



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

March 25, 2013

## STUDENT COUNCIL NEWS

Greetings from the NIS Student Council! We are continuing to provide community service twice a month at the Sitio-Monicayo School. We are also busy planning social events such as a trip to Gintung-Pakpak (near Mt. Arayat) for a team building exercise for 9 through 12 graders. In collaboration with school management, we purchased a Foosball table for student recreation in the student lounge. The table is available during lunch time and after school for middle and high school students. The Student Council encourages you to do your "best on the test." ... exams next week. Good luck everyone!

## UNIVERSITY INFORMATION

### Accreditation of NIS

In response to parent inquiries regarding the importance of Noblesse's accreditation when applying for universities ... please be reminded that we are accredited/recognized by the Philippines Department of Education and a candidate school for international accreditation with the *Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC)*. Both accreditations/recognitions are noted on the applications of our students as they apply to universities.

## THE SPORTS CORNER

### Sports Results:

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
April 12	Noblesse vs. St Paul in soccer @ 3.30pm
April 24 or 26	Badminton vs. Brent-Subic

## INTERNATIONAL DAY UPDATE

Please be informed of the following ...

- **Food tickets** will be given to students who order lunch through our regular Cafeteria menu. Tickets will also be available for purchase on the day of the event (April 26) for P150.
- Parent-volunteers are needed to **prepare food** for International Day on April 26. We have six different groups of students representing six different countries/regions.
- Parents are encouraged to support more-than-one group ... if they have multiple children. Some parents have decided to **collect money** to assist with the purchase/preparation of **food** (the school is not responsible for these collections).
- The school will pay for all **decoration materials** for the parade, stage presentation, and table/booth displays.
- The school will rent six tents to be put on the soccer field. Each group will serve their food from these tents.

**GOOD LUCK ON EXAMS!**

## 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 1-5<sup>th</sup>
- The *International Baccalaureate Diploma Program* will begin in August for current grade 10 students.
- The sequence of the high school science program will change due to the start of the IB program. Chemistry will be taught in grade 9, and Biology & Physics will be taught in grade 10 (one semester each). The Biology and Physics will be introductory courses which will be a pre-requisite for taking IB Biology and IB Physics in grades 11 and 12.

### 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

## UPCOMING EVENTS

March 25-27	3 <sup>rd</sup> Term Exams <b>(12.30 dismissal)</b>
<b>March 28</b>	<b>School closed – Spring Break begins</b>
April 10	Classes resume
April 15	Report Cards distributed (tentative)
April 16-17	Parent-Teacher Conferences (tentative)
April 24	Badminton at Brent-Subic @ 3pm
<b>April 26</b>	<b>International Day</b>
May 1	Labor Day (No school)
May 7	Jose Abad Santos Day (no school)
May 8	AP exams for grade 12
May 17	Charity Concert – Hong Kong Choir
June 2	Fun Run @ Noblesse (more details to come)
June 19	Last day of school
<b>Tentative dates:</b>	
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

## 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 Chemistry, in preparation for the IB program, which begins in August at Noblesse. Both programs are tentatively scheduled for July 15 – August 9. Registration forms will be available in May.

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# INTERNATIONAL DAY

## WHAT IS INTERNATIONAL DAY?

On April 26, Noblesse will have its 1<sup>st</sup> 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 volleyball) 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). **Costumes can be purchased/rented at Me & My Creations** (near Nepo Mall). Please contact them at 0915 284 0454 or 045 888 6276 (www.nesytapnio.com). 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 75 people.** Please note that power will not be available at the serving-tables. 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. ☺

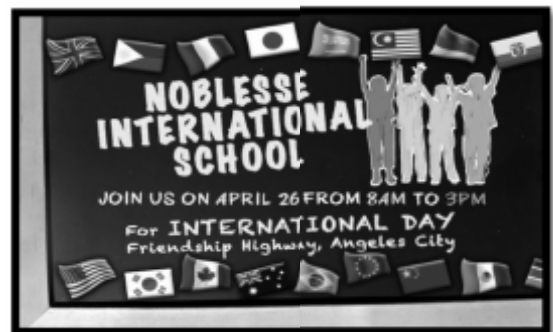
## TICKETS

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 for P150.**

## 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:** Soccer field (beneath rented tents)  
Each country will be given three table (30'x48") to present their buffet. Please note that power will not be available.
- **Group Decorations:** In the cafeteria



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

Marcus Garvey