



SINGAPORE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL @ SAIGONSOUTH

NEWSLETTER

DECEMBER and JANUARY 2022

Dear Parents,

Happy New Year!

We hope that 2023 brings your family continued good health and happiness.

Please be advised that several changes are taking place on campus as a direct result of your feedback on the recent survey. For example, some of the high school classes are being polled regarding their preferred subjects of study for next year. Changes are also taking place in the Canteen arrangement, and we are creating more opportunities for families to join us on campus for activities.

Early in Term 3 (6-17 February), we will hold Parent-Teacher Conferences. The purpose of these is for teachers and parents to review student progress during Semester 1, as noted on the Grade Reports. To schedule a meeting simply contacts your child's teacher and find a convenient time. If it is not feasible for you to come to campus ask your child's teacher about arranging a conference online.

When you come to campus for your Parent-Teacher Conference please stop by our Learning Goal Gallery to view examples of "Technological Literacy". Displayed on the window of the Principal's Office, these will be artifacts from classroom lessons that highlight students...

- Effectively using technology to access, organize, evaluate, create and communicate information
- Understanding responsible use of social media, communication, and networking tools

I am sure you will agree that the knowledge students are gaining and the skills they are developing with technology will serve them well in the future.

Throughout the rest of the school year please feel free to let us know of any questions or concerns you may have, either via email or by making an appointment to meet in person.

Respectfully yours,

Robert Madden – Principal





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Dear Parents.

Students have been enrolled for more than five months in 2022. Every day, the children are taught a lot of new knowledge from the curriculum. Besides studying to broaden their knowledge, the school also organizes extra-curricular activities to help them have better life skills.

Ethical topics every 2 weeks such as honesty, patience, optimism, confidence in teamwork, sense of self-discipline,

etc., help them to deeply understand their values. At the same time, the school also organizes fun activities such as Mid-Autumn Festival, Halloween, Vietnamese Teachers' Day, sports day... and Christmas Charity Fair. All fun activities will help the children to be more impressed with the school, teachers, and friends.

The results of the English Student Contest on December 3rd, 2022 that the Year 9 Integrated students have achieved as follows:

- Le Hong Nhat won the second prize
- Pham Gia Han won the third prize

Both of them were selected for the City-level English competition for students, scheduled to be held in March 2023.

Before the Christmas break, the students would take the final exam of the first semester. I hope that the students would actively review their knowledge to achieve the best results in the exam. It is also the most precious spiritual gift to your parents and teachers during the Christmas holiday and welcomes the new year - 2023.

After the Christmas break, the children returned to school to be informed about their final results of the first-semester exam and participate in cultural activities to celebrate the New Spring - Spring of the Cat 2023. Friday, January 13, 2023, all students will be dressed in blue, and red ao dai, etc. and enjoy the school's Spring Festival.

Dear students,

Happy New Year, with the new age, students will grow bigger in appearance, and more mature in consciousness and mind. I wish you and your family to welcome the new spring: WELLBEING - HAPPINESS - PROSPERITY.

**Senior Head of Vietnamese program
Phung Thi Tuyet Minh.**



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Dear Parents,

What a cheerful and busy couple of months this has been in KIK! We explored the festive themes of Christmas and Tet by learning new songs and vocabulary while creating decorations. It was exciting to prepare activities and games for a successful Christmas Charity Fair and we were thrilled to see so many of our students joining us on campus with their families.

In literacy, we reviewed letter sounds learned this Semester and focused on writing CVC words like jet/jam/jog using the correct finger grip.

Counting games are a fun way for younger children to practice their number skills while older students had interesting discussions about how they celebrate Christmas and prepare for the Lunar New Year.

The last week of Term 2 is Student Protection Week as we continue to maintain a safe, respectful and inclusive environment.

From our KIK Family to yours, we wish you a healthy, joyful, and prosperous New Year of the Cat!

Barbara Borbely - Head of Studies (KIK)

Dear Parents,

As we say goodbye to Tiger and welcome in the Cat, it is useful to reflect on some of the challenges and successes of the past year.

Saigon South students have successfully overcome the major challenges presented to us by Covid. Students maintained their exam and assessment scores at an exceptionally high level, and we have been able to restart our iPLSE, ISA and internal examinations cycles once again.

The year of the Tiger also saw the return of some of Saigon South's most beloved events. We just completed a successful Christmas Charity Fair, with a record high amount being donated to our chosen charity. On this Friday, 13/1/2023, we will be holding our TET celebrations, to which all parents are invited to attend. Our OBV program also restarted, with 5 classes having already attended the camping trip to Quy Nhon, and 6 more going before the end of May. Individual class excursions will also start in earnest after TET.

We wish Saigon South students and families a very happy TET, and we hope the Year of the Cat will be just as successful and prosperous for you all.

Donovan Neethling – Deputy Principal



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Dear Readers,

We hope you had a lovely Christmas and New Year's holiday! We had such a great time celebrating the annual Christmas Charity Fair, whilst raising funds for a worthy cause. We celebrated TET holiday and students had the opportunity to learn a bit more about their culture and customs.

Students completed their Semester 1 Exams. Teachers have identified areas for improvement and will be adjusting their intervention plans accordingly.

If you have any questions or concerns about your child's learning progress, please contact their teachers for updates and advice during our parent-teacher conferences in Term 3. We look forward to a successful second semester ahead.

For additional learning opportunities outside of class time, have your child visit some of these fun, educational websites:

- <https://pbskids.org>
- <https://www.khanacademy.org/>
- <https://www.starfall.com/h/>
- <https://kids.nationalgeographic.com/>



Antinena Amon - Head of Studies (Primary)





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Dear Parents,

We trust that all our parents and students had a relaxing and restful Christmas and New Year Break.

The Semester 1 exams are finished and I am sure that students' hard work will be reflected in their report cards. Please note that coursework that students did during semester 1 will count for 50% of the scores in core subjects on their report cards.

Some classes are also going on excursions soon and we hope that students have a fun and educational time on these trips.

Our Student Protection Awareness Week will take place from the 9th to the 13th of January. During this week, teachers from KIK to A Level will cover safeguarding lessons and activities. This will help our students to be more aware of mental, physical, and emotional safety measures.

We have started the process of registering our IGCSE 2, AS Level and A Level students for the Cambridge examinations. These exams will take place in May and June with the speaking and ICT practical exams starting in April.

Elri Nieuwenhuis - Head of Studies (Secondary)

