Dominican International School Kaohsiung



D'OP STARS Administration Newsletter

December 2020



General Announcements:

★ DIS, Kaohsiung VIP: Thank you all for the help and support for the Thanksgiving Day activities. We completed the day with our spelling bee and Battle of the Brain competition. Your support made the bookfair and end of the day's activities with snacks a great success.

Quarterly Assessments and Exams:

Specialty and Major subject assessments/exams are scheduled during the week of Dec.7-11. Remember to get plenty of rest and have a healthy breakfast.

★ School hours are from 8:00 am to 3:30 pm. Starting 2nd Semester, parents should not arrive before 3:15 unless they have an appointment with a teacher or administration. Only students involved in the after-school program could stay past 3:30. Only siblings of students in the after-school program are allowed to stay in the library. The school gate opens at exactly 3:15 pm. Furthermore, the back field of the school is off-limits to non- DISK students and personnel. Please be advised accordingly.

Semester invoice: The invoices for the 2nd semester are being distributed. On the bank deposit slip, we posted the student's identifi-



cation. This was done to expedite the recording of the payment. Make sure that you return a copy of the deposit slip that shows the ID.



★ Students receiving medication: When DISK agrees to administer medication during the school day, parents/carers must provide a written request detailing all appropriate information. This should be kept by the staff member who is to be responsible for administering the medication. Verbal instructions are not acceptable. DISK only agrees to administer prescribed medication with doctor information. Medication brought into school should be handed over by the parent/carer to the named member of staff.

It is the parents'/carers' responsibility to provide the school with the medication required. The medication should be as dispensed, in the original container and must be clearly labeled with:

- name of the child
- strength of the medication
- how much to give i.e. dose
- When it should be given
- expiry date (where there is no expiry date the medication should have

The label "To be taken as directed" does not provide sufficient information. Precise information must be supplied.

Snack - Please keep the morning and afternoon snacks healthy; especially: no sweet or salty processed snacks.

AND MORE! To enhance the educational experience for students through the practical application of skills, students now have access to a Garden Plot. Students can participate in hands-on activities and develop important life skills through experiments and project work connected to the Science curriculum including plant and insect life cycles, ecosystems, energy, weather, habitats, and natural resources.

Acknowledgment

Hygiene classes - Health check-up. Height, weight, vision, etc.

As we continuously strive to give holistic education and let our children truly become the

D'OP STARS students, Nurse Peggy kicked off our Hygiene and Goodgrooming Awareness Program by conducting continuous hygiene checks last October and November. She also gave a series of talks to every grade level on basic healthy practices.



★ TISSA U9 Soccer Tournament

On Saturday the 14th of 🖣 November, the DISK stars soccer team traveled to Taipei to participate in their first school soccer tournament for the year. This year there were 14 players on the team made up of: Elsa Lu, Joseph Lin, Camille Huang, Chris Huang, Chloe Huang, Eaton Chen, Dennis Hu, Aaron Wang, Neil Wu,



Leva Li, Ethan Chen, Justin Yu, Nate Huang and Jeremy Li.



This was a great experience for the under-nine students who showed great sportsmanship and represented our school with pride. They are already talking about the next soccer tournament. Thank you to all the parents and staff who helped make this trip a success.

★ Go, Grow and Glow

Planting had never been so much fun. Last Nov. 20, a good number of parents came to join our students in our planting community service. These plants are all growing now and everyone is invited to visit them at the side garden of the Academic Building. This is DISK's communal response to Pope Francis' church-wide advocacy to practice care for Mother Earth, our common home.





A most enlightening event when parents and students gathered and learned how nature

balances the cycle of earth's ecosystem. The event organized by #YIPEE Club paved the way to a greater appreciation for other God's





creatures, especially our flora and fauna. DISK's

strong conviction to protect our environment is reflected on how we, as a community, take care and value our beautiful and healthy school environment. Our trees, plants, flowers and gorgeous fields are our school's priceless treasure that all stakeholders can enjoy.

Thanksgiving Mass and day's activities

VIPs and all parents: Thank you all for the help and support for the Thanksgiving Day activities. We completed the day with our spelling bee and Battle of the Brain competition. Your support made the bookfair and end of the day's activities with snacks a great success.





UPCOMING EVENTS

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The most joyful time of the year is just around the corner and in DISK it is celebrated meaningfully by the school's Eucharistic Celebration of the Solemnity of the Nativity of Our Lord. Everyone is invited to our *Christ-mass* on December 17th, Thursday from 8:00-9:00 am sponsored by the community of sisters and the Administration Office. Let DISK Family gather together in thanking God for another year!

★ DISK Family Christmas Concert and Dinner

Our DISK Family Christmas Concert and Dinner will be held on Thursday, December 17th in the evening from 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm. The school day will end after students take their lunch. Students are allowed to go home and refresh themselves and return at 5:20 pm to prepare for the evening show and dinner. DISK is looking forward to a fun-filled family gathering for our Christmas Concert.

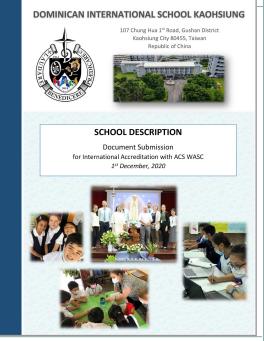
Agenda is as follows on Dec. 17th (Thursday) Half Day Class. Students will be dismissed at 11:15 with their lunch box meal for the day To all production volunteers and personnel, call time is 17:00 17:20 students come back to prepare for Christmas Concert *** gate opens at 16:30, those who want to come early, registration starts at 17:00 18:00 - 19:30 show proper, raffle, exchange gifts 19:15 - 20:30 Dinner

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Dec. 18 (Friday) is a half-day class to wish everyone a happy holiday, and do some clean-up in their classroom. Kindergarten dismissal at 11:00 am and Gr.1-8 at 11:15 am There will be no classes in the afternoon on December 18th and December 19th (Saturday) begins the first day of Christmas Break and resumes on Tuesday the 5th of Jan. 2021, this starts the 2nd semester. We wish you a safe and restful holiday.

ACCREDITATION OFFICE

- International School Accreditation with ACS WASC is a major goal for DISK. December 1 marked the submission of the next set of key documents in the process, the School Description (60-page document).
- School Administrators and Stakeholders continue to work on the requirements. We anticipate an Initial Visit by WASC visiting committee members in the Spring to determine candidacy.
- Many thanks to all who have contributed to the work so far. Feel free to drop into the Accreditation Office by the Museum to learn more!



Schoolwide Learner Outcomes (SLO)

'STARS' House point winners: We initiated the **'STARS' SLO** House Points 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 Schoolwide Learner Outcomes. This last month's points leaders were members of the **TRUTHFUL** house with **550** houses each in November.

D'OP STARS of the Week & DISK Shining STARS

Our mission and vision are presented to students as character statements called Schoolwide Learning Outcomes, or SLOs which are taught to students throughout the year and are assessed in all courses as deportment. In the month of November, we honored the following students for demonstrating SLOs both in and out of school. These students were awarded up to 25 house points for their hard work and dedication.

D'OP STARS of the Week and DISK Shining STARS



- Enthusiastic and willing to serve
- * Self-disciplined in behavior choices
- Motivated to achieve success
- * Organized in task completion





- - Enthusiastic and willing to serve
 - * Self-disciplined in behavior choices



- Self-disciplined in behavior choices
- Knowledgeable of facts and evidence





DISK Shining STARS Karate: Orange Belt

DISK Shining STARS Roller skating competition: 1st place in 100m and 200m dash





DISK Shining STARS Roller skating competition 6th out of 53 competitors

From our Principal Sr. Zenaida Ancheta, op And the Sisters, Admin, Faculty, Staff, VIPs and Workers Happy Holidays everyone and a Happy New Year!

End of the quarter and holiday wishes: <u>DISK is closed from December 19 through January 5, 2021.</u> Have a relaxing holiday and be ready for Quarter 3 on <u>Tuesday, January 5th, 2021</u>! <u>Report Cards will be released by January 8th, 2021</u>



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