



SINGAPORE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL @ SAIGON SOUTH

NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents,

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all in our school community a happy and safe TET celebration and vacation.

I know many families usually travel during TET to visit and be with family and friends in home towns. If you are travelling please do so safely.

It has been a positive learning experience for all to have our secondary and high school students back at school these past few weeks.

Students are to be commended for the way they have conducted themselves and strived to be safe and enthusiastic in their attitude towards their learning. We are always proud of the responsible way the students have adapted to school life back on campus and appreciated their cooperation with all health and safety procedures in place at SIS@SS.

Hopefully more students in other grades will return to school after the TET vacation. Once the authorities share this news with SIS@SS we will inform and communicate this news with all parents.

School Reports for Semester 1 will go home Mid-term 3.

Once again a peaceful and Happy TET holiday to one and all.

Best regards,

Mark Priddis – Principal



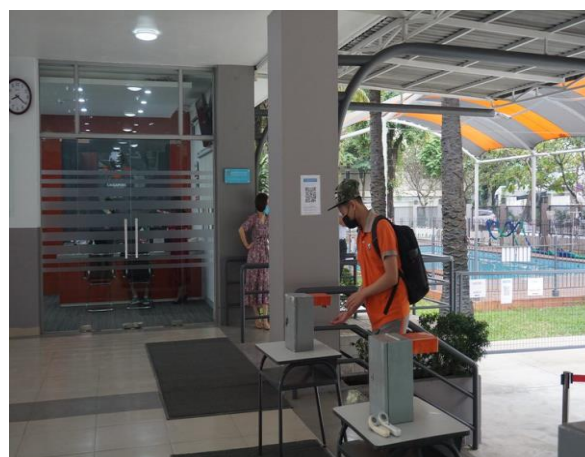
Dear Parents,

We would like to welcome all our students back to in-classroom teaching, as we resume normal operations for year levels 7 and above. The online teaching period has been a very stressful time for teachers, parents and students. I would like to extend my congratulations to teachers for their admirable work in maintaining a high level of quality teaching throughout the online period, and also to students, who have realized the importance of their online learning and done their best to attend lessons and complete tasks.

The High School students move straight into their semester 1 trials exams, which they are now fortunate to write in person under exam conditions. These exams are designed in the same style as the final Cambridge exams will be, and are a good indicator of a student's progress thus far. They will also help to indicate which content areas a student needs to place more focus, and help teachers to identify the best course of action for pre-exam revision focus. I hope they have all studied hard, and get the best scores for which they are capable.

Best regards,

Donovan Neethling – Deputy Principal



Students are back to school

Dear Parents,

Time passed quickly. Since the first day of school, the students have completed the first semester program with positive academic results. During the first semester, due to the intense outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic, teachers and students actively taught and studied online following the same schedule as face-to-face learning. Although teaching & learning online is difficult for teachers and students, all have made efforts to overcome it. After the Christmas holiday and New Year's Eve at home, the children actively participated in the English exam of the International program. I hopes that the students will achieve good results. That is the spiritual gift that the students give to their parents and teachers.

Currently, the COVID-19 pandemic in Ho Chi Minh City has been controlled. Most of the city's residents have been vaccinated against the pandemic. Ho Chi Minh City has become green zone. But people should not become complacent, we must seriously implement 5K at anytime and anywhere.

It is also a good sign to welcome spring! Spring brings joy and excitement. The tree is budding. Flowers show off their colors. Everyone is busy welcoming spring. Spring comes, each person will add a new age. On the eve of the New Year, the Year of the Tiger, I wish you and your family a prosperous and Happy New Year.

Best regards,

Mdm. Phung Thi Tuyet Minh
Senior Head of Vietnamese Studies

Dear Parents,

We hope you had a lovely Christmas and New Year's holiday!

Our teachers had so much fun planning special holiday-themed activities for online learning and we hope the students enjoyed them just as much.

We are excited to be nearing the end of Semester 1 and we are so grateful for all of the support that parents have provided during online learning.

If you have any questions or concerns about your child's learning progress, please contact their teachers for updates and advice. 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/>

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



Class decoration for Tet 2022



Dear Parents,

It has been a busy month in KIK as we have been exploring all the special facets of Tet holiday.

The older, Prep students have demonstrated such enthusiasm when learning about a topic that is close to home. Beautiful crafts have been made and many interesting stories heard around this auspicious occasion.

The younger, K2 students have also engaged in discussions about Tet customs and traditions focusing on what families do before and during the Lunar New Year holiday. They have made comparisons to food traditional in other countries and were reminded of the importance of keeping alive the long standing traditions of Vietnamese culture.

We are all excited to celebrate with our families this Tet holiday and we look forward to what the new term will bring.

Wish you and your family a joyful, healthy, prosperous and happiest new year ahead!

Barbara Borbely - Head of Studies (KIK)

Dear Parents,

Students should be very proud of their commitment to Dyned during Term 2 and the program has continued to be well received by students and parents. While learning online, students have been progressing through their levels at a swift pace. This is evident by the number of certificates students have earned during Term 2.

Now having some students back on campus, Dyned teachers are able to provide more in-person guidance and help our students achieve their Dyned goals and we look forward to all students returning to campus.

We appreciate the effort students have shown while studying online and the support parents are giving their students.

Ryan Dalton – Dyned Teacher



Lessons during online learning



Decoration for *NEW YEAR 2022*

