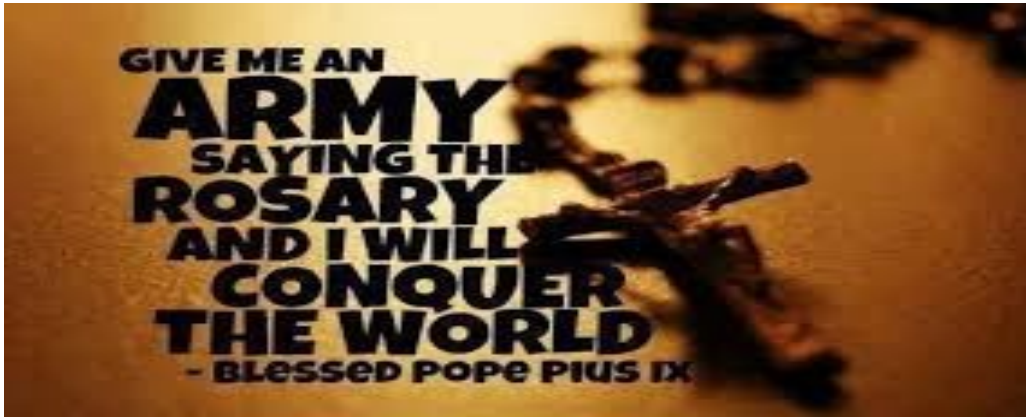




D'OP STARS Administration Newsletter

October 2020



General Announcements:

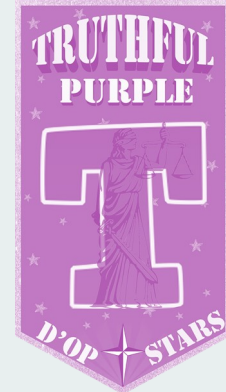
★ Attendance Record

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.

★ **Flu Season:** Fall flu season is starting soon. The disease is spread 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, 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 continuing to spread the disease or having the symptoms get worse.



★ **Snacks.** We require that the snacks students bring to school to be healthy. Recently some of the snacks are processed cookies (sweet) or chips (high salt content). We encourage 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 break time to distribute. If you have a question please contact the homeroom teacher or front office for more information.

★ **Student Insurance.** You will receive a receipt document for the student insurance. This fee is included in the school miscellaneous fee and this receipt is for your information. If you have any questions, please contact the office.

★ **Traffic/Parking** - As a reminder when you are picking up the students at the end of the day please park to allow other vehicles to move through the parking area. Additional parking spaces in front of the academic building will be available this month.
These spaces can only be used during after-school pick-up.




★ **Long term parking** - We are opening that grass space outside the auditorium for parking, especially those who will stay a long time, this is to accommodate as many cars as possible, especially during dismissal time. But it will not be in use during rainy days. If you come early or plan to stay please park next to the auditorium, we will mark off the area to assure that the traffic flow is maintained.



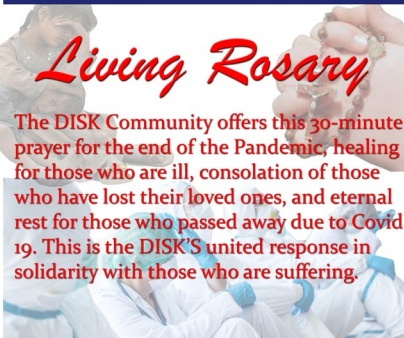
Activities

★ October 19 - Month of Our Lady of the Holy Rosary

October is specially dedicated as the Month of Our Lady of the Holy Rosary. For our liturgical service this month, the DISK Community will gather together to do the Living Rosary instead of the regular Monday morning assembly. The school offers this 30-minute prayer for the end of the Pandemic, healing for those who are ill, consolation for those who have lost their loved ones, and eternal rest for those who passed away due to Covid 19. This is the DISK'S united response in solidarity with those who are suffering.



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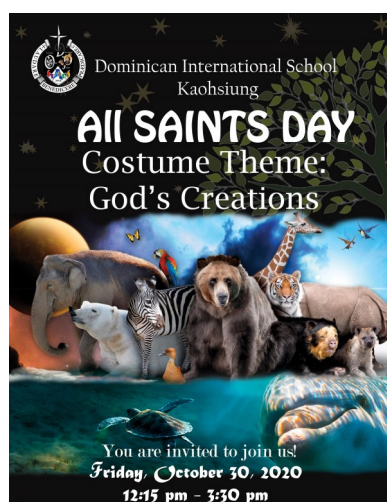


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Monday, October 19, 2020
8:00 am - 8:45 am
DISK Gymnasium

★ October 30 - All Saints Day



Our All Saints Day celebration entitled ALL GOD'S CREATION It will surely be another fun-filled and exciting occasion where the DISK students and teachers display their creativity in exhibiting the manifold beauty of God's living creatures on earth. Trick or treat, games, costume modelling are just some of the activities set for that day, so start now in creating those brilliant ideas for costumes. Prizes and surprises are for grab on that day!. Parents are also invited to dress up and join the fun!!!

★ Community Service

The DISK Community through the efforts of the Campus Ministry extended the humble resources of the school by donating old books to our sister mission schools in the Philippines. The 3 beneficiaries of these SHARE-A-BOOK DRIVE were Dominican School Dagupan, St. Mary's School, San Manuel and St. John's Academy school, Camalig. The books were shipped the first week of August and received early September. They convey their heartfelt gratitude to the DISK Community.



St. Mary's School, San Manuel



Dominican School, Dagupan

St. John's Academy, Bicol



★ After School clubs: Sports and Band.

Looking to start more clubs such as Performing Art (Dancing and Drama), These will be developed as we are able to locate instructors for Lower Elementary, Upper Elementary, and Middle/High School level students. If you have any idea or possible instructor please submit their names and we will make contact.

◆ DISK Band - (Mr. Tarang)

The DOP Little Band is in full swing as they start their regular Monday training sessions with our band director, Mr. Tarang. With their basics in note reading, these neophyte musicians will already have the chance to join Mr. Tarang in most of our school activities that will entail music and songs like our liturgical services. For those who are interested to be part of the group, feel free to approach our music teacher.



◆ Sports - (Mr. Burton)

The DISK Stars soccer team has been working hard in preparation for the TISSA soccer tournament in Taipei on November 14th. We have been learning about how to be a good sportsperson by staying motivated and positive. The team have also been working on finding and using space in a soccer game and have shown improvements in their passing and teamwork skills. A team that works together and supports each other has a big advantage over a team of individual players. We will continue to develop these skills over the next month before our big tournament in Taipei. All of the players are very excited to show the other international school teams what we have learned. More information about this event will be sent home to parents soon.

CURRICULUM

★ **Online Resources:** At the conclusion of the last academic year, 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!

★ **Middle School Study Skills:** The new middle school study skills class has started off well. The goals of this course are to deal with a complex and changing course load in middle school which differs from elementary school. The organizational and planning skills which we will be covering over the course of the year will build a strong foundation for learning which will be used throughout their academic life into high school, university and beyond. Some of these skills will be organizational, team oriented, independent long term project management and personal responsibility. We plan to build on these useful skills throughout the following years.

★ **Curriculum Development:** This year teachers will participate in the improved design and planning of curriculum for Social Studies & History of study, Pre-K through grade 9 To be implemented in the school year 2021-2022. **We are starting to plan on the school development into high school with next year starting a grade nine program.** Through collaborative and practical approaches to curriculum writing review and activities through monthly in-school Professional Development sessions, it is anticipated that DISK's curriculum will be strengthened to more rigorously meet the assessment criteria outlined in the US Common Core State Standards.

★ **Parent-Teacher Conferences:**

PARENT - TEACHER CONFERENCE

October 19 - 23, 2020
2:45 pm - 4:30 pm

Parents and guardians are invited to come in and view their child's progress through work samples and data.

Learn about upcoming standards that your child will be learning next quarter. We encourage all parents and guardians to attend.



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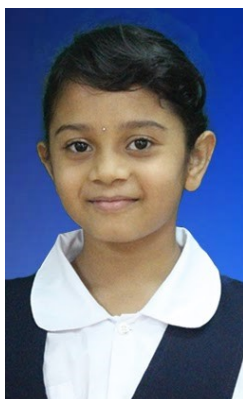
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This year, teachers have a scheduled week during each semester for one-to-one Parent-Teacher Conferences for the review and discussion of individual student progress. Parents, you are strongly encouraged to schedule a 20 minute appointment time to 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 time. Please take the time to support your child's learning!

SCHOOLWIDE LEARNING OUTCOMES (SLO)

Mr. Sandlian - SLO Coordinator

Each week, DISK recognizes students and faculty who have excelled as examples of our school's mission and vision. Our mission and vision are presented to students as statements called Schoolwide Learning Outcomes, or SLOs (previously called ESLRs). SLOs are taught to students throughout the year and are assessed in all courses as department. In the month of September, we honored the following students for demonstrating specific qualities of a DISK Star. These students were awarded the DOP' STARS of the Week Award along with 25 house points! We are proud of their effort to be a shining example for all students here at DISK.



Oviya and Anna

House: Studious Orange

SLO Exhibited:

Honest with integrity to everyone
Fair and just before being right



Andrew

House: **Spiritual Red**
SLO Exhibited:
 Tolerant and gentle toward others



Soken

House: **Active Blue**
SLO Exhibited:
 Grateful for learning opportunities
 Focused and committed to study goals



Jovia

House: **Truthful Purple**
SLO Exhibited:
 Enthusiastic and willing to serve
 Cooperative and creative participants
 Motivated to achieve success
 Knowledgeable of facts and evidence



Charleson

House: **Responsible Green**
SLO Exhibited:
 Organized in task completion
 Knowledgeable of facts and evidence
 Enthusiastic and willing to serve
 Tolerant and gentle toward others



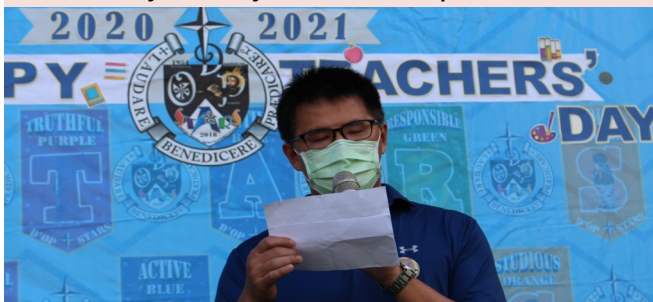
Congratulation Ms. Kelly Chen (Teacher of the Year Award), Mr. Daniel Sandlian (D'OP STARS Award),
 Mr. Don Hilden (Service Award)



ACKNOWLEDGEMENT



Thank you very much to all parents and VIPs for making DISK Teachers Day special.



Thank you to our sister school DIS Taipei for hosting our Teachers Appreciation Day September 24 - 25, 2020



Any questions or concerns should be addressed to the Administration by contacting the Office.

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'**

SPIRITUAL ** TRUTHFUL ** ACTIVE ** RESPONSIBLE ** STUDIOUS