



# SOUTHVILLE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL AND COLLEGES

## Students and Parents'

# BULLETIN

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### *A Christmas Message from the Principal of SISC*

*Our Dear Students, Parents and Friends,*

*Christmas time is here! As we enter the holiday season, it is a blessing to sit down and reflect on all the good this year has brought us. There have been many high points and lots to celebrate in Southville International School and Colleges (SISC).*

*Academic rigor, grit and growth mindset was our theme and focus for the year which started on the very first day of school. I challenged all students to work hard, achieve their best and make positive changes, and I would like to congratulate them for fulfilling this challenge. The first five months have seen a number of celebrations for student achievements in different year levels of which I am very proud.*

*I want to acknowledge also our students' parents and guardians for their contribution to the success of our learners. Thank you for your continued support, loyalty and dedication as we move forward. Together we are making a difference in opening the minds and hearts of each of our students.*

*I know that you will agree that your children deserve a well-earned break from study. I conclude my final bulletin for the year by wishing everyone an opportunity to experience the real meaning of Christmas and to enjoy the festivities of the New Year. I look forward to welcoming everyone back for the start of 2019.*

*Marie Oic F. Suarez*  
Principal

## **SISC completes three-peat in Acad Olympiad**

SISC captured its third straight overall championship at this year's Southville Global Education Network's (SGEN) Academic Olympiad held last December 7, 2018 at Stonyhurst Southville International School - Batangas. The event featured the best and the brightest Basic Education students from the SGEN member schools namely South Mansfield College, Stonyhurst Southville International School - Batangas, Stonyhurst Southville International School - Malarayat, and SISC.

Robert Jeremiah Rivera of Gr. 7 - Resilience and Whaqyn Miguel Olalia of Gr. 11 - Efficiency won first place in the Spelling Bee and Impromptu Speaking contests, respectively, while the SISC Team of Stefano De Castro, Jang Ku Hyo, Lee Hyun Ju, Geraldine Maag, Antwone Santino Ong and Robert Jeremiah Rivera was declared champion in the Quiz Bee on History, Mathematics, and Science. Keneisha Janice Pinto of Gr. 10 - Commitment and Jaeda Johnson of Gr. 9 - Harmony, meanwhile, finished first runner-up in spelling and impromptu



*The SISC delegation flashes the number three sign for topping the SGEN Academic Olympiad for three consecutive years.*

speaking, respectively.

Their winnings placed SISC on top of the point standings to retain the overall championship for the third year in a row.

**Theme of the Year:** "Embracing Academic Rigor with Growth Mindset and Grit through the 5Cs (Competence, Character, Commitment to Achieve, Collaboration, Creativity)"

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# HS students boost leadership skills at national youth gathering

High school student officers attended the Asian Federation of Student Leaders (AFSL) Conference held in SISC last November 28, 2018 with the theme “Millennial Leadership Hacks”. It brought together young student leaders from Metro Manila and nearby provinces to help them become more engaged citizens and effective social innovators.

The event aimed to improve the participants' understanding of civic participation and activism, build their social awareness and project management skills, and develop a network of young leaders throughout the country. The topics and content of the conference focused on what the students can do to make positive contributions to their school and the broader community.

## Christmas at the Learning Village

Visit the Learning Village in STAR Campus as the play-and-learn hub that allows children to take on real-life role play activities spreads Christmas fun and love this festive season.

Share the Christmas joy by giving a Learning Village Gift Voucher for only Php 250 which includes 3 vouchers for 3 hours of fun and play!

## Prevent math loss during the holidays

An extended period of time off from school can lead to loss of valuable math knowledge and skills. To avoid math brain drain during the Christmas break, Grs. 1 - 12 students are asked to master all required skills for the Second Term in Khan Academy. The Khan Academy links can be found in Moodle.

### First Term IB PTC set on January 11

All International Baccalaureate (IB) parents are invited to the first Parent-Teacher Conference (PTC) for the academic year scheduled on January 11, 2019, 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., at the IB Hall, Tropical Campus. The IB PTC is a way you can become informed and involved in your child's education, and know your child's progress at this point in the school year.



The SISC delegates learn about leadership skills to make a positive contribution to society.

They listened to talks on “Youth Empowerment for Sustainable Development Goals” and participated in a panel discussion on *Millennial Speaks: How Involved Are You?*.

COMPLIMENTARY

ADMIT ONE

**3 HOURS OF FUN**

Want to give to the less fortunate while having fun? The Learning Village is holding the Play It Forward Promo where a donation of a serviceable toy or book for poor urban children gives the donor free one hour of learning and fun.

**Play IT FORWARD**

Spend hour(s) of learning and fun with us at the SGEN Learning Village by donating new or old but usable toys and children's books. Your donations will be given to children from the Poor Urban Child (Po.U.Ch) community through Southville International School and Colleges.

Donations will be accepted at the SGEN Learning Village this December 2018.

**#GiveLoVe**

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## Schedule for Christmas Parties & break

One of the best parts of the holiday season is the Christmas Party before the break - however brief - from regular class days. The Christmas Party schedule for Preschool, Grade School and High School is on December 18, 2018. It will be held in their respective classrooms. Schedule of the Christmas Party is as follows:

STAR Campus - 9:00 am - 11:00 am  
Preschool - Grade 1 - 8:30 am - 11:00 am  
Grade 2 - 8:00 am - 10:30 am  
Grade 3 - 5 - 9:30 am - 11:30 am  
Grade 6 - 12 - 9:00 am - 12:00 nn  
IB 1 and 2 - 9:00 am - 12:00 nn

The students may come in civilian attire following the school dress code. Immodest attire (very short shorts, singlet skirts, tank tops, bare midriffs, halter tops, tube tops, and see-through clothes) or obscene/suggestive words/slogans/pictures on worn outfits are not allowed.

Regular classes in Preschool - Grade 12 will resume on January 8, 2019, and International Baccalaureate on January 7, 2019.



## Parenting Corner Rules for the holiday season

The holiday season is about so much more than getting one's favorite toys. Here is a set of rules so children don't lose sight of what Christmas is all about:

- Honor family traditions.** Make it a point to pass down the same family traditions to your children that you grew up with. On Christmas Eve, get together for a feast and be grateful you get to have it.
- Give to those in need.** Ask your children to go through their toys and pick out items they want to donate to those in need. Make them realize that not everyone is as fortunate as they are and it's so important to give back.
- Make kids shop for each other.** They'll argue and fight during the year, as siblings

## Read during the Christmas break

Research and personal experience show that reading skills deteriorate quite rapidly over a long break if they are not practiced. Twenty minutes reading each day maintains current reading level; for improvement, at least forty minutes must be undertaken.

In order to limit language loss during the long Christmas break, students from Grade 3 - 12 will be assigned a holiday reading assignment which will be taken up in their English and Reading classes upon resumption of classes. The recommended books per level are:

Grade 3	The Seven Habits of Happy Kids by S. Covey
	The Tale of Peter Rabbit by Beatrix Potter
Grade 4	A Little Princess by F H Burnett
	The Bird Woman of the Lewis and Clark Expedition by Catherine Chandler
	The Tale of Peter Rabbit by Beatrix Potter
Grade 5	Stuart Little by E B White
	The Tale of Peter Rabbit by Beatrix Potter
	Boy Blue and His Friends by Etta Austin Blaisdell and Mary Frances Blaisdel
Grade 6	Holes by Louis Sachar
	Anne of Green Gables by LM Montgomery
	Charlie and the Chocolate Factory
Grade 7	Artemis Fowl by Eoin Colfer
	Wizard of Oz by L. Frank Baum
	White Fang by Jack London
Grade 8	A Christmas Carol by C Dickens
	The Giver by Lois Lowry
	War of the Worlds by H.G. Wells
Grade 9	Survival by G. Korman
	Things Fall Apart by Chinua Achebe
	Hunger Games by Suzanne Collins
Grade 10	Moby Dick by H Melville
	Pride and Prejudice by Jane Austen
	The Joy Luck Club by Amy Tan
Grade 11	University of Success by Og Mandino
	Les Miserables
	Alchemist
Grade 12	Autobiography of Benjamin Franklin by Benjamin Franklin
	Silas Marner by George Elliot
	Don Quixote by Miguel de Cervantes

Preschool - Grade 2 students are also welcomed to find a book that they find interesting and read it. Every word counts!

do, so it's so nice to see them choosing a thoughtful gift for each other they know they'll love.

- Remember the reason for the season.** Make an elaborate nativity scene in your home and leave it up during the entire season.  
([https://www.popsugar.com.au/parenting/Christmas-Rules-Kids-45447628?stream\\_view=1#photo-45447627](https://www.popsugar.com.au/parenting/Christmas-Rules-Kids-45447628?stream_view=1#photo-45447627))

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Principal

### REPLY SLIP

A. ( ) I have received and read Students and Parents' Bulletin No. 18 A.Y. 2018-2019.

Student's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Level/Section \_\_\_\_\_ Parent's Signature \_\_\_\_\_