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A Christmas Message from the Principal of SISC

Our Dear Students, Parents and Friends,

Christmas time fast approaches and everyone is looking forward to a festive disruption of the usual school routines. I am sure you all are very excited to head to a well-deserved two-week-plus vacation with a hundred things to do during the holidays. It's that time of year for gift giving, meal preparations, traveling, family gatherings and various other traditions.

But beyond checking items or tasks off a list, Christmas is all about a self-giving love borne in a manger 2000 years ago. May we take a moment from our busy lives to reflect on this remarkable event and remember the true spirit and joy of this blessed season. May we all be encouraged and inspired by the spirit of selflessness, love, humility, gratitude and kindness shared in the Christmas story.

Let us also take time to reflect on all the good things

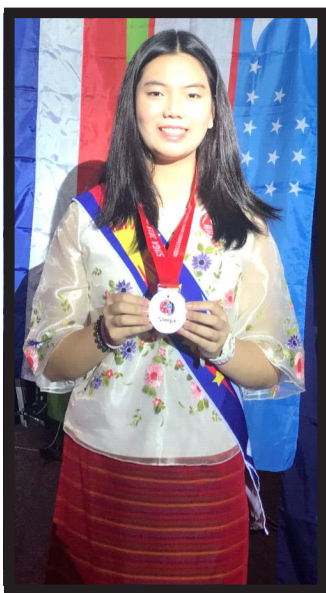
the year has brought us. Southville International School and Colleges would like to thank everyone for your continued efforts to move forward with us in our important goals and objectives to educate our learners. We consider it an immeasurable blessing that deserves to be celebrated. Together we are making a difference in the learning experiences and opportunities for each of our students.

It is our hope that you'll have the best of the holiday season filled with family, friends, and what matters most to you. Enjoy the festivities, spend quality time with loved ones and return refreshed for the rest of the school year.



Marie Oie F. Suarez
Principal

Mathletes leave mark in int'l competitions



Mathletes from Southville International School and Colleges (SISC) took part and medaled at various international contests before the year ends. Ervin Joshua Bautista of Gr. 7 - Resilience won a gold medal in the Mathematics Without Borders International Tournament participated in by 24,000 participants from 18 countries. He also received the High Distinction Award in the Australian Mathematics Competition for belonging in the Top 3% of all participants.

Beatriz Lucia Rodriguez of Gr. 10 - Commitment, on the other hand, brought home the High Silver Award in the Individual Category of the Singapore Math Team Global Competition held in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam last November 22-26, 2019. Representing the Philippines, Rodriguez is among the eight Filipino individual awardees in the twelve-country competition.

Beatriz Lucia Rodriguez
Grade 10

Ervin Joshua Bautista
Grade 7



Theme of the Year:

"Live the 5Cs (Competence, Character, Commitment to Achieve, Collaboration, Creativity) through Academic Rigor, Growth Mindset and Grit"

STAR Campus

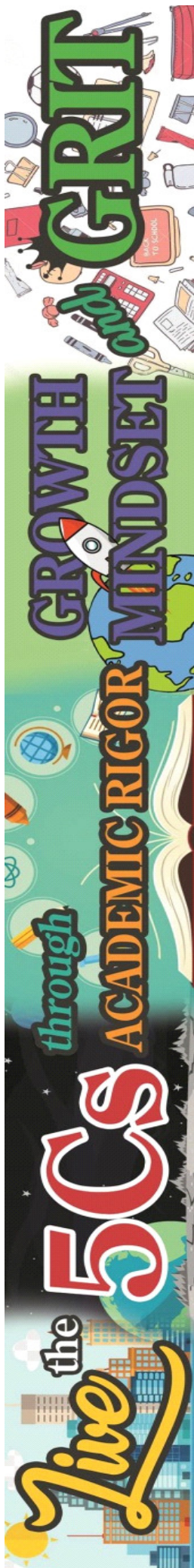
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Grade schooler wins in fin lit contest

Cedric Padre of Gr. 5 - Righteousness won second place in the Maybank Cashville Kidz Program and Grand Finale held at the SMX Convention Center last November 26, 2019. Padre beat out more than 1,000 other students in explaining positive saving and spending habits in the Maybank Philippines Inc.-sponsored contest conducted as part of the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP) Financial Education Stakeholders Expo.

Also getting second place as Best Teacher was Ms. Aloja Sabidor with her lessons on teaching children responsible financing, and SISC as Top 2 Best School in creating awareness about the importance of financial literacy at an early age.



The SISC Grade School Financial Literacy contingent receives their awards from the event organizers.

SISC plays Santa to PoUCh

More than a hundred PoUCh (Poor Urban Children) beneficiaries received holiday cheers during the Save A PoUCh Christmas Party held last December 10, 2019 at Luxembourg Hall. The party is SISC's yearly commitment to the beneficiaries so they will have a feel of the season of love and sharing. In this simple but meaningful activity, the poor urban children can continue to hope no matter how dire circumstances can be.

The children played parlor games, ate party food, and received presents of toys, food, and hygiene products donated by generous students, parents, and friends of SISC. They also presented special numbers and participated in a community singing to truly feel the essence of Christmas.

The school would like to thank the following PoUCh benefactors for making the meaningful event possible:

Mendoza, Marylind Soledad G.
Vaz, Kylie Ceazer C.
De Guzman, Christien Jay D.
Guazon, Santino Rafael
Bernabe, Michael Vincent C.
Lim, Ronn Ezekiel
Jose, Mark Kobi
Taniedo, John Marco
Singh, Japjot
Hintz, Kristalyn
Oguro, Ai
Diores, Thassia Seren A.
Lim, Ronn Elijah

Macapagal, Rymmel Renzo
Narang, Devesh
Hua Fei Tan
Oguro, Kenji G.
Jose, Bianca Ashley L.
Maruyama, Kenichi A.
Ryu, Seung Min (Fred)
Gabriel, Chrizel Anne T.
Lantzer, Gabrielle Marie B.
Jung, Jimin
Mishina, Fuka
Abeleda, Mischka Daniela C.
Paed, Kaela Franzel Q.
Ducot, Elisha Jemimah T.

Romey, Ellis Miguel A.
Ang, Daryl Clyde T.
Perez, Joshua Henrie R.
Fujii, Mai T.
Choi, Hansem
Yoon Na Kyung (Hera)
Du, Ryan Matthew C.
Domingo, Miguel D.
Teng, Kriszenne Q.
Yancy, Emmanuel E.
Lausingco, Sophia Marie
Bernido, Oishin G.
9 Compassion Class

As you enrich the PoUCh beneficiaries with your generosity, you are also enriched in many ways as you grow in compassion and social sensitivity, and live out altruism which is the real spirit of Christmas.

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 1 - 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:

Gr. 1 - Henry and Mudge and the Family Tree
Gr. 2 - Horrible Harry and the Green Slime
Gr. 3 - The Seven Habits of Happy Kids by S. Covey
Gr. 4 - A Little Princess by F. H. Burnett
Gr. 5 - Stuart Little by E. B. White
Gr. 6 - Holes by Louis Sachar
Gr. 7 - The Diary of a Young Girl by Anne Frank
Gr. 8 - A Christmas Carol by C. Dickens

Gr. 9 - Hunger Games by Suzanne Collins
Gr. 10 - Moby Dick by H. Melville
Gr. 11 - Les Miserables by Victor Hugo
Gr. 12 - Don Quixote by M. D. Cervantes

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

Calendar of Activities

Date	Event	Level	Time
December 16, 2019	Reader's Theater and Hallmark Recitation Day (STAR Campus)	Junior Kinder	8:00 A.M. to 10:00 A.M.
		Nursery, Pre-K and Senior Kinder	10:00 A.M. to 12:00 N.N.
	Reader's Theater and Hallmark Recitation Day (Munich Campus)	Preschool	8:00 A.M. to 10:30 A.M.
December 17, 2019	Reader's Theater and Hallmark Recitation Day (STAR Campus)	Grade 3	8:00 A.M. to 10:00 A.M.
		Grade 1 - 2	10:00 A.M. to 12:00 N.N.
	Reader's Theater and Hallmark Recitation Day (Munich Campus)	Grade 1	8:00 A.M. to 11:00 A.M.
		Grade 2	9:00 A.M. to 12:00 N.N.
	Class Party	Grade 6 - 12	9:00 A.M. to 12:00 N.N.
IB 1 and 2		10:30 A.M. to 12:00 N.N.	

Date	Event	Level
January 6, 2020	Resumption of Classes	IB 1 and 2
January 7, 2020	Resumption of Classes	Preschool to Grade 12

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. 3 - 12 students are asked to master required skills for the Second Term in Khan Academy. The Khan Academy links can be found in Moodle.

Preschool - Grade 2 students can also brush up on their math skills by visiting <https://www.khanacademy.org/math/early-math>.

Bistro Lima offers festive favorites

Delight your loved ones this festive season with an array of Christmas goodies from Southville International School Foreign University's (SISFU) Bistro Lima. Whether for personal indulgence or as special giveaway, there is sure to be a delicious treat you'll enjoy from the bistro's Christmas goodies list. For more information, please call 88255147 extension 112 or drop by Bistro Lima at the first floor of the SISFU Building.

Parenting Corner Successful holidays with children

While no foolproof method exists to guarantee a stress free, perfect-child-behavior holiday, there are things parents can do to set up holiday times as successful rather than painful, frustrating and embarrassing. Below are some tips:

- Prioritize sleep and rest.** Children and parents who are well rested will behave better and be more able to control their emotions and curb impulsivity. If you know that the day will be long and energies will be depleted before the end of the day, consider starting the day a little later or taking a break to rest sometime during the day.
- Plan ahead.** Anticipate what your child will need and try to visualize events before they occur through the eyes of your child. Think about your child's regular routine and how it compares to holiday activities. Identify things you can do to make the days and activities more familiar to your child.
- Have conversations with your children beforehand to prepare them for new people and experiences.** Establish clear

expectations for behavior and outline the order of events for your children to minimize the uncomfortable uncertainty of not knowing what may happen next. Answer your child's questions and check in with them throughout the day to hear what your child is thinking and feeling.

- Be flexible.** Perhaps your regular expectations for your children differ from those of the other parents in terms of media use, food and beverage consumption or noise levels. Give yourself permission to loosen some restrictions for the greater good of all and to maintain peace and harmony within the group. (https://www.huffpost.com/entry/10-tips-for-successful-holidays-with-children_b_5832f413e4b08c963e344259)

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A. () I have received and read Students and Parents' Bulletin No. 17 A.Y. 2019-2020.

Student's Name

Level/Section

Parent's Signature