Dominican International School Kaohsiung



D'OP STARS Administration Newsletter

March 2021

Greetings and Peace in Christ!

Faith is to believe what you do not see; the reward of this faith is to see what you believe.

~ Saint Augustine ~

- ★ We returned to regular school hours starting February 22. We are happy that everyone returned safe and healthy. Please be reminded that this is the time of the year for colds and normal flu so continue to wear your mask, wash your hands frequently and get plenty of sleep.
- For those students not involved in extracurricular activities (band/sports), classes are dismissed at 3:30 pm. Parents, please make arrangements to pick up your children at this time. We will make arrangements for sibling students who are not in an after-school program to stay in the library. We ask that the parents kindly cooperate to come on time to pick up their child(ren). Parents are not to stay to watch these after-school activities.
- ★ Holiday Weekend and Spring Break: There will be no school from March 29 April 5. Enjoy the spring holidays!
- ★ Quarterly Exams: March 15 thru March 19, Specialty and Major subject assessments/exams are scheduled during the week. Remember to get plenty of rest and have a healthy breakfast.



Activities

- Parent-Teacher Conferences will be held in April from the 19th to the 23rd. Letters and schedules will be sent home on April 6 and will need to be returned by April 9th.
- Sports day The DISK sports day is being planned for Friday the 26th of March. This will be an afternoon event of fun and competition with games and prizes. We have also organised a police demonstration which will involve a talk about safety and a martial arts class. Parents are invited to join the afternoon's events, where they can also compete in some of the activities. The full schedule is still being prepared, but will be shared out with everyone soon. Stay tuned for more information next month.
- ★ Other activities will be announced if they are found to comply with the recommended safety measures adopted by DISK. For up-to-date news about activities visit www.disk.kh.edu.tw go to "Community" and view "School Calendar".

★ WASC Update

DISK's School Description document for WASC, which was submitted in December, has been well received. Key staff are now in the process of participating in Pre-Initial Visit Training sessions with our WASC International Consultant. This involves review of the work submitted so far and, at completion, will determine next steps in DISK moving forward with the accreditation process. We will keep you updated!



Teacher Professional Development

Four teachers from our faculty attended a Professional Development Workshop in Taichung on February 6. They joined teachers from International Schools all over Taiwan for a noteworthy workshop on Standards Based Assessment & Grading. The information and insights from this workshop will be shared with all teachers at DISK as we continue to strengthen the assessment procedures that are in operation in the school.

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Schoolwide Learning Outcomes (SLOs)

Our mission and vision are presented to students as character statements called Schoolwide Learning Outcomes, or SLOs. **DISK Shining STARS** - Students who demonstrate SLOs by participating in competitions outside of school-organized activities may be recognized and awarded house points. Parents/students should contact the SLO Coordinator and provide evidence (certificates, trophies, etc.) to receive recognition for the student's participation. The SLO Coordinator may be contacted at dsandlian@disk.kh.edu.tw



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'**

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