



Overseas Family School Middle School

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Principal's Message

As we approach the end of another school year, it is time to reflect on the journey we have shared together and celebrate the achievements of our students.

I want to extend my congratulations to our Grade 8 students who are about to begin a new chapter in their academic journey. Your hard work, dedication, and resilience have been inspiring, and we are proud of the young individuals you have become. Remember, your time here has prepared you well for the challenges that lie ahead and you will only be a few floors away. You are always welcome to visit!

Our recent Music, Arts, Drama and Dance (MADD) Week was a great success! From engaging performances to spectacular artwork, this event gave our students the opportunity to showcase their creativity and talent. A huge round of applause to our students, teachers, and staff for making MADD Week such a success.

As we look forward to the upcoming holidays, I hope you will all take time to reconnect with your family, relax, and rejuvenate. It has been a busy year filled with learning and growth, and holiday is the perfect opportunity to recharge our batteries.

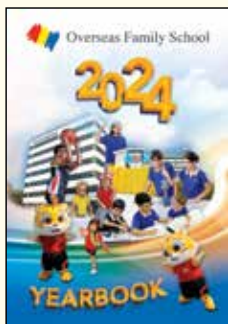
As always, I am grateful for the support of our parents, the dedication of our teachers and staff, and the enthusiasm of our students.

Wishing you all a wonderful end to the school year and an enjoyable holiday ahead!



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Yearbook 2024 will be available at the School Shop from 24 May 2024.

'Dis-moi Dix mots' Competition

Every year our Middle School French students participate in the 'Dis-moi Dix mots' competition run by the Alliance Francaise in Singapore. This year, the theme was e-sports and students had to write a creative short story in French. We are proud to announce that our Grade 8 French 2 student, Anusha Atre, took part and won a prize in the competition. Congratulations/ Felicitation Anusha and to all our students who took part!

(Eileen Coupin Pallaris – SAL Language Acquisition)



From The Parent Association (PA) Desk

As the academic year draws to a close, the PA wishes all of you a very happy and safe summer. We hope you have enjoyed the events we organised this year, and look forward to seeing all of you again during the "Welcome All New Parents Coffee Morning".

Date: Thursday, 15 August 2024

Time: 10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Venue: Parent Lounge (Level 4 of Administration Building)

MADD Week



Annual Uniform & Stationery Sale – Academic Year 2024-2025

No purchases without recently issued OFS Security Pass. Please contact the school at 6738 0211 if you have not received your pass.

ONLINE ORDER

Duration: From Monday, 15 July to Tuesday, 6 August 2024

Website: <https://www.ofs.edu.sg/my-ofs/schoolshop/OnlineSchoolShop.jsp>

Delivery service is available at \$30.00 per trip.

ON-SITE SALE

Duration: From Monday, 29 July to Friday, 16 August 2024

Venue: OFS School Shop located at Level 2, Administration Block A

Important: All purchases will be charged to your Family Account only.

For more information, please visit:
<https://www.ofs.edu.sg/events/2023/annual-uniform-stationery-sale/>



Deputy Principal's Message



I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate our Middle School students on completing another successful year. It has been full of many wonderful events, camps, excursions, sports competitions and performances. We finish the year with our Semester 2 'Examination Week'. These internal examinations are just one of the many assessment tasks undertaken throughout the year and are designed to help students develop effective procedures and to experience examination conditions. As with all assessment tasks, they are an opportunity for students to show how much they have learnt and progressed.

We will be sad to be saying goodbye to our Grade 8 students, but pleased to be able to celebrate their time in Middle School during the Grade 8 Graduation and Grade 8 Prom. We also look forward to welcoming all our current Grade 5 families to Middle School in August.

In addition, we will be hosting our SPP Celebration to recognise the hard work and progress of our students in the SPP program. It is amazing to see how far they have come in such a short space of time. Congratulations to our SPP students.

Our end of year assemblies are another opportunity for us to look back over the past year and celebrate all we have achieved. We wish all of our families a safe and enjoyable break and look forward to seeing you all again in August.

(Hayley Brian – Middle School Deputy Principal)

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Beach Clean Up

On 29 April 2024, the Middle School organized a Beach Clean-Up activity to celebrate Earth Week, with both the Sustainability Club and the Student Council



Representative Club joining forces. This year's theme, "Planet vs. Plastics," underscored the urgent need to tackle plastic pollution. Despite the scorching sun, 22 enthusiastic Middle School students volunteered their time to clean Pasir Ris Beach. Armed with gloves and garbage bags, they embarked on their mission to rid the shoreline of waste. Their dedication not only showcased their commitment to environmental stewardship but also contributed to creating a happier and safer beach for both humans and marine life alike. This collaborative initiative exemplified the power of collective action in making a positive impact on our planet.

(Teresa Rodriguez Alvarado and James Chapman – Student Council Coordinators)



Earth Week



Students have been having lots of fun raising awareness during Earth Week @ OFS in Middle School. Students learnt about the 2024 theme which is the goal to 'reduce plastic production by 60% by 2040'. Students from the Sustainability Club and the Language Acquisition classes created and led interactive learning activities in a range of languages and taught students and staff how to become more sustainable.

(Eileen Coupin Pallaris – SAL Language Acquisition)



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Message from Student Advisors



It has been a great year in Middle School! As Student Advisors, we have enjoyed working with the students on their socio-emotional wellbeing and Approaches to Learning skills, which we delivered through our Health and Social Education (HSE) program. Seeing our students build their self-management, organisation, communication, and collaboration skills has been fantastic. Many of these skills were also the focus of our three successful camps and the students' MYP Action projects. We often focus on the academic elements of education, but these softer skills are key to success in our students' lives. In Quarter 4, the focus has been on elements of collaboration such as active listening, showing empathy, conflict resolution and working together effectively – skills that will benefit our students as they go to High School and beyond. The Middle School years are a time of change and growing up. As such, we have also focused on the many physiological and psychological changes that take place during these years. Understanding these changes makes it easier for our students to approach change open-mindedly and productively. All in all, this will bring the academic year to a close, and we hope that the HSE input has served to equip our students with a deeper understanding of how to make good choices when navigating the many challenges of being a teenager. We look forward to welcoming our students back in August and wish our Grade 8 students all the best in High School.

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



Congratulations to Airi Nagashima (8Lam) for participating in the Youth America Grand Prix Ballet competition. Airi's group from Cheng Ballet Academy was awarded the top 12 for the Classical Ensemble category. There were only prizes for the top 12 in this tournament, so it is an honor to win an award at such a big competition.





OFS Tigers



In only our second year of competing in the Athletic Conference of Singapore International Schools (ACSIS), the OFS Tigers have begun to establish themselves as one of the most formidable international schools participating in competitive sports.

We have endeavored to provide more quality opportunities for training and competing to our OFS community by successfully doubling the number of teams across a range of sports and age groups who competed in ACSIS, making competitive sports more accessible and inclusive.

We have also included new and additional sports to our program, offering Volleyball, Table Tennis and Chess all of which have been remarkably successful.

OFS has quickly risen not only through the ACSIS divisions, but also with many sports at the national level where we have finished on the podium achieving over a combined 350 gold, silver, and bronze medals.

Furthermore the OFS Tigers competitive sports program has developed three National Champions. Two Singapore National Swimming Champions and one Singapore National Gymnastics Champion as well as multiple National gold, silver and bronze medalists. OFS is also represented in Cricket and Swimming on the Singapore National Team and has swimmers competing abroad in Holland and Canada. These swimmers are expected to be selected to represent their respective national teams, which have qualified for the upcoming World Cup scheduled to be held in October later this year.

This remarkable achievement would not have been possible without the immense contribution and behind the scenes support of the stakeholders, the tireless efforts of the Sports Department, the quality of our coaches, the leadership of our team captains, the commitment and work ethic of our students and the incredible spirit and positive energy from our parents.

The OFS Tigers' achievements are celebrated with trophies and medals presented at the annual Sports Awards event. The second year of competitive sports has been outstanding, and the next academic year promises to be even better.

Congratulations and a heartfelt thanks to everyone involved!

(Gil Levy – Head of Competitive Sport)

Grade 5 transition (8 April to 12 April 2024)

Grade 5 students from the Elementary School had an opportunity to experience MYP Sciences when they visited the Middle School Science department.

The students visited Grade 6 students who demonstrated and described a range of experiments and activities they had experienced in their first year of the MYP Sciences course. Activities included using a Bunsen burner, heating water, separating salt and water, distillation, crushing can, measuring mass and investigating flight (paper helicopter and plane), expansion, dissolving chemicals and investigating the speed of a toy car moving down a ramp. Grade 5 students were allowed 'hands-on' experience guided by the Grade 6 students.

Grade 6 students stepped up to the task, preparing carefully and giving great descriptions and instructions to allow the Grade 5 students to try some of the tasks and sharing of some of the many experiences they have had in Grade 6 MYP Sciences this year.

(Stephen Foster – SAL Sciences)

