



NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents,

Very soon, on the 15th of December, SIS@SS will be breaking for the designated Christmas holiday. I wanted to take this opportunity to share and remind all families about the following important events and celebrations that will take place at SIS@SS.

OBV experiences.

Years 4 and 5 will participate in the OBV program during week 7 of term 2. Both programs will be conducted at SIS@SS. All relevant documentation and communication has been sent home to parents. Please contact your child's classroom teacher or the school office if further information is needed.

Christmas Charity fair.

This year the schools Christmas Charity Fair will be held on Saturday morning, the 8th of December, from 9.30am to 11.30am. Please save the date and spread the good news. Information and communication will be shared with all families very soon.

Semester 1 examinations.

After students return from the Christmas holidays, semester 1 examinations will commence. The table of specifications for all examinations, with dates and times have been shared with families and if further information is needed please contact the school office or your child's classroom teacher.

Reminders:

School uniform.

The school has very high expectations that all students abide by the school uniform policy. This is clearly outlined in the student handbooks and your cooperation and assistance with the policy is greatly appreciated.

Punctuality.

Parents are asked to make sure that students are punctual to school of a morning and picked up on time in the afternoons.

On behalf of the staff and students at SIS@SS, I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a safe, happy and Merry Christmas.

Yours in learning,

Mark Priddis – Principal

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Dear Parents,

With Term 1 successfully behind us, we hope you are excited as we are at the progress students have made.

Some important upcoming events are:

Outward Bound Vietnam for Years 4 & 5

There will be a two-day program of OBV activities on campus for all students in Years 4 (Dec 4-5) and 5 (Dec 6-7). The itinerary includes teambuilding, sleeping overnight in the Hall, physical and mental challenges

Christmas Charity Fair

This year our Christmas Charity Fair will be held on Saturday 8 December from 9:30-11:30. We hope that by moving it to a Saturday more parents, families, and friends will be able to attend. We encourage all members of the SIS community to come to participate in this very worthy cause, as all proceeds go to support a local charity.

Christmas Holiday

The last day of class in 2018 will be Friday 14 December. There will be no classes from Monday 17 December – Tuesday 1 January. Classes will resume Wednesday 2 January.

Semester 1 exams

Administered from January 2-11, the SA1s for Math, Science and English will cover material as noted on the Tables of Specifications. They present an opportunity for students to demonstrate their mastery of each core subject while also giving teachers data from which to modify future instruction and assessment.

Should you have question about any campus activities please feel free to contact the school office.

Respectfully,

Robert Madden - Deputy Principal



Kindergarten Students with the
STEM modeling

Dear Parents,

As parents, it should come as no surprise that there is a long list of benefits that result from continually taking an active role in your child's education. In fact, one of the biggest influences on a child's success stems from how invested her/his parents are in their education. That is why all at SIS @ Saigon South are appreciative of the splendid parent and teacher involvement in recent learning conferences. Thank you!

Getting involved in your child's education can take many forms, whether it's setting measurable, achievable academic goals together, engaging in regular and open communication with teachers, or simply reading together for a half hour every evening. No matter what approach you choose, the important thing is to take a dynamic, ongoing interest in your child's learning. Need any more convincing? Below are a few primary ways that parental involvement benefits any student's education.

Higher grades and better behavior are direct results of parent involvement. What if you could help your child enjoy school more, earn better grades, and reduce behavior problems at the same time? Parents' involvement in education helps their children do better in and out of school. Therefore, please take complete advantage of the opportunities we promote to support parental involvement at school, such as the recent Parent Conferences. Our upcoming Christmas Charity Fair is a good example too of how we can all support students and learning.

Students develop better social skills and show improved behavior when their parents are involved at school. When students feel supported at home and school, they develop more positive attitudes about school, have more self-confidence, and place a higher priority on academic achievement. Children of involved parents are more likely to feel that they're accepted, included, and respected at school. We thank parents for playing an active role in school matters for the advancement of learning.

Thomas Annis - Deputy Principal (Pedagogy Coach).



Year 8 Int'l Students with their STEM products

Dear Parents,

Thank you to everyone who was able to attend Parent Teacher Conferences. In case you were not able to make a meeting you might be wondering, "How can I improve my student's English skills?" One of the most important things you can do with your student is read with them. While listening to them read ask them to tell you in their words what happened in the story. This will get the students to be thinking about that they are reading while they are reading it and help strengthen their reading comprehension skills. Additionally, you can help improve your students vocabulary by talking about words they don't understand. Explain what the word means and then ask them to put it in a sentence on their own. Furthermore, you can teach them how to use context clues when they come upon a word they don't know while reading alone. Show them how to use the sentence before, and after, along with the words around the difficult word to come to a meaning. Just doing these simple things while reading together will immensely help their reading comprehension.

Danielle Hoyer - Head of Studies (Y1 – Y5)



Students present virtue at the Assembly



Students Activities during the Assembly



Dear Parents,

Year 3 International have been enjoying S.T.E.A.M. themed buddy classes with Year 3 Integrated since the start of this school year. In our latest buddy class, the children were set a challenge to create a vase of flowers for Teachers' Day using paper, straws and a tin can. The children worked in teams to decide on the best way to use the materials so that their team could create the most impressive vase of flowers, as voted for by the teachers. It has been great to see the children working collaboratively and sharing their ideas. They are demonstrating and improving many of the school virtues each week such as teamwork, creativity, perseverance, co-operation, patience and flexibility.

Jenny Smith – Form Teacher (Year 3 International)

Students get the Principal Awards



The girls on their way to winning the Championships!

Dear Parents,

Season 1 has now drawn to a close and was a huge success. Our teams achieved 3rd place finishes in the U11 boys football and U19 girls volleyball. 2nd place finishes in U19 boys volleyball and U11 girls football. Most impressively of all Singapore were crowned champions of the U14 girls basketball and U19 Table Tennis. Many of the same players will be wearing the orange jerseys and representing SIS at different sports in season 2. Season 2 runs from November to February and the sports being played are U11 badminton, U14 football, U14 Table Tennis, U19 Basketball and U19 badminton. Friendly matches are already underway and we wish all of our teams the best of luck!

Andrew Smith - Athletic Coordinator

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Dear Parents and Students,

The Student Council is proud to announce the new members of this academic year. A democratic election was considered because we had received 11 candidates in total. We were initially looking for 10 students. However, in order to have an inclusive and positive start the TAT team, in line with the principal, decided to accept them all. Here they are:

Kazue Hirota [A level]
Andrew Yit [IGCSE 2]
Huynh Nhat Dat (Joe) [IGCSE 1]
Trang Hoang Bao Tran [IGCSE 1]
Nguyen Tai Hoai Phuc (Kenny) [IGCSE 1]
Chiranth Pandit [IGCSE 1]
Hoang Quynh Nhi (Tris) [Y8 Int'd]
Phan Minh Hoang (Eric) [Y7 Int'd]
Le Pham Phuong Nhi (Sophia) [Y7 Int'd]
Hoang Nguyen Viet Hoa [Y7 Int'l]
Do Ngoc Hoai Tam (Katy) [Y7 Int'l]

Angela Guidici - High school Teacher



Halloween Celebrations

