



Overseas Family School Middle School

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Principal's Message

With so much happening during Semester 1, it has almost come and gone, as we prepare to begin our festive break.

Inside this newsletter, you will see our field trip to the Hawker Centre in Chinatown and a visit to the Marina Barrage. An experiential learning opportunity coordinated by Mrs. Jessica Purchase, Individuals and Societies Subject Area Leader and her team. As a school-wide activity, we had our annual food drive for 'Food from the Heart', where the Middle School family made a really good contribution.

I am also very proud of the way our students navigated the challenges of Exam Week. The exams only make up one part of the IB MYP criterion for each subject area, but the experience under examination conditions is crucial as students reach High School. The Middle School Student Council also arranged for movies to be shown, to help alleviate the stresses of the week and Mrs. Marisa Healy, Physical and Health Education Subject Area Leader and her team organised the lunchtime football tournament. The winners may have an opportunity to play against the formidable Middle School teachers' team at the end of the academic year!

We also ensured time to celebrate the successes that we have had through our SPP Celebrations and Approaches to Learning (ATL) awardees during the Middle School assembly.

The semester concludes with the Talent Show, which showcased a wide variety of very talented students. Thank you to all our students who were brave enough to audition and take part in the live finale. Thanks also go to Ms. Nora Patterson, The Arts Subject Area Leader and her dedicated team.

I wish everyone a restful and safe holiday. See you all in 2024!

Michael Lee
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From The Parent Association (PA) Desk

As Semester 1 draws to a close, we would like to take this opportunity to express how grateful we are for all your support. Happy holidays to all of you, and may your new year be filled with happiness and success.

We look forward to seeing all of you again in January 2024. If you are travelling, have a fun trip! Stay safe and stay healthy.

Grade 8 Author Guest Speaker

The Grade 8s had the opportunity to listen to Jennifer Champion, a writer and performance poet, talk about writing. It was an inspiring session filled with many questions from the students.



Middle School MUN Club

Our Middle School MUN club attended the High School conference, MUNOFS XIV, in early November. Surrounded by students from several different countries, including from schools in Azerbaijan, Australia, and Cambodia, our students had the opportunity to hone their public speaking, negotiation, and debating skills. In early December, a 30-student-strong delegation attended a Middle School MUN Conference at Tanglin Trust School. It was great for the students to reconnect with MUN friends across Singapore and some of our students won awards for being the best and most diplomatic delegates. Next up, is a conference at the United World College South East Asia, as well as our own Middle School conference at OFS in early February, where we are expecting to host over 25 schools, including seven schools from overseas. We also have a 20-student-strong delegation heading to Taipei in April, which will serve as a great culminating experience for some of our Grade 8 MUN Club members. They will bring all their MUN passion and experience as they continue their MUN journey in High School.

(Hanna Ucko Neill – Student Advisor/MUN Coordinator)



Deputy Principal's Message



It has been an exciting end to the Semester with many events taking place. Firstly, we would like to thank all of our families who donated items to our 'Food from the Heart' food collection. These items will now be distributed to those in need in our local community.

Following the Examination Week, there have been lots of exciting activities for students to get involved with. We have had the start of the Season 2 Tigers sports and wish all our teams the best of luck in their competitions.

The Grade 6 students have been participating in our Model United Nations (MUN) unit, to learn about natural and cultural heritage from the perspective of different countries. Students were also able to visit the Chinatown Hawker Center and the Singapore Urban Redevelopment Authority to learn first-hand the efforts being made to preserve local cultural heritage.

Our Grade 8 students also visited the Cloud Dome and Sustainability Gallery at Gardens by the Bay in preparation for their Model United Nations unit about Globalisation and Sustainability.

Our students in the Study Preparation Program (SPP) celebrated their success this semester during the SPP Awards ceremony, with many students being rewarded for their hard work and earning promotions to the next level.

Finally, students will finish off the semester with a 'Talent Show' to showcase the many skills Middle School students have to offer. Students have been busy rehearsing and we look forward to seeing the finalists in the live show!

We wish all of our families a restful and enjoyable break, and safe travels to all those travelling overseas. We look forward to your return in Semester 2 and to welcoming all of our new families and students to OFS.

(Hayley Brian – Middle School Deputy Principal)

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Sports News



OFS Tigers Middle School Teams have been sensational in Season 1 of the ACSIS League and ACSIS Championships.

Congratulations to the OFS Tigers Badminton Teams. The 12U Girls, 12U Boys Badminton and the 14U Boys Badminton have all been crowned ACSIS Champions with the 14U Girls Team taking the ACSIS Silver Medal.

The 11U Chess Team as an OFS Tigers have also been crowned ACSIS Champions in this inaugural addition to the ACSIS Sports on offer to our students.

Annika Thuan had a great run, winning the Silver Medal at the ACSIS Cross Country Championships.

The Boys 16U Football Team are silver medalists with their second place finish and competing for the very first time in OFS history, the 16U Girls Volleyball Team and the 14U Boys Cricket teams took the ACSIS bronze medals.

Middle School Swimmers, Casharell Kraan, Hanchen Qian and Saki Suzuki were extraordinary at the Singapore Swimming Nationals which were held during the Middle School exam period and not only did they qualify for multiple finals but also secured Top 10, Top 5 and Top 3 positions in the country both in the overall as well as in their specific age groups.

With Season 2 ACSIS sports underway, the bar has been set high for our Middle School Teams competing in Basketball, Netball, Cricket, Football, Swimming, and Gymnastics and we look forward to the Table Tennis team, another first in OFS Tigers sports, representing the school in Season 2.

Let's go Tigers!!

(Gil Levy – Head of Competitive Sport)

MS Food Donation 2023



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Grade 6 Lunchtime Football Competition



The Grade 6 lunchtime football competition was a great display of passing and movement techniques on both attack and defence. The students collaborated with their homebase classes and put in a lot of effort. It was a tough competition, but in the end, Homebase Class 6.05 emerged as champions by defeating Homebase Class 6.04 in the final with a 2-1 scoreline. Homebase Class 6.02 secured the third spot and displayed a strong performance as well. Congratulations to all the students who participated and made it an excellent event.

(Marisa Healy – SAL Physical & Health Education)

Grade 7 Camp

The Grade 7 Camp at Bukit Batok HomeTeamNS took place from 1 to 3 November 2023. The atmosphere among the students was positive and encouraging as they participated in the range of activities on offer. The students had to work well as a team in their dragon boating and their team building exercises. They had to utilise effective communication, leadership, decision making and empathy as they participated in activities like the Silent Tea Experience, archery tag, rock wall climbing, cycling, tent building and cooking their food on the barbecue. The Grade 7s particularly enjoyed dancing together on the final night and finishing the camp with a refreshing visit to Adventure Cove. Overall, the Grade 7s showed great positivity and camaraderie during their time together.

(Aidan Spencer – Student Advisor/Camp Coordinator)





Grade 8 Field Trip to Gardens by the Bay and Marina Barrage



Grade 6 Field Trip to Chinatown Hawker and URA



SPP Awards Ceremony

