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STUDENTS AND PARENTS' BULLETIN

SOUTHVILLE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL AND COLLEGES

SHINING THROUGH THE YEARS: 35 YEARS OF SOUTHVILLE AND THE TEACHERS WHO LIGHT OUR PATH

"A good teacher is like a candle – it consumes itself to light the way for others."

October 6, 2025, marks the 35th Foundation Anniversary of Southville International School and Colleges (SISC)—a milestone that celebrates 35 years of excellence, innovation, and service. For more than three decades, SISC has stood strong as a community shaping future leaders and lifelong learners.



To give way for the Foundation Day festivities, please be informed that there will be no classes on October 6, 2025.

In line with this milestone, we will also be honoring the invaluable role of teachers in the growth and success of our Monarchs. Teachers' Day will be celebrated during the weekly assemblies of each campus from October 7 to 20, 2025.

Vision

Southville International School and Colleges is recognized nationally and globally in the delivery of international education to develop lifelong learners, excellent in academics and values, and movers of society who will make a difference in the 21st century.



Mission

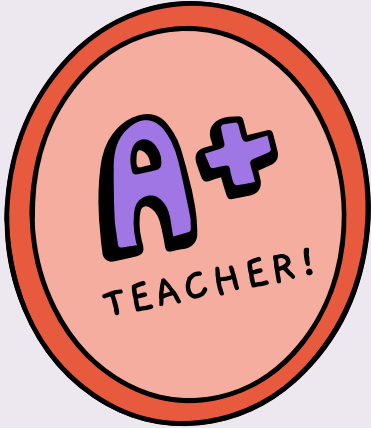
SISC is committed to develop lifelong learners who are equipped with the 5Cs (Competence, Character, Commitment to Achieve, Collaboration, Creativity/Innovation) through data-driven and technology-enhanced educational programs to ensure student success in the 21st century.



These gatherings will be a special time to express our gratitude for our educators' tireless dedication, passion, and love for teaching.

Let us take this opportunity to celebrate Southville's 35-year legacy and to honor the teachers who continue to light the way for generations of Monarchs.





SECURING TOMORROW'S PROMISE: A COMPREHENSIVE SCHOOL SAFETY ASSESSMENT

Safety in schools is crucial for ensuring that students and staff can learn and work in a nurturing, inclusive and secure environment. This includes physical safety, such as protecting students from violence and accidents, as well as emotional safety, such as preventing bullying and promoting mental health. A safe and secure school environment also helps to create a positive and productive learning environment, where students can focus on their studies and achieve their full potential. Additionally, providing a safe and secure school environment can also help to build trust and engagement between the school and the community.

SISC is conducting a School Safety Check-up through this simple survey. We are sending a school safety checklist to hear the voices of our students, parents, teachers and staff about how they perceive the safety in our school.

Please answer this school safety checkup as honestly as you can. Rate the following components with 5 as the highest and 1 as the lowest.

School Safety Check-Up Survey A.Y. 2025-2026



20 YEARS OF IB: A JOURNEY OF JOY, KINDNESS, AND IMPACT

Rain or shine, nothing could dampen the spirit of Southville's International Baccalaureate community as they celebrated 20 years of IB with a week filled with fun, meaning, and heart.

The celebration kicked off with a flashmob in the rain—because when you're an IB Monarch, even stormy skies can't stop you from dancing, laughing, and spreading joy. The energy was contagious and set the "stage" for an unforgettable IB Anniversary Celebration.

From there, it was all about kindness and connection. Through the IB Compliment Bomb, students sent heartfelt thank-you notes to teachers, staff, and classmates who had touched their school life, turning ordinary days into moments of gratitude. Then came IB High 5 Friday, where students greeted everyone at the gate with high fives and smiles, proving that sometimes, the simplest gestures can make the biggest difference.

The week also highlighted the values that IB learners hold dear. The Community Pantry, run as an honesty store, reminded everyone of the importance of integrity and trust. At the Kindness Café, warm drinks and warmer conversations brewed stronger bonds among Monarchs. Standing together, the IB community also amplified Southville's campaign of "No Bullying Allowed," showing their firm stand for respect and inclusivity.





As the week drew to a close, Wellness Friday took center stage, led by an inspiring IB alumna and wellness advocate who reminded everyone of the importance of balance, mental health, and self-care. And in true IB fashion, the celebration went beyond campus walls with a Coastal Cleanup at SM Bay, where students rolled up their sleeves to show their love for the environment.

Every activity, from dancing in the rain to cleaning the shoreline, was a powerful testament to the IB Learner Profile and Southville's 5Cs—Character, Competence, Commitment to Achieve, Collaboration, and Creativity.

Two decades in, IB at Southville continues to shape learners who are not only academically excellent but also caring, principled, and ready to make a difference in the world. Here's to 20 years of impact—and to many more to come!



MEET THE NEWLY ELECTED STUDENT COUNCIL OFFICERS OF SISC

Southville International School and Colleges (SISC) proudly welcomes its newly elected Student Council officers, the student leaders who will serve as the voice and representatives of the Monarch community this school year.

The Student Council plays a vital role in shaping a school environment where every Monarch feels safe, supported, and empowered. With their leadership, they will ensure that SISC remains a place where all students are given the opportunity to express their voices, be heard, and actively participate in meaningful and engaging activities. These activities are designed not only to enrich academic learning but also to nurture personal growth, leadership, and responsibility.

Guided by the values of respect, responsibility, and integrity, the newly elected officers are ready to champion the interests of their peers, foster inclusivity, and strengthen the spirit of collaboration across the student body. Their mission is to create a vibrant school community where every student thrives—academically, socially, and personally.

Together, the Student Council officers are set to inspire, innovate, and lead in making this school year an extraordinary journey for all Monarchs.



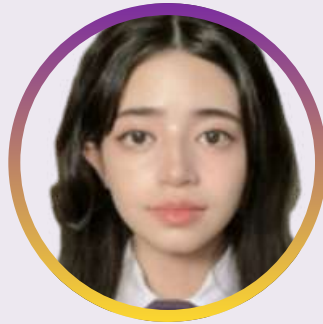
LUX STUDENT COUNCIL



LEE JU YOUNG
President



LEE SEULBI
Vice President



DIMACHKIE, FATIMAH
Secretary



ENGELBRECHT, LIAM
Treasurer



LIM, RONN ELIJAH
7th Grade
Representative



MEDINA, MATTHEW
8th Grade
Representative



JUNG YE IN
9th Grade
Representative



JIN SUA
10th Grade
Representative



AGUSTIN, ANTONETTE
11th Grade
Representative

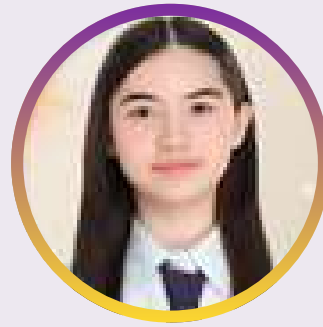


SEE, ETIENNE
12th Grade
Representative

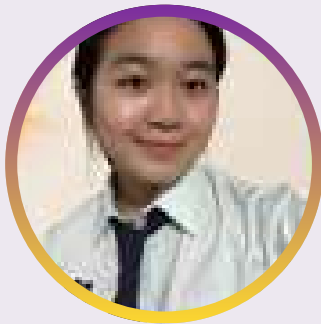
IB STUDENT COUNCIL



SANTOS, JOSHUA LEVI
President



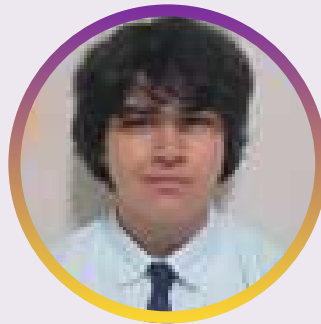
HERMOSILLA, GABRIELLE
Vice President



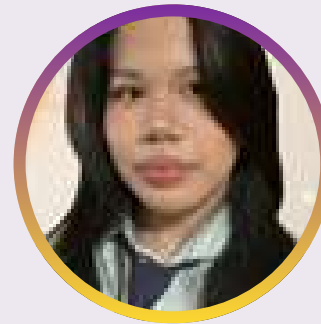
SHIN HYEYEON
Secretary



BAE SEUNGBIN
Treasurer



POLLARD, ETHAN
IB Year 1 Batch
Representative



PINCA, MARTHA
IB Year 2 Batch
Representative

SISC recognizes the importance of giving its students the opportunity to fully develop their leadership skills through the Student Council. Being a member of this year's Student Council is a serious obligation, requiring a great deal of dedication, time and effort to maintain school unity and grow student morale.

YOUR CHILD PROTECTION OFFICERS AT SISC

At Southville International School and Colleges (SISC), the safety and well-being of our students remain our top priority. To strengthen our commitment to providing a safe, nurturing, and supportive learning environment, we are proud to introduce our designated Child Protection Officers (CPOs).

Our Child Protection Officers are trained to address concerns related to child protection and safeguarding. Students and parents may approach any of our CPOs for guidance, assistance, or to raise any child protection-related matters within the school.

With compassion and dedication, our CPOs are here to ensure that every Monarch feels safe, respected, and protected.

Together, let us continue to make SISC a secure and caring community where students can focus on learning, growing, and thriving.



Marie Vic Suarez
Principal



Junessa Lumbres
Deputy Principal,
Lux



Sheryl Manalo
Deputy Principal,
Munich



Jenny Fonte
Deputy Principal,
STAR



Armie Ababa
IB Coordinator



Dabereth Salibio
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Angela Kaiser
Asst. Deputy
Principal, Munich



Annabel Vasquez
Discipline Head



Patricia Belleza
Student Affairs
Coordinator



Jericho Medina
Student Affairs
Associate



January Gutierrez
CAPS Head



Phi Ann Tatlonghari
Parent Representative



Lee Ju Young
Student
Representative



Joshua Levi Santos
Student Representative

Kindly see Student Handbook pages 86-87 for the complete list of members of SISC Child Protection Officer.

SOUTHVILLE STUDENT TO PERFORM AT CARNEGIE HALL'S WEILL RECITAL HALL



Southville International School and Colleges (SISC) proudly announces that **Jenica Beatrice A. Roque**, a Grade 7 student, has been chosen to perform at the prestigious **AVIMC Winners Recital**, presented by the American Society of Musical Excellence. The recital will take place on **Friday, October 3, 2025, at 7:00 PM at Weill Recital Hall, Carnegie Hall, New York.**

Jenica will join more than 30 exceptional young musicians from different parts of the world, each recognized for their outstanding talent and artistry. Her selection to perform at such a world-renowned venue highlights not only her dedication to music but also the global competitiveness of Southville students.

"This remarkable opportunity is a testament to Jenica's hard work and passion for music. She carries with her the pride of the Southville community as she takes the stage at one of the world's most iconic concert halls," said Marie Vic Suarez, SISC Principal.

The AVIMC Winners Recital celebrates musical excellence by gathering the best young performers worldwide, giving them the platform to share their artistry at Carnegie Hall—a milestone achievement for any musician.

BUILDING PARTNERSHIPS THROUGH COFFEE CHATS

Thank you to all the parents and students who joined the Coffee Chat for Grade 6 and IB.

It was wonderful to see parents, students, and teachers come together in such a warm and friendly setting, building meaningful connections to support both the personal and academic growth of our students.

For your reference, we are sharing once again the schedule of Coffee Chats for the other grade levels. Please note that the Coffee Chat for Grades 7 to 12 has been rescheduled due to the recent inclement weather.

LEVEL	DATE	TIME	VENUE
Grades 3 to 5 Parents	Oct 9, 2025	9:00 AM - 12:00 NN	Lux Hall
Preschool to Grades 2 Parents	Oct 9, 2025	1:00 PM - 4:00 PM	Lux Hall
Grades 7 & 8 Parents	Oct 10, 2025	8:30 AM - 10:30 AM	Lux Hall
Grades 9 & 10 Parents	Oct 10, 2025	12:00 NN - 2:00 PM	Lux Hall
Grades 11 & 12 Parents	Oct 10, 2025	3:00 PM - 5:00 PM	Lux Hall

REMINDER TO ALL MOTORCYCLE, E-BIKE, AND BICYCLE STUDENT RIDERS

For the safety and well-being of everyone in our school community, all student riders are reminded to strictly observe the following:

- Always **wear a helmet** and other **appropriate safety gear**.
- Ensure your vehicle (motorcycle, e-bike, or bicycle) is in good working condition.
- **Do not give or offer rides to fellow students**, as doing so makes you responsible for their safety, especially if their parents or guardians are not aware or have not given consent.
- Ride only with the knowledge and permission of your parents/guardians.
- Follow traffic rules and school safety guidelines at all times.
- Be sure to have your own Driver's License to drive a motorcycle.
- Be sure to have your Bicycle locked in the bike rack.

Your safety is our priority. Let us work together to promote responsibility, discipline, and care for one another.



THE HEART OF A MONARCH: FOSTERING A SENSE OF INCLUSION AND BELONGINGNESS

By Chukwuma Anujuo of 12 Tenacity

Acceptance matters to everyone, and for me, belonging feels like one of the most basic human needs. Wanting to be accepted, included, and seen is something we all crave, it's just part of being human. When you don't feel like you belong, you start to feel lonely, disconnected, or even invisible. I get it now when people talk about things like Maslow's Hierarchy of Needs, belonging really does come right after feeling safe.



I still remember my first day of school. I didn't know anyone, and I felt completely out of place. The moment I walked into the classroom, I kept my head down, thinking, "I want to leave already. This is so awkward." When I finally sat down, I noticed that some of my classmates were already talking like they'd known each other for years, even though we were supposed to all be new. That's when it hit me, I was the outsider.

Break time made it worse. I sat by myself, quietly eating while everyone else seemed to have someone to talk to. Then something unexpected happened. One of my classmates walked over and started talking to me. For the first time that day, I felt relieved, I wasn't completely alone. A few minutes later, he asked if his friend could join us. I said, "Yeah, why not? The more, the merrier." That simple moment changed everything. We talked, laughed, and realized we had so much in common, music, TV shows, even the same sense of humor.



Weeks passed, and suddenly I wasn't just sitting alone anymore. My circle of friends grew, and the anxious, awkward feeling I had on day one slowly disappeared. My classmates accepted me for who I am. That's when I realized what belonging really meant: being welcomed, not just being there.

Belonging isn't just about sharing the same space or sitting at the same table. It's about feeling seen, valued, and comfortable enough to be yourself without worrying about judgment. That experience taught me how powerful acceptance can be. When we feel like we belong, we're not only safer and more confident, we're able to grow, contribute, and actually thrive.



VALUE OF THE MONTH

OCTOBER

Embracing Cultural Diversity and
Global Competence



VALUE OF THE WEEK

SEPTEMBER 29 - OCTOBER 3, 2025

Demonstrating Knowledge and Awareness
of Local, Global / Intercultural Issues



EARTHQUAKE SAFETY FOR STUDENTS

DROP

Drop to the ground immediately.



COVER

Take cover under the study desk or table. Protect your head and neck.



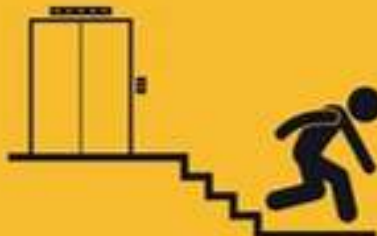
HOLD

Hold on until the shaking stops. Stay put until safe.



ALARM

Alert others or sound the alarm.



EXIT

Use stairs or fire exits only. Avoid elevators and unsafe structures.



EVACUATE

Proceed to the evacuation area. Wait for Attendees and assistance.

FOLLOW EMERGENCY PERSONNELS' INSTRUCTIONS

Infographics by Mr. Denz Pedro, Biology Teacher and Head of the SISC Red Cross Youth Council (K-12 and IB)

STARS, HEARTS, AND LAURELS: ALUMNI ACHIEVERS SPOTLIGHT

Welcome to our "Alumni Achievers Spotlight" – a dedicated corner where we celebrate the remarkable accomplishments of our former students. Our alumni have gone on to achieve great success in various fields, serving as a source of inspiration for current students and parents alike. In this space, we will share their inspiring stories, achievements, and the valuable lessons they've learned on their journey from our school to their dreams. Join us in celebrating the excellence of our alumni and discover the limitless possibilities that await our current students.



Southville's emphasis on student leadership and initiative provided the foundation for the skills I rely on in my professional life today.

Studying at Southville was genuinely one of the happiest and most formative times of my life. It gave me every opportunity to grow—not just academically, but as a person of character. Southville's emphasis on student leadership and initiative provided the foundation for the skills I rely on in my professional life today. Being part of such a diverse student population, with classmates from different cultures and backgrounds, opened my eyes to the value of understanding differences. That experience helped shape my passion for diplomacy and international relations and set me on the path to becoming an Intelligence Analyst, where I now work to support international stakeholders in high-risk regions to promote peace and security.

Southville's training helped me excel in this field—from the excellent educators who became lifelong mentors and friends, to the many formative experiences I had in Model United Nations, the student council, and a range of other exciting and life-changing co-curricular programs the school empowered me to join. Like many students, I used to scoff at the constant talk of "grit" and "growth mindset." But looking back, those very values have become the driving force behind my development as a young professional. That, along with the friendships and memories I made, will always give Southville a special place in my heart and identity.



LESTER BUITIZON

K12 & IB Alumnus | Batch 2020

Threat Intelligence Analyst
Aldebaran TC

MONARCHS MOMENTS

STAR CAMPUS

“Learning is always exciting at Preschool! From SK Aqua’s Community Helper Day, to JK Mint’s hopping to new class skills, to Pre-K’s playful letter explorations — our little learners had a blast!”



MONARCHS MOMENTS

MUNICH CAMPUS

“Grade 6 students and their parents enjoyed a meaningful Coffee Chat and Parent-Child Bonding, creating lasting memories and stronger friendships.”



MONARCHS MOMENTS

LUX CAMPUS

“ *High School Monarchs take their midterms seriously, every assessment is a step toward Academic and Values Excellence.* ”



SOCIAL-EMOTIONAL LEARNING (SEL) CORNER

Demonstrating Awareness of Local, National, and Global Issues



Stay informed

- Read and discuss local, national, and international news
- Engage in respectful dialogues with others to build mutual understanding



Connect with Community

- Participate in community efforts to see connection between global challenges and local action



Take part in activities

- Join Model United Nations (MUN) simulations to discuss and propose solutions to global issues
- Volunteer in national and international opportunities



Act responsibly

- Raise awareness and inspire others to act on local and global issues

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HEALTH ADVISORY

Must known facts on **LEPTOSPIROSIS**

Leptospirosis is caused by *Leptospira* bacteria found in both wild and domestic animals



How is it Transmitted?



Leptospirosis spreads during floods through contact with water contaminated by urine from infected animals, especially rodents. It can enter the body through cuts, mucous membranes (eyes, nose, mouth), or by swallowing the water.

Steps to prevent Leptospirosis



REMINDER: Visit your doctor or local health center for a check-up. A proper diagnosis and prescription are needed before taking medicine for Leptospirosis.

WADE WITH CARE, LEPTO'S THERE!



References:

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 Department of Health (DOH)





AROUND SGEN

Looking for a fun and enriching way to spend your Saturdays? Look no further than SISC' Worthwhile Weekend Programs (WWP)! WWP offers a variety of exciting programs designed to help young ones develop new skills and explore their interests. Whether you're passionate about sports, music, or art, there's something for everyone:

For the Sports Enthusiast: Hone your skills in basketball, volleyball, soccer, archery, fencing, karate, taekwondo, arnis, or even chess!
For the Creative Soul: Bring out your visual and performing side with art, voice, modern dance, and ballet!

Programs start this October. For details, call Ms. Elydia Reyes at 825-2358 local 100/333, or scan the QR code to register.

ENROLL NOW!



WORTHWHILE WEEKEND

Programs



Modern Dance



Voice



Ballet



Fencing



Arnis



Karate



Chess



Basketball



Soccer



Volleyball



Taekwondo



Archery



Arts: Painting



Spanish | French



YOUR VOICE MATTERS:

SHARE YOUR FEEDBACK HERE



Customer Satisfaction Survey

Our Public Relations Office has created a survey tool available to all parents, students, and stakeholders of Southville International School and Colleges. Simply scan the QR code below to share your commendations, concerns, or suggestions.

Kindly scan the QR code.

Please acknowledge that you received the e-bulletin. Acknowledgment of this email won't require you to submit reply slips. Kindly scan the QR code to the right or click the link below:



Acknowledgement Form

Marie Vic F. Suarez, PhD
Principal, K12 and IB

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