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NOBLESSE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL
 Day & Boarding School
WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



September 23, 2013

Noblesse is an IB World School & candidate for accreditation

MEET THE TEAM

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

WELCOME NEW STAFF

- Ms. Lynn Gelido , EYS Classroom Support
- Ms. Ren Pamintuan, Purchasing Officer
- Mrs. Erica Manusig, Receptionist

A special thank you to Ms. Zack Cunanan for helping out at the front desk. Starting this week, she will be our IT teacher for the EYS-Grade 2 students.

NEWS FROM THE EARLY YEARS

News from the EYS

We have an additional staff member in the Early Years program. This has allowed us to provide you with after school care in case of an emergency. We understand that you always make your best effort to have your child picked up between 3:15 and 3:30. Unfortunately life is not always predictable, and an emergency may arise. In this case, please call the reception desk at 045-459 9000. After your call, we will be informed, and Ms. Lynn will supervise your child. She will be available to provide this service until 4:30 at no additional cost to you. Please remember to always call the reception desk when this service is needed. Your call allows us to inform your child, and alleviates our concern about your well-being.

There has been confusion expressed with our activity period swimming sessions that occur on Tuesday from 2:30 to 3:15. We hope we can clarify any misunderstandings. The swimming session is a free activity; therefore structured lessons will not take place at this time. We will have two of our EYS staff in the pool with the students along with Mr. Ernie as lifeguard. We will gladly assist your child in getting in and out of their swimsuit, but will not be able to supervise them while they shower. If you would like your child to shower at school you are welcome to use the pool facility to assist your child. If you choose to do this, please arrive by 3:05.

The cleanliness of our building is very important to us, because it is important to the health of your child. We ask that you help us with this, by making sure all food and drink is consumed in the kitchen area. We understand there will be special circumstances when we have celebrations. To keep our building clean and insect free we need to always be aware of where crumbs may exist.

ELEMENTARY CORNER

Study Smart From a history test at the end of each month to a spelling quiz every Friday, studying is a skill youngsters will need throughout their years of school. Help your child study with these tips.

Start a habit. Encourage your youngster to treat studying as a daily assignment, not just something he does the evening before a test.

Tackle textbooks. When your child has a chapter to study, have him “preview” it to increase his understanding.

Mix it up. If your youngster reviews information in several ways, he’ll be more likely to remember it. He might use colored pencils to copy each spelling word or math fact onto a separate index card.

MS HS BULLETIN BOARD

Career Guidance Presentation

G10- G12 students will attend a Career Guidance Presentation. It will be given by a spokesperson from the Embassy of Canada (Manila) on September 23rd at 2:30 during Activity Period.

Student Council Update:



Results of Student Council Election 2013 – 2014

President – Su Jin Kim
Vice President – Alana Dornier
Secretary – Jun Su Yun (David)
Treasurer – Hwa Jung Yu (Sally)
Public Relations Officer 1: Ji Woo Wi
Public Relations Officer 2: Woo Chan Ho (Martin)

We are very proud of these newly elected representatives of the NIS student government. All candidates did an outstanding job campaigning for office. Those students who ran for office but were not elected will become important members of the Student Council by serving on the newly formed Executive Committee.

INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE IB

NIS Model United Nations

The Model United Nations (MUN) is an academic simulation of the United Nations that aims to educate participants about civics, effective communication, globalization and multilateral diplomacy. In Model UN, students take on roles as diplomats and participate in simulated sessions of an intergovernmental organization (IGO). Participants research a country, investigate international issues, debate, deliberate, consult, and then develop solutions to World problems for example questions of human rights, protection of the environment, economic development, disarmament, the problems of youth and of refugees, as well as the more critical issues of war and peace. The young delegates, in seeking solutions to these problems, can learn to break away from narrow, national self-interest and develop true international cooperation.

The research and preparation required, the adoption of views and attitudes other than their own, the involvement and interaction with so many other young people from around the world, all combine to give the young people a deep insight into the world's problems, to make them aware of the causes of conflict between nations and to lead them to a better understanding of interests and motivation of others.

MUN meets during the Thursday activity period in Mr Semakula's room (203)

From the IB coordinator

With the internal assessment calendar already set, IB students are soon beginning the rigorous internal assessment, which is part of their learning journey. Teaching in IB places interdisciplinary connections between the traditional subjects.

In the 21st century, most of the content we teach our students will be irrelevant by the time they reach their 10-year high school reunion, but the process by which they learn it won't. That is why in IB, learning is inquiry-based, meaning that the focus is on how students learn rather than what they learn. That is how we prepare students to become life- long learners.

Added to that is a focus on international mindedness or the idea that students are constantly working to solve global problems and understand other cultures.

Concurrently running are the three core requirements for the I.B Diploma which are Theory of Knowledge (TOK), Creativity, Action & Service (CAS) and the extended essay.

Athman Semakula

I.B Diploma program coordinator

CAS : CREATIVE ACTION SERVICE

IB-Creativity, Action and Service – Eleventh grade IB students are currently busy creating their CAS plans to fulfill the requirements of Diploma Program. Each student will have to plan projects that include:

1. Organization: research, diagnosis, identified needs
2. Planning: students' personal goals; project objectives; CAS learning outcomes involved; planned activities; project length and frequency; resources
3. Ongoing reflection
4. Conclusion or results
5. Presentation
6. Evaluation

Projects currently under consideration and in the planning stages include:

- Sitio Monicayo Literacy Program
- Barangay Cutcut Clean and Green Program
- After School Tutoring Program
- School Newspaper
- School Yearbook
- Cheer Club
- Girls Volleyball Team
- Boys Basketball Team
- Drama Club
- And many others

All projects must be sustainable over a long period of time and at least one project must be a joint effort with two or more other students that crosses over into two more areas of CAS. Projects should be designed in the spirit of the CAS slogan "Think globally, act locally!" Next week we will explain the CAS learning outcomes.

Learning Center Updates

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. Starts this week.

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 to 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

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STUDENT COUNCIL BOARD

===== BUY THEM QUICK! =====

Visit the NIS Bookstore located on the 1st floor to buy our brand new NIS T-Shirts! In coordination with the NIS Student Council of last year, NIS T-Shirts have been made for sale. We currently have a School Slogan Shirt, and a Noblesse Knights Fan Shirt for 7 different sizes from Toddler sizes to Extra-Large.

1. Grey-Blue-Yellow Noblesse Knights Fan Shirt Sizes XS to XL
2. White-Black School Slogan Shirt XS to XL

THE UPCOMING OUTSIDE DRESS DAY

The long awaited Outside Dress Day is now scheduled to be on Sep 27th, 2013. **TAKE NOTE** that all students must purchase and wear the NIS T-Shirts presented above on this Outside Dress Day, other attires are of the students' choice as long as it does not go against the School Regulations regarding proper clothing.

Remember – You can always tell your Family & Friends about our NIS T-Shirts!

NIS & ACPD JOINT EVENT

Our school is currently supporting the Angeles City Police Department's Run which will be on Oct 6th, 2013. There will be a 3 kilometer track, a 5 kilometer track, and a 10 kilometer track. If you would like to join this run, you can always ask a member of the Student Council for assistance.

Share your Ideas and Thoughts

Do you want something badly in the coming Halloween Party? If you have any Ideas or Suggestions –**FEEL FREE** to leave one or two in our **Suggestion Box**. The Student Council will consider every suggestion contributed by the Student body and hopefully, put it to action.

STUDENT POLICY REMINDERS

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.

FOUNDATION DAY – September 27

Parents and friends of Noblesse please visit us on this special day.

Events Scheduled

- Early Years Songs
- NIS Chamber Orchestra Performance
- Newly Elected Student Council Member Swear In
- Basketball Game (NIS Teams vs. Teachers)
- NIS Family BBQ

UPCOMING EVENTS

September 23	Career Guidance Presentation for G10-G12
September 27	Foundation Day Event
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

MANDARIN LANGUAGE CLASS

Starting this week will be free Mandarin Language class for Noblesse students. This stand-alone program is an enrichment program for students who want to learn more Mandarin. To sign up or for more details please visit the Receptionist. The program will be offered from 2:30 to 3:15.

Tuesday: G1-5 Mandarin Study Support

Wednesday: G6-G12 Mandarin Study Support

Thursday: EYS ECR

Friday: G6- G12 Mandarin Study Support

A NOTE FROM THE HEADMASTER

Due to family related issues, as of this date Mr. John Black has resigned his position as Headmaster of Noblesse International School. Attached is a letter from Mr. Black.

September 18, 2013

Noblesse Community

It is with great sadness that I announce my resignation as Headmaster of Noblesse International School. This decision is unrelated to any events or people at Noblesse, but rather is in response to concerns my wife and I have for the safety of our children. We had been hopeful to resolve these concerns through the Philippines Court system, but these efforts proved unsuccessful. As a result, I relocated my wife and children to a nearby country in August with the intention of securing employment for my wife and enrolling the children in a quality international school. These efforts also proved unsuccessful, leading to the decision to relocate them to the United States in September. I am happy to announce that my family is now doing well and adjusting to their new lives in America. Not wanting to leave them alone, I recently secured employment as a teacher and consultant and will continue my career in education in the United States.

But I am saddened by how these personal issues have adversely affected the Noblesse community. I have tremendous respect and admiration for Chairman Lee who was always very supportive of me and my family. I apologize to Chairman for my sudden departure from Noblesse, and wish him and the entire school community the best of luck in the future. The school is very fortunate to have so many excellent teachers, and I am confident of the school's continued growth and development. I will coordinate with Chairman Lee to assist in the selection and orientation of a new school Head to ensure a smooth transition of leadership.

Best regards,
John Black

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