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MESSAGE FROM THE HEADMASTER

Dear Parents and community,

Welcome to the December addition to the Noblesse International School newsletter. It is hard to believe that it is already December and time for our Christmas break. However, leading up to the end of the year many exciting events have happened here at the school. During this time of year it is always good to stop and reflect on giving to others.

Recently, the student council has been taking up donations such as food, clothing and money for the residents of Barangay Cutcut that are less fortunate. The Student Council along with Ms. Bob Hartzell the student council coordinator delivered the donations to these families. Having our students involved in programs such as these helps our students to understand the concept of humanitarianism as well as developing the Global Citizenship we strive for each student to become.

As you can see, not only do we educate our students in academic subject but also in lifelong social skills. We as educators can change the world we live in. We have this amazing opportunity to work with each student who will be the leaders of our world in the future.

Thank you for your support, your loyalty and being part of our school. Have a very Merry Christmas, and in this season of giving take the time to help others who are less fortunate.

Mr. Dwayne Lehman, Headmaster



Dwayne Lehman
HEADMASTER



Grade 2: COUNTRY RESEARCH PROJECT!

By Ms. Devonne Degance Grade 2 Teacher

In the past couple of weeks, Second Grade has been studying the continent of Asia. Since there are many countries, 1st and 2nd grade collaborated and came up with a research project! Each student chose one Asian country they wanted to learn about. They researched about the country at home, and then created a google doc in school. They researched the location, weather, holidays and traditions, places to see, traditional foods, and landforms in the country. This google doc contains pictures, maps, and their research! The students have to organize and type their research on their google doc, and then find images to match on the search engine.

They have been learning how to use a search engine to find information, how to use google docs, and how to resize images and their fonts. When the students are finished, they will use their images and writing from their google doc to design a poster! The students are able to express their creativity and organization through technology. The students have been working very diligently and independently! Start looking for these posters in the hall!



Literature Newsletter Article

By Mr. Ben Parsons
IB Literature Teacher/IBDP Coordinator

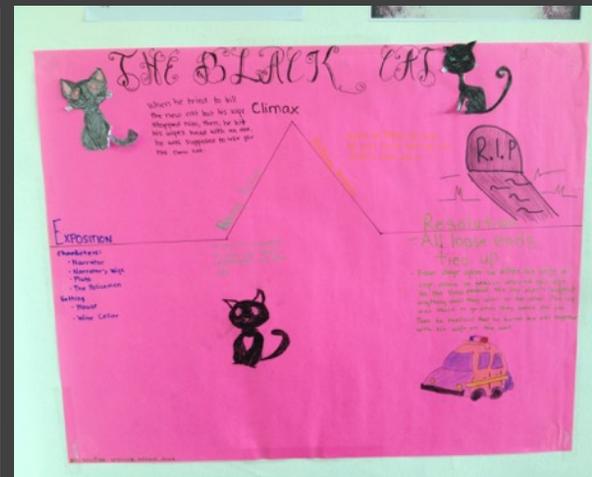
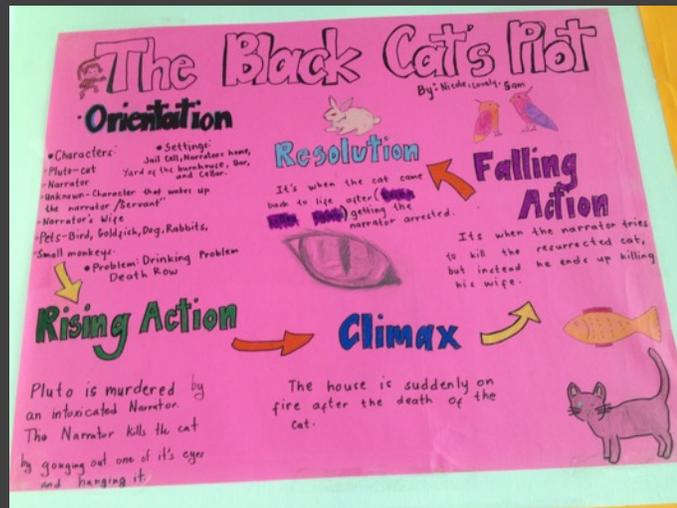
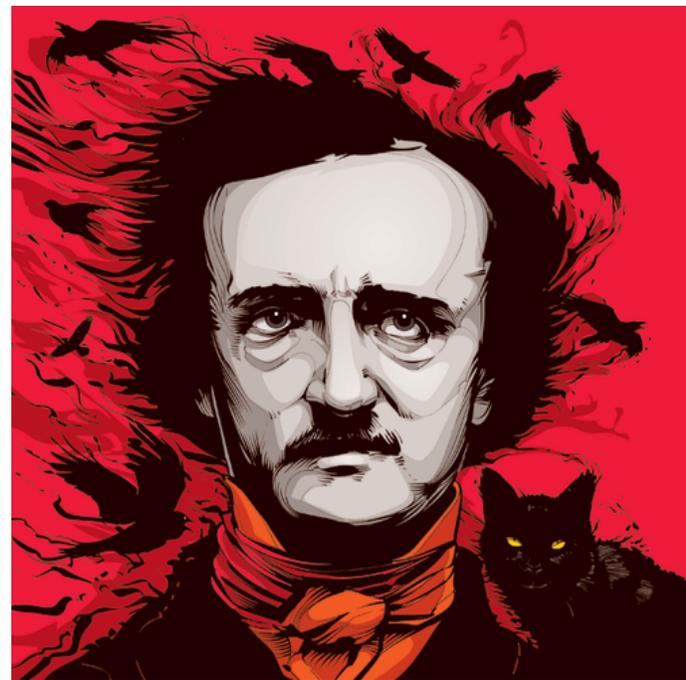
In the words of Jane Austen, "it is a truth universally acknowledged that reading is really, really cool", and our NIS literature students certainly seem to agree!

Up in Grades 11 and 12, students have been studying Parts 1 and 2 of the very rigorous IB English A course, which focuses on topics like the cultural context of a text and how that affects its structure and message, how audience and purpose affect a text's structure, the impact of technology on language changes, and different forms of communication within the media. As we have just witnessed one of the craziest US election cycles in history, many of the texts we studied were tied into this, for example the political speeches of candidates, news and media commentary, social media commentary in the Twitterspher, and even satire.

The assessment for Parts 1 and 2 is a written essay analyzing two random texts, and several oral presentations. After several weeks of pretty hardcore pen-to-paper essay writing, the students have had a bit of time to relax and have some fun preparing their Oral Activities for IB Assessment. This is very much a student-led activity which allows them, in small groups, to independently prepare and record an oral activity that will demonstrate mastery of the IB's learning criteria they have selected. Students have the ability to decide on their process and presentation method, which means they basically have full ownership for their learning in this task. Here are some pics of the IB kids getting their oral activities ready for marking:



Down in Middle School, Grade 8 kids have been reading the creepy stories of famous American Gothic writer, Edgar Allan Poe, such as The Black Cat, the Cask of Amontillado, and The Fall of the House of Usher. Students have been learning about plot elements that make up any story, as well as analysing the deeper themes that pervade all of Poe's fiction. As a teacher, I like to unleash my students' creativity in class, so many of the projects students complete to demonstrate their mastery of the content are things like completing Dioramas and class posters and writing sequels. Meanwhile, down in Grade 7, students have been reading the short stories of Rudyard Kipling's The Jungle Book, such as Mowgli's Brothers, Kaa's Hunting and Rikki Tikki Tavi. They have been looking at plot elements, conflict in literature, and the theme of Good vs Evil. Here are some pics of student work:



We hope you like our work. Please drop by Room 204 any time to see it on display and say hello!

Let Noblesse International Voices Be Heard!

By Mr. Arvin Daquiz
HR Manager / Marketing Coordinator



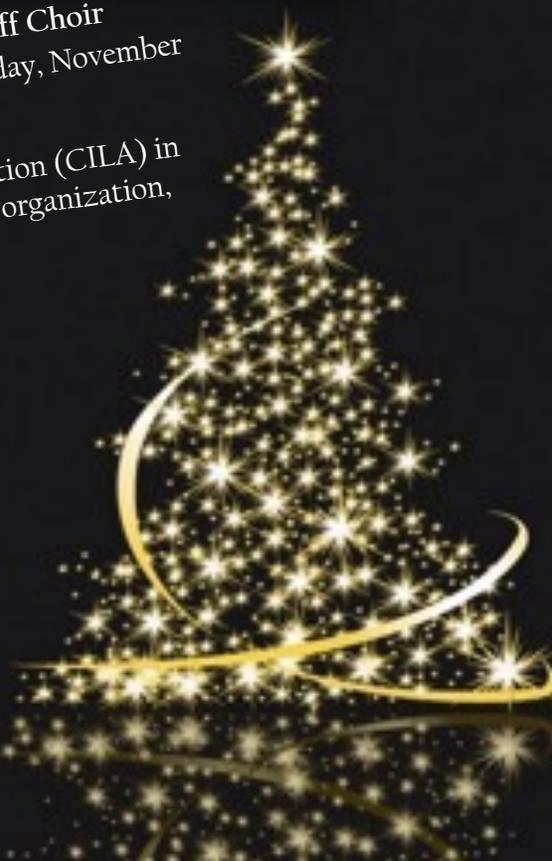
Both Noblesse International School Chamber Orchestra and Staff Choir joined the "2nd CILA Christmas Chorale Competition" held on Friday, November 25, 2016 at the SM City Clark, Event Center.

The event was organized by Clark Investors and Locators Association (CILA) in which Noblesse International School is a bonafide member of the organization,

Merry
Christmas

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HAPPY NEW YEAR





The program started with the Chamber Orchestra's opening of "A Dream is a Wish Your Heart Makes" from the Cinderella movie and "Bridge of Light" sung by Michelle McNish in Grade 10. Staff from Noblesse International School Choir had their first ever chorale competition participation and did an amazing presentation.

It was a great night as well as a fun-experience for every member of each group. Congratulations to all participants and thank you for those who supported.



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The NIS student council began

a significant community service project during this month, beginning the renovation of Apung Gedung Nepomoceno Elementary School. Students from grades 7 – 12 met on three consecutive Saturdays doing phase 1 of the project which is the clearing of tons of refuse left behind from demolished buildings. The NIS contingent of 30 students were separated into 5 teams led by Trisha Joy Sicat, Therese Blanza, Kimberly Binder, Martin Woo, and Mark Bukovitz. The girl teams were charged with clearing weeds, raking leaves and getting the land ready for new swing sets and other playground equipment. The boy teams were charged with breaking up concrete block walls and loading the refuse on dump trucks that were provided by Barangay Cutcut. The project will place on hold during the semester exams and will resume following semester break in January.

Another major accomplishment for the Student Council was the annual collection of food and clothes for the indigent families of Barangay Cutcut. Due the persistence of the students and the charitable nature of the parents, teachers, and staff members this year's drive was a resounding success.

CHRISTMAS Around the World!

December 9, 2016 (Friday), 9:30am to 12:45pm at NIS Gymnasium

Wear red or green outfit as you join us in celebrating the NIS Christmas Party.



Witness our parade of classes, open house for each country, gifts and pictures with Santa Claus and musical performances.



The student council sincerely appreciates your efforts and we thank you very much!! Clothing and food was delivered to the Barangay Captain's Office on Friday, November 25 where the donations will be separated into family parcels. These parcels will be disbursed to the needy families on Tuesday, November 29 at 1:00pm.

Finally, planning for the NIS Make a Difference Today Fun Run is ongoing. The date is set for Saturday, February 25, 2017 at Clark Parade Grounds. This is a major fund raiser project for the IB Creativity, Activity, and Service students in grades 11 and 12. We are looking for corporate and non-corporate sponsors for this event. Parents who own businesses or other enterprises who would be interested in becoming a major or minor sponsor can contact Mr. Hartzell at the school.

In closing, we want to wish the entire NIS family a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!





Counseling Committee Corner

By Mr. Bob Hartzell
IB CAS (Creativity, Action, Service)
Coordinator / IB English B Teacher

Once again the Counseling Committee has had a very busy month. This month the focus has been on completing college applications for our seniors. We are pleased to report that 90% of the seniors have now completed the Common Application, which is accepted by most universities or they have applied directly to their college of choice. We continue to communicate frequently with Education USA at the United States Embassy, where we have learned valuable tips on how to make the application process easier for our students. We have contacted more than 850 universities in ten different countries requesting admission requirements, sources for financial aid, and other pertinent information that can help our students make wise choices for their future. We have received information this month from Louisiana State, Alabama, Pepperdine, Holy Cross, Toledo, Defiance, Rice, Washington University of St. Louis, Fairmount State, McAlester, Swarthmore, Iowa, South Hampton, Essex, Warwick, Lancaster, Plymouth, Loughborough, Chinese University of Hong Kong and several others. Please stop by our office and see what these great universities have to offer.

Additionally, we have been doing research on the feasibility of offering the ACT aptitude test for college admission. The ACT is accepted by all colleges and universities in the United States and in more than 225 other countries around the world. It is designed to measure academic achievement in English, Mathematics, Reading, and Science. The school is continuing to research the pros and cons of the ACT and more information will be forthcoming.

Interviews for Juniors will begin in earnest after the holiday break as well as interviews for the Sophomores and Freshmen. **The Counseling Committee would like to take this opportunity to wish the entire Noblesse Family a hearty Happy Holidays, we hope everyone stays safe.**



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UPCOMING EVENTS

Dec 1-7

Exams
(Early Dismissal 12:45)

Dec 8

Angeles City Day
(No School)

Dec 9

Christmas Celebration N-12
(Early Dismissal 12:45)

Dec 12-Jan 6

Winter break

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