



A CLASSICAL EDUCATION FOR THE MODERN WORLD NOBLESSE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

Day & Boarding School

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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UNIVERSITY INFORMATION

Grade 10 & 11 students

Are you thinking about college? It's not too soon! Before June, Grade 11 students are encouraged to have a list of their "top ten" universities which offer programs of interest to them. During the summer, students should then begin to do more research about these ten universities, including: entrance requirements, tuition & fees, visa requirements, & living expenses. Most importantly, begin preparing for the SAT and TOEFL exams.

What is TOEFL?

The TOEFL test is the most widely respected English-Language test in the world, recognized by more than 8500 colleges and universities in more than 130 countries, including Canada, UK, and the United States. Visit their website for more details: <http://www.ets.org/toefl>

SUMMER SCHOOL PROGRAM

Noblesse will once again be offering a Summer School Program to offer students additional support in **English & Math**. We also expect to offer a Summer **Science** Program in either Biology or Chemistry, in preparation for the IB program, which begins in September at Noblesse. Both programs are tentatively scheduled for July 15 – August 9. Registration forms will be available in May.

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) Table tennis: Noblesse defeats St. Paul (3-1)
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)
February 14	Holy Family defeats Noblesse in basketball
February 18	Brent-Subic defeats Noblesse in soccer
February 28	Noblesse defeats Holy Family in soccer (5-2)
March 5	Holy Family & Noblesse tie in swimming (5 races won each)
March 7	Badminton and Table Tennis vs. Holy Family @ 2pm

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Our Student Council and Community Service Group continue to support the Sitio-Monicayo School (located near Clark). Middle-High School students are encouraged to participate two Saturdays every month. Parents from all grade levels are also welcome to join the students. Please contact Miss Joan @ Reception for more details.

UPCOMING EVENTS

March 18	Study Guides available for 6-12 th Exams
March 25-27	3 rd Term Exams (12.30 dismissal)
March 28	School closed – Spring Break begins
April 10	Classes resume
May 1	Labor Day (No school)
May 7	Jose Abad Santos Day (no school)

Tentative dates:

July 15	Summer School begins
August 9	Last day of Summer School
August 15	Teacher In-services begin for new academic year
August 20	Parent Orientation
August 22	Start date for 2013-14 school year

LOOKING AHEAD TO 2013-2014

Although nearly three months remain in the current school year, we have begun planning for the next school year ... focusing on the following priorities:

Curriculum

- A new math and reading program is being ordered for Early Years
- Additional resources are being ordered for the reading program in grades 1-5th
- The *International Baccalaureate Diploma Program* will begin in August for current grade 10 students.

Facilities

Plans are being developed for ...

- Additional outdoor lighting.
- Locker room facilities for PE classes and athletic events
- Interactive Whiteboards for Early Years

Staffing

- A science lab technician will be recruited to encourage further use of the Science Labs and allow more hands-on activities for students



First-ever swimming competition at Noblesse (March 5, 2013)

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INTERNATIONAL DAY

WHAT IS INTERNATIONAL DAY?

On April 26, Noblesse will have its 1st Annual International Day, designed to promote the importance of understanding and appreciating different cultures and traditions. Many schools around the world have similar events, which also provide an opportunity for students to work-together towards a common goal.

COUNTRY ASSIGNMENTS

*On March 4, students were randomly assigned to the following countries:
(Students are not allowed to change their group assignment)*

EY & Grade 1:	North America (USA & Canada)
Grades 2 & 3:	Korea
Grades 4 & 5:	Europe (UK, France, Germany)
Grades 6 & 7:	Philippines
Grades 8 & 9:	Japan
Grades 10-12:	China

ACTIVITIES

International Day will include the following events:

- Parade of Nations (8am)
- Group Presentations (9am-11am)
- Food & Entertainment (11am-1pm)
- Sports Activity (such as soccer) 1pm-3pm
- Group Decorations (all day)

PARADE OF NATIONS

All students, staff, and parents are encouraged to join the Parade of Nations. All participants should wear traditional clothing from their native country (regardless of their group assignment). The school will provide information of where costumes can be purchased/rented. Prizes will be given for “best costume” by a panel of judges.

GROUP PRESENTATIONS

Each group (see Country Assignments above) will have 10-15 minutes to make a stage-presentation which represents their assigned country. Presentations can include: singing, dancing, speeches, plays/skits, powerpoints, etc. The groups will have time during regular school hours to prepare/practice. Prizes will be given for “best performance” by a panel of judges.

GROUP DECORATIONS

Each group (see Country Assignments above) must prepare a table/booth with decorations representing their assigned country. Prizes will be given for “best decoration” by a panel of judges. The groups will have time during regular school hours to prepare/practice.

FOOD

Each group must prepare different kinds of food which are traditional of their assigned country. Letters will be sent home to parents before and after vacation which further instructions/guidelines. Each group should prepare enough food to serve 50 people. Prizes will be given for “best food” by a panel of judges.

WHO WILL ATTEND?

This event will also be a wonderful opportunity for the school to market itself to the Angeles community. Accordingly, a variety of “local leaders” will be invited to attend. The school will prepare invitations which the parents can use to invite their friends, neighbors, etc.

PARENT SUPPORT NEEDED

This event will be successful if everyone works together! The support and cooperation of the parents is most needed in preparing/purchasing different kinds of traditional food for their child’s assigned country. Remember ... your nationality might be Filipino, but your child’s group might be Korean. Therefore, you will be preparing/purchasing Korean food. ☺

TICKETS

Entrance to this event is free-of-charge. Students who order food from our cafeteria using our regular monthly menu will be given a “food ticket” which they can use at any of the six food buffets. Food tickets will also be available for sale on the day of the event.

LAYOUT OF THE EVENT

Where will the various events be located?

- **Parade of Nations:** In-front of the main school building
- **Group presentations:** On-stage in the cafeteria (seating for 200 people)
- **Food & Entertainment:** Gym
Each country will be given three table (30’x48”) to present their buffet. Power is available in the gym.
- **Group Decorations:** In the cafeteria

EXPENSES

This event is expected to cost between P75,000 and P100,000. Our **Parent Committee** has generously given P20,000. We will have two “out-of-uniform” days before April 26 which will generate P20,000. Accordingly, we remain hopeful to receive additional support from parents, community groups, and our School Board.

A people without the knowledge of their past history, origin, and culture ... is like a tree without roots.

Marcus Garvey

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