



SINGAPORE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL @ SAIGONSOUTH

NEWSLETTER

May 2023

Dear Parents,

As we enter the last month of the school year you should pause to reflect on the journey of your child. Undoubtedly you will agree that they are more developed academically, socially, and emotionally now than they were those many months ago when the school year began.

Semester 2 exams are behind us. Students studied diligently and put forth their best efforts, so we are confident that results will show their excellent progress. The same can be said for those who sat for Cambridge exams, though results will take much longer for us to receive.

In these last few weeks of the school year there remain numerous meaningful learning opportunities for the students. These include novel study, individual research, and group projects. There will also be time to rehearse for the end-of-year concert, which will give all classes and students the chance to perform publicly on stage. This will also serve to highlight their confidence and teamwork.

Please be reminded that the Graduation & Awards Ceremony and Concert is scheduled for Saturday 24 June at the Ho Chi Minh City Opera House. The starting time for students of K to Year 4 is 9:30, with Years 5 to A Level beginning at 13:30. Further details will come from your child's teacher.

We would not be able to achieve success without the wonderful foundation that you have provided at home.

Our deepest thanks for your continued support of our efforts to provide an International Education while promoting Eastern Values. The experience will most certainly help your child to be achieve the goals they set their mind to, and we look forward to continuing this partnership in the future.

Warmest regards,

Robert Madden - Principal



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Dear students,

Crimson flowers are blooming on every phoenix branch in the schoolyard.

Another school year is coming to an end!
The Summer is coming!

Both teachers and students of the Integrated classes have been actively teaching and learning to achieve the best results. The most significant achievement is the certificate of Excellent Form Teacher at the District level from Mr. Truong Hoang Long - Year 7 form teacher and Ms. Trinh Thi Chung - Year 1 form teacher along with the Third Prize in City level English competition from Le Hong Nhat of Year 9 Integrated.



Before saying goodbye to teachers, friends, and the school, the students have completed the final exams by their own efforts to achieve the expected academic results, as a gratitude to their parents and teachers.

After that, students in Integrated classes also had to actively practice for musical performances to perform in the Gratitude ceremony on June 28, 2023.



The integrated teachers and students will have a visit to Nha Rong Wharf to have a better understanding of the revolutionary life of Bac Ho. With the historical values associated with revolutionary activities, Nha Rong Wharf and Ho Chi Minh Museum have become a symbol of Ho Chi Minh City and the pride of all Vietnamese.

Besides, the students will be able to visit Suoi Tien cultural tourist area. The children will learn about the memorable folk legends of Vietnam: Lac Long Quan - Au Co, Son Tinh Thuy Tinh, The four supernatural creatures (Dragon - Unicorn - Tortoise - Phoenix), etc. Children can relax and enjoy themselves at Tien Dong Beach... Surely the study tour at Suoi Tien will be a great experience.

I wish you all an enjoyable summer break, and peaceful summer days with family and loved ones!

Phung Thi Tuyet Minh
Senior Head of Vietnamese Studies



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Dear Parents,

In Kindergarten, we spent the month of May exploring different cultures. We learned about traditional costumes, and famous places, discovered typical food from other countries, and got to know many colourful flags while using different techniques to colour or make collages. Students enjoyed participating in games from around the world getting to know a little more about our teachers' countries during International Day.

In phonics, our youngsters are completing the last few sounds of the alphabet, while our older students have been focusing on reading simple words, phrases and sentences. The coming weeks are spent assessing our students' knowledge to complete the Semester 2 reports and perfecting the choreography to our chosen songs from Magical Musical Movies in preparation for the End of the Year Concert.

We continue welcoming parents to "Stay & Play" to get a glimpse into the daily activities of KIK and are planning to make this a regular event from next school year.

Barbara Borbely - Head of Studies (KIK)



Dear Parents,

As we near the end of another successful academic year, I would like to congratulate our students on completing their final Cambridge examinations and final Semester examinations. Our students have demonstrated a strong growth academically, in maturity and as active and responsible citizens.

During the final few weeks, we still have many learning opportunities planned for students. Instead of mainly examination and classroom based, these will take the form of project based learning, STEM activities, and educational excursions to facilities across HCMC.

We will also have our Final Graduation Ceremony and School Concert. Students are practicing daily and enjoying an alternate and fun manner of learning new skills in dance and singing.

The annual iPSLE exams will be held at Saigon South from Friday 30 June to Thursday 6 July. We will be hosting the Year 6 students from three SIS schools, and we wish them good luck in this very prestigious Singapore based examination series.

Donovan Neethling – Deputy Principal



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Dear Readers,

We are so proud of the progress our wonderful students have made. We are excited to share their Semester 2 reports once all the examinations have been completed and scored. As we move into our final month of school, teachers are preparing a variety of interesting and fun learning experiences. These include project based learning tasks, sports days, and excursions. We hope that, by doing these things after the exams, interest and engagement remain high as we approach the summer break.

We are looking forward to ending the academic year on a high note with our much anticipated end of the year concert. Students are rehearsing and excited to show off their dance moves and colorful costumes. The end of the year concert will be held Saturday 24 June at the HCMC Opera House. We look forward to celebrating the end of a very successful year and would like to thank everyone for their support throughout the year.

Antinena Amon - Head of Studies (Primary)



Dear Parents,

Students are working very hard on examination preparation and concert performances. There are only a few Cambridge examinations left for the High School students and we trust that all of their hard work will be reflected in their results. The Semester 2 examinations for middle school students will start soon and we wish our students the best of luck. Teachers will be offering more guidance on content knowledge and study skills, but students are also encouraged to ask their teachers if they need more help.

We encourage students to take study breaks when needed and get enough sleep to help them focus on their work. Teachers are also preparing exciting project-based learning opportunities for students to work on after the exams. These projects offer students the opportunity to practice critical thinking and problem-solving skills. Students can also look forward to working in groups and practicing valuable communication skills.

Elri Nieuwenhuis – Head of Studies (Secondary)