



NEWSLETTER

November 2020

Dear Parents,

SIS@SS is quickly approaching the end of Semester 1 for the 2020-21 Academic Year. The coming weeks before our Christmas break are full of many wonderful learning experiences for all.

I would like to share a few reminders with you.

Teachers Day Celebrations.

The recent Teacher's Day Celebrations were a huge success at SIS@SS. The staff were made feel very valued and appreciated.

Thank you to Mdm. Minh and her committee for organizing the special events and celebration

SA1 examinations.

Semester 1 examinations will take place towards the end of term.

Please conduct your child's teacher if you need any further guidance and check the examination table of specifications that has been shared with parents.

School Reports for semester 1, 2021.

School reports for Semester 1 will be sent home early in Term 3. Form teachers will communicate to parents when this will take place.

Parent teacher conferences.

Parent Teacher Conference weeks will take place in the beginning weeks of Term 3, 2021.

These conferences will be staggered due to continuing Covid-19 health and safety procedures at SIS@SS.

Parents will be notified of the dates and times for grades early in Term 3.

Christmas Charity Fair.

The Christmas Charity Fair will take place on Friday, 18th of December 2020 at SIS@SS.

Due to continuation of social distancing regulations this will be attended by students and staff only.

Further details will be sent home soon. Please help us spread the good news.

Yours in learning,

Mark Priddis – Principal

Dear Parents,

It has certainly been an interesting a busy school year. As we approach the end of the first semester please be advised of the following:

- Semester exams – Covering content learned during the first semester, school exams for the core subjects of English, mathematics, and science will take place from December 7-15. Specifics about topics and exam organization can be found in the Table of Specifications. It should be noted that, for many of the classes, the Table of Specifications was modified to accommodate the delayed start of the year.
- Christmas break – Due to the delayed start of the school year our break for the Christmas & New Year holidays will begin Wednesday 23 December, with classes resuming Tuesday 5 January. These adjustments, combined with the shortened Term Break in October and extension of one more week in June, will ensure students receive 200 days of schooling.
- Grade Reports – Reports of student progress and proficiency will be distributed in early January. At that point you will be invited to make an appointment with your child's teacher(s) and come to school for a Parent-Teacher Conference. Details about these conferences are pending approval by Management and local authorities. You will be notified as soon as they are confirmed.

As always, please know that we are grateful for the trust and confidence you place in us. If at any time you have questions or concerns, or would like to come in for a chat, contact the Main Office to set an appointment.

Respectfully,

Robert Madden - Deputy Principal (Pedagogy Coach).



Dear Parents,

November is always such a special month with the lead up to Christmas festivities and the celebration of Teachers' Day. Once again, our students showed their respect and appreciation to our teaching staff at SIS Saigon South on this special day.

We were overwhelmed with the beautiful flower arrangements, exotic fruit baskets, delicious cakes, chocolates and warm wishes from students and families. In celebration of this special day for teachers, our staff had a fabulous buffet dinner and played "Lucky Draw". It was lots of fun and many memorable photos were taken.

We would like to extend a sincere thank you to all the parents and students for their kind wishes on Teacher's Day!

We had a fun-filled November with various activities at school including a trip to OBV for Year 6 Integrated students at the very end of October. The storms and mudslides in Central Vietnam caused a swift return to SIS @ Saigon South campus. We are happy to report that no serious damages to our campus, neither to staff, students nor parents were reported. We are also so proud of how adaptable our Year 6 Integrated students were throughout the sudden change in plans. We are also incredibly impressed with the flexibility of the students that remained on campus not participating in OBV demonstrated.

On a final note, I'd like to extend a special 'thank you' to our Student Council and their initiative to aid the victims of the storms and flooding in Central Vietnam. They demonstrated our School-wide Learner Goals through true Critical Thinking and Active and Responsible Citizenship in their efforts.

Caroline Atkinson – Deputy Principal



*Decoration the Class Board
for the Teachers' Day*

Dear Parents,

Every year, the learning and playing activities in the school are bustling with excitement when the Vietnamese Teachers' Day comes. Both teachers and students are busy with all activities to celebrate Vietnamese Teachers' Day. Many useful learning and fun activities are organized by the school for students to participate in:

- ➔ From November 2 to November 14, students from Year 1 - 9 participate in the following contests:
 - Students from Year 1 to 5 Integrated write beautiful poems and essays. The students' beautiful writings contain gratitude to all the teachers who are dedicated to teaching and taking care of the students.
 - Students from Year 6 to 9 Integrated:
 - + Write paragraphs and practice poetry with the theme: School - Teachers and Friends.
 - + Make greeting cards for Vietnamese Teachers' Day to give to teachers.
 - + Decorate a vase (paper flower basket) with the theme: Honoring teachers

The children's work is displayed on the classroom board to show their gratitude to the teachers on Vietnamese Teachers' Day.

- ➔ Welcome November 20: On Wednesday, November 18, in a joyful atmosphere, students from Grade 6 to 12 arranged beautiful paper flower baskets, dedicating them to the teachers to show their appreciation. The tradition of "Respect for the Teachers" is a part of the cultural beauty of humanity that has reminded teachers to teach well - students study well.

The students feel more connected to their teachers and friends through these shared activities. They love the school they are studying and they wish: "Every day to school is a happy day".

Additionally, Year 9 Integrated students gave the teachers 4 awards (1 first prize, 2 second prizes and 1 third prize) in the District English Proficient Exam. Those are 4 beautiful flowers that our school teachers happily received.

Mdm. Phung Thi Tuyet Minh
Senior Head of Vietnamese Studies



Graceful performance of K1K2 & Prep Int'l students for the Teachers'

Dear Parents,

As we come closer to the end of Semester 1, we are beginning to look forward to our annual Christmas Charity Fair. This wonderful event is always a great time for students to experience holiday-themed activities and games while also raising money for Caritas Vietnam, a charitable organization and an official member of Caritas International. Caritas Vietnam's supports the poor who are marginalized and lacking basic human living conditions. This is a great way to reinforce SIS virtues such as service, generosity, and care.

You can also help to instill these virtues at home by modeling generosity by being kind and generous to those in need, talking about generosity and pointing out when you see others being generous, and helping your child to practice giving and sharing.

Reading and discussing books is another great way to introduce these ideas to your child. *Sophie's Masterpiece* is a beautiful book that helps show the importance of kindness and generosity. You can watch it with your child at Storyline Online (<https://www.storylineonline.net/books/sophies-masterpiece/>)

Lindsay Stanford - Head of Studies (Kindergarten)



The students are very excited with the nice performances



Fantastic performance of Y3 Int'l students for the Teachers' Day



Dear Parents,

When the severe weather conditions and mudslides hit Central Vietnam in October, our Student Council sprung into action. Anh Lan Dang (As level) came up with the idea to offer a Movie Night on 5 November where the students contributed a monetary donation to lend support to the schools and people of Central Vietnam. We also collected clothing and school supplies.

In total, contributions exceeded 38 million dong as well as several hundred kilos of supplies and clothes.

We are proud of our students and their success with this charitable act. Well done, StuCo!

Victoria Gillespie – Student Council

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Dear Parents,

Season 2 of SIS Sports is up and running, and our teams will be competing against other schools in U19 Boys Basketball, U15 Boys Football, U13 Boys/Girls Football and U15 Table Tennis.

If you're interested in joining one of these teams please see Mr. Quinn for a permission form and more information. SIS will not have teams for U11/U19 Badminton, U15 Girls Football, U13 Table Tennis and U19 Girls Basketball because of low student interest.

Monday November 23rd, we'll be hosting a U15 Table Tennis match in the Hall against AISVN and on November 24th U13 Boys/Girls Football matches against AISVN on our field. Our U19 Basketball team played their first friendly match of the season on Monday November 16th against RISS and played hard but lost 16-36.

Sports Day will happen Week 10 at the end of Semester 1. Fitness testing will be done during PE class so stay active, exercise regularly and eat healthy to better prepare!

Quinn Donovan – PE Teacher



Making the beautiful paper flower baskets for the Teachers Day





CHRISTMAS CHARITY FAIR 2020

SINGAPORE
INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL
SAIGON SOUTH

Games
Crafts
Food & Drinks
Prizes!

FRIDAY, 18 DECEMBER
9:00 - 11:00 AM

STUDENTS AND STAFF ONLY