



# NEWSLETTER

September 2019

## Principal's Message: Observe and Listen

Dear Parents,

September has been an exciting month for students at our school and it's time for everyone to take notice what they have done and what they will be doing.

It is amazing to watch our campus develop and see our students busy with their studies. There's always something new for our students: they'll discover about the importance of environmental awareness, tell their parents about what they learn in their Chinese class, show something made from their art and crafts class, explain a new way to how greet people in English, or, very simply, come home with a good grade on an assignment.

I am keen to observe how the students learn Eastern values via Western education. This wonderful cosmopolitan blend of East and West is an ideal mixture so that teachers at Can Tho campus can focus on these principles. In return, students will become resourceful and inventive as well as influential and compassionate leaders ready to contribute to the future of the world. There's a popular quote that says: "A multicultural society does not reject the culture of the other but is prepared to listen, to see, to dialogue and, in the final analysis, to possibly accept the other's culture without compromising its own."

As we draw closer to the end of the first term, this is a special time for your role as parents to join the teachers in one goal: assisting and supporting our students. If possible, please see that your child has proper time and a proper environment to study his or her homework. Provide positive support and plenty of encouragement. Most of all, please listen. Listening is a powerful tool of communication just as talking is; without listening, the words you say have no reverence.

Sincerely,  
**Larry Sinclair**  
Principal



# Mid-Autumn Celebration and Harvest



It was a true celebration of the harvest. While schools celebrated the Mid-Autumn Festival with a school event, everyone at SIS celebrated with an enjoyable performance and – best of all - with a wonderful harvest from the school's organic garden. Mr. Phuoc and Ms. Lizelle hosted the celebration with entertainment by Mr. Thanh, Ms. Ngoc and students. Later, various students gathered at the organic garden to share the harvest of morning glory. The harvest was wonderfully plentiful for all.





**OUTWARD BOUND  
VIETNAM**

# A Learning Expedition in Quy Nhon

Our students from Year 6 and Year 7 travelled to meet other students at Outward Bound Vietnam's facilities in Quy Nhon from September 9<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup>.

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.



**Ngo Chi Thanh** is Year 2's hard-working and sociable homeroom teacher.

Three years ago, Thanh graduated from Can Tho College with a degree in Primary Teaching. He enjoys working at SIS he says: "I have a lot of good colleagues. They are all enthusiastic and concerned about me. Besides, my students are very active and energetic children.

His hobbies are listening to music and reading books and badminton is his favorite sport. However, he also enjoys practicing his handwriting in calligraphy during his spare time



### Nguyen Phuc Thien An

Congratulations to Thien An, known by his friends and teachers as a good student. He enjoys languages. For example, Thien An likes studying English during circle time and loves Chinese so much so he remembers vocabulary words very quickly. Thien An always volunteers to take part in the lesson. He sits properly and listen to teachers. Thien An also loves playing football after school.



### **REMINDER: Parent-Teacher Conference: October 7-11, 2019.**

**Please schedule an appointment in advance with the office to see the teachers.**

Children do better in school when parents get involved. Attending parent-teacher conferences is one way to be involved and help your child succeed. You will soon be receiving news about the upcoming parent-teacher conferences. Parent-teacher conferences offer great opportunities for teachers to discuss with parents about their children's work, talk about their strengths and weaknesses, chat about academic or social concerns, and so on.  
Parents of Year 10 will meet teachers during the week of October 21<sup>st</sup>.

# Good memories

