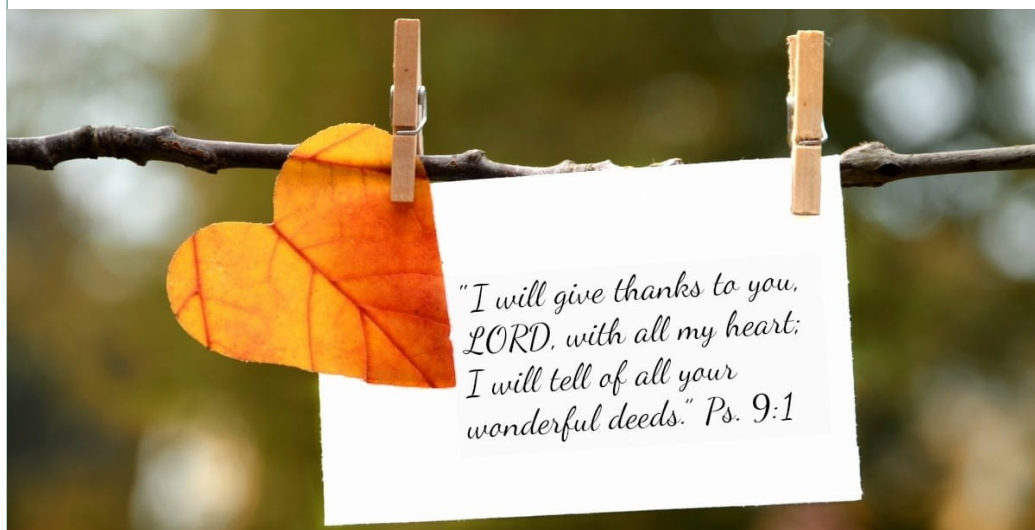


## D'OP STARS Administration Newsletter


October 2021

### Greetings and Peace in Christ!



### General Announcements:

- ★ **Attendance Records:** All students are to clock in when they arrive at school and clock out when they leave, using their new Identification Cards. We have two attendance clocks available for use. One is by the front lobby and the second is at the Ground Floor of the Academic building stairs.
- ★ **Drop-off and Pick-up Procedure:** This new process will enhance the safety of our students as this will help us in case of emergencies such as fire or earthquakes. Because of this requirement, all students must be dropped off and picked up through their assigned areas. Zone One (1) is at the front of the Administration building for Pre-K-Grade 2. The Second Zone (2) is just to the right of the front office area for Grade 3-HS. The students are to wait in the assigned area 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.



★ **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

★ **Snacks:** Healthy snacks available in the Health Hub at the school's buffeteria. Ms. Judy will be happy to help you grab some snacks.

★ **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.

★ **Appointments:** Starting Sept. 27 parents are requested not to exit their cars during drop-off and pick-up. If you have concerns that need to be addressed in person during office hours, please feel free to contact Ms. Tsou (Ext. 21) for an appointment with any DISK personnel, we would be happy to set up a schedule. Parents who would like to buy uniforms can go directly to the Health Hub Store at the school cafeteria from Monday to Thursday 7:45 am to 8:15 am and 3:15 pm to 3:45 pm. On Friday afternoon from 3:15 to 3:30 only. You may call Ms. Huang at extension 31 for inquiry.

## Upcoming Activities

★ **October 4-8: Quarterly Exam Week. No ASAP or Friday Electives.** During this week, parents will need to pick up their children right after the last period at **3:15 PM (11:15 AM on Friday)**. The after-school activities program (ASAP) and Friday elective clubs will be suspended.

★ **October 13:** For our liturgical service this month, the DISK Community will have the **Taize Prayer**. It is a simple, meditative form of worship, prayerful silence, and short readings from the Scripture calling us to dwell deeply on God's presence around and within us. The school offers this 30-minute prayer for the end of the pandemic, wars, and injustices, healing for those who are ill and violated consolation for those who have lost their loved ones, and eternal rest for those who passed away due to Covid-19 and other global issues in all continents. This is the DISK'S united response in solidarity with those who are suffering.

★ **October 15:** The Middle School/High School Department is pleased to announce that we will be going on a field trip to the **National Museum of Marine Biology and Aquarium in Kenting** on Friday, October 15th, 2021. This will be an educational outing where students will learn about

the historical and biological importance of the ocean and marine life. This will tie into our science and social studies curriculum.

★ **October 29:** Our All Saints' Day celebration entitled "GOD IS ALL AROUND US" will surely be another fun-filled and exciting occasion where the DISK. Students and teachers will display their creativity in exhibiting the manifold beauty of God's living creatures on earth, including plants, insects, animals in the garden, and also some historical heroes, inspiring people, and Saints. Trick or treat, games, costume modeling 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 grabs on that day!. Due to the Covid-19 restrictions, the parents are invited to follow the activity on the live streaming.



## — [ After School Activities Program ] —

★ **DISK Orchestra:** The DOP Chamber Orchestra is in full swing as they start their regular Monday and Wednesday training sessions with our teachers, Mr. Tarang and Mr. Joe Chen. With their basics in note reading and ensemble playing, these future musicians will have the chance to join in most of our school activities. For those who are still interested to be part of the group, feel free to approach our music teachers.



★ **Sports (ASAP) Soccer and Basketball:** The After School Activities Program for Soccer (Tuesdays) and Basketball (G4-9 Thursdays) are off to a terrific start! We are all excited to promote physical activity and sportsmanship among our budding athletes. The teacher coaching staff for these activities include; Mr. Oliver, Mr. Bah, Ms. Oliver, and Mr. Casper. These sports training sessions focus on movement, awareness, specific sports-related skills, and cooperative play. Participants should remember to bring a water bottle and wear adequate sun protection during these outdoor activities. Parents are reminded to not enter the school grounds during activity time as per COVID-19 MOE safety protocols. **ASAPs run from 3:40pm to 4:25pm. Please arrange pick-up times accordingly.**

# 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 are now set in place. We are very pleased to be able to provide access to these great learning resources for DISK students!



★ **Community Service:** Community Service is one of the most important aspects of DISK students' formation. Students learn to share to others what they received from God, their families, and society, especially with the neglected and marginalized, manifesting their capacity to be selfless and caring. The high school students have started their community service inside the campus.

★ **Middle School Study Skills:** The new middle/high 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. 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:** 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 18-22 OCTOBER 2021. 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 ]

## SEPTEMBER 2021 D'OP 'STARS' of the Week

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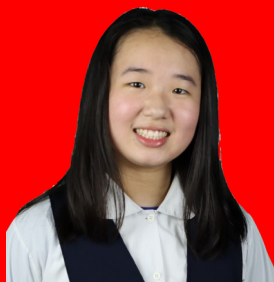
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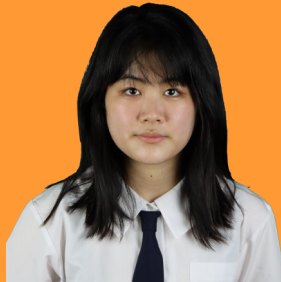
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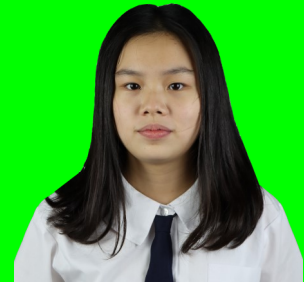
**Charleson**



**Zack**



**Evelyn**



**Ivy**



**Sofia**



**Raphael**



**Lisa**

In the month of September, we honored the above students for demonstrating SLOs.

So far, the houses have the following points:

**Spiritual 235; Truthful 197; Active 174; Responsible 188; Studious 238**

It is becoming a close race. We'll see what happens in the next few weeks!

**Thank you very much to all parents and VIPs  
for making the DISK Teachers' Day special!**



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

Upon completion of the required studies, the Dominican International School, Kaohsiung

envisions its graduates to be: **'STARS'**

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

