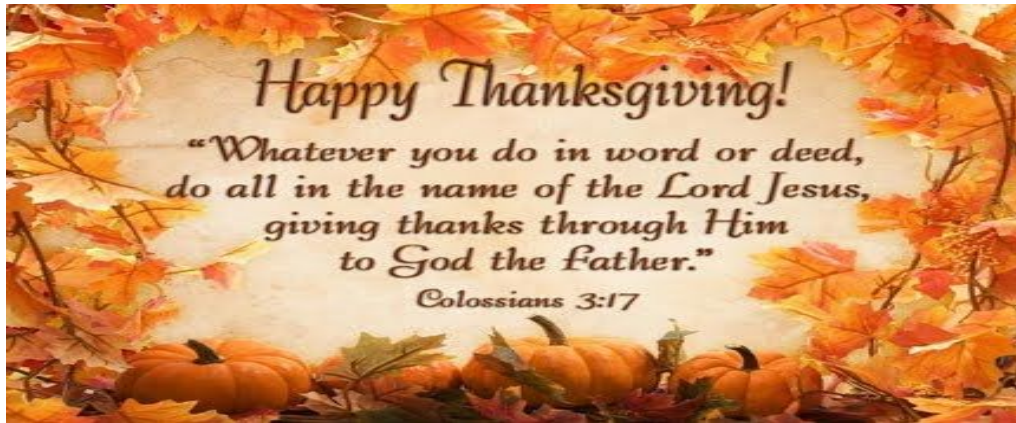




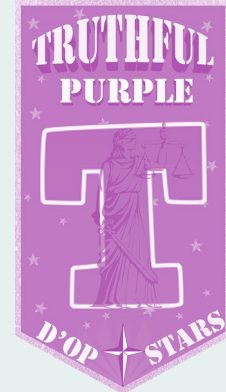
D'OP STARS Administration Newsletter

November 2020



General Announcements:

- ★ **DISK Expanding:** We will be expanding the school through grade 9 starting next school year 2021-20212, (Grade 10: 2022-2023; Grade 11: 2023-2024; Grade 12: 2024-2025). The plans are to enhance international education with additional teacher (s) from around the world and create facilities conducive to innovative learning in the new DISK structures to rise soon.
- ★ **Snack:** Please keep the morning and afternoon snacks healthy. Especially no sweet or salty processes snacks.
- ★ **Dress Code:** As colder weather is coming, please be advised that we have jacket requirements. Check with the office for an **official school jacket**, and always be in proper uniform with black shoes.



★ **‘STARS’ House point winners:** The ‘STARS’ ESLRs / SLOs House points system is geared to help in spreading the positive tone of DIS, K students’ educational growth. Each Monday’s assembly we honor the individual students and House group who have displayed the meaning of the Expected Students Learning Results. This last quarter’s points leaders were the members of the **Studios (Orange) house**.

Schoolwide Learning Outcomes (SLOs)

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 October, we honored the following students for demonstrating specific qualities of DISK STARS. 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. This month, we also recognized a DISK Shining Star. Read below to find out who was recognized for the month of October.



Bertram

- * Tolerant and gentle toward others
- * Enthusiastic and willing to serve
- * Cooperative and creative participants



Jacky



Evelyn



Vincent

- * Tolerant and gentle toward others
- * Enthusiastic and willing to serve
- * Cooperative and creative participants



Kaitlyn



Melody



Grade 3 Class

- * Open-minded to global values and beliefs
- * Grateful for learning opportunities
- * Upright and respectful in character
- * Cooperative and creative participants
- * Organized in task completion
- * Focused and committed to study goals

- * Grateful for learning opportunities
- * Upright and Respectful in characters
- * Self-discipline in behavior choices



Pre- Kindergarten Class



Charleson

- * Tolerant and gentle toward others
- * Organized in task completion
- * Enthusiastic and willing to serve
- * Knowledgeable of facts and evidence



Rachel

DISK Shining Star
for swimming competition

- * 3rd place:
breaststroke
- * 2nd place:
crawl

★ **School Hours:** School hours are 8:00 am to 3:30 pm unless adjusted by Administration for special events. Students are to be in their classroom by 8:00 am. Late pick up should be arranged through the office as each situation occurs.. Students must wait in the lobby until they are released to go home. The office closes at 4:30 students waiting for later pick up will be sent to the guardhouse. When students are not picked up on time many students become agitated and worrisome.

★ **ID cards and checking in:** We have been monitoring the Tardies and Absences based on the record of students checking in with their ID cards. Please remind the students of the importance of checking in and being at school on time. Excess tardies or forgetting their ID cards resulting in an absent recording will affect the student's opportunity for honors.

★ **Facilities: Safety First.** A path walk is made for the convenience of our community members. DISK encourages everyone who goes to the office walking to use this to cross over the driveway, enjoying the beautiful sight of our garden and the half a century old Banyan trees, our school's natural treasure.



PREVIOUS ACTIVITIES

★ **Parent-Teacher Conferences:** This year, teachers scheduled a week during each semester for one-to-one **Parent-Teacher Conferences** in the School Calendar, the first was **October 19-23, 2020**. From the teachers, we wish to thank all who participated in and from these meetings. We will evaluate the upcoming semester in planning for the future.



★ **Living Rosary:** Scripture says, "In the lips of children and babes, God finds perfect praise". During the Living Rosary, the school implored God to cease the Pandemic.



★ **All Saints Day (October 30):** A great day for the DISK Community giving thanks, honor and praise to God, the creator of all things who is all love and mercy.



★ **School-wide Learning Outcome (SLO) Orientation:** To set the tone of DISK's earnest effort to promote the ESLRs/SLO among all stakeholders of the school, Mr. Tung gave a training session about ESLRs/SLO to our Chinese speaking staff last Nov.3. Alongside it, everyone was asked to sign the Code of Conduct document which will be promoted and implemented among all school stakeholders. We are all part of the students learning experience at DISK. Understanding how everyone is part of the D'OP "STARS" Program.

This activity is just one of the many efforts being pursued by the school in preparation for the coming WASC Accreditation Initial Visit in early 2021. The Accrediting Commission for Schools, Western Association of Schools and Colleges (ACS/WASC) is one of six regional accrediting associations in the United States.



UPCOMING EVENTS

★ **Soccer Tournament:** The DISK-STARS soccer team has been working hard in preparation for their upcoming soccer tournament in Taipei on November 14th. With only two weeks until the tournament. We have been focusing on individual skills such as shooting and dribbling. The team has shown great progress on their tactical awareness and has been passing the ball more. This year we are hoping to get a win against one of the Taipei teams and also have lots of fun. We want to show other schools what it means to be "D'OP STARS"! At this stage, there are around twenty students and parents going to Taipei, so thanks to everyone for being organized with their permission forms. Let's have a great time in Taipei!



#YIPEE CLUB

Youth Involved in Protecting
Ecology and Environment

Ecological Seminar

YIPEE Conference
November 13, 2020, Friday
2:45pm - 3:30 pm
Guest Speaker: Ms. Rosa Lee

Go, Grow and Glow 2

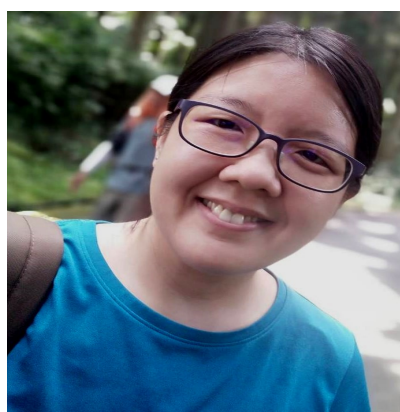
Planting Community Service
November 20, 2020, Friday
8:15am - 9:30 am

ALL ARE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE



"EARTH LOVERS FOREVER IN NOVEMBER".

This month DISK will give special emphasis on our awareness to nature through a series of activities.



An ecological seminar on Nov. 13 Friday 2:45 pm to 3:30 pm organized by **#YIPEE Club**. (Youth Involved in the Protection of Ecology and Environment). Our Guest Speaker **Ms. Rosa Lee** is an experienced certified animator of Pope Francis' encyclical 'LAUDATO SI', this encyclical is all about how to care for our common home, THE MOTHER EARTH. Her certification is awarded by the Global Catholic Climate Movement which is an environmental advocacy of the Catholic Church. Ms. Lee is also completing a Certificate Program in Integral Ecology at Loyola School of Ecology and working in Sheng Kung Montessori Elementary School of the SMC Sisters in Kaohsiung.



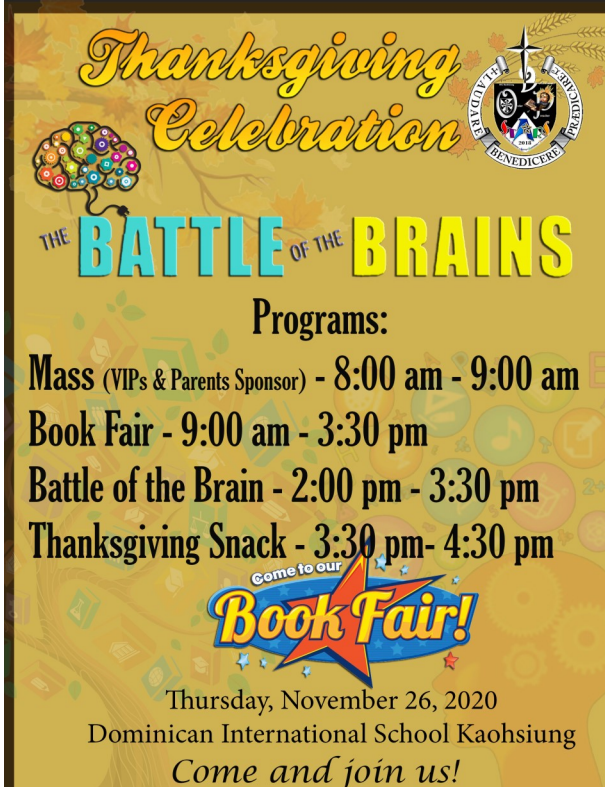
Another event to watch out for is our planting activity entitled, "**GO, GROW and GLOW 2**" on Nov. 20 Friday, 8:15 am to 9:30 am. This school greening activity is organized by the DISK's Community Service under the Campus Ministry team. There will be a NT\$100 fee to cover the plant and a small spade for each student. Parents are invited to join their kid/s in this activity.



Thanksgiving Day: We will start the day with our Thanksgiving Mass regular morning classes, normal lunch, and end the day with snacks after school.

★ Our annual **Book Fair** is also on Thursday, November 26th from 9:00 am to 3:30 pm. The Book Fair is sponsored by DISK Library and BOOKMAN Bookstore. Teachers have made their classroom library wish lists, so if parents would like to donate a book, you can find the wish list at the Book Fair. All book purchases that day will receive a 15% discount and 5% of all purchases support DISK.

★ **"BATTLE OF THE BRAINS"** follows in the afternoon. This activity will have a challenging competition of Spelling Bee and Composition Comprehension. After school, a simple snack will be available for everyone to simply celebrate our Thanksgiving Day.



Thanksgiving Celebration

THE BATTLE OF THE BRAINS

Programs:

Mass (VIPs & Parents Sponsor) - 8:00 am - 9:00 am

Book Fair - 9:00 am - 3:30 pm

Battle of the Brain - 2:00 pm - 3:30 pm

Thanksgiving Snack - 3:30 pm - 4:30 pm

Come to our
Book Fair!

Thursday, November 26, 2020
Dominican International School Kaohsiung
Come and join us!

★ Our **Christmas Concert** is on Friday, December 18th in the evening. This year's December event aptly called "DISK FAMILY CHRISTMAS CONCERT" will showcase the different customs and traditions of Christmas celebrations around the world. There will be surprise performances of some families in our DISK community who will join in this fun-filled evening. December 18 morning will be for class parties and activities, School will be released at 11:15 am and there will be no classes in the afternoon. Students, parents, and teachers will return at 4:30 pm to prepare for the concert and dinner. The show starts at 5:30 pm. The Christmas Break begins on Dec. 19 Saturday. (Dec. 19 - Jan. 05 (first day of Semester 2)). Thanks to our ever dependable VIPs who are all up on their toes preparing for our sumptuous dinner for that evening. More information will follow in our December newsletter.



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*