



## 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**



Kindergarten Assembly

Dear Parents,

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome everyone in our school community back to a new school term. Term 1 was a very successful learning experience for all at SIS@SS. I was so proud and thankful, of the hard work witnessed by both staff and students last term. The beginning of a new term is always a very important time to reflect on student learning and set learning goals for the new term. A mantra I believe in and like to share is "reflect, plan and improve". I would encourage all at SIS to set personal learning goals, goals that can be reflected upon, to guide and improve personal learning and achievements.

Keeping up with what's happening in your child's learning at times can be a very challenging time for most parents. Our monthly newsletters, student handbooks, classroom bulletins, and the school website are always great ways to keep in touch with school events and celebrations.

Recent end-of-term, parent teacher interviews were very well attended by families. Education in many ways is like a strong partnership, teachers and parents working together to improve student learning. Our recent school learning virtue, Teamwork, where people work together to achieve a common goal, beautifully reinforces this idea. Working together, everyone achieves more. This is something that we strive for at SIS@SS.

Attached and included in this newsletter is a visual of the school wide learner goals poster. These posters have been put up around the school, in key prominent positions and classrooms, for all the school community to view.

The posters highlight that our school seeks to nurture students who are: critical thinkers, technologically literate, confident communicators, academic achievers, and active, responsible citizens. Please familiarize yourself with this important message from our school.

Yours in learning,

**Mark Priddis – Principal.**

Dear Parents,

The second term of the school year is off to a wonderful start, with the break providing an opportunity for much needed rest and recreation. That is most important, as we will have a fairly busy Term 2. A few items of importance that should be mentioned are:

Christmas Charity Fair – scheduled for Thursday, 10 December, this event encourages students to be creative while raising funds for Operation Smile (refer to their web site, <http://www.operationssmile.org/> for more information). On that day we will have many different stalls set up, with attendees able to trade coupons for prizes or activities, such as arts and crafts or sports challenges. You are invited to join us.

Extra-Curricular Activities (ECAs) – many different ECAs are available this term each day except for Wednesday, when we have faculty meetings. Hopefully your child/children find something of interest with which to become involved. If not, please feel free to let us know what is requested, and we will try to make arrangements for next term.

Supervision - throughout the school day the children have opportunities for play, However in the morning, supervision is only available in the courtyard, as faculty are busy preparing for lessons, and so the field and playground are “Out of Bounds”. Similarly, supervision is not available after dismissal, which means that any student not attending an ECA is to wait patiently in the canteen until they are picked up. Your support of our efforts to ensure student safety is appreciated.

Please keep in communication with your child’s Form Teacher for further updates and information on various school events and policies.

Sincerely,

**Robert Madden – Deputy Principal.**



Stars of the week  
Nguyen Nhat Trieu Minh – K1 Int'l  
Huang Huy Bao – K2 Int'g  
Vo Hong Nhu Y – K1 Int'g



Learn to swim club

**KINDERGARTEN NEWS**

Dear Parents,

We are done with our first term of Kindergarten. Yahoo!! It has been a busy month as we continue to adjust and learn classroom routines, times-expectations, and curriculum material. We continue to review classroom rules and procedures, as well as center rules and proper indoor voice level. During first few weeks we all miss home and have a case of the Kindergarten “blues”, but we are amazed at the progress each child has made as they transition into the full and rigorous days of school. Thank you for all who were able to attend Meet and Greet and Parents-teachers conference. We had a blast celebrating Halloween on the last day of school as children were able to showcase their Halloween costumes together with their teachers. Kids enjoyed collecting and sharing candies on their trick or treat. It was a fun-filled activity for all of us!

We look forward to an exciting school year. Please feel free to contact us if you have additional questions or concerns

**Kindergarten Team.**

On October 16th, students in the Years 8 and 9 Integrated classes traveled to the Tunnel Complex at Cu Chi for the day to visit and experience firsthand the living conditions of Vietnamese on their long, hard road to independence. Their guide gave them a tour of the area and described how the locals would hide from and fight the enemy forces. They also had the chance to climb down and travel through the tunnels. Mr. James was proud of both classes as they took the extra step and journeyed through the extra-long 30 meter tunnel! Afterwards they were treated to a traditional food “khoai mi”, a type of potato. In all, it was a great day for the students.

Thanks Mr. James for arranging such a wonderful experience for our students!

**Sharla Scott – Head of Studies (Y5 – Y9).**



Let's dance!



Cu Chi Tunnel

Dear parents,

Welcome to Term 2. With just six 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 prepare for their MOCK exams, which will begin in January. Meanwhile, the GAC students have just completed Level 1 of their program. Mr. Anthony Choi from ACT Singapore visited us on 10 November to give a briefing to parents who are interested in the GAC program for their children. We hope and trust they took with them some valuable information and now have a clearer picture for their children's study options. In other good news, we are proud to announce "High Achievement" Award in Cambridge IGCSE Chinese as a Second Language to Chou Chien Hua in the last May/June 2015 IGCSE examination series. She is a student who always tries hard and takes pride in her studies. Winning this award is a great example of that! Chien Hua grew up in Taiwan and came to Vietnam in 2013 with her family. After GAC she plans to study Business Management at RMIT University (Vietnam) and dreams to run a successful fashion company in the future. Great work Chien Hua and here's to even more success!



Name : Chou Chien Hua                      Class : IGCSE 2  
School : Singapore International School @ Saigon South HCMC

High Achievement Award  
In Cambridge Examination 2015

**Robert Gayst - Head of Studies (SHS).**

Our school's U19 badminton team recently participated in the SISAC Championships, and Coach Mr. Geoff Klein had them ready to compete. Two of the singles players performed tremendously and finished in 3<sup>rd</sup> place despite being much younger than their competitors. Sophie (Nguyen Ngoc Bich) and Sam (Vo Tri Thanh) both played extremely well and made the school proud. We all anticipate big things from them at next year's tournament.

Congratulations Sam and Sophie!

**Daniel Mitchell – Athletic Coordinator.**



Vo Tri Thanh (Sam)  
Nguyen Ngoc Bich (Sophie)

The Volleyball program is a relatively new, starting just over two years ago, but the progress players have made since that time has been wonderful. The team has gone from a small group of girls to a large group of boys and girls involved. All the players have done tremendous work over the past two years and I am proud of each and every one of them. This year all of that hard work has paid off for the U19 Girls' team. On November 12, SSIS hosted the SISAC championship. Our girls played three grueling matches to end up facing SSIS in the finals. This was the first time in SIS history that one of our volleyball teams has made it to the final game, earning a second place finish. They played a good game and showed excellent sportsmanship throughout the entire season. I look forward to coaching the U19 Girls again next year as we aim to capture the 1<sup>st</sup> place trophy. Congratulations to all of the U19 Girls for their historic win for SIS!

**James Trantham – Volleyball coach.**

Dear parents and students,

During Term 1, we had two very successful events for Halloween. Student Council had so much fun organizing these events for the students. We hope everyone had fun.

For the seniors, we had the Haunted Race. Twelve teams participated in this event. The teams raced around the school, searching for clues and solving them. The participants had to avoid the "Chasers" trying to catch them and the terrifying "Scarers" too! Student Council would like to thank everyone who helped us organize it. We would also like to congratulate all the winners. It was a very exciting night.

For the juniors, we had the Halloween Carnival. All booths attracted big crowds and some students won great prizes. The fashion show was awesome and all students looked very cool. All the costumes were very creative and unique.

Student Council can't wait to host more events for the school to enjoy!

**Nguyen Phuoc Minh Phuc – Y5 Int'l  
Student Council Member.**



U19 Girls Volleyball



Halloween fashion show