



SINGAPORE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL @ DANANG

NEWSLETTER

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Upcoming Events

7th December – Christmas Charity Fair

9th to 12th December – SVIS Semester 1 Exams

13th to 19th December – SIS Semester 1 Exams

20th of December – last day before Christmas Holidays

6th of January – Return to school

Message from Principal

Dear parents,

Firstly, I would like to thank you all for your great support of our staff on Teachers' Day. The gratitude our teachers felt was amazing and I am thankful for your continued support.

This semester, our school has expanded our house competition to help foster a sense of community, encourage healthy competition and develop important life skills in our students. Our three houses have changed from colours to the following animals, each representing some of our school virtues:

- Turtle House: symbolizing patience, perseverance, and responsibility.
- Tiger House: representing confidence, assertiveness, and teamwork.
- Buffalo House: embodying diligence, integrity, and generosity.

Students earn house points for positive behaviors, academic achievements, and participation in school activities. Conversely, points may be deducted for negative behaviors. Each term, we organize special House Events like the recent Cross-Country Run and STEM Day to encourage friendly competition and teamwork.

If parents are interested in helping to plan our Term 3 or Term 4 House Event, please let me know.

Bradman McCarthy

Principal





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Message from SVIS Deputy Principals

Dear Parents,

November came, with northeasterly wind chill and the excitement of students as they prepared for Vietnamese Teachers' Day on November 20th. This special occasion allows every student to express their gratitude to teachers – those who dedicate their hearts and passion to the career of education.

In celebration of the 42nd anniversary of Vietnamese Teachers' Day (November 20, 1982 – November 20, 2024), SIS teachers and students have organized a series of activities under the theme "Nurturing Knowledge." These activities aim to honor teachers and foster a joyful and cohesive atmosphere among teachers, staff, and students throughout the school.

"Words of Gratitude" Activity – This activity is particularly meaningful and emotional for both teachers and students. Each handwritten note of gratitude on apple-shaped paper conveys heartfelt sentiments from students to their beloved teachers. These apple-shaped notes have been creatively displayed on a tree, forming a meaningful and artistic exhibition.

"Drawing Competition on the Theme of Loving Moments" – This activity provides students with an opportunity to express their love and appreciation for teachers through their artistic talents.

School assembly with the Theme "Nurturing Knowledge" – One of the most anticipated and lively events, this activity features spectacular performances by students and teachers, contributing to a memorable celebration.

We would like to express our thanks to the parents for the beautiful flowers and warm wishes, which have added to the joy and completeness of this year's Vietnamese Teachers' Day celebration.

Thank you and best regards,

Ho Thi Thuy Van/ Huynh Pham Diem Hang
SVIS Management Board





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Message from Deputy Principal (Secondary)

Christmas is coming, and we have that Ho! Ho! Ho! holiday feeling at SIS DaNang! Our Annual Christmas Charity Fair is coming soon. We hope you will join us on Saturday, December 7th from 13:00-16:00. This fun-filled event for families, friends, and students is a great way to get into the holiday spirit and kick-off the Christmas season. We have planned a variety of activity stalls focused on great fun for the whole family, festive food and drink to tease your Christmas appetite, and an incredible charity raffle with over \$1500 worth of amazing prizes to win!

We will even have a visit from the star of the season himself – Santa! Remember to arrive early because with Santa's busy schedule he will only be greeting Christmas Charity Fair guests for the first hour.

Amidst the fun and excitement of the Christmas Charity Fair, we are reminded to remember the importance of giving back during this season. All proceeds from this exciting event will benefit Caritas of Vietnam. The funds will help them to support their mission of working to end poverty and promote justice in Vietnam and around the globe. We look forward to enjoying the great fun while also supporting our community.

Stephanie Shepperd (Ms)

Deputy Principal

**SIS @ DANANG
CHRISTMAS
CHARITY FAIR**
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7TH
13:00-16:00
PLEASE JOIN US FOR AN
AFTERNOON OF FAMILY
FUN AND HOLIDAY CHEER!

**SIS @ DaNang
Hội Chợ Giáng
Sinh Từ Thiện**
Thứ bảy, ngày 07/12
13:00 – 16:00
Rất mong được chào đón phụ
huynh đến tham dự một buổi
chiều tràn ngập không khí lễ hội
và nhiều niềm vui cùng gia đình!

BENEFITTING CARITAS VIETNAM
AND THEIR WORK TO END POVERTY
AND PROMOTE JUSTICE IN VIETNAM AND
AROUND THE GLOBE

Lợi nhuận sẽ ủng hộ tổ chức
Caritas Việt Nam để góp phần giảm
thiếu đói nghèo và phát huy công
bằng xã hội ở Việt Nam và thế giới.



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Message from Deputy Principal (Primary)

Our U19 Boys Basketball Team recently showcased their exceptional skills and teamwork in matches against APU School, achieving victories both at home and away. Congratulations to the team and their coach, Mr. Daniel, for these well-deserved wins.

We are also proud to announce our success at the recent district **swimming competition**, where our talented swimmers earned **2 gold medals, 2 silver medals, and 2 bronze medals**. These outstanding results are a testament to the commitment and effort of our athletes.

It has been inspiring to witness the growth and development of our students across various sports, including football, basketball, volleyball, and swimming. Their dedication and teamwork continue to bring pride to our school community.

Congratulations to all involved, and we look forward to more achievements in the future!

Niall Elliot Reed (Mr)
Deputy Principal





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Message from Head of Studies

This month, iGCSE 2, AS and A Level parents were invited to a Cambridge Information Session. Families who attended learned more detailed information about the iGCSE semester exams in December, the Mock Exams coming up in March, the Cambridge Exams that begin in April and the exam registration process. To help support students in achieving their exam goals, parents received some tips for success to reinforce at home, for example, focusing on time management so students can get all their studying done but not sacrifice important self-care routines like sleeping enough each night and keeping stress levels to a minimum. We also discussed future pathways for iGCSE 2, AS and A Level students and what to consider when planning for life after high school. A huge thank you to all of the families who attended the Cambridge Information Session! If you have further questions about the exams or would like to discuss pathway offerings, please feel free to contact Cambridge Head of Studies, Mr. Nils, at nils.harteveld@danang.sis.edu.vn or Guidance Officer, Ms. Chris at christina.williams@danang.sis.edu.vn.

Mr. Nils Harteveld

Head of Studies (High school)



Message from Head of Integrated Kindergarten

We would like to take this opportunity to say a huge thank you to the parents who sent us kind words of wishes and wonderful gifts for the Vietnamese Teachers' Day. We are incredibly grateful for your continuous support and appreciation.

The Kindergarten continued to have another fun-filled month with plenty of fun educational learning experiences and opportunities. The children have shown their amazing progress in their academic knowledge and skills. Students have learnt about right and wrong, how to be a good friend, share their kindness, how to work cooperatively to solve a problem and be confident to try new things.

Prep students have almost completed the Phonic Sets. They can confidently identify the Letterland sounds and can name words that start with the sound as well as practicing writing and blending phonetic words.

This month all of KIK have started preparing for our Christmas Concert which will be held on **Thursday, December 19 at 9 am in the Hall**. All of the students will be performing Christmas songs with their classmates.

The class has been working on the performances and decorations. They are very excited to do their songs and dance to their parents.

We will send an invitation home in two weeks' time.

Vo Thi Thuy Ngan

Head of Integrated Kindergarten

