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Grades 3 and 4 Receive the **First Holy Communion**

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very important and holy day because they are receiving the body and blood of Jesus Christ for the first time. Catholics become one with Christ and believe they will share in His eternal life. Due to the great impact of the pandemic, the holy day was postponed and canceled for Grades 3 and 4. However, with their faiths and hopes to experience their First Holy Communion, the celebration was held onsite last February 12, 2022, at 9 AM, at the MDPS Tanghalan Zaccaria.

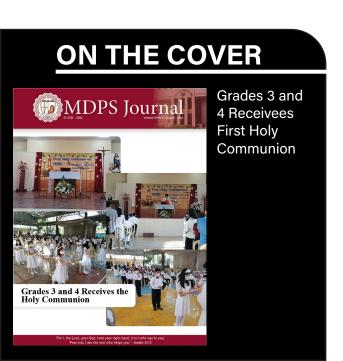
The students were extremely agitated and enthusiastic about the news. It had been at least two years since they met all together personally, and now they are going to attend their Holy Communion with their parents, teachers, and classmates. Hence, they did a lot of preparations for the celebration; from buying their attires, attending their recollections and confessions, and practicing virtually before the actual day. With the help of their parents, they were supported and motivated to be prepared for their First Holy Communion.

As the Holy Day arrived, the students were inspired and eager to receive the Body and Blood of Christ for the very first time. Wearing their attire with an excited heart, they learned the Word of God and felt the presence of the Holy Spirit within them. The Gospel Reading for the day according to Mark, tells the story of how Jesus fed thousands of people who followed Him. This states the value of charity and kindness towards our loved ones and our neighbors. Our God is merciful and sympathetic. Let Him be our example

For Catholic children, the First Holy Communion is a to practice empathy to others just as how our School Vision says "We envision graduates who are persons of character; Competence, Conscience, Compassion, and Commitment." As MDPSians, we must live our lives encouraged by these characteristics which can influence ourselves, the people around us, and our daily lives. Especially in this time of pandemic wherein most of us suffer from the great effects of it, we must follow how Jesus was present in the Eucharist and continue to receive the sacrament.

> In the appearance of the Bread and Wine, students from Grades 3 and 4 receive the Body and Blood of Christ. Everyone was delighted and euphoric about their successful First Holy Communion. According to Carlos Miguel Pasamba, one of the respondents from Grade 4, it was unforgettable because, despite the situation, they were able to celebrate the First Communion. Moreover, he realized that he is now actually sharing eternal life with God. With the same response from Royce Talattad of Grade 3, after two years of staying at home, he finally met with his classmates and teachers to celebrate their Holy Communion together. Indeed, the celebration was triumphant and memorable.

> Truly, nothing is impossible with God, our Father. Without COVID-19 hindering the faith of the children to receive the Body and Blood of Christ, they experienced and achieved yet another achievement with the presence of the Lord. On behalf of MDPS, we congratulate you, Grades 3 and 4, for the beginning of your journey with our Almighty God!





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MDPS Ends Another School Year Successfully

By Joan Gabrielle R. Pahl, Grade 10 - Misericordia'

Amidst the distress of the ongoing pandemic, hope still remains as the students strive to do their best as the school year comes to an end. At times, they could not help but think about something along the lines of "Is it possible for us to go back to our usual face-to-face activities?" On the bright side, however, the pupils continue to accomplish their tasks up to their utmost effort when it comes to their academic capabilities.

Just a few weeks ago, the Mother of Divine Providence School announced the opening of enrollments for the upcoming school year 2022-2023, which will start in August of the same year. The enrollment process will be available both online and on-site. For further details, simply visit the school's official website or drop by the campus to inquire.

Now, as the academic year concludes, both the school administrators and the students prepare for yet another eventful school year. The school is considering "blended learning" — an educational system wherein classes are to be held both online and face-to-face. Although the government's decision on whether the upcoming school year would be face-to-face or online is still unclear, we should not fret under any of these circumstances. Instead, let us all aspire to be notable models of hope and pray that the dreadful pandemic ceases completely.

MDPS Holds An Online Mental Awareness Intervention Program

By Johanna Francesca L. Servillon, Grade 8 - Guistizia'

If there is one thing all students can agree on, it's that online classes are undoubtedly difficult. This is evident on social media platforms like Facebook wherein you'll see all the posts about how students find online classes to be exhausting. Tiredness is a feeling that not only students but also teachers know too well. Fortunately, MDPS provided us, Junior High students, advice for this!

On September 25th of 2021, the Online Mental Wellness Intervention Program hosted by Mrs. Teresita P. Retamar and Mrs. Myra Grace Cajutay was held on Zoom. This Online Mental Wellness Program highlighted how to tackle anxiety management in relation to school academic work load online class set up and other circumstances that brought about the pandemic.

During the Mental Health Talk for Grades 7 and 8, they were given valuable advice like organizing their space, affirming their selves, and keeping a journal. According to the guest speaker, Ms. Tuesday Delos Santos, taking study breaks and having a study planner can help us students with time management, and it could take a lot off of our minds.

For Grades 9 and 10, according to Grade 9 student, Ms. Chanelle Barinque, aside from mental health, they have also focused on the spiritual and moral thinking of the brain. They were also asked to do little activities in order to be more active and participative. It emphasized on the importance of understanding how they could reform their minds to be more positive and social.





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MDPS Teachers go on Retreat

By Eury P. Baldovino, Grade 8-Guistizia'

On July 30 2021, our beloved teachers had their retreat at Our Lady of Antipolo Retreat House in Antipolo. During the retreat, they had a great opportunity to reflect on God's teachings and to prepare them for the new school year. It was a great opportunity for them to rest before starting their work. A great opportunity to get together, catch up, and meet new people as they reflect. The teachers enjoyed the light retreat, unlike before in other retreats. They were able to experience more silent reflection activities. They explored the place while they had their meditation.

According to Mrs. Lustado, the venue was wonderful. Even inside, isolated in their rooms, they didn't feel

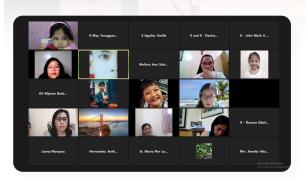
lonely. They were able to enjoy the comfort of the hotel vibe and ambiance. The venue's staff served delicious food in great quantities. They learned that in any situation, whether good or bad, we should always seek God's guidance. According to Mrs. Lustado, prayers would really help us. "Trust in the Lord always." She stated.

Our fun and energetic teacher, Sir JP, liked the food like Mrs. Lustad o, as well as the programs in the retreat, and lastly, the confession. When we asked him "What did you learn?" his answer was, "don't waste your pain."

We should learn from what our teachers share to us, that we should always have the Lord in our minds. Any comfortable situations we're in will be more comfortable, and you'll realize that you aren't alone in any difficult situation. Reflect and talk to God, and He will help you go through life. God bless all!

Parents and Faculty Attend the Lenten Recollection

By Jeanne Chloe Soriano, Grade 10 - Misericordia'



It is timely that now during the Lenten season, we reflect on our actions and remind ourselves of where we came from. During the 2nd of April, 2022, the MDPS Staff and parents have gathered to listen to the Lenten Recollection held by Fr. Dick Eslopor and Br. Peter Garcia through the means of a Zoom meeting. The Zoom recollection lasted from 9:00am up until 11:00 am, with the meeting separated into two parts by a break. This was held to remind the parents and the staff of what the Lenten Season is and what we must do because Lenten is not just limited to us students, but is for everyone to acknowledge.



The Recollection is a mix of both teachings and personal examples related to the topics that were given by Father. Topics like what Lent is, what are symbols related to Lent, and what we must do during the Lenten season were discussed in an entertaining yet informative fashion. As what was taught to us, they are encouraged to repent, pray, give alms, and fast in order to truly be one with the heart of Lent. This recollection is a reminder for us to reflect on our sins, find personal growth in silence, and to truly understand what we are meant to do.

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MDPSIANS CELEBRATE A VIRTUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY

By Marquise Zuleika J. Velasco, Grade 8-Giustizia'

Every school vear. we commemorate the birth of Jesus Christ with a Christmas party, but because to the on-going epidemic, we are forced to reside at our home and celebrate digitally. The virtual Christmas party was indeed limited with less activities and no Salu-salo. The performers were able to make light of the Virtual Christmas Party despite watching them through our devices. Students were able to participate in mini games even if the games are lacking. Nonetheless, that did not prevent the majority of us from having a good time.

I asked a few participants and performers about their opinions of the 2021 Virtual Christmas Party and surprisingly, their answers were indifferent from one another. What they liked most about the Virtual Christmas Party is being able to bond with their classmates and teachers by participating in activities such as games. School is a place for teaching and studying, due to that, students and teachers aren't conversing that much but with these celebration, we have an opportunity to enjoy ourselves and bond with one another. This Virtual Christmas Party gave nostalgia to the participants as well. It reminded them of the face-to-face Christmas Party.

The Virtual Christmas Party was indeed fun but is it as fun as faceto-face? Majority of the participants disagrees. They believed that faceto-face Christmas Party was more enjoyable due to the fact that there are more activities and the opportunity to see one another physically. In addition, in face-to-face we get to eat together (Salu-Salo). The experience of face-to-face is far more enjoyable than the Virtual Christmas Partv. Differently, one of the interviewees agrees that Virtual Christmas Party is as entertaining as face-to-face. Their reasoning is, seeing their classmates

sing and play games was enough to be entertaining. In my own personal opinion, it certainly depends on each classroom.

There are differences and similarities between virtual and physical Christmas Party. According to the participants. the biggest difference is that this Christmas Party was celebrated through our devices. There are no physical contacts with one another and the activities are shortfall. A participant noted that the prerecorded performance also made much of a difference. Another dissimilarity is the classroom based activities. Instead of physical games, the games are executed virtually. This means using various websites. Instead of candies as the prizes, the prizes are done by transferring money to the winner.

The similarities are that we, the students and teachers, are still united even through our devices. Another similarity is having a performance executed by the talented students themselves and a classroom based activities.

Aside from the participants, I also interviewed the performers who performed during the Virtual Christmas Party. The performers have a huge involvement in this Virtual Christmas Party. With their talents, they were able to make the celebration entertaining.

The reason they wanted to perform for their own personal benefits such as overcoming anxiety and improving their talents. Another reason is for them to demonstrate their talents to us in hopes of us to be entertained and to find their performance enjoyable. I personally think their performance was entertaining. I would notice the



audience would react with different emoiies to show their support to the performer. I asked the performers if they find performing online as enjoyable as face-to-face. This is the part in which their answers and different. The first interviewee stated that as long as they can perform and make everyone one then there is no difference. The second interviewee stated that there is something missing when performing virtually. It probably lacks the thrill an individual feels when performing. Lastly, I asked them if there were any difficulties while performing online. Since these were done online, it isn't surprising to find difficulties. These difficulties such as the pre-recorded video can be distorted that would cause confusion. Another reason is editing the prerecorded video to be synchronous with the music. Nevertheless, I am amused that they were able to perform despite these difficulties

Finally, the Virtual Christmas Party is obviously different from face-to-face. Though there were performers and classroom-based activities visible during face-to-face. many of them were hampered by challenges that many encountered while arranging this Virtual Christmas Party, but many were able to resolve them and continue the celebration. It may not be as delightful as face-toface, but witnessing each other bond and rejoice through our screens was enough to satisfy me. Hopefully, in the next school years, we will be able to enjoy face-to-face Christmas Parties with less obstacles.

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The struggles of the Few are the Struggles of the Lot By Rae Noelle F. Ramirez, 10 - Misericordia'

Whether you are on the internet for school-related or leisurely purposes, I'm quite sure that you have come across the dispute between Ukraine and Russia at least once. It is unsurprising that most of us, Filipinos, do not see the importance of reading information on this issue since the mentioned countries are literally miles away. However, we need to acknowledge the truth that this significant event affects our lives in one way or another.

What exactly is happening between the two countries? Basically, the Russo-Ukrainian conflict had already been present since 2014 - Russia's President, Mr. Vladimir Putin, had only begun the invasion during the second month of this year. He addressed on February 24, 2022 that the country does not feel safe with the idea of Ukraine joining NATO (North Atlantic Treaty Organization) and being Western-oriented as it poses a threat to the safety, development, and existence of Russia. Soon after, Russia sent its troops to Ukraine in an attempt to take over the country by force. While Mr. Putin refuses to call this war and instead labels it as a "special military operation," it is undeniable that the numerous deaths, casualties, and repercussions resemble the effects of the previous world wars. He had even justified all this violence by declaring that his goal is aimed towards the "demilitarization and de-Nazification" of Ukraine, a country whose president, Mr. Volodymyr Zelenskyy, is Jewish.

Since then, attacks between Russia and Ukraine have been occurring. The bombings and violence from the conflict, of course, affects the two countries, most especially Ukraine, in terms their of economic and financial stability. This, in turn, also affects the global market, particularly the export of oil. One of the main countries where the Philippines gets its oil from is Russia. With the current dispute, Russia's oil and gas exports have been restricted, resulting in a relatively high increase in the prices of fuel. With the continuous increase in oil price, Filipinos are forced not to tend to their other needs, cutting their monthly finances short.

Recall that the Philippines has yet to fully recover from the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic. With Ukraine and Russia's infrastructures destroyed, sanctions imposed, and general supply of goods threatened, the high inflation, unstable financial markets, and weak supply chain in the Philippines can still be exacerbated. Given the implications of their conflict to the globe and to our country, the administration is currently discussing the measures and contingency plans that will be imposed in response to such. Insofar as they had released, the plans include strengthening the domestic economy and stabilizing food prices.

After reading all this, it is clear that the implications of the so-called "special military operation" affects not only the Ukranians but us Filipinos as well. This ongoing war should make us realize the truth that each and everyone of us are relational beings – we are all connected to one another. Whether we like it or not, we need each other in order to thrive and live to our fullest potentials. From the bodily, physical needs of man such as food, clothing, and fuel, to the more profound, spiritual needs of freedom and human dignity, these are only satisfied when all of us acknowledge this truth.

In other words, Ukraine's struggles are our struggles as well. The struggles of the few are the struggles of the lot. How can we achieve a holistically peaceful and united state if we let them shoulder all the burdens of the controversy? We must all do our part in helping our fellow brothers and sisters in Ukraine. Whether by means of spreading truthful information, donating goods, or even offering prayers for them, all of these are of big help in moving Ukraine out of a controlled and oppressed circumstance. How about you, fellow MDPSian, what are your plans of helping? What can you do for them?





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The School Community Participates in the Mass of the Holy Spirit

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At the beginning of every school year in MDPS is the Mass of the Holy Spirit to guide the students and faculty throughout the school year. This year, during the pandemic, like last year, the mass was held via Zoom. Over 250 students participated in this mass, celebrated by Fr. Michael Sandalo, CRSP, which took place in the morning before the rest of day's schedule for August 26, 2022. Part of this celebration were prayers that the COVID-19 Pandemic would wane further amid its new variants popping up every now and then, and for a successful school year, even if it is distance.



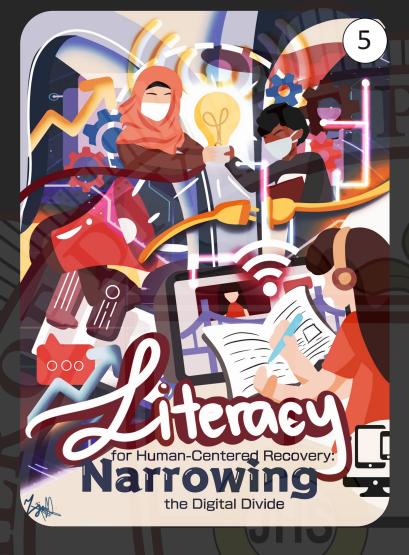
MDPS Observes the Literacy Week Amidst the Global Pandemic

By Vanessa C. Fernando, 9 - Fortezza'

On September 30, 2021 at 2:30pm to 4:00pm, Mother of Divine Providence School celebrated the school year's first Literacy Week Celebration online. Since we are still under quarantine, The celebration was held through Zoom Meetings by The English Department with a theme of "Literacy-For-Human-Centered-Recovery: Narrowing the Digital Divide".

Together the students participated in the Online event by wearing costumes or cosplays of their favorite book character and watched different presentations by some grade levels like the Read Speech and Podcasts by the Junior High schoolers. We could never forget our interactive games like; Tongue Twisters, Riddles, Virtual Hunt, Puzzles and many other fun activities that we all surely enjoyed. The students also had activities using their social media platforms such as the infamous "You-Are-Caught-Reading" with a #MDPSLiteracyWeek2021 and #NarrowingTheDigital Divide. This is to promote students to read classic books in their community. Some following ventures for instance are Spelling Bee, Poem Recitation, Book Review, Essay Writing, and Digital Poster making. These are activities that will really show the student's talent, potential, and progress of their writing and thinking skills. Also, this Year's Digital Poster Making Contest's winner is no other than Ms Zeree Maien S. Dionisio with her outstanding work.

Now even though our celebration was held online again, our school never fails to make every event memorable. The funny jokes of the teachers, and the participation and eagerness by students are one of the things that made this a very special moment. We all hope that by the next Literacy week, the student's laughter will now be heard inside a classroom.



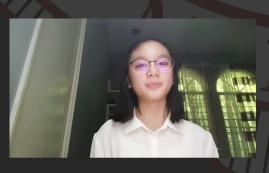












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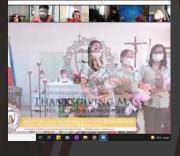


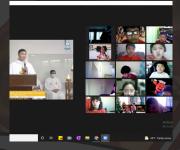






















The Festive Celebration of the 34th Founding Anniversary of MDPS

By Michelle Lynn Divino, 8 - Giustizza'

From November 19, 2021 to November 20, 2021, The Mother of Divine Providence School community joyously celebrated the school's 2-day celebration of its 34th foundation anniversary with the theme "MDPS @ 34: Hope Amidst Challenges to Sustain Excellence Now and Beyond." Because of last year's unfortunate cancellation of the 33rd foundation celebration due to typhoon Ulysses, MDPS made sure that this year's foundation anniversary was going to be an eventful celebration despite the country's current COVID predicament that has bound us to an online setting.

The celebration was held via Zoom conference. This year's foundation anniversary was jam-packed festivities to celebrate our beloved school's founding way back in 1987. On the first day of the celebration, a short program was held which included a talent show that showcased the multiple talents of MDPSians from across all grade levels as well as a Zoom Zumba hosted by the P.E. teachers of MDPS. At 10 AM, breakout rooms were prepared for the students to be grouped with their respective grade levels for the interactive games prepared by their class. In place of the usual Intramurals, an E-Sports tournament was held for our valiant gamers to show off their remarkable strategic battle skills in these games we call FPS (First-person shooter) and MOBA (Multiplayer Online Battle Arena). On the second day of the celebration, a Eucharistic celebration was held via live streaming to thank God for the opportunity to safely celebrate the establishment of this fine institution despite the pandemic and the spread of COVID. After the Eucharistic celebration, MDPS faculty members were honored through the Recognition of Service Awardees to acknowledge their loyalty to MDPS and its community. Salo-salo sa Pananghalian was held per class via Zoom for the students and teachers to bond and celebrate the anniversary in their own. unique way.

The foundation celebration ended on a joyous and memorable note. Mrs. Pascua, the class moderator of 8 - Giustizia, expressed her happiness for the success of the 34th foundation anniversary. According to her, the 34th foundation anniversary is a memorable celebration because it's MDPS's first foundation anniversary celebrated online: "It was our first time to celebrate FD virtually, but what matters most is that we're able to celebrate and feel the essence of celebrating the foundation day. The collaboration of each class was also memorable since they were able to facilitate even though they're far from one another. Kudos to all facilitators!" Just like many others, Mrs. Pascua also misses the physical celebrations and hopes that the next foundation celebration would be held on school grounds.

Although there was no physical celebration, the MDPS community was able to commemorate the institution's foundation despite the pandemic. The celebration of the 34th foundation anniversary of MDPS was, without a doubt, a successful and phenomenal event. Hopefully, next year's celebration would be an eventful one as well and with fingers crossed, may next year's anniversary be celebrated physically in MDPS

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Consumers Rage Over Shortage of Essential Drugs

By Maxene Kirsten F. Peralta, 9 - Fortezza'

Early in the COVID-19 pandemic, countries across the world went into lockdown, shutting down or reducing transport within and between them. This had an impact on pharmaceutical manufacturing, supply, and distribution, causing inefficiencies in the worldwide medicines supply chain. Anticipatory purchasing and stockpiling of drugs occurred around the world as a result of the uncertainties surrounding coronavirus sickness in 2019, bringing demand to an all-time high.

Meanwhile, drug factories shut down in order to prevent the spread of COVID-19, the drug-supply chain was disrupted and drug shortages resulted. Global supply issues persist, owing to reduced industrial capacity, logistics and transportation problems, and rising purchase costs. Drug shortages have been an ongoing problem for the medical community for decades; however, drug-shortage concerns have been exacerbated by this worldwide pandemic. Drug manufacturing follows standard business practices in order to make a profit. Excess stock in the warehouse is risky from a business standpoint. It costs money to store and maintain products in anticipation of sales and profit. Therefore, businesses may operate on a just-in-time model by manufacturing the product when it is needed in order to keep costs down and maintain efficiency. With no on-hand reserve, if anything alters supply or increases demand, a shortage can occur. Further, in order to produce a drug, raw materials must be acquired. The drug-manufacturing process is wholly dependent on the supplier of the raw materials. Although a medicine may have several manufacturers, the raw ingredient may only have one producer. As a result, any disruption in the raw material supply will harm all drug producers. The spread of COVID-19 to the level of a global pandemic impacted the acquisition of raw material and caused manufacturing shutdowns around the world. With factory doors closed and COVID-19 a global threat, supplies start to run low. Not knowing when and where the next COVI-19 surge will occur, everyone is trying to be prepared.

Without secure stocks of essential drugs, the risk to consumers is real. Industry and government must act quickly to boost supply, ease export restrictions, and put measures in place to stop speculation and hoarding.

Fighting Boredom in the Face of the Pandemic

By Jeanne Chloe Soriano, Grade 10-Misericordia'

We've all been in a slump during the pandemic, and trust me, you're not alone. So I've decided we should look into some ways to cure our boredom.

To quote the common phrases of the millennials, "the pandemic has us rotting in our homes". Admit it, you've wanted to take a fresh breather outside of your home at least once, right? With restrictions fluctuating between higher levels and lower ones, it truly has become unpredictable to know what to do with that blank schedule of yours. But fear not, I have some ideas that may help or give ideas based on my personal experiences!

My first recommendation is writing—and this could be applied to anything. I myself started a writing blog where I publish short cuts of otherwise longer stories I write (while sometimes posting the completed stories) and record some personal experiences. Some people would like to let their thoughts run, others that want to jot down their day like a diary, and some just simply want to write whatever, whenever. Writing is good, so long as it's used for good. Another recommendation is baking, or cooking at the very least. This works perfectly to relax while making something delicious to try out. You don't have to make very complicated treats, as there are many simpler recipes that taste just as good. It surrounds you in a comfy bubble filled with the scent of dishes you love as you let your own hands do some magic. Finally, why not try giving crochet a go? I think this could go well with those who want to mindlessly do something with their hands when they focus. The bonus here is that you get a cute handmade material to work with or use! Certain crocheting styles follow a single pattern, so it's more or less just a rinse and repeat of the same set of actions. You can fumble with some yarn while in class to keep your hands occupied. But of course, always listen to the teachers.

I suppose this wraps up all of the ideas I have for possible things to do when in the pandemic. We're free to give new ideas a go, and I highly recommend trying out these suggestions if you have the time and materials. Remember to always continue to keep safe in your homes too. Now come on, let's try out the banana bread I made.

Upcoming 2022 Elections: How to Make an Informed Decision on Whom to Support?

By Mirim G. Lee, 10 - Misericordia'

Mark your calendars on May 9, for it is the incoming 2022 Elections! Since the campaign season, many people have mixed thoughts and feelings about whom to vote and support. As a citizen in this country, may it be if you're an adult or underage, it is undeniably true and only logical that before we show our support towards a specific candidate, we should note the question "Why?". Now, let me give you some tips on making an informed decision on whom to support for you to be enlightened and have a clear mind during this election season.

Tip #1: Do your background research for the candidates.

It is essential to do background research for the candidates for you to have an idea of what their values are and what they have already done for the country. A thoughtful vote requires you to dig deeper. This way, you'll be able to align your own moral value system with a particular candidate and see how they would perform if they actually win the election.

Tip #2: Try to watch the debates with your eyes closed.

To avoid being a victim of bias, watching a debate with your eyes closed would allow you to focus on the contents of a candidate's speech rather than who is actually talking. This, in turn, enables you to see which of the chosen ones are ideal for the country.

Tip #3: Do not just rely on your gut feeling.

Making an informed decision should not only be based solely on personal feelings. Facts and data should be considered as well for you to form a cohesive opinion.

Tip #4: Learn how to spot misinformation and fake news.

Do not believe in the "he said, she said,", especially regarding the elections. It is essential to know where to find a reliable source of information to read and watch for you to be enlightened with truth. To check, review the source, author, date, and read beyond the news headline to get the whole gist of a situation.

Tip #4: Ask yourself.

"Do the candidates' values align with my own? Do I think that they are rightful to be in the said position? What are their stances and plans if they were to win? Do I think that it is realistic or not?" It is okay to ask yourself these many questions. It only testifies how you are correctly assessing the situation at hand. However, it is crucial to keep in mind that you should not only be thinking for yourself. Instead, see which candidate is the most suitable to take action for the whole country's current situational problems.

Forming an informed decision for the upcoming elections is very important because the subsequent rulers in this country would change the lives of many Filipinos for the next six years. Although I still cannot vote, underaged civilians should still be educated about these things because my life, including the other 112 million Filipinos, would be affected. After all, the Philippines is a democratic country, and everyone is entitled to have their own opinion, right? However, it is only rightful to know which you think is the right side for the sake of the country and its people. Remember to vote straight and vote wisely.

















The Graduates of School Year 2021-2022