

Southville International School and Colleges

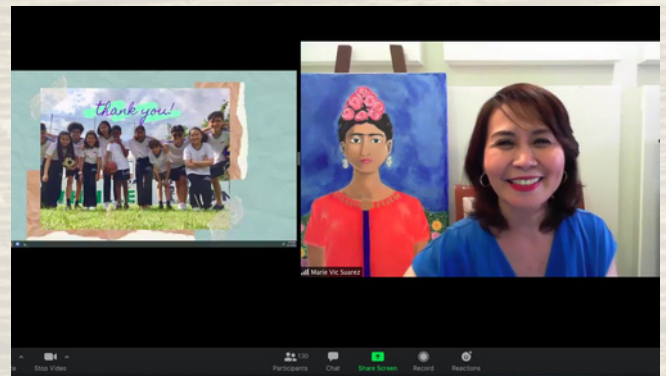


STUDENTS AND PARENTS' BULLETIN

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Holiday Greeting from the Principal

The most wonderful time of the year is here! Students and teachers may not be around but the Christmas decorations are up in all campuses of Southville International School and Colleges (SISC), the star-shaped lanterns are lit, and it is with great happiness that I write these words. Even though Christmas may be slightly different in this uniquely challenging year, life is worth celebrating with deep and abiding joy.



During this time away from our SISC home and each other, I realized how fortunate we are to work and learn in a community in which every person is cared for and loved, where similarities and differences are both celebrated, and families pull together to ensure student success. It is this huge community spirit that has got us through this time and assures continuity of learning.

I am thankful for the strong partnership we enjoy with our parents who have been hugely supportive of our Virtual Online Learning and Teaching program. Thank you also to all our students who have persevered in their academic pursuits to become the best version of themselves. It has been the toughest period in my career as Principal of the school but I have never been so proud of everyone.

Staying away from each other and from our wonderful school will not last forever. It is exciting to look forward to next year with encouraging news that safe and effective COVID-19 vaccines are just around the corner. But as we start to imagine better days ahead, let's continue to keep our guard up for a while longer yet, particularly over the holidays. Let's double down on wearing a mask, avoiding gathering with others outside our immediate household, frequent hand washing, and physical distancing.

This will not be the year that COVID stole Christmas. May you be blessed with peace and happiness as you celebrate the season while looking forward to the wonderful things that will take place at some point in 2021!

SISC alumnus graduates with double honors

The stars aligned for a member of SISC's International Baccalaureate Class of 2016 at Georgia Institute of Technology. Gen Mark Tanno graduated with a double major in aerospace engineering and computer science, both with the highest honors, from the science and technology research university ranked second overall in the US for the course.

Tanno spent all of his elementary and high school years at SISC which he represented and won medals for in various international math competitions. Even at a young age, he loved and excelled in mathematics and was selected as one of the Ten Outstanding Young Mathematicians (TOYM) in the National Capital Region in 2015.

A year before his college graduation, Tanno and his teammates won the top aerospace engineering prize at the 2019 Capstone Design Expo for their project, Surveillance Technology for Organized Relief Management (STORM). They received a \$1,000 cash prize for designing a drone that can carry "emergency payloads to hazardous terrains during a natural disaster or combat scenario."



The President and Faculty
of
Georgia Institute of Technology

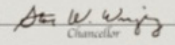

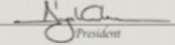
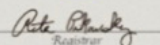
To all to whom these presents may come, Greetings: Whereas
Gen Tanno
has completed all the requirements for Graduation, now, therefore, We,
under the authority vested in us, do hereby confer the degree of
Bachelor of Aerospace Engineering
Highest Honors
with all the rights, privileges and honors, thereupon appertaining.
In witness whereof, the signatures of the Chancellor of the University System,
the President and the Registrar of The Georgia Institute of Technology
and hereto subscribed, and the seal of the Institute is affixed.
awarded by the
College of Engineering

  
Chancellor President

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To all to whom these presents may come, Greetings: Whereas
Gen Tanno
has completed all the requirements for Graduation, now, therefore, We,
under the authority vested in us, do hereby confer the degree of
Bachelor of Computer Science
Highest Honors
with all the rights, privileges and honors, thereupon appertaining.
In witness whereof, the signatures of the Chancellor of the University System,
the President and the Registrar of The Georgia Institute of Technology
and hereto subscribed, and the seal of the Institute is affixed.
awarded by the
College of Computing

  
Chancellor President

Registrar

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 6 - 12 will be assigned a holiday reading assignment which will be taken up in their English classes upon resumption of online classes. The recommended books per level are:

Grade Level	Book Title
Preschool	Wake Up, Sun by David L. Harrison
Grade 1	Henry and Mudge in the Family Trees by Cynthia Rylant
Grade 2	Horrible Harry and the Green Slime by Suzy Kline
Grade 3	The Seven Habits of Happy Kids by S Covey (460L) The Tale of Peter Rabbit by Beatrix Potter (660L)
Grade 4	A Little Princess by F H Burnett (980L) 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 (920L) 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 (630L) Anne of Green Gables by L.M. Montgomery (990L) Charlie and the Chocolate Factory by Roald Dahl (810L)
Grade 7	Artemis Fowl by Eoin Colfer (930L) Wizard of Oz by L. Frank Baum (1000L) White Fang by Jack London (990)

Grade 8	A Christmas Carol by C. Dickens (500L) The Giver by Lois Lowry (760) War of the Worlds by H.G. Wells (1170)
Grade 9	Survival by G. Korman (L600) Things Fall Apart by Chinua Achebe (890) Hunger Games by Suzanne Collins (810L)
Grade 10	Moby Dick by H. Melville (1160L) Pride and Prejudice by Jane Austen (1100L) The Joy Luck Club by Amy Tan (930L)
Grade 11	University of Success by Og Mandino (1100 L) Les Miserables by Victor Hugo (990L) The Alchemist by Paulo Coelho (910L)
Grade 12	Autobiography of Benjamin Franklin by Benjamin Franklin (1370L) Silas Marner by George Elliot (1330) Don Quixote by Miguel de Cervantes (1410)

The reading assignments are readily available on MOODLE (SISC\Stanford Lexile Books).

Preschool - Grade 5 students are also welcomed to find a book that they find interesting and read it. Every word counts!

Institutional Survey leads to improvement

SISC is a firm believer that educating a child is a collaborative effort between the home and the school. Just like you, SISC wants what is best for your child in terms of growing in knowledge and in values. We value parent comments and suggestions that improve the learning experiences of a child.

It is in view of our shared goal that SISC is conducting the Institutional Survey for parents. Please answer the Institutional Survey Form for Parents and students linked to this bulletin so the school will know how it is doing and what more it can do to help your children achieve their potentials and become movers of society. Together, we can make a difference.

Midyear Institutional Survey for Parents and Students



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Marie Vic F. Suarez, Ph.D.

Principal, K12 and IB

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