



Republic of the Philippines  
**Department of Education**  
Region VI-Western Visayas  
**SCHOOLS DIVISION OF KABANKALAN CITY**

**OFFICE OF THE SCHOOLS  
DIVISION SUPERINTENDENT**

**DIVISION MEMORANDUM**

No. 503, s. 2022

DEC 06 2022

**SIMPLE, SAFE, AND MEANINGFUL CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS IN SCHOOLS**

To: Assistant Schools Division Superintendent

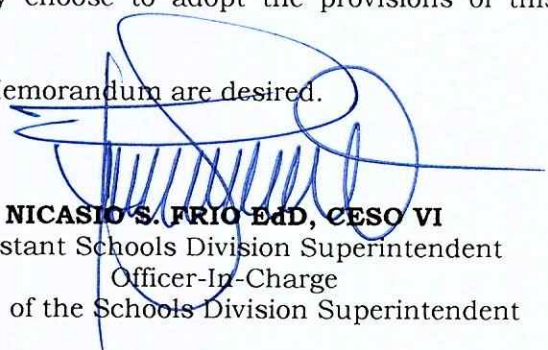
CID and SGOD Chiefs

Public Schools District Supervisors

Public and Private Elementary and Secondary School Heads

All Others Concerned

1. In anticipation of the Christmas celebration in schools, this Office reiterates DepEd Order No. 052 s 2022 and Regional Memorandum No. 929 s. 2022 titled "Celebrating Christmas in Simple, Safe, and Meaningful Ways in all Schools."
2. All School Heads shall ensure that the following guidelines and measures before, during, and after the celebration are strictly complied with:
  - a. The date of the activity is in consonance with the School Calendar and Activities for the School Year 2022–2023;
  - b. There shall be no collection and contributions must be voluntary in nature. No learner should be excluded from joining the Christmas celebration by reason of his failure to give the voluntary contribution or absence of a prepared gift;
  - c. Gift-giving should be guided by the spirit of sharing and should not lead to extravagant spending;
  - d. The Christmas program must be within the school premises and must be until 4:00 p.m. only. No learner shall stay at the campus beyond that time;
  - e. Parent's consent must be secured;
  - f. The Class Adviser shall be present to facilitate the program;
  - g. There shall be no bringing of alcoholic drinks inside the school campus;
  - h. Food must be properly prepared and leftovers must be also properly disposed of;
  - i. Cleanliness and sanitation must be observed after the activity; and
  - j. Electrical connections must be unplugged before leaving the area.
3. It should also be emphasized that health and safety protocols must be observed at all times during the conduct of the activity.
4. School officials are likewise requested to seek assistance from local law enforcement entities to ensure peace and order.
5. Private schools and community learning centers may choose to adopt the provisions of this issuance in the conduct of their Christmas celebrations;
6. Immediate dissemination of and compliance with this Memorandum are desired.

  
**NICASIO S. FRIO EdD, CESO VI**  
Assistant Schools Division Superintendent  
Officer-In-Charge  
Office of the Schools Division Superintendent

References:

DepEd Order No. 052 s. 2022

Regional Memo No. 929 s. 2022

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Republic of the Philippines  
**Department of Education**  
REGION VI-WESTERN VISAYAS

REGIONAL MEMORANDUM  
No. 94 s. 2022

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**AN ORDER PROVIDING FOR THE GUIDELINES IN THE CELEBRATION OF CHRISTMAS  
WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

To: Assistant Regional Director  
Schools Division Superintendents  
Regional Functional Division Chiefs  
All Others Concerned

1. Attached is DepEd Order No. 052, s. 2022 from the Office of the Secretary titled **An Order Providing for the Guidelines in the Celebration of Christmas within the Department of Education.**
2. Immediate dissemination of and compliance with this Memorandum are desired.

  
RAMIR B. UYTICO EdD, CESO III  
Regional Director

Encl.: DepEd Order No. 052, s. 2022  
Reference: None  
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**Department of Education**

DepEd ORDER  
No. **052**, s. 2022

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**AN ORDER PROVIDING FOR THE GUIDELINES IN THE CELEBRATION  
OF CHRISTMAS WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

To: Undersecretaries  
Assistant Secretaries  
Minister, Basic, Higher, and Technical Education, BARMM  
Bureau and Service Directors  
Regional Directors  
Schools Division Superintendents  
Public Elementary and Secondary School Heads  
All Others Concerned

1. The Philippines, one of the six predominantly Christian countries in Asia, boasts the earliest, longest, and perhaps, the most colorful Christmas season in the world. Amidst the worst calamities, crises, losses, and pandemic, we Filipinos always carry resilient spirits and joyful hearts in celebrating Christmas and the holiday season.
2. The first Christmas set the pattern for how Jesus Christ lived His whole life here on earth: with humility, simplicity, and obedience. Every Christmas is an invitation and a challenge for humanity to imitate and imbibe these virtues.
3. To this end, the whole Department of Education (DepEd) community is urged to strive for a genuine celebration of hope, unity, and service for others every Christmas season. Celebrations in public schools and DepEd central and field offices should be simple yet meaningful, keeping in mind the true spirit of the season and the austerity called for by the difficult economic times.
4. In line with the foregoing, the following guidelines should be observed:
  - a. All Christmas parties, themes, costumes, decoration, and exchange gifts are voluntary. No learner or DepEd personnel should be forced to contribute, participate, or use their money for the celebration;
  - b. No learner shall be excluded from joining the Christmas celebration by reason of their failure to give the voluntary contribution or absence of a prepared gift;
  - c. Celebrations in schools and in DepEd offices, as far as practicable, should be simple yet meaningful. Christmas party themes should not result to expenses that will become a burden on parents, students, and DepEd personnel;
  - d. Contributions for celebrations in schools or offices, whether in cash or in kind, should be strictly voluntary;

- e. Old Christmas decors should be recycled, purchase of new decors are not encouraged. No learner or DepEd personnel will be required to make decors specifically for a party,;
  - f. Christmas parties in schools may be organized within class hours so long as it does not interfere with the scheduled lesson plans intended to be taught to the students;
  - g. The conduct of Christmas get-togethers and other similar year-end activities should not compromise the provision of departmental services;
  - h. Gift-giving should be guided by the spirit of sharing and should not lead to extravagant spending;
  - i. DepEd personnel should be reminded that solicitations, whether in cash or in kind, are not allowed for Christmas parties or holiday celebrations.
5. The provisions of this Order cover all DepEd schools and offices in the country.
  6. Schools Division Offices may issue additional guidelines based on their local customs and traditions, subject to the abovementioned guidelines.
  7. Private schools, community learning centers, as well as state/local universities and colleges (SUCs/LUCs) may choose to adopt the provisions of this DO as basis in the conduct of their own Christmas parties or celebrations.
  8. Immediate dissemination of and strict compliance with this Order is directed.

Reference:

None

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JDMC, MPC DO Christmas and Holiday Celebrations in DepEd  
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*Sara Zimmerman Duterte*  
**SARA Z. DUTERTE**  
Vice President of the Philippines  
Secretary of the Department of Education





Republic of the Philippines  
**Department of Education**  
REGION VI-WESTERN VISAYAS

REGIONAL MEMORANDUM  
No. 929 s. 2022

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**CELEBRATING CHRISTMAS THROUGH SIMPLE, SAFE,  
AND MEANINGFUL ACTIVITIES IN ALL SCHOOLS**

To: Assistant Regional Director  
Schools Division Superintendents  
Regional Functional Division Chiefs  
All Others Concerned

1. In addition to the attached DepEd Order No. 114, s. 2009 titled **CELEBRATING CHRISTMAS THROUGH SIMPLE BUT MEANINGFUL ACTIVITIES**, this Office emphasizes the following guidelines in the celebration of the yuletide season in simple, safe, and meaningful ways in all schools of the Region.

1. Pre-event Activities and Preparations

SDOs are enjoined to conduct a forum with school heads to discuss the following:

- No collection policy must be emphasized;
- Venue of the activity must be within the school premises;
- The date of the activity must adhere to DepEd Order No. 34, s. 2022;
- The time of the activity must not go beyond 4:00 p.m. and shall not extend at another venue, date, or time;
- Food preparation must be handled properly; and
- Learners must secure parents' consent.

2. Event Day Guidelines

- The event must be facilitated by the class adviser or a teacher;
- Only stakeholders are allowed within the school premises;
- Participants must adhere to the latest DOH, IATF, and LGU health protocols; and
- Stringent rules against unauthorized persons must be imposed to avoid bringing in of alcoholic drinks and others.



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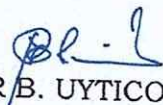
3. Post Event Activities

- All learners must be out of the school premises after the activity;
- Leftovers must properly be disposed of;
- The venue of the activity must be cleaned, arranged, and sanitized; and
- Electrical connections, wall outlets, electric fans and the like must be de-energized.

2. The SDOs may include other guidelines/provisions/precautionary measures which are not contradictory to this Memorandum.

3. School officials are requested to seek assistance from local law enforcement entities to ensure peace and order during the activity.

4. Immediate dissemination of and compliance with this Memorandum are desired.

  
RAMIR B. UYTICO EdD, CESO III  
Regional Director

Encl.: D.O. 114, s. 2009  
Reference: D.O. 114, s. 2009  
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DepEd ORDER  
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**CELEBRATING CHRISTMAS THROUGH SIMPLE  
BUT MEANINGFUL ACTIVITIES**

To: Undersecretaries  
Assistant Secretaries  
Bureau Directors  
Directors of Services, Centers and Heads of Units  
Regional Directors  
Schools Division/City Superintendents  
Heads, Public Elementary and Secondary Schools  
All Others Concerned

1. The severe difficulties during the past months arising from the global financial crisis and, more recently, the series of destructive typhoons have tested the Filipinos' resiliency. Much suffering has been experienced; yet we end the year with the spirit unbowed and full of hope.
2. The Christmas season should be an occasion for thanksgiving and rejoicing. It also provides us the opportunity to imitate and live out the virtues which the Lord Jesus exemplified during His life here on earth, such as humility, simplicity, and obedience. Christmas celebrations in public schools and DepEd Central and field offices should be simple but meaningful, keeping in mind the true spirit of the season and the austerity called for by the difficult economic times. The following guidelines should be observed:
  - a. Contributions for celebrations in schools or offices, whether in cash or in kind, should be strictly voluntary;
  - b. Decorations should be simple, inexpensive and to the extent possible, produced by students and staffers;
  - c. Gift-giving should be guided by the spirit of sharing and should not lead to extravagant spending;
  - d. Schools or offices which decide to forego Christmas parties should consider donating the savings to relief assistance for families still reeling from the destruction caused by recent calamities; and
  - e. Disruption of academic activities in schools and delivery of Departmental services should be minimized.
3. Any violation of the guidelines prescribed in this Order shall be subject to administrative action.
4. Immediate dissemination of and compliance with this Order is directed.

**JESLI A. LAPUS**  
Secretary

Reference: DepEd Order No. 74, s. 2008  
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