



SINGAPORE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL @ SAIGON SOUTH

NEWSLETTER

February 2022

Dear Parents,

It has been wonderful to have all students back at school.

The challenge of Covid-19 and keeping safe in this difficult time continues to be with us all in Vietnam and all over the world.

SIS@SS will continue to keep you updated with communication we receive from the authorities and we will share with you recent updates in particular with directives of student isolation with regard to ongoing Covid activity in HCMC.

Students reports will go home at the beginning of March. Reports will be emailed to parents.

Please contact your child's teacher if you need to discuss any information that you need to relate to your child's report.

Congratulations to the students who recently were winners in the secondary STEM competitions.

Dyned certificates were also presented this last week at SIS@SS. Congratulations to all students on their positive Dyned progress.

The recent online assembly has photos and videos of all the students who received these awards.

I encourage all families to view these online presentations. I am very proud of our students success.

Please continue to follow the school's health and safety guidelines.

Stay safe, healthy and positive.

Best regards,

Mark Priddis – Principal

Dear Parents,

As you are aware, protections are in place on campus, such as having designated Canteen group seating and wearing of masks, to minimize Covid exposure while maintaining an effective learning environment.

If your child is learning from home, it can be helpful to have them follow the same routine as at school. For example, waking at the usual time, dressing in their appropriate school uniform, and taking meal breaks as they would on campus. This can help to make it an easier transition when they return.

When family members are working from home it is important to set up guidelines. Define when the family member can be “interrupted” but also set up times to frequently check in with your children.

It is also important to encourage outside time with supervision. Fresh air and physical activity are extremely important to overall healthy functioning and effective learning. When possible making it a family affair is even better. For example, everyone can take a break at the same time to play badminton, ride bicycles, or go for a swim.

However your family decides to proceed, what is most important is to be open, honest, and optimistic. Acknowledge with your child the current situation in a way that honors their intelligence, but avoid being overly anxious. Encourage them to be aware and attentive, as well as active and happy. This is a wonderful time in their lives so we should help them to enjoy!

Robert Madden – Deputy Principal

Dear Parents,

February has been a busy month for the high school. We have moved back to in-class teaching and are moving forward with our preparations for the upcoming Cambridge exams. All students have selected and been entered for their subject choices and we continue to provide students with the best education, revision and general examination practice possible. It is great to see students interacting again with their peers, and clear that they are very happy to be back at school and in the classroom.

We also continue to monitor student health and follow all Covid regulations, as stipulated by the health authorities. Students are continuously reminded to follow 5K, and teachers reinforce best health practices in the classroom, in the canteen and at break times.

Best regards,

Donovan Neethling – Deputy Principal



Dear Parents,

The Lunar New Year 2022 has passed.

The COVID-19 pandemic that broke out in Ho Chi Minh City from May 2021 has been contained. The hustle and bustle of life has entered the circle of life and social activities. Everyone has returned to normal work. According to the direction of the People's Committee of Ho Chi Minh City and the Department of Education: students from Kindergarten to grade 6 are also allowed to return to school after more than 9 months of stay at home to prevent pandemics.

14 February, 2022 is the first day students from Kindergarten to grade 6 are back to school. Although, students have to strictly implement the 5K rule, but on all of their faces, there is an indescribable emotion. They are excited to see their teachers and friends again. The first day back to school, the attendance rate of all classes is > 90%. This proves that their attendance at school is legitimate and necessary.

Returning to school to study directly with teachers after more than 9 long and tiring months of online learning, students need to study hard to learn new knowledge and consolidate old knowledge. The school always believes in the dedication of teachers and the determination of students to overcome difficulties in learning to achieve the best result at the end of the 2021-2022 school year.

Wishing all the students happy and healthy!

Mdm. Phung Thi Tuyet Minh
Senior Head of Vietnamese Studies

Dear Parents,

We are so excited to be welcoming students back to campus after so many months of online learning!

We will be spending the first few weeks reviewing school rules and routines to help students make this important transition as smoothly as possible.

Of course, we are also now in the heart of our school year and it is time to conduct our middle of year benchmark assessments. These assessments will take place in Prep through Year 8 and will allow teachers to determine the current literacy level of each student. Based on the results, teachers will be able to create differentiated plans for literacy instruction to support the needs of each of our wonderful learners.

If you wish to discuss your child's literacy skills, please feel free to contact their form or English subject teacher for more information.

Lindsay Stanford - Head of Studies (Year 1-5)



KIK Students are at school

Dear Parents,

KIK students have been very excited to return to school, where they are able to see their friends, teachers and explore their classrooms.

The first few weeks of school are always tiring and challenging for our youngest students as they are busy adjusting or getting back into the classroom routines. This month we are focusing on establishing routines, expectations and building trust in our teachers.

While KIK students explore their classroom environments they learn to initiate play, cooperate with each other taking turns, sharing toys and resources while making new friends. We also practice remembering the 5K rules daily to stay safe and healthy.

Our theme in KIK this month is transportation and some of the fun things our older Prep students did together were making a parachute and hot air balloon for STEM as well a popsicle stick aero plane.

Our students are slowly becoming more comfortable with our 'new normal' and we cannot wait for the weeks to come!

Barbara Borbely - Head of Studies (KIK)



Students activities when they are back to school

Dear Parents,

February has been a great month for SIS Sports!

We have started the Year of the Tiger off with fitness in mind. All P.E. classes this month have started with 20 minutes of fitness training, followed by 20 minutes of free sport play. We conclude each class with a discussion on how to keep ourselves better protected from Covid-19.

This month's saying: Let's stay active and positive!

Seth Freeman – PE Teacher

Students are back with daily activities at class

