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New Year

## Enjoying the warm embrace of our Heavenly Father

In 2023, we have done a lot of work centered around the theme “Encourage Love and Good Works!” As a principal, I was especially grateful to see Handong's students trying their best to put this theme into practice in everything they do.

However, when we work hard at something, there is a risk that our motivation may unknowingly change into seeking the approval of others and even the approval of God. At times like this, we must remember that God's love and good works come before our love and good works. And, only when we know and enjoy God's love and goodness can our love and good works become complete.

A graduate of our school is participating in a music competition program that is being broadcast these days. To my ears, it sounds like the brother is singing about God's love even when he is singing non-Christian songs. One time in particular, the following lyrics touched my heart.

One day you will hug me without saying a word  
You will hug me without saying anything  
In your arms for a very long time

Yes, our Heavenly Father already loves us, and one day when we meet Him, He will embrace each of us in His big arms. I hope that the Handong family will remember and appreciate Heavenly Father's love and goodness and faithfully carry out the mission he has entrusted to each of us in 2024.

Dr. Hamin Baek, Principal

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# Charms of Scientific Collaboration : ES Science Fair

Ms. Sikyung Oh, G4 Homeroom Teacher



We had an elementary Science Fair on the 23rd of November. The students in each grade made collaborative projects in groups, and we had time to look around and ...

I got to learn more about science and feel more confident about it through the science fair. The most standout project was from the 6th grade; they made a product that makes toilet papers come down for emergencies. -Yerim Joo

Everyone came and talked about their projects. It was so fun. I liked the roller coaster one of the 6th grade teams made the best!

- Daniel Seo

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# Gracious Words are a Honeycomb : Apple & Tangerine Day

Mr. Kwan Yoon, MHS P.E-Social Studies Teacher



‘The HIS Apple & Tangerine Day’ was held on Thursday, November 30. It was for verbal violence prevention education. In this event students expressed their feelings by writing cards to people for whom they felt sorry or thankful. ...

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# The 4th Closing Ceremony : HIS Parents T-Time

Ms. Sei Yeon Choi, TLC Director



The 4th closing ceremony of ‘HIS Parents T-Time’ was held at the chapel on Wednesday morning, November 29. 44 parents (15 in the advanced class and 29 in the basic class), accompanied by 8 mentors, completed the program. ...

Through the book, <Christian Parenting Class> and sharing with other parents, I've been able to go beyond the vague idea of what a Christian parent should do and learned specific ways to do. -Jini Eo

I confess that each time I looked at the faith and Christian life of the other parents I met newly, it was a new challenge for me -Jihyun Sung

Through HIS Parents T-Time, my desire for worship at home has grown, and I've been trying to listen to my child instead of interrupting her, and praying more fervently for her friends. I've also been thinking about how I can serve to promote a healthy balance between home and school. -Yeongin Kim

It was so nice and gracious to have a meeting with them online. Before then, I was always sorry for a lack of communication with the school and other parents. I hope to meet them face to face someday. -Jungeun Kim

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# Science is Seeing God who Created All Things: SKAC STEM Fair

Kyungtae Park · Seyoun Lee, The Grand Prize winner



The SKAC STEM Fair was held at Daegu International School (DIS) on December 1st. Our "Fishcar" team started at a sushi restaurant by questioning whether the dynamic locomotion of fish would be effective even if they escaped from the water. After conducting ...

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# One Body in Christ: MHS Bridge Concert

Soyoon Kim, Director of the Bridge Concert



HIS hosted a Bridge Concert with the theme "One Body in Christ" which bridges MS and HS on December 6. It aimed to serve as a good bridge that the 12th graders, who are finishing up, wanted to show a "path" to the 9th graders who are at ...

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# Hall of Faith: ES HIStory Night

Ms. Esther Park, Director



Elementary hosted HIStory Night on December 8th as a culminating performance for the year, also celebrating the birth of Jesus together. Students have been learning about the "hall of faith" in Hebrews 11 for ...

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It was my first time experiencing HIStory Night. Our class worked hard, and I was really nervous. Through the process, I was able to understand the Bible in depth.

-Siwoo Park(a transfer student)

# 2023 Variety Show, One Body in Christ

Seoyoung Yoo, Director of the Variety Show



The theme of this year, "One body in Christ," refers to our unity in God. When we first started our leadership meeting to decide on a theme, all brought up "community" and "oneness". We believed ...

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## Reproducing Classic Artworks : ES Art Project

Yeongjun Song · Sara Kim · Irene Lim



We had a time to express artworks at ES art class to understand more and deeply about the artwork. By repeating the artwork for ourselves, we were able to understand the artist's intention better than just drawing. All team members were listening to others' opinions and trying to embody them. ...

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## The Blessing of Growth and Learning : ES Closing and Graduation Ceremony

Ms. Esther Park, Director



December 22, 2023, was not only a day for students to wrap up the last semester for the winter break, but also for 6th graders to bid farewell to their elementary school journey. Congratulations, Class of 2023! May your futures be as bright as the memories you leave behind in our hearts. As Dr. Baek emphasized in his message, we pray that you will live precious lives that enjoy and spread the love and goodness of God, no matter where you go or what you do. ...

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6 years at HIS is a really important page of my life book. I am truly grateful for the people who helped and guided me up to this point. I wouldn't have had such a great school days without these fantastic people. Thank you so much, it was a pleasure to have each of you in my life. Please continue to encourage and pray for us as we start our next chapter!

- Irene Lim,  
ES Representative

Today, I am standing on the grace of God with a thankful heart. In response to what I have received in HIS, I will share my grateful heart by serving others. And I welcome the future ahead with sincerity and thankfulness. May God richly bless a new step for all 6th graders!

- Jiyu Choi,  
ES Representative



# 2023 MHS Yearbook Team Interview



MHS Yearbook of HIS is made by the graduates of that year. The student-led Yearbook team is responsible for planning, photographing, editing, and producing the Yearbook. What made this interview more meaningful is that it includes the content on Yearbook under the theme of "Together," adding the special tips for the next Yearbook team. Please enjoy it!

## Opening of a New Beginning : MHS Graduation Ceremony

Mr. Seyoon Kim , MHS Academic Team Leader



The 2023 graduation ceremony was a time for us to celebrate the growth and change of our students. We give thanks as we remember that all of this has been accomplished by the grace and guidance of God. Now, students will reflect on the lessons and experiences they have gained along their journey and be ready to take way bigger leaps forward. Graduation is not the end of a chapter, but the opening of a new beginning. Believe in your God-given potential and live a life of challenge all the time! We all believe you will make a positive impact on the world, and we wish you the best. ...

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To all of the people who are leaving the school, I would like to say this: Remember that your family and God will always be beside you through anything. To the people who are staying in Handong, I would like to say this: Handong is a special place that lets you form special relationships with people that you wouldn't have been able to form relationships with. Take advantage of this opportunity when it comes.

Thank you all of my class of 2023 for giving me memories that I would cry while I recall it. Mono No Aware. Memories are invaluable because they fade over time. Though our school life will now be the past, we hold the beauty of falling sunlight. My loved juniors, please don't hesitate to radiate warm light to others by burning yourself.



- Camille Jueun Kwon, MS Representative



- Aaron Hyunbin An, HS Representative

