



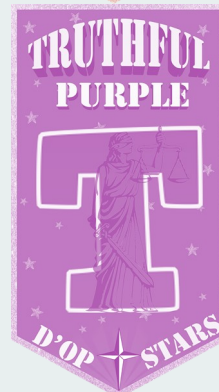
January 2022


Greetings and Peace in Christ!



General Announcements:

- ★ **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** Maddie Wang, Bella Su, and Cayden Chen; **Grade 1** Emerson Wang, Matthias Graesing; **Grade 2** Zoe Su, Jun Kim, Thomas Chen, **Grade 3** Tina Leong, Adam Chen; **Grade 4** Jeremy Wu, Chayanis Lee, Sharon Lee; **Grade 6** Katherine Wu 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.

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, Mr. Chung, and Ms. 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:** 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 Thursday the 13th of January. Training for basketball will be coached by Mr. Oliver on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:40 pm until 4:25 pm and is open to G4 to G9 students. If you would like your child to participate in the basketball program kindly see Mr. Oliver 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.

★ **The Coding and Computer Skills Program** will be starting on the 10th of January. Children from Grade 3 and above will be learning different programming languages such as HTML, JavaScript, and C# while Children in Grade 2 and lower will be practicing the fundamentals having fun with smaller Digital Art Projects. The coding and Computer Skills program will be taking place on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 3:40 - 4:25 pm and taught by Mr. Jacobs, our ICT teacher, and Ms. Palma, our science teacher.

Upcoming Activities

★ **DISK VIP Meeting** will be on Monday, January 10, 2022 at 3:40PM in the DISK Conference Room.

★ **January 28, 2022:** For our liturgical service this month, the DISK Community will have a **Mass** in honor of **St. Thomas Aquinas**, Sponsored by Grade 3 and Grade 6.

★ **WASC Updates:** I am glad to announce to everyone that DISK will have the initial visit on February 14-15, 2022. It will be a plain virtual visit. There will also be a VIP Orientation on WASC on January 17, 2022 15:40 - 16:25 and BOD Orientation on January 18, 2022 14:00 - 14:30.

★ **Friday, January 14th:** 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 10th.

★ **Friday, January 28th:** We are going to hold a Chinese new year celebration from 12:15 to 15:20. There will be workshops like sugar painting, dough figurine, lantern painting, and more for our DISK children to feast their senses with the atmosphere of Chinese new year. We also have the final riddles to conclude our Chinese new year event. Be there and Have fun!

我們將於1月28日12:15至15:20舉辦農曆新年慶祝活動。屆時有捏麵人、畫糖、寫春聯、彩繪燈籠等項目，讓學生來體驗過年文化氣氛。活動的最後有猜燈謎比賽。熱烈邀請各位家長蒞臨，一起同樂。

Christmas Concert Photos





HAVE A HAPPY CHINESE NEW YEAR YEAR OF THE TIGER

DISK will be closed from January 31 through February 7, 2022.

Have a relaxing Chinese New Year holiday and be ready for school on

Monday, February 7, 2022!

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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