



Newsflash



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Upcoming Events:

- May 3 - 24: IBDP Exams
- 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
- May 22: Coffee Morning: *Introducing the MYP for incoming grades 6-10 parents*
- May 29: Whole School Celebration of Learning

Middle & High School News

It has been another busy and exciting week in the MHS. Our IB exams began last Friday and will run through Friday, May 24. Ms. Laplana has organized an IB study lounge as a space to help students with a quiet place to review prior to or between their exams.



This week has been our CIS Arts Week; much like our STEAM week in March, we have had events and performances every day this week. Arts week can be particularly exciting as so much of it is either visual or performative. Many of the accomplishments at school are personal or are seen only by the members of a specific class, but with the visual and performing arts we can put our students' talents and products on full display to the community.

Candidates from the high school have been campaigning for the past two weeks seeking election for the positions of Student Council President and Vice President. Regardless of who triumphs in this election, our candidates have done a wonderful job of publicizing their campaigns in creative and appropriate ways. On Thursday our candidates presented their campaign speeches to the student body during ELO.



This week our grade 5 students had the chance to shadow with our grade 6 classes for most of the day to get a feel for what middle school is like. Slightly different from years past, only three or four Grade 5 students shadowed each day so they would have a truly authentic glimpse into Grade 6 classes, routines, and the flow of the day. Each day those students who were shadowing had lunch with their respective MHS mentors.



Middle & High School News (continued)

Monday, May 13th is a blended learning day (remote learning). A letter was sent to parents outlining this day, which comes as a result of the election holiday. For middle and high school students, work will be given to students online through Google Classroom and school emails. Students need to check Google Classroom and their email first thing in the morning. They should also check in with each teacher to be marked as present for that class



(completing the day's task is the equivalent of attending). Students need to complete all tasks assigned and contact their teacher promptly if they have any problems doing so.

Some helpful tips for parents to support learning on Monday are as follows:

1. Make sure your child understands a remote learning day IS a school day.
2. Help your child check their email and Google Classroom for tasks they are expected to complete.
3. Help your child make a plan for the day and schedule their tasks.
4. Remove distractions, like TV and social media, so your child can stay focused.
5. Check-in with your child during and at the end of the remote learning day to see the progress they have made.
6. Encourage your child to contact their teachers when they have questions.



Elementary News

Dear Elementary Community,

After today we have just 4 Friday's until CIS breaks up for the academic year. We have much to celebrate as we reflect upon this academic year.



One of our preschool learners riding his new giraffe



One of our grade 1 learners enjoying The Arts Week visiting orchestra with Mr. Jessie Saclo, our Art teacher



Some of our grade 4 learners working hard in the Makerspace with Ms. Karissa

One project the elementary school has been gradually working on is an increased focus on healthy food choices. During the school year there has been a gradual change in the type of food we see in student lunchboxes on a daily basis. At CIS our programme is designed to create *lifelong learners* who make informed choices and develop lifelong habits. This takes time to develop, as our beliefs and values drive our actions. We continue to work at changing the beliefs and values our students hold toward healthy food choices. For this, we also need your ongoing support by offering your children more healthy choices with lower levels of sugar and fats, particularly when it comes to parties and treats.

On Friday 7th June, our last day of school, we allow our students to have class parties. In the past, this day has led to high levels of sugar being consumed by our students, and a lot of food wastage. This year CIS would like to be more intentional with the food that is brought to school. Classroom teachers will be communicating with families through newsletters and Seesaw to design their last day classroom party experience and teacher and students will be asking families to sign-up to share food that is both responsible in the sugar content, and in the amount supplied.

The school cafeteria is one area we continue to work on developing. Plans are being developed to work with the CIS student council and our cafeteria providers to gradually change some of the food that is provided. As students tend to vote with their wallet when it comes to food choices, life long healthy habits are best produced through gradual agreement and buy-in, as beliefs and values begin to change.

Upcoming Events

Please review these upcoming events and add them to your calendar:

- **Monday 13th May** - Remote learning day (home learning day)
- **Friday 17th May**
 - Elementary Assembly 7.30am - 8.00am
 - Preschool 2 to Grade 1 Parent learning session: This session will explore the nature of learning in the lower elementary and the move CIS to making to Preschool 3 & 4 composite classes.
- **Friday 31st May** - Final Elementary Assembly for the academic year
 - Senior graduation (early finish at 11.30am for all students)
- **Friday 7th June** - Final day of school (11.30am finish)

Best regards

Glenn Davies

Elementary Principal/PYP Coordinator

Arts Week

The CIS Arts Week reinforces the idea of the arts as an integral part of the IB, which are a powerful mode of communication where students explore and construct a sense of self, and develop an understanding of the world around them through visual art, music, and drama. Through the arts, students are encouraged to challenge their own creative and cultural expectations and boundaries.

This year's Arts Week featured a variety of activities that engaged our students to unveil their creative skills through the programs that we offer here at CIS. Igniting the opening of the Arts Week during our Monday assembly, the CIS MHS bands immersed those in attendance with selections from their repertoire. Student artwork from kinder to grade 10 and including work from our very own faculty and staff were on display in the atrium area and the canteen annex throughout the week. The formal opening of the Arts Week on Tuesday also featured the diverse skills of our grade 10 students with the DT class preparing the refreshments, the art class taking charge of the program, the drama class emceeing, and the band and music classes providing the entertainment. The enjoyment extended during lunch the entire week where the grade 10 art, band and music classes supplied more fun related activities.

Several workshops were also conducted by guest specialists to enhance the understanding and skills of our students. 'Ang Misyong Cebu' a group of young music enthusiasts spearheaded by our very own Axelle Miel from grade 11 inspired our grades 4 and 5 students to learn other methods in playing the violin. Mr. Choi Byung Joo, who heads 'Youth Voice', a company that helps children make their voice through various media such as drawing, photography, video, and painting gathered a group of 8 students for a strenuous 4-day after school workshop. Prof. Jay Nathan Jore of the University of the Philippines Cebu discussed the process of a successful curatorial endeavor with the grade 11 IB DP visual art class. Mr. Masaaki Nagata the resident conductor of the 'Seven Spirit Kid's' orchestra has been consistently working with the MHS bands to enhance their individual skills in playing and performing with their instruments.

The CIS Arts Week culminated with a collaborative concert between the CIS MHS bands and the Seven Spirit Kid's orchestra during ELO on Friday, which was followed in the afternoon by the much awaited Spring Concert featuring our grades 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, and 10 bands.

Thank you CIS community for supporting our Arts Week!

Regards,

Jessie G. Saclo III

PYP/IB Art Teacher

IT Specialist & Arts HOD





ASK THE COUNSELOR

Ms. Jenny Basa | jbasas@cis.edu.ph

1) What is the Common App and which universities are linked to the Common App?

The Common Application (Common App) is platform for an undergraduate college admission application that applicants may use to apply to any of more than 800 member colleges and universities in 49 states and the District of Columbia, as well as in Canada, China, and many European countries. All applications are submitted electronically which includes document submissions like transcripts and recommendations.

2) What is the advantage of using the Common App?

The Common App saves time and effort in completing multiple college applications. It cuts down paperwork and cost of mailing application documents since all submissions are electronic.

3) What universities are members of the Common App?

The list of member universities globally are found in this [link](https://www.commonapp.org/files/search/MemberList8_18.pdf) - https://www.commonapp.org/files/search/MemberList8_18.pdf.

4) What are the Common App Essay Prompts for School year 2019 - 2020?

2019-2020 Common Application Essay Prompts (Students will need to choose one of these essay prompts in addition to specific questions provided by universities)

1. Some students have a background, identity, interest, or talent that is so meaningful they believe their application would be incomplete without it. If this sounds like you, then please share your story.
2. The lessons we take from obstacles we encounter can be fundamental to later success. Recount a time when you faced a challenge, setback, or failure. How did it affect you, and what did you learn from the experience?
3. Reflect on a time when you questioned or challenged a belief or idea. What prompted your thinking? What was the outcome?
4. Describe a problem you've solved or a problem you'd like to solve. It can be an intellectual challenge, a research query, an ethical dilemma - anything that is of personal importance, no matter the scale. Explain its significance to you and what steps you took or could be taken to identify a solution.
5. Discuss an accomplishment, event, or realization that sparked a period of personal growth and a new understanding of yourself or others.
6. Describe a topic, idea, or concept you find so engaging that it makes you lose all track of time. Why does it captivate you? What or who do you turn to when you want to learn more?
7. Share an essay on any topic of your choice. It can be one you've already written, one that responds to a different prompt, or one of your own design.

Handumanan Yearbook 2019

Place your order **now** to ensure you get your copy of the **2019 CIS Handuman Yearbook** by the end of the school year!

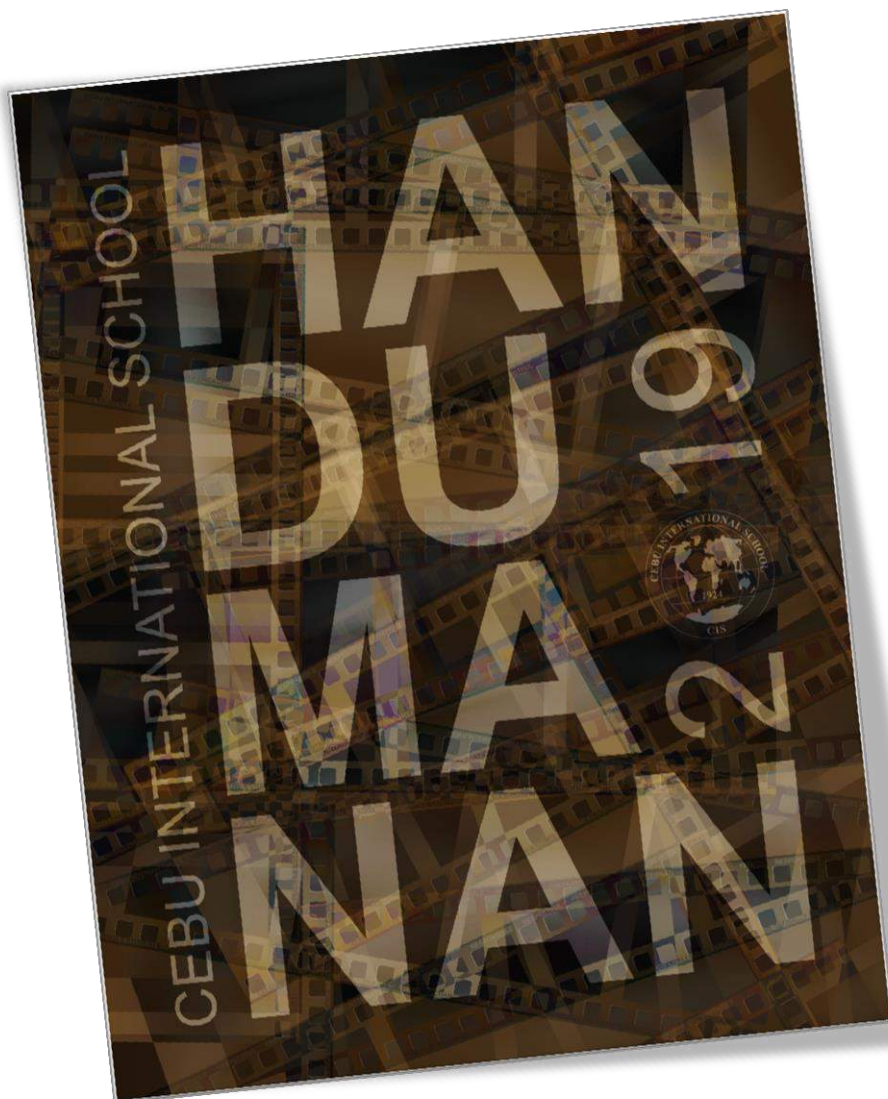
The yearbooks cost **Php 3000** each and payments will be received by the cashier until **May 17**.

Notes:

- Orders received after May 17 will take approximately 10 working days from May 25 to have their copies delivered.
- Grade 12 graduating students (only) will get a complimentary copy.

Mr. Jessie Saclo

PYP/IB Art Teacher



COLLEGE / INSTITUTION VISITS MAY 2019

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



You don't want to miss the last PTA Coffee Morning of the school year! We hope to see you on **Wednesday, May 15 at 7:30am** in the Canteen Annex for refreshments, a report on PTA finances and activities for the year, and the election of new Board officers for the coming school year. There will be no surprises; if you have not been contacted already about being nominated, we will not call you out at the meeting. But if you do want to be involved, please don't hesitate to step up and add your name to the ballot!

Have a wonderful weekend.

Wendy

CIS PTA President



Marlon Smith's Basketball Camp 2019

Join the MARLON SMITH BASKETBALL CAMP at Cebu International School this July 2019!

Marlon Smith has played for the legendary Coach Jack Curran who is arguably the best high school coach in the USA. He has played professional basketball in several countries within Europe (Cyprus, France, Turkey, Austria and Hungary) along with playing professional basketball in the NBA Summer League for a short stint for the New York Knicks.

He travels to several different cities within the USA, Europe and Asia to train and to coach basketball clinics/camps.

You may check out his website at marlonsmithbasketball.com

Welcome to Five-Star Basketball - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Wfh9yjRsvyg>

Dates: July 8 - 12, 2019

Fee: US \$320 to be paid to the CIS Cashier by June 14, 2019

Contact information: Marlon Smith - MarlonSmithBasketball@gmail.com

Sign up page: <https://forms.gle/PtAxWEm8f5c7isy56>

A minimum of 40 participants will be needed for this program to run and maximum of 60.



**MARLON SMITH'S
BASKETBALL
CAMP 2019**

**JULY
8TH - 12TH
2019**

MONDAY TO FRIDAY
from 9:00a.m to 2:00p.m (Lunch Break from 12:00p.m to 12:30p.m)

\$320 USD for each participant for the weekday (Monday to Friday), Payments must be given to the CIS Cashier

THE \$320 WILL COVER T-SHIRT'S, PROFESSIONAL TEACHING AND CUSTOMIZED MARLON SMITH BASKETBALLS.

ALL REGISTRATION SHOULD BE MADE BY JUNE 14TH OF 2019 SO BROCHURES CAN BE SIGNED AND PAID FOR.

(CEBU INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL/CEBU CITY, 6000 CEBU, PHILIPPINES)

*Seeking a minimum of 40 kids and maximum of 60 kids/Bring your own lunch
*If I fail to have 40 participants than I will not be able to host camp at Cebu International School.

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