



Newsflash



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Upcoming Events:

- May 3 - 24: IBDP Exams
- May 4: SAT Test
- May 6 – 10: Arts Week
- May 10: CIS Spring Concert
- May 13: Election day (No classes but remote learning)
- May 15: PTA Coffee Morning (Year recap and PTA Officer Elections)
- May 16: Sem. 2 Clubs End

PTA Info Session: Intro to the MYP, May 27, 7:30am (annex)

As an International Baccalaureate (IB) World school offering the Primary Years Programme (PYP) in PS-G5 and the Diploma Programme (DP) in G11-12, CIS already has the IB philosophy and IB teaching and learning approaches infused throughout the school. After many years of preparation, we are now moving to implement the Middle Years Programme (MYP) in years 6-10. The MYP is a framework that our current academic curriculum will fit into, so as parents, you will not see huge changes from our current program. There will be a number of adaptations to fit the framework, however, and your children will experience the benefit of a program that helps teachers plan for optimal learning using the latest research-based best practices. The poster below highlights a few reasons why we look forward to moving to the MYP!

Please join us on May 15 for the last **PTA Coffee Morning for the year!** (Year recap and PTA Officer Elections)

Our **Whole School celebration of learning** will occur on May 29 (classes finish at lunchtime for this event – more details will be emailed by the principals shortly.) Join us to see and hear what your children have been learning – from them!

DP Exams started today – please share your support with our G12s when you see them around!

Our G5 completed their **PYP Exhibition** Today! What a wonderful way to demonstrate growth in so many areas!

Have a wonderful weekend

Regards,

Dr. Gwyn Underwood
Superintendent

10 Middle Years Programme

Reasons

why the IB Middle Years Programme (MYP) encourages you to become a creative, critical and reflective learner

- 1 Become a life-long learner**
Learn 'how to learn' using communication, research, self-management, collaboration and critical thinking skills.
- 2 Learn by doing and experiencing**
Through the MYP community project you learn to service the community and connect what you learn in the classroom to "real life".
- 3 The MYP encourages critical thinking**
It teaches you to analyse and evaluate issues, generate novel ideas and consider new perspectives.
- 4 Explore global challenges**
The MYP helps you increase your understanding of the world by exploring globally significant ideas and issues.
- 5 Learn for understanding**
Not just to memorize facts or topics and prepare for exams.
- 6 Train yourself to:**
 - organize and plan your work
 - meet deadlines
 - concentrate
 - bounce back
 - persist
 - think positively.
- 7 Subjects are not taught in isolation**
You are encouraged to make connections between subjects.
- 8 It empowers you to develop your talents**
Feel empowered to prove what you know and earn the MYP certificate or MYP course results.
- 9 It prepares you for future education**
Prepare yourself for the IB Diploma Programme or IB Career-related Certificate delivered by IB World Schools globally.
- 10 It encourages international-mindedness**
The MYP helps you critically appreciate your own culture and personal history, as well as the values and traditions of others.

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Middle & High School News

It has been an exciting week in MHS, as we look forward to the conclusion of the year, all the while bracing for all of the events and busyness that the end of year contains. May can be an intense month with all the details involved, including upcoming final assessments for the year, our election campaigns to select our executive student leaders for next year, end of the year concerts, and many more.

One of the things making this past week bittersweet was saying farewell to our graduating seniors, the majority of whom were released from classes last Thursday in order to prepare for their upcoming IB exams. We held a Farewell Assembly with students from various grades, and even a group of enthusiastic faculty members led by Coach Jay, honoring the seniors with dance and vocal performances. A group of seniors who have been at CIS since kindergarten, presented brief reflections on their experiences. It was wonderful to be able to wish our seniors well and send them off to prepare for their IB exams, but we will miss seeing them on campus each day.



One of the major happenings for the school year is our end of year assessments. While we have quite a lot of flexibility with the type of assessment we set for our students, in Grades 10 and 11 students take final exams to ensure mastery of content knowledge and skills within each respective course. Please find the Exam Schedules for our Grade 10 and Grade 11 courses, respectively:

Grade 10 Exams will be in Room 102. Exams are for 1 hour and a half. Review for first 30 minutes. Exams start 30 min into the testing window.

Date	Time	Subject
Thursday, May 30 Day B	Time: 7:45-9:45	English
	Time: 10:15-12:15	Math
Friday, May 31 Day C <i>(modified schedule)</i>	Time: 7:45-9:45	Chemistry Group A and B
	Time: 10:15-12:15	World Language
Monday, June 3 Day D	Time: 7:45-9:45	Biology B/ Psychology A
	Time: 10:15-12:15	History A/Business B
Tuesday, June 4 Day A	Make-Up Day 7:45-9:45 10:15-12:15 Location: room 101	

Middle & High School News (continued)

Grade 11 Exams are for 2 hours. Please ensure proper length of exams to meet the number of hours. Venue: Studio

Date	Time	Subject
Thursday, May 30 Day B	Time: 7:45-9:45	Business/Psych* (*for Chem students except Nicolle)
	Time: 10:15-12:15	Bio + Nicolle (Psych)
Friday, May 31 Day C <i>(modified schedule)</i>	Time: 7:45-9:45	Psych/Chem (if both in Chem and Psych, take Chem)
	Time: 10:15-12:15	English Paper 1 Exam
Monday, June 3 Day D	Time: 7:45-9:45	Math
	Time: 10:15-12:15	WL
Tuesday, June 4 Day A	Make Up Day 7:45-9:45 10:15-12:15 Location 101	
Wednesday, June 5	HOLIDAY-no school	

Grade 11 - Spanish Field Trip

Our 11th Grade IB Spanish classes (both ab initio and Language B) recently visited a Spanish restaurant to practice and hone their language skills specifically but not exclusively related to food and dining.

Grade 11th Spanish ab initio students comments about their field trip to a Spanish restaurant.

"Este viaje de estudios me ayudó a practicar mis habilidades de habla hispana y pude aprender mucho sobre diferentes platillos españoles."

"This field trip helped me practice my Spanish speaking skills and I was able to learn more about different Spanish dishes" - **Alice**



Grade 11 – Spanish Field Trip (continued)

"En este viaje de estudios, practiqué mi español con mis compañeros y los estudiantes de Español B. Pudimos comer los alimentos que estamos aprendiendo y también mirar las fotos de la cultura española, como las corridas de toros. La comida es un aspecto importante de una cultura y estoy feliz de poder experimentar la cultura española hoy."



"In this field trip I practiced Spanish with my classmates and Spanish B students. We were

able to eat the food we were learning in our unit. We were also able to look at some pictures from Spanish culture such as bullfight. Food is a very important cultural aspect and I am happy to experience about Spanish culture today" - **Amira**



"Yo descubrí que hay más comida deliciosa de lo que pensaba. Y también aprendí que a los españoles son muy apasionados por la pinturas porque había muchas obras de arte en la pared. En este viaje de estudios con los estudiantes y profesores, yo aprendí más palabras, nombres de platillos, y cultura de España."

"I discovered that there is more delicious food than I thought. And I also learned that Spaniards are very passionate about paintings because there were many artworks hanging on the wall. On this field trip with students and teachers, I learned more words, Spanish dishes, and culture of Spain." - **Mireu**

"It was a great experience since we ate delicious Spanish food and conversed in Spanish with each other."

"Fue una gran experiencia porque comimos rica comida española y hablamos en español." - **Dong Ha**

"Practicing Spanish like this felt different because it gave us a more authentic experience of learning the language, especially with the Spanish architecture and food around us."

"Aprender español de esta manera fue diferente, porque nos dio una experiencia más auténtica para aprender español, especialmente con la decoración interior y la comida que nos rodeaba." - **Ji Eun**

Grade 11 – Spanish Field Trip (continued)

"The Spanish field trip to Ipars (Spanish restaurant), was a success because it was a good and fun trip to be with our peers, get away from school for a bit, and practice our Spanish oral speaking skills."

"La excursión al restaurante Ipars fue un éxito porque fue divertido estar con nuestros compañeros, a la vez que salimos un poco de la escuela y practicamos nuestro español de forma oral." - **Diego**

Grade 10 & 11 – Mandarin Field Trip

Our Grade 10 and Grade 11 Mandarin students traveled to the Taoist temple on Tuesday, April 30th, where they explored artistic and architectural details, connecting those details to Taoist philosophy which is a primary influence within Chinese culture. The students learned a few basic Taiji movements and were taught how those forms also serve as physical manifestations of Taoist thought. On the way back to campus we stopped at a Chinese restaurant to immerse in the tasty culinary aspect of Chinese culture.



Elementary News

Dear CIS Community,

This week we have had the wonderful privilege of experiencing the PYP Exhibition. The PYP Exhibition is the culminating experience of the IB PYP Programme whereby all students engage a collaborative transdisciplinary inquiry of their own over an 8 week period, demonstrating the skills, knowledge, concepts, attitudes, and actions that have been taught throughout the Primary Years Programme. About the PYP Exhibition, the IB says this;

"The exhibition represents a significant event in the life of a PYP school and student, synthesizing the essential elements of the PYP, and sharing them with the whole school community. It is an opportunity for students to exhibit the attributes of the learner profile that have been developing throughout their engagement with the PYP." ([Making the PYP Happen, 2014, pp.53](#))



Over the past two days, the CIS school community has had the privilege of celebrating and acknowledging the growth of these young learners. Many of our grade 5 students spent several years in the nurturing of the CIS community, and now they are being launched into middle school. The confidence, competence, and ability to communicate their perspectives clearly, while also acknowledging the perspectives of others, are skills that will carry these students forward, enabling them to navigate this rapidly changing world. We are proud of our grade 5 students, as we are of all the learners in our school.

These past weeks have been challenging not only for the grade 5 students but also for the array of teachers who have supported these students. In addition to the regular grade 5 teaching team, teachers from all over the school have been involved in mentoring individual students as they have journeyed through this learning experience. We are grateful for all the additional commitment our caring and competent teachers have provided.



Mr. Glenn Davies, Elementary School Principal/PYP Coordinator

Arts Week

Arts Week will take place May 6-10 and will kick off with musical performances in the morning assembly. This will be followed by a formal opening ceremony on May 7 that will feature the artistic, musical, and culinary talents of select CIS students.

Other events scheduled for Arts Week include student and staff art exhibits, the Spring Concert, and performances by the Seven Spirit Kid's Orchestra and Ang Misyon Cebu.

For a detailed list of events, see the schedule below:

CIS Arts Week Schedule of Activities	
May 6	Concert Band performance during morning assembly Grade 3 Band Instrument tryout workshop (Advisory) Art and music by the open deck during lunch
May 7	Arts Week opening 9:30 AM, Canteen Annex Performances by the grade 10 music class Art and music by the open deck during lunch
May 8	Grade 3 Band Instrument tryout workshop (ELO) 'Ang Misyon Cebu' performance with G4 and G5 students Art and music by the open deck during lunch
May 9	Art and music by the open deck during lunch
May 10	Art and music by the open deck during lunch 'Seven Spirit Kid's Orchestra' performance, Dragon's Dome ELO Spring Concert, 5 PM, Roofdeck

Mr. Michael Swank
Elementary Music Teacher

Arts Week Performances

Seven Spirit Kid's Orchestra

Established in 2012, the Seven Spirit Kid's Orchestra is a not-for-profit organization that aims to foster life-skills of underprivileged children through music. The 35-member orchestra is currently under the direction of Mr. Masaaki Nagata, a professional conductor and musician from Osaka, Japan. The Seven Spirit Kid's Orchestra will perform at CIS on Friday, **May 10 at 9:15 in the Dragons' Dome**. In addition to performing selections from their repertoire, the Seven Spirit Kid's Orchestra and the CIS MHS bands will perform three selections together.



Arts Week (continued)

Ang Misyon Cebu

Similar to the Seven Spirit Kid's Orchestra, Ang Misyon Cebu is a music program that offers free music lessons to underprivileged children in the local community. The program is led by our own Grade 11 DP student, Axelle Miel. Axelle is a highly accomplished violinist who has performed to many audiences, not only in the Philippines, but abroad as well. Last semester, Axelle toured the Middle East with the Orchestra of the Filipino Youth. CIS is very proud to host Axelle's group Ang Misyon Cebu, which will perform at CIS on **Wednesday, May 6 at 2:00 pm.**



"Ang Misyon Cebu" is a program that I started in 2016. Every Saturday, I provide free classical music lessons to the underprivileged children in my neighborhood. We have lessons in the community chapel where everyone can see us (since we don't have the luxury of a designated school/studio) and play on donated instruments. They have learned recorder, violin, and viola, and have been able to perform two recitals for the community and once in SM Cebu." - **Axelle, Grade 11**

Band Workshop



For the past three weeks, CIS band students have been working with Mr. Masaaki Nagata, a guest conductor and professional musician from Japan. Mr. Nagata will lead the CIS MHS bands in a schoolwide concert on May 10 in the Dragons' Dome. The concert will feature CIS band students as well as Mr. Nagata's own Seven Spirit Kid's Orchestra.

Originally from Osaka, Japan, Mr. Nagata has resided in Cebu for six years now and currently leads the Seven Spirit Kid's Orchestra. In addition to leading this group,

Mr. Nagata is an accomplished musician who has performed trombone with a number of orchestras in the Philippines including the UUU Orchestra and the Cebu Philharmonic Orchestra.

What students are saying about this experience:

"I had a great time working with Mr. Nagata. He taught us many new skills and even a new piece. I look forward to playing the music piece together with his own orchestra." - **Daigo**

"It was such a great experience working with Mr. Nagata. We learned a lot and also had so much fun. I hope we can collaborate again in the future." - **Louise**

Arts Week (continued)

"Thanks to Mr. Nagata, I was able to learn many new techniques and skills related to playing the trumpet especially since he is a brass player just like me. I really enjoyed working with him and look forward to future collaborations." - **Chae Eun**

"I am really grateful to see Mr. Nagata and have this enriching experience with him. It was our first time to perform with other groups, and I wish we can have this collaboration again." - **Soo-A**

Dragons Print

One of the best ways for us students to have our voices heard is through the Student Council, our bridge to the school administration and community. Since elections for the two highest positions in StuCo are coming up in less than a week, we sat down with our two running pairs to talk about why they think they're qualified for their respective roles. Get to know the four aspiring candidates in the newest article on our website: <http://dragonsprint.cis.edu.ph/>

MEET THE CANDIDATES
STUCO 19'-20'

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VP

LEVI
PRESIDENT

DEANDRA
VP

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CIS Spring Concert



May 10 2019
CIS ROOFDECK

5:00 PM
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FEATURING
Grade 4-10 Band



COLLEGE / INSTITUTION VISITS MAY 2019

May 6 • Monday • 9:15 am - 10:00 am • Main 311
New York University - Abu Dhabi (NYUAD)

May 7 • Tuesday • 9:15 am - 10:00 am • Main 311
Kyoto University of Advanced Science (Japan)

March 17 • Friday • 9:15 am - 10:30 am • Canteen Annex
Mini Australian Education Fair

- Queensland University of Technology
- Griffith University
- Monash University
- University of Canberra
- Australian Catholic University
- JMC Academy



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