



SINGAPORE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL @ DANANG

NEWSLETTER

NOVEMBER 2021

Dear Parents & Caregivers,

We are very grateful for the opportunity for some of our students to return to on-campus learning. Our Yr 10, 11, IGCSE 2 and AS-Level students have been able to return to school on Nov 29. This is a good first-step and we would like to thank the students for cooperating with the strict 5K processes in place. Please be aware we need to operate within the conditions set out to us by DOET. We are looking forward to more grade levels joining us on campus, as soon as, we are permitted to do so.

Students in grades 7 and above have commenced the vaccination process. Thank you very much to the parents, who have helped to support this. It has been great to see the students, they have been very positive and keen to get back to school. Parents will be notified when vaccination certificates are available from the school.

Recently, we celebrated Teachers Day. Thank you to all the parents, who acknowledged or made our teachers feel appreciated. Both you, your children and the school community made it a special time for our teachers and reminded them of the importance of education and being a teacher.

To our American Families and teachers, I hope that you were able to enjoy the recent Thanksgiving Day celebrations on November 25. This event is held on the fourth Thursday in every November, people in the United States gather with family and celebrate Thanksgiving. It is almost a 400-year-old tradition dating back to 1621 when English colonists called Pilgrims are said to have invited the Wampanoag Native American tribe to share a meal to celebrate their first harvest, which they planted with the help of the tribe. Americans will generally eat a big meal including Turkey and watch football and parades.

Students in grades 3, 5, & 7 will participate in the International Schools Assessment (ISA) Testing in February. These tests are external based examinations that assess our students Reading, Writing and Mathematical skills. This is important for our school as we use this data to validate the effectiveness of our academic program in these areas and help to develop plans to support areas of need.

I know there are some students, parents and whole families trying to return to either their home countries or provinces in Vietnam over the Christmas break. Take care and be safe with your travels. Please update the school if there will be any delays in students returning after the holidays, as this could impact upcoming exams.

Regards
Christopher Bradley
Principal



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Message from SVIS Principal

Dear Parent,

Great! Although there is still a prolonged pandemic and students still can't go to school, our teachers already received a lot of love & wishes from the Parent Representative of classes and some students' families on the occasion of Vietnamese Teachers' Day 20-11 in this year.

On this occasion, the school was also very pleased to receive the certificate of "**Vietnam Singapore International School has made good achievements in contributions towards education and training in the school year 2020-2021**". This was awarded by the People's Committee of Ngu Hanh Son District. It recognizes the great efforts of both Teachers and Students in the past and present, along with great companionship and support from parents.

Our students have also expressed their gratitude to the teachers by writing letters and making videos under the theme "Gratitude Day". There are 65 products, which were recorded with videos or photos and posted to congratulate their teachers. The students have made very good impressions in the hearts of each of our teachers.

1. Feedback - The situation of the Covid-19 epidemic has not shown any signs of ending yet, so teachers and students continue to strive for effective online teaching and look forward to welcoming students back to school one day at the earliest! Currently, as instruction from DOET, on the 29th of November, our high school students have been able to go to school directly (after 14 days they have received the first dose of vaccine). Students of year 8&9 who have been vaccinated on the 21st of November will continue learning online. Year 7 injected on the 27th of November. The school hasn't received the schedule of taking vaccine for year 6 yet. Currently, the school has fully prepared the conditions to ensure the safety of students when going directly to school.

2. The main tasks in December 2021:

Our teacher's will start to review and prepare students for Semester 1 exams, the schedule for reviewing and examination will be as follows:

- From December 6, 2021, to December 10, 2021: Teachers will review for students before taking the 1st semester exam.
- From December 13, 2021, to December 19, 2021: Students from Year 1 to year 8 (take the examination in all subjects).
- From December 14, 2021, to December 18, 2021: Year 9 will take the examination according to instructions of the Department of Education and Training.

Parents, please be aware of the schedule and help encourage your children to take the time to review carefully to achieve the best results in the upcoming Semester 1 examination.

Regards,
Vu Thi Lan
Principal of SVIS



Message from Deputy Principal (Primary)

Dear Parents,

Despite online learning, Teacher's Day was still a day of celebration and thanks here at SIS. The teachers were treated to drinks, snacks and gifts. The most special gifts being the thoughtful letters and videos submitted by students. There were so many well wishes that the compiled video was almost an hour long! Thank you to the kind-hearted students and parents for making our teachers feel so special even from a distance.

Due to the complexities of the Covid situation, the Christmas Fair has sadly been cancelled for this year. We plan to celebrate the holiday with special holiday themed in-class fun and school-wide activities that adhere to all Covid restrictions. We wish you and your family a happy holiday season and a relaxing winter break.

Regards,

Stephanie Nicole Shepperd
Deputy Principal (Primary)



Message from Head of Studies (Secondary)

Dear Parents,

We are very excited to have welcomed some of our students back on campus recently. Well done to everyone for following the guidelines carefully and listening to teacher instructions. IGCSE and AS Level mock exams will be going ahead at the end of Term 2. Students and parents will be given a detailed timetable soon. Please let me know if you have any queries via email: harriet.casswell@danang.sis.edu.vn.

Regards,

Harriet Casswell
Head of Studies (Secondary)



Message from Head of Studies (Primary)

Dear Parents,

Science Technology Engineering & Math (STEM) is an important part of our curriculum at SIS Da Nang. Exposing STEM to kids helps them build a strong foundation to become successful innovators of tomorrow. The STEM room at our campus allows students to develop and build their critical thinking skills by offering several highly engaging and fun STEM activities such as robotics and coding. The newest activity available for students is the coding and use of drones. I am excited to see these drones being piloted by our students when in-person learning resumes.

Regards,

Niall Elliot Reed

Primary Head of Studies (Primary)



Message from Head of Kindergarten

Dear Parents

The kindergarten teachers have started to work on preparing their classrooms to welcome their students back to school. The classes look new and colourful with beautiful decorations and displays. We hope to see our students soon.

While we are excited about an eventual return to school, we still need to make sure to stay strong and keep healthy at home. It is important to remember to wear a face mask and wash your hands properly.

Below are activities that our children can be doing at home- designing their face mask and practising washing hands while singing along the tunes. I hope you will have fun designing your face mask and singing the washing hand song.

Regards,

Vo Thi Thuy Ngan

Head of Kindergarten

