

## **GRADE 12 STUDENTS SUCCESSFULLY HOST THE ELEMENTARY CHRISTMAS PARTY; LEAVES CHILDREN IN THE SPIRIT OF GOOD CHEER**

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*Aquamarine students exchanging and opening their gifts  
(Photo credits: Angel Bacayana)*

Have you felt “the Christmas spirit” during the holidays? Because the children of MIS sure did. What started as just a requirement for a school subject turned out to be something that was more felt and enjoyable. The 14th of December was the date of the year-end party for the MIS Elementary Department. It was also an opportune moment for the twelfth graders to practice what they have learned in the subject ‘English for Academic and Professional Purposes’ by being the hosts for something that was always anticipated every year: the Christmas Party.

The grade 12 students were distributed throughout the elementary department: lower, middle and upper elementary. They were equally faced with a differing set of challenges and goals to be met based on the levels they were assigned to. It was a first since the only events they have hosted beforehand were either SHS-exclusive or strictly online. However, this was not so out of their comfort zone. With the sufficient number of activities or events that require them to encounter crowds of people, it is safe to say that they know how to deal with people.



*Host Yuan Morales entertains children  
(Photo credits: Angel Bacayana)*

Like any successful event, planning is very crucial in making this day special for the younger students of the school. Planning and coordinating between teacher and hosts started a week before, discussing the details of the program. The games to be played, gifts to be exchanged, and food to be organized and eaten amidst a joyful fellowship was what comprised this meaningful discussion.

At the end of the day, all there is to say — judging by the looks of every student's faces — is that all the planning paid off as the event was a success! The children were entertained and filled with new memories to share with their classmates and their ates and kuyas, while the twelfth-grade hosts were tired yet fulfilled by the opportunity to handle and organize a fun day for younger students.



*Group photo of Grades 1 and 2 Aquamarine with their Grade 12 hosts  
(Photo courtesy of Angel Bacayana)*

Apart from serving as a learning experience for the students, this event also served as an opportunity to give back to others. An outreach was held by Ms Eyzell and Fr. Bernard, the priest known to the Montessorians for often hosting the masses of the school. Cake, pastries, pasta, chicken, and a lot more food from the elementary department was gathered to help other people celebrate the season and spread the spirit of Christmas. A nice way to end the school year and to start celebrating the season!



*Outreach with the MIS Elementary Family, SHS representatives, and Fr. Bernard  
(Photo courtesy of Ms Eyzell)*