# Overseas Family School Middle School

**Master Policy:** 

To maintain a happy, safe and effective school for overseas families living in Singapore

## Principal's Message

This month the Middle School celebrated our Music, Arts, Drama, and Dance (MADD) Week. It was a great success, filled with energy, talent, and a celebration of creativity in all its forms. I want to congratulate all our students and staff who participated, performed, and supported these events—it was truly inspiring



to see our school come alive with artistic expression.

A special highlight of the week was hosting the Yale Alley Cats, an internationally renowned a cappella group. Our students were both entertained and inspired by their incredible vocal talent. Our Middle School choir had an opportunity to attend a workshop led by the group and were even given the chance to perform on stage with them. Moments like these remind us of the power of the arts to connect, engage, and uplift.

Looking ahead, we are thrilled to be preparing for our school musical, Annie Jr., which will take the stage this April (28 to 30 April 2025). Our cast and crew have been working hard, and we cannot wait to see their dedication and creativity shine. Stay tuned for ticket information—this is a show you will not want to miss!

Thank you for your continued support in fostering a love for the arts in our students. Creativity is a vital part of education, helping students develop confidence, teamwork, and problemsolving skills that will serve them well in all areas of life.

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## From The Parent Association (PA) Desk

Hari Raya (Eid) Themed Coffee Morning (Thursday, 10 April 2025)

As part of our cultural diversity in OFS, the Parent Association (PA) warmly invites all parents to join us for a local Hari Raya (Eid) themed Coffee Morning.

Event: Hari Raya (Eid) Themed Coffee Morning

Date: Thursday, 10 April 2025 Time: 10:30 am – 12:00 pm

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/2025/hari-raya-themed-coffee-morning/

Global Picnic (Saturday, 26 April 2025)

The Global Picnic is an international fair that brings together all the families in the school for a day of fun and celebration, as part of an international community. The event will take place on **Saturday**, **26 April 2025**, on our campus. We invite you and your family to join us for a day filled with free entertainment, including music, dance performances, demonstrations, bouncy castles, and a variety of food and refreshments from around the world. This is a wonderful opportunity to sample different cultures and enjoy quality time with your loved ones.

Your active participation and pride in your cultural heritage are what make this event so special for the OFS family. Do not forget to bring your camera, sunhat, and OFS Security Pass, along with your best smile. We look forward to seeing you on the day!

# **Annie Jr Photoshoot**









# **Deputy Principal's Message**



April is upon us, and with it comes a burst of activity and excitement! We have wrapped up a dynamic Quarter 3, and now we are eagerly diving into the final stretch of the school year. Our Grade 8 students have officially charted their course for the adventures of High School, and the anticipation is palpable! It has been a true privilege witnessing their growth and development over the past three years. We are brimming with pride and wish them a fantastic final few months with us. Simultaneously, we are extending a warm welcome to our soon-to-be Grade 6 students – our current Grade 5 superstars! We hope you are as thrilled as we are about your upcoming journey into the world of Middle School. Get ready for amazing opportunities and unforgettable experiences!

The recent Parent-Student-Teacher conferences were a resounding success, providing a wonderful platform to celebrate the remarkable achievements of our students. We are incredibly proud of their dedication and progress. Let's keep that momentum going strong! Our Grades 7 and 8 students also demonstrated their intellectual prowess at the Model United Nations conferences. Grade 7 students delved into the complexities of equitable resource allocation, tackling real-world challenges with thoughtful debates. Meanwhile, our Grade 8 students grappled with the intricacies of Globalization and Sustainability, showcasing their critical thinking and problem-solving skills. These experiences are invaluable in shaping our future global citizens.

I am consistently inspired by the energy, enthusiasm, and intellectual curiosity of our Middle School community. Let's continue to make these last few months of the school year memorable and impactful.

(Hayley Brian - Middle School Deputy Principal)

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## **OFS Tigers**

#### A TREASURE CHEST OF MEDALS!



We are thrilled to share the incredible achievements of our OFS Tigers Gymnastics and Swimming teams at their respective National Championships! The National Championships are the highest level of, and, most prestigious competitions in the annual sporting calendar.

#### **OFS Tigers GYMNASTICS TEAM**

Our hard working and talented gymnasts have flipped, twisted, and tumbled their way to an impressive haul of:

- - o Adi Alony, Anaya Tantia, Beatrice Cianfaglia, Kaitlyn Francis, Lee Selene Moon, Utkarshini Mishra, Yuli Weinstock
- 12 Silver Medals
  - o Aadhya Sharma, Alessandra De La Paz, Avneet Randhawa, Jaei Shin, Lou-Ann Courtin Colin, Malu Charret Machado De Barros, Mia Wong, Michelle Mario Francis, Sara Kuramitsu, Sayani Sen, Sofia Cianfaglia, Li Ziqing
- 3 Bronze Medals
  - o Roni Oren, Kim Minha, Omer Komerchero

#### And

#### **OFS Tigers SWIMMING TEAM**

The OFS Tigers swimming sensations have made waves at the Singapore Nationals with:

- 2 National Records
  - o Tia Steere on 50m and 100m Breaststroke
  - o These records were set in 2002 and have stood for 23 years
- 2 National Gold Medals
  - o Tia Steere 50m and 100m Breaststroke
- 6 National Silver Medals
  - o Tia Steere 200m Breaststroke, Tia Steere 1500m Freestyle, Jill Meines 200m Freestyle, Jill Meines 1500m Freestyle, Naya Verma 200m Backstroke
- - o Tia Steere 800m Freestyle, Jill Meines 800m Freestyle, Naya Verma 100m Backstroke

We are proud to share that BOTH our Junior Gymnastics and Junior Swimming teams have emerged as the \*TOP INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL TEAMS IN SINGAPORE\* from these National Championships!

"Greatness starts Somewhere - Greatness starts HERE!" (Gil Levy - Head of Competitive Sport)

## MADD Week







# 76th National Schools Individual Chess Championship

Congratulations to all 24 students from Middle School who successfully competed in the prestigious 76th National Schools Individual Chess Championship, held at Tampines Hub. Well done for giving your best in all nine rounds of rapid chess played over the weekend of 15 and 16 March 2025. It was the biggest chess tournament ever held in Singapore with 1750 students from Singapore's local and international schools. Special mention to NIGAM Riyanshi, JAISWAL Aanya, GUPTA Mihika, MURTY Avisha Neelakash, SINGHI Kanushi and GOEL Kartik for achieving great tournament performances, winning medals in their respective age groups. In total, our OFS students earned 15 medals and trophies against the best chess players in Singapore. Congratulations to all chess players for taking this important milestone. (Dijana Dengler and Philipp Ziegler – Chess Teachers)





















## Overseas Family School Middle School Newsletter April 2025

### **Grade 7 MUN IDU**

Grade 7 students enjoyed a two-day grade-level Model United Nations conference. The general theme of the conference was linked to the Interdisciplinary Unit between Mathematics and Individuals and Societies (InSoc), which focused on how to ensure fair access to finite resources. Students were represented countries from all regions to discuss how to ensure the right to education, food, water, health, human rights, technology, etc. The discussions allowed students to consider the access and resources issues from multiple perspectives while trying to find solutions that would be fair and equitable for all. MUN is a great way for students to get an insight into the world, develop public speaking and active listening skills, as well as their critical thinking skills. Having carried out their research in InSoc and Mathematics classes, students learned how to present their arguments and back them up with relevant and meaningful data and statistics. Well done to all students!

(Hanna Ucko Neil – MS MUN Coordinator)





















