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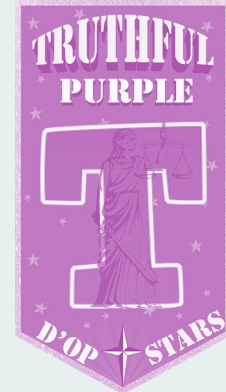
Greetings and Peace in Christ!



General Announcements:

★ **DIS, Kaohsiung Welcome back to school!** We hope you had a great Christmas and New Year vacation. We want to welcome a returning student to Pre-K Alicia with new students Pre-K Austin, Adrian, Audrey, Alva, Kindergarten Winston, Grade 1 Ishi, Grade 2 Ishan, Grade 3 Toby, Grade 5 Brad, and their families to our DIS, Kaohsiung community. We are still growing and look forward to all the great learning during the coming semester.

★ **School Safety and Security:** 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.** If they are not in any afterschool program they need to stay in the lobby/library until they are picked up to go home. Only siblings of students in the after-school program are allowed to stay in the library until 4:30 pm. The school gate opens at exactly 3:15 pm.

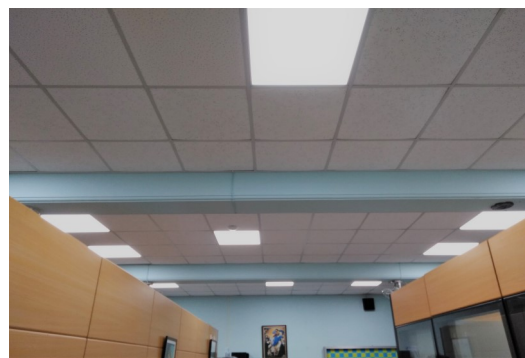


★ **'STARS' House point winners:** We initiated the **'STARS' SLO** House Points to help in spreading the positive tone of DISK students' educational growth.

★ Monday's assembly we honor the individual students and House group who have displayed the meaning of the Schoolwide Learning Outcomes (SLOs). This last month's points leaders were members of the **Truthful** house with **181** house points in December. It has become a close competition however, the **Truthful** house also became the overall leader for the semester with **1210** house points assigned to the students.

Acknowledgment

★ DISK - VIP DISK's 2021 is made even brighter and clearer. Thanks to our diligent and generous VIPs who just rounded up two invaluable projects for the DISK Community. New LED lights were installed in the administration office and lobby during Christmas break, this will surely benefit DISK as we continue our advocacy of saving power and resources to do our part to save Mother Earth.



MARINE LED LIGHTS IN THE ADMINISTRATION BUILDING

And more materials were delivered to our Science Laboratory for Middle School use. The amazing teaching aid models including plant cell, animal cell, human brain, human heart, and human body organs are all essential for a modern science education. The materials will provide students the opportunity to visualize in real life some of the theories and concepts they will learn in their textbooks.



SCIENCE LABORATORY MATERIALS

★ **Nativity blessing.** Last Dec. 14, 2020 DISK's life-size Christmas Nativity was blessed by Fr. Huang, our district Parish Priest, and lit for public viewing.



This rare kind of apostolate was initiated by the DISK Sisters Community to give witness to the birth of Christ, Emmanuel meaning "GOD WITH US". The nativity display envisions to be a yearly devotion and spectacle to heighten the joy that Christmas season brings to all mankind.

This occasion was attended by faithful Catholics, friends, and some families of DISK Community, Gr. 4 Anna Kronborg took part in this graceful celebration by laying down the Baby Jesus to mark the coming of Christ, the Messiah. The Nativity will be on display until the Solemnity of the Baptism of the Lord on the last Sunday of the Christmas season, the 10th of Jan. 2021.

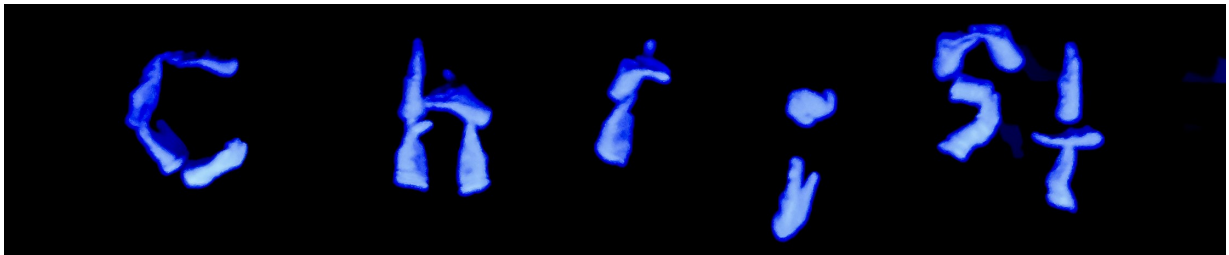


★ **Solemnity of the Birth of Christ Mass** DISK's Christmas Eucharistic Celebration 2020 was made extra special as we welcome our new brother in faith to the fold of our Holy Mother Church, Gr. 2 Mason Yong, Fr. Prudencio assisted by the Campus Ministry team conferred the Sacrament of Baptism to Mason, and with the presence of his family and his guardians in faith, we hope Mason continuously grows in the love of God and neighbor.



★ Christmas concert and dinner December 17, 2020

With hearts willed with thanksgiving and joy, the DISK Family celebrated the Christmas Season with a fantastic show of talents coming from our very own students. With laughter and awe, the audience were entertained and amazed with the performances and collaboration that everyone exerted for the occasion. Furthermore, the DISK Family had the chance to partake the dinner together enjoying the beautiful Christmas atmosphere in the school field. Truly, a night of camaraderie, meaningful chats, and relaxing night out for all.



★ Schoolwide Learning Outcomes (SLOs) December 2020

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 department. In the month of December, 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.



Ethan

DISK Shining STARS

Ethan

Piano Solo:

Received 3rd place in Grade 3 Division

DISK Shining STARS

Audrey

Piano Solo:

Received 1st place in Grade 1-2 Division



Audrey

Activities

★ **Friday, January 15th** - Our Club/Elective program for the second semester will begin on this day from **2:45 to 3:30**. Please have the Club/Elective form filled out and brought back to homeroom teachers by Monday, January 14th.

★ **Thursday, January 28th - Project: DAD (Disability Awareness Day) Thursday, January 28th - Project: DAD (Disability Awareness Day)** DISK embraces not only multiculturalism but also inclusion and diversity in the daily learning of the students and through our SLOs. On January 28, the DISK Community will be engaged in Disability Awareness Activities to promote a deeper understanding and an open-minded perspective of the challenges that our disabled and impaired brothers and sisters may experience, this awareness day envisions to instill in our students our DO'P STARS core value to become SPIRITUAL individuals, open-minded to global values and beliefs.

★ **Tuesday, February 9th** - We are going to hold a Chinese new year celebration from **12:20 to 16:00**. There will be workshops like sugar painting, dough figurine, dragon beard candy making and more for our DISK children to feast their senses with the atmosphere of Chinese new year, also there will be wonderful performances courtesy of our lovely G4 and middle school students, it's a wonderful chance for them to shine and don't forget we also have the final surprise show to conclude our Chinese new year event. Be there and Have fun!
我們將於2月9日12:20至16:00舉辦農曆新年慶祝活動。屆時有捏麵人、畫糖、龍鬚糖等項目，讓學生來體驗過年文化氣氛。四年級及中學部學生也將帶來令人驚豔的節目表演。活動的最後有個文藝彩蛋送給大家作為新年的祝福。熱烈邀請各位家長蒞臨，一起同樂。

★ **Friday, Feb. 26th**

Extracurricular sports program

As we start the new year we are moving into the next part of our sports program. Quarter 3 & 4 is basketball season and we are starting our after school training on Tuesday 12th of January. Training for basketball will be coached by Mr. Burton and Mr. Sandlian on Tuesday and Thursday from 3:40pm until 4:25pm. If you would like your child to participate in the basketball program kindly see Mr. Burton for the appropriate forms. Once again we will compete in the TISSA program against other international schools so we are really excited to hit the courts.

In other news the school will hold its annual sports day event on February 26th, which is also a spirit day. In the past this has been a fun event where students can show their house spirit and showcase their athletic skills. We would love to have parents participating in this event as well and we will provide more details on this in the coming weeks so stay tuned.

Have a Happy Chinese New Year!
Year of the OX!



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

DISK will be closed from February 10 through February 16, 2021. Have a relaxing Chinese New Year holiday and be ready for school on Tuesday, February 17, 2021!

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



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

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

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