



NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents,

We are fast approaching the end of the 2018-19 Academic Year. The time has really gone so quickly.

I would like to take this opportunity to remind parents and friends of the special events and celebrations taking place in the month of June as the school year comes to a close.

Examinations

All SA2 examinations including Cambridge exams have now been completed.

Students are to be congratulated on their pleasing achievements and for giving their best effort during the exams.

Reports

Students results for years 1 to 9 will be highlighted in semester 2 reports which will go home at the beginning of week 10. The last week of school.

Cambridge results will be sent to students by mail, early in August 2019.

Students are encouraged to reflect on their results and set new learning goals, as we journey towards the new academic year.

School Concert

The SIS@SS school concert is only a few weeks away. The concert this year will be celebrated on Thursday the 20th of June at the Saigon Opera House.

Concert information, student expectations, requirement notes have already been communicated to all families. Parents are reminded that the concert day, is designated concert only and there will be no school. Please ensure transport arrangements have been organized for your child's travel to and from the concert venue.

For further understanding and communication please feel free to contact the school office. Looking forward to seeing all families at this year's concert celebration.

Mark Priddis – Principal.

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Dear Parents,

The end of the school year can be a challenging time. Not can exams be stressful, but there are also many activities that occupy students' minds. In addition, since not everyone will return to us next year a bit of separation anxiety can come up. Please make sure to attend to your child's many emotions as we enter these final few weeks.

A few items of note:

- Exams – the SA2 exams, which affect students in Years 1-9, have been completed. There remain just a couple more Cambridge exams and GAC assessments for the high school students. All will be finished soon.
- Grade reports – final reports of student achievement and progress will be available from Monday 24 June.
- Concert – classes have been working on their concert item, which is a wonderful opportunity for students to express themselves creatively and collaboratively. This year the concert is on Thursday 20 June. There are no lessons that day; all students are to report to the HCMC Opera House directly (Kinder – Year 3 at 12:30 and Year 4 to A/GAC at 16:00).

Thank you again for your entrusting us with your children this year. We are truly grateful for the support we receive on a daily basis as we work to help them grow and learn. Should you have questions or concerns about anything please do not hesitate to contact the office for assistance.

Respectfully,

Robert Madden - Deputy Principal.



OBV activities

Dear Parents,

Learning anything requires commitment and the ability to push through the uncomfortable feeling of not being very good until reaching competency. While on the path to competency, a little motivation can go a long way. Your kind encouragement at home, combined with our experienced efforts at school, sets a positive pace for continuous end of semester exam preparation.

Please continue to consistently speak with your children to discuss how they are doing in school. Teachers are happily available for questions as well.

Balance is important and we remind parents to make sure that children are getting enough sleep and rest during the exam period. Being present and routinely on time to class and exams is always important.

We thank you in advance for working with us to ensure that our students are prepared to give their best on every assessment.

Thomas Annis - Deputy Principal (Pedagogy Coach).



Dear Parents,

SIS is proud to be integrating STEM into our curriculum and we hope your children are enjoying all of the fascinating, hand-on learning they have experienced so far. There are also lots of ways to bring STEM learning into your home, too. Things like computer coding and algorithms may seem daunting to young learners but there are some really fun ways to practice and develop these skills together.

Here's a great way to learn and have fun making a "Dance Code." Use arrows for the directions of right, left, forward and backward. Next, think of a few different symbols such as circles, stars, or even different colors to represent actions such as spinning around, clapping hands or jumping.

Work together to "program" a dance by writing a sequence using the symbols you've chosen on a piece of paper. Finally, turn on some music and run your child's new code together.

Lindsay Stanford - Head of Studies (Kindergarten)



Students achieving Principal Award



Dear Parents,

At SIS we pride ourselves on our great academic record, and on our proven track record of helping students achieve both school based and personal goals. As the Cambridge exams fill the majority of May, our revision schedule is in full arrange. Students are reminded to check their exam dates carefully, so as be properly prepared day by day.

Toward the end of the month, as the Cambridge exams and GAC level 3 draw to a close, our focus will shift towards more relaxing activities, most notably the End of Year Concert. We will be practicing often, determined to present parents with an amazing show of all the wonderful talented high school students.

We hope to see you there!

Donovan Neethling - Head of Studies (High School)

Dear Parents,

I can't believe it's almost the end of the school year already! What an exciting month we've been exploring about Weather, Clouds and Water Cycle. We talked about why it is important to check the weather before getting dressed and especially before leaving the house, then drew different weather scene in each of the four window panes. The water cycle has continued to be a popular topic, and the children really seem to be understanding the concept and using the terms in context. The kids can tell you which clouds make rain and how rain happens. To illustrate this we did this science experiment with cotton ball and water.

In Math, we'll continue using clocks to tell time, work more with addition up to ten and counting numbers up to 20.

In Language Arts, we have now completed the entire alphabet and the children are very proud to see it posted on our wall. It is so rewarding to see so many of the children choosing their own 'reading works' and being able to complete the activities independently ... their confidence is truly soaring!

In Music, we have been preparing and practicing for our end of year concert performances.

With the end of the school year just around the corner, it is great to see how far the children have gone since the beginning of the year and how independent they have become. Several times this week, I took a step back and just observed how the class was functioning. I couldn't help but smile as I observed twenty children choosing their own work, solving their own problems, cleaning up after themselves, lending a hand to those in need, reading, writing, adding, creating maps, drawing, painting and so much more. The growth from September to now is incredible!

Le Trang Nhung – Class Teacher (K2 Int'g)

Dear Parents,

Season 3 is coming to an end with the tournaments taking place the week of March 20th. The U11 boys basketball team have been putting in some impressive performances, they are working together as a team and improving every game. Both boys and girls volleyball teams are also training hard in preparation for their upcoming tournaments. The girls are competing in the A Pool after their impressive victory last year in Pool B and the boys will be looking to improve on their 5th place finish last year. Singapore will once again be hosting the U11 Ping Pong Championships and hoping to get their 3rd Ping Pong victory of the year.

Andrew Smith - Athletic Coordinator



Dear Parents,

Culture Fest is an event where students get to know about the cultures of different countries. This year's theme was "Travel the World with SIS Airlines." The event took place on Monday, April 29. Each class represented a different country by featuring activities, traditional games and foods.

At 10:00 a.m., students began welcoming curious travelers into their classes or "countries". Students were given an SIS passport and they were tasked with the mission to visit all 22 countries while collecting stamps from each country. One of the most popular activities was the henna designs from India, while the pineapple soda from Cuba was the most popular drink.

After a day of adventure around the world, students, parents and teachers gathered in the hall for the Fashion Show. Many different countries were showcased by students and teachers wearing traditional costumes, including Vietnam, America, Germany and India. A lucky draw will be held the week of May 6 for students who collected all 22 stamps from the countries featured.

It was a very successful day and we look forward to the next exciting event.

The Student Council