



SINGAPORE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL @ SAIGONSOUTH

NEWSLETTER

AUGUST 2023

Dear Parents,

With the first month of the school year completed, I am pleased to report that students are safe, happy, and dedicated to their studies. Routines are firmly in place and classes are successfully meeting expectations.

Each month we will highlight one of the School-Wide Learner Goals with presentations during assembly and displaying student artifacts in our "Learning Goal Gallery". This past month the goal was Academic Achievement, which includes demonstrating academic growth and striving for continuous improvement.

Next month we will focus on Active and Responsible Citizenship, which students can show by understanding and respecting other cultures or serving others..

The first Friday of each month are "House Team" days. The four Houses we have are: Dragon (green), Firebird (red), Kitsune (blue) and Nue (black). On these First Fridays, your child may either wear a shirt of a solid color (advertisements, logos, etc. are not appropriate) corresponding to their House team or their usual school uniform. Please note that these are not "free dress days". We also have activities during lunch break on those days to encourage team camaraderie. If you are not sure what House your child belongs to check with their main teacher or TA.

Throughout the year you will have opportunities to come to campus and observe or participate in or observe various activities. For example, on Friday 29 September we will celebrate the Mid-Autumn Festival, which will include a Lantern Parade and Lion Dance. Further details will be sent home soon.

Should you have questions or concerns about anything school-related please do not hesitate to contact the Office and set an appointment to come in for a discussion.

As always, we are grateful for your trust and support.

Respectfully yours,

Robert Madden - Principal





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Dear Parents and Students,

Welcome to the new school year 2023-2024!

Your beloved Saigon South School has been given a new coat of paint to welcome each student back to school. In the joyful atmosphere on the first day of school, the teachers graciously welcomed the returning students. How lovely to see the cheerful faces at school again!

The doors were opened, tables and chairs were neatly arranged, and the classroom was decorated in a friendly manner. The school environment is very friendly and warm; teachers and students are always accompanied in all learning and entertainment activities and grow up together.

In the school year 2022-2023, the school has been granted a quality accreditation certificate by WASC. This reflects that the teachers are actively innovating with teaching methods and the students are interested in learning and actively engaging in school activities.



In the new school year, students in Years 4 and 5 will have the opportunity to practice life skills at the school with OBV (Outward Bound Vietnam) coaches. While Years 6 to A Level students will participate in the OBV extracurricular program in Quy Nhon or Ha Long. The students will be trained in necessary life skills for themselves and community activities.

At the same time, they also participate in STEM education programs. Project-based learning and STEM education will help students acquire sustainable scientific knowledge for future development.

Please enjoy the new school year 2023-2024 with your teachers and friends and engage in all the school activities during the school year.

Phung Thi Tuyet Minh
Senior Head of Vietnamese Studies



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Dear Parents,

The new year is off to a great start, with students getting to meet and interact fully with their new teachers and subjects. Students have been made aware of what is expected of them in each subject, and parents have been sent the table of specifications for the Semester 1 examinations, which will be held in December 2023.

ECA activities and Sporting events and practices will also begin soon. Ms Enya has provided signup sheets for each sport being offered in Term 1, we encourage students to sign up if they haven't already done so, to avoid any disappointment.

Donovan Neethling – Deputy Principal



Dear Parents,

Welcome to the new school year, to all the new members of our KIK family and all returning students!

August has been a busy month with children settling in and adjusting to their new classrooms, teachers and routines. We focused on getting familiar with school expectations, trusting the environment, exploring different materials, making new friends while being kind and safe. Each 3-4 weeks, we will explore a new learning theme preparing activities across the curriculum that relate to each theme.

This month we explored some well-known fairytales and nursery rhymes learning new vocabulary and virtues such as accepting differences in others and working together. Our older students have done revision in Literacy and Math and got introduced to reading on RAZ-kids while our younger students are getting familiar with phonics and letter sounds using the British Letterland program. Look for more information about what your child is learning each week in their Student Handbook. Please remember to sign it and return their folders every Monday.

Barbara Borbely - Head of Studies (KIK)



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Dear families,

Welcome back to school. We are so happy to be starting a new year with all of our wonderful and talented students.

This month, the primary teachers have been busy getting to know all of their students and conducting reading benchmarks that will be used to inform instructional decisions throughout Term 1.

We are looking forward to showing all of you a bit of what your children do at school during our upcoming Meet and Greet event. We hope to see you all there!

Lindsay Stanford - Head of Studies (Primary)



Dear Parents,

Welcome to the beginning of a new school year! It is a joy to witness our students embarking on this journey with enthusiasm and a strong desire for learning. Also, we are proud of how returning students have taken the initiative to foster a friendly and inviting atmosphere for their new peers.

Throughout the year, the secondary program will present new and exciting challenges, each carrying the potential for every student's personal and academic growth.

We initiated the year with a significant milestone – receiving provisional results for the Cambridge IGCSE and A-level examinations. The remarkable outcomes are a testament to the students' relentless diligence and commitment. Looking ahead, our efforts remain focused on fine-tuning the program and striving for continued growth.

Your questions and feedback are invaluable to us. Students are encouraged to maintain open lines of communication with their form teachers daily, and parents can always reach out through the school office or directly should any inquiries arise.

Here's to a productive and collaborative school year ahead!

Joshua Lowery – Head of Studies (Secondary)