



A CLASSICAL EDUCATION FOR THE MODERN WORLD
NOBLESSE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

Day & Boarding School

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

January 7, 2012

FROM THE HEADMASTER

Special thanks to our parents, students, and staff for the many activities enjoyed before Christmas, including the Christmas Concert, EY-Elementary Christmas Party, and Middle-High School Christmas Party. In addition, our Student Council and Community Service Club organized a Christmas Party for the students of the Sitio-Monicayo School (where our students have been volunteering since November). All of these activities provide opportunities for us to “build community” and strengthen our ties with each other. We look forward to more of these activities in the New Year.

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
 Badminton and Volleyball will continue in Term 3 during *Activity Periods*

STUDENT COUNCIL NEWS

We are very appreciative to our Student Council (under the moderation of Mr. Hartzell) for their efforts this year with the following programs/activities:

- Halloween Party
- MS-HS Christmas Party
- Community Service Project with the Sitio-Monicayo School
- Fundraising activities, including ...
 - Two car-washes to raise funds
 - Out-of-Uniform Days
 - Candy-Cane sales

TUTORIAL SERVICES

Teachers are available to assist students with their homework during the daily Activity Period (2.30-3.15). Students who require additional assistance are encouraged to schedule afterschool tutorial sessions with their teacher(s). The cost of these sessions are between P500 and P1000 per hour (negotiable with the teacher). Payment must be made through the Accounts Department.

HAPPY NEW YEAR FROM NOBLESSE

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
- Prepare to offer the IB Diploma Program in August 2013
- An enrolment increase of at least 15%
- Curriculum Mapping (curriculum development)
- Implementation of the *Common Core Standards* in Math

PARENT COMMITTEE

The new NIS Parent Committee held their second meeting on Thursday December 20. The Committee discussed the organization of International Day in April and a School Bazaar in June. Future meetings will be held on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 10am.

UPCOMING EVENTS

January 7 Classes resume
 January 9-11 Final IB Visitation (to determine school’s readiness to offer the IB Diploma Program in August ‘13)
 January 11 Charity Concert at SM-Clark @ 6pm in Theatre3
 January 14-18 Middle School Science Fair exhibits in Art Gallery
 January 21 Study Guides available for 6-12th exams
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)

Annual Calendar changes:

- School will be open on January 23 (originally closed for Chinese New Year)
- School will be open on January 28
- School will be closed on February 1st & 4th (end of 1st Semester)
- Last day of school before Spring Break is March 27 (previously March 26)
- School resumes after Spring Break on April 10 (previously April 9)

