


December 17, 2014

Dear Students and Parents,


Please see the following Middle School Announcements:

1. All students will have an opportunity to change their EC Club Activities beginning Term 3. Students will remain in their new EC Clubs until April 6<sup>th</sup>.
  - Exception: Students currently enrolled in Golf and Horseback Riding will continue for the remainder of the school year.
2. **Students currently enrolled in Basketball** must choose a different EC for Term 3. Space in the gymnasium is limited during the winter months, and we would like to give other students the opportunity to participate in an athletic EC.
3. **The EC sign-up form will be available on the CDS Middle School website beginning Saturday, January 3<sup>rd</sup> at 9:00am.**
  - CDS will do its best to accommodate your preferences, but due to limited space in certain EC Clubs, students will be selected on a first-come, first-serve basis. So please make your decisions in advance and be ready to sign up early on January 3<sup>rd</sup>.
4. Students participating in the **Model United Nations** will still attend a regular EC once per week and should sign up for an EC Club Activity with the rest of the Middle School on Saturday, January, 3<sup>rd</sup>.
5. Below is a list of the EC Club Activities that will be offered beginning Term 3:

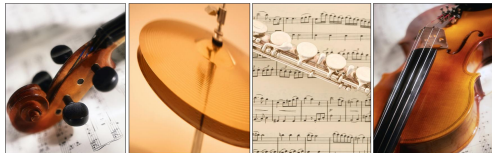
## Fencing Club

	<b>Teacher</b>	Outside Instructor
	<b>Description</b>	Students will acquire the fundamentals of fencing values and technique. Drawing on the rich traditions of this Olympic sport, the class will focus on precision, grace and efficiency in preparation for successful competitive fencing. In a stimulating and challenging environment, young athletes build strength, coordination and reflexes. Each student receives an exceptional amount of personal attention.
	<b>Preparation</b>	No experience necessary.
	<b>Materials</b>	Uniforms and equipment can be rented though April 6 <sup>th</sup> . If students choose to continue with Fencing, they must purchase the equipment.  <b>*Approximately 200,000 KRW per month</b>
	<b>Minimum Enrollment</b>	4-6


## Young Adult Novels & Film Adaptations

	<b>Teacher</b>	Ms. Laders
	<b>Description</b>	Are movies ever better than their books? Students will choose from a long list of popular books that have been turned into movies. After reading these books, we will watch the movie versions and discuss and compare.
	<b>Preparation</b>	Be open and willing to read popular books, watch movie versions and discuss the differences. Students should expect to do some independent reading outside of class.
	<b>Materials</b>	Copies of books if the library doesn't provide them; 3,000-5,000 won (depending on how many people sign up) to go toward purchasing films to watch.
	<b>Max Enrollment</b>	10


## CDS MS Orchestra

	<b>Teacher</b>	Mr. Julian Taylor & Ms. Ashley Yoon
	<b>Description</b>	*Middle School Orchestra consists of students who have had little or no previous experience playing orchestral instruments. *Educational emphasis is placed on the proper instrument position and posture, note and rhythm reading skills, proper right and left hand technique, and proper rehearsal and concert etiquette.
	<b>Preparation</b>	All are welcome. No previous experience is necessary.
	<b>Materials</b>	Instrument, pencil, eraser, and a music folder
	<b>Max Enrollment</b>	12


## Basketball

	<b>Teacher</b>	Mr. Kim
	<b>Description</b>	This club is for anyone who is interested in playing (or learning) basketball. Students will learn fair play, cooperation and basketball rules.
	<b>Preparation</b>	No experience but sportsmanship surely necessary.
	<b>Materials</b>	School P.E. uniform, sneakers.
	<b>Max Enrollment</b>	12


## Yearbook Club

	<b>Teacher</b>	Ms. Pantano
	<b>Description</b>	The High School Yearbook Club has invited members of the middle school to help create the 2014/15 CDS Yearbook! This is a wonderful opportunity to get more involved in the CDS community. Students in this club will represent the MS and make sure our pictures and events are documented so you and your classmates can enjoy your memories at CDS
	<b>Preparation</b>	No experience is required, but this club would be ideal for anyone interested in digital imaging, graphic design, and photography. Knowledge of InDesign would be helpful.
	<b>Materials</b>	No required materials; however, a laptop would be useful since much of the work in we will do in the Yearbook Club will require a computer.
	<b>Max Enrollment</b>	7


## Around the Globe (Geography)

	<b>Teacher</b>	Ms. Cho
	<b>Description</b>	Students will play geography games in which they locate countries correctly on a world map. Students will also research about the countries' culture, food, and more. We hope to make a brochure of your chosen countries.
	<b>Preparation</b>	Basic computer and web searching skills.
	<b>Materials</b>	Color pencils, pens, pencils, eraser, and laptop (sometimes for researching)
	<b>Max Enrollment</b>	10


## Arts & Crafts Club

	<b>Teacher</b>	Ms. Edina Yoon
	<b>Description</b>	The Arts and Crafts club provides the opportunity to work in a cooperative atmosphere with others who share an interest in creative activity. Students will do drawing and painting/coloring, making cards, book marks, and paper arts.
	<b>Preparation</b>	No experience necessary
	<b>Materials</b>	?
	<b>Max Enrollment</b>	15


## Blogging/ Vlogging Club

	<b>Teacher</b>	Ms. Aylward
	<b>Description</b>	This club will be about learning how to blog and vlog. The students will learn basic journalistic skills when writing their blog. The students will learn how to record videos to be put on their vlog/blog. The students will learn how to create a newsletter for the school.
	<b>Preparation</b>	Must have basic typing and computer skills.
	<b>Materials</b>	Personal laptop (preferably with a webcam), program on computer for vlogging (windows video maker or iMovie), a camcorder or digital camera with option to record videos.
	<b>Max Enrollment</b>	10

## Leather Craft Club


	<b>Teacher</b>	Ms. Shin
	<b>Description</b>	Students will learn the basic techniques of leather dying, cutting, stamping and sewing and create small objects such as a key holder, bracelet, coin pouch, pencil case, wallet, etc.
	<b>Preparation</b>	No previous leather working experience necessary; however, students MUST already know how to sew.
	<b>Materials</b>	Students will be asked to purchase their own supplies anywhere between 50,000 ~100,000 KRW depending on enrollment.
	<b>Max Enrollment</b>	10

## Dance Club


	<b>Teacher</b>	Ms. Mijin Kim
	<b>Description</b>	*Warm up *Group practice * Yoga (stretching & cool down) *If students pass the mid-term contest, they'll get the chance to perform on stage.
	<b>Preparation</b>	Comfortable clothes
	<b>Materials</b>	If you want to move smoothly, bring your dance shoes or socks.
	<b>Max Enrollment</b>	12



## Model United Nations— 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade (Jan. 15<sup>th</sup> –March 7<sup>th</sup>)

	<b>Teacher</b>	Mr. McMath, Mr. Scoville
	<b>Description</b>	This EC will be offered one day each week in preparation for the upcoming <b>Skymun II Model UN Conference</b> . Students will hone their research skills by exploring global problems and debating possible solutions. Participants will learn more about the world, while also enhancing their critical thinking skills, writing skills, public speaking skills, and debate skills. Students will also have a lot of fun competing with students from other international schools in Korea.
	<b>Preparation</b>	Participants should be prepared to work hard in preparation for the conference. Students are expected to spend some time researching their issues independently, since we will only be meeting once each week from January 15 <sup>th</sup> through March 7 <sup>th</sup> .
	<b>Materials</b>	A laptop would be beneficial, but isn't necessary. * There will be a participation fee for each delegate (under 30,000 KRW)
	<b>Max Enrollment</b>	25

## Meditation & Relaxation Club

	<b>Teacher</b>	Ms. Navarro
	<b>Description</b>	Students will practice several meditation exercises, paint mandalas, and learn relaxation techniques. Meditation gives even very young children, power over their thinking and their emotions using enhanced self-understanding and self-acceptance. It is a gentle and effective means of overcoming a wide variety of psychological and behavioral problems, such as anxiety, hyperactivity and aggression. This club is open to students from all religious and spiritual backgrounds. Religion will not be discussed in this EC.
	<b>Benefits</b>	Improve concentration, creativity, and awareness. Increase tranquility and ability to deal with stress. Reduce anger and impulsivity.
	<b>Preparation</b>	No experience necessary
	<b>Materials</b>	Mat, warm and comfortable clothes, thick socks
	<b>Max Enrollment</b>	15

## Flower Embroidery Club



<b>Teacher</b>	Ms. Bo Yong Kim
<b>Description</b>	Students will help each other and learn the craft of Flower Embroidery. Students will craft flower embroidery on a choice of their fabric, and make something that they can use in everyday life.
<b>Preparation</b>	No previous experience necessary.
<b>Materials</b>	Students will be asked to purchase needles, thread, fabric, and an embroidery frame.
<b>Max Enrollment</b>	18