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Online Classes & School on Weekends: Student Opinion

Report by: Zara Izzah, Arshi Binte & Daanya Abdus, Shahria Afrin

According to a recently conducted survey, students have expressed dissatisfaction with weekend classes on campus, a decision incorporated by the DPS administration in times of unrest. This initiative, which lasted for two weeks, involved faculty members and students taking their exams while they had blissful days to prepare. Intended to foster a creatively enriched learning environment, this endeavour inadvertently became a source of frustration for the students.

Moreover, in response to road-blockades and ongoing mid-term exams, DPS introduced online classes on Sundays and Mondays to continue the flow of learning. Students appreciate the school's proactive response but express discontent over disrupted weekends and the added stress. With the added lessons, students got stressed as the syllabus grew amid exams, especially for Grades 10 - 12.

Exam Relief on 8th December

Report by: Zara Izzah & Daanya Abdus

The Mid-terms finally ended on 8th December! Due to the postponement from November, the authorities rescheduled it for almost a month-long tenure. The longevity resulted from the 5-day gaps between each exam due to the constant blockades across the nation. However, with all the stress lifted off the shoulders, none could rest as the sour results bellowed.

A Rewarding Award Ceremony



Photograph by Sadia Sarwar

Report by: Adiyar Sadeque, Arshi Binte & Shahria Afrin

December 14th, a day that was warmly commended by the students. 9th-grader Shukraan remarked that it was a well-organized ceremony; however, other people think it could have been improved. Arshi from class 7 stated that the Scholar's Award, Kaizen, and Perfect Attendance were momentous ways to honor academic accomplishments. Added to that, a few mentioned that it could be more effective to have one ceremonial distribution than different ones on a single day.

Difficult IMO & ISO Test Mastery

Report by: Parikshit Singh & Sadman Tasin

To mark the elevation of STEM ideologies, DPS hosted the NSO (National Science Olympiad) and IMO (International Mathematics Olympiad) on the 5th and 14th of December, a platform that celebrates thinking skills. Faiyaz Siddique and Mohar Misra share, "Although challenging due to time pressure, the questions were intriguing, with the Math Olympiads' Achiever's Section being our favorite. I am grateful for such exemplary initiatives taken by DPS."



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The Head Girl Shifts

Report by: Rafie and Sanuli

DPS Head Girl, Mandira Bhowmik, leaves at 12, heading to the University of Arizona with a scholarship. Her success stems from academic achievements and extracurricular involvement, including awards from the Daily Star and contributions to DPS Community Club and The DPS Web. As she departs, the Head Girl position remains vacant, awaiting a successor to fill the void left by her departure.

Exam Results Dwindle

Report by: Aleena Yusra

A survey conducted amongst Grades 6 - 8 revealed a widespread experience of a decline in their results. The restructuring of the academic year posed challenges for students due to a stretched syllabus and several changes within a short period. Additionally, many students were stressed out with the new changes in their exam format, considering it to be their first time. The teachers believe that many students could not finish their papers on time, resulting in a higher decline in marks.

Some Productive Winter Vacations

Report by: Areesha Raaina

December 24th marked the dawn of a much-needed winter vacation for DPS students. Some students from Grades 6-8 shared their thrilling experiences, like Faiha who - experienced her first metro rail ride; Anon learned graphical designing, and Aninda started an ambitious clothing business. Cherishing the extraordinary experiences, Samira eagerly anticipates returning to school. Altogether, it has been a thrilling experience for many under the shivering cold.

Faculty Enjoy Relieving Fest

Report by: TDP Reports & Writers Desk

DPS Faculty enjoyed a lunch fest on 14th December. All the faculty enjoyed a fun afternoon after school ended in a beautiful arrangement within a short period. Some of the teachers said they enjoyed it a lot and thanked the school administration for arranging this, as it assisted them in relieving a lot of their stress from the recent mid-terms.



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Photograph by Afsheen Hasan & Aisha Afsara

Happy New Year!

Report by: Aisha Afsara and Rudita Rida

DPS students celebrated New Year's Eve with their friends and families through BBQ parties, Sundarban trips, and private concerts. The event marked the beginning of a hopeful year, offering new opportunities, hopes, and refreshments. The most common denominator was the fireworks, which soared the skies of Dhaka.



Photograph by Aleena Yusra

SPORTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

An Art-Competition Fair



Photograph by Md Abdullah Al Faruqe Ratul

Report by: Fabiha Anwar

An on-spot art competition organised by DPS STS School and Abinta Kabir Foundation took place on the 15th of December 2023. It involved students from every grade. The themes for the competition were "Victory Day" and "Lok Shilpo". With paintbrushes and colours all over the place, it was more of a fair than a true competition. There was also a photo booth where students could get their individual or group photos taken. This remarkable art competition came to an end when three deserving winners were named for each of the two categories.

The Entrepreneurs Meet



Photograph by Md Abdullah Al Faruqe Ratul

Report by: Adiyana Sadeque & Farzan Ali

Students at DPS eagerly embrace the Young Entrepreneurship Program (YEP) as a gateway to realizing dreams and making a positive impact. Zayma (9) hopes of achieving her goals & dreams, while Antara (9) views YEP as a platform to turn ideas into reality with expert support. Farzan (9) and his friends state they are working on their idea and appreciates the Principal and his team for their efforts in launching this enthusiastic programme.

All Interschool Events Postponed

Report by: Seam Ahmed & Fareefta Tabin

Amid the political instability in the country, DPS had to postpone their Inter-school competitions in Table-tennis, Chess, Basketball, and Swimming. Consequently, students expressed mixed sentiments—some relieved as exams were approaching, while others were concerned about the uncertainty. Even now, the tentative dates for these events remains unknown.

Chess Showdown Through Elegant



Photograph by Seam Ahmed

Report by: Seam Ahmed & Fareefta Tabin

DPS students showcased impressive talents at the Elegant 42nd Standard Chess Tournament. Aritra Dhar (9) drew 2 games, gaining 18 in his international FIDE rating, while Aditya Mohajon's mixed performance yielded a 2.8 point increment. Unfortunately, Seam Ahmed had to suddenly withdraw due to illness, expressing his repent.

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THE WORLD



Climate Change: Another Attempt at COP28

Report by: Numayr Manzoor

The 28th UN climate meeting was held in Dubai from November 30th to December 13th, 2023. Everyone gathered to tackle the pressing question of climate change. During his inaugural speech, King Charles III expressed concern about the “vast, frightening experiment” that humanity was conducting on the globe. The summit concluded, with many goals, including the aim to triple the capacity of renewable energy sources and double the rate of energy efficiency. Additionally, a total of \$85 billion in

IN OTHER NEWS...

Celebrity Update: The Khan Returns

Report By: Antara Fairoze and Sanuli Yehansa

The famed 'Badshah of Bollywood', Shah Rukh Khan made a captivating return in 2023 marked by his roles in the hit films, where he displayed numerous acting spectacles. After taking a 4 years hiatus following the film, 'Zero', Shah Rukh Khan made a glorious comeback into the industry by delivering, not one, not two but three jaw dropping movies, namely Pathaan, Jawaan, and recently Dunki that certainly did not disappoint the long-awaited hopes of the audience.



Kerala Tackles The Surge of JN.1



Photograph by Indiaglitz

Report by: Fareefta Tabin

Kerala, India, faces a rise in COVID cases linked to the JN.1 sub-variant. With 1,324 cases reported, testing is high and the vaccines are still effective according to WHO. The variants' prevalence is unclear due to genome sequencing. Health minister Veena George urges peace and calm, noting JN.1 is not exclusive to Kerala risking an epidemic. Nationwide Covid awareness drills have been in order. The ICMR attributes the case

active of influenza. "While there may be an increase in infections, the vast majority of cases are not anticipated to be severe," noted Abu-Raddad, a professor of healthcare policy.

Bus Accident Stuns Ohio

Report by: Fareefta Tabin

'There is always more that can be done when it comes to the safety of children' said Ohio Governor Mike DeWine after a fatal school bus crash heightened tensions between the Haitian immigrant community and long-time residents in Springfield, Ohio. The incident, where a 35-year-old Haitian national crashed into oncoming traffic, resulted in the tragic death of 11-year-old Aiden Clark resulting the Haitian influx to face backlash, escalating into reported violence. However, Springfield initiated an Immigration Accountability Response Team, yet advocates stress the need for comprehensive support.

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Earthquake Shambles Western China; At least 127



Photograph by Zhang Ling Via AP

Report by: Afsheen Hasan

"I woke my family up, and we rushed down all 16 floors in one breath," said a victim named Mr. Qin as the powerful 6.2 magnitude earthquake rocked the Gansu province in northwest China, at midnight on December 18. The quake resulted in over 127 deaths and hundreds of injuries, affecting both the poverty-stricken region of Gansu and the neighbouring province of Qinghai. The earthquake caused extensive damage to buildings and numerous villages.

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Report by: Areesha Raaina

"Laughter is the best medicine." This article explores why each of us should master the healing power of laughter within our communities.

Humour is a catalyst for joy that connects people with the mere sense of delight and laughter. If considered thoughtfully, humour possesses radical power. With the ability to make someone laugh, we can end up relieving others from their worries, forge lifelong connections, and ease life's challenges with a smile.

Although, we can't crack a joke to someone who's suffered loss, nor can we insult others. Humour is not just about delivering punchlines, but rather mastering compassion, communication and resilience.

As a result, humour encourages creativity, builds problem-solving abilities, and enriches experiences. Mastering humour isn't just about being funny, it's art that cultivates compassion, builds camaraderie, and creates emotional intelligence in the often perplexing and challenging world, making it a life skill to be learned.



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The MUN Showdown



Photograph by DPSIMUNVI

Report by: Aninda Rahman

Heated debates? Taking on your rival? Razing another nation's sovereignty to the ground with words alone? You wonder, what could be more fun? If you're into that sort of fun, what could be better than Model United Nations? Yes, the name sounds boring, but trust this article; it's not even close to what it sounds like.

To explain it in simple terms, Model United Nations is an extracurricular activity that teaches students about global knowledge and helps them foster diplomacy. It does this by simulating the experience of the actual United Nations, following their procedures in a formal manner.

Now, it all may seem boring, but imagine this: you are the delegate of Russia, and the USA accuses you of community cleansing. You reply by calling them hypocrites straight to their faces while using their own plots against them. Just picture how speechless and dumbfounded your opponent is going to be, followed by the other delegates in awe.

Not only is Model United Nations a great place to learn invaluable skills such as negotiation and diplomacy, but it's also an opportunity to have memorable experiences and socialize with new people.

The Whispering Sweet

Report by: Siniva Parin Farid

During each break in the classrooms of DPS, you'll see students rushing to the cafeteria with a sweet little anticipation – the promise of ice cream and drinks that have become a cherished secret among us; satisfying our sweet tooth without our parents knowing.

However recently, it seems that our beloved snacks have vanished from the menu without a heads-up. In their absence, the once joyful faces have now succumbed to disappointment. They weren't just about indulgence; they were small delights that infused an extra dose of joy into our school days. Faces furnished with frowns now fill the cafeteria and students are left longing for that sweet treat. The impact isn't solely about the culinary aspect; it's the loss of simple joy that made our school days a little sweeter.



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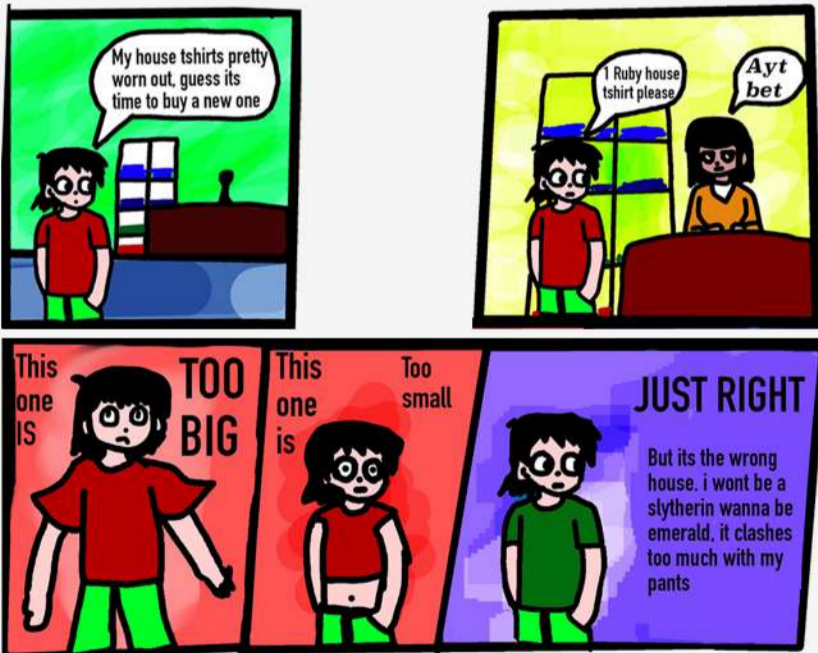
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FEATURING NATE GREENPANTS

*THE unluckiest kid in
DPS*

EP 2: Nate Buys a House T-Shirt

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