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NOBLESSE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL
 Day & Boarding School
WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



September 16, 2013

Noblesse is an IB World School & candidate for WASC accreditation

MEET THE TEAM

Early Years Coordinator : Ms. Rebecca Keddy
 Elementary Coordinator : Ms. Regina Muna
 Middle High School Coordinator : Mr. Richard Curi
 Student Council Adviser : Mr. Robert Hartzell
 IB Coordinator : Mr. Athman Semakula
 Learning Center Director : Mr. Garrick Sleight

NEWS FROM THE EARLY YEARS

The Early Years Program at NIS is a Developmentally Appropriate Program. This means that we believe in the importance of the whole child's development. We feel that a child's emotional, social, and physical well being has much to do with the child's academic progress. Therefore, we will work towards meeting our learning objectives through a play based philosophy. This being said, we also understand that each child progresses at different rates. If your child has developed the stamina to focus on academic details for longer periods of time then we will of course, be meeting that need. This year with our student to adult ratio, we have and will continue to differentiate instruction for each child.

Now that we are moving into our fifth week of school the students have become more settled and accustomed to our daily routines. Thank you, for your patience as we took time to put into place practices that provide your child with quality care and instruction. The EYS staff is committed to working with you to provide an optimal school experience. Please contact us with any comments, questions or concerns you may have. We appreciate you in allowing us the opportunity to work with your child this school year.

Kind Regards,
 Your EYS Team

ELEMENTARY CORNER



4th Grade proudly displaying their "Be Kind" writing.

OFFICE HOURS FOR SEPTEMBER

7.45-4.45 M-F (Saturday 9am-12pm)

MS HS BULLETIN BOARD

Student Council Update:

Election of Student Council Officers will take place on **Wednesday, September 18**; the nominees for each office have been selected and campaigning has begun. The Student Council is selling spirit/pride t-shirts which are available for purchase by students, parents, staff, and guests at the bookstore. **Support your school.** All proceeds go back to the Student Council to fund activities.

Basketball:

The NIS Knights kicked off the 2013-2014 basketball season by beginning practice. Full practice is scheduled every Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 3:30 to 5:00pm. NIS has become a charter member of the Pampanga division of the SEA OIL NBTC Elite League, which is a ten team league consisting of teams from other local schools. We will have a challenging schedule of more than 20 games this season. Support the Knights!

What is CAS?

CAS stands for **Creativity** which includes the arts, music, dance and drama; **Action** which includes sports and physical exertion; and **Service** which involves volunteer community service. NIS 11th grade IB students are required to complete a minimum of 50 hours in each category in order to qualify for their IB Diploma. In the coming months, each of these students will have to plan, perform, coordinate, monitor to completion, and reflect on numerous projects that will benefit the school, the community, and in the end, the world itself.

INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE IB

From the IB coordinator

It is a great pleasure to be at a newly authorized IB World school! The excitement, joy, and sense of accomplishment in the school is evident and very much deserved.

I am Athman Semakula the International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma Program Coordinator. I also teach Economics (Grade 12)/ Business & Management (Grade 11)/ Introduction to Business (Grade 10). I am Ugandan, joining NIS from the Aga Khan School in Tanzania where, in addition to CAS coordination, I was teaching IBDP Economics, IBDP Business & Management & IGCSE Economics. I am also a moderator for IBDP Economics (Internal assessment) and IBO examiner in Economics.

The IB Diploma program's greatest value lies not in its ability to boost GPA's and build resumes for college. It is evident that IB fosters a kind of independence, an interdisciplinary style of thinking and questioning

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that creates worldly scholars and global citizens. For this reason, the IB diploma is widely recognized by universities around the world as a symbol of academic excellence and one of the strongest educational experiences available in secondary education today.

I look forward to meeting all of you! Please feel free to contact me and ask any questions you have about the program, the next steps, or what an IB Diploma education means to your child.

Athman Semakula
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Learning Center Updates

Mission Statement

The Noblesse International School's Learning Center (LC) provides students the knowledge and strategies that will help them become confident and successful learners. Its various support programs are intended to help students meet the challenges of N.I.S.'s rigorous academic standards and prepare them to be life-long learners.

Programs Offered:

Language Support Program - 6 to 10 month English immersion course. It is a complete program for students who are new to the English Language.

Tutoring Activity Period - Designed for students who need extra supplemental support for their academic classes.

After School Tutoring - A program welcome to any student who would like to improve their scores and grades. Starting **Monday September 23rd**, We will have Language Support Available for Elementary students.

Future Programs to look for:

Language Studies for Adults: English, Korean, and Chinese.
SAT Preparation and Testing Center
Online AP courses
Special Needs Services
Academic and Behavioral Counseling

STUDENT POLICY REMINDERS

Students are required to follow the Uniform Policy, including ...

- No make-up of any kind (including nail polish)
- No jewelry (except stud earring for girls)
- NO HAIR COLOR** (without the prior approval of the Headmaster)
- Tie for boys on formal days
- All-black shoes (any style) on formal days
- PE uniforms can only be worn during PE classes

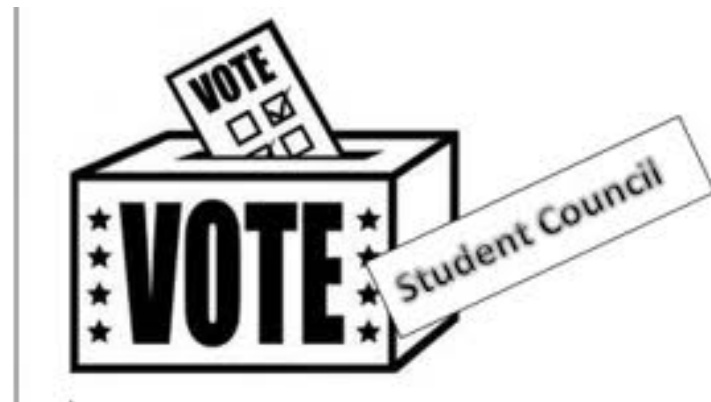
Mobile phones can only be used during school hours for educational purposes (as defined by the classroom teacher)

No teasing or bullying of any kind will be tolerated (including cyber-bullying)

MS and HS Students are to use the second floor exit towards the pool or the main lobby as to minimize the amount of noise in the Elementary Hallway.

UPCOMING EVENTS

September 18	Student council Election
September 27	Foundation Day Event (details to follow)
October 2	Parent Meeting @ 8:00
October 14-15	School Closed for Angeles City's La Naval Fiesta & Eid Al Adha
October 21-22	Quarter 1 Exams (12:30 dismissal)
October 23	Quarter 2 Begins
October 25	School Closed for Angeles City Fiestang Apo
October 26-28	Photography Club Fieldtrip
October 31	EY-5 th Halloween Party



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