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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.

From the Principal

Dear Parents,

It is amazing how fast the year is going by. It seems just like yesterday that we were just arriving here at school and now here we are in November. Where does the time go? We had an excellent month of October and all the festivities that took place within the month. One of our events that we have started in October we will continue is our interschool football competitions, the students as well the teachers are very excited about these events.

In terms of the WASC accreditation process each principal that attended our second system wide principals meeting was to bring their current SWAP (school wide action plan). They were reviewed by Mr. Peter Baker the Education Director of SIS and all schools are successfully meeting the recommendations set down by WASC. It was decided that SIS will be implementing system wide external testing this coming New Year. As part of WASC recommendation SIS will start with our 3rd grade students in both international and integrated programs. These students will take the test again in the 5th, 7th and 9th grade. The external testing is called the ISA "International Schools Assessment." This testing will provide us with much needed data to help strengthen our already strong system. We have strong academics and this standardized test will prove even further that our SA1 and SA2 exam results are not only internally valid, the results of the ISA will show where our SIS students compare in relation to other international schools across the globe. Additionally, the test will be able to give our SIS teachers specific areas to improve instruction so that our students can continue to be even more successful.



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The Halloween Celebration started with a Presentation in the Multi-Purpose Hall. Here we see some of the best candidates for Best Costume from Grade 6 International.



Dang Tri Nam receives his Student of the Month award from his teacher, Mr. Samuel Burne and the Principal, Mr. Tim Bikowski, during assembly



MUSTAFA FAZAN
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

In terms of improving communication I am looking forward to the first of many Korean Parents meetings. Over the course of the last month we had an initial meeting about agenda topics for the meeting. The agenda has been set and we will meet on November 7th at 9:00am. We will be working on developing more meeting times over the course of this year as well as next.

SIS administrators will also be meeting by video conference to discuss continuous school improvement both sectional and system wide so that we may continue to strive to improve the quality of our schools. SIS schools want our parents to know that we are continually looking for ways to improve our school and programs. By meeting with the Board of Management we can receive feedback and ideas on our school wide action plans and different ideas on implementing change to be more successful.

The past three months have flown by, I know that November will be just as fast. Literacy week is right around the corner 27th of November to 1st of December. We are planning for a great teacher's day celebration on the Monday the 20th and we are planning for a BIG SPORTS day on December 9th. Needless to say we are going to be busy, but the results are a student body that is happy and hardworking.

Sincerely,

Timothy Bryan Bikowski
Principal SIS@Ciputra

From the Deputy Principal

We had a good start to our second term this year. The students have been exemplary in both behavior and attitude towards work, and I have been delighted with their dedication and growth. Our students continue to demonstrate global citizenship and have embraced the virtues of Singapore International School. As the Deputy Principal I have seen many positive changes take place within our student population and have been very happy with the decrease in incidents on the playground. Now that the year is coming to a close I look forward to the next chapter in the adventures of Singapore International School @ Ciputra.

Halloween Celebrations

We celebrated Halloween in style again this year. Almost all the children had costumes and collaborated with their classmates to make the displays in and out of their classrooms spectacular. Our students participated in the Best Dressed Costume competition, The Best Decorated Classroom contest, as well as the Spooky Drawing Contest. Thank you to the parents that supported us with extra

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candy in the “trick or treat” segment of the day. The students were very happy during the celebrations and everyone had a truly fun-filled and memorable day here in school.

Afterschool Activities:

Last term we had great participation levels and many of the students were pleased with the options that they were given. This term we hope to surpass those expectations and encourage the participation of our all our students even more. We have also streamlined the days for Afterschool clubs to only Tuesdays and Thursdays, to give children more time to focus on their academics and classwork, in the lead-up to the SA1 exams. We are always looking out for new and innovative ways to increase both academic and extracurricular activities and we would welcome any assistance with suggestions for activities you believe would be enjoyed by our student population. Although this term is shorter than the first, it is our hope that it will be that much more fun for all that are participating. We are very excited about our activities for Term 2 and look forward to receiving feedback on the success of some of our new programs.

Christmas Charity Fair

Soon we will be hosting our annual Christmas Charity Fair. It will be held on Saturday, the 9th of December and promises to be a good event to welcome in the festive season. Do come and celebrate in the festivities with us and bring along your family and friends. There will be many fun and exciting booths run by the students and teachers. All proceeds for this event will go towards supporting “Operation Smile”. We hope you will invite family and friends along on this day and celebrate with us. See you there.

Mustafa Fazal
Deputy Principal

From the Vietnamese Department

Dear Parents!

We are currently in the 13th week of new school year. All students are having great studying and training experiences. In particular, students in grades 4 and 5 have completed two mid-term tests in Math and Vietnamese. We are very happy with the great efforts the students have displayed in their studies. Currently we are developing classes in 5 grades using innovative methods oriented to develop the mixed ability of learners, according to the request of the Ministry of Education and Training, that is: restructuring the way of organizing activities in class in order to promote the positive, active and creativity of the students through the organization of seminars. Each teacher will have the opportunity to learn and improve their skills. Thanks to this, the quality of education is meeting the expectations of the current situation.



Our teachers also joined in the celebrations. Here they are seen on stage in their Halloween Costumes with our Principal, Mr. Tim Bikowski.



VU THI BICH LIEN
HEAD OF VIETNAMESE STUDIES

To update ourselves with the current teaching methods, we endeavor to: strengthen the practical aspects, increase experiential activities, and work on skills to apply knowledge into practice. The end result is that the school not only gives students the opportunity to apply practical life skills. These practical life skills are reinforced with excursions to Pegasus where students learn to become more independent by learning life skills such as cooking. We are also organizing more excursions to experience nature, and the reality of life, in order to focus on ethics, education learning styles, life values, life skills, and social understanding for students. Then they will increase their love of nature in Vietnam; a trip to Bao Son Paradise is a typical example.

The highlight of the month was of course the Halloween celebration. All teachers decorated the Halloween festival so beautifully and meaningfully. We all enjoyed the colorful make-up and festivities, an eagerly celebrated activity in this year's Halloween celebrations. It was a treat for all.

Sincerely,
Vu Thi Bich Lien
Head of Vietnamese Studies

From The Sports Department



The team and coach Modi discussing strategy

“SMALL, But with a big bite!” This is how we describe our SIS Ciputra Junior Footballers. Their passion and love for football came shining through during a football match with students of the same grade level from SIS Gamuda and Van Phuc on October 10, 2017. Although we had only nine (9) players including Emily Nguyen Romauch (as the only girl player from our school) and Nguyen Ngoc Tung Anh as a substitute, we managed to tie 1-1 with SIS Gamuda during the first match.

The second match was with SIS Van Phuc Team A and was a “point garnering” fight for our very own Lions team charging ahead with a 4-1 score. Our goals were courtesy of Bae Jong Oh (Jimmy) and Danis Gatin who scored most of the goals.

Meanwhile, Phuong Manh Kien “Little Messi” kept the opponents at bay on their side of the field successfully preventing their opponents from scoring a goal. Tom Hoang provided the assist for the goal scorers, Kang Young Gun defended their half of the field tenaciously and Nguyen Hoang Quan was a no-nonsense goal



Players pose for a photo before the game

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Our star soccer players in action against SIS Gamuda Gardens.



The first objective of the competition is to hit the ball off the 'T' frame.



Running at full speed to steal the base

keeper. Our dear music teacher, Mr. Rikki Besana, became my defacto assistant coach with his constant reminders to the team to kick and defend their zone.

The Junior Lions kept roaring and charging forward in their third match with SIS Van Phuc B with a not-so-easy 3 – 0 win with the triumvirate of Danis, Jimmy and the tiny-flashy Muhammad Aryan Mikail (who made the last goal) to finish off the Invitational Junior Football event at SIS Gamuda Gardens as victors.

With much enthusiasm and support from our parents, especially the Korean Mums who provided the refreshments for our team and Ms. Regina Gatin who took awesome pictures of this event, we have shown what SIS Ciputra students can deliver when it comes to sports. Not to mention our dear Principal Mr. Tim and Deputy Mr. Mustafa (both also sportsmen) who backed us to play on “no matter what”. We ended up with the following scores: 1-1 against Gamuda, 4-1 against Van Phuc A and 3 – 0 against Van Phuc B. Bravo Lions!!

Hit! Run! Score!

The SIS Ciputra Team had their first test of athletic skills when they played at UNIS Field last October 5, 2017 for the Hanoi Activities Conference Youth Sports T-Ball/Pitch Softball match with other international schools here in Hanoi. There was a slight delay of the games because of the weather. So, while waiting for the sky to be clear, the students from the six international schools were treated to a “Dodgeball-for-all” games. What a good way to warm up the players!

As the weather in the afternoon improved, we headed for the UNIS field with all its four softball diamonds to play on. Not far behind us were our dear parent supporters who came with energy drinks, fruit juices, snacks and lots of cheers to support our team. Well, it just shows that the SIS Ciputra is not just a school but a family where everyone is taken care of especially when events like this happen. Kudos to our dear parents!



Our supporters were excitedly cheering on our team

The first game was cancelled against UNIS because of the unfavourable weather conditions. When our team played with the BVIS, it was a scoreless first inning. However, we managed to win the second inning as well as the games with SPAS A and B teams was a victory. Truly it was a Hit! Run! Score! for our Softball Team.

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Our Coach, Mr. William, together with our T-Ball team.