



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.

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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.

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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

Dear Parents,

Very soon, students at SIS@SS will experience the Christmas break. For many it will be a time to celebrate Christmas with family and friends. I too are hoping to do just that with my wife, family, relatives and friends.

I would like to take this opportunity to highlight upcoming school events and celebrations.

Virtues program

The term virtue theme of Organisation and skills associated, continues to be taught throughout this term. Students are continually encouraged to set learning goals and reflect on their study and planning skills. These virtues are reinforced in form classes and at assembly time. A virtues visual mural is continually being constructed and added to each week in the school hall.

Teachers Day

Recent Teacher Day celebrations were a huge success at SIS@SS. Many fun activities and competitions acknowledged how fortunate we are to have such talented and hardworking dedicated teachers at SIS@SS. The celebrations were a great way to show our teachers just how much we value them.

Christmas Fair

The schools Christmas Charity Fair is fast approaching. Each form class will operate their own stall, full of lots of wonderful Christmas goodies and surprises. Information regarding the fair will be communicated soon. Please spread the good news about the fair and come along to join in the fun and excitement.

Christmas

No doubt you would be aware that from the 16th to the 30th of December, we will be experiencing the Christmas break.



Decoration welcoming Teacher's Day



Year 6 Int'g got the 1st place for Flower Arrangement in Teacher's Day



Students play Tug of War



Students build Balloon Tower in Teacher's Day

To all families, I extend best wishes for a very happy, safe and a merry Christmas. Let's hope Santa finds many of us.

SA1 examinations

A reminder to all parents that SA1 examinations begin at school after the Christmas break. Student reports will be given out at Parent Teacher Conferences early in Term 3. A note will go home to communicate this to all families.

Yours in learning,

Mark Priddis – Principal

Dear Parents,

Term 2 is off to a great, if busy, start. This term will be full of many activities, and it can be easy to lose track. We will do our best to ensure clear communication, but feel free to check with the Office and/or classroom teacher whenever you have a question.

A few items of note:

Uniform Policy – please remember that shoes are part of the prescribed school uniform. They are to be majority black, grey or white.

General Conduct – students are expected to be polite, courteous and well-behaved at all times. This applies to all areas of the school and during all school-related activities.

Playground – our playground renovation, including new equipment and ground cover, is nearly complete. It will provide a safe and fun area for younger children to play.

Student Pick-Up – a gentle reminder that supervision is not available after 5:00pm, so all children should be picked up by that time.

Several special events will be taking place during Term 2, including:

Vietnam Teachers' Day (Wednesday Nov 16 and Thursday November 17) – several different activities will take place to observe teachers' Day.

Sports Carnival (Friday November 25) – students should wear their House color and dress for a very active day. If you are not sure which house/color your child is in please check with their Form Teacher or TA.



Decoration welcoming Christmas

Christmas Charity Fair (Friday December 16) – each class will have a stall selling arts and crafts or food, or will have a game/activity available. Further details will be sent home as this gets closer.

Christmas Break – our last school day of the 2016 calendar year will be Friday, December 16. We will return Tuesday January 3, 2017, at which time SA1 Exams will begin.

Thanks for your continued support.

Respectfully,

Robert Madden – Deputy Principal

Dear Parents,

On Friday November 11th, the Year 3 International class went on their first excursion of the year. The day started off in the Vietnam History museum where the students learned about the history of civilization in Vietnam. The highlights were seeing a mummy and attending a water puppet show. In the afternoon, the students enjoyed a train ride around the zoo and seeing all different types of animals. They were amazed to see some of the endangered animals we have studied in class. Lastly, the students learned how to plant a tree and learned how to care for it as well. Overall, it was an awesome excursion!

Danielle Hoyer – Year 3 Int'l Teacher

Dear Parents,

Semester 1 exams are slowly creeping up. The exams start the first week back in Jan. Now is the time to help your child start to prepare. Some things that you can do to get your child ready for success:

- Make sure that your child does all their homework and reading assignments
- Provide a quiet, well lighted area with little distractions to help your child study efficiently
- If your child is struggling on their assignments, talk to them about it and meet with their teacher to find out the best way to help your child
- Review any previous homework with your child and go over any mistakes they made and make sure that they understand what they did wrong.



Excursion of Year 3 Int'l in the
Vietnam History Museum



Students go to excursion together



Students in High school travel to Singapore to join the Hwa Chong Institute



Students Year 5 Int'g present virtue of "Cooperation"



Students Year 3A Int'g present virtue of "Team work"

- Encourage your child to space out their studying and homework assignments so that they won't be forced to cram on the night before the test

Beat procrastination! Teach your child, by example, not to put off tasks and that preparation pays off!

Sharla Scott - Head of Studies (Y5 – Y9)

Dear Parents,

Welcome to Term 2 with just five weeks until Christmas we have a lot of things to do here in the high school including our IGCSE 2 & A/AS teachers helping the students best prepare for their Semester 1 MOCK exams which will begin in January. Meanwhile the GAC students have just completed Level 1 of their program and have already come away with some useful soft skills including research, time management, computing, Business, Maths, prioritising tasks and report writing. These are skills which will help them best prepare for university life and beyond. Finally nine of our IGCSE 2 students and Deputy Principal Mr. Robert Madden went to Singapore for the Hwa Chong Student exchange program (31st Oct – 6th November). Great fun was had by all and the students experienced first-hand some exciting activities, new friendships, spectacular sightseeing and of course the delicious Singapore food. We look forward to taking more students through in the future.

Robert Gayst - Head of Studies (SHS)

Dear Parents and Students,

Every year, when Teachers' Day comes, the students and teachers' hearts are filled with joy and excitement. All of us are busy with the activities welcoming the day for all the teachers. This year, there were many activities that were held to celebrate Teachers' Day.

Before 20 November

There were competitions held for students from Year 1 - Year 9:

- Painting a portrait of the teacher who you love the most
- Writing an essay or poetry on the theme "your school – your teachers – your friends"

Primary students participated in the handwriting competition where they practiced their handwriting skill with the poetry which praised teachers and the endless effort they have made.



Drawing pictures, writing poems to
welcome Teacher's Day



U14 Basketball Team



Activities for Halloween

Students who had excellent handwriting, poetry or portrait were awarded a certificate.

On 20 November

From the early morning, parents and students brought many beautiful bunches of flowers to give to their teachers to show their appreciation. The tradition of being reverent to the teacher and respecting morals is the beautiful part of Vietnamese culture which always reminds teachers of teaching well, and students of learning well. I hope that in the upcoming semester examinations, all of our students will try their best to achieve good results.

Excellent results will be the most beautiful present to show students' gratitude to their teachers.

Mme. Phung Thi Tuyet Minh
Senior Head of Vietnamese Studies

Dear Parents,

It was a great season for both of our U14 Basketball teams!

The U14 Boys finished the season with a record of 3-1. After beating all the teams in the B Pool, their glorious title run sadly ended after losing to CIS in the championship. The unanimous MVP for the season and tournament is Tom (Ho Quang Tung) who put on a show in the tournament with his ball handling skills and killer instinct, greatly impressing rival coaches and scouts alike.

The U14 Girls finished their season with a record of 4-0, easily handling all of their opponents. With a squad of only eight players and unfortunate scheduling that saw them have four games in a row at the championship tournament, winning first place would not be easy. Mr. William's team continued their undefeated streak by winning all of their games and claiming the Pool Championship! Congratulations on a great season.

Daniel Mitchell - Athletic Coordinator

Dear Parents,

A spooky October was enjoyed by all SIS students in Halloween activities.

Seniors (Y6 & above): on campus annual Haunted Race, with creeping ghouls at every corner, students had to race against time to solve clues in the dark and beat the other teams.



Halloween Celebration

Sense of excitement and screams filling the air, 3 winning teams:

1st place: Youjin, Sami, Mika, Kai Jun, hoang Luan, quang Tung, Seung Ho

2nd place: Vivi, Uyen, Maria, an, Nhu

3rd place: Ky Sam, Eric, CK, QA, Thai, Ivan, Tru

Juniors: an eventful day with faces painting, trick-or-treating and costume parade! Everyone had lots of fun, and it was great to see everyone dressed up! Costume Parade Winners are:

1st: Jun Yeong (Y1 International)

2nd: Leo (Prep Integrated)

3rd: Minh Khoa (Year 2 Integrated)

3rd: Harshit (Y2 International)

On behalf of the student council, special thanks go to McDonald's for helping in both Halloween events, and to our school community for being so enthusiastic and helpful; we could have never done it without you!

Angela Giudici - High school Teacher