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# Southville International School and Colleges

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## **SISC passes ISO quality audit anew**

Southville International School and Colleges (SISC) successfully passed its latest external surveillance audit conducted by TUV Rheinland Philippines (TUV) in accordance with the requirements of ISO 9001:2015 standards. Conducted remotely this year, the audit identified zero major and minor non-conformities qualifying SISC to maintain its ISO certification.

In the official report released by TUV, it commended SISC's implementation of the Happiness Survey in the MOODLE Learning Management System to gauge student satisfaction, and the initiative to make research papers available in MOODLE. TUV also noted how well maintained the school facilities, offices, laboratories and other learning resources are following the safety and health protocols of the Covid-19 Inter-Agency Task Force (IATF).

Though the audit process had to transition from the traditional on-site experience to a remote one, it still reviewed pertinent documents for evidence of delivered services and established systems and conducted interviews with school representatives to validate SISC's quality management system. The ISO certification is a global standard that demonstrates SISC's effectiveness and consistency in meeting high levels of learners' expectations.



#### **Important dates to remember**

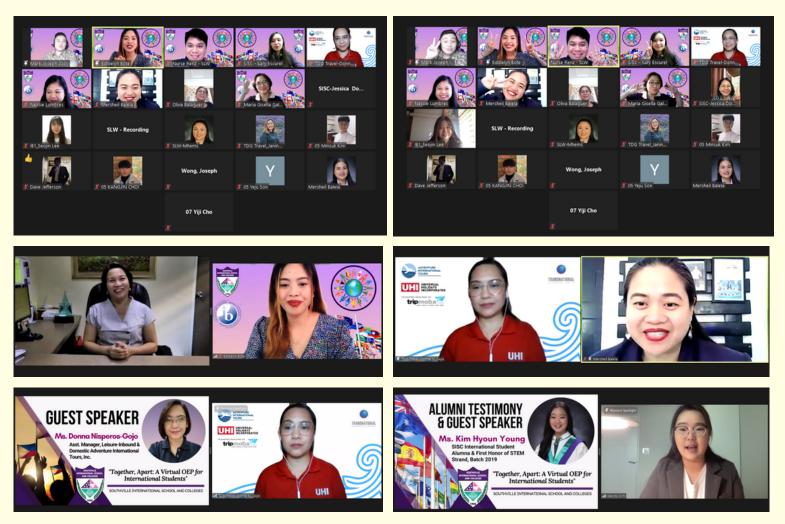
Just because regular online classes have ended does not mean the school year is over. Below are the key dates for important year-end and opening-of-new-school-year activities and events (participants' class advisers will share the links prior to the date of the virtual events):

DATES	EVENT	
May 14, 2021	Grade 6 Virtual Comprehensive Growth Series (CGS)	
	IB Graduation Party	
May 17 - 21, 2021	Third Term Exam for IB	
May 18, 2021	Preschool Recognition AY 2020-2021	
	Virtual Comprehensive Growth Series for Grade 12	
May 20, 2021	Senior Kinder Graduation AY 2020-2021	
May 22, 2021	IB Graduation Day	
May 26, 2021	Grade 12 Batch Party	
May 27, 2021	Grades 1-2 Recognition AY 2020-2021	
	Grade 6 Batch Party	
May 28, 2021	Grades 3-5 Recognition AY 2020-2021	
May 29, 2021	Grade 12 Graduation Day (PM)	
May 31, 2021	Start of Release of Report Card and Diploma of Grade 12 (for those who are done with CLEARANCE)	
June 1, 2021	3rd Term PTC	
June 4, 2021	Grade 6 Graduation Day (AM)	
	Third Term IB 1 Parent-Teacher Conference	
June 5, 2021	Grades 7-9 Recognition Day (AM)	
	Start o f Pre-IB and IB Summer classes	
June 7, 2021	Grades 10 & 11 Recognition Day (PM)	
June 28, 2021	Start of SMART Academic and Non-Academic Enhancement Programs	
July 16, 2021	End of Summer Class for ECED	
July 23, 2021	End of SMART Academic and Non-Academic Enhancement Programs for K-12	
August 2, 2021	Opening of Classes for Grade 11 to 12 and IB 1 and 2	
August 3, 2021	Opening of Classes for Grade 10	
August 4, 2021	Opening of Classes for Grade 6 to 9	
August 5, 2021	Opening of Classes for Preschool to Grade 5	

# Foreign students embark on virtual field trip

The International Students Circle didn't let the pandemic stop them from exploring and discovering places and people from around the Philippines. The members opened their eyes to the wonders of local culture, heritage and landmarks last April 30, 2021 via Zoom in their virtual Outdoor Educational Program (OEP). They remotely experienced why "It's more fun in the Philippines" with pre-recorded tours and videos of the best the country has to offer like Batanes, Bohol, Boracay, Coron, etc.

By embarking on an educational tour, even online, the students widened their cultural perspective and expanded their worldview. The exposure to sights and experiences they do not usually have access to opened up their minds to a different culture, developed appreciation for other people's ways of life, and provided wider understanding of the world. The OEP is part of the school's initiatives to make SISC a welcoming place for international students.



# Reservation for academic year 2021-2022 is now open

Dear Parents/Guardians,

#### Warm Greetings!

Academic Year 2020-2021 is nearing its end and we would like to thank you for your trust and strong support for Southville International School and Colleges (SISC). We are happy to share with you that we recently gave a virtual tribute to our outstanding alumnus, Gen Mark Tanno, who started with us at the age of five and just now graduated summa cum laude from the Georgia Institute of Technology, U.S.A. with double majors in Aerospace Engineering and Computer Science.

On a different note, we transitioned to Virtual Online Learning and Teaching (VOLT), benchmarked with top virtual online teaching standards in the US since March 2020 and delivered what we committed to do which is to ensure student achievement even with the shift to online platforms. The Southville VOLT also creates spontaneous learning experiences in the virtual presence of classmates and teachers, thus providing opportunities for socio-emotional support and connection.

As part of efficient resources management, we would like to make a realistic projection of the student population for A.Y. 2021-2022. To achieve this, we need to determine how many of our present students are re-enrolling and how many of their siblings are enrolling as new students. For new students, we give priority to the siblings of our old students. Through this, we can allocate slots for new student applicants who qualify for admission. Below are the planned modes of learning for Academic Year 2021-2022:

Mode of Learning	Schedule	Set-Up
Virtual Online Learning and Teaching or VOLT	1st to 3rd Terms	Combination of synchronous and asynchronous online classes; same setup as AY 2020-2021
Blended Learning	As soon as face-to-face classes are permitted by the government	Partial Face-to-Face and VOLT

In this regard, kindly fill out the online early enrollment reservation form and send to <u>pr@southville.edu.ph</u> as soon as possible. There will be NO INCREASE in the tuition fee while we are on VOLT. A supplementary increase will be charged though once we are back to face to face. Preschool, Grade School, and High School students who have fully paid their accounts, have no academic deficiency, and have no discipline issues can already reserve a slot for academic year 2021-2022:

#### **A. Early Enrollment:**

There will be an early enrolment discount for students who will enroll from April 2021 to May 2021.

#### **B. Alumni Discount**

a. Dependents of alumni who will be enrolling at SISC will enjoy an Alumni Discount.

b. Alumni who wish to pursue their graduate studies (MA in Business Administration, Master in Information Technology, Master of Arts in Psychology) at SISC will enjoy a discount of 10% on tuition fee for one term and 5% on the subsequent terms.

#### C. Share the Southville Experience

For the Academic Year 2021-2022, we are launching our Share the Southville Experience to students and parents who have friends, relatives, and family members who wish to join the Southville Community. Share with us their names and contact information through the Share the Southville Experience Form, and we will reach out to them to explain the Southville programs. We will also acknowledge you in a tangible manner for sharing your pride of the Southville experience. For any inquiries about the program, please contact Elyds Reyes or Gerlie Montellano of our Public Relations Team via pr@southville.edu.ph.

#### D. Express your AY 2020-2021 Experience

As we prepare for A.Y. 2021-2022, we would also appreciate it if you can give us your input on the school's performance this academic year and share feedback on how we can surpass our students' achievements. Please answer the questions on the second page of this letter. We thank you for your unwavering support to the school and we look forward to another successful partnership with you towards your child's educational success for A.Y. 2021-2022.

#### **Reservation Slip for A.Y. 2021 - 2022**

# **Health Advisory**







# **Maskne during Pandemic**

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and local health government agencies are urging everyone to help prevent the spread of COVID-19 by wearing face masks and face shields in public areas, especially where it is difficult to maintain physical distance. Prolonged use of face mask may cause skin irritations such as acne breakouts, also known as "maskne" (mask acne), due to friction and moisture from face movement, and from the sweat or humidity added to the exhaled air when speaking or breathing.

#### **Tips to Prevent Skin Irritations**

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**Dispose and change your face mask everyday and as soon as it gets soiled.** Keep several cloth face masks on hand and wash them after each use. Wash your cloth face masks with fragrance-free, hypoallergenic laundry detergent.

**Clean your face with a non-fragrant skin cleanser before and after wearing a face mask.** Hold off on some anti-aging products for now as they may irritate the skin. Focus on the hydration of the skin.

Avoid wearing makeup when using a face mask. Makeup promotes clogged pores. If it cannot be avoided, wash your face right after wearing your makeup.

Pat dry your skin and avoid rubbing your face with a towel after washing your face. Apply a moisturizer that doesn't clog pores (often referred to as non-comedogenic) after cleansing. This will act as a barrier of protection between your skin and the mask.

For moderate to severe skin breakouts or irritations, please consult your dermatologist. Do not just use any medications seen online.







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# School presents students' research abstracts

As a research-oriented academic institution, SISC is proud to present some of the abstracts of the PASS (Portfolio Assessment of Southville Students) research studies conducted by our students this academic year. The featured abstracts highlight the scholarly work conducted by the graduating students even while staying home during the pandemic. They represent the depth and variety of our students' research endeavors while engaging in learning far beyond the classroom.

#### THE EVOLUTION OF JEEPNEY IN METRO MANILA

Jean Domini G. Orola of 12 Diplomacy (HUMSS)



This research paper on "The Evolution of Jeepney in Metro Manila" wanted to show and understand the evolution and historical background of jeepneys and how the modernization of jeepneys will affect the cultural icon and its people here in the Philippines. The researcher used content analysis in different forms of resources such as websites, government documents and video documentaries in this study. Results showed that jeepneys have a

big part in Filipino culture and made a big impact on the transportation system of the Philippines.

The researcher recommends that this study can be used for further research about jeepneys in the Philippines and with this paper, readers would be able to know how the jeepneys evolved from the 1950s to present day.

#### **REVAMP (BUSINESS PLAN)**

Christian Fernand Aguila, Ma. Michaella Purganan and Olive Uy of 12 Service (ABM)

Mobile cafés are not prominent in the Philippines, but there are several busy employees who are looking for fast and affordable food. At the same time, there has also been an increase in awareness and interest towards having a more sustainable lifestyle and in helping the environment. Due to the continuous increase of cases concerning environmental problems, several people have provided solutions to solve the dilemmas such as creating a business that is low on waste and is friendly to the environment. Since eating healthier alternatives of common food and beverages are usually pricey compared to a person's usual budget and less convenient when it comes to proximity or the size of the meal, the team introduced Revamp Mobile Café which is a mobile café offering healthy bite-sized foods to encourage people in seeking a healthier lifestyle while sticking to their budget.

Revamp Mobile Café offers a main course, side dish, and a dessert all in one meal set served in the form of a bento. The business allows the customers to have the freedom when it comes to customizing their order, this means that they can choose their own main course, side dish, and dessert. The main course consists of taco tomatoes, bite-size tofu pizza, and buffalo cauliflower bites. The side dishes consist of bite-sized mashed potato pancakes and crab cabbage salad. The menu for desserts consist of vegan brownies, peanut butter cookies, and bliss balls. The beverages are purchased separately from the set meals, the menu consists of peach ade, pink lemonade with flower tea, and marmalade butterfly tea. Since it is a mobile café, the meals are bite-sized for the convenience of passers-by carrying it around while walking around malls, parks, and more. In addition, the meals and beverages are budget friendly and can be prepared in less than 15 minutes. The business plans to gather most of its ingredients from local farms in order to ensure food quality and support the country's local farmers at the same time.

Introducing this concept to the market will help encourage people to try a healthier lifestyle since the healthy meals will be more accessible and budget friendly as people usually buy fast food or unhealthy meals because it is cheaper. Since most food trucks do not offer a healthy menu, Revamp Mobile Café will be able to gain more recognition because of its unique concept in the food industry. The business will also help promote local farms and organizations by using their ingredients for the products. The business expects to earn 54% Return-on-Investment after 5 years of operations. This shows that the business will be able to earn a profit. The business' net income , cash flow, assets, and equities will consistently grow through the years. This is because of the increase in inventory for every year. Generating more income throughout the years will also help the company implement new and upcoming business proposals and opportunities that could help the environment while still being profitable.







### **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.

Year End Institutional Survey for Parents A.Y. 2020-2021

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Acknowledgment Form

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**Basic Ed Bulletins**