

## **HIS IDOL 2022**

### **A MESSAGE FOR STUDENTS**

It's time to start thinking about HIS IDOL 2022 for those of you who are into that, so please start planning your acts! This year's competition will again be completely organised online as sadly Covid has not left us yet.

We are looking forward to seeing a variety of talents on show this year again. You don't have to sing, you can dance, act, tell a story, show off your comedy or puppetry skills, play an instrument, read a poem, make digital art, or anything else that can be performed inside the 5 minute time limit and presented in video format.

If you are not a performer, but would like to contribute with your excellent organisational and show production skills, we are always looking for as much student input as possible.

Areas you could help with include: technical and sound support, organising prizes, communications with judges and students, being our online host, or designing visuals for the online presentation of the acts.

Remember, things are decided by those who are in the room, so be in the "virtual" room if you have great ideas for how to make an excellent show! For senior students this could be an excellent CAS opportunity, or a way to make money to support your sports team's goals, so please contact Mr B or Mr Washington to find out more about becoming part of the team!

### **INFORMATION FOR PARENTS**

日本語の情報を希望される方、恐れ入れますが、大畠南波 (G1 SOMA) に気軽にメール、またはお電話ください。(09078963167)

For families in their first year at HIS, HIS IDOL is our annual school talent show, which has evolved over the past 10 years from what started as a small part of International Festival, but grew into its own event because so many students wanted to take part.

A poster will be put up in the genkan of the school soon so the kids can inform themselves, but I thought it might be helpful to parents if I shared the basic plans for the event here.

Mr Washington and Mr B have graciously volunteered to help the students in their preparations if they need it; and Nami Ohata (mum of G1Soma) will be helping them this year with the presentation of the show.

Our hope is that it will be a great fun event for the kids, and something for the whole community to look forward to and enjoy in these challenging and stressful times. More information will be coming soon about how to support the kids and take part in helping to choose the winners of new awards!

### **Timeline**

- **SIGN UP DEADLINE:** FRIDAY March 18<sup>th</sup> . Students should sign up using an online sign up form which will be sent to their school e-mail addresses. Students who do not have e-mail addresses yet should sign up by telling their homeroom teachers. You can take part as a whole family, including parents, brothers, sisters, grandparents, if you want to try for the new FAMILY award. (\*to qualify for the family award, grownups or people and pets who are not enrolled at HIS must take part)
- **VIDEO SUBMISSION DEADLINE:** Thursday March 31st. There will be no in-school heats this year. All students should create a video recording of their performance (**no longer than 5 minutes**) and send it to [hisidolonline@gmail.com](mailto:hisidolonline@gmail.com) or airdrop or hand it to Nami-san or Mr B or Mr Washington on a memory stick in .mp4 or .MOV format (no YouTube etc please)
- **JUDGING & VOTING PERIOD:** May 2nd to May 13th.  
  
Special guest judges will review all videos and select winners for the HIS IDOL and CLASS ACT competitions, and the whole community and friends will have a chance to vote for separate PEOPLE'S CHOICE awards, and a FAMILY category, if any families are brave enough to take part!
- **WINNERS ANNOUNCEMENT:** Sunday, May 15th

### **Judging Process**

- Judges will be asked to consider all acts factoring in skill/proficiency, preparation and effort, appearance, originality and creativity, delivery and overall entertainment value, but will have freedom to reward anything else they see fit as well. Thank you for understanding that guests judges have a very difficult task, which they do on a volunteer basis.

### **Video Recording**

- Acts may record their videos at home or anywhere with adult supervision, using a cell phone or video camera.
- If they prefer to record their video at school during lunchtime or recess, they should talk to Mr B or Mr Washington to agree on a time and place.

### **Online Safety**

We may be posting parts of the videos in the weekly Crane newsletter which is available on school website, as well as on HIS social media so if names are used in titles, please **ONLY USE FIRST NAMES** and do not include any more personal information.

# PRINCIPLES OF PARTICIPATION

## PART 1: HIS IDOL COMPETITION

- Students may perform EITHER individually OR in small groups with their friends of any grade in part 1.
- Each child may only perform once in part one.
- Performances may be of any artistic genre (song, dance, drama, recitation, instrumental, performance art, comedy etc etc) provided the performance can be performed and recorded in .mp4 or .MOV format.
- **Performances should be no longer than 5 minutes. Performances that exceed 5 minutes without prior agreement from Mr Washington will be disqualified from winning the HIS IDOL trophy.**
- Equipment: acts are responsible for their own equipment. If they need to borrow school equipment, they should contact Mr B or Mr Washington at school.
- Guest judges will not be HIS staff or parents, to ensure objectivity, and so that all students are equally eligible to take part.
- Judges will be given a points based rubric to help them decide, but they can confer at the end and agree on the winners at their discretion.
- HIS Idol overall winner will be chosen from among part 1 acts.
- Additional merit awards will be awarded to reward excellence in categories at the discretion of the judges. (eg, evidence of practice, teamwork, grace, entertainment, star quality, visual impact, originality, courage etc)
- The HIS IDOL 2022 overall winner may take the trophy home for the remainder of the school year but must return it to school before the start of the next school year.
- Prizes will be given to all students who receive an award from the judges.

## PART 2: CLASS ACT COMPETITION

Each class will have a chance to perform together.

- The whole class together is an ideal scenario, but everyone doesn't HAVE to be in the act to qualify.
- The whole class does not have to perform but everyone who wants to should be included.
- The "Class Act" does not have to be a song. Anything that can be considered a

“Performance” is acceptable. (Dance, comedy, drama, poetry reading, instrumental, performance art ...anything OK!)

- Around 5 minutes should be a guide for length
- The class can nominate a smaller group to represent their class, but the same act cannot be performed in both the HIS IDOL section and the Class Act section.
- There can only be one entry per class in the Class Act section.
- If there is more than one idea for the act and the kids cannot reach a decision, the class teacher will help students decide fairly.
- The judges will choose one class to receive the CLASS ACT trophy, which may be displayed in their classroom for the remainder of the school year.
- All classes who perform in the Finale will receive a commemorative certificate for their classroom.

#### PEOPLE’S CHOICE AWARDS

The community will once again have the chance to vote for their favourite acts and decide who gets the People's Choice trophies. More information about this will be shared nearer the time.

Thanks for reading if you made it this far! If you would like to help in some way, or if you have any questions, please contact the team directly.

Thanks for your attention and good luck!