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NSPO gives important head start for new school year

To ensure that new students and parents will have a better understanding of how education will be delivered in Southville International School and Colleges (SISC) this upcoming school year, a series of New Students and Parents Orientations (NSPO) was conducted online before classes formally open on August 17, 2020. It aims to help first-time and transfer students, as well as their families, transition successfully into the SISC community and guide them in the next step of their educational journey.

A big part of the presentation was making sure the parents and learners understand how SISC will provide a significantly enhanced online learning experience through its innovative Virtual Online Learning and Teaching (VOLT) program. Courses were customized for a virtual environment taking full advantage of digital learning tools. It is not simply moving face-to-face instruction over to an online version but re-designing the teaching to engage students in a virtual classroom.

Also presented in the orientations were the rules and requirements of the online classes, sample class schedules, and other programs of the school that will support the students' academic and personal goals. Those who were not able to attend the virtual orientation may click the link of the level where they belong.

Grades 3 - 5: **[Morning Talk for Grades 3-5](#)**

Grades 6-9: **[Morning Talk for Grades 6-9](#)**

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Back to school questions answered

With the first part of the school year completely online, we know that families want clear answers on what to expect regarding distance learning. We have compiled a list of answers to the questions we hear the most during the orientations to help you in your preparations. Please check below the Frequently Asked Questions in advance of the opening of classes on Aug. 17, 2020.

Questions & Answers:

- 1. Will they still use books, diaries and other materials during their virtual classes? How can we get those materials?**

Answer: *Yes. The students will still use physical copies of books. These are available at the Stuff Shop in Luxembourg Campus together with the school supplies. Please inform us in advance when you would like to pick up the books and school supplies from the Stuff Shop so we can prepare them and endorse them to the school guards for your pick up.*

2. What will happen if students fail to attend online classes? Will it have implications on their grades?

Answer: The students will miss the live interactive and engaging classes. Absences are not part of the computation of the academic grades.

3. How do we know the assigned class/section of my child?

Answer: The Deputy Principals will give the parents the section of their children through email before the school starts. There will also be a general assembly on August 17th where the students will be informed of their section and class adviser.

4. Will there be an orientation before classes begin on August 17? Will we be advised about the students' sections or the Google Meet link they will be using when classes start?

Answer: Yes. August 17 is the orientation day for students where they will be informed of their section and Google Meet link.

5. Do students need to buy and wear uniforms during the online classes? Will they have an ID for this year?

Answer: Uniforms will be worn once a week during assemblies. If it is not possible for those abroad to buy their uniforms, they can wear civilian clothes following SISC's dress code.

6. Will there still be homework/offline tasks for the kids on top of the online work they will do?

Answer: The homework will be balanced by the core subject teachers. These will be done during the asynchronous learning schedule.

7. Will you be issuing a HOW TO for each of the platforms that the students will be using this school year?

Answer: Yes. Aside from that, we will also conduct training for our students and parents.

8. Will the materials in Moodle be also uploaded in Google Classroom? We seem to find Google Classroom more user friendly.

Answer: All learning materials will be in our official Learning Management System which is MOODLE. This is to ensure that we secure all data from our students and teachers.

9. How do I get included in the distribution list of all mails and communications pertaining to my child?

Answer: *The Registrar has a data base of all email addresses upon enrollment of the student. This ensures that all officially enrolled students will get all correspondences of the school.*

10. Later on, if permitted by the government, how do we switch to the blended learning system?

Answer: *We will slowly transition to blended learning following all the safety protocols recommended by the WHO, IATF, and local government units. The students will be informed of their new schedule as only 15 per class will be accommodated in the classroom to ensure social distancing.*

11. How will attendance be monitored? Will tardiness be monitored as well?

Answer: *Attendance will be monitored through the Student Attendance Monitoring Sheet. Tardiness will also be recorded.*

12. For new students, can they wear civilian clothes during the assembly since they don't have uniforms?

Answer: *Yes, they can.*

13. The 4th requirement for a device is actually an App/Software to be able to create, edit and save documents. Is it mandatory to have MS Office for Xls, Docs, PPT?

Answer: *Students will maximize the use of Google Suite Applications so there is no need to purchase MS Office applications.*

14. In the event of storm signal #2, will there still be cancellation of classes?

Answer: *Yes, there will still be cancellation of classes during storm signal #2. Students may do asynchronous learning instead.*

15. Are students required to purchase a license for Google Suite? Or is the school taking care of it?

Answer: *One a student is officially enrolled in Southville. He/she will have an access on the the Google Suite subscriptions of Southville*

16. My daughter will be using a Macbook Air. Two of the platforms mentioned were Khan Academy and Lexile. Can we download these using Mac? Or do we just go to a website to access it?

Answer: The platforms that the School will use can run on Apple/iOS devices.

17. Will the materials in Moodle also be uploaded in Google Classroom? We seem to find Google Classroom more user friendly.

Answer: The school's official Learning Management System is MOODLE. All learning materials will be uploaded on MOODLE.

18. We saw that you have either Filipino or Special Filipino as subjects. How would this be planned out for our kids since we are abroad?

Answer: Students have the option to take either Standard Filipino or Foundation Filipino.

19. Are Augmented Reality (AR) tools required? Seems like it cannot be downloaded to Mac Air. Is there an alternative tool for Mac Air?

Answer: The Augmented Reality apps that the students will use are apple/iOS compatible.

20. What replaces the "diary" as a daily feedback mechanism between teachers and parents?

Answer: The feedback mechanisms to be used include email and special parent-teacher video conference via Google Meet. The school will still issue the Class Standing Notice (CSN) a month prior to the term exam so you will know your child's performance to date in the different subjects.

21. About the materials and books, we are abroad so how will we be able to get these materials?

Answer: We can send you physical copies of the books through mail. We will just bill you for the delivery charge. Most of the books required are e-books as enumerated in the course designs on Moodle.

22. Are there changes in the grading scheme?

Answer: There are no changes in the grading scheme.

23. How do you tackle connection problems? There's a possibility that it could be misused by the students.

Answer: An orientation will be conducted in order for them to be aware to double check and ensure the required connectivity speed during virtual classes. For unexpected cases of connectivity problems, the students need to inform their class adviser/subject teacher as soon as possible. Students are expected to catch up on the learning sessions they have missed.

24. In Google Meet, there will be a maximum number of participants shown on screen. How would you monitor the other students who are not seen on the video screen?

Answer: There will be a student orientation on Virtual Online Teaching and Learning (VOLT) Guidelines that include guidelines in a Google Meet. The subject teacher/s will be monitoring students' engagement and discipline during Google Meet to maximize learning.

25. My child's choice is either French or Chinese. How will we know which special subject to enroll in?

Answer: There will be an orientation during the first week of classes regarding Foreign Languages. A special letter will be issued as well regarding the student's foreign language choice.

26. Will incoming Grade 12 students continue to have the same classmates from their Grade 11 year?

Answer: Sectioning in Grades 11 & 12 is based on the strand the students have chosen.

27. How will Grade 12 students process their college applications? Is it still possible to apply internationally? How will Grade 12 STEM students continue/finish their PASS research?

Answer: The counselors and Deputy Principal will assist Grade 12 students in processing their college applications locally and/or internationally in coordination with the Registration Office for requests for official school documents.

28. How will the experiments be conducted for PASS especially for Chapters 3 & 4 (heavily focused on experiments and getting results)?

Answer: Given the current situation, the Experimental PASS Committee will review the feasibility of a proposed experimental setup and make necessary recommendations as applicable.

Theme of the Year:

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

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Online class rules students need to know

Although SISC's classroom environment is virtual (online) this coming school year, the standards of behavior are as important as they are in a face-to-face classroom. Virtual classrooms are real classrooms with real teachers; therefore, appropriate student behavior is expected. To ensure that SISC students understand how to behave in an online environment, below are some guidelines:

On Projection

SISC is proud of its tradition of having well-groomed and appropriately dressed students. During virtual classes, students are expected to be respectful of the virtual classroom environment. Students may wear their uniforms to set the tone for learning, or wear civilian clothes following SISC's dress code.

1. Wear your school uniform during assemblies. If your uniform is not yet available, wear civilian attire that follows the dress code of SISC.
2. Wear your PE uniform during PE classes. If your PE uniform is not yet available, wear a civilian sporty attire following the dress code of SISC.
3. Use your complete name on your profile. Use a profile picture that shows your face. The photo should represent you as a SISC student.
4. Use an appropriate background conducive to learning.
5. Keep your image "live" during class sessions. It is important to make eye contact into your camera to demonstrate your commitment to learning to your classmates and teacher.

On Messaging

As an online student, communication is a bit different than in a face-to-face setting. We pride ourselves in providing several opportunities for social interactions, but the difference is that most communication is via written text in an online environment. Because this means you are missing body language cues and immediate feedback from your “listener,” it is very important to understand some common rules for good online etiquette. This ensures that the message you intend to convey is received correctly. Follow all SISC policies on the use of technology resources.

1. Be respectful at all times. Use polite words. Be respectful of your classmates and teachers. Allow others to speak, invite others to share, and respect other people’s ideas.
2. Be aware of strong language, all caps, and exclamation points.
3. Be careful with humor and sarcasm. Make sure that it is clear you are being funny and not being rude. Emoticons and smileys can be helpful when conveying humor or sarcasm so that it is read correctly. Just remember to keep the smiley faces away from academic papers.
4. Grammar and spelling matter. Your written communication should be professional and reflect proper writing style. Save written shortcuts and less than stellar grammar for Snapchat if you must, but follow grammar rules for school.
5. Cite your sources. Whenever you are sharing an idea that originated from someone else (even if it is not word for word), it is good practice to cite that source. This applies to discussion forums too. If you read a great thought in your text, share it, but be sure you let your audience know where you saw it first.
6. Don’t post or share (even privately) inappropriate material. Enough said there. Nothing is truly private online.
7. Be forgiving. Remember that not everyone will know these rules before posting. Try to be understanding of others when they struggle with written communication. It is very different from simply talking to a person face-to-face.
8. Microphones are almost always on. Remember that your classmates and teacher can hear noises in your environment such as whispering, chewing, sneezing, and tapping your pen or pencil, etc. so please keep distractions to a minimum or mute your microphone.

General Online Etiquette

1. The chat box is for school- or subject-related discussion only. Avoid side conversations and multitasking.

2. Take your meals and snacks during break time; eating during class is generally frowned upon, and being in a virtual classroom is no different.
3. When in doubt, just think you are in your regular academic classroom and put your best virtual foot forward!

These rules were adapted from the following sources:

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Civilian Dress Code

On occasions when students are allowed to wear civilian clothes, they should demonstrate respect for themselves and for the school through their manner of dressing and appearance. Fancy/Mod attire (such as very short shorts, singlet, mini skirt/ micro-mini skirts, tattered pants, tank tops, bare midriffs, halter tops, tube tops, and see-through clothes), are inappropriate for school; statement shirts with obscene/ suggestive words/ slogans/ pictures printed on worn outfits are strictly not allowed. Students are enjoined to come to school in attires and accessories that are not distracting.

Source: page 45, SISC Student Handbook, August 2019

Announcement



**SOUTHVILLE
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Dear SISC Students and Parents,

Welcome to SISC!

For your school needs, kindly claim them from the following offices:

Student Materials and ID - PR Office

Uniform, Books and Anthologies - Stuff Shop

Thank you very much!

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SISC families send vitamins to school frontliners

Two SISC families extended a helping hand to the SISC housekeeping staff by donating boxes of much-needed vitamins. Thank you very much to the Abayon and Gesmundo families for helping protect our school frontliners during the Covid crisis.

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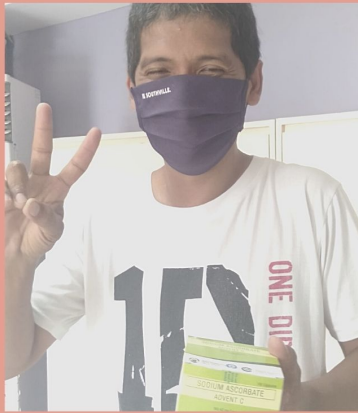
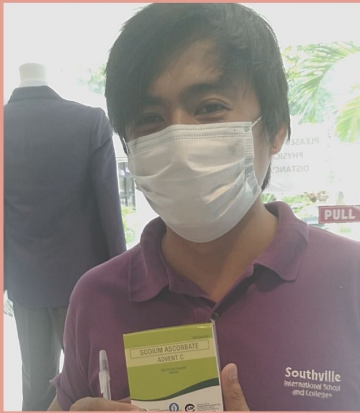


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