



NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents,

Very soon we will commence term 4. The academic year has progressed so quickly.

I encourage all parents to please continue to check all communication sent home, as Term 4 will be a very busy and important learning experience for all students at SIS@SS.

I would like to take this opportunity to highlight some of the important school events and celebrations taking place in Term 4, 2019.

School concert.

This year the school concert will take place on Thursday the 20th of June. As the concert this year will be held during the week, at the Saigon Opera House, parents are encouraged to check the concert times and make any necessary plans to attend the concerts and organize transportation that may be needed for students.

Staff will communicate information, so please contact your child's form teacher if you have concerns with regard to your child's participation in the concert.

OBV for year 8.

Both Year 8 International and Integrated will attend OBV in Week 3, Term 4. Communication and documentation has already been sent home with students.

Please remember to reflect on the OBV checklists for student participation and contact your child's classroom teacher if you have any concerns or require further information.

SA2 examinations.

SA2 and Cambridge examinations will take place in Term 4. Examination timetables will be shared with all students and parents.

Students are encouraged to plan and implement their study practice skills for all the upcoming end of Semester 2 examinations.

End of year reports.

During the last week of term, Semester 2 reports will go home.

Parent teacher conferences are optional and should be arranged for the second last week of the academic year.

Mark Priddis – Principal.

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Excursion for Year 3 Int'l
students

Dear Parents,

As we approach Term 4 there will be many important events and activities. Please be aware of deadlines that relate to your child/children.

Several items to make note of are:

Exams

Cambridge examinations for high school students (IGCSE2, AS, A) have begun, and will continue.

Term Break

Please be advised that April 15-19 there will be no classes. In addition, school will be close Tuesday 30 April for Liberation Day and Wednesday 1 May for Labor Day.

Outward Bound Vietnam

During the second week of May (6-10) all Year 8 students will be going for their OBV experience. Materials that provide an overview of the program will be sent home for review.

Study Tour

We are pleased to inform you that Singapore International School (SIS) will be organizing a Study Tour Program to Malaysia and Singapore, tentatively from Sunday June 30 to Saturday July 6, 2019 for students from Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6. Information on the program and registration will be informed to students and parents in course. Please contact +84 24 6661 7722 (Ms. Nhung) to get further details.

Should you have any questions or concerns please feel free to make an appointment through the office to come in for a meeting.

Respectfully,

Robert Madden - Deputy Principal.

Dear Parents,

A Splendid Way to Support Learning @ Home

Encourage your child to read! ... Anything and everything!! Helping your child become a proficient reader is one of the most important things that you can do to assist them to succeed in school and in life. The importance of reading simply cannot be overstated. Reading helps children in all school subjects. Reading is the key to lifelong learning.

As a parent, you may be wondering whether you should be reading to your children in their native first language, or English. You may also be concerned that you shouldn't read to them in English, if you don't feel comfortable with your own English skills.

While it is critical to encourage and support your child's efforts to learn English, research shows that children who are read to in their native language (such as Vietnamese) will have an easier time learning to read in their second language (such as English). The benefits are even greater for children who learn to read first in their native language. This means that by developing your child's literacy skills in Vietnamese, you will be making it easier for them to learn to speak, read, and write English in the future.

Reading to/with your children is a wonderful way that you can help your child develop his or her literacy skills in your family's native language, at home. This will support their in-school learning too. Recently our week long Book Fair offered children access to a diverse range of reading opportunities.

Please encourage your children to take advantage of the school library. It's there for learning and you can read library books at home with them.

Thomas Annis - Deputy Principal (Pedagogy Coach).



Culture Fest Preparation



Culture Fest is coming!



Students activities during the excursion

Dear Parents,

We are so happy with all of the wonderful books and reading-related activities that were brought to our school for the Book Fair. We hope you and your children are enjoying reading and rereading the wonderful books you purchased.

Reading aloud to children is one of the most important activities to develop skills for reading success. When adults read aloud, children can experience the wonder of books and become excited about the ways that reading can be used to entertain and learn. When reading aloud to your children, encourage them to ask and answer questions about what they've heard and to retell the story in their own words. This will help your child to develop a deeper understanding of the stories and to make connections between books they've read and their personal experiences.

March 2nd is the birthday of one of the most famous writers of children's books of all time: Dr. Suess. Check out www.seussville.com to find all sorts of fun and educational literacy-themed ideas to try at home.

Lindsay Stanford - Head of Studies (Kindergarten)



Students Activities for the Book Fair

Dear Parents,

As we approach the middle of term 3 it is important to encourage your students to continue with good study habits. Teach them the organizational tools to complete their homework first thing after school is finished. Or if they are busy with after school activities, set aside a time before or after dinner to complete it.

Sometimes activities or unseen events arise after school and your student isn't able to complete their studies. Remind them to find a time before school starts to complete it. This could be on the way to school or during their morning break. It is critical to find a routine that works best for your child to complete their studies. This way it will become a habit they do without any push back and will turn into a lifelong skill.

Danielle Hoyer - Head of Studies (Y1-5)



Mr. Chris K in the teachers and students basketball game

Dear Parents,

Season 3 is under way with some strong looking squads being assembled. Mr Quinn has over 20 players on his U11 Boys basketball squad and they have been training hard twice a week. The early effort paid off with a victory in their first game against neighbours ABC 6-2. Mr Aaron has taken over the U11 girls basketball team and they also have good numbers in their squad. U19 boys football is almost over, the tournament is next week and the boys are hoping for a positive result. The U14 boys and girls volleyball teams have been putting a lot of effort into their trainings session and they are very excited about playing their first match against AMIS. There are also U14 badminton and U11 Table tennis teams playing this season. Both have yet to play any matches.

Andrew Smith - Athletic Coordinator

Dear Parents,

Culture Fest is coming!

Our school boasts several different cultures from around the world in both our student body and our staff and so; we will be celebrating this diversity at Culture Fest this year.

We will be changing the format a little from last year -- the theme this year will be Travel with SIS Airlines. There will be an exciting extra activity for students to participate in... However, we do not want to give away all the fun facts just yet.

Culture Fest will comprise of language activities; delicious cuisines from around the globe; a fashion show and additionally we will be focusing on making it an eco-friendly event.

The student council is hard at work planning and preparing for this fabulous event, which will take place on April 26. We would love to have parents participating in this event as well and if you would like to be kept up to date on further details or would like to offer your assistance, please e-mail

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BEE THE CHANGE!

The Student Council