reading, writing, listening, and speaking skills
Culture-emphasis on exploring and examining American culture and values
Leadership-training in ways students can exercise student leadership at Hillside
Math Word Problems-using language to solve complex mathematical equations
Public Speaking-training in speaking effectively in front of a group of people
Hook-finding, articulating, and developing students' individual talents
iLab-21st century skill building, fostering creative expression and problem solving

7 Secondary School Zoom Meetings

Seniors met with secondary school admissions' personnel from the following seven prestigious New England schools: 1) Worcester Academy, 2) Lawrence Academy, 3) Groton School, 4) Pomfret School, 5) St. Mark's School, 6) Marianapolis School, and 7) St. Andrew's School (Rhode Island)

Activities

The activities were on campus. They were a lot of fun and included a magic show, movie nights, karaoke, outdoor games, swimming, sports, and more.



Most Popular Tik Tok Contributors 2021

Everybody likes TikTok. It's a social media trend that is capturing the imaginations of young people around the world. Here is a look at the most popular TikTok contributors.

#1. Bella Poarch
@bellapoarch



#2. Frank Bielak
@fredziownik_art



#3. Nick Luciano
@thenickluciano



#4. ToTouchAnEmu
@Totouchanemu

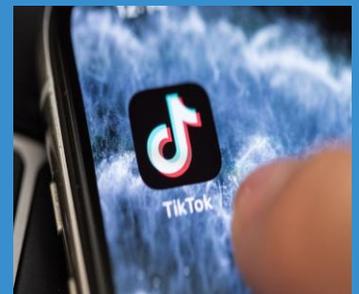


#5. Billie Elish
@billieellish

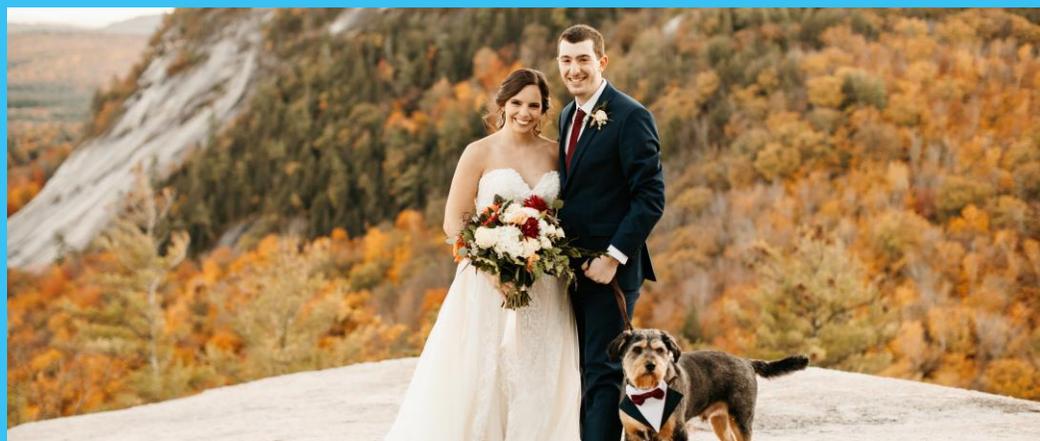


TikTok Cool Facts

- Most downloaded app globally in 2020
- Around 41% of all TikTok users are between 16-24
- TikTok is banned in India



Ms. Iorio



Mr. Iorio

Ms. Iorio is Hillside's excellent Academic Program Assistant. She has been with us for three years and has been a tremendous addition to the Hillside community. Not only does Ms. Iorio work on scheduling and attendance, she advises on just about everything else ranging from how the photocopier machine operates to Blackbaud to Google Classroom to finding those oh so hard to find large plastic garbage bags laying around janitor closets in the academic building. She's also an advisor and, on occasion, heads faculty meetings when Miss Lucey is away from campus at a meeting. Ms. Iorio does it all. Her executive functioning skills are off the charts and, if you need a calm comforting tutorial on ANYTHING, Ms. Iorio is the one to go to. Without her, the school would surely grind to a halt and the world as we know it, might

too (at least that's how most Hillside employees and students feel).

Ms. Iorio was born in Milford, Michigan. Milford is a village in Oakland County with a population of a little over six thousand residents. If you look on a map, it's just west of Detroit and due north of Ann Arbor. But don't mention Ann Arbor to her. That notorious location is home to arch enemy Michigan Wolverines. Ms. Iorio attended Michigan State University in East Lansing. She loves the Spartans and has a subtle yet noticeable disdain for the maize and blue. You can discern it in her voice and body language. It may be her only character flaw as everyone knows (wink, wink) that the Wolverines are superior. Anyway, at Michigan State Ms. Iorio studied

Family Community Services.

Ms. Iorio came to Hillside after reading an ad for a job opening. She was drawn to the junior boarding school world because she felt it would be a good fit for her. It has! Ms. Iorio has thrived here. She is excellent at what she does. Students and faculty frequently drop into her office to chat. She never seems annoyed as she patiently answers everyone's questions and quells their concerns. In her free time, Ms. Iorio enjoys sports, camping, and hiking with her husband and loyal canine, Blitz. Last year, she married her husband Nick on a mountain. Wow! That must have been beautiful. I can just see it now. An eagle drops a ring from the sky. Blitz fetches it and brings it to Nick. Nick places the ring on Ms. Iorio's finger as the sun sets in the background.

Cool Facts about Ms. Iorio

- Has a dog named Blitz
- Got married on a mountain
- Attended Michigan State University

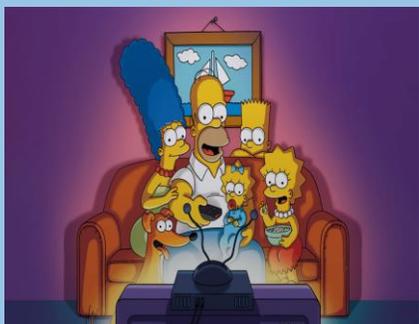


Mr. Connor's Top 5 TV Shows



Mr. Connor enjoys watching TV in his spare time. His favorite shows are an eclectic mix of comedy, drama, and science fiction ranging from the past to present. Here are his Top 5 TV shows of all time.

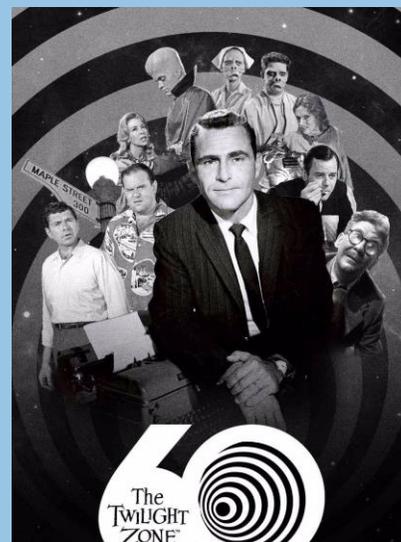
#1. The Simpsons



#2. Game of Thrones



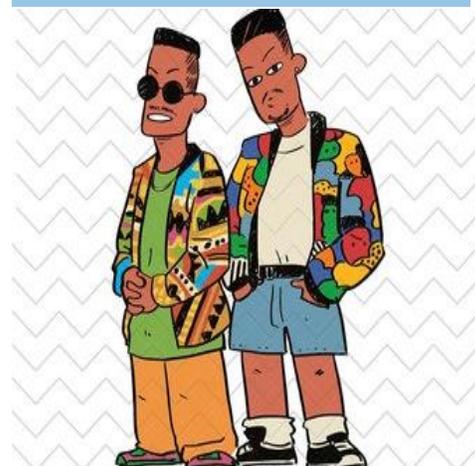
#3. Twilight Zone



#4. Lost



#5. X Files



Cool Facts about Mr. Connor

- Lived in Hong Kong for a significant period of time
- Thinks Mac Jones might be the next Tom Brady
- Has more Flexes than anybody in the school

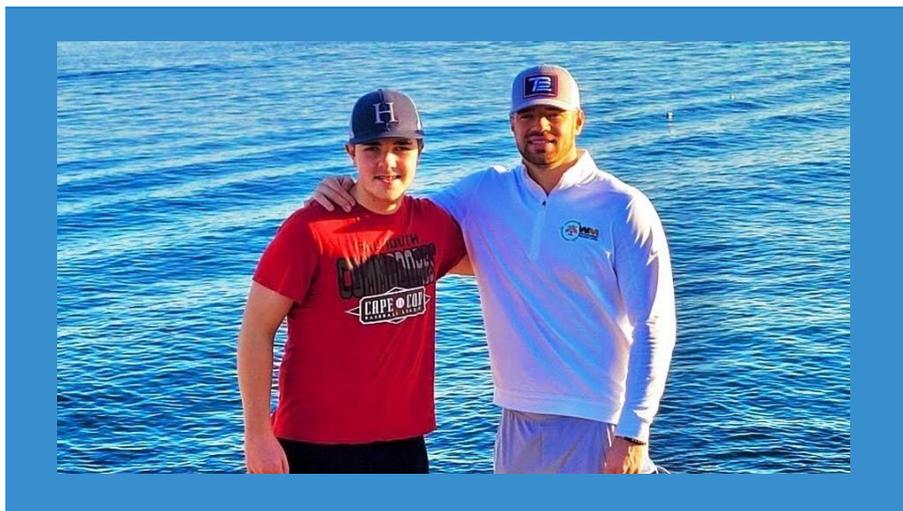


Hong Kong

The Wolfman's PICKS



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Top 10 Fantasy Football



- #1. Christian McCaffery**
- 2. Tom Brady**
- 3. Patrick Mahomes**
- 4. Dak Prescott**
- 5. Rob Gronkowski**
- 6. Devonte Adams**
- 7. Ndamukong Suh**
- 8. Tyrann Mathieu**
- 9. Derrick Henry**
- 10. Josh Gordon**



Top 4 Golfers



- 1. Bryson Dechambeau**
- 2. Phil Mickelson**
- 3. Rory Mcelroy**
- 4. John Rahm**

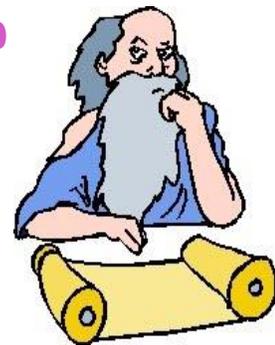


Top 4 Pitchers

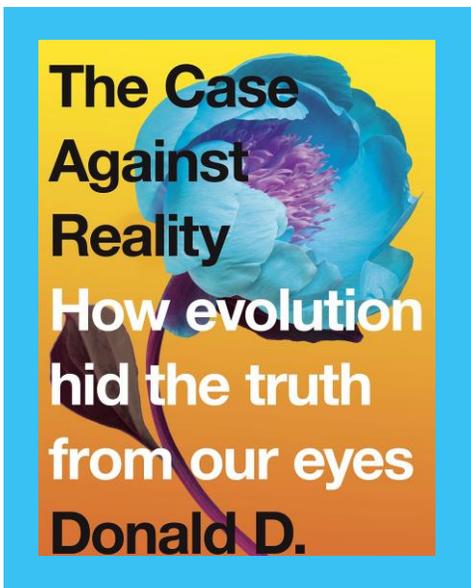
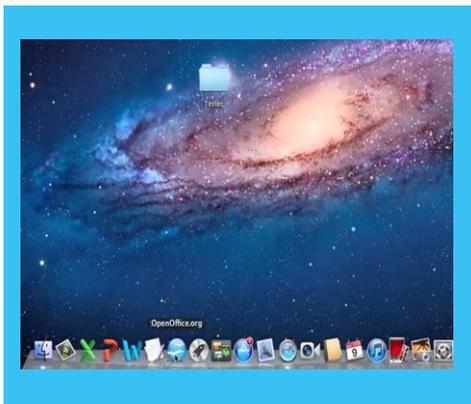
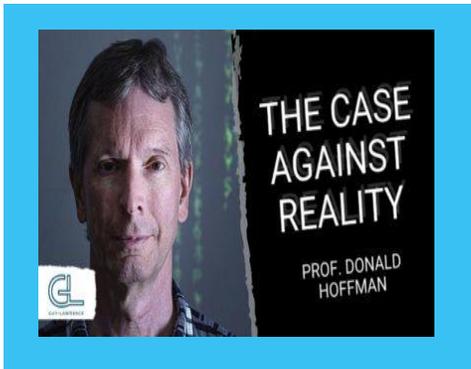


- 1. Chris Sale**
- 2. Tanner Houck**
- 3. Nate Eovaldi**
- 4. Jacob DeGrom**

The Philosopher's Corner



The Case Against Reality *by Mr. Brown*



Donald Hoffman is an author and American cognitive psychologist at the University of California, Irvine. His specialty is studying consciousness, visual representations, and evolutionary psychology using mathematical models and game theory. Hoffman's central thesis, of which he came across quite unexpectedly, is that we humans do not see reality as it is. This inability to see reality in its true form gives us an evolutionary advantage and is the key to our survival. Instead of seeing energy flow and processes of change in action, we see solid "things." Those objects are not the real reality with a capital "R" but a representation of it. A scientist will tell you that there are no solid things in existence. Most of what we see is made up of space and vibrating waves-particles. Yet most of us feel like when we look around our minds are simply absorbing the reality of what's out there. Hoffman's claim is that our perceptual apparatus is altering what we see and that this alteration gives us an evolutionary advantage over other organisms that may see reality more clearly. By seeing solid "things," we can make quick, life-saving decisions. Think of an icon on your computer screen. The icon is a representation of something (Ex. "PPT" for PowerPoint). That icon is not the actual PowerPoint itself. If you could see through the computer screen into the makeup of the PPT you'd notice pixels, circuitry, wiring, etc. The icon acts as a simple, clear representation that allows us to click on it without necessarily knowing all of the intricacies that go into the makeup of the PPT. Our perceptual apparatus, in order to save time and make key decisions, bypasses the complexity of that reality and projects an image. If we had to negotiate through the complexity it would cost us time and we could never be able to compete with other organism that merely see the simplicity of the icon/"thing." This isn't just a cute theory. Hoffman ran game simulation after game simulation to prove this theory then had some of the world's top mathematicians encode it into a mathematical model. Every time, when comparing organisms of equal complexity, the ones that saw reality as it truly is lost out in the survival simulation to organisms that didn't see reality as it is. What does all of this mean? For one thing, it tells us how our brains interact with the world. The brain isn't a sponge that absorbs data about the world; it's more like a machine that creates and projects. Second, it means that we might have to abandon long held certainties about reality and do away with phrases like: "face reality," "reality check," etc. Third, it may also mean that there is no one reality that is relevant to everyone. What we call reality may not be an objective observation of what is "out there," but a product of our internal worlds interacting with the external world.

INT’I Student Leaders 2021-2022



International Café President-Charlie Brand

Born on the Gold Coast of Australia in Brisbane, first year Hillside student and talented lacrosse and hockey player, Charlie Brand, is this year’s International Café President. Charlie brings poise and charisma to the position and says that he’s “very eager to learn many new things about my classmates. I always enjoy learning interesting facts about foreign countries and would welcome an international leadership position for next year.” Welcome aboard Charlie! It’s nice to have you manning the helm of the International Café.

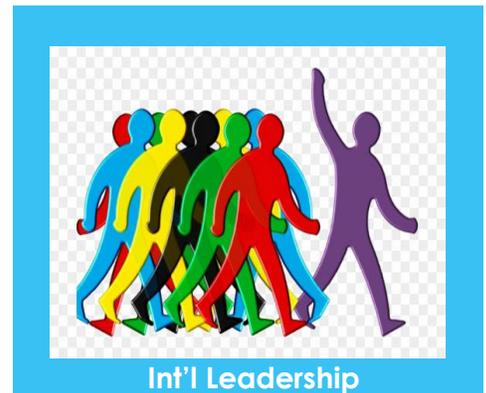


Int’l Café Leaders

International Café Vice Presidents-Rodolfo

Wang Wu & David O’Neill

Soon to be seniors, Rodolfo Wang Wu and David O’Neill fill out the International Café Vice President roles. Rodolfo, a Chilean, has been a Hillside student for the past 5 years while David, a Chicagoan, is in his third year here. Both Rodolfo and David hold a 2021-2022 prefect position as well. They will be assisting President Brand with organizing Cafes, making announcements, and leading the Trivia session during monthly meetings.



Int’l Leadership

Global Club President- William Gong

Haoyuan “William” Gong is a Chinese national from Tianjin. He is in his third year at Hillside and, as a senior, heads Hillside’s prestigious Global Club as the President. William will be responsible for making announcements during Morning Recess on Tuesdays and spearheading international student presentations and events. William says that he “is interested in spreading culture to the Hillside community.” Hail El Presidente!



Global Club Vice Presidents-Tony Koo & Max

Wang/ Assistant-Jeff Jin

South Korean Tony Koo (Daegu) and Chinese national Max Wang (Shanghai) are co-Vice Presidents for the 2021-2022 Global Club. They will be assisting President Gong at Morning Recess. Jeff Jin (Beijing) occupies the newly created position of Global Club Assistant.



Global Club Leaders

Charlie Brand



Charlie

The International Café President gets his mug in the spotlight this September. Charlie Brand is in his second year at Hillside and has been turning heads. In a short time, he has become a proctor and international leader and has won the respect and admiration of his peers and Hillside faculty alike. He's tall, friendly, polite, and leads by example. Many around here think of him as an athlete because he plays hockey and lacrosse for Hillside's varsity Bulldogs. Although it is true that he's a talented athlete, Charlie's got a lot more going for him than just sports. He's a better than average student, a gentleman, a leader, and an all-around great kid. So, let's get to know Charlie Brand a little better.

Charlie was born Down Under in a fried out kombie on a hippie trail head full of Zombie. As I write this, Charlie must be thinking: What on Earth? For any Baby Boomers or Generation Xers out there, the odd phrase above might produce a smile. It's a well-known

line in the lyrics to Australian rock band Men at Work's 1981 hit song "Down Under." It's the tune that inspired a whole generation of 80s music lovers to become fascinated by the great nation with the wonderful slang on the other side of the planet. Although born on the Australian Gold Coast, Charlie was raised in Shirley, Massachusetts. His father, Tom, is a wine manager at Wegmans in Northborough. His mother, Tabitha, is a nurse at Emmerson Hospital in Concord. Charlie has an older brother, Harry (23), who was born in Scotland and a younger brother, Sam (12). He has two pet dogs, Brooklyn and Lola. Given the fact that mom was born in New Zealand, this family is diverse. It seems that four or more nations are represented in it. Although this fact may cause some confusion at immigration control in airports, it certainly makes for interesting ice breaker talk in any other setting.

When asked why he chose Hillside, Charlie says that a friend of his, Wes Haynes, had "spoken highly of the school and the hockey program. It drew me in." Good ole Wes! Perhaps Admissions should send him a thank you note because Charlie Brand is a great acquisition for Bulldog nation. Charlie says that the best thing about Hillside is the tight knit community and the



Gold Coast, Australia

sports programs. At Hillside, he feels that everyone knows each other and it's a family-type atmosphere. His close friends include Ollie Haynes, David O'Neill, Tanner Watkins, Harry Stubbart, J.T, Harrison Wolfsberg, Tyler Streeter, Jack Copponi, and Alex Tarves. In terms of challenges at Hillside, he says that Mr. Mandell's English class is not easy but, he adds, that it is very beneficial and will come in as handy training when he attends



Spider-Man 2

secondary school. Mr. Mandell is renowned for delivering excellent, albeit demanding lessons. In other words Charlie, you'll thank him for the exceptional preparation next year.

Charlie enjoys playing hockey, golf, and lacrosse. They are his three favorite sports. His favorite food is steak and potatoes. As far as movies go, he really liked Spider-Man 2. His role model is his dad "because he is such a great guy and represents everything I stand for now. I love my mom too because she is very supportive of me and makes sure us kids are happy." Wow! What exceptional praise for his parents. When he's older, Charlie wants to be an NHL hockey player. Well Charlie, to paraphrase Men at Work, eat a lot of vegemite sandwiches so that you become six foot four and full of muscle.

Andres Graf



Andres

Mr. Carlos Graf and Ms. Ana Uribe of Mexico City seem to be in the business of manufacturing perfect children. After having three Graf boys at Hillside, it becomes very obvious that the Graf's have done a little genetic engineering in a secret lab south of the border and have found the biological recipe for producing kind, intelligent, considerate, athletic, affable, and well-adjusted children. What's even more impressive is that Carlos and Ana keep sending them to us here at Hillside. The latest off the Graf DNA assembly line in a series of fantastic kids is the youngest son, Andres. To say Andres is a delight would not be an understatement. There's not a homo sapien around these parts who would dispute the awesomeness of the 3 billion deoxyribonucleic acid base pairs that form the molecular makeup of young Andres. Now, I'm going to back off a little. Being "perfect" is a pressure that no boy should have to measure up to. And Andres isn't perfect, nor should he be. And he's

more than just a collection of DNA. He's a really cool, easy going kid that has a lot to offer. So, let's get to know him a little better and try not to compare him to his older brothers, scientific breakthroughs, nor use any other hyperbole. Let's just appreciate Andres Graf for who he is.

Andres was born in the sprawling metropolis of Mexico City. His father, Carlos, is an entrepreneur and CEO of a company that manufactures and sells roofing from recyclable parts. His mother, Ana, is a homemaker. His older brothers, Carlos (19) and Santiago (16), are Hillside alumni. Andres also has an older sister, Ana (20), whom also attends university. The Grafs are a close knit family and obviously Carlos Sr. and Ana place a high value on education. If you've ever met any of the Grafs on Registration days in years past, you know that they are delightful. They must feel the same way about us. As mentioned earlier, this is their third son they have sent to Hillside. It's also the last since Andres is the last of the middle school boys that Carlos and Ana need to get educated. In light of that news, let's enjoy Andres and the Graf legacy while we have him.

The typical question that comes at this point in Global Gazette articles



Mexico City

is: So Andres, why did you choose Hillside?" Well, we know the answer. Hillside is a tradition in the Graf household and older brothers Carlos and Santiago must have sang our praises at some point. Andres adds: "I like the school. I wanted to come to study hard." Andres says the best thing about Hillside is its athletic program. He likes the idea



Megalodon

of having sports for two hours after classes.

Andres has many friends around here including Juan Carlos Barrios and Santiago Loperena de Regil. His roommate is Alex Zhang. Andres' favorite sport is soccer and, in terms of food, he loves sushi. His favorite movie is *Megalodon*. It's a 2018 thriller about a massive, thought-to-be extinct shark that lurks at the bottom of Pacific Ocean. If you like shark movies Andres, you are in the right place. Martha's Vineyard is the filming location of Steven Spielberg's 1975 mega hit *Jaws*. Andres' role model is his friend Jose Pablo. When asked why, Andres responds "because he's never mad. He has a great temperament." Wow! What praise and what great motivation for the rest of us to keep our cool when stress levels rise. Speaking of motivation, Andres wants to be a motivational speaker when he is older. Is anyone surprised? Not me! The DNA sequence in this one is set for greatness.

Shaoheng “Thomas” He



Thomas

“Ladies and gentlemen, welcome to the Thomas He Show. My first guest is known throughout Bulldog campus as a fun-loving kid who likes to fly drones. Please give a big round of applause for the gregarious and sprightly Mr. BinBin Tang...” These are the approximate words of the ever refreshing Thomas He after reading about the Oprah Winfrey story in ESL and volunteering to host his own talk show in class. Off the cuff, Thomas gets up in front of the other boys and produces magic. He’s a marvelous personality and an adept public speaker who has no inhibitions about getting up and performing. Thomas is a first year boy from China who is making quite an early impression on Hillside faculty and students alike. So, without further ado, let’s learn a little more about our international friend with the big personality.

Thomas was born in Hangzhou, China. Hangzhou is a city of over 10 million inhabitants and is located in China’s Zhejiang

Province which, if you look on a map, is just south west of Shanghai. Thomas’ father, Yijun He, is a businessman. His mother, Ying Zhao, is a home maker. Thomas was born “He Shaoheng” in 2008 as an only child . He says that he doesn’t have any pets at home, but he sure enjoys having Artie and Abby around Hillside. Artie, a one year old mix is Ms. Lucey’s pet canine and can be seen cuddling in her office next to the MPR. Abby, the five year old Golden Labrador of Nurse Betsy patrols the Health Center in the southern sector of the Stenberg Wing. Thomas loves them. But, Artie and Abby are not the reasons why Thomas and his family decided to come to Hillside. No sir! The He family chose Hillside because, in Thomas’s words, “Hillside is a good school with many activities and athletics. We heard about the school from Ming Tang, the father of BinBin.” Well, a special shout out to Mr. Tang for recommending such a great kid to Hillside.

Thomas arrived at Hillside near the end of August. He flew into Newark Airport with nine other boys and Ming to attend JumpStart. Upon arriving on campus, Thomas moved his belongings into Mack House where he quickly set up his lodgings with fellow dorm mates BinBin Tang, George Liu, and



Hangzhou, China

Daniel Sun. Ever since arriving on Bulldog campus, Thomas has felt at home. He likes Hillside’s courses and activities and says “this is the school for me.” Well Thomas, we’re glad you like it. We feel the same way about you. You’re a kind young man with a lot of personality. Although Thomas



Modric

loves Hillside, he says that he does miss his parents back in Hangzhou.

Thomas enjoys playing tennis and studying world history. His favorite foods are pizza and pasta. In terms of movies, he likes *Star Wars*. You don’t have to be around Thomas for very long before you also notice that he also loves to read. He constantly has a book in his hand and it’s usually along the lines of *Harry Potter*, *Percy Jackson*, or *Holes*. His role model in life is Croatian soccer star, Lucic Modric. He likes Modric for his quickness and creativity on the pitch. Thomas has traveled to 8 different countries including Australia, Japan, and Vietnam. When he’s older he wants to design either cars or houses. What? You don’t want to be a talk show host Thomas? After all, you did such a nice job in ESL class and the world should know of your unique and vivacious personality. Perhaps you can have a show called *Car and Home Design with Thomas He*.

Tristan Murgo



Tristan

Finally! After three years of trying to get the much anticipated Tristan Murgo interview, it has happened. The editors of the Global Gazette tracked down the Hillside student and got an in-person, in-depth one on one with one of the most sought after Bulldogs on campus. Readers have been demanding the Tristan Murgo story ever since he stepped foot on campus three years ago. He's that little, likeable Seventh Grader that you see walking the halls with the likes of Jack Roche, Jesse Benyas, Sammi Franklin, and Tucker Watkins. If you are around on Friday after 3 PM for club time, check him out on the gridiron. He's that flash you see stepping in front of wide receivers and intercepting errant passes for pick sixes. What a football player! What a kid!

Tristan was born in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia around a decade and a bit ago. At six months old, he was adopted by Melissa Murgo and Josh Johnson. Melissa and Josh brought young Tristan to the United States

where he has grown up in Shrewsbury, Massachusetts for the vast majority of his life. He loves it there. Along with his parents, he has three brothers Brigham (22), Joey (8), and Tyler (4) in his family. He says that he has "a big, happy family." He seems to have the best of both worlds. On weekdays, he spends a fruitful day studying on Bulldog campus then at 5 PM he travels back to his home in Shrewsbury to have dinner and settle down for the evening with his family. Not a bad way for a young man to spend his middle school years. Tristan says that it was a great decision to come to Hillside and he has not looked back since. He has found his place here at our little junior independent school in Marlborough, and he can't picture himself being anywhere else.

Tristan says that the best thing about being a Bulldog is the sports program. He enjoys sports and loves playing on the athletic teams here. "It's fun playing against other schools." He also has a really nice group of boys that he hangs out with. Although he is enjoying his Hillside time, it's not always easy. Tristan says that keeping up with all of the work can be difficult. He has homework every night and has to manage his time well. That is true young man. Hillside life is not always easy but, in the long run, it'll pay dividends. You will



Shrewsbury, MA

develop good habits of self-discipline and hard work that will last you a lifetime. You'll be able to take that Bulldog work ethic with you anywhere you go in life.

Tristan's favorite food is pasta and steak. His favorite movie is *Free Guy*, a story about a bank teller who realizes he is actually a background player inside a world video game. Tristan's hobbies include playing hockey, football, golf, and soccer in



Alex Ovechkin

the REAL world. He says that he learned how to play football by watching the Patriots on TV. His favorite player is Damien Harris, the elusive Pat's running back who played his college ball in Tuscaloosa for Nick Saban and the Crimson Tide. Although he likes Harris, Tristan says that his role model is hockey sensation Alex Ovechkin. Ovechkin is widely considered to be one of the greatest hockey players of all time and Tristan has liked him ever since he was 5 years old. In fact, as a youngster, he saved up enough money to buy an Ovechkin jersey and, once he had it, he never took it off. When he outgrew it, he handed it down to his little brother Joey. When he is older, Tristan wants to be a professional hockey player. Maybe someday a yet to be born youngster will save up his or her allowance to buy a Tristan Murgo jersey.

The Global Club

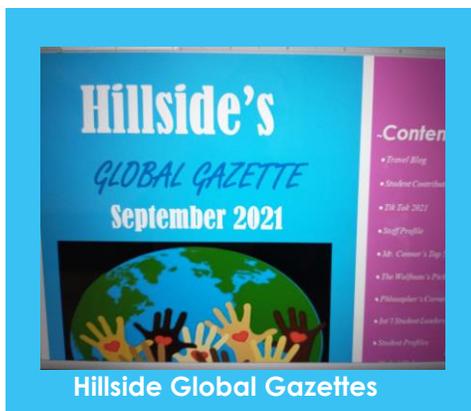


Int'l Trivia Starts Up Again

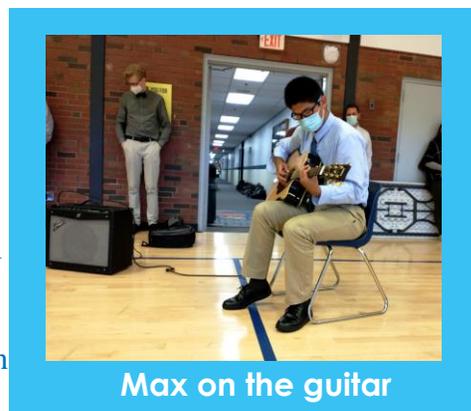
The Global Club is gearing up for a big year. Along with Vice-Presidents Tony Koo and Max Wang, President William Gong has been making announcements during Wednesday's All-School Meetings on behalf of the Global Club. His first announcement asked for student contributions regarding making presentations on international topics such as holidays, important events, or world news. His second announcement in Week #2 introduced Hillside's International Trivia Contest to the boys. Then he asked them to loosen up their tonsils in preparation for karaoke night on Friday, October 15th. After that, Hillside senior Max Wang, exercised his unique talent in music by strumming the guitar in front of the whole school. Next week, Mr. Brown will present the September Global Gazette to the Hillside community.



Global Club Announcement



Hillside Global Gazettes



Max on the guitar



International Café



Wednesday All School Meeting



More Max



Inspirational People: Ugur Sahin



Rapid Development of Vaccine for COVID-19

We live in an era in which miraculous scientific achievements are expected rather than hoped for. So, it was really no surprise when scientists developed COVID-19 vaccines in less than a year. The world looked on expecting positive results to happen quickly and they did! Yet, if you look at pandemics throughout history, coming up with planet saving vaccines in 11 months is not the norm. Jonas Salk developed a vaccine for polio in 1955 which was the culmination of 5 years of non-stop work. Fast forward to the present and a Turkish man named Dr. Ugur Sahin. In 2019, Dr. Sahin spoke to world experts on infectious diseases in Berlin and made a bold claim. He said that his company might be able to use its messenger RNA technology to rapidly develop a vaccine in the event of a global pandemic. Enter: COVID-19! At the time, his BioNTech was little known outside of European biotechnology start-up companies. But, that company of which he started up with his wife is certainly well known around the world today as Dr. Sahin's words in Berlin proved prophetic. After reading an article about a rapidly spreading virus in China in the medical journal *The Lancet*, Dr. Sahin's BioNTech began work on a vaccine for the virus that would quickly turn into a pandemic and take the lives of nearly 5 million people to date. Scientists based in Mainz, Germany, canceled vacations and set about on a planet saving task called Project Lightspeed. Dr. Sahin knew that there weren't too many companies on the globe that had the capacity and the competency to find a vaccine so quickly so "it felt not like an opportunity, but a duty to do it." After BioNTech had identified several promising vaccine candidates, Dr. Sahin realized that his company needed help to win the approval of healthcare regulators and create the capacity to deliver a successful vaccine to a global market. BioNTech and the New York based Pfizer, an American multinational pharmaceutical and biotechnology corporation headquartered in New York City, teamed up in the race to find a vaccine for the coronavirus. With worldwide research into hundreds of vaccine candidates, three vaccines rose to the top and were approved by the FDA: Pfizer's, Moderna's, and AstraZeneca's. Scientists began Phase 1 of trials for Pfizer's COVID-19 vaccine in mid-March of 2020. The vaccine has been found to be 94 percent effective in preventing infection in adults 65 years or older. That's a staggeringly successful vaccine and came at a time when the world desperately needed results. On December 11th, 2020, the FDA approved the first emergency use of Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine. The rest is history! A tip of the cap to the wonderful men and women like Dr. Sahin in the scientific community and the extraordinary work they do.



From France

Soupe a l'Oignon is a tasty traditional French soup made of onions and beef stock. It is usually served with a large garlicky toasted crouton on top smothered in melted fresh provolone cheese. Dating back to Roman times, Soupe O'loignon was a peasant dish. It has since been refined in the 19th century. The soup's unique flavor comes from the caramelization of the onions which are often simmered in brandy or sherry. Other ingredients include tomato paste, garlic, fresh herbs, and salt and pepper. If you're in the mood for soup and something French, this is the one you want to try. You can't go wrong!



From Egypt

Ful medames is a delicious traditional Egyptian breakfast that dates back all the way to ancient Egypt. It is a staple food in northern Egypt and particularly popular in Cairo and Gizah. Essentially, it is a hearty stew of cooked fava beans loaded with flavors. It is typically served with vegetable oil, cumin, chopped parsley, garlic, onion, lemon juice, chili pepper, herbs and spices, lemon juice, and an assortment of vegetables. It is made in and served out of a large metal jug. So, if you are over in Egypt, try the country's national dish. It's amazing!



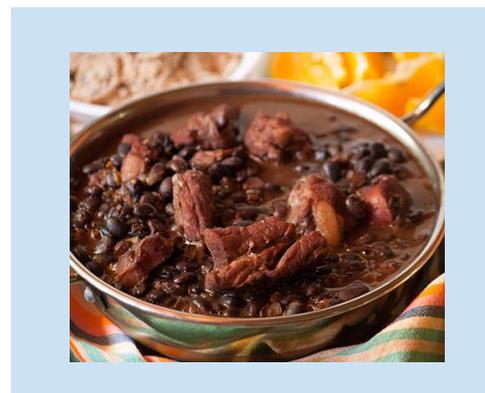
From Canada

Nova Scotian Lobster Rolls are divine! If you're looking for the perfect Nova Scotian recipe to make your summer complete, then it's hard to beat the province's finest lobster rolls. Chop fresh lobster meat (preferably claw, tail, and knuckle) into medium to large pieces. Then toss in a mixing bowl with mayonnaise and celery. Add salt and pepper to taste. Grill or lightly toast fresh buns then line with a full leaf of lettuce. Fill the sandwich with the lobster mixture and sprinkle on chives. Now, you're ready to dig into one of the greatest Maritime summer sandwiches of all time.



From Brazil

Feijoada is a classic Brazilian hearty black bean soup. It is Brazil's national dish and the perfect thing to eat on a cold day. The dish has several versions but, in Brazil, it is almost always has a mixture of smoked, slated fresh meats. Some versions are a little spicy because of the sausages while others are mild. Some like to make it thick so it has to be eaten with a fork; others prefer it as a stew. However you prefer it, it's eaten with white rice and sauteed collard greens. Give it a try. Be sure to tell Mr. Ribeiro how much you liked it. This dish is one of his favorites.





International Trivia



10 INT'L TRIVIA QUESTIONS FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER

- 1) Which state is Mr. Meyer from?
a) New York b) Massachusetts c) Michigan
- 2) What is Canada's second biggest city?
a) Toronto b) Montreal c) Vancouver
- 3) Who is the President of China?
a) Jiang Zemin b) Li Keqiang c) Xi Jinping
- 4) In which month does Ramadan begin?
a) November b) April c) July
- 5) Which country is home to the food okonomiyaki?
a) Thailand b) Japan c) Vietnam
- 6) What is Africa's biggest export?
a) oil b) gold c) fruit
- 7) What is Europe's smallest country?
a) Vatican City b) Luxembourg c) Liechtenstein
- 8) What is the name of Mr. Lydon's dog?
a) Bear b) Remy c) Nomar
- 9) How many years has Mr. Brown been at Hillside?
a) 8 b) 11 c) 12
- 10) In which country would you greet people by saying Sawatdee-krap?
a) Thailand b) Malaysia c) Indonesia

Answers: 1) a 2) b 3) c 4) b 5) b 6) a 7) a 8) c 9) c 10) a

“TREE” from around the world



English -tree



Spanish -arbol



Korean -namu



Japanese -ki



Hindi -ped



French -arbre



Chinese -shu

