

**DANCE, MUSIC, AND LOVE:  
THE SCHOOL'S GIFT FOR THE BELOVED HEAD, DOC LAZO**

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*Our Beloved Head of the School, Dr Sylvia G. Lazo (Photo Credits: Felix Banaag)*

On the 29th of August, a day brimming with joy and affection unfolded in our beloved institution, as we gathered to celebrate the birthday of our esteemed School President, Dr Sylvia G. Lazo. Students from different levels, including Senior High School (SHS), Junior High School (JHS), the elementary members of the MIS Craft club (MISCraft), and MCH, came together to contribute their talents to this extraordinary celebration. The celebration commenced with a morning mass at 9:00 AM, a serene moment that laid the foundation for the day's events, allowing students and faculty to come together in prayer and reflection.

As the clock struck 10:30, the program truly came alive. Hosts Sachi Tungol and Alejandro Encabo welcomed the audience with warm smiles and cheerful spirits. The first performance, a special song rendered by Jasmine Tolentino, filled the air with melodic sweetness. Jasmine chose to sing “Close to You” by The Carpenters, a classic song that resonates with emotions of

closeness and warmth. As the final notes of the song lingered, Jasmine approached Dr. Lazo, and in a beautiful moment of spontaneity, the two shared a dance.



*A solo performance of Jasmine (Photo Credit: Kaitlyn Santos, Polished by Kaila Ancheta)*

The festivities continued with the MCH department showcasing their talents through a vibrant dance celebrating *Buwan ng Wika*.



*MCH Buwan ng Wika performance (Photo Credits: Fiona Sibal)*



Following their performance, a small group of MCH students, guided by their teachers, took a moment to express their gratitude with heartfelt speeches for Dr. Lazo. Coming up with the next number, the following act took us back to the 90s, as the MISCraft members donned retro outfits and entertained us with charming performances.



*MISCraft (Photo credits: Fiona Sibal)*

After their delightful tribute, the dedicated workers and teachers who have long served our school shared their reflective thoughts, imparting words of wisdom and stories that warmed our hearts.

The JHS department started to prepare themselves to perform a *Sabayang Pagbigkas; Hele ng Ina sa Kanyang Panganay*. Their performance was beautifully coordinated, and their heartfelt delivery resonated deeply with the audience, showcasing the power of unity and expression.



*The Sabayang Pagbigkas group of JHS (photo credit: Fiona Sibal and Felix Banaag, Polished by Kaila Ancheta)*

As the celebration continued, the SHS department took the stage with a show-stopping song and dance performance. The talented trio of Arriane Tipon, Raffy Balbuena, and Amitie Novero opened the segment with “Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy” by The Andrews Sisters, filling the air with rhythm and joy.



*Arriane Tipon, Raffy Balbuena, and Amitie Novero singing “Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy” by The Andrews Sisters*



The artful trio's song was followed by "I Believe (When I Fall in Love It Will Be Forever)" sung by Felix Banaag and Gabee Morales. Their voices filled the air with sweet melodies, captivating everyone in the audience.



*Felix Banaag and Gabee Morales as a duet (Photo credits: Fiona Sibal and Felix Banaag, Polished by Kaila Ancheta)*

To further uplift the retro spirit, the SHS dance group performed Candyman as their final performance. Dancing in pairs to the beat of the song, their dance was on point and bouncing to the end of the show.



*SHS Dance performance (Photo Credit: Fiona Sibal)*

As the program came to a close, the audience was treated to a very special number by Dr. Lazo's granddaughter, Isabela. With grace and poise, she performed a ballet and gymnastics

dance that captivated everyone present. It was the perfect ending to a day filled with love, laughter, and gratitude.



*Ballet Performance, performed by Isabela (Photo Credits: Kaila Ancheta)*