

DOMINICAN INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL, KAOHSIUNG

Rationale of the Acronym D^{OP} STARS

In the history of the world, the star represents success, victory, being well-known, talented and outstanding. In the bible it signifies as knowledge's of good, divine guidance or favor and truth. For stars are small luminaries which shines at night that gives forth gleams of light into our atmosphere and skies. According to the Golden Legend, at Saint Dominic's baptism, his mother Blessed Jane of Aza saw the moon on his forehead/a star shining from his chest, yet at this occasion his godmother perceived it in another way. When his godmother held him over the font while the water was being poured on his head, she saw a star shining on his forehead that would illuminate the whole world. The star indicated that he would be the light of the world. He would light the way for those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death.

We, as members of the Dominican Family, participate in the ministry of the order, and we are all called to be Dominican Order of Preachers STARS, constantly nurtured by sharing our light's brilliance and passing it on for everyone to shine.

The Dominican Star resembling a cross

The simple two-coloured heraldic cross, which gives a 3-dimensional illusion depicting the Dominican tradition, embracing the letter D for Dominican a very symbolic and significant representation of Saint Dominic's intention and destiny. The black and white represents truth and faith over heresy. In addition, the white reflects the joy and the purity of Christ, and the black reminds servants of the Lord of their humility and obligation for penance. The color black and white also reflects the characteristic Dominican habit or their clothes.

The 1954 setting with the DIS Kaohsiung laid out

The setting of 1954 on the top of the Dominican shield with anew school logo signifies reverence to the predecessors' efforts in the establishment of today's Dominican International School, Kaohsiung.

The Laudare, Benedicere, Praedicare

Laudare means "To Praise-", Benedicere means "To Bless" and Praedicare means "To Preach".

This is the Dominican Order's motto which appears in all the Dominican's emblem.

To praise God, to bless His people, to preach His Gospel- a fitting symbol for an Order called "champions of the faith." "Often the motto gives a clue to the whole deep meaning of the emblematic ensigns on the shield," a 'full of utterance' to the wise, and it reveals the religious faith, zeal and love of our ancestors, no less than their courage, loyalty, and thirst for glory."

The Child Dominic

The significance of "child" St. Dominic represents the people in DISK who are growing and developing, emerging over challenges of the future with great zeal through better education. This symbol represents most especially the students who are the foundation and center of our program. Through DISK education and practice they will be positive in attitude, active, full of life and with new ideas. We believe that they will become dynamic individuals who are aware of the world they live in and will respond according to the values the DISK has taught them. This represents the childhood of Dominic, his love of learning/preaching, his teachers and classmates also noted that he has the tenderest of hearts and the gentlest of spirits. Dominic demonstrated great care for those in need, practicing love and charity without judgment.



DESCRIPTION of DISK ENHANCED LOGO

with NEWLY CREATED

EXPECTED SCHOOLWIDE LEARNING RESULTS (ESLRs)

The D^{OP} STARS 2018 setting and the Dominican Shield

The Acronym DOP STARS stands for Dominicans Order of Preachers are S_____, T_____, A_____, R_____ and S_____.

The Child Dominic bears our ESLRs "STARS", which symbolize giving light to everyone in the same manner that we are taught by the Biblical verse, "Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven."

Matthew 5:14-16.

The Dominican shield with its cross is the Order's logo for 800 years placed in the center of letter O. The Dominican Cross comes from the Torch of Truth or Light of Truth, a symbol of the Dominican Order, often shown being carried in the mouth of a little black and white dog or the vision of stars in many ways in the life of Saint Dominic.

Other Inspiring STARS Stories/Legend in the Life of Saint Dominic continues . . .

Witnessing the Stars of the South, the Sign of God at FANJEAUX

In Fanjeaux on one July night, St. Dominic knelt down, praying his heart full of his great desire to establish a convent where the women he rescued can worship God in peace. He did not know how, or where, but he was convinced it must be now, at once. The rest he left to God. And as he prayed for light the stars came out above him, the great burning stars of the south; and the plain below glimmered through the summer darkness, mysterious, and elusive Suddenly, as he gazed out into the night, he saw a globe of fire like a meteor dart from the star-sown sky and circle thrice over a spot not a mile from the foot of the hill on which he knelt. Then it fell upon the ground and rested there. He knew it for what it was—the Sign of God for which he had so greatly longed, for which he had scarcely dared to pray. On the spot where it had fallen his convent was to rise. He had recognized the spot by the light of those southern stars, and knew well to whose intercession he owed its choice. For the Sign of God had fallen upon the little sanctuary of Notre Dame de Prouille.

The Theologian's Vision of the Seven Stars

On a time when a noble master in science and in fame was regent in Toulouse in theology, on a morning, to before the day, while he making his lessons, he was surprised with sleep, and inclined him on his chair a little, and seemed that seven stars stood before him; and as he marveled of the novelty of this, the said stars grew suddenly into so great light that they illumined all the world; and when he awoke he was strongly amazed, and then, he came to the school, and as he read, St. Dominic with six friars of the same habit entered and came amiably to him, and showed their purpose, and said that they are eager to visit frequently his schools. Then this master remembered his vision and doubted not but these were the seven stars that he had seen. This is to behold the vision and intention of the Founder, Saint Dominic which he sustained with his staff after all the challenges/adversaries they went through. Finally his desired authorization as a new Institute was granted and the Pope gave his blessing without giving any formal approbation which in turn fostered evangelization all over the world by the widespread dispersal of his brothers and sisters in the order for the mission.

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Everywhere you turn **D^{OP} STARS** acronym has set in. The **DISK** Family – “stakeholders” is familiar with this ESLRs, the **D^{OP} STARS**. It has come to be recognized as a meta-discipline, an approach, our own identity, our trademark, our emblem, and the “mascot” of our school. We continuously aspire to meet the set standards, by integrating them into the relevant instructional behaviors/attitudes essential to the real world.

Today, **D^{OP} STARS** isn't just one thing, it's a range of strategies that helps everyone apply the concepts and values from different disciplines to solve meaningful life situations.