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At Singapore International School we seek to nurture students who are:

- **Academic Achievers**
- **Confident communicators**
- Critical Thinkers
- **Technologically literate students**
- **Active and Responsible citizens**



Mr. Adam Gyorgy's Performace at SIS

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**VISION** 

To be an educational institution of excellence from Kindergarten to University Foundation level combining Eastern Values with an International education to produce global citizens.

#### **MISSION**

To provide quality educational programmes in a creative and challenging learning environment, embracing innovative teaching pedagogies to empower every student to become a life-long learner.

Dear parents,

Hard to imagine that soon, we will be commencing term 4.

Please continue to check the school calendar for all the upcoming celebrations and events for all students at SIS@SS. The term looks like being very busy with so many exciting rewarding learning experiences for all.

I would like to take this opportunity to highlight the following school learning experiences. Some, have already been completed, and others will take place in term 4, during semester 2.

### **Cultural Festival**

I would like to congratulate all, particularly the student council, and their teachers on for the outstanding success of this popular school celebration.

It was wonderful to see the positive involvement of both students, staff and parents, coming together to share our different cultures. An enjoyable learning experience for all, and the food, was spectacular.

The school website has many great photos, reflective of this great school celebration.

#### **Examinations**

Student examinations will take place early in term 4. Communication regarding examination dates and times will be shared with all. Please keep an eye out for this information, which will be sent home.

Examinations are an important part of school life, and should always be an experience where students are encouraged to do their best and try their hardest.

It should be a positive experience, where students can reflect on their learning, and then plan for learning improvement.

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Students at Tu Hanh Pagoda



Student Awards in the Assembly

#### **Concert preparation**

The school concert will take place towards the end of term 4, 24th June.

Always a great way, for the school community to come together, to celebrate the academic year.

Please keep a note of this date, as information and communication will begin to come home soon, regarding your child's participation in this important school event.

## Virtues program

Term 4 virtues program will be associated with the theme of Confidence.

Students will spent time learning about the virtues of excellence, self-reliance, creativity, and assertiveness.

These are important life skills for everyone in our school community.

I encourage all parents, to discuss these virtues with your child at home.

A busy, but exciting new term ahead.

Yours in learning,

Mark Priddis - Principal

Dear Parents,

As we approach the last term of the school year I would like to again thank you for your support in providing a positive learning experience to the children. Working together we have been able to ensure that the children increase their knowledge and skills while building a strong community or mutual encouragement.

A few notes as we continue to move forward:

The main item of importance for May is the Semester 2 Exams, scheduled to take place from May 22-29 (the Integrated Program exams are during the term break). To prepare students should not only review the content but get plenty of rest, eat properly, and have exercise.

By taking care of their physical and emotional needs they will be able to perform better on these assessments. Further information will be sent home prior to the exams.

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Parents at Culture Fest 2017



Playing games at Culture Fest



Chess match

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Please remember that supervision is not available after 5:00 pm, so it is important that children are picked up promptly at the end of their school day. This is important for their safety and well-being.

If you have questions or concerns about any school-related issues please feel free to schedule an appointment through the office to come for a discussion.

Thank you again for the trust you have given us in looking after the academic and social development of your children; we are most appreciative.

Respectfully,

# **Robert Madden – Deputy Principal**

Dear Parents,

Coming to the final weeks of term 3, the year 7 international students can see the light. In math, the students are finishing up the final chapter in their text book. Following the completion of all 15 chapters, they'll venture into revising for the SA2 in May. In English Mr. Aaron begins the action story lesson. The kids will be submersing themselves into wild worlds through adjectives and grammar practicing.

All the students are working harder than ever, pushing each other to get to the end. It's been a bumpy trip through this year, but knowing how close the end is, the year 7s have been determined to finish on a positive note. Once the curriculum is complete and we have some down time, the year 7 students will be heading off on an excursion before the SA2 exams. I think we all need a bit of rest and relaxation.

# Addison Yanito - Year 7 Int'l Teacher

Dear Parents,

The Year 3 International Class has had a busy semester working hard to collect some donations for the CHÙA TỪ HẠNH Pagoda Orphanage. This ties in very nicely with our School Wide Learner Goal of being *Active and Responsible Citizens* who demonstrate good citizenship and social responsibility through serving others.



Charity trip to Tu Hanh Pagoda



Year 3 International at Charity Trip



Charity activities of Year 3 International

This write up below was written by: Written by: Do Anh Quan - (Y3 International)

On Friday, we were ready in the morning for the excursion. We had our hats and walking shoes. Our class took a few pictures before we went on the bus. About 45 minutes later, we were at the orphanage, but we had to carry several heavy boxes we donated. Finally, we went down the bus and waited patiently. A few minutes later we got some Cream-O's and found the children. We gave each one 1 Cream-O and 1 pack of candy. Next we followed a girl in a brown shirt to the elderly. We gave each of the elderly a Cream-O and some oil. I am so happy we could help these people. I hope we helped them a lot.

## Sharla Scott - Head of Studies (Y5 - Y9)

This month saw the beginning of the Cambridge 2017 Exam Series, with the IGCSE 2 completing their two ICT practical exams. In this month, IGCSE 2 students will also complete their GP written assignments for Cambridge, and perform their speaking tests for English and Chinese.

We would like to welcome the four students from Binh Duong campus who are participating in the exams with us.

GAC also began level 3 of the program, and are well on the path to finishing their high school careers. This will be a very busy time for high school students, and we encourage students to pay close attention to their schoolwork, and make studying their priority. They must be reminded that by this stage, studying is far more important than personal hobbies and sports.

## **Donovan Neethling – Cambridge Coordinator**

Dear Students,

Flamboyant Flowers is blossoming in most of the corner of school in the city, which means summer is coming! Looking back to the past 9 months of hard working in Integrated Program, for all the academic and sports activities, all of you made us very proud.



SIS@SS Girl Basketball



SIS@SS Football Team

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Tran Ngoc Ha Trang – student of Year 9 Integrated has earned the Third place for Ho Chi Minh City's Excellent Student Competition in English on March 2017.

Integrated Students has been enormously contributing to Sports activities of SIS. In the school year of 2016 – 2017, students in Integrated earned many rewards for different sports (soccer, basketball, volleyball and badminton).

The school final exams are approaching, I hope that you would stay healthy and concentrate to have the best performance in your exam.

# Mme. Phung Thi Tuyet Minh **Senior Head of Vietnamese Studies**

Dear Parents,

I am very pleased to write that SIS@SaigonSouth hosted the U-19 SISAC Table Tennis Championships on Monday, March 27<sup>th</sup>. The tournament was between five international schools. After a lot of intense rallies, the U19 tournament Champions were SIS, we had a narrow lead.

During round two during doubles, we started roaring ahead, pulling off some major upsets! At the end of the tournament, SIS had pulled ahead of BVIS 31 points to 25, and well ahead of AMIS, BIS, and TIS. Overall, I was so pleased to see the table tennis team and all the club supporters and volunteers contributing their hard work, determination, and good sportsmanship during the tournament.

I saw this team practicing twice a day for the whole year, and know that their dedication and passion for the sport helped make our team Champions!

Sincerely,

## **Daniel Mitchell - Athletic Coordinator**

Dear Parents,

Student Council recently hosted a successful Culture Fest! Thanks to everybody's participation and support, everyone had an eventful day. The whole community was able to learn about new cultures, enjoy diverse cuisines as well as join various activities.

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SIS@SS Culture Fest 2017

Most of the proceeds will be going to the Little Feather Foundation, with the remaining to be spent on school improvements.

In other news, we are wrapping the term off with a Junior Movie Night. We hope everyone has had a great term, and look forward to our final term!

Angela Giudici - High school Teacher

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