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Are You Ready for High School?

Welcome to Dalton High School, all freshmen! Are you excited about high school? This is an exciting stage of life. You will experience a lot of great things and make good friends.

However, like other students, you may face some challenges. Last year, we surveyed our students to find out their most common concerns. The most common concern is studying and taking tests. Their second most common concern is interpersonal relationships. If you have these concerns in the near future, don't worry—you are not alone.

As you face challenges, remember that there is always more than one solution. We—the school counselors—are always here to give you advice. Here, we would like to share two tips on dealing with the two most common student concerns former students had. These tips will help you stand on the shoulders of the people who came before you.

First, time management is key to effective studying and test preparation. One of the methods was the Eisenhower Matrix. It helped me do the urgent and important things first. When you have a lot on your plate, good time management will help you finish things on schedule.

Second, healthy interpersonal relationships start with good communication. My first case in Dalton was about a fight between two students. Their homeroom teacher told me that they had had trouble communicating with each other for a long time before the fight. If you have a similar problem, remember that communication is a two-way street. In addition to expressing yourself, you also need to listen to others. A good listener does not just focus on other people's words. People's facial expressions and voice levels can help you better understand their messages and feelings. With great communication skills, you can get along better with your classmates and become close friends with them.

We hope that these tips will help as you begin your high school life. You may have a mountain to climb, but don't forget that every small step you take brings you closer to the top. You will get valuable experience along the way. If you need any advice, we are always here to help you.

I Love Taiwan

Let me introduce you to a place I love—Taiwan! When I lived in New York, I noticed Taiwan was listed among the top ten countries in the world to visit. After seven years of living in Taiwan, I totally agree with that. I am in love with its natural scenery, delicious foods, free society, and good quality of life.

Natural beauty and delicious foods are the soul of Taiwan. Though Taiwan is a small island, it has a wide variety of mountain and ocean views. In Taroko Gorge, I could hear the Liwu River flowing while I enjoyed the sight of marble cliffs all around me. Donggang is another place that shouldn't be missed. On my first visit there, I took a walk along the beach and felt the wind brushing against my face. I watched the sunset painting the ocean surface orange as I breathed in the salty sea air. I also went to a fish market to enjoy some fresh seafood and street foods. Of course, I did not miss the chance to try some tuna. It was so fresh and tender. I also tried the famous oyster omelet. It came at the perfect temperature and with a special hot sauce on top. I really loved its strong taste. After this trip, I became a big fan of Taiwan's delicious foods.

Taiwan's free society is also impressive. This young democracy is mature and diverse. There were several demonstrations during my stay in Taiwan, and I even joined one myself. There, I listened to others talk, sing, and exchange ideas. I heard people freely express their views on political and social issues. From this experience, I learned that Taiwanese people may not always see things the same way, but differences are respected.

Finally, I am impressed by the good quality of life in Taiwan. One reason for this is that people here don't have to worry when they need health care. With Taiwan's National Health Insurance program, I can see a doctor with a short waiting time and at a low cost. In fact, Taiwan's health care is often ranked best in the world.

My experiences here have given me everything I could hope for and more. Because of this, I see this country as my second home. I really look forward to my next seven years in Taiwan!

New Technology in an Old World

The men are always in black. The women always wear long skirts. Who are these unique people? They are called the Amish. The Amish people's life has changed very little for 400 years. They live together in Pennsylvania in the USA, have their own churches, and travel with horses and carriages. Their children never study again in school after they finish the eighth grade. Most people think the Amish are part of an "Old World."

However, from the 1920s, some Amish people started to use new technology, for example, telephones in the 1920s, electricity in the 1930s, and cars in the 1960s. But other Amish do not like these modern things and still do not use them. They believe that new technology conflicts with the Amish's traditional values. So now, the Amish people are divided into three groups, because they do not agree about what technology they can use. One group uses telephones, electricity, and cars. Another group only uses them occasionally. The other group does not use them at all.

The Amish like to meet and stay together, so they all believe phones can stop people from meeting in person. The group of the Amish who uses phones puts the phones outside their houses with answering machines.

Now, using cell phones is a new problem for the Amish to worry about. Some think cell phones will make the Amish less close because they can talk anywhere without meeting. Others think cell phones are useful and convenient.

New technology brings new things that usually make life easier for us. But it also brings problems to the Amish and their Old World. The Amish need to decide whether new technology will keep them close together or not. What are they going to do? We don't know, but just don't call them, all right?