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The blazing rays of the sun have begun transmitting scorching and furious heat on the totally helpless mankind, animals and nature and is in no mood to let up. Those residing in the plains are certainly far from feeling blessed around this time as they fight tan and sunburn. The

the green and gold portals marked its arrival in all-flourishing and flying start. kicked off with the greatly heroes and heroines audition-the forthcoming musical. The number of erudite debaters and quizzers is increasing. The keenness to participate in a verbal duel is clearly reflected in the eyes of those who are courageous enough to take the first daring step towards making known their brilliant adages to the world. The sports arena is brimming with 'gentlemen in white' in whom stupefying glimpses of Tendulkar and Steyn can be seen while the miniature Michael Jordans in the tall and towering boys and the girls of Allen showcase their skills in daunting matches. Inter-school activities keep the Allenites engaged in an impressive bid to display their prowess, determined to leave a mark in every sphere. During this epoch of competitions, may we learn to accept victories and defeats in the same spirit. Do not bite the dust with a gnawing sense of guilt, of not having given your 101%. If you happen to be on the side of the losing battalion, balancing itself on a dangerously wobbly plank in the midst of outrageously crashing waves, ready to be engulfed by the raging waters, remind yourselves that the storm will calm into oblivion really soon and life's magnanimous offer of second chances is eagerly waiting for you to knock at them. Follow wholeheartedly the inspiring words of the iconic revolutionary, Steve Jobs - "Have the courage to follow your heart and intuitions. They somehow already know what you truly want to become. Everything else is secondary."



Circumstances may knock you down,
But don't you ever frown.

Because it is only when you rise from
your fall,

Like a phoenix to hearken to the 'never
give up' call,

That the world will see you standing tall.
Remember that it is not life that defines
you,

But you that will define your life.

Opportunities will keep coming your
way,

Never keep them at bay.

Always be merry and optimistic like a
blue jay.

Never to a challenge say 'NAY',

Forever with a smile and confidence to
yourself do say,

To the fullest will I live each day.

Keep your dreams flowing like a stream,
And with yourself seal a firm deal -

To transform them with your 'Achiever's
wand' into a signature brand that is real.

To cynicism and hopelessness, bid good-
bye,

And always keep our banner
flying high.

EXCELSIOR !!!



There shall be eternal summer in the grateful heart. ~Celia Thaxter

My Mother

The most important person,
From Day Care to High School-
Someone who has always been there,
Is no one else but my mother.
Helping me with my studies,
Being a daughter and a wife,
Always getting the lion's share of work,
Is my mother.
When I was an infant,
She gave her love unconditionally,
It is there even now as I continue to grow,
And when my sibling was born I felt the love multiply,
It has given us wings and taught us how to fly.
She kept me in her arms,
And let me enjoy-
Be it night or day
She is my inspiration,
A super-mom, a great wife, an amazing daughter - all
rolled into one!



Mallika Salve (9 B)

My Sister

When I learnt how to walk,
When I learnt how to talk ,
When I learnt how not to sob,
There was always someone watching over me

When I learnt how to fight,
When I learnt how to win with my might,
When I stumbled and fell,
There was always someone watching over me

When I needed someone,
When I wanted to have some fun,
When in the arguments I won
There was always someone watching over me.

Now, when I am old enough,
Now, when I am brave and tough,
I realise who watched over me always,
It was you who I really miss,
You , my dearest sis!



Vanshika Batra (10 B)

Top 10 songs rocking the music world!!

1. When I was your man- Bruno Mars
2. Thrift Shop- Mackelmore and Ryan Lewis
ft. Wanz The Heist
3. Just Give Me A Reason-Pink ft. Nate Reuss
4. Stay-Rihanna ft. Mikky Ekko
5. Suit and Tie-Justin Timberlake ft. Jay Z
6. Harlem Shake-Baauer
7. Can't Hold Us-Mackelmore and Ryan Lewis
ft. Ray Dalton
8. Cruise-Florida Gloria Linn ft. Noonie
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9. Started From The Bottom-Drake
10. Feel This Moment-Pitbull ft. Christina
Aguilera

Adreanna Edwards (12 C)



PUZZLE:

SOCCER PLAYERS

1. IONBR ANV EEISRP
2. IOR AEINDDFR
3. NNAEODRF PREOST
4. DNEE AARHZD
5. LLIEON SSEIM
6. DDVIA LLVIA
7. AIVDD NNDU
8. IIERVLO IOUGRD
9. AKJC LLOEDRW
10. NNAEDORF GGOA



A chocolate for the student who solves the puzzle first!!!

Chocolate provider : Soha Parvez (12 H)

A CHANCE IS ALL I WANT

Please let me stay, yet another day,

Please let me live, do not slay.

Please do not send me to darkness, I earnestly pray,

Please do help me to see the light of day.

Please let me take birth, my dear mom, dad and aunt,

Please let me live , for a chance is all I want !

A chance to take a few steps on this mother earth,

To grow up into a damsel, to prove my worth,



I'll prove that there is no difference between a he or a she

Pray help me fulfill these promises to thee.

I will work hard day and night to achieve my goal,

And perform with perfection each of my roles.

O Aunt! Let me live, for I'll prove you'll face no taunt,

Please let me live, for a chance is all I want.

A chance is all I want my fellow beings,

Please give me what I desire- a pair of wings!

Priyanka Mohindra (11 S)



MEMORIES

Many people nowadays seem to have abnegated the act of treasuring memories, being under the impression that memories are only crushing and some even outrageously devastating. I detest such a way of thinking. If in school a person is ridiculed and some 'bullies' pass disparaging remarks about him, it depends upon the person as to how he perceives these memories. He can always keep them in the dark - concealed , and classify them as 'bad and redundant' or , on the contrary, he can say that they have made him stronger in life and helped in facing adversity. I remember how when I had entered my school gate ten years after passing out – I had felt the nostalgia envelop me and all the memories of my school days suddenly hit me like a wave. I had been reminiscing about the fact that I had been more of a diffident boy while most of my friends were rascals. Not to forget the sapient pupils, they were known as the 'cream' of the class. And the jokes and pranks and the days when we used to miss school and be fishing for excuses the following day to explain our absence . Even getting punished together. Such are memories worth treasuring, so that even when one seems to be becoming senile , he has these memories to fall back on.

Despite the fact that even in our 'tech savvy' and fast paced lives we are perpetually making memories, we tend to push them aside. We choose to ignore the fact that they lend a helping hand to famous orators, writers, and poets. Their memories of what they have experienced , what they have seen of the world, be it atrocious or wholesome, is what helps them create such fine works and speak so efficiently. Definitely there are memories that are not pleasant or that are extremely depressing. So we have to , at times , sort and prise them out of our kaleidoscope of memories and put them aside because we are all aware that memories always resurface time and again and unfortunately the cessation of such a process never seems to ever draw nigh. Sadly, many people are affected a lot by memories that are disturbing. They tend to become morose and keep away from company and spend a major portion of their time in solitude . Their health is affected and they become cadaverous. The nature of the person is also affected. For instance, he or she may become cantankerous!

I believe that memories and experiences play an important role in determining a person's motives and priorities in life. When a person is faced with an ambiguous situation, the reaction that follows is mostly a projection of their underlying feelings and motives. It is obvious that if a person's memories comprise a pessimistic view of life, his motives will be no different . It is believed that the dreams that we see are mostly the memories of the past resurfacing . Thus ,in this short span of life that seems no longer than that of an arm's length, we should create as many memories as we can and treasure them for life.

ADRIEL DAVID (12 C)



Thailand – The land of the White Elephants

Breathtaking places that call out to you :Phuket, Pataya, Chiang Mai, Ko Samui, Bangkok, Hua Hin

The most phenomenal food :Tomyam

Your mouth will water after you try these delectable and lip-smacking Thai delicacies-

Lemon fish, pla phao, kung phao, somtam, phad thai, sticky rice, khao phad, baikraphao, hoilai phad, nam prik phao, pla samrode, nam prik kapi, khab mu, nam prik tadeng, nam prik mangda, phad kuchai mukrob, yampla-dook phu, mu namtok, puphad pongkaree

Restaurants - A meal in 'The Bombay Blues' will help you forget all your blues.

The serene beach that will leave you mesmerized forever after –The Pataya beach with its leisure activities like horse riding on the beach, volleyball, parachuting across the deep blue mass of water, sunbathing and a ride on the banana boat. Don't ever miss the fancy 'James Bond' beach.

Thailand is unique for its :Thai dance (lam thai) which reminds us of the glorious and ancient history of Thailand.

The citizens of Thailand are crazy about :Korean movies, songs, actors and actresses .English movies are also popular. The menfolk love watching soccer and Thai boxing.

Rejuvenate your soul in the aura of the fabulously famous Buddhist temples (stupa), stunning beaches, and the fascinating floating markets of Thailand.

If any of you are hopping on the plane to Thailand, you must visit Shark Island, Dream world, and Aouthai.

You certainly must soak in the scenic sight of the magnificent Democracy monument at the Dinsawh road and the Pho temple which has the largest reclining Buddha in the world (16 m high and 30 m long).

Seafood fanatics you'll definitely regret it if you don't try the Thai Shark's Ear, catfish and Kraphro pla. They'll melt in your mouth.

The famous Thai 'tuk-tuks' and taxis are always available to take you anywhere within the city and you can comfortably relax and lay your head down in the posh V.I.P buses while travelling from city to city.

The citizens of Thailand love their large-hearted king who's dedicatedly worked for more than 50 years to create a prosperous Thailand. Currently, he is sick in the hospital and the entire nation is waiting for his recovery as they cannot imagine Thailand without his valuable presence. One normally doesn't get to visit the Royal Palace but the palace welcomes children to tour the palace on Children's Day.

Some enlightening facts about Thailand: The Thai people call Bangkok, "Krung Thep" which means 'City of Angels'. The complete official Thai name for Thailand has more than 160 letters.

The Grand Palace, where the kings of Thailand once lived stands on the Chao Phraya river's east bank. Within the palace grounds stands the Wat Phra Kaeo –a temple full of Thai art treasures. It also has the Emerald Buddha –the holiest Buddha statue in Thailand.

Welcoming all of you to Thailand- Kanthima, Supanuch and Panisa

LONG LIVE THAILAND

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NEPAL – THE LAND OF TEMPLES

If you are planning on a Nepalese voyage, do stop at Manakamha, Pokhara, Lumbini, Gorkhal, Chitwan, Patan, Kathmandu, Butwal, Birganj, Nagarkot.

You will forever relish the very first bite of the appetizing gourmet food of Nepal which is of an exotic variety. The non-vegetarians will be left licking their fingers after gorging on the luscious varieties of mutton curry and the Sekhwa BBQ chicken. Beef and wild boar are rare delicacies.

Don't forget to try the delectable Nepali thali (Thakali) originated from the Gorkhas which consists of rice, dal, ghee, spicy gravy mutton, dry spinach, achar (radish) and lapsi (a fruit). Of course, the traditional momos and wai-wai of Nepal are the best in the world.

Do visit the phenomenal capital Katmandu- 'kath' means wood while 'mandu' is another word for a temple. In a nutshell, the city has a temple at every nook and corner, offering peace to foreign tourists who come in search of peace and nirvana. Nepal is famous for its English restaurants and numerous casinos. You'll find many Indian brands with a foreign feel.

Tourist sites that provide hair-raising experiences:

-Pokhara amazes one with its wide range of adrenaline inducing activities like paragliding, bungee jumping, rafting, mountaineering, boating, fishing. Manakamna (the fulfillment of the mind's wishes) offers an exhilarating journey in German cable cars across seven majestic hills and the winding rivers, providing a breathtaking view. Lumbini has beautiful temples. One gets to see the truly indigenous flora and fauna of Nepal in the Chitwan National Park during the elephant safari.

Nepal is unique for its exquisite handicraft paper and raw wool. We've got Mt. Everest - what more could a country ask for!

The Nepalese are amateur artists but their sketches are simply stirring. The street artists' work is awe-inspiring. The Nepalese thrive on music, dance and "mutton". They are obsessed with the colour - 'red' (raato). They cherish their vehicles and follow stringent traffic rules. 90% of the Nepalis have a pet or keep poultry and take the utmost care of their gardens and kitchen gardens. They love to socialize and very often have family get-togethers.

If any of you plan to visit Nepal, we'd take you to Thamel, Bhaktapur and the Chitwan National Park.

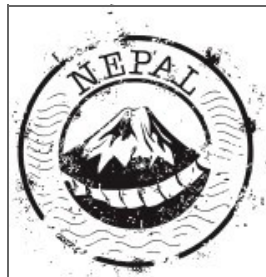
The most prodigious food joint in Nepal would be in Jhamel where there is an amalgam of diverse cuisines and restaurants namely Nanglo, Road House and Fire-Nest.

The most magnificent monument is the Palace on Durbar Marg which has now been converted into a museum.

Shopaholics, there is a rewarding mega offer for you - you can go on a shopping spree in Nepal without feeling any guilt at all because you actually get good stuff at cheap prices.

The Allenite Nepalis describe their palatable and flavoursome momos in the most tempting way ever: The Nepali momos are small- half the size of the normal momos. The momos are exceedingly and exceptionally juicy and will leave you asking for more. The flour layer around the chicken inside is extremely thin and the momos are closed in a twisted fashion on top. There is an amazing variety of momos - sui-mai, open-momos (4 open holes), 4 types of chutney. Momo festivals are also held regularly. The restaurant Sui Mai provides the best known 4 exotic types of momos.

Nixie, Priyanka and Komal are eagerly waiting to escort you from the Tribhuvan International Airport.



One must surely pay a visit to Doha (Qatar) – a haven brimming with towering , almost heaven touching skyscrapers.

Do not skip the trip to the corniche (concrete seaside) on which grandiosely stands a glistening museum engraved only in glass and drink in the heart-stopping view of the skyline from there. The fans of Formula Track 1 racing can have the time of their life in the marvelously fine Doha circuit. Mouth –watering Turkish cuisine is provided by chefs forever at your service at the famous Sheraton Hotel.

Racing on sand bikes on the huge sand dunes will have you laughing and crying for the thrill of it all.

The natives of Doha are seen in the very popular abayats and the men are head over heels in love with most expensive and posh cars.

Graciously inviting you to live amongst the floating clouds in Doha is Soha Parvez.



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CAMPUS NEWS...

The erudite debaters of Allen once again battled against one another with their prolific views and eloquently spoken English during the English Debate in the Senior Division. Foy bagged the first place followed by Powell laying claims to the second position while Allen came a whopping third.

We've all had a great time during the exhilarating excursions . Everyone fondly remembers the rock climbing and rappelling sessions. Rumour has it that some gorged on delicious scrawny birds like crows and pigeons, thinking they were consuming chicken.

The much awaited auditions for ' THE LION KING' are in full swing.

Those who've got two check marks against their names in the singing auditions are floating on cloud 9 whereas the selected dancers are already dreaming about reaching the 'DANCE INDIA DANCE' finale.

The return of the Class Eleven students has brought in new faces and students .

Class 12 H performed a truly and simply outstanding , highly entertaining and meaningful assembly on Positive and Negative Thinking. Hats off to the actors who've set the bar exceedingly high for the other classes!!

In the Hindi Debate held in the Senior Division , Powell came first followed by Condon winning the second position and Foy third.

The Hindi play team headed by Dr Saxena and Mrs Juneja are in the process of adding their final touches to their most awaited drama.

The countdown's begun for the optional weekend with the dates being struck off in rapid succession on the calendar.



The Aesthetic Anvil...

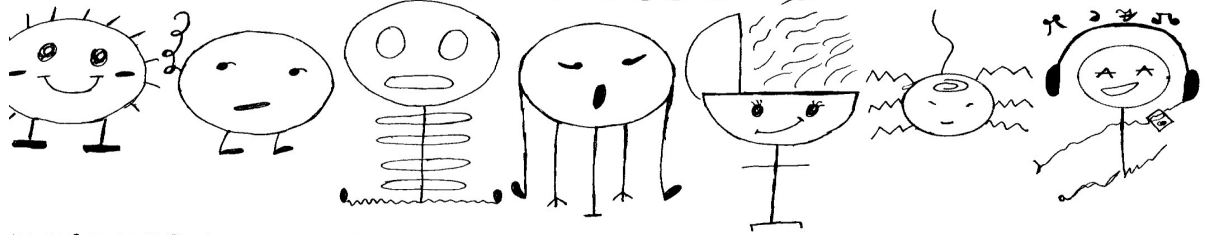


Arzoo Zoe Hakim (12 H)

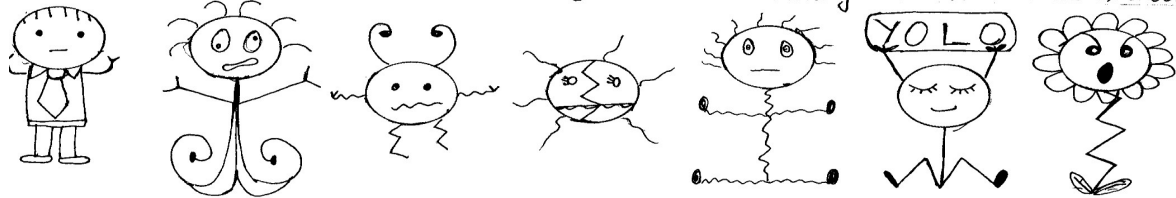


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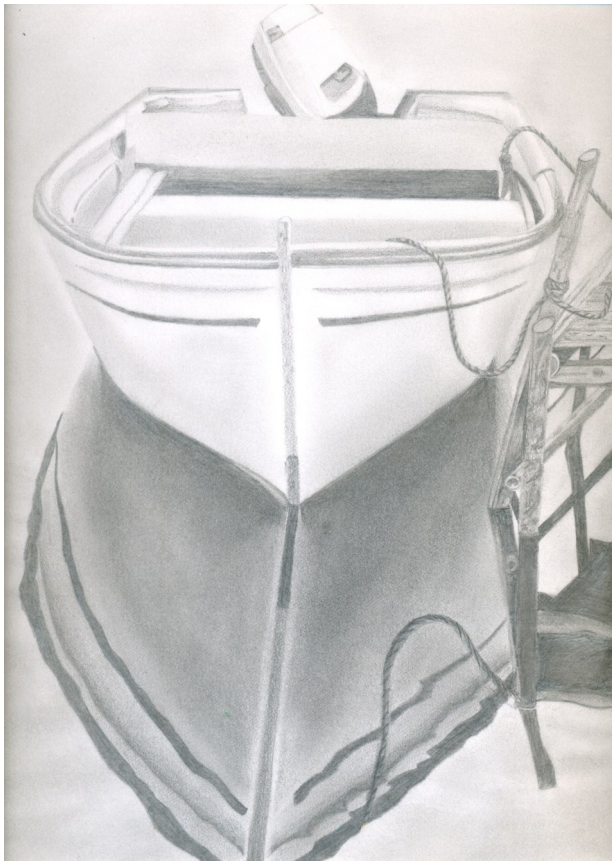
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Aishwarya Bhagat and Nixie Shreshtha (12 C)

If you hear a voice within you say 'you cannot paint' , then by all means paint, and that voice will be silenced. Van Gogh



Tushar Arora (12 C)



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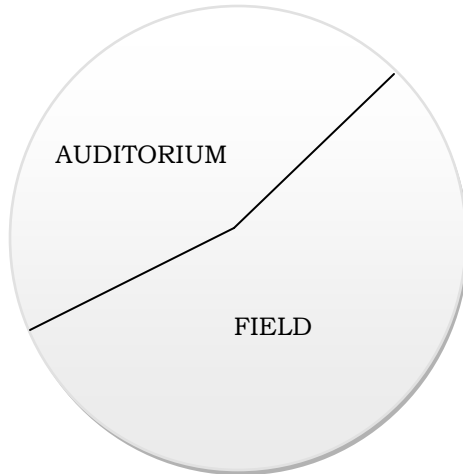


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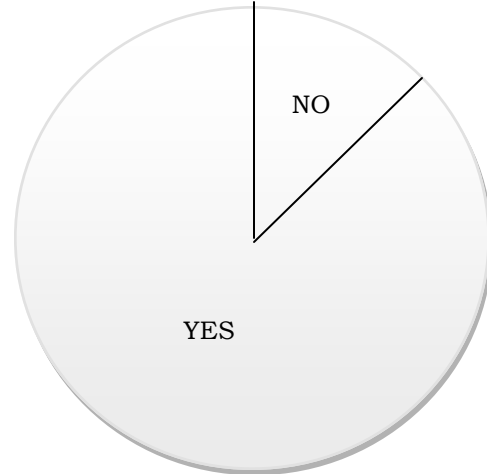
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Poll Question

Should the musical be held in the auditorium or on the field?



Should women in India be allowed to possess weapons for security?



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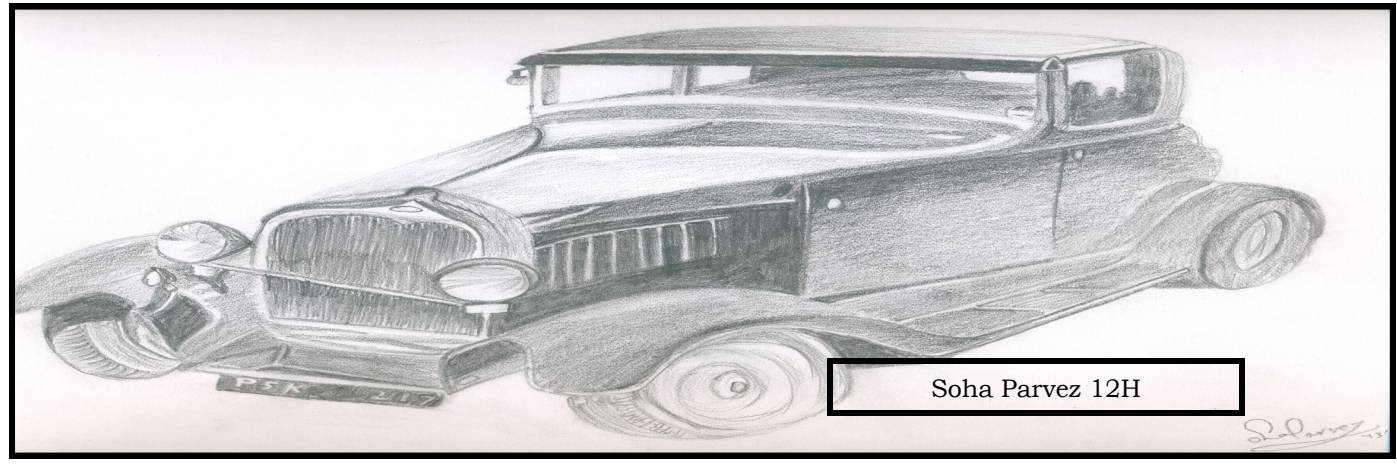
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