



Junior-Senior HS Depts bolster various PSD offices' programs, services in Orientation Program

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Both the Junior and Senior High School Departments initiated separate general orientation programs for its students to promote the many programs and services of various offices on August 6-7 and August 10, respectively at the Edgar V. Bondoc gymnasium.

An overview of the various services offered by offices such as the First Aid Unit (FAU), Records Office, Office of the Guidance Services(OGS), Office of the Student Affairs (OSA), Prefect of Discipline (POD), the Harry Kieswetter Learning Resource Center, Finance Office, and Quality Assurance and Accreditation Department (QAAD), (formerly known as the Research Development, Accreditation and Publication Office) (RDAPO) was provided for students to easily access their programs, facilities and services.

Opening the first orientation, JHS Vice principal **Dr. Caridad Cañete** welcomed the students and acknowledged the presence of the presenters for each office. She also inspired them with a quote from Laila Akita which goes: ***“Give your best today; you will create a better tomorrow.”***

Meanwhile, **Dr. Noemi Formaran**, SHS Vice Principal, shared her special message for the department during the general orientation for Senior High School saying that she prayed that programs like the Orientation would allow students to make connections, not only with the teachers but also with the school personnel.

Thereafter, each speaker briefed the audience of the department services and responded to the question and answer portion held after each talk. The audience was quizzed about salient points of each talk to keep student engagement. Simple prizes were given to students who were able to answer the emcees' questions.

OSA, headed by Mrs. Melissa R. Montayre, provided a list of sponsored organizations that PSDians may join for this school year such as the Supreme Student Government, The LINK, and the Citizenship Advancement Training (CAT). Furthermore, OSA announced that the registration for locker use will start on August 27 and estimated the release of the list of interest clubs on the same day as well.

Moving forward, Mrs. Myla Cula, the POD, also reiterated the rules and list of minor and major offenses as well as the corresponding sanctions. In addition, she also shared a video presenting the programs for this academic year like the Self-enrichment Program, Check-in Program, and the like.

Additionally, one of the students asked the librarian why it was mandatory to have a library card. Maidie Acosta, the school librarian, answered that it was because of the monitoring of the borrowing and returning of learning resource materials in a learning institution such as PSD. During her talk, JHS librarian Mrs. Acosta enthused, "*Expand your horizon through the power of books.*"

Mrs. Marijoe Caparas clarified in one of her answers that the school nurses do not prescribe medicine and only provide immediate first aid care. Also, Mr. Jerome Constantino offered the OGS as a safe space for students to confide in whenever needed during class hours.

Hoping to inspire research-adept PSDians, the QAAD then explained the criteria in research preparation and elaborated on the due processes for international publication.

This year's general orientation included two important offices such as the Records Office and the Finance Office in response to the clamor of parents and students reflected in the services evaluation results.

Mr. Michaelino Saratan, Vice Principal of the Records Office oriented the students of the procedures in requesting pertinent scholastic records that are usually required by other schools and universities.

Finally, Mrs. Anabella Guzman, Vice Principal of the Finance Office, reminded the audience of the guidelines regarding the scheduling for the payment of enrollments and tuition fees.

JHS Department held separate orientation programs that catered to both the morning and afternoon sessions of grades 7-8 on the first day and grades 9-10 on the second day.

Inspirational messages and testimonies of PSD Alumni from the four different strands were shared during the SHS orientation. They gave motivational talks about their experiences transitioning from Senior High School to their university lives.

The following alumni testified about the PSDian advantage in their college education: Vidamar Agrimano, Keziah Francesca Reyes, Leez Arbil Suarez, Ynah Joyce Orna and Gerard Isaac Baladad.

*Baladad, PSD Alumnus 2019 STEM Strand who is now successful in his music career, inspired the students by saying: **“You have the potential to make a profound change in the world. Keep reaching for the stars.”***





