



November 2021

**Greetings and Peace in Christ!**



## General Announcements:

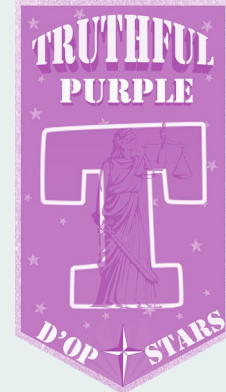
### ★ COVID-19 Restriction Update:

**Effective November 8** — We have received information from the CDC pertaining to school activities. Ms. Joanne Lee will confirm the status with Kaohsiung MOE.

Teachers (who have their vaccination shots and have passed the 14 day isolation period) do not need to wear masks while teaching. However, teachers should continue to maintain social distancing. Suggest that they still wear a mask while a student is closer than 1.5 meters.

Students should wear a mask while they are in the classroom.

Lunchroom protocol will remain the same (social distance and wearing masks).



A classroom should maintain cross ventilation in the classroom with or without AC.  
Activities restrictions are lifted. Gathering for Thanksgiving and Christmas to be reviewed.  
Parents are permitted on campus but should only be here to drop off or pick up students unless they have an appointment.

**DISK will go back to its regular dismissal schedule (3:30) starting November 8.** The safe zone DROP OFF/PICK UP NO PARKING AREA will remain a safe zone for students and parents.

**We will keep you updated as we hear the latest. Thank you for your support and patience.**

★ **DISK Expanding:** With the addition of Grade 10 next school year, we will be starting the second phase of remodeling our annex area. The construction will take place during our holiday time (Christmas, Chinese New Year and summer break). We will be expanding the number of classrooms and developing a complete science lab for experiments for Biology and Chemistry. We will also be adding restrooms for the use of MS/HS.

★ **After-School Pick-up Procedure:** We received a concern from our neighbors about the LONG LINE of PARENTS WAITING on the road. Car smoke enters their home.

★ **Friday Pick-up Time:** Recently some students have been given permission from their parents to go home with other students, or to walk out of the school grounds on their own. School policy dictates that parents submit a written notice to the school so that we can better provide for their safety. Please send written notice to the school administration if you plan for your child to leave school under any special circumstances.

★ **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.

## — [ Schoolwide Learning Outcomes ] —

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



Adrian



Jonas



Lydia

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**Bianca**



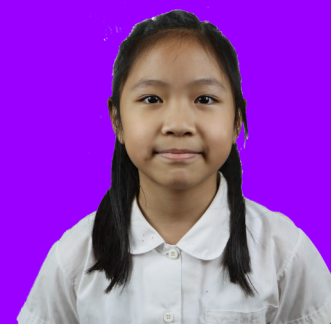
**Adrian**



**Owen**



**Ocean**



**Rachel**

★ **House Point Winners:** The 'STARS' SLOs House points system is geared to help in spreading the positive tone of DISK 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** with **493 points**.

★ **School Hours:** School hours are **8:00 am to 3:30 pm** unless adjusted by the 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 gate house. When students are not picked up on time many students become agitated and worrisome.

★ **Student Leaving Campus:** From our student Parent handbook:

Parents/guardians must pick up their children in person or give written permission to a designated family member to collect children from school. If it is not written (email) then the student can not leave. Verbal transmission on the day of request is not accepted. Parents can send an email (not Line). The school may call to confirm when we receive it.



★ **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.

## 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 18-22, 2021**. 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.

★ **Taizé Prayer:** In a simple, meditative form of worship, through songs, prayerful silence, and short readings from the Scripture, the DISK family implored God to cease the Pandemic, wars, injustices, and healing for those who are ill and violated all over the world.




★ **MS/HS Field Trip:** The Middle School and High School enjoyed an amazing field trip day at the National Museum of Marine Biology and Aquarium.



★ **October 29 All Saints Day:** 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. Three Cheers for Middle School and High School for performing an exceptional Saints monologue and helping out student council with the Spirit House. Congratulations to G1 Lois, G2 Mila, G4 Oliver, G4 Oviya. Special thanks to G4 Xavier and G4 Ethan for doing an incredible job hosting the event.

★ **Student Council Update Google Meet Up with DIST (10/22/2021):** The DISK Student council met with their counterparts in DIST last week and had a fruitful discussion and workshop on the topic of leadership. This was the first time for DIST and DISK to hold an online meeting together and it was a resounding success! We hope to continue to work closely with DIST for StuCo mentorship and have more workshops in the near future.



★ **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. 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.

## — [ After School Activities Program ] —

★ **Sports:** The weather is cooling off a bit and that's a welcome relief for our young athletes enrolled in our soccer and basketball ASAPs. We continue to make improvements in fitness and skill development. Please be reminded that all participant absences be reported to the administrative office to ensure that we can start our program on time.

★ **Joe Chen Military Leave:** Mr. Joe Chen, our band teacher, will be taking a Leave of Absence for military training (November 17 through March 17). During this time, Mr. Pierre will take Monday and Wednesday music and after school orchestra classes. Ms. Iris Chen will cover the Friday Beginners' Class.

**Mr. Pierre (Min-de Chung)** comes from Pingtung. He received his Master of piano performance from Boston Conservatory, USA. He is a piano teacher at Nanhua University and has given lectures in school and art centers such as Dadung Art Center, Banana Music and Pingtung Performing Art Center.

**Ms. Iris Chen** comes from Chiayi. She graduated from National Kaohsiung Normal University and is a current Master's student in the Department of Music. Her musical background includes conducting, violin, piano, chamber music and performance experience.

Both teachers have extensive studies in performance and teaching of music. We are please to have both of these teachers available to continue DISK's band/orchestra development.

# Upcoming Activities

- ★ **Thanksgiving Day:** In the Season of Thanksgiving, we give thanks to what we have received and give hope to those in need. Starting from November 15 until November 25, we will gather items to donate to the Good Shepherd Social Warfare Foundation. Classes will receive a list of items for the students to voluntarily donate. On thanksgiving day, we will start the day with our Thanksgiving Mass to be sponsored by the VIPs and other parents. The Battle of the Brain language activity related to Thanksgiving will start at 2:15 in the afternoon.
- ★ **Elementary School Field Trip:** On Friday, November 26, the elementary school will have an ecological and cultural field trip in Meinong. Students will be able to learn about Hakka culture with some DIYs, as well as the ecosystem in Meilu Ecological Center. In the afternoon, students will go to the radish farm and experience the joy of harvesting and the connectivity with the sacred land.
- ★ **PK/K Field Trip:** On Wednesday, November 17, PK/K will have their field trip on Jins Farm in Xiaogang. The children will have the opportunity to pet animals and to connect with nature.
- ★ **Christmas Concert:** Our Christmas Concert is on Thursday, December 16. The theme of this year is: **“CHRISTMAS HOPE AROUND THE WORLD”** In the midst of frustration and challenges all over the world this year, we want to send this message of hope to the world. We are young, but like little Jesus, we can give hope!

# All Saints' Day 2021 Photos







*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'**

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