

Winter
2023

"I press on toward the goal to win the prize
for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus"
(Philippians 3:14)

01 HIS Messages

Devotion

DIOKO - Command of Unity

Mr. Youngjoon O, MHS Bible Teacher

... The Roman army had a war chant called "DIOKO" (διώκω). It was a command that the commander would shout during battle, especially when the Roman army was losing to its enemy. DIOKO is a Greek word that means "to drive away". But in the military context, DIOKO meant to "press on" or "move forward".

When the commander would shout "DIOKO", the soldiers would respond by shouting "DIOKO" for everyone to hear. For the Roman army, hearing "DIOKO" was a sound of encouragement and a reminder that only by working together could they win the battle. For the enemy, hearing "DIOKO" was a discouragement, because it meant that the Roman army was not going to surrender.

In Philippians 3:14, Paul is using the Roman army command "DIOKO" to believers of Jesus Christ. Like the Roman army, we must be soldiers of Christ who build unity and move forward together. We must not only care about ourselves, but the lives of our fellow brothers and sisters in Christ. ...

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The Bible Says About

Is Smoking a Sin?

Mr. Andrew Kim, MHS Bible Teacher

Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; 20 you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your bodies. (1 Corinthians 6:19-20)

As this verse states, we are temples of the Holy Spirit, the Holy Spirit lives inside of us. Smoking pollutes and defiles our bodies. Also, imagine someone blowing cigarette smoke into your face. Does anyone enjoy that? No, of course not. If you are a Christian who smokes, you are blowing smoke into the face of the Holy Spirit inside of you. Medical studies have also shown the dangers and harm that cigarettes cause to our bodies. Is doing something harmful and damaging to your body a way to honor God with your body? No, that is certainly not the way to honor God with our bodies.

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"All things are lawful for me," but not all things are helpful. "All things are lawful for me," but I will not be dominated by anything. (1 Corinthians 6:12) The Bible says we must not be a slave to anything and people who are addicted to smoking have become slaves to smoking. My hope and prayer is for people who smoke to come to the realization that they are engaging in sinful and harmful behavior and if they truly love God and love others, they must break this habit and no longer engage in smoking. May God set you free and give you victory.

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Elementary

Reading Under the Stars

Nurturing Our Mind in Fall

Ms. Esther Park, Director

Reading Under the Stars is one of the most awaited activities for elementary students, and this exciting festival began as dusk fell on the evening of September 15th. We were a little bit sad that we couldn't have it outdoors due to the rain, but nonetheless we had a wonderful night.

We listened to stories told in books under the stars to nurture our mind. We had fun with board games and crafts and bought goods and snacks at the Starlight Market with smiles on our faces. In particular, teachers, students, parents, and MHS volunteer students made the day more colorful. All dressed up in costumes as animals, book characters, famous people, traditional clothing, and pajamas were happy to see each other. We pray that our students made pleasant memories of reading through Reading Under the Stars.

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Korean Writing Contest

Poetry & Paintings with Warm Vibes

Ms. Soojung Kim, Korean LA-Social studies Teacher

ES students fully exercised their literary sensibilities. They expressed their thoughts and feelings in compressed language and creative paintings ...

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I could only think of "sky factory." as the title of my poem. I wanted my friends to have fun with my poem, and I made it! Next year, I'm going to write about God in the sky. (Lia Yang)

After God, my family is the most important thing, and then my friends. My theme is 'Prayer', and I wrote it praying to God with my heart to love my family. With this heart, It's good to write. And, I found others' poems so good. (Emma Jin)

I wrote a poem because I had a lot of questions for God. My poem is not perfect, but I'm proud of myself for doing it. When I have questions in the future, I'll pray to God, and ask my grandpa, grandma, and mom. "Little brothers and sisters, I want you to pray and ask around if you have any questions!" (Claire Im)

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Korea Day

Colorful and Beautiful Korea Day

Ms. Hana Jo, Korean LA-Social studies Teacher

We thank God for the sunny and beautiful fall weather that allowed us to have a joyful time together. We look forward to our ES students being proud of Korea and developing Korean culture to be more beautiful and spreading it around the world. ...

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This is my last Korea day in ES. I regret that I didn't hang out with friends more on Korea Days when I was in 1st grade to 5th grade. So, I would like to tell other graders. "Enjoy everything while you have it, while you have a chance." (Yeongjun Song)

Thank you to the teachers who prepared it. And I would like to learn more (not too much, though) about Korea and traditional culture. Rather than just having fun, you can learn more about Korean traditions and culture. And, if possible, I think it would be more helpful if students prepared explanations of traditional games themselves. (Eunyu Kim)

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Shooting To the Best Games

Mr. Yoon Soo Ha, P.E. Teacher

Hosted by HIS, the SKAC Futsal Finals was held at the soccer field in Yangdeok. With 24 teams from 7 schools participating in the tournament, students from HIS were ready to compete with great expectations.

The shoot-out went down to the fifth player without any goal.. Jason, who is the goalkeeper and also the captain of the Boy B team, finally scored the first goal and saved the opponent's last kicker, winning the championship of HIS. HIS is proud of all of HIS players as well as Boy B who gave their best and played great games.

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Boys B: 1st place 🏆

(The final Champion after shoot-out with never-give-up teamwork. Won a gold!)

Enjoying Nature in Fall

Ms. Sikyung Oh, G4 Homeroom Teacher

Elementary students went on a field trip to the Sinjeon Museum in Daegu on October 26th. It is a museum about tteobokki, so we saw how the tteobokki kit is made and got to decorate our own kit to take it home. We also had time to taste tteobokki and rode a kickboard scooter. We had so much fun! ...

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It was a very exciting experience learning about tteobokki. I hope to go there again. Making a meal kit was my favorite part of the day! (Daisy Kim)

Working robot was interesting. Riding a scooter was really fun, too. Everything was so cool, and I want to visit there again. (Jason Kim)

The Last Trip, but Everlasting Memory

Ms. Jung Eun Lee, G6 Homeroom Teacher

6th graders had their graduation trip from October 25th to 27th. ... I believe the time with their school friends away from parents for several days was a memorable experience for the students. I truly appreciate every teacher and parent who helped prepare and pray for this event. Most importantly, we praise the Lord for protecting us throughout the whole trip.

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The most memorable moment is the survival game where we had to hit each other with paintballs, because I took out the P.E. teacher twice. haha! And thank you to my teachers for planning such a fun graduation trip and letting me have such a great time. The 6th grade was my favorite year of ES. To my 6th grade friends, let's make many more fun memories together! (Inseo Choi)

"It was still very hot in October, though. So the cartwheeling was my treat because I could enjoy the breeze. The graduation trip was fun and enjoyable, especially because my 6th grade classmates were very considerate of each other. I am grateful for my friends, but I am also worried about my teachers because I think they are having a hard time. (Arim Sung)

Seeking God's Callings

Jihun Park(HS) · Joy Kim(MS) Student Council Member

The first day of the Camping Trip started as we assembled at school by 4:30 am. The first place the HS visited was the Yanghwa-jin Missionary Cemetery. In particular, the 10th graders conducted research and various other activities about Yanghwa-jin a week before the Trip. It made us feel heartbroken and deeply grateful to see the graves of the missionaries we studied while researching the history of foreign missionaries' evangelism in Korea, involving Missionary Underwood, who devoted his life to Korea, and Missionary Appenzeller, who was martyred while trying to save a school girl.

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On the last day of the Camping Trip, we climbed up Mt. Sobaek. It was quite hard to climb up because of the rocky, steep steps. Giving up is very easy, especially when it comes to something as difficult as hiking up a mountain. But after you do it and finish it, you realize that it was not that bad. If we don't think about it too hard, then we can eventually surmount it. So for those who are struggling and trying to give up, I would like you to climb up a mountain and think about it once more.

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Problem-solving and Cooperative Skills

Ms. In Ok Kwak, MHS Korean LA Teacher

The 9th HIS MS Debate contest was held through the preliminary, main, semi-final, and final rounds for 4 weeks until September 22, with a total of 9 teams of 18 participants in two-person teams. The debates were about the specific and practical topics such as "HIS should be banned from bringing smartphones to school," "wanton murderers should be arrested without exception (except for the law breaching minor)," "I'm against delivery app reviews and the star rating system," and other topics that allow us to look deeper into our society and discover the attitudes we should have. ... Yoo, who served as the moderator for the third time, encouraged the juniors by saying, "The more you debate, the more clearly your argumentative skills and consideration for your opponents are improving."

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The Lesson From a Unity

Tei Han(HS), Zion Ray Collier(MS)

The most memorable match of the tournament was when HIS B1 and B2 played each other in the semi-finals. It was a game of true sportsmanship to encourage and support each other between the teams from the same school. In the end, B1 won and advanced to the final, but the losing team also congratulated them from the bottom of their hearts.

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The last moments of victory were the happiest. Everyone was shouting and cheering with joy, and we were very proud of ourselves. It was a fun, lifelong experience to go to a tournament with my friends and compete against other teams. And even though we didn't win, we learned so much. I think it is easy to say that all members learned something meaningful from this experience.

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I hope that we can use our experience and disappointment from today to come back stronger and win the title. I would like to thank God for being with us during the practice, the tournament, and the way to and from Busan. Also, I would like to thank all the HIS members for their support.

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Operation: Youth!

Harim Cho(HS)

"Operation: Youth!" MUPE(The Music Project Performance) who sing about youth, the most shining and beautiful time of life, showed up in Hwanho Sunrise Park in Pohang on October 22. When we commonly think of 'youth,' we often associate it with a period filled with passion and enthusiasm, typically in one's younger years. However, HIS MUPE would like to say that everyone who is living life to the fullest, regardless of age, is spending their youth.

Like this performance, we will keep working on using music, given by God, to promote unity within the community and bring happiness and joy to people.

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Nice To Be With You, Salute!

Hyein Lim (HS)

On Oct. 29, HS students headed to Kang-chul(steel) Church in Chilgok, North Gyeongsang Province, to preach the gospel, our living God, to about 300 soldiers. There was not enough time to prepare, but for around three weeks, every student worked together in harmony with the two teams for funding and filming. ...

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God has all the plans for us, He protects us, and our prayers have power. At the time, I was frustrated with my prayers. But after I finished praying, my soul was filled with grace while singing the hymn <Since Christ My Soul From Sin Set Free> that stuck in my heart. I'll never forget it. (Minji Kang)

I prayed that I wanted to know what God wanted from me, that I wanted to be used as His instrument for His glory, and that He would help me to serve others in Jesus' name. (Gabin Kim)

It's time for Kadash. As we had prepared, we danced, praising God, focusing on the message and lyrics of the dance, and hoping that the soldiers would feel God's heart through this performance. (Matthew Yehyun Kim)

I joined the pantomime team because Handong is where I can learn and gain something as it feels difficult and hard for me to do. Everyone was hectic with lots of exams and assignments, but we as a pantomime team had fun practicing in a lively atmosphere and prayed together, which made me think that this is what Handong is all about. (Sungyeon Cho)

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Boys and Girls Took the Trophy

Suheun Kim · Hyeyum Cha(MS)

On November 14, the MS SKAC Futsal Finals were held all day, slashing the chilly air in the early winter. Champions of boys in Team A and girls in Team B. However, what made HIS hearts beat was the smiling as the student played on the field encouraging each other. Glory to God for He gives us every good thing.

Some have already competed in SKAC last year, and others participated in the competition for the first time, but all were definitely excited about this new experience rather than nervous. Everyone supported each other well so we felt well prepared and excited rather than nervous. The finals were as rough as we expected: the opponent played tough. It was a tight game with goals being scored back and forth by both teams.. However, it was our team, Handong, that focused until the end, winning 5-4 by one goal. ... I believe the girls Team got such a great result due to the good atmosphere where every member encouraged each other without blaming anyone if there're mistakes. This is so prized to play games or make friends. Now we had one more happy memory in Handong.

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Interview With Newcomers

Interview

At the New Inflection Point

Si Woo Park · Jane Na (ES)
Seonghyeon Yoo · Eunji Cho (MHS)

It takes courage and wisdom to settle down in a new place. We wanted to know how transfer students as a part of HIS community this semester are doing, so we talked to some of them. What's your new inflection point looking like?

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I already expected the school to be very good. The teachers are kind and listen to the students very well. On the contrary, I thought there would be several classes per grade, but there is only one class, so I'm a bit sad not to make more friends. (Si Woo Park)

I love that HIS doesn't have friends who swear, and that we speak English according to E.P.E. (English Practice Everyday) program. But, we have classes speaking in Korean, which I sometimes don't feel comfortable switching back and forth between the two languages. And, expressing myself more freely in art class than that of my previous school. (Jane Na)

I had a lot of friends in HS who were also hardworking in terms of academics, and they were so kind that I literally became one of Handong. I also learned what full commitment is from the teachers helping us with their hearts whenever they are visited in school. (Seonghyeon Yoo)

After spending a semester here, I realized that it's not just a Christian school on the surface. There were many experiences when HIS students put God first during classes and conversations with friends. I expected I would only get to know my classmates, but It was great that the whole grade got to know each other. I like the activities between seniors and juniors, too. However, I'm a bit nervous because there is a lot of homework and I have to compete on a normative assessment. (Eunji Cho)

Interview With a Teacher

A 21-year Journey

Mr. Timothy Northe, MHS Teacher

Q What are your core values?

A My life verse along with my core values is Micha 6:8.

He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

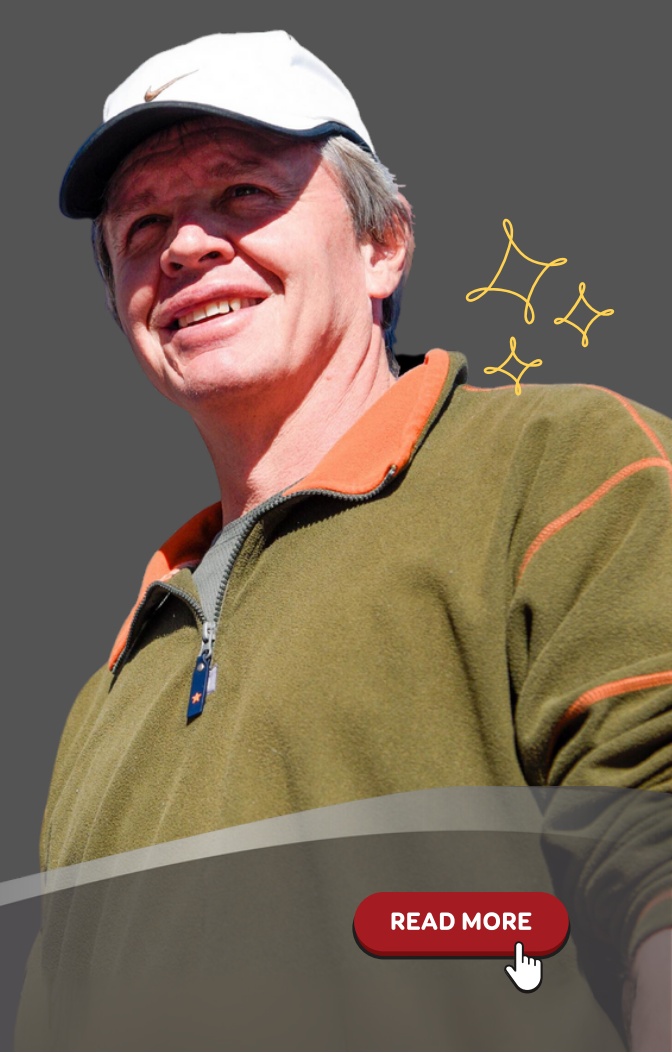
I think if we try to act justly in everything that we do, then we're trying to act in the right way all the time and seeking integrity. And then if we love mercy, then we're trying to look at people (in my case, at my students) and say, it's not you who did that wrong. I try to always meet students and see the best in them. And humility is the foremost value because I think pride is what sneaks into all of us, especially when we get upset.

"With what shall I come before the Lord? (Micha 6:6a)

I would like to notice the first part of verse 6. What can we bring before God, our Lord? No, it means nothing. How you live your life is the most important thing, and that's the one thing I really want. I hope for our students that they learn, too, is that it doesn't matter what wealth you have, and even giving all that kind of stuff to God doesn't matter if you're not living and acting rightly and if you're not being merciful and if you're not humble, it all is a waste of time.

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Like Adam and Eve's Coats of Skins

Joshua Kim · Angellina Lee(ES)

"Unto Adam also and to his wife did the LORD God make coats of skins, and clothed them. (Genesis 3:21)"

Like Adam and Eve, who were clothed in God's grace, the students designed, and made, coats and clothed each other in Art class. We planned, organized, and worked hard to make coats of paper for each other on October 11 and 18. Remembering that we are to find grace in the sight of our Lord, this process made us collaborate more and brainstorm everyone's ideas together to design wonderful coats. With what materials? All paper!

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Handong Commentary

What does a school mean to you? MS students had their Art class reflecting on their favorite places on campus, HIS characteristics, and more. Here's the Handong commentary gallery they actualized.

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Making models of school buildings | Junmin Lee



We chose their loved space in HIS either to recreate or remodel. We learned the scale and used the school drawings provided to us. We took our own measurements with a tape measure in case there were no dimensions. Making a 1/60 scale model was not an easy task, but we each did our best to do our part. ...

T-shirt design for 2023 MHS Camping Trip | Yireh So



For me, HIS is a white canvas. A variety of activities and contests held at the school were new opportunities to unfold and check what my specialty and dreams were. This Camping Trip T-shirt design contest was a new chance for me to confirm God's calling as well. I think each of HIS students has their unique colors. I hope all of us will draw our stories on the HIS canvas with our own colors.

Character design for school | Jiho Park



This character Han-chal(Handong chalteok(a glutinous-rice cake) I designed symbolizes the softness and intimate(like gummy) relationship of friends in HIS. HIS students embrace our friends with a soft heart and treat others with kindness. And I made it that was perfect for maintaining a soft and strong relationship even in a relationship with God. ...

Character design for school | Roah Choi



'While 'Gurumi' symbolizes the meaning of shelter, 'Bangmuri' symbolizes the meaning of the community with emphasis on the beads of sweat. The experience of overcoming difficult situations through cooperation is the most valuable moment in life. ...

A Modern version of Inwang Jesaekdo

Juwon Lee · Somang Lim(HS)

With this background knowledge, we first learned how to express various perspectives. Next, using the original artwork as a reference, we conceived what Mt. Inwang looks like today. Although we all looked at the same landscape, each of us redrew it with different intentions and angles. In this way we were able to complete our own similar but unique version of "Inwang Jesaekdo." It's currently on display on the 1st floor of MH. Please take a moment to appreciate our works and open your eyes to oriental artwork. ...



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My Patterned Ideas, The Fulfilled Hope

Here's an object receded into the past or attached little. Imagine what it wishes for. Probably being used again. To fulfill that hope, we've transformed this forgotten, abandoned object by using the printmaking technique with our favorite affection.

What are we hoping for now? Hoping that our souls wait for the Lord more than watchmen for the morning, and that we live in the presence of our Lord, Jesus Christ whatever we do or wherever we are. ...



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Cocoboco Newspaper (Vol.2)

Ms. Hee Jung Lee, Librarian



In the second semester, the MHS reading club held experiential activities under the themes of "The World's Tastiest Humanities" and "Natural Ecology and Humanities" as a program for improving reading capacity . You can see various activities such as writing essays on food and natural ecology.

The newspaper published by the leader and editor, Yang Ain (HS), and 13 other students from HIS reading club, shows their good intention toward Truth. I hope that all students at HIS will have the chance to love reading the Lord's Word and books. ...

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