



# Newsflash



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## Upcoming Events:

- Jan. 25-Feb.3: Online Clubs Registration (2<sup>nd</sup> Semester)
- Jan. 26: No School (Chinese New Year)
- Jan. 30 – Feb. 3: IBDP Mock Exams; MHS Week Without Walls
- Feb. 3: Elem. Assembly
- Feb. 6: All School Assembly; Clubs begin; 3<sup>rd</sup> Photoshoot

# Life Long Learners

**We often hear the term “lifelong learner” around school. This term sounds straightforward enough, but what do we really mean when we use it?**

A simple explanation of Lifelong learning is **"the ongoing, voluntary, and self-motivated" pursuit of knowledge for either personal or professional reasons"** ([https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lifelong\\_learning](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lifelong_learning)).

It is a term we use to describe our belief that we can **all** benefit from continuing to learn (*knowledge, skills and attitudes*) over our lifetime. Reasons for this include (but are not limited to):

- Enables us to adapt to our fast-changing society
- Allows us to get better/more efficient at doing things
- Includes not only learning for a “job”, but also self-improvement for other social and/or personal reasons
- Research indicates keeping the brain active has beneficial effects on our quality of life and longevity (how long we live)!

The importance of helping our children learn to be being lifelong learners is highlighted by the IB Mission Statement... *[The IB] programmes encourage students across the world to become active, compassionate and **lifelong learners** who understand that other people, with their differences, can also be right.*

How can we as teachers, and you as parents, help our children develop this area? One area I believe is very important is being a good **role model!**

As an example of this, I want to congratulate and recognize the following staff who recently completed learning something new, over and beyond the high level of professional development we already expect from our faculty!

1. Mr. Ted Mockrish is new **Dr. Mockrish!** It has taken years for Dr. Mockrish to earn his doctorate, which he was officially conferred with last week!
2. **Mr. Dan Monfre** (MHS Math) recently became an official Google Certified Trainer.
3. **Ms. Jaqui Street** (MHS Science) recently earned her Google Certified Educator, Level 2 qualification.
4. **Mr. Chris Thompson** (ES) and **Mrs. Karissa Thompson** (ES) recently earned their Google Certified Educator Level 1 qualification.
5. **Dr. Rejell Josol** was recently awarded a Dean's Scholarship for Educational Diversity and Excellence at University at Buffalo Graduate School of Education, where she is an LIS Master's student in her spare time.

Way to go team, and I hope this encourages you and our students to also continue to actively seek out new challenges!

**Gong Xi Fa Cai** (wishing you enlarged wealth!) and have a wonderful long weekend!

**Dr. Gwyn Underwood,**  
**Superintendent**



# K – 12 News

Hello All,

I want to thank all of our coaches and the ISAC students who committed to their respective teams, the Girls Basketball and Boys Soccer teams. Each team has grown so much and their effort towards their game shows. I won't say winning isn't important, because that is the goal of entering a competition like this. Not winning is disappointing for team members for sure. But I ask all community members to congratulate the boys and girls for their effort, grit, growth, and sacrifice. Well done on your achievement, and in season three this spring, and the coming school year, I know you will all be shooting for 1st place!



I would also like to highlight our growth and effort in our service work over the past 5 years. We went from few and infrequent service projects to longstanding and sustained relationships with several service organizations. Please see the following service write up about several ongoing projects.

Our students actively seek and promote service projects throughout the school year. Today we finish our elementary Week Without Walls and next week we will hold our MHS Week Without Walls. Please see our elementary field trip projects this week and highlights in next week's Newsflash for the MHS events. Thank you all for your contributions.

Thank you to all the coaches, teacher sponsors and club advisors who are supporting our very rich and vibrant club program. Please note that club signups are underway with 37 clubs offered per week for about 100 elementary students this semester and 41 clubs offered for about 200 secondary students.

This is a remarkable amount of options for a school of any size. Please speak with Mr. Ace Pierra if you have any questions about clubs prior to sign ups.

Have a wonderful Lunar New Year Weekend to all of our families. May the Year of the Rooster bring you much joy, health and prosperity.



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

# Elem. – Week Without Walls

This week provided the Elementary students with a variety of field trips to explore the local culture and environment. We also provided students with opportunities to actively engage in some community service with the Guadix center, building desalinators, paint a Yellow Boat of Hope and more. Please check out our Facebook page for some snapshots of the week. Seeing that the MHS will start their Week Without Walls on Monday there will be no whole school assembly. Instead, we will culminate the service events in the Elementary School with a special “seeds of hope” plant seeding ceremony in front of the yellow boats on Monday at 7:30 am. Please have your child wear their house shirts for the event and feel free to join us for the occasion.

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

## Week Without Walls - Kinder

We went to the dental clinic and ERUF station to explore more about our current unit, Sharing the Planet. We met the dentists, paramedics, and firefighters. We learned about their responsibilities as citizens of the Cebu community. We discovered that they work together to help all the citizens in Cebu and keep them safe. We are very happy to have met all of them!



# Elem. – Week Without Walls (continued)

## Preschool – Sharing the Planet

To start our unit, Sharing the Planet, we went to Crocolandia to see different kinds of animals. There were crocodiles, alligators, lizards and different kinds of birds. Our field trip aimed to encourage curiosity and inquiry about animals. We had the opportunity to share our prior knowledge, to be risk-takers and gain new understanding about some animals.



# CAS News (Creativity Action Service)

## Plantation Elementary Greenfield Union School District in United States of America

Ms. Jenny Silver and the Grade 4 students of Plantation Elementary Greenfield Union School District in United States of America have raised funds to purchase a boat through the Yellow Boat of Hope Foundation here in Cebu.



The boat is now at Cebu International School, and grade 4 students and CIS teachers are preparing it for delivery. They will turn the boat over to the students of Bohol on February 11. The students will benefit from it as a "sea bus" that will keep them dry and clean as they go to school!

## Yellow Boat of Hope for the Students of Mambacayao Island, North Cebu

On January 3, 2016, the Yellow Boat of Hope Foundation together with Mr. Johnson L. Chiu sourced funds from various sponsors and donors to donate boats to Mambacayao students. The foundation provided the Mambacayao children with boats to make it easier for the kids to go, stay, and finish school. To travel to school, the students would walk across a waist-deep sea everyday and sometimes have to wait for their parents to bring them to school. Most of their parents have to go fishing during dawn for livelihood, and most of the time they finish late so their kids get to school late, or sometimes just need to be absent.



# CAS News (continued)

It was common for them to have their clothes, bags, and school materials drenched in water by the time they get to school. With collaboration with our very own CAS Coordinator and Athletics Director, Mr. Ace Pierra, Mr. Chiu and the foundation successfully completed the full budget donation for the Mambacayao children's 15-20 seater school boats. This project is part of sustaining the Week Without Walls Program of Cebu International School years after North Cebu was devastated by typhoon Haiyan.



## LEARNING AND FEEDING CENTER FOR BARANGAY UMAPAD DUMPSITE

Last school year during Week Without Walls, a group of students traveled to the Sitio Paglaom Umapad Mandaue Dumpsite. Students were not only able to witness the living conditions there, but also realized how poverty affects the lives of the less fortunate in our community. This raised CIS student awareness of the problems, prompting them to reach out to the community through the Yellow Boat of Hope Foundation. Just recently, the Yellow Boat of Hope Foundation embarked on a project to build the community a new Learning and Feeding Center. The Yellow Boat of Hope Foundation, which is commonly known for their distinct yellow school boats, gathered funds in order to provide for the construction of the center. On January 14, the building was turned over to Barangay Umapad. Thanks to the help of Mr. Ace Pierra and the Republica ng Filinvestors International, the project was a success. Now, the community has a decent feeding center and ample water supply!

By: Izabella



## SUSTAINED PARTNERSHIP WITH MSY FOUNDATION

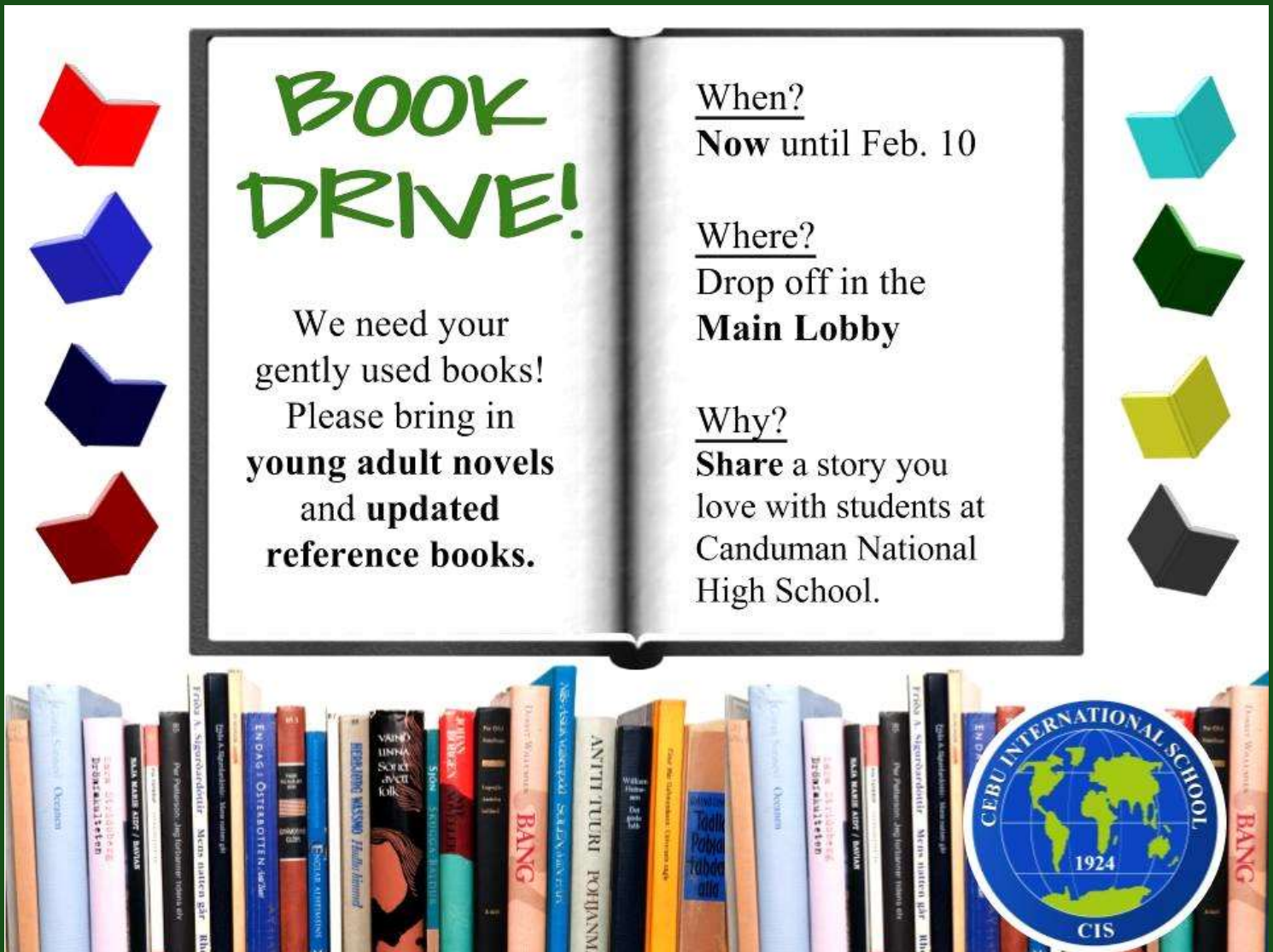
Mariquita Salimbangon Yeung Charitable Foundation has partnered with CIS to reach out to less fortunate communities. Two years ago, CIS students helped the foundation by providing clerical assistance for Operation Smile. This is a drive that gives free surgery to children with cleft palate and cleft chin. This year, as we sustain our partnership, MSY is giving out 11 boats with engines to the fishermen of Kinatarkan Island, North Cebu. These boats are ready to be turned over next month. Thanks to Ms. Monette Aliño, Ms. Carla Yeung, Ms. Irha Atherton and the entire MSY Foundation.

**Mr. Ace Pierra, CAS Coordinator  
/Athletics Director**





# Book Drive



The graphic is designed to look like an open book. The left page features the title 'BOOK DRIVE!' in large, green, hand-drawn letters. Below the title, it says 'We need your gently used books! Please bring in **young adult novels** and **updated reference books.**' The right page contains three sections: 'When?' with the text 'Now until Feb. 10'; 'Where?' with 'Drop off in the **Main Lobby**'; and 'Why?' with 'Share a story you love with students at Canduman National High School.' The book is flanked by colorful paper cutouts of books in red, blue, and green. Below the book graphic is a photograph of a bookshelf filled with various books, including one titled 'BANG'. On the right side of the bookshelf is the circular logo for Cebu International School (CIS), established in 1924, featuring a globe.


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## PTA Announcement

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!

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

May 6, 2017

June 3, 2017

### Registration Deadlines

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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