



NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents,

Welcome to the 2018/19 AY.

So good to see so many happy, enthusiastic students to begin our new school year. A big hello to our many new students and their families. Great to have our wonderful SIS@SS staff back with us and we welcome our new staff also to our school. I believe and hope the 2018/19 academic year will be a successful, positive, rewarding learning experience for all in our school community.

I would like to take this opportunity to share the following school news:

School assemblies.

Junior and Senior assemblies take place each week on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings at 8.30am. Classes are rostered to share the school virtues and school wide learning goals. Parents are encouraged to come join us for these whole school learning experiences.

Meet and Greet.

Week 3 Meet & Greet time was a big success. Encouraging to see so many parents take the time to come and meet their child's classroom teacher. Always communicate with your child's classroom teacher if you have concerns or need further understanding with regard to any information concerning your child's learning.

Student information.

Parents are reminded to make sure student information is up to date. Please contact the school office if your child's student information has changed in any way since the last academic year.

OBV program.

Information has already been communicated to students and families from years 6 to 12, regarding the OBV (Outward Bound Vietnam) educational programs. Dates and information packages will go home soon, highlighting when and where the program will be held and all other relevant information. The OBV team visited SIS@SS at the end of August to talk to both students and staff about the programs. There was also a parent information session held for all interested parents.

Newsletters.

A reminder to all parents that the school newsletter is emailed to all families at the end of each month. It is also available on the school website.

Yours in learning,

Mark Priddis – Principal

Dear Parents,

Welcome back! We are excited about the 2018-19 school year at Saigon South, and grateful you have chosen to entrust us as partners in your child's education. We have some new initiatives that should make this year more interesting, engaging, and enjoyable as well.

One of the most important additions this year is Outward Bound Vietnam. You will receive more information, but basically it helps children in Years 4 and up to build confidence and learn skills through participating in various teamwork activities (for students in Years 6 and above these take place off campus at a specially designed site).

Another new component to the learning program is STEM, learning activities that allow students to extend and deepen their understanding of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics and how these topics are connected to everyday life. STEM will be part of the program of study for all students.

Also important to the life of the school are Extra-Curricular Activities (ECAs), which will begin the week following National Day. Held Tuesday-Friday, your child may have the opportunity to join a club or sports team based on their own areas of interest.

As always, we continue to emphasize the Virtues Program in order to help children to develop behaviorally as much as they do academically. This is vital to maintaining the Eastern Values that help to set us apart from many other international schools.

Throughout the course of the year you may have questions or concerns about these, or other, programs. When that happens please feel free to make an appointment and come in for a chat.

Thank you again for choosing SIS.

Respectfully,

Robert Madden - Deputy Principal



Students in Science Class



Dear SIS Families:

Hello and welcome back to another exciting school year of learning at SIS@ Saigon South! It is splendid to see that our summer break has come to an end and new learning is already well underway!

Over the summer we continued our growth, adding new students, advancing programs and strategically increasing upcoming student learning opportunities through STEM and Outward-Bound Vietnam (OBV) training and development plans. STEM is an acronym for the four disciplines of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics. You will discover more about both initiatives as we progress.

Our professional staff have been meeting to train for, plan and commence an amazing school year for your children. What a sense of excitement and expectancy I felt as I recently watched our student learners pour into classes to begin another school year! I wondered who they are at this point in time and who they will become by the end of this school year.

STEM education involves the study of science and mathematics, and the meaningful integration of technology and engineering to provide opportunities for innovative problem solving. Using the engineering design process, students identify problems, develop and test possible solutions, and ultimately reach a solution. The integration of mathematics, science, and engineering practices used in conjunction with digital literacy this year will help students in SIS classes recognize and utilize the variety of perspectives that may be tapped into to help unravel complex inquiries.

SIS is committed to providing comprehensive, well-designed STEM Education, for every student, so all students will:

- Build critical thinking, problem solving and reasoning skills
- Create, innovate and collaborate
- Develop and grow scientific literacy and reasoning
- Become leaders in tomorrow's STEM jobs and careers

Thomas Annis - Deputy Principal (Pedagogy Coach).





Class Decoration



Dear Parents and Students,

Students are learning in a safe environment with complete facilities, Bilingual programs in Vietnamese English provide students with advanced education and friendly communication between and among teachers and students. I hope that the students will become confident, independent in thinking and communication with people.

"Talent is the foundation of the country", the future of Vietnam depends on the effort of each student. So the students' responsibilities for family and society include giving their best effort and following all of the school regulations to overcome difficulties in life and become good citizens in the future.

I wish all of the teachers and school staff good health and success. I also wish the students will have fun as well as achieve outstanding results in this Academic year.

Dear Parents,

Welcome back for another great year at Singapore International School! We are excited to offer students a well-balanced curriculum in the areas of Mathematics, English, and Science. For these subjects we use Scholastic Active curriculum to help our students become academic achievers. Students also have the opportunity to enhance their Technology Literacy through our British program, Switched On. Additionally, helping our students develop into socially responsible and respectful citizens is our goal through our Australian based SOSE curriculum. We are looking forward to inspiring and challenging students across all content areas and hope they gain a life-long love of learning.

Danielle Hoyer - Head of Studies (Y1 – Y5)



Student activities during the lesson



Dear Parents,

Welcome to the 2018-2019 school year! The start of each new school year comes with lots of fun and excitement. Yet it can also be a time of anxiety for many children. Our teachers work hard to help each child transition into their new classes and to make sure that each child in our care feels loved, accepted and safe. Here are just a few ways that families can also help their children to adjust:

- Practice self-care skills at home, such as changing clothes, brushing teeth and eating to help your child become more independent and confident at school
- Ask your child to tell you about what they have been doing at school both academically and socially
- Check schoolbags and folders for completed assignments and ask your child to tell you about their work
- If your child is worried about missing you, try giving them a small object (such as a photo or a note from you) to keep with them throughout the day.

Lindsay Stanford – Head of Studies (Kindergarten)



Kindergarten Student Activities



Dear Parents,

Welcome to Kindergarten Team! What an exciting adventure we are beginning together! The children have done a great job separating from you and are all settling in extremely well. Although there is some initial crying at arrival time and during some transitions, all of them are beginning to attach to their new teachers, exploring their new classroom, and meeting new friends. Our focus of this month is to get to know more about each other, review classroom rules and routines, learn how to play with each other nicely. Developing independent skills at home can be fun and easy and provide your child with the confidence she needs to be successful in school! Below are few tips to help your child to be independent:

- Let go gradually
- Teach your child to voice his/ her own opinions
- Give him/ her simple tasks
- Let your child feed himself
- Teach her how to dress self

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate in contacting myself or asking your child's teacher. We are all more than happy to help.

Warm Regards,

Le Trang Nhung (K2D Class Teacher)

Dear Parents and Students,

Last year left us with great joyful memories. We shared amazing moments and celebrated school life with many events, Spirit Week, Halloween, Culture Fest, Green Day, and Friendship Day.

This year the Student Council aims to improve its role in providing excellence to serve our school community. With a brand new committee and structure, our goal is to become a solid support for all, students, parents and teachers.

We will soon have openings for those students wishing to join our new team. Stay tuned for further updates!

The Student Council Team:

Ms. Angela, Ms. Brigid, Mr. Chris, Ms. Danielle, Ms. Elri, Ms. Jessie, Ms. Jing

Angela Guidici - High school Teacher

Outward Bound Dates:

A level, AS level, GAC, IGCSE 1
IGCSE 2

Year 9 Integrated

Year 8 International & Integrated

Year 7 International & Integrated

Year 6 International & Integrated



10-14th September, 2018.

17-21st September, 2018.

29th October - 2nd November, 2018.

6-10th May, 2019.

18-22nd February, 2019.

25th February - 1st March 2019.



Meet and Greet AY 2018/19