



SHS : unstoppable in STNHS

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Vibrant, hopeful and prepared! These are the words that would generally describe the people and the atmosphere in Sto. Tomas National High School.

About 4100 students and more than a hundred of teachers have gathered in the first flag ceremony of the S.Y. 2016-2017 in Sto. Tomas National High School, the biggest public school in the Division of Davao del Norte on June 13, 2016.

During the flag ceremony, the teachers were introduced to students according to their respective departments so students may be familiar with their teachers. A short trivia game was also conducted as part of the advocacy program for Senior High School wherein the students had answered some basic questions about the current curriculum.



SHS teachers introduced to the students during flag ceremony.

According to Martina S. Marin, Principal IV, that this school year is significant because this is the commencement of the implementation of the SHS nationwide as mandated by Republic Act 10533 also known as the Enhanced Basic Education Act of 2013. She also stressed that the school had started the preparation in the year

2012, hence the school is generally ready for the SHS.

Dr. Allen T. Guilaran, Education Program Supervisor of DepED Davao del Norte, also graced the short program during flag ceremony. Dr. Guilaran, being the Matrix Supervisor for Sto. Tomas also had monitored the resumption of the classes



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and was able to give important reminders to the teachers about the kick off the new school year. She also quipped that the school shall start the school year with a bang and shall expect for more monitoring and evaluation in the future.

The first day was generally successful for having drawn together 644 Senior High School students who are officially enrolled students in both Academic Track and Technical-Vocational Livelihood Track, and for having conducted regular classes among all the 15 sections. Meanwhile, as reported, 3,511 Junior High School students were officially enrolled as of June 13, 2016. Ana Doreen Castañeda, designated Registrar of STNHS explained

the possibility of having late enrollees, thus more students might be added on the list on the following days.

According to Mabelle Marie C. Cutara, a newly hired Master Teacher I who is handling subjects under Accountancy and Business Management strand, the school year has begun smoothly contrary to what other people who doubted about the preparedness of the program had thought. She also stressed that the students were well oriented, and they know their advisers and teachers after meeting them during the picture taking.

“The high attendance rate of the SHS students could be an indication of their interest and enthusiasm in coming to school as Grade 11 students”, said Dr. Armando M. Olmedo, Head Teacher III.

Venzel A. Aniñon, GAS student expressed her excitement in coming to school. “I woke up as early as 5:00 in the morning to meet new friends and learn something new in school,” she added.



Enthusiastic Grade 11 students on their first day of class.