

THE JHS CHRISTMAS PARTY: START OF THE YULETIDE SEASON

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On Wednesday, December 13, 2023, the Junior High School Department of MIS — students and teachers alike — came together to celebrate their Christmas party in their respective grade levels. Many students were looking forward to the Christmas party, which they celebrated after the on-site unit tests given during the week. This will be the last day the students will be able to see their friends, classmates, and teachers until the resumption of onsite classes on January 8th, 2024.

The Christmas party for the JHS department started at noon after their Math unit tests. It started with everyone eating the delicious food they had bought, in the form of the traditional *Salu-Salu*. Various foods were shared among the students, such as chicken, pizza, and sweets.



Ms. Claiza and Sir Noeih along with grade 8 students eating their food (Picture credits: Rhian Angela).



Grade 10 students eating with Sir Ellis (Photo credits: Matthieu Casino)

Of course, a party is only complete with fun games. Many of the students in each grade level participated in the games that their facilitators had chosen for them. There were some traditional games, like Grade 10's *Pitik Kalamansi* where you have to get spun around by your fellow players and have to get an item (in this case, a ball) while being dizzy, other games such as *Pass the Dance*, and *Open the Basket*, as well as other classic ones that were played by all

levels like *Bring Me*, where you have to be the first one to bring an item requested by the host of the game, *The Boat is Sinking*, *Hep-Hep Hooray*, and *Musical Chairs*.



Grade 8 students playing bato bato pik (Picture from Rhian Angela).

Most students would use the time to talk with their friends or be on their phones during the event intermissions. However, the Grade 9 students held a concert as part of their program, with the songs *Can't Help Falling in Love* by Elvis Presley, *Hanggang Kailan* by Michael Pangilinan, *With a Smile* and *Ligaya* by Eraserheads, and *I'm Yours* by Jazon Mraz — performed by Martin Taeza, Shantelle Esparanza, and JM Fernandez.



Grade 9 students (Picture from Matthieu Casino)

The final part of the program was the exchanging of gifts — students gathered around and eagerly waited to be called up to give their classmates a gift, as well as receive them. After exchanging gifts, the students now had to clean up their classrooms so that they would be ready for next year, as this was the last day the JHS students were attending school for the semester, and for the year 2023.



Grade 8 students exchanging gifts (Picture credits: Rhian Angela).

To conclude, the JHS students had a fun time during their Christmas party as they did many fun activities throughout the day like playing games and exchanging gifts. They were enthusiastic and eager to enjoy the last party of 2023 to the fullest. Surely, this day will be remembered by the JHS students.