



# Newsflash



Friday, January 20, 2017



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## Upcoming Events:

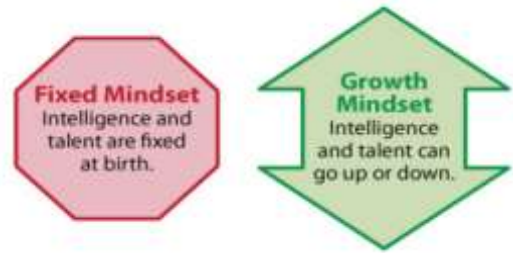
- Jan. 18-21: ISAC-2<sup>nd</sup> Season (Brent Subic)
- Jan. 21: SAT Exams
- Jan. 23: All School's Assembly
- Jan. 25-Feb.3: Online Clubs Registration (2<sup>nd</sup> Semester)
- Jan. 27: (Friday) **NO classes** ← **Note**
- Jan. 30 – Feb. 3: IBDP Mock Exams; MHS Week Without Walls



# Admin notes: Mindsets

## Fixed vs Growth Mindsets

It was great to have parents join our Coffee Morning last Wednesday to learn about how our understanding of **fixed vs growth mindsets** can affect the way our students perceive their abilities to learn.



A definition of fixed and growth mindsets

The following chart<sup>2</sup> gives details of the impact of the mindset areas we explored:

Can you think of any ways you can promote a growth mindset by what you say or do with your child(ren)?

Check out some ideas on the presentation from the coffee morning!

<http://cis.edu.ph/coffee-morning-growth-mindset/>

FIXED MINDSET		GROWTH MINDSET
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• SOMETHING YOU'RE BORN WITH</li><li>• FIXED</li></ul>	SKILLS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• COME FROM HARD WORK.</li><li>• CAN ALWAYS IMPROVE</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• SOMETHING TO AVOID</li><li>• COULD REVEAL LACK OF SKILL</li><li>• TEND TO GIVE UP EASILY</li></ul>	CHALLENGES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• SHOULD BE EMBRACED</li><li>• AN OPPORTUNITY TO GROW.</li><li>• MORE PERSISTANT</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• UNNECESSARY</li><li>• SOMETHING YOU DO WHEN YOU ARE NOT GOOD ENOUGH</li></ul>	EFFORT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• ESSENTIAL</li><li>• A PATH TO MASTERY</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• GET DEFENSIVE</li><li>• TAKE IT PERSONAL</li></ul>	FEEDBACK	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• USEFUL</li><li>• SOMETHING TO LEARN FROM</li><li>• IDENTIFY AREAS TO IMPROVE</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• BLAME OTHERS</li><li>• GET DISCOURAGED</li></ul>	SETBACKS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• USE AS A WAKE-UP CALL TO WORK HARDER NEXT TIME.</li></ul>

**Thank you parents for all the times you show an interest in your child's learning. The research is clear—the benefit of such attention is immense, particularly when it complements the school in promoting a growth mindset!**

*An example of parental support was evident at this morning's PS Play Date, where many parents took time out of their busy day to come and actively share in their child's learning by playing with them using numerous play stations the children had created them selves over their last unit! (More pictures in next week's Newsflash!)*

**Dr. Gwyn Underwood, Superintendent**

### Credits:

1. Mindsets graphic source:  
<https://k12.thoughtfullearning.com/blogpost/creating-growth-mindset-your-students>
2. Mindsets comparison chart source:  
<https://montessorimessage.net/2014/10/02/mindset/>



# K – 12 News

Hello All,

We had another full week at school this week, especially our Wednesday!

We started our Wednesday off with a Pep Rally for our ISAC Girls Basketball and Boys Soccer teams. We are wishing them the best as they play over the next few days. Please check Facebook for Highlights!

Immediately afterward, we hosted a CIS Coffee Morning on Growth Mindset and how we can support student learning in and out of school through the language we use and the questions we ask our students. Please check Facebook and our Website for a link to the presentation that includes important resources for you as a parent.

One of the conversations that came up in regard to how we present our topics, is giving time to parents to sit and talk about issues and ideas they have with us. Starting in mid-February, after our Week Without Walls, I will announce some times when we can sit and chat in the canteen and talk about topics that are important to you. This will be open to everyone!

Important information about our Week Without Walls for elementary will be coming home through classroom teachers, and for MHS through the school and team leaders for each group project. Please contact your child's homeroom teacher (elem) or event chaperones (MHS) for any clarifications you may have.

MHS Sign-ups will begin on Friday, the 20th. Student choices will be decided by Monday and permission slips and payments should be completed next Tuesday through Thursday (Jan. 24-26). As usual, we are offering a number of on and off-campus options, including one overnigher to San Remegio. Information will be made available to students and parents Thursday for them to make choices by Monday.

Some of our service work occurs over weekends as well. Please read this article by Lena who took part in a weekend service project delivering clothing that was collected from the CIS community and in providing lunch to families who lost their homes to fire recently in Banilad. Thank you all for your continued support. Please contact Ace Pierra, at [apierra@cis.edu.ph](mailto:apierra@cis.edu.ph) if you wish to join future service projects as a family.

***Dr. Ted Mockrish, K-12 Principal***





# K-12 News (continued)

After the fire, the victims in Mandaue were living in makeshift houses that they made with some tin and cloth. When we arrived, they all started running toward us because they were really excited. It was a fulfilling experience giving them clothes and supplies, and they were very appreciative of the items donated by the CIS community. The barangay captain also came with his wife and they cooked and served rice porridge in order to feed all the people. At the end of the day, all the fire victims were smiling and waving goodbye. It was a humbling experience to distribute the items to the people, but it felt good doing something to help others in their time of need.

**Lena, GR 7 Student**





# Grade 2 – How to Organize Ourselves

It has been busy all week in the Grade 2 classroom as students got ready for their shop opening. In line with their unit How We Organize Ourselves, the students were challenged to create a shop, where they could come up with their own system, roles and responsibilities.

For this project, they focused on how they have applied cooperation, how effective their communication was and how committed they were to their group. Last Wednesday, we finally opened two shops, the Death Match game shop and the Grade 2 Mini Market, to Kinder and Grade 1 students. Through this activity, students not only developed their social skills but they were also able to practice working with money.



Here at CIS, we provide learning experiences that allow students to think critically and creatively, and we expect them to take ownership of their learning. – **Ms. Melanie Chua**

**Please note** our Elementary Week Without Walls begins next week. Individual classroom teachers have already shared events with families.

**Ms. Maïke Silver**, Elementary School Assistant Principal/PYP Coordinator





# CAS News (Creativity Action Service)

Lihuk Panaghiusa Organization is an NGO that provides tutorials to local students from schools near the area. On December 17, some grade 11 and 12 students visited the organization which held a Christmas Party. The students entertained us with their performances and we had brought goodies and gifts with us to give to them as gifts for the season. We felt good about the act of giving out to these children and seeing their happy faces when they received their gifts. We hope to help out more with this organization in the future.

**Mr. Ace Pierra, CAS Coordinator**





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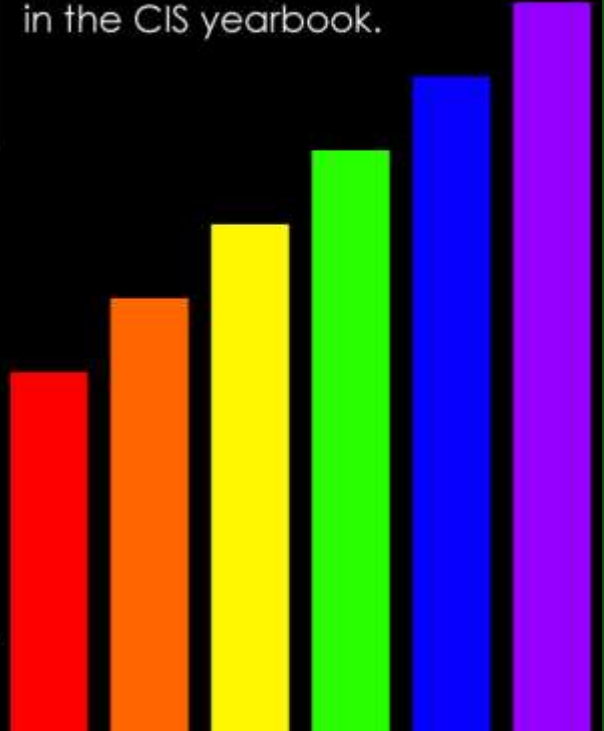
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## PTA Announcement

Dear parents and CIS community,

Many thanks to everyone who contributed donations for the victims of the Mandaue fire. One thing that makes CIS special is its commitment to teaching students about how they can make a difference in their world and share their resources.

Next, we would like to give a warm welcome to the newly enrolled students and their families: Ariya Roberson in PS3 and Mingrui "Mulan" Li in G1. We hope you feel at home at CIS!

Lastly, please think about joining the PTA board as President, Vice President, Secretary or Treasurer. All positions will be open for next year. Contact us at [cispta@cis.edu.ph](mailto:cispta@cis.edu.ph) if you are interested in learning more!

Many thanks,  
CIS PTA



# News from our College Counselor

## Upcoming College Visits/Fairs



**Venue: Room 311**

**Time: 9:15 – 10:00 AM**

February 9, 2017 (Thursday)

March 9, 2017 (Thursday)

March 13, 2017 (Monday)

SUNY Albany (USA)

Western Sydney University (Australia)

Australian University Fair

(15-18 universities)

*Final list of universities to be published in late February*

## SAT Test Dates / Registration Deadlines

### Test Dates

January 21, 2017

May 6, 2017

June 3, 2017

### Registration Deadlines

December 21, 2016

April 7, 2017

May 9, 2017

### Redesigned SAT Test Prep (2<sup>nd</sup> Semester)

CIS is offering redesigned SAT prep classes which will run for six (6) Saturday sessions. Classes will run from 8:00am – 12:15pm with a 15 minute break in between 2 hour sessions. Below are the dates:

February 11, 18, March 4, 11, 18 and 25

Cost for CIS students: Php6,500

Cost for non-CIS students: Php8,000



We will need a minimum of 6 students to run the classes. All payments should be made to the school cashier.

For information on the redesigned SATs:

<https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/sample-questions>

To register for the SAT: Log on to [www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org)

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to email Ms. Basa at [jbasa@cis.edu.ph](mailto:jbasa@cis.edu.ph) or call 261-0247 ext. 112 to set an appointment.

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