

JULY  
2023

“Repent and be baptized,  
every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ  
for the forgiveness of your sins.  
And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.”  
(Acts 2:38)

## 01 HIS Messages

Opening

## Revealing God's love and goodness

**Dr. Hamin Baek, Principal**

After a very green and enjoyable May and June, we are now wrapping up this semester. In the meantime, HIS Connection has not been published for the past few months, but as it has been renewed this time, this volume contains a lot of content. As I look at each one, I feel deep gratitude as I realize that many precious things have happened through the grace of the Lord. ...

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Devotion

## Holy Spirit—Salvation

**Mr. Youngjoon O, MHS Bible Teacher**

If you were to die today, would you know where you will spend eternity?

There are many Christians who cannot answer this question confidently. It is because their understanding of salvation is based on good works. They think that they must earn their way into heaven by doing good deeds. However, no one can enter heaven by living a good life. As long as you continue to sin, it is impossible for you to enter into God's kingdom. ...

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The Bible Says About

## Social Media

**Mr. Andrew Kim, MHS Bible Teacher**

With social media everywhere around us, how can we as Christians use social media in a God-honoring and God-glorifying way? Should we even use social media? In what ways and how much? These are all questions that are worth examining as we continue our journey of faith. As Christians, we are called to give glory to God in whatever we do, including the way and manner we use social media. “So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God.” - 1 Corinthians 10:31 (NIV)

First off, there are obviously no direct Bible verses that address social media as that technology was not around when the Bible was written. ...

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## Schoolwide

2023 Spirit Week

### 5 laughters during the 25th Spirit Week

**Ms. Jangmi Kim, MHS Co-curriculum Team Leader**



In the last week of May, which enjoyed a more bright and beautiful season than ever, HIS held various events and activities to mark the 25th Spirit Week.

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HIS Parents T-Time

### Wrapping up HIS Parents T-Time 2023-1

**Ms. Sei Yeon Choi, Teaching and Learning Center Director**

The closing ceremony of HIS Parents T-Time, which started from the 2nd semester of 2021 and has been operated for 4 semesters, was held at HIS chapel on June 28, 2023.

HIS Parents T-Time, which started with the purpose of helping HIS parents to grow as Christian parents who cooperate with the mission of nurturing agents for the kingdom of God, is a program in which HIS parents gather in small groups in a warm and comfortable atmosphere like a tea meeting and think and talk about various subjects and try out what they learn together to become parents who please God. It is run in two levels - advanced classes and basic classes - all under the leadership of mentors composed of senior parents who have already had extensive experiences in raising children. ...

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Parents Testimony

### A mandatory course for Christian parents

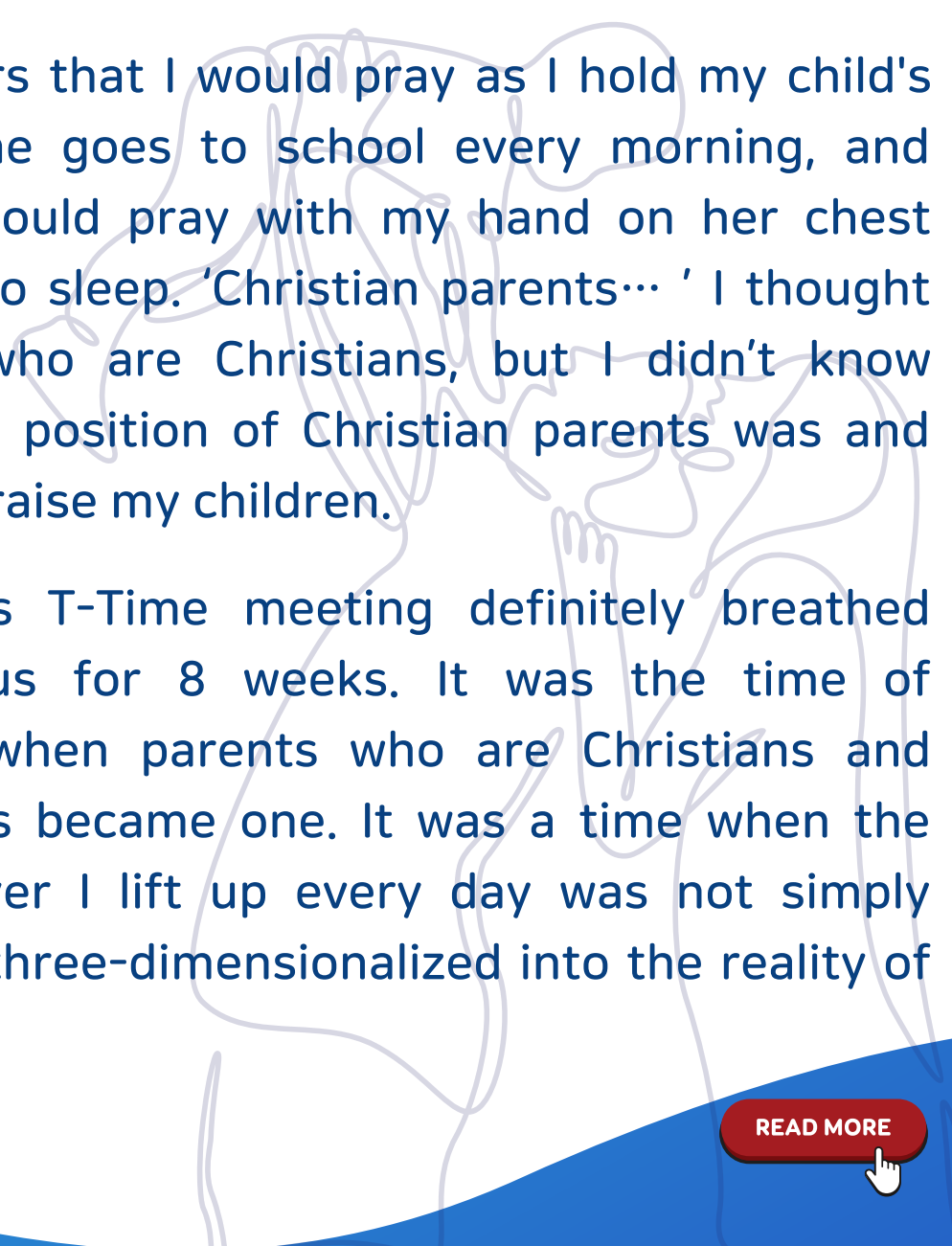
**Ms. Hwayoung Kim, the mother of Jimin Kug(G7)**

'Let my child grow one step at a time today as a child of the Lord who does things that save people and speaks words that save people.' 'Lord, please don't let the world take away my beloved child whom I have prayed for and raised!'

These are prayers that I would pray as I hold my child's hands before she goes to school every morning, and prayers that I would pray with my hand on her chest when she goes to sleep. 'Christian parents...' I thought about parents who are Christians, but I didn't know exactly what the position of Christian parents was and how to pray and raise my children.

The HIS Parents T-Time meeting definitely breathed fresh air into us for 8 weeks. It was the time of transformation when parents who are Christians and Christian parents became one. It was a time when the text of the prayer I lift up every day was not simply recited, but got three-dimensionalized into the reality of life. ...

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## The power of a Cord of Three Strands with the Lord

Su Min Kim, ES Art Teacher

The Creative Art Contest is the ES annual event where all ES students participate to express the kingdom of God based on the Bible. This year it was held on May 2nd with the theme of "the disciple(discipleship)". Students built their imagination with a variety of stories about all the disciples, including the Twelve disciples of Jesus, through creativity, subject expression, design application, etc. ...

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## Glittering Sportsmanship

Mr. Yoon Soo Ha, ES PE Teacher

On May 3rd, all the ES students, divided into Blue and Grey teams, participated in Sports Day. They tried their best to win in soccer, basketball, and dodgeball. They also cheered until they nearly lost their voices, having fun all together. Every student showed great sportsmanship by saying "Good game!" to each other whatever the results of the games were. ...

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## Throwing a three-pointer of passion

Mr. Yoon Soo Ha, ES PE Teacher

Every year our school participates in SKAC tournaments. This year, SKAC basketball tournaments were held - one in Busan on April 4 and one in Daegu on May 16. A total of three teams from HIS participated in the competition: 5th grade boys' team A, 4th grade boys' team B, and 3rd to 4th grade girls' team B. ...

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### HIS GRACE

The compound of HIS, an abbreviation of the school name as well as a pronoun to refer to God, and Grace

League  
Girls B

Result  
Sheerly inspirational!

### HKB

(Handong Korean Basketball)  
Consisted of Koreans only

League  
Boys B

Result  
3rd place

### SILVERBACKS

Symbolized a strongest team originated from the name of the strongest Gorilla

League  
Boys A

Result  
3rd place





# A Cool Story from the Ice Skating Trip

Ms. Esther Ahn, ES Grade 3 Teacher

“When I went ice skating, learning itself was fun. At first, it was a little bit hard. But because I already knew how to inline skate, I got better at ice skating as I practiced. I want to go back and ice skate with my friends because it was fun! I was able to skate better than I did before.”

- Gion Nam (Grade 3)

“When I first went ice skating at eight years old, I was scared that I would get hurt. But after trying ice skating a few times, now I am not scared anymore. I even got a signature on my skates from the figure skater Ye-lim Kim! I want to keep ice skating with my friends!”

-Nuri Kim (Grade 3)

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# Melody in Late Spring

Ms. Ji Ae Park, Music Teacher

From June 19 to 23, all ES students had the Music Showcase at Chapel. In order to stand on the stage of this Music Showcase, ES students individually or in teams presented their performances they had prepared diligently in front of their parents and teachers, having a great time of learning and growing.

In the process, some students were worried because their team had an unexpectedly large number of students or because they had no instruments or songs to play. ...

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# Shout Amen!

Ms. Esther Park, ES Director

On June 26th, elementary students gathered at Chapel for the Bible Memorization Contest. All the students have been working hard in teams to memorize 120 verses. Many students did a great job of reciting the verses confidently in front of a big audience. ...

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# HIS Mathematics Competition

**Ms. Jung Woo Jo, MHS Korean Math Teacher**

On May 8 to 9, HIS Mathematics Competition was held for each grade in MHS to arouse curiosity about mathematics and to help improve learning motivation. Students participated in the competition for either American mathematics or Korean mathematics. ...

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# Shoulders excited with triumph trophy

**Mr. Timothy Northe, MHS PE Teacher**

Have you seen a lot of announcements that games will be canceled in case of rain? But it didn't apply here in HIS. This is because the day ended up being a really nice day for playing soccer as it didn't rain as forecasted. On May 13, HIS hosted the HS SKAC Futsal finals on the HGU soccer field with 23 teams from eight schools participating. ...

"The girls' soccer team, which was initially just a mixed bunch, advanced with constant practice and teamwork to the semifinals at the HS SKAC Futsal in May. Although I had a hard time due to an ankle injury, it was really moving that one group of multiple graders overcame it together by doing our best for the game. This allowed me to realize once again that Handong is overcoming difficulties together!"  
- Sungyeon Cho (Grade 11)

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# Unique Gifts for HIS Teachers

**Yeonho Bae, Student Vice President**

On May 15th, Handong students celebrated Teachers' Day with a special event organized by the student council. It was a heartfelt gesture as students personally wrote letters and wrote rolling papers for their teachers. Students from various grades and classes presented unique and creative gifts, surprising their teachers in delightful ways. ...

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## Invitation to Better Learning and Teaching

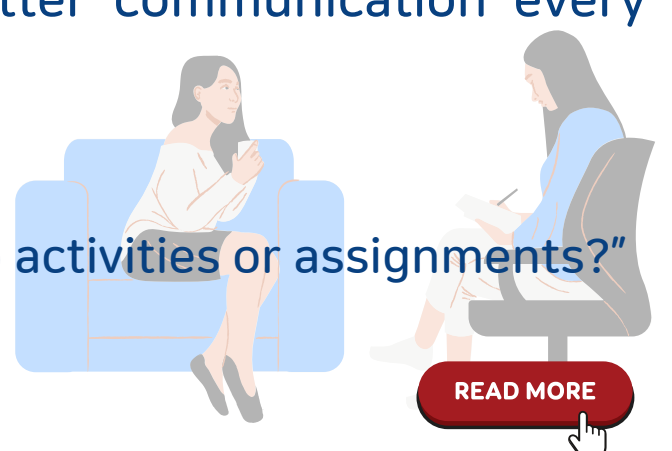
**Ms. Young Shil Yun, MHS Academic Director**

After a long time after COVID-19, we were able to invite HIS parents/guardians to the PTC(Parents-Teachers Conference) held on May 19. To make the time helpful for all, HIS sets the stage for better communication every year.

"How is my child's school life?"

"How does he/she perform group activities or assignments?"

...



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## The Two Top Days

**Mr. Timothy Northe, MHS PE Teacher**

### Blue & Grey Day

MHS students are divided into two teams, Blue and Grey at the end of April. Then for a month there is a lot of friendly banter that culminates in Blue and Grey Day and Sports Day. ...

### Sports Day

Finally, in Sports Day the teams have a chance to prove their team is the best for this year. Sports Day this year was a hot day and so 'the water fight' to finish the day off was really enjoyed by the students. ...

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## Joy of Koinonia

**Dr. Hamin Baek, Principal**

This year, with a theme "Joy of Koinonia," MHS Special Activity Day was held a club expo where you can see various exhibitions and experience lots of activities. 'Koinonia' comes from the word 'κοινωνία' in Greek, meaning 'close union, mutual sharing, participatory relations'. Today, we imagine various aspects of love and good works we have to show in the world. ...

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## Seminar of future scientists

**Mr. Sunki Pang, MHS Technology Teacher**

On June 13, the HIS Science Fair was held in Chapel. Students displayed and presented their own projects to all students and teachers that they had been working on for a couple of weeks in a short term, or one to two years in a long term. The students had conducted research on topics in various fields such as robotics, life, psychology, physics, earth science, chemistry, electricity, and programming.

With Science Fair, HIS students solve various problems. In this process, students can grow by learning not only leadership and decision-making processes but the scientific and technological capabilities. ...

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## Handong Sports League

**Dae Annie Ko, Student Council Member**

In June, HIS student council organized the Handong Sports League (HSL), a month-long event as a school tradition aimed at fostering unity among students. ...

I would like to introduce some outstanding students. Sowon Lee, a 9th grader, displayed impressive skills in girls' basketball. Additionally, Seyun Lee, a 12th grader, dazzled everyone with his exceptional footwork in boys' futsal. ...

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## MHS Revival Meeting

**Dr. Hamin Baek, Principal**

MHS students, teachers, and parents attended the revival meeting held on Friday, June 23 from 6:00 to 9:00 pm in HIS chapel and relished God's grace. Ms. Ji-hoon Suh, MHS student life director, Mr. Youngjoon O, and Mr. Andrew Kim prepared for this event in the hope of us experiencing the living God. In particular, Mr. O helped us to yearn for the Holy Spirit according to the truth of the Bible by continuously sharing the Bible's teachings on the Holy Spirit through homeroom devotion materials. ...

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## The first newspaper published by 16 pens

**Ms. Hee Jung Lee, Librarian**

Here's a reading newspaper, written in Korean, by HIS book club, Cocoboco, that welcomed the 3rd cohort of students this year. For this, there were 16 pens – of Suha Kang(12th grade), the club leader and editor, and of the other 15 members of Cocoboco. It contains Cocoboco's various activities before the Club Expo on May 26. This newspaper actualized their sincere activities toward "truth". You can become familiar with HIS Library by reading it. ...



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## May the New Discovery Resonate with Everyone



**Back to Books**

**Suha Kang (Grade 12)**

What is deep reading? The book <Back to Books> reminds us of the importance of reading in the digital world. It tells us we should not forget "how to read " so that the reading experience can work in our lives. We can see why the reading habits, which we are losing in the digital age, are vital by learning how our brain changes. If you want to know the value of reading books among a number of computers, read this!



**Scenario of D.P-Season 1**

**Hena Chung (Grade 12)**

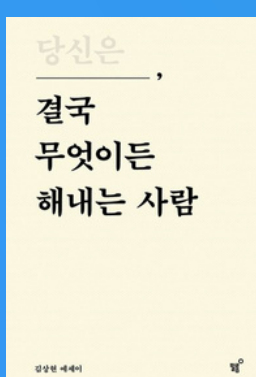
This Netflix's hottest drama <The scenario of D.P-Season 1> has various attractions to read, including scripts from episodes 1 to 6, storyboards, designs, still cuts, and interviews with the writers. You can enjoy the drama in another way while reading this book. The drama <D.P.> covers not only the absurdity of the Korean military system, but also the underprivileged and the injustice of modern society. ...



**Pilgrimage House**

**Soungyeu Ryu (Grade 10)**

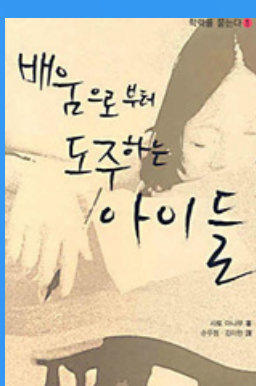
"Surim, do you know who's an adult? He is a man who tries to live for himself." Eun-sil Yu's <Pilgrimage House> tells what it is to become a real adult, centering on 75-year-old Sunrye and 16-year-old Surim. See the meeting with the life master, Sunrye, and Surim Oh, a relief pitcher who appeared brilliantly to the family like the last screwed-up baseball game in the season. ...



**You can do anything after all**

**Ahin Yang (Grade 10)**

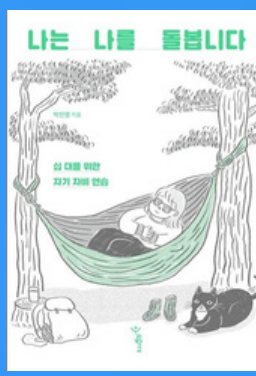
"We can do anything after all. I will support your tomorrow." Special cover edition to celebrate 100,000 copies! Believe that I, you, and we'll make it in the end however wavering, being shoved, or stumbling we are. Write your name or the name you want to cheer for on the book cover to give it to them as a gift. After all, we can do all things through Jesus Christ.



**Children Run Away From Learning**

**Haneul Kim (Grade 10)**

The 21st century is commonly referred to as 'the era of learning' or 'lifelong education society'. These words contain optimistic hopes to show the potential of society in the 21st century. However, the reality shows the majority of the children contrasts with this, being excluded from the learning society every year. ...



**I take care of myself**

**Yeonwoo Jang (Grade 7)**

The book <I take care of myself> approaches those who are interested in oneself. "I don't know how to love myself," or "I can't be satisfied with myself now," the book says to people too far away from themselves. "You are beautiful and pretty enough." Find out how to love yourself in a friendly and realistic way without forcing your own love.



**The Midnight Library**

**Joy Park (Grade 7)**

At 23:22, the main character tries to end her life thinking it's the perfect time to die. At that moment, she realizes that she is in the library with the librarian she has missed. And she chooses to live a different life... Nora, who regrets her past choice, and the very library that Nora needs. It is a book that will give small enlightenment to those who regret their choices.

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## A lifelong union made in HIS

**Alumni  
Dongkun Kim & Haram Kim**



### What was the influence of HIS on your life?

DK: Where my current self was set. Because I became a completely different person compared to myself before I came to HIS. I'm sure to say that HIS was a turning point in my life as I've been in HIS for six years. This period as a young adult is when values and personalities are formed. Especially, HIS has a large influence on my confidence, self-esteem, and friendship.

There are so many student-led opportunities, and I've never had a teacher observe or give instructions to whatever the student council decides. All was just between students under the student president, and no teacher tackled what the student council settled on, all the process of having a meeting, and preparing an event.

HIS rendered an environment where to easily encounter responsibility and leadership that is hard to experience at that age. Even if you go to college or society, it eventually leads to confidence in various fields, and these experiences that you got often in different areas are really helpful in enhancing your self-esteem and confidence.



### Is there anything you want to say to HIS students?

DK: I have only one thing. "Put down things and look wide." Although student-led systems and freedom dominate HIS, everyone experiences the agony and pain of the college admission. But HIS has enough room to have a different perspective about what people are worried about. Please look at what you may find additional, other than grades and college. It's the advantages of HIS. Please consider meaningful dorm life, sports club, choir performance, and other school events. "It was more valuable than the report card. Ten million times more."

HR: Studying is important. Studying is basic. Actively participate in the activities or programs that only HIS has. HIS is always a special experience, whether at college or in any interview.

DK: Please use this phrase. "Bring any graduates other than us. Then, they will say the same thing as we did." I bet. Apart from taking classes, taking exams, getting GPAs, there are opportunities that only HIS can give us. Try them.

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## Serving as a TA in the Spring semester of 2023

Yongjin Kim (Grade 11)



### What did you like the most while serving as a TA?

I'm likely to be more motivated with an important title, so I thought I should do better because I was given responsibility. In particular, it was nice to set the best learning atmosphere in class and get closer to the teacher. I just enjoyed it.



### Are there any memorable episodes?

At the beginning of a TA, the biology teacher treated me. What made the time memorable is that she consulted me and we had small talks. Also, I learned about her by listening to how she majored in biology to become a teacher.

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**Ms. Kim,  
MHS Science  
Teacher**

Jadon was among the few students who applied to be my TA. His application showed that he was eager in not only studying Biology but also his heart to serve. Whenever I call out to Jadon, he would stop what he is doing and be ready to help. He has helped in buying items for the class. Jadon has also helped me with translating when I was giving a safety education for the science fair participants. He always tries to sit in the front and give every attention in class. He is active in class by answering the questions asked by teachers or solving practice questions before the class which supports and stimulates students to be motivated. He has set an example for the class of what a 'good' student should be.

#### ●The role of TAs in MS

TAs in MS serve classes in various ways involving preparing for books, having other students be ready for learning, distributing printed materials, and notifying assignments beforehand. By doing so, TAs have benefits in motivating, and inspiring them to study the subject as well as ...

#### ●The role of TAs in HS

TAs in HS can tutor a friend struggling to understand what they have learned, not only the roles of TAs in MS. Accordingly, it is not uncommon that students serve as a TA of the subject they are interested in. While tutoring, they are to find out their aptitude and improve themselves not simply helping their friends with some knowledge. ...

#### About the TA program



**Ms. Mija Yoon,  
MHS Korean History  
Teacher**



The 3rd's science project

## Ecosystem in a Jar

Ms. Esther Ahn, Grade 3 Homeroom Teacher

On May 22, the third grade students put together a science project demonstrating their understanding of Earth's ecosystems. Through this project, we not only learned about different ecosystems but also about God's love ...

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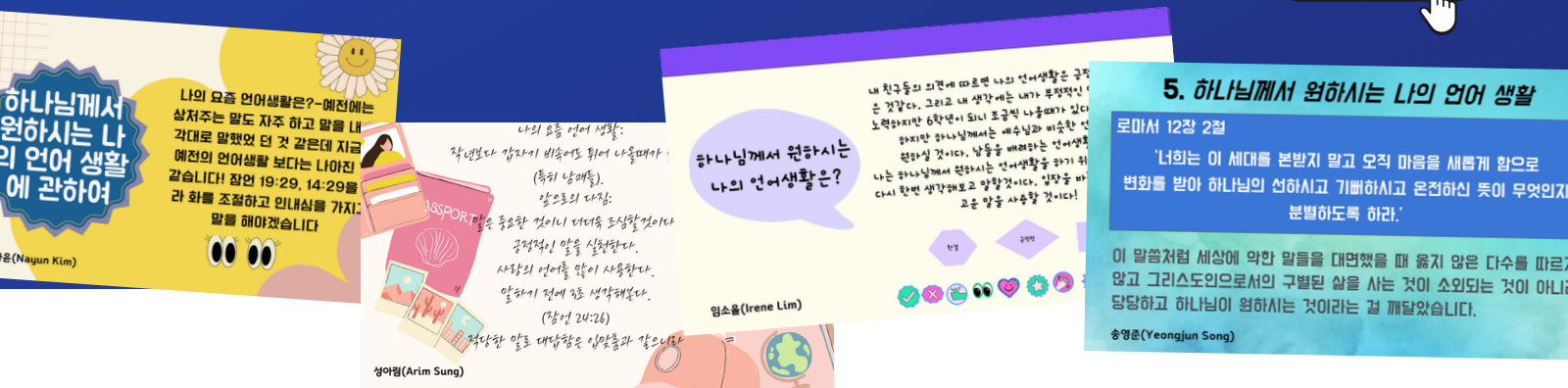
The 6th grade Korean LA

## Language usage that pleases God

Ms. Hana Jo, ES Korean & Social Studies Teacher

"Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ." Focusing on the Words of Ephesians 4:15, I reflect on not only my language usage but also the students'. In particular, 6th graders in ES had time to think about and apply their language usage to please God on June 8. We realized the importance of wording by referring to proverbs and Bible verses related to how we should say and looked back on how we've managed the language. The 6th graders organized and summarized their thoughts in PowerPoint, and had an individual speech to the whole class. They all made a serious commitment to what efforts to make for their language usage to please God. ...

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The 7th MS Art Project

## Self-portraits of 14-year-olds

Ms. Min-jung Kim, MHS Art Teacher

When do you use box tapes(OPP)? As you know, it is usually used for packaging. There are many everyday objects and people that have limited their uses and roles, even including themselves. Look, MHS, making everyday life special, also uses tapes artistically. Students had a chance to think about the meaning of existence by taking a look at their surroundings. Their works followed their working speed and ability to use tools, leading their ways to perform the artworks between canvas works that ...

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## 8th Graders in the Masked Land

Ms. Juhyung Hong, MHS Art Teacher

This is a mask project capturing the images of oneself and their friends. The 8th graders manufactured their own masks for their identity under the theme of "Myself to Show You" and "Myself to Be Read by Friends". The ingredients are clay and acrylic paint. That's all. They focused more on themselves and one another by discovering their own positive images while looking back on the history God ordained them to have. ...

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## Vivid Hard Works Assembled

Ms. Juhyung Hong, MHS Art Teacher

The saying 'The pupil becomes the master' seems to indicate HIS 10th graders. They hatched a joint work by acquiring the basics of acrylic for a month, observing Vincent van Gogh's work, and understanding the expression of the time and color to reproduce the artist's techniques. During this production, existing students and new students naturally hung out and communicated with one another as they worked together. ...

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Training the agents of the kingdom of God

# Handong International School

## 2024 Information Session

**1st** | August 19, 2023 (Sat) 2p.m.  
Seoul Yangjae Onnuri Church B1 Peace Hall

**2nd** | August 26, 2023 (Sat) 2p.m.  
Pohang HIS (#113) F2 Chapel  
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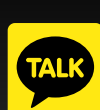
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