



Overseas Family School Middle School

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Principal's Message



Our first quarter ended with a superb Internationalism Celebration: Global Concert, which showcased a wide array of items from around the world. The photographs inside say a 1000 words about our brilliant students and staff who made this event possible. Thank you to all the parents and families in the audience that created such a vibrant atmosphere.

Quarter 2 started with our face-to-face Parent-Student-Teacher Conferences. This is one time in our semester to meet up formally about your child's progress and development in the Middle School. An opportunity to share the little successes along the educational journey of our academic year. It is also important that this open communication continues throughout the year with your child's subject specialist teachers, when you feel the need.

There are still many upcoming events including the High School Model United Nations Conference, numerous cultural celebrations, charity collections, field trips and excursions, culminating with the Middle School Talent Show at the end of Semester 1.

The Middle School Examinations Week is scheduled for 22 to 28 November 2023. These assessments are important, but for Middle School, they are worth the same as any other assessments for the IB MYP courses. However, it does give our students the experience of external examination conditions in preparation for High School.

There are many opportunities created by our teachers during lunchtime and after school. Our students should take these opportunities to learn new things and meet new friends with similar interests.

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Transend Indoor Bouldering Competition

Lieu Yen Rivinus, Grade 7, represented OFS earlier this semester at the 3-day-long 2023 Transend indoor bouldering competition. From 54 competitors in her bracket, she was placed 3rd, earning her a place at the medal ceremony.

On the heels of this result, she was invited to a training workshop with her idol, Olympic champion and 8x world champion climber, Janja Garnbret. Lieu Yen is looking forward to her next competition in Singapore in mid-November at the 2023 Vengafest.



Lieu Yen and Janja

Michael Lee
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OFS is again teaming up with Food from the Heart, which is an organization that helps provide consistent and sustainable food support to the less fortunate through their food distribution programs here in Singapore. The collection period will begin on Tuesday 14 November 2023. A parent letter has been shared with all families.

From The Parent Association (PA) Desk

November is the time to celebrate Deepavali (or 'Diwali'). The PA along with parent volunteers have come together to organise a Deepavali themed Coffee Morning where all OFS parents can join in and have fun. Looking forward to seeing all of you.

Event: Deepavali Themed Coffee Morning
Date: Thursday, 16 November 2023
Time: 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
Venue: Parent Lounge (Level 4 of Administration Building)

Please register your attendance by signing up on the OFS webpage.

<https://www.ofs.edu.sg/events/2023/deepavali-themed-coffee-morning/>





Deputy Principal's Message



Quarter 2 has continued to be action packed, with many exciting events and activities taking place. It was a pleasure to meet so many of our parents during the recent Parent-Student-Teacher Conferences. It is always an excellent opportunity for us to share our students' successes and achievements. The PTCs are just one way we communicate with our families and we welcome frequent and open communication between parents, students and teachers throughout the year.

We are also looking forward to the start of our Season 2 Tigers Sports and wish all our teams the best of luck in their upcoming competitions. A big congratulations to all our Season 1 Tigers teams for your many achievements and successes.

Our Grade 7 Students had an enjoyable camp, where they had many opportunities to make new friends, have fun and challenged themselves.

Our Grade 8 students were given the opportunity to visit the Personal Project Exhibition to explore the many fantastic and creative products created by our Grade 10 students. Hopefully this will inspire our students to start their Personal Project journey next year!

Finally, students are currently preparing for the Semester 1 'Examination Week' which will take place from Wednesday, 22 to Tuesday, 28 November 2023. These internal examinations are designed to help students develop effective procedures and to experience examination conditions. All students will receive study guides and tips from their teachers to help them. During the examination period, students will complete one examination each day from 9:00am-10:00am, the remainder of the day will continue as normal, with the usual timetabled classes.

For students who are unable to attend an examination, their Semester 1 report grade will be generated from existing assessment data in that Subject Area. We wish all our students the best of luck, but would like to emphasise that these examinations are no more, or less, important than any other IB MYP assessment task conducted throughout the year.

(Hayley Brian – Middle School Deputy Principal)

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Sports News



An unforgettable day at Overseas Family School with the National Danish Performance Team (NDPT)!

Friday, 20 October, marked a transformative day in the history of Overseas Family School. OFS had the distinct honor of hosting the globally acclaimed NDPT at OFS, creating a hybrid event that merged athletics, academics, mother tongue speakers and community engagement.

This event was a groundbreaking collaboration involving Singapore Gymnastics, the NDPT and Overseas Family School, coordinated through our OFS Tigers. This alliance not only heightened the impact of the event but also set a new precedent for what can be achieved through collective efforts. With the NDPT's motivation to 'Move the World' a full day of impactful, meaningful and valuable events including workshops, gymnastic master classes, mini excerpts and displays from their full show and cultural connections with the Danish Mother Tongue Students – all orchestrated by the OFS Tigers Team toward creating meaningful experiences for our students.

The General Manager and Lead Gymnast together with the NDPT team as a whole expressed their overwhelming gratitude for OFS's impeccable organization, logistics, and delicious catering. The state-of-the-art OFS facilities, Auditorium, Gymnastics Hall, Swimming Pool and Weights Room received noteworthy commendations and our OFS Tigers drew particular attention for their skills and talents.

An incredible day was enjoyed by all.

(Gil Levy – Head of Competitive Sport)



Congratulations to Airi Nagashima (8Lam) who was placed in the top 12 in the Youth Grand Prix ballet competition in Manila recently. Next stop is New York for the Youth America Grand Prix. **Good luck Airi!**

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MYP Action and Health & Social Education



In Quarter 2, each Homebase will create MYP Action initiatives focused on the themes of responsibility, respect and relationships. The MYP Action – a key component of the IB Middle Years Program – is an opportunity for students to collaborate to serve and support their community. We look forward to the fruition of these projects in the next semester.

Within the Health and Social Education program, students will also build on their affective skills by focusing on emotional management, mindfulness, and self-motivation for Grade 6, 7 and 8 respectively.

All these skills are important for Middle School students dealing with the demands of their school, social and personal lives. These skills will be taught in the Homebase during the Health and Social Education periods.

Supporting one's community, and understanding what it means to be responsible and respectful, are attributes that relate closely to the attitudes built and promoted in the IB Learner Profile. Already in Quarter 1, several students were recognised and awarded certificates for having received several IB Learner Profile merits. Well done to these students for embodying the spirit of OFS!

(Aidan Spencer and Hanna Ucko Neill – Middle School Student Advisors)

MYP Action Project





Internationalism Celebration: Global Concert 2023

