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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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Dear Parents,

It is hard to believe we are coming to the end of another calendar year with the Christmas Charity Fair less than two weeks away.

For our new parents, the Christmas Charity Fair is a fundraising event in which the school community and supporters are involved. We try to make it as much fun for the students as possible. The money raised at the Charity Fair goes to Operation Smile, Vietnam. On the day of the fair, money is not exchanged, instead we sell coupons valued at 10,000VND each. The fair will take place at the school on Saturday, 12 December from 2:00pm to 5:00pm.

In order to raise money for the charity, we ask various companies, resorts and restaurants for donations. We have a group of parents who run stalls such as a) White Elephant (second hand clothes, toys, books, magazines etc.) b) International food stalls, c) Manicures. Students run the activities stalls and the Student Council members run food stalls. Kindergarten teachers have a stall that sells Christmas items (made by the kindergarten children).

We would like all donations to be brought into the office no later than Friday, 4 December. If you wish to run a stall, please let the office staff know. Ms Kelsey will be in charge of organising the layout of stalls and activities.

We look forward to having as many of you as possible participating in the Christmas spirit on 12 December.

Note: Students do not wear uniforms to the fair.

Teachers' Day Presentation



Excursions

Several of our classes have taken up the offer from Montgomerie Links to enjoy an Introduction to Golf session where the students are taught safety rules and the basics of golf. We appreciate Montgomerie Links for providing many of our students a worthwhile experience.

Teachers will be taking the students on more excursions later in the term.

Swimming Lessons

The students made excellent progress in swimming in the first term. As the water is now a little chilly for our most of our students, we will resume swimming lessons in April, Term 3. We have been very grateful for the assistance given during swimming time by our wonderful interns from Denmark.

School Uniforms

We are happy to see that the majority of our students are following the uniform policy. There have been a few occasions where students have been coming to school in inappropriate shoes. Please help us by ensuring the students wear mainly black, white or grey sports shoes. As soon as the school hats arrive, we will notify you all.

Drop off and Pick up Times

The school traffic appears to be running smoothly now. We thank you for your cooperation during drop off and pick up times.

WASC (Western Association of Schools and Colleges) Accreditation

We are in the final stages of our preparation for the WASC inspection which will take place in March, 2016.

Our very lengthy report includes information about the school relating to our teachers' qualifications, curriculum, student satisfaction, how we are achieving our Schoolwide Learner Goals, examination results, student population and Schoolwide Action Plan, to name just some of the criteria.

Our well qualified staff have been committed to putting much time and energy into analyzing data and providing evidence which demonstrates student progress.

To help us on our mission of continuous improvement, we would like our parents to complete the survey which was recently sent out. The survey closes on 3 December.



Teachers' Day Treats



SVIS Health Check



Fun times in the playground



Preparing for football competition



Badminton Contestants

Thank you

The staff and I appreciated the flowers and gifts we received for Teachers' Day.

The integrated students treated us to a wonderful concert at the Friday assembly. Thank you all for making our day so special.

Yours sincerely,

Lesley Walker

Message from the Head of Vietnamese Studies

We enjoyed the students' songs and performances on Teachers' Day this year. It was a display of the appreciation students have for their teachers. The school received beautiful flowers from the local leaders and parents. We thank you all for helping us celebrate our special day.

This term, several of our students who took part in the Swimming and Badminton Competition in the Phu Dong National Youth Sports Festival at district level. Our students achieved prizes in the district level such as:

Badminton Contest:

- 2nd prize for single female of secondary school: Nguyen Huynh Chau Doan -Year 7
- 4th prize for single female of secondary school: Truong Vu Vuong Khai - Year 7

Swimming Contest:

- 1st prize for the 50 metres freestyle: Nguyen Vu Bao Vy - Year 5 (Female/ Primary School); Nguyen Trang Anh – Year 6 (Female/ Secondary School); Nguyen Vu Bao Nghi – Year 8 (Male/ Secondary School)
- 2nd prize for the 50 metres freestyle: Nguyen Gia Hung - Year 3 (Male/ Primary School); Hoang Adam Conroy – Year 8 (Male/ Secondary School)
- 2nd prize for the 100 metres freestyle: Than Ngoc Anh Thu – Year 7 (Female/ Secondary School)
- 3rd prize on the 50 metres freestyle: Trinh Thuc Doan - Year 3 (Female/ Primary School); Thanh Ngoc Anh Thu - Year 7 (Female/ Secondary School);
- Nguyen Hoang Mai - Year 6 (Female/ Secondary School); Nguyen An - Year 8 (Male/ Secondary School)

- 3rd prize on the 50 metres breaststroke: Cao Ngo Phuong Khanh - Year 7 (Female/ Secondary School).

All students who won the swimming contest will continue practicing to compete with others students in the city. We will notify the specific schedule later.

Students were also excited to compete in the Phu Dong Sports' Festival Soccer Competition. The 5-a-side soccer league for boys and girls was held from 22 November to 30 November and the 7-a-side soccer league for boys will be held from 1 December to 10 December. The competition is held at Ngu Hanh Son district stadium.

On 19 November the annual Health Check Day for all integrated students was held in the collaboration between SVIS School and Ngu Hanh Son Medical Centre. The results show that most of the students are in good health. Some students have problems with teeth or eyes. Form class teachers will talk with parents of these students to improve their health.

Message from Head of Studies

Welcome to Term 2. As we start the term there are a few items I would like to mention. First, the Extra Curricular Activities (ECA) began on Monday, 16 November. We have a few new and exciting clubs such a golf and Irish Dancing. The ECA always seems to be a huge success with many of our students enjoying these activities. We encourage you to sign your student up for activities over the course of the year.

Semester Examinations

The setting and vetting teams in all the Singapore International Schools', Vietnam are working collaboratively to develop the Semester 1 Examinations which will commence when we return to school after the Christmas Holiday. Please make sure that you have a copy of the Table of Specifications at home so you know exactly what is happening. We sent this document home at the beginning of the year.

Christmas Charity Fair

Planning for the Christmas Charity Fair is underway and the Student Council is members are visiting restaurants asking for donations of food.

Local restaurants around the community will donate food and then everyone can enjoy that food during the fair by purchasing it with the tickets.



Future swimming champions



ECA Golf Lessons



Students preparing for exams



Delicious fruit- healthy food

Preparing for Tertiary Education

The high school teachers are working hard to plan for next year's academic programmes. Parents, please make sure you stay in communication regarding your student's plans for next year. The year is moving along nicely and we are all so proud of the hard work that is happening every day at the school. Thanks for all of the help that is also happening at home.

Yours sincerely,

Kelsey McDonald

Message from Head of Kindergarten

In the Kindergarten, we have been discussing the theme "Safety". The students have learned some safety skills such as fire safety "Stop, Drop and Roll", "Stranger Danger", safety in class, at the playground, in the bathroom and on the street.

We have also been focusing on teaching our students skills to help them become more independent. Children have learned to feed themselves, put on and take off their shoes and tidy up their blanket and pillow after nap time.

The Vietnamese lessons continue to go well. Children are able to recall the lessons' goals through songs, reading poems and playing games. It is good to see some of the foreign children making positive effort in learning and getting to know Vietnamese language and culture.

This month the children in the kindergarten classes have enjoyed excursions to Vincom Plaza where students were able to learn more about occupations, one of the kindergarten units of study.

Best wishes,

Vo Thi Thuy Ngan



Kindergarten student learning about occupations

Looking Ahead

- 30 November: Monthly Reports (Y1-9)
- 12 December: Christmas Charity Fair
- 14-18 December: DOET exams (Y1-8)
- 21 December: Christmas Holidays
- 28-31 December: DOET exams (Y9)
- 4 January: School resumes
- 11-20 January: SA1 exams
- 5 February: Tet holidays
- 15 February: Term 3 commences
- 22-26 February: Parent/teacher conferences
- 14-18 March: WASC Visit

Snapshot

