



# DALAT NEWS

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## DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

### **Christmas Season. . . . .**

When I was growing up the Christmas season really did not start until the month of December was underway. Stores and malls would begin to decorate the week or so after Thanksgiving. That is no longer the case in America as Christmas decorations and all the paraphernalia is now being displayed in early November. The Thanksgiving holiday has morphed into a holiday when people have a few days off to get all their Christmas shopping done. The day after Thanksgiving sales are now called "Black Friday" with stores open as early as 1:00 a.m.! And if that wasn't enough, now we have "Cyber Monday" when online stores drop their prices to jump-start the Christmas season.

Even in Penang I have noticed a huge change over the last 10 years. As a teacher here in the mid 90's I rarely saw any sort of decoration and now I am seeing trees and decorations going up all over the place (even at a local food stall). I was in Gurney Mall the day after American Thanksgiving and stores were already playing Christmas carols.

The Christmas season at Dalat has started as well. We do not focus on the commercialism associated with the holiday, but do enjoy celebrating this joyous season with decorations and events. It is a fun and exciting time of year but also a very busy one with end-of-semester activities and class expectations. We are now into our last three weeks of school and there is so much happening; drama performances, Christmas banquets, elementary musical, band and choir concerts, recitals, Christmas parties. . . . .

Please read below for more information about these special events. In the weeks to come Dalat News will help you keep up to date with all the Dalat celebrations and events of this wonderful season.

Have a great weekend,

[Karl Steinkamp](#)

Director

## HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

Where has November gone? I am finding that time goes extremely fast at Dalat and that the end of this semester is approaching very quickly.

This weekend Dalat is hosting the boys' varsity basketball tournament where two of our teams will be competing. The following week we have the Drama Production and the Stuco Christmas Banquet and the week following that we have the High School Band and Choir Concert. Please join us for these extraordinary events that your children will be involved in during these next few weeks.

Fast approaching are the High School Final Exams which begin on December 17<sup>th</sup>. They are a very important and integral part of each course. It is essential to remember at this busy time that we cannot get so involved with other activities that we neglect to prepare for this assessment. The exam schedule is posted on the Dalat web-site or click on the link below to view. I encourage you to note the day and times of your child's exams. Note, also, that school ends at 1:00 pm during the exam week of December 17-20.

[High School Final Exam Schedule](#)

[Fred Colburn](#)

High School Principal

## MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS

The Middle School final exam schedule is posted on the Dalat web-site or click on the link below to view. If you are planning on traveling please note that all middle school students have finals on Thursday December 20<sup>th</sup> and they are expected to be in attendance until that day to take their exams. Thank you for planning your travel schedules around the school calendar.

[Middle School Final Exam Schedule](#)

[Brian Brewster](#)

Preschool-Gr 8 Principal

## ELEMENTARY NEWS

This is a very busy time of the year in the elementary school. Please note the special schedule during **the last week of school**. The elementary students will be released from school to be picked up at 12:30 on both Wednesday and Thursday (December 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>).

Monday	– Normal Schedule with practice in the morning for the musical
Tuesday	– Elementary Musical at 7 p.m.
Wednesday	– Elementary sports day – Students will be released to go home at 12:30
Thursday	– Students will be released to go home at 12:30

Starting next semester, Dalat will be offering elementary students the option of long pants as part of the school uniform. The cost will be Rm35.00 for S,M,L , XL, 2XL,

and 3XL. Dalat will not be keeping these in stock as we expect demand to be limited. If you would like to purchase a pair, please call Amy in the office and tell her how many you want of each size before Dec. 14<sup>th</sup>. We will then place an order and the pants will be available by the start of semester 2. We will not order pants again until the start of next year so if you are interested please be sure to get your order in soon.



[Brian Brewster](#)

Preschool-Gr 8 Principal

### THIS WEEK

Sunday, 2 Dec	Christmas Praise & Worship In the Chapel at 6:30pm
Monday, 3 Dec	Piano Recitals In the Chapel at 4:00pm and 7:00pm
Thursday, 6 Dec	HS Drama in the Chapel at 7:00pm
Friday, 7 Dec	HS Drama in the Chapel at 7:00pm

### THIS WEEK'S MENU

Monday	Chicken Rice Sandwich Bar - PB&J, Fried Rice Salad Bar, Ice Cream, Milk/Milo
Tuesday	Japanese Pork Curry, Rice, Veggies Sandwich Bar - Tuna Salad and PB&J Salad Bar, Toasted Banana Bars, Milk/Milo
Wednesday	Spicy Mee Soup, Fried Rice Sandwich Bar - Chicken Salad and PB&J Salad Bar, Fruit Milk/Milo
Thursday	Macaroni Tuna Casserole Sandwich Bar: Ham & Cheese and PB&J Salad Bar, Fruit Ice
Friday	Beef and Broccoli, White Rice Sandwich Bar: Egg Salad and PB&J Salad Bar, Fruit, Milk/Milo

### FROM THE ATHLETIC DIRECTOR



### **Dalat Girls Basketball**

In our final game of this season, the girls entertained the U16 Heng Ee team. Heng Ee captured the Gold medal at the 6 team U16 tournament held over 3 weeks in Nov @ Sungai Ara. Final score was Heng Ee 77 Dalat 56. Well done girls! Thanks to Kerry Mahoney & Tim Steinert for officiating the 60 minutes of playing time game!

### **Girls Softball**

Nov 29<sup>th</sup> - Mark Sasse & his girls hosted Dato Keramat on upper field for what is certain to be the 1<sup>st</sup> Softball game of this millennium. The visiting Dato Keramat managed to score 9 runs to our 6 on this particular occasion. Many thanks to coach Sasse & crew for putting this game together!

### **Dalat Boys Basketball Tourney**

Nov 30<sup>th</sup> – Dec 1<sup>st</sup>: A late cancellation by ISKL opened up a space in Pool B which was quickly snapped up by Clay Moss & his group of futuristic Varsity Boys, allowing us to remain with 2 pools full! Alice Smith; Garden; Uplands; ISKL; Georgetown; Heng Ee; St. Xavier.

2 Dalat teams will be fighting for the coveted trophy, medals & the Champion Title! Tourney begins @ 11:00 Fri, Nov 30<sup>th</sup> with Heng Ee vs Georgetown, followed by 2 Dalat games in a row! Games run until late Fri nite & playoffs happen on Sat.

Remember that sports end this weekend & will resume late in January with a trip for our HS Basketball teams to the tourney@ ISKL. Then, we enter MSSPP season with Cross Country, Track & Field, Boys Soccer, Basketball, Volleyball, Tennis & Softball to mention the major sports.

That's all for this week folks. CU at the gym!

[Gerry Steiert](#)

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## **FINE ARTS DEPARTMENT**



### ***Upcoming Fine Arts Department Events:***

#### **Christmas Praise & Worship**

Sunday, December 2, 6:30 PM

#### **Piano Recitals**

Monday, December 3, 4:30 and 7:00 PM

## High School Drama

Thursday, December 6, and Friday, December 7, 7:00 PM

## Middle School Christmas Concert

Tuesday, December 11, 7:00 PM

## High School Christmas Concert and Art Exhibit

Thursday, December 13, 7:00 PM

## Middle School Drama

Friday, December 14, 3:10 PM

## Grade 5 Christmas Presentation at Kawan House

Monday, December 17, 12:00 PM

## Elementary Christmas Musical

Tuesday, December 18, 7:00 PM



## CHRISTMAS PRAISE & WORSHIP

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2, 6:30 PM

Come and celebrate the glory of the Lord... the true Light of Christmas.  
Join the Dalat Ambassadors for an hour in His presence.  
All are welcome—this Sunday in the Chapel.

"And the glory of the LORD will be revealed,  
and all mankind together will see it.  
For the mouth of the LORD has spoken."

--Isaiah 40:5--



## PIANO RECITALS

*3 December, 4:30 & 7:00 PM*

Two Piano Recitals will be held this Monday, December 3, at 4:30 and 7:00 in the Chapel, showcasing students of campus piano teacher, Ms. Noreen Khoo, and other instructors. A total of over 30 of our elementary and secondary students will perform a variety of pieces exemplifying many styles and difficulty levels. Everyone is welcome to attend one or both of these special events. Thank you for supporting our student musicians!

## **Baggage Claim**

A Modern-day Parable  
By Don Bosley

*A Dalat International School Drama Club Production*

Showing in the Dalat Chapel  
Thursday, December 6, 2007 @ 7:00pm  
Friday, December 7, 2007 @ 7:00pm

**DLRC - Dalat Learning Resource Center**

### **CAN YOU HELP IN CHIANG MAI ?**

The DLRC has been very busy meeting the needs of many local home school families as well as helping service the educational needs of other home schooling workers throughout SE Asia. One of the major ways Dalat serves these families, besides providing the services of the center on campus, is by helping support an annual conference in Chiang Mai in January. From time to time conferences are also held in China and Indonesia.

Dalat helps recruit workers to help at this Family Education Conference. The adult volunteers work for 3 day, all day, providing child care and instruction for children within a pre-planned and well organized child care program. This January 22-25, 2008 the conference has 220 children registered from age 2 months to 18 years old. The parents are always so thankful for the out pouring of love and service of these volunteers.

**How can you volunteer?** Contact Mr. Earl Case at 0124101432 or at his office in the DLRC on campus for complete details. Dalat has a limited budget to assist with this program so volunteers would need to help cover most of their own costs. I calculate the trip and hotel would cost up to MYR 2000 unless you can share a room with another worker. That's flying Air Asia from Penang.

**What would you be doing?** Usually 1-2 adults with 1-2 teen assistants would be assigned to an age group, say five year olds. The adults would be responsible for that group of children from about 8 am -5pm, with a break for lunch. Crafts, stories, activities, and snacks would be provided for the time. Often a guest has come in to

read or tell stories or do other activities with the children.

**What would you get out of this?** A trip to Chiang Mai, and an opportunity to shop its famous night market, all your meals would be provided, tired muscles and body, satisfaction of serving others, thanks from grateful parents and me.

Want more information? Ask former workers: Beth and Gerry Steiert, Mike and Lyn Holden, Barb Case, Lydia Roberts, Missy Parsons, Ruth Lyons, Lisa Yow and others. Yes, I will be there working as well.

### **COME JOIN ME AND REPRESENT DALAT AND OUR LORD IN CHIANG MAI.**

I need to know as soon as possible so rooms can be reserved for all of us. Usually dalat is able to provide 5 or more workers.

Working together in Christ

Earl Case  
DLRC Coordinator

## **IWA Annual Christmas Charity Bazaar**

IWA (International Women's Association) Penang are holding their Annual Christmas Charity Bazaar on Sunday 2nd December from 10.00am till 3.00pm at the Ballroom, Bayview Beach Hotel, Batu Ferringhi. The event will include vendors from across SE Asia, lucky draws & a visit from Santa. Tickets are RM8 in advance, RM10 on the door, children under 12 free. Call 04 8982540 for details.



## **CHARITY AND COMPASSION**

*It is in giving that we receive.*



*Again here is the list of Charity & Compassion Christmas projects and Refugee Relief Projects that we will be taking part in this year. If you would like to help out either financially or physically please contact Beth Steiert [bsteiert@dalat.org](mailto:bsteiert@dalat.org) 012 430 2231*

*We have been slowly moving things from our "To Do" list to our "Done" list but these are the items that we still need help with.*

- 10 Christmas food hampers @RM100 ea
- 17 Saris for widows @RM30ea
- 20 soap and powder packs for senior ladies @ RM15ea
- Large bags of rice and milk powder @RM30ea

- 20 Christmas gifts for 2 – 6 yr olds

*We are also in need of the following supplies for the refugees:*

- 30 Blankets
- Canned food. Sardines; baked beans; Soya, Fish and Oyster Sauces
- Christmas party supplies and food for 80 people

*The Dalat students and community are doing a great job of supporting both the Refugee Relief project and also all our Christmas Projects. The Elementary students are working on bringing in children's Christmas presents and school supplies. Middle school students are bringing in specific canned food items for the refugees and High school students are bringing in blankets and money to help purchase tarps needed to shelter the refugees*

*Where Charity & Love exist, God is there. Thank you for your donation*

## MOVIE REVIEWS

Movie	Rating
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### Acceptable

<b>Balls of Fury</b>	US-PG13, MY-U
Some crude sex related humor and language. High school only.	
<b>Bee Movie</b>	US-PG, MY-U
Mild suggestive humor	
<b>Enchanted</b>	US-PG, MY-U
Some scary images. Overall great Disney film.	
<b>Mr. Magorium's Wonder Emporium</b>	US-G, MY-U
Great for the whole family	
<b>Stardust</b>	US-PG13, MY-U
Fantasy violence and risqué humor. High School only.	

### Not Acceptable

<b>Across the Universe</b>	US-PG13, MY-U
Some drug content, inappropriate sexuality and language.	
<b>Beowulf</b>	US-PG13, MY-U
Intense sequences of violence, inappropriate sexual material	
<b>Hitman</b>	US-R, MY-NA
Strong violence, language and sexuality	
<b>The Kingdom</b>	US-R, MY-NA
Graphic brutal violence and inappropriate language	
<b>Unrest</b>	US-R, MY-U
Horror, graphic violence and sexuality	

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