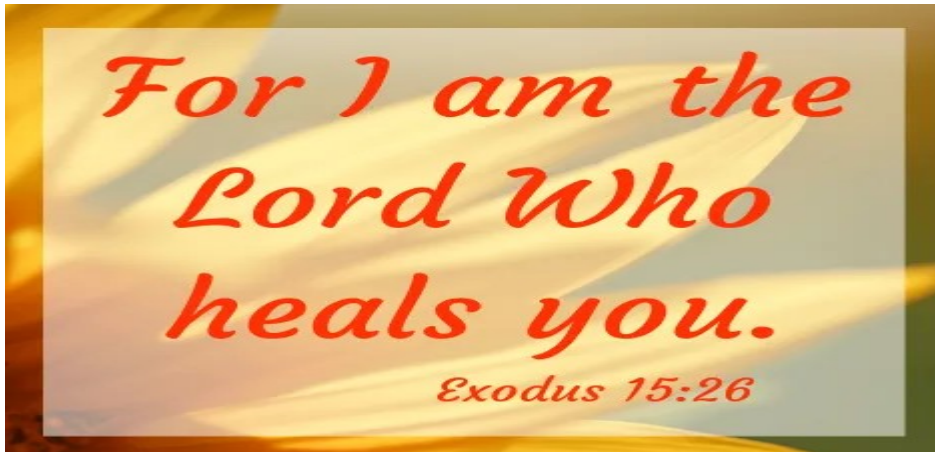




August 2020



Greetings, Peace in Christ and Welcome to DISK SY 2020-21!

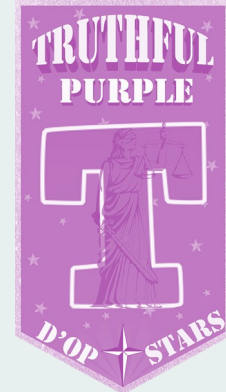
To assure clarity of information, the Administration will be sending out periodically a newsletter pertaining to information we deem important for the parents and students. These notices will be posted on the front information board and also on the website. In addition, information may be part of the class blogs. Any questions or concerns should be addressed to the Administration by contacting the Office.

General Announcements:

★ School hours

As a friendly reminder to all, students are to be in their classroom from **8:00 am to 3:30 pm**. In the past, we have had a few students that had been late (tardy) arriving at school after 8:00 am. Also, we had some students not picked up at the end of the school day and the office was not aware of the reason. The students become a little anxious and as other students get to go home they become more and more restless. During this time we have some disciplinary issues. To eliminate potential problems, please make sure to pick up your children on time and if you are going to be late, please notify the office as to when you will pick them up.

★ **Daily schedule:** To help in having students in their assigned classroom we have initiated a 5 minute break between each period. This time will allow students to go to the restroom, get their drink, and prepare for the next class. Students will be under teacher supervision during this time to assure that they are getting prepared for their next class.



★ Attendance records

All students are to clock-in when they arrive at school and clock-out when they leave, using their new Identification Cards. This new process will enhance the safety of our students as this will help us in case of emergencies such as fire or earthquake. Because of this requirement, all students must be dropped off and picked up through the main office. The students are to wait in the lobby until they are released to go home. Students should not cut across the parking lot from the covered area when they see their family car. As a reminder, the attendance record will be a part of the students' eligibility for honors and 'STARS' awards.

★ Dress Code

Dominican International School Kaohsiung has a dress code and we expect our students to come to school in appropriate uniforms. Special days such as Spirit Days, Casual Fridays and holidays allow students to wear other non-uniform clothing. If you have any concerns please check the current Student/Parents handbook or ask the front office as to the correct dress code. Adhering to the Dress Code will be a part of the students' eligibility for honors and 'STARS' awards.

★ Standard notebooks:

Students can obtain new notebooks from the office. The DISK notebooks are available for each level. Having using standard notebooks will assist students' present their thoughts and material.

★ Parents-Teachers Orientation Day

Starting at 8:00, August 22, 2020, we will have a meet and greet time in the auditorium and after the morning prayer, parents will be escorted to the classroom to have an in-depth discussion on this coming year's curriculum and programs with the classroom teachers. Specialty teachers will be in their respective area in the library and present their curriculum for the year. At 10:00, parents will be invited back to the auditorium for a review and open discussion of the coming year. Dismissal will begin by 10:30 so teachers can have their reflective discussion and planning.

★ Flu Season

With the COVID-19 issue we are all aware of the needs to protect our students and ourselves. This reminds us that the Fall flu season will be starting soon. Flu spreads from person to person through coughing and sneezing, or contact with an infected person or contaminated object. You can lower your risk of being infected by

- ⇒ Washing your hands often with soap and water
- ⇒ Disinfecting dirty surfaces and soiled items
- ⇒ Avoiding close contact or sharing eating utensils or cups with infected people

We have asked our cleaning staff to thoroughly clean and disinfect surface areas and common contact items as doorknobs, handrails, and floors especially in kindergarten and lower elementary grades classrooms. However, it is also important to remind each student about the value of good healthy hygiene, starting with clean, laundered clothing, a good diet, drink plenty of water and get an adequate amount of sleep each night. If your child shows any symptoms of a cold or flu, it is better for them to stay home rather than spread the disease or having the symptoms get worse.

Until released by the Ministry of Education (MOE) and Central Disease Control (CDC) we will continue to measure the students temperature in the morning, sanitize hands with alcohol and suggest masks be worn while in the classroom or crowded area.

★ Snack

We require that the snacks students bring to school to be healthy. Processed cookies (sweet) or chips (high salt content) are not considered healthy. We encourage the students to bring fresh fruit or vegetables for snacks. In addition, to celebrate a student's birthday with a cake please plan on using the afternoon time to distribute. If you have a question please contact the homeroom teacher or front office for more information.

Activities

Aug. 14 Friday at 8am - DISK's first Eucharistic Celebration

Aug. 17 Monday at 8am - DISK CORE (Class Opening Reception Entry) Ceremonial Walk

- ballot election for new VIP Officers at 3:30pm and counting of results

Aug. 18 Tuesday at 3:30pm - Induction of New VIP Officers

Aug. 22 Saturday from 8am to 10:30am - Parent-Teacher Meeting & Orientation

Aug. 26 Wednesday 8am to 11am - 66th Foundation Day Celebration

The celebration of the Holy Eucharist (mass) is the highest liturgical worship for Catholics, and to usher AY 2020 -2021, DISK will hold the mass on Aug. 14, Friday at 8 am. DISK will celebrate 3 special occasions, the Solemnity of the Our Lady of Assumption, the feast of St. Dominic and its 66th Foundation year. Everyone is invited to join our first school mass.

Aug. 17 (Monday) Be part of the very first DISK CORE CEREMONIAL WALK. This activity aims to capture an important moment of every student's life in the school, aptly called CLASS OPENING RECEPTION ENTRY, the DISK CORE CEREMONIAL WALK will have the presentation of flags and colors done by the whole DISK Community.

(Aug. 17 (Monday) DISK VIP will hold its first ballot election and those who will be elected will comprise the VIP Executive Committee for SY 20 -21. As stated in the Parent Mission Statement of DIS, "We promote and support parents' roles as the first teachers, and work collaboratively with them to realize our goals."

Aug. 18 (Tuesday) New officers of VIP for the school year 2020- 2021 will have its induction ceremony in the DISK Conference Room AT 3:30 pm.

Aug. 22 (Saturday) The Parent-Teacher Meeting and Orientation activity aims to guide and direct the parents of our students to know the school, especially the holistic learning that their child/ren will acquire in the next 10 months, all these under the banner of DISK ESLRs/SLO.
(Expected School-wide Learning Result/Schoolwide Learning Outcome)

Aug. 26 (Wednesday) As part of the school's tradition to celebrate MOMENTS IN LIFE, DISK will have a simple yet meaningful celebration of its 66th Foundation Day. HOUSE Parade and competitions are just some of the exciting things being prepared.

There have been a few changes made to the 2020-2021 School Calendar. Please take note of the changes and review the updated School Calendar which has been provided on the DISK Website at www.disk.kh.edu.tw.

Curriculum

Online Resources: At the conclusion of the previous two academic years, resources for core subject learning support for students came under review. After careful consideration and research, online access to more modern, interactive, student-centered resources programs was approved. We are very pleased to be able to provide access to these great learning resources for DISK students!

ELA: DISK students G1-7 will continue to be supported across all skills of English language acquisition through the use of the online Raz-Plus program.

Social Studies: The online program Britannica, provides a wealth of information and content knowledge for projects and research tasks through its vast array of articles, images, videos, audio clips, and maps, and primary sources.

Parent-Teacher Conferences:

This year, teachers have a scheduled week during each semester for one-to-one Parent-Teacher Conferences for the review and discussion of individual student progress. Parents, you are strongly encouraged to schedule a 20 minute appointment time to meet with their child's Homeroom Teacher. Chinese translation will be provided where possible. Please note the dates for **Parent-Teacher Conferences** in the School Calendar, the first being **19-23 October 2020**. Further information and an invitation to schedule time will be communicated closer to the conferences. Please take the time to support your child's learning!



Thank you for all you do to support our school community!

Upon completion of the required studies, the Dominican International School, Kaohsiung envisions its graduates to be: **'STARS'**

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