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NIS *Concert for a Cause* 2017

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Message

From The Headmaster

Greetings Parents, Students and Community,

Welcome to the March newsletter. This month has been very busy with many events happening here at the school. I am sure for everyone that attended the International Day events, Charity concert as well as the Charity Fun Run that it is evident that Noblesse International School is heavily involved in the community. As I have said many times in the past, we as educators not only teach the subject matter but we work with our students on being Global Citizens and support building character.

We have now entered in term 4 of the 2016-2017 school year. With this comes a very rigorous focus on the second semester exams and IB deadlines for completion. With the end of year comes graduation and the honor day events.

I would like to remind all parents to please keep in touch with your child's teachers.



Mr. Dwayne Lehman and the grade 10 students

All teachers send out the Friday email to parents however, if you feel you need to speak with the teacher you can do so by emailing or making an appointment to meet for a parent conference.

I would like to update you all that this year we will have the first "School Yearbook." You will find the yearbook is filled with pictures of all students, the classrooms as well as all of the events that have been held at school. Yearbooks are a keepsake that you and your children will cherish for years to come. Letters have been sent home with the details however, if you have questions please come to the school to order or inquire about this amazing yearbook.

Again, I want to thank all parents for the support you have given to Noblesse International School. Without parents involvement in the school our efforts would not be as affective. Together, we are making this journey of education the best possible experience we can.

Truly,

Mr. Dwayne Lehman, Headmaster



Geography

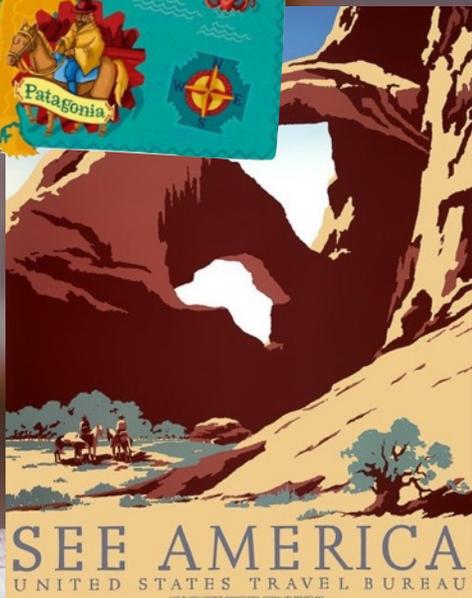


How many parents/guardians/students like eating a pizza with tomato sauce? How many people like eating potatoes with your meal? Now tell me this, what would the holiday season be without Turkey? Or how about popcorn at the movies or just as a snack at home? The question is, "what do tomatoes, potatoes, turkey, and popcorn have in common?" You are absolutely correct! They all originate in the Americas. The middle/high school Geography classes is focusing on the Physical and Human Geography of Central and South America



We are studying about how landforms and water systems affected the settlement of the region. We are also studying about the Columbian Exchange and how that process shaped the culture not only in the Americas but of the rest of the world. We are on exciting journey!

Mr. Curi
Social Studies Teacher
Middle/High School





NIS *Charity Concert* for a Cause 2017



Noblesse International School together with the special participation Lee Music Academy performed a Charity Concert at SM City Clark Activity Center on February 23, 2017. The concert theme was “Our Hearts have beats for the Less Fortunate” and was hosted by Ms. Devonne Degance. The concert was held for the

purpose of raising funds and donations targeted to help with the educational needs of Apung Guidang Nepomuceno Elementary School. NIS Chamber Orchestra and the students of Lee Music Academy played a marvelous mix of pop and classical music featuring the virtuosic performance of senior Jeffrey Lee.





"We teach our children more than Science, Math, English and Social Studies. We teach them how to be Global Citizens, part of this is giving back to the community"

, stated Headmaster Dwayne Lehman.

The benefit concert, organized by a committee headed by Arvin Daquiz, was a successful and rewarding experience. It was also a great opportunity not only to raise funds but also to increase awareness of our less fortunate's educational needs.





Congratulations

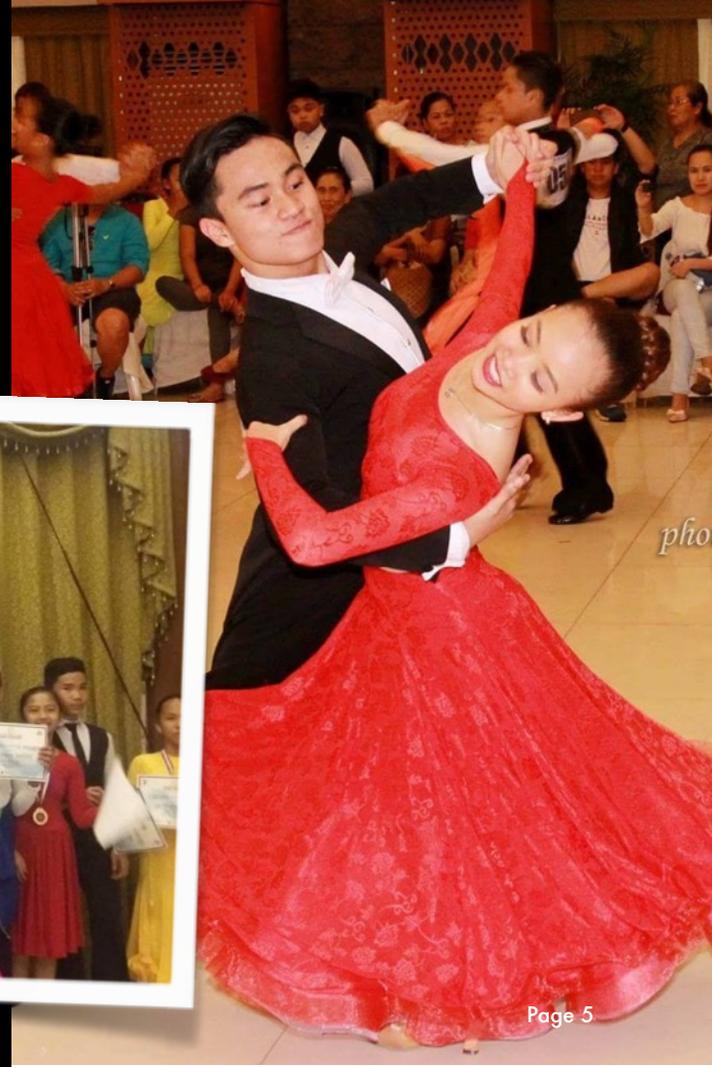
Christine Mendoza!

We are very proud of Christine Mendoza in Grade 8. Christine succeeded in gaining another phenomenal achievement this year. Christine participated the 4th Geraldine Darwin's Dance Challenge organized by Dance Sports Council of the Philippines held last February 26, 2017, at the AFP Commissioned Officer's Club, Camp Aguinaldo, Quezon City, Manila, and she garnered all major awards;

- Overall Champion - Junior 3-dance standard*
- 1st Place - Junior 3-dance standard*
- 1st Place - Inter-High School 3-dance standard*

Congratulations and job well done Christine! We are so proud of you!

NIS Family



Greetings to you all!

It is hard to believe how quickly the days are passing and that we are almost to the end of the year. I have had the opportunity to visit with almost all the students and have witnessed their dedication to learning and their sincere appreciation of their teachers as well as the school.

By Gregory R. van Goidtsnoven
College Counselor/ Elementary/EYS & WASC Coordinator



Elementary Coordinator:

During the past weeks I have been holding teacher observations and have had the opportunity to spend more time in the EYS with both the teachers and students. For those of you that do not have the opportunity to visit, I hope that you take the time to come and see the dynamic learning that is happening. Hands on activities, multi sensory learning and individualized instruction are happening every day. Through the dedication of the teachers, students are not only meeting their year level expectations but are reaching even higher. Kindergarten students are counting in the thousands and are reading simple books. Soon they will all be going on their fieldtrip to further explore and expand their learning and I am sure that the results will be equally as exciting as their classrooms.

As I have mentioned, the past weeks have been my opportunity to observe classrooms and in this time I have been able to observe the elementary classrooms. I do have to mention that in my years of working internationally

I have seen many types of classrooms and teaching and I couldn't be happier to say that our elementary staff here is some of the best. Their dedication to their students is admirable and their desire to take on a challenge is refreshing. By simply walking down the hallway you can see the variety of topics being covered in class. In the classrooms differentiated instruction is evident and every teacher has made it their mission to bring out the best in every one of their students. Teachers have been implementing strategic changes to their classroom routines so that they meet the needs of their students while maintain the high level of expectation. In every class that I visited I as greeted with the smiling faces of students that are happy to be in school and who actively participate in their learning. The culmination to my observation was the Charity concert that recently took place at the SM Mall. What a great performance they did and through the support of their teachers every student was able to enjoy their time in the spotlight. All I have left to say to the students and teachers is BRAVO!



College Counselor:

As the College Counselor, I have had the opportunity to speak to all the 10th, 11th and 12th graders and have to mention that I have been very impressed with the level of dedication that is present in our students. The fields of interest span a wide range of professions ranging from veterinary medicine to aeronautical engineering. I continue to encourage the students to reach for their goals while focusing them on the importance of their attendance, grades and GPA. During the past few weeks many of our seniors have received their letters of acceptance and I am pleased to say that all of them have come from highly regarded universities. These letters are testament to the dedication of

our students as well as the quality of education they receive here at Noblesse International School. Through the dedication of the teachers and the high level of academics we offer here at NIS, our students have been able to start their post secondary education on firm ground and make their way towards realizing their dreams.

In the coming months I will be inviting several universities to come and visit us so that our students have the opportunity to speak directly to enrollment officers. This will be a great opportunity for students to speak to a representative that can answer all their inquiries about enrolment, educational expectations and student life. Through these face to face

encounters it is my hope that students will realize the vast options that are available to them and gather a clear picture of what to expect when they leave the Philippines and head off around the world.

Student Council

CORNER



February was a short but busy and challenging month for the student council. The month began with a frantic search for sponsors for the 2017 Make a Difference Fun Run. Students were able to raise more than P200,000 pesos from local



businesses, parents and staff. We would like to send out a sincere THANK YOU to all donors. Next event was the annual Middle/High School Overnight Party and Valentine's Day Sale. Students organized a successful Valentine's Day fundraiser by selling roses, heart-shaped balloons, and brownies which resulted in P10,000 in profit.

Students assisted with the installation of new playground equipment at Apung Guidang Nepomuceno School, which were made by BOAZ and purchased for P35,000 with student

council funds. A "working party" of fifteen female students painted the 5-seat swing set and monkey bars rainbow colors while the boys were busy clearing the rubble from a demolished building. Students also took a part in the annual charity concert, which raised in excess of P160,000 for the needy. Finally, the



Fun Run was held at Clark Parade Grounds on the 25th of February. The tireless efforts of Eo Jin Joo, Hee Su Yun, Jung Eun (Judy) Yoon, Hana Shin, and Joo Yeon (Jenny) Oh paid off with more than 400 runners registering for the run. Congratulations to these dedicated students for five months of persistence and hard work.



NexTech Innovation Summit

Nexus International School, Singapore

What is NexTech?

NexTech is a large, annual gathering of educators, innovators, parents and students who are interested in pushing the limits of technology and innovation in education. The event was sponsored by both Google and Microsoft, and was attended by people from all over the world, from as far away as the Netherlands, Africa and the USA.



How did Noblesse participate?

Our IB Coordinator, Mr. Ben Parsons, regularly attends regional summits and events like these. He was invited to attend and present ideas at this event.

Mr. Ben presented 3 sessions:

Minecraft 101

In this introductory session, Mr. Ben introduced teachers to the super-famous 3D world-building game *Minecraft*. Teachers who had never heard of *Minecraft* got to learn about the game, experience it first hand, and then design some super simple and creative project ideas for teachers to start using immediately.

3D Printing & CAD 101

Mr. Ben's next session revolved around using Computer-Aided Design (CAD) software, and using it to print out a real-life, 3D model. Again, this session was aimed at educators who are fairly new to this technology. Participants explored how they could get a 3D printer at their school, how to use it with minimal technical knowledge, and how to create simple and creative projects using both CAD, the 3D Printer and various other platforms.



Minecraft + CAD + 3D Printing

Mr. Ben's final session on Sunday centred on the integration of 3 different technologies: Minecraft, Computer-Aided Design, and 3D Printing. Participants learned about a really cool MineCraft server which allows students to instantly 3D print anything they build in Minecraft. This teaches kids to practice *Design Thinking*, as they are forced to consider a creative approach to solve a problem they have been given. At the session, participants also designed and shared some simple, creative project ideas using these technologies.



What else happened?

Mr. Ben not only presented, he had time to attend several cool sessions. Mr. Ben learned how to create Android smartphone and tablet apps, learned some more JavaScript coding, and discovered a very cool and new concept called "Breakout EDU", all of which he hopes to bring to NIS very soon! Happy innovating!

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Mar 10

Science Fair
8:00 am

Mar 17

Parent Teachers Conference
(Early Dismissal at 12:30 pm)

Apr 13

Maundy Thursday
No School

Apr 14

Good Friday
No School

Apr 29

Hong Kong Choir Concert

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