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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**
- **Active and Responsible citizens**

Principal News

Dear Parents and Students,

With the end of the school year upon us, we are very busy with exams, assessments and preparations for summer and next year.

Confirmation of Enrolments for 2018 – 2019

Thank you very much to the parents that have already confirmed their child's enrolment for next year. Our classes are filling up fast which is great to see. Just a quick reminder to parents that have not yet confirmed enrolment for next year to do as early as possible to secure a place in your child's class for the next academic year.



Students Run and Fun Fair

I would like to extend a huge thank you to all the families that came out to support the 'KinderWorld Students Run and Fun Fair' which was held recently on May 5th. It turned out to be a very warm and sunny day where our families were able to enjoy lots of food, fun activities and entertainment.

Term 3 Sports Carnival

On the last day of Term 3 we held our annual Term 3 carnival which was a huge success. The students showed great spirit and sportsmanship playing basketball, football, ultimate Frisbee and handball. It was great to see the fierce competition between the Houses, but it was the Black Phoenix in the end that won the competition on 336 points, followed by Golden Aakor on 331 points and the Red Dragons on 280 points.



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Student Charity Fun Run - Fun Fair 2018



Charity Fun Run Winners - Fun Fair 2018



Fun Fair 2018
Student Performances

End of Year Concert

Classes are well underway preparing for the End of Year Concert with this year's theme "Lights, Camera, Action". The Concert will be held on Saturday 16 June at the National Convention Centre (NCC). The Concert will be held from 6:00 – 8:30 pm. All students will participate in a rehearsal at the NCC on June 12.

Year 8 International Outward Bound Vietnam Trip to Binh Dinh

From the 17 – 20 of April, 23 students from Year 8 International participated in a three night and four day Outward Bound Vietnam trip. The students flew to Quy Nhon City, where they then travelled 1 hour by bus to Cat Hai District in Binh Dinh province.

The students experienced many adventure based activities such as bouldering, hiking, low ropes, camping and team building activities. Through these engaging activities the students were able to increase their resilience and persevere through difficulties to push themselves to achieve more than what they thought they were capable of. The skills gained through the Outward Bound program have helped equip these students to face challenges of modern life. These skills will be important when it comes to entering the workforce and pursuing further studies in the future

Outward Bound will be running more trips next year for SIS students that will provide our students with a positive educational experience where they will have the opportunity to develop social and personal skills, as well as get to know themselves and other classmates better in a cooperative, safe and fun camping adventure. These values-based skills are vital for a holistic education that prepares students to be resilient global citizens.

Regards,
Shane Blood

Message from Deputy Principal

Dear Parents and Students,

With the school year winding down and exams and assessment nearly finished it is a great time to congratulate our students and teachers for all the fantastic work that has been done both in and out of the classroom this year by our dedicated students, teachers and school community. One area in which we have been particularly pleased is our school sports program, which made huge improvements over our previous years at Gamuda with our school and students participating and hosting far more interschool and league athletic events than ever before. What's more, we had more teams for students to join this year including our first ever girls basketball, middle school basketball and primary football teams.



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Mr. John Shoulders with our U13
Hanoi Youth Football League team



SIS Primary Football Tournament



SIS@Gamuda Gardens Year 1 and Year 2 Primary
Football Tournament champions

A special thanks goes to all students and coaches who were involved in these programs and all school staff who helped equip our teams and organize events and transportation. I would also like to thank all the parents who came out to support our school sports programs this year and in particular Mr. Tran Minh Tan, the father of Tran Minh Huy from 6B who created and organized our U13 football team in the Hanoi Youth Football League. In addition, I would like to thank our PE coordinator Yoann Labrue for his role in helping facilitate the growth in our sports and clubs program throughout the year and transportation manager Ms Nguyen Thi Thanh Hoa for organizing transportation for the many new events we were involved in this year. Hopefully through the continued great work of these individuals and many others within the school community our program will continue to grow next year and in the future.

Regards,
John Shoulders

Message from Guidance Officer

Dear Parents and Students,

With exams having started our energy goes towards making sure that we have adequately prepared for these final exams. However, it is still important that we take the time to take care of our mental and physical well-being. Over the course of last term I have run a number of Coffee with the Counselor meetings that have discussed the importance of stress management and how to study effectively. If you would like to receive the information from those sessions please email me or ask the front office.

After the exam period it is important that we give ourselves some time to rest and recover. It is also important that we start to think about what will happen in the year to come... Whether you are staying here at SIS to complete your schooling or heading to a new school or university it's important to plan for the future. You don't have to make a decision tomorrow about what it is you would like to do for the rest of your life or what degree you would like to study at university but thinking about these life choices is something that must be done. If this is something that you are having trouble with, please feel free to make an appointment with me or stop by my office.

Regards,
Michael Ogden





Mr. Blood presenting Hoang Anh Chi with 3rd place Certificate in the nationwide TOEFL Junior Challenge



Madam Nghi presenting about the history and meaning of the Vietnamese War Invalids and Martyrs Day



Teachers and Students raising money for Duy Tien War Invalids Caring Center in Ha Nam

Message from Head of Vietnamese Studies

Dear Parents and Students,

We are pleased to inform you that:



1. Hoang Anh Chi from 8A has brought the honor and pride to her family and our school for coming 3rd place in the nationwide TOEFL Junior Challenge for secondary students.

2. Integrated students from Primary to Secondary completed the Semester 2 exams for both Vietnamese and Singapore programme. For those who could not sit the exams due to sickness or family reasons, we have arranged for make-up exams to take place. Thank you to all parents for taking good care of your children to ensure their good health for the exams which took place in the uncomfortable hot weather. It's your companionship and sharing that have helped us to successfully fulfill the tasks of school year 2017-2018.

3. The Fun Fair 2018 organized in May 5, 2018 was very successful with the support and attendance of so many parents. A very special piece of good news is that we will have a new building for primary and KIK students in the next school year 2018-2019.

4. On the occasion of the War Invalids and Martyrs Day (27/7/1947 – 27/7/2018), with the tradition of gratitude to the soldiers who fought and sacrificed their lives for the independence and freedom of our country, all of the students, teachers and staff in the school have been participating in raising money for Duy Tien War Invalids Caring Centre in Ha Nam. This is an annual activity at school and we are planning to visit and give gifts to the veterans at Duy Tien War Invalids Caring Centre on June 21, 2018. Students have been eagerly anticipating in this meaningful visit.

This school year is coming to an end and besides finishing the remainder of the curriculum, our students are taking part in swimming lessons as part of their PE programme. Swimming is a very important skill to survive in water. Students are also practicing very hard for the End of Year Concert at National Convention Centre.

Thank you very much for your support and encouragement so that we can successfully nurture students to achieve good academic results.

I am happy to hear from you at:
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Regards,
Duong Thanh Nghi



Parents and Children playing "Angry birds" game at the Fun Fair



Fun Fair 2018
Students learning how to make pottery from the artist of Bat Trang traditional pottery village



Year 8 International OBV trip to Binh Dinh
17-24/4/2018

Message from Head of Studies (Primary)

Dear Parents and Students,

Our Primary School teachers have worked diligently throughout the year preparing students for end-of-year exams, and students will soon receive their results. There will be many happy surprises as most students have focused well on doing their best, and we are looking forward to congratulating those who receive a high achievement in their exam results. For those who could have done better, remember that next year, if you work hard you can get good results. Parents are encouraged to talk with children to discuss exam results and topics covered in all curriculum areas. As a parent who shows interest in your child's performance, you can have a profound impact on his/her future success. If appropriate, it is recommended that parents discuss how to do better rather than chastise children for not doing well. A positive approach to improvement generates healthier outcomes.



Students are currently preparing for the end-of-year concert, and the coming weeks will see much lively and productive activity readying concert costumes and routines for the big event on 16 June at Hanoi's National Convention Center. Parents' participation and support at this time of year is always very much appreciated and we would love to see you and all your family at the end-of-year concert to make our big event a memorable and fun occasion.

Regards,
Dr. Noel Geoghegan

Message from Head of Studies (Secondary)

Dear Parents and Students,

We have just finished the middle school exam period here at SIS Gamuda Gardens and our students have all tried their best.

Now that exams are over, we are really closing in on the end of the school year – I can't believe how quickly time has passed and I'm sure you can't either. Our students and your children grow up so fast and it is only when we reflect upon this that we realise how precious time is. It is easy to get caught in the day to day life of work, work, and more work – but it is just as important to cherish this time and really make the most of the happy memories we are creating.





Y8 International OBV trip - Students making their own food



Y8 International OBV trip - Students having fun with team building activities with their classmates



*Y8 International OBV trip
Students preparing their hiking paraphernalia*

Our school concert is coming up on Saturday 16th June and I am looking forward to seeing as many of you there as possible. It is always a great evening with our students showing their creative capabilities. This year the theme is 'Lights, Camera, Action' so expect to see some excellent performances based on both classic and modern film.

Regards,
Sean Stokes

Message from Head of Studies (High School)

Dear Parents and Students,

In the high school exams are underway and running smoothly. The IGCSE students will be done by the end of the month and the AS and A Level students will be finished on June 12th. IGCSE 1 students also have their semester exams this month as well. For many of the subjects, they will be sitting a full Cambridge exam. Good luck to the IG1s and all of our students testing at this time!



I hope everyone is getting enough sleep and making time for breakfast in the morning to be in the best position for success during this busy time. I am so proud of all of the students for taking these exams seriously as they should and being respectful of other students while they are sitting exams. The results for these Cambridge exams will be released in August this year. The IGCSE 1 results will be reflected in their semester two grades. Keep persevering in order to achieve a mark you are proud of.

Regards,
Erin Roetker