



SINGAPORE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL @ DANANG

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Upcoming dates:

30/9 to 4/19	AS Levels OBV at Binh Dinh
10/10	AUG University Expo held at Pegasus
11/10	Last Day of Term 1
21/10	First Day of Term 2
21/10 to 25/10	9A and IGCSE1OBV at Binh Dinh
23/10 and 24/10	Parent-Teacher Meetings
28/10 to 1/11	8A OBV at Binh Dinh
31/10	Halloween Celebrations

Message from Principal Run for Relief Thank you

Dear Parents,

We are thrilled to share the incredible results of our recent Run for Relief event! Thanks to your generous support and the enthusiastic participation of our students, we were able to raise over 143 million VND to support the victims of Typhoon Yagi. All proceeds from the Cross-Country Run will be donated to DOET—the Trade Union of the City's Education Sector, and 100% of the money raised will go directly to those working in the affected areas.

Your contributions will make a significant difference in the lives of those affected by this natural disaster. We are grateful for your compassion and commitment to helping others in need.

I would like to thank all our students for their enthusiastic participation and for demonstrating their commitment to our schoolwide learning goal of being Active and Responsible Citizens. We look forward to making the Run for Relief an annual event and finding more opportunities to support our community in the coming years.

Additionally, I would like to acknowledge the outstanding work of our Bye-Bye Plastic Bags (BBPB) environmental group. In September, our Secondary and High School students joined forces with The Collector Network and Evergreen Labs to visit underprivileged "waste workers" in Da Nang. Using funds raised through BBPB initiatives, we were able to provide support to one such family.

We encourage all students to join the Bye-Bye Plastic Bags initiative and learn more about environmental conservation from Mr. Daniel Jones.

Thank you again for your continuous support and dedication to making a positive impact on our community.





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KW App Update

Dear Parents,

This is a reminder that we are working to move our campus/parent communications toward the KinderWorld App. This school year our Primary program will continue to supplement My KinderWorld App usage with ClassDojo, but our Secondary program has moved entirely to the KinderWorld App for parent updates and communications. Parents of Secondary students can expect once monthly check-ins from form teachers and subject teachers via the KinderWorld App to help keep parents informed of the great learning going on in the classrooms.

Information on school-wide events, classroom updates, school closures and so much more can be found via the KinderWorld App. Please take a moment to download the KinderWorld App using one of the QR codes below. Please ensure that you have set device notifications so you can always rest assured knowing you are up to date on the information being shared by campus leaders and classroom teachers. Thank you so much!



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Principal



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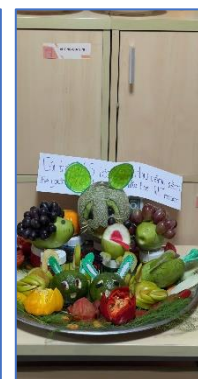
Message from SVIS Deputy Principals

In order to provide students with a warm, joyful, and meaningful Mid-Autumn Festival 2024, the school organized a series of memorable experiential activities with the theme “Mid-Autumn of Love.” The activities included: lantern making, mooncake making, preparing the festive tray for the Mid-Autumn night, and sessions with the topic “Joyful Mid-Autumn Festival.” These activities not only allowed the students to experience the beauty of traditional culture but also encouraged them to foster a spirit of solidarity, creativity, and craftsmanship.

Creative Lantern-Making Contest: Students from Year 1, 2 and 3 made beautiful lanterns through the lantern-making activity. The students skillfully created lanterns in various shapes, colours, and unique designs. Each lantern carried a distinctive charm, reflecting the personality and creativity of each student. This activity not only helped the students understand the significance of lanterns during the Mid-Autumn Festival but also trained them in meticulousness and teamwork.

Mid-Autumn Festival Tray Contest: The Mid-Autumn Festival tray is an essential part of the celebration, and this activity was designated for students from Year 4 and above. The students worked together to arrange plates of fruits and candies, skillfully and creatively carving fruits such as pomelos, apples, dragon fruits, and watermelons into amusing animal shapes, forming beautiful Mid-Autumn trays. This was a valuable opportunity for the students to learn about the significance of the Mid-Autumn tray in Vietnamese culture and appreciate traditional values.

Mooncake-Making Experience: All students participated in a hands-on mooncake-making experience. Under the instructions of professional chefs, the students made delicious baked mooncakes. This activity not only provided the students with knowledge about culinary arts and the unique features of the Mid-Autumn Festival but also helped develop their patience and creativity when decorating the cakes.





Sessions with the topic “Joyful Mid-Autumn Festival”: On September 17th, the school organized an assembly with a session titled “Joyful Mid-Autumn Festival.” The event took place in a lively and cheerful atmosphere with musical performances by students and an exciting, colorful lion dance. The sound of drums, the playful lions, and the impressive dance performances created a festive atmosphere that brought excitement to the students.

The lantern-making, mooncake-making, and tray-preparation activities not only enhanced the students' knowledge of traditional culture but also fostered stronger connections among them. These activities provided opportunities for the students to express their creativity, craftsmanship, and teamwork. We hope that through these activities, the students will cultivate a love for and pride in their national traditions while cherishing beautiful memories of their childhood.

We sincerely thank all the parents for their support and cooperation.

Best regards,

Ho Thi Thuy Van/ Huynh Pham Diem Hang

SVIS Management Board



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Message from Deputy Principal (Secondary)

We are excited to be able to welcome students back to our Outward Bound Vietnam program again this year starting at the end of September. Students in Year 6 and up will be able to fully engage in all aspects of the program through our basecamps in Binh Dinh and Ha Long while students in Years 4 and 5 will participate in the same style of activities on a smaller scale on our Da Nang campus.

OBV enhances the development of the whole child. Specifically, students will have a greater understanding of working as a team through tackling various physical challenges and consider the different needs, individual learning styles and cultural factors when working in a team. The OBV program contributes to student's ability to be independent, responsible, and accountable as well as enhance their confidence and leadership qualities. All activities at the Binh Dinh and Ha Long basecamps and on the Da Nang campus are conducted under the instruction and supervision of the well-trained OBV instructors and SIS staff.

We hope you will encourage your child to take advantage of this great opportunity for learning beyond the classroom. Thank you for your support.

Stephanie Shepperd (Ms)

Deputy Principal





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Message from Deputy Principal (Primary)

We want to thank everyone who participated in our Cross-Country Charity Run. The day was filled with energy, excitement, and a strong sense of community as students competed for their school houses: Team Red, Team Yellow, and Team Green. It was a close competition, and we are pleased to announce that Team Green secured first place, followed by Team Red in second and Team Yellow in third. Additionally, students who placed first, second, and third in their age groups were awarded gold, silver, and bronze medals. Congratulations to our top runners—you should be proud of your achievements!

It was wonderful to see so many students come together for these fun and healthy activities. We look forward to future events that promote healthy habits and a strong sense of responsibility within our school community. Once again, thank you for your generosity, participation, and willingness to make a difference

Niall Elliot Reed (Mr) Deputy Principal





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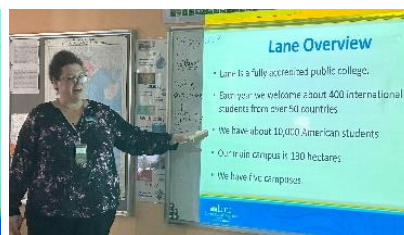
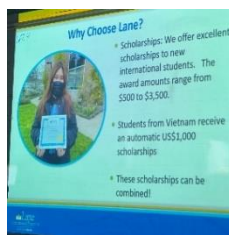
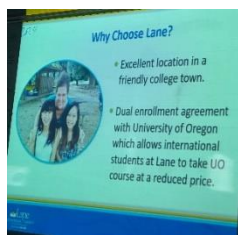
Message from Guidance Officer

It has been a busy month for high school students learning about different pathways after graduation. Two tertiary institutions visited our campus in September. The first presentation was from Fulbright University Vietnam located in HCMC. <https://fulbright.edu.vn/> Students who attended the presentation not only learned about Fulbright but also about how the admissions requirements there are like many universities' around the world.

More and more institutions are not just looking at students' grades when reviewing applications. They consider the student outside of the classroom, too. For example, is the student involved in extra-curricular activities like clubs or sports? Has the applicant taken advantage of leadership opportunities? Does the student contribute to the community in a positive way or volunteer? Top universities look at the students' whole profile to see if they would be a positive addition to the campus.



The second event high school students participated in was an engaging presentation from Lane Community College located in Oregon, USA. <https://www.lanecc.edu/> This is a two-year college where students can attend at an affordable price, graduate with an Associate's Degree and then transfer to a university to finish their Bachelor's Degree. It was great to hear all the thoughtful questions students had about this opportunity.



It is never too early to start planning and comparing opportunities for life after graduation. To continue the momentum, next month, we will host a Tertiary Education Information Day. Representatives from more than 10 international universities will be there.

I am happy to meet with students (and parents) to discuss post-high school pathways at any time. Feel free to contact me at christina.williams@danang.sis.edu.vn to schedule an appointment.

Ms. Chris Williams

Guidance Officer and Teacher



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Message from Head of Integrated Kindergarten

We warmly welcome our new students and family joining our Kindergarten this month. We wish her a fantastic year ahead with fun-filled learning opportunities and experiences.

The Kindergarten had an amazing celebration for Mid-Autumn festival in the middle of September. It was our first event of the year with the whole school, which went successfully well. Our students learned to perform on the stage during the whole school assembly. Everybody proved their ability and confidence in front of the audience.

We also had fun making the lantern craft for the lantern parade. While enjoying the fresh air in nature, we developed creativeness and fine motor skills through this outdoor activity.

We have been working hard during the month with a variety of topics and achieving new knowledge. Our students have showed positive progress in their English and self-helped skills.

We will be celebrating Halloween by the end of October. More information will be updated in the weekly class report sent home every Friday.

Thank you for your continuous support and have a great time!

Vo Thi Thuy Ngan

Head of Integrated Kindergarten

