### Southville International School and Colleges

# STUDENTS AND PARENTS' BULLETIN

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### YEAREND MESSAGE OF PRINCIPAL



With academic year 2021–2022 in the books, I am so proud to have been part of another wonderful and productive year in Southville International School and Colleges (SISC) during the height of the pandemic! It was incredible to witness the many ways we continue to "Be Amazing" even when we were not together on campus. We have successfully navigated some of the most challenging

months in our lives, and I am grateful for each and every member of the SISC community.

Our students deserve recognition for their passion for learning, taking ownership and responsibility for their schooling. You have all learned so much about yourselves as learners, demonstrating academic progress and personal growth as a reader, writer, researcher and mathematician. In many cases, you have even exceeded expectations. You have no idea how your resilience, zeal and resourcefulness have given us joy, purpose and positivity during challenging times.

At SISC, we are very fortunate to have a dedicated, caring and

hardworking team of teachers, officers and staff who work together to ensure that every child has the best educational experience possible. To all of you, thank you for demonstrating each day your dedication to doing whatever it takes for our students to take that next step in learning and achieve personal growth and success. I'm grateful to have such a dedicated and collaborative group to work with.

A shout-out goes out to all the parents and families for your support and partnership during this unforgettable school year. You embraced our distance learning program and helped our students persevere through their virtual classrooms. Some of you even took the time to send an email or mention just how much you appreciated all the work the school is doing. These small acts of kindness make a huge difference and often seemed to arrive when we needed them most.

Last February 21, our Grades 1-3 and 12 students walked into their classrooms with smiles and excitement after almost two years of remote learning. Those first unsure days are long behind us now. We have successfully transitioned all of them to in-person learning while slowly bringing back some of our traditions and activities that we have enjoyed in the past. I am confident that we will all be able to meet the challenges ahead of us in 2022-23 as we have done so well already this year.

It is very exciting to think of our fresh start to next school year with what we hope is a return to in-person classes for all levels. Please take some time this summer to enjoy a well-deserved break from the ups and downs of an ever-changing 2021-2022 school year, and be ready for 2022-2023.

We are absolutely excited to see our student's smiles, or at least smiling eyes behind the face mask! Take care and we look forward to the opportunity to be together again when SISC reopens.

## MONARCH MAKES IT TO TOP UNIVERSITY IN THE WORLD



Many Filipino students dream of getting into the number one university in the world but only Gwyneth Margaux "Gwyn" Tangog will be living the dream when she walks through the gates of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT). She is the first SISC student accepted in one of the most selective schools in the world. MIT has a total acceptance rate

of 4% and an acceptance rate of 1% for international students.

Gwyn plans to major in Mathematics this coming September. Since the first grade, Gwyn has been joining math competitions from school contests to international olympiads. She has excelled in local and global tournaments, ranking 1st in the National Capital Region in the Metrobank-MTAP-DepEd Math Challenge (MMC) and earning a silver medal in the China Girls' Mathematical Olympiad as a member of the Philippine team.

Getting into MIT is the fruit of all her learning experiences and hard work. Her curiosity and hunger to learn new things paved the way for her earning a spot in one of the most prestigious higher education institutions in the United States. She also attributed SISC's focus on internationalism and community service into helping her gain entry in

the leading technical school in the world.

"The school's international environment taught me how to be professional and more mindful of my decisions and the effects they have on the people around me. Opportunities for activities in school such as the Go the Extra Mile project also made me well-rounded, and developed my leadership skills and extraversion. Going through the international-recognized International Baccalaureate Diploma programme also developed my writing and research skills, which I am sure gave me an edge during my application."

### SISC ADMISSION IS ONGOING

Due to current public health protocols, SISC will temporarily not hold the SISCAT (Southville International School and Colleges Admission Test) for incoming Preschool – Grade 12 students, college freshmen, and transferees for academic year 2022 – 2023. However, new student applicants are still subject to further evaluation and screening by submitting the following documents:

- Photocopy of Birth Certificate
- Certificate of Good Moral
- Photocopy of Report Card/Transcript of Records
- Transcript of Records and Transfer Credentials (for transferees)
- Accomplished Admission Application Form

SISC offers courses in BS Accountancy, AB Mass Communications, AB Media Arts, BS Information Technology, BS Nursing, BS Psychology, BS Tourism, BS Entrepreneurship, BS Business Administration major in Financial Accounting & Management/Human Resource Management/Marketing Management, and BEED Special Education.

Southville International School affiliated with Foreign Universities (SISFU), on the other hand, offers courses in Business Management from De Montfort University, and Hospitality Management from the International College of Hotel Management while South SEED – LPDH College offers programs in BS Pharmacy, BS Medical Technology and BS Radiologic Technology.

# SISC RELEASES PRIMER FOR NAVIGATING AY 2022-2023

Southville International School and Colleges (SISC) will begin academic year 2022-2023 on September 2022 with limited face-to-face or Hybrid Virtual Online Learning and Teaching (HyVOLT), and fully online classes to balance our commitment to provide a high quality education while minimizing health risks for all students, teachers, staff and their families. Going back to school will likely look a little different from what you and your child were used to before and it is natural to have a lot of questions.

We are pleased to share with you the Southville School Primer which is designed to give you background information on our learning methodologies for the coming school year, class schedules, learning activities and assessments, responsibilities for students, teachers and parents, and other important information on what a return to school will look like. It contains everything you need to know regarding how SISC students will achieve academically in hybrid or online classes.

View or download the primer at:

SISC Primer for Academic Year 2022 - 2023

# SOCIAL-EMOTIONAL LEARNING (SEL) CORNER

### IS ROBLOX SAFE FOR KIDS?

### Privacy Features and Parental Controls Roblox Offers Parents

"Parents can easily limit or disable online chat capabilities, restrict access to a curated list of age-appropriate experiences and track monthly spending in a secure way."

- Roblox parental controls and parents guide

#### Parental Controls and Safety Features:

- All chats on Roblox are filtered to prevent inappropriate content and personally identifiable info from being visible. Players have different safety settings and experiences depending on their age.
- The account's age group is displayed in the upper-right corner of the browser as 13+ or <13 as there are different levels of appropriateness depending on age.
- Players can limit or disable who can chat with them via chat feature, in-app or inexperience, who can follow them, who can send messages and invite them to private servers.
- · Players can block and report others who are harassing, bullying or spamming them.
- With account restrictions, parents can limit the types of experiences kids can play limiting them to only pre-approved games.
- Parents can set up a four-digit pin to lock account settings.
- **2-step verification system** that makes it virtually impossible for someone to sign in to the account even if they have the password.
- A Parental Code can be used so that a child cannot change the privacy settings.

Reference: Pamily Education

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