



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.

MISSION

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**



Apricot Tree

Dear Parents,

I would like to extend a warm welcome to term 3, and wish everyone in our school community a very Happy New Year.

2018 is now with us and I would like to acknowledge the hard work and positive contributions to student learning at SIS@SS, by staff and students which has been most appreciated and valued by all associated with the school.

Semester 1 examinations have now been completed and reports will go home at the end of week 1 term 3, with parent teacher conferences taking place in week 2, term 3, 2018.

Parent teacher conferences are always a great way for teachers and parents to come together to discuss student learning and set new learning goals for the new term ahead. This too assists students to reflect on their learning and strive for future improvement in their studies.

The schools virtues program continues, with the theme being that of Persistence. A hard word to understand and pronounce which basically means always trying to do your best and not giving up, when something feels too difficult or boring. The virtues taught next term will be perseverance, honesty, self-discipline, optimism and commitment.

TET holiday is fast approaching, so on behalf of the staff I would like to wish everyone in our school community a happy and safe TET holiday.

Yours in learning,

Mark Priddis – Principal.

Dear Parents,

With Semester 1 behind us it is important to take some time to reflect. There have been many successes, with students showing wonderful behavior and great academic progress. We continue to feel fortunate and grateful to have such kind, hard-working children, as well as so many supportive parents, and look forward to another semester together.

Parent-Teacher conferences

You are invited to contact your child's Form Teacher or TA to schedule a conference the week of February 5-9; conferences may also be held Feb 12-13. The purpose is to discuss the Semester 1 exam results and grade report, looking at your child's strengths as well as areas for improvement.

Tet/School Holiday

In observation of the Tet holiday, there will be no school from Wednesday 14th to Friday 23rd of February (classes resume Monday 26th).

Electronic Items

If you allow your child to bring a personal electronic device, such as a cell phone or laptop computer, please remind them to be careful as such items can be lost or damaged.

Pick-up

A gentle reminder that supervision is not available after 5:00, so children should be picked up promptly after their lessons conclude.

Thank you again for all that you do. We are most appreciative.

Respectfully,

Robert Madden - Deputy Principal.

Dear Parents,

Semester 1 Assessment tasks are now complete. Your earned results create a splendid strategic data resource to assist you to scaffold your continued learning. Please plan time to review your recent exams to maximize explicit learning from your prior knowledge and efforts. As Mr. Ho Chi Minh stated: "But by reading them again and again finally I was able to grasp the essential part. What emotion, enthusiasm, enlightenment and confidence they communicated to me! I wept for joy."

Now is a splendid time to create individual learning 'to-do' lists based on your last semester's learning performance.



Tet Decoration



University Briefing for High School Students



Fire fighter Practices



"Modelling" - Prep Integrated students



Year 3 International Decoration



Y4 International students got Principal Awards

This tracking can lead to satisfaction when you cross completed items off throughout the term and semester. Progress monitoring is motivating, and is a crucial component of goal-setting work. Consider: You become smarter because of effort, practice, hard work, and persistence. Your growth mindset will have a positive impact as we continue to learn together at SIS. Please set a personal learning goal. We will all share pride when you achieve it. We are here to guide and support you. Semester Two and the New Year are both yours to be brilliant. You can do it.

Respectfully,

Thomas Annis - Deputy Principal (Pedagogy Coach).

Dear Parents,

Before the Christmas holiday Year 3 International went to KizCiti. We had a great time experiencing different occupations. Here are some comments from the students about the excursion.

I liked KizCiti Safari because I like exploring animals. I definitely want to learn more about animals and how to help them. Huynh Anh

I liked the Bakery because I like baking cookies for other people to enjoy. Tina

My favourite place was the La Vie factory because the machines were really cool and we made our own bottle of water. Anshika

I liked being a firefighter because I liked sliding down the firefighter slide. Khanh An

My favourite part was the safari because I liked the animals and the movie about Java, the last rhino in Vietnam. Tom

I enjoyed being a fire fighter. I could help people and shoot water at the buildings. Minh Thu

My favourite part was when I was a soldier because I liked practicing the different things a soldier would do. Jackson

Jenny Smith – Teacher of Y3 International.

Dear Parents,

We are looking forward to sharing your children's mid-year results with you after our break.



Prep International Students



Kindergarten students playing together



School Decoration for TET

With the school year half-way finished and the New Year upon us, it is an excellent time to use assessments to help you set goals for your child's learning for the rest of the year. Giving praise and encouragement to your child during report time helps them to take pride in what they have accomplished so far and helping to work towards goals lets your child know that you are there to help.

Here are just a few ideas for ways to incorporate language learning into activities at home: ask your child to talk with you about what they have been doing in class or just share any new words they have learned, read a bedtime story together each night, try to play your favorite games (dress-up, hide-and-seek, etc.) in English, memorize songs or nursery rhymes together and, if your child has access to a gaming device or tablet, change the settings to English.

Lindsay Stanford - Head of Studies (Kindergarten).

Dear Parents,

December 2017 saw the preparation for exams well under way, and early January high school students wrote their first set of preparation exams. The structure, format and style of these exams is designed as closely as possible to the actual Cambridge exams students will write in April/May. This allows students a view into the procedures and difficulty of the formal Cambridge exams. Those students who do not perform as well as they liked, will have a better idea of where their weaknesses lie, And those that received good marks must remember not to rest on their laurels, and strive to continue their excellent work.

Lastly the High school staff and myself would like to wish all the families of SIS a prosperous and lucky Year of the Dog.

Donovan Neethling - Head of Studies (High School).

Dear Parents and Students,

Time has flown so fast since the day you got back to school and you all had great performance with promising results. Semester 1 came to an end with your enthusiastic participation in the school sport events and campaigns.

Moreover, Christmas Fair on 15th December which was to support Operation Smile was very successful. After Christmas and International New Year Holiday, English exams are approaching.



Activities for Christmas Fair



Students during Physical Education Class



Culture Fest

I wish you all the best in the upcoming exam and your study progress is the most precious present which I and your parents could ever get.

Spring is on the way and it means Lunar New Year is coming. This is the most beautiful season, with growth, happiness and delightful moments of the nation every year. All the best wishes of health and prosperity to you and your family.

Students, I hope you could do even better in Semester 2, achieving more and more success in your study path.

Mdm. Phung Thi Tuyet Minh
Senior Head of Vietnamese Studies

Dear Parents,

December saw the U14 Table Tennis team once again lift the championship trophy at the City Championships hosted here at SIS. The tournament was close but in the end we were just too strong for the opposition coming a clear first place in a tournament that consisted of 9 teams. Next is the turn of the U19 Ping Pong team which will contain many of the same players and will once again look to finish number one in the City. The U19 Basketball team are currently in the middle of their season, they have had some good results and are hoping to do well at the City Championships in February. The U14 Boys soccer team had a tough start to the season but are now on a two game winning streak and team spirit is very high. Sports starting next month are U11 Boys and Girls Football, U11 Table Tennis and U14 Badminton.

Andrew Smith - Athletic Coordinator.

Dear Parents and Students,

Happy 2018, from all of us in Student Council!

Good job to all the students who've made it past exam week, and for the hard work the teachers put in to prepare these exams. Hope all goes well!

Student Council will be kicking off February with Culture Fest preparations.



Culture Fest

Culture Fest is our annual celebration of cultures that involves the help of the whole school community. Parents, if you're interested in volunteering for this great event or would like to make inquiries, please contact Sabrina (yee.s.ng026@gmail.com) or Ms. Angela (angela.giudici@saigonsouth.sis.edu.vn).

Not only is this a fantastic way to teach students about different cultures and show appreciation, we are able to fundraise donations to charity.

We're looking forward to seeing everyone in March! More details are coming soon.

Sabrina - Student Council.