



A CLASSICAL EDUCATION FOR THE MODERN WORLD
NOBLESSE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL
 Day & Boarding School
WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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UNIVERSITY INFORMATION

It's never too early to start thinking about college! While many students dream of attending schools in the United States, many excellent colleges and universities are also found in Asia and Europe. In the coming weeks, this section of our Weekly Newsletter will provide information about how to apply to various colleges and universities around the world.

SCIENCE FAIR WINNERS

Congratulations to all participants of the Middle School Science Fair (6-8th), held a few weeks ago. Projects remain on-display in the 1st floor Art Gallery. The winners of the Fair were:

- 1st place: Reichelle Ann Daraoy & Renzel Wayne Carrera
- 2nd place: Estafanie Lansang & Trisha Joy Sicat
- 3rd place: Seok Ho Moon & John Miranda

GOLF CAMP IN THAILAND

Mr. Harris, our 3rd grade teacher, is encouraging our students to review this website (golf.threegeneration.org) which outlines a golf camp available in Thailand. If you are interested in this camp, please inform Miss Joan @ Reception. If enough students are interested, we will try to schedule a "school trip."

ARE WE MEETING OUR GOALS?

In the coming few weeks we will continue to review our progress in meeting our goals for the 2012-2013 school year

- Implementation of an international standardized exam
- Improve the resources for Early Years classrooms
- Implementation of the *Common Core Standards* in Math
- Accreditation by WASC
- Implementation of new assessment software
- Professional Development opportunities for teachers
- Implementation of an Activities Calendar
- An enrolment increase of at least 15%
- Curriculum Mapping (curriculum development)
- Implementation of the *Common Core Standards* in Math
- **Prepare to offer the IB Diploma Program in August 2013**

The recent inspection of the school by IB representatives indicated that we are ready to offer the IB Diploma Program in August 2013. Accordingly, all grade 11 students (current grade 10 students) will take IB courses beginning next year. This two-year program will provide our students with a "global perspective" and will also be great advantage as they apply for colleges and universities.



**THE IB DIPLOMA PROGRAM
IS COMING TO NOBLESSE
IN AUGUST 2013**

WHAT IS THE IB/DP PROGRAM?

The IB Diploma Programme (DP) is an academically challenging and balanced programme of education with final examinations that prepares students in **grades 11 & 12** for success at university and life beyond. It has been designed to address the intellectual, social, emotional and physical well-being of students. The programme has gained recognition and respect from the world's leading universities.

THE SPORTS CORNER

Sports Results:

- October 15 Noblesse and Brightwoods tie in MS-HS soccer (2-2)
- November 14 Noblesse defeats Narciso School in Basketball (43-39)
- November 21 Kuzma defeats Noblesse in Volleyball (3-2)
- December 1 Volleyball: St Paul defeats Noblesse (2-1)
Badminton: Noblesse defeats St. Paul (4-0) Photo above
Table tennis: Noblesse defeats St. Paul (3-1) Photo above
- December 5 Table tennis: Noblesse defeats Narciso School (2-0)
Badminton: Noblesse defeats Narciso School (2-1)
- December 6 Brightwoods defeats Noblesse in Elementary soccer
- December 11 Noblesse and Brightwoods tie in MS-HS soccer (1-1)

Practice Schedule (beginning January 14)

- Mondays & Wednesday: 6-12th Basketball 3.30-4.40
- Tuesday & Thursdays: 6-12th Soccer 3.30-4.30

INTERNATIONAL DAY

Our new *NIS Parent Committee* is now organizing the **1st annual International Day** for Noblesse ... tentatively scheduled for April 26 (Friday). This event will include a Parade of Nations, stage presentations, food, and sports ... and is meant to emphasize the importance of maintaining an appreciation and respect for all cultures and traditions. Countries/regions that will be represented include: Korea, Philippines, China, North America (US & Canada), Europe (UK, France, and Germany), and Indonesia & Malaysia.

STAFF CHANGES

Please welcome **Miss Anna Ocampo-Samson** as our new *Teacher Assistant* for Early Years and Elementary. Miss Anna holds a teaching license from the United States where she recently worked for four years.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- January 28-31 **2nd Quarter exams**
January 29-31 will be **12.30 dismissal** for all grades
- February 1 & 4 **School Closed**
- February 6 Parent Meeting @ 8am
- February 11 Report Cards distributed
- February 12-13 Parent-Teacher Conferences
- February 25 EDSA (No school)
- March 6 Parent Meeting @ 8am
- March 25-27 3rd Term Exams
- March 28 School closed – Spring Break begins
- April 10 Classes resume