



NEWSLETTER

October 2019

Principal's Message: Safety before and after school

Dear Parents,

It's hard to believe that Term 1 has ended and a new term begins. This will be a fun term as well. Be ready for some exciting projects in the new future. STEM contests, excursions, special day celebrations and other fun activities are being planned. So that students come to school safely to attend our upcoming plans, I would welcome your assistance in regards to arrivals and departures.

Of the many schools I have worked at, SIS brings the biggest and the most smiles in the morning – but we need to bring those smiles to campus at a time when teachers and staff are present and before classes begins. We understand and sympathize about your conflicts regarding having to go to work at a certain time, struggling with traffic complications, and so on. However, we always remain concerned about the students. Business hours at SIS are 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM.

Students need to be in class by 8:30 AM. Please make arrangements for your child to be transported to school between 8:00 AM and 8:30 AM. If there is no opportunity to have your child at school after 8:00 AM or your child must stay at school after 5:00 PM, please fill out a liability form. It is available in the office. Conversely, the upper floors and the classrooms will be closed until 8:00 AM. Students having to arrive earlier can play on the playground or football field or relax in the front lobby or canteen.

Meantime, please read the newsletter segment about parking. Until we are able to move ahead with expanding our driveways and parking lots in the future, it is very important to maintain a smooth flow of traffic while dropping off or picking up students. Expansion plans for parking require much time to consult and prepare with various people such as architects, surveyors, builders, and so on. Therefore, please help us by following our new regulations on parking and traffic flow. Your assistance will benefit the safety of students and reduction of vehicular congestion.

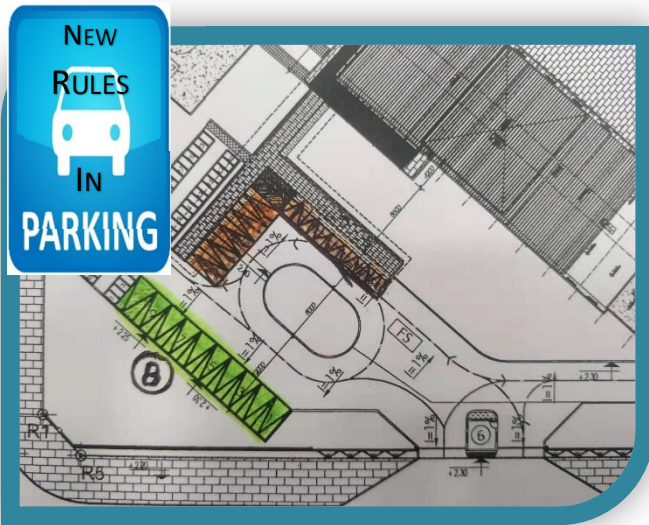
Sincerely yours,
Larry Synclair
Principal





HALLOWEEN: A SCARY CELEBRATION

Ghosts, goblins roamed the school classrooms and corridors on October 31st. Of course, there was also Spiderman, Batman and other superheroes too. Students and staff celebrated this holiday in costume. Additionally, there were decorations and costume contests as well.



When teachers, students and staff practice proper school parking lot safety, it makes it easier to keep everyone safe. School parking lots can be incredibly busy places in the morning when children arrive and in the afternoon when it's dismissal time. Ensuring that no one gets hurt is a primary concern of the school staff, but it requires everyone's participation, including parents.

“Area A” (orange area) should be for drop-off/pick-up only. If parents need to get out and walk their children to class, they should park the car in “Area B” (green area). This keeps the traffic flow moving smoothly and efficiently, an important consideration if the car lane backs out into a busy street or if young students are walking

to school. With a team effort, students can come and go without worry and that makes it easier for them to focus on what they come to school for: learning.



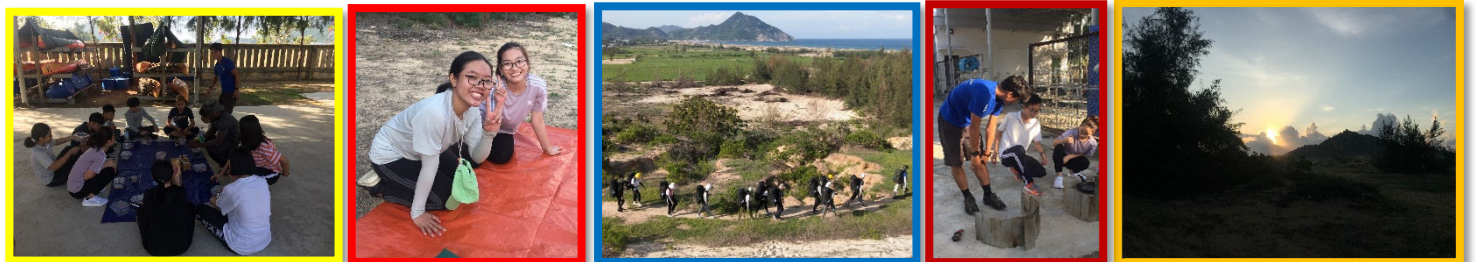
OUTWARD BOUND
VIETNAM

Year 10 Adventures in Quy Nhon

Our students from Year 10 travelled to meet other students at Outward Bound Vietnam's facilities in Quy Nhon from October 7th to 11th.



Referred by teachers as expeditionary learning, Outward Bound Vietnam established a 'learning expedition.' During their five-day adventure, each student was engaged in endeavours that enhance empathy, success and failure, collaboration and competition, and diversity and inclusion. All these endeavours are grounded in the dramatic environment of the natural world. This course included tasks such as route planning, menu planning, navigation and exploration, and skills development. This gave students an opportunity to engage in reflective learning and facilitated processes, involving in-depth opportunities for leadership, self-reflection, interpersonal feedback, confidence and decision-making.



Each month, we will introduce a teacher and briefly provide some interesting facts about this person.

Meet the Teacher

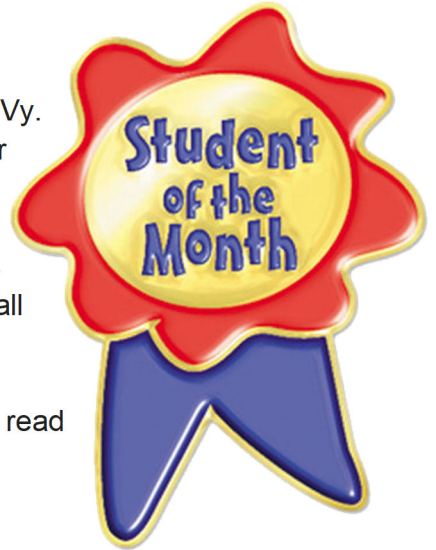


If you walk into SIS's Chinese class, be ready to see students eagerly shouting in Chinese. **Li Jiaquan** joined SIS this year as our Chinese teacher and she's proven to be a very motivating educator in KIK as well as in primary and secondary. She is originally from Guigang, located in China's Guangxi Province. With five years of teaching experience, she has now taught in three countries: Vietnam, China and Singapore. Li loves teaching because, "students can learn from fun and make progress. For me, teaching is also a way of learning." Li adds that she's very happy when she can have conversations with students about various topics. When she's not in the classroom or at school, she enjoys hiking, jogging, travelling, and basketball.



Congratulations to Year 6 student Pham Le Vy. When the principal first met this student for her placement test, he wondered if she was from England because of her British accent. Indeed, she speaks English with confidence as well as studies hard to earn good grades in all subjects.

Vy is very sociable with everyone and loves to read books in English.



Flood Advisory

During the first week of October, Can Tho was hit hard with various points of flooding. The results was late arrivals for many students. As we all know, this will not be the last flooding. Please stay tuned for future reports of flooding and prepare for such an event: 1) set your departure time from home to school a little early; 2) examine alternative routes with less traffic or fewer areas of flooding; and, 3) arrange carpools to ensure safe transportation.



Monthly Memories

