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SOUTHVILLE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL AND COLLEGES



CHRISTMAS MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

The festive spirit is alive and thriving here at Southville as we usher in the Holiday Season with joy and purpose. The Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony at Monarch's Park marked the beginning of our celebrations, illuminating not only our campus but also the hope, joy, and warmth that this season brings. Light, after all, is at the heart of Christmas—from the star that guided the wise men to the twinkling lights that adorn our homes, reminding us of the connections we share and the love that binds us together.

This year, the College community embraced the season by celebrating with the Christmas Cantata, with a special participation from our very own Vivace choir. Their melodies filled the air with wonder and reminded us of the beauty of unity and shared talent in spreading the joy of Christmas.

Meanwhile, our K-12 students extended the holiday cheer to our POUCH beneficiaries through a meaningful Christmas Party. In the spirit of giving, the students prepared not only material gifts but also shared their gifts in the performing arts. Through their heartfelt performances, they brought smiles and light to those they served, embodying the true essence of this season—sharing, caring, and making a difference in the lives of others.

As we bask in the glow of these celebrations, may we be reminded that even the smallest light can dispel darkness.



Marie Vic F. Suarez, Ph.D
K12 & IB Principal



Whether through a kind word, a generous gesture, or the joy of shared experiences, each of us holds the power to brighten the world around us. Let this light guide us through the season and into the year ahead, inspiring us to give freely, love deeply, and spread warmth wherever we go.

May this Christmas season bring peace, happiness, and love to your homes, and may the light of hope and joy stay with you throughout the coming year. Merry Christmas to all!



PTC SET IN JANUARY 2026

After the resumption of classes in January, the Parent-Teacher Conference (PTC) for K12 from **Preschool to Grade 12** will be held on **January 23, 2026**, while the **IB** PTC will be on **January 16, 2025**. The PTC may be conducted either face-to-face or virtually via Google Meet, with your child's class adviser sending you the personal meeting link prior to your scheduled conference.

This is your chance to meet and catch up with your child's teacher to learn about your child's progress in school. There will be no classes on January 16, 2026 for IB students and January 23, 2026 for Preschool to Grade 12 students to give way to the PTC.



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 1 - 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	Grade Level	Book Title
1	The Magic School Bus at the Waterworks by Joanna Cole	7	Artemis Fowl by Eoin Colfer Wizard of Oz by L. Frank Baum White Fang by Jack London
2	Horrible Harry and the Green Slime by Suzy Kline	8	A Christmas Carol by C. Dickens The Giver by Lois Lowry War of the Worlds by H.G. Wells
3	The Seven Habits of Happy Kids by S. Covey The Tale of Peter Rabbit by Beatrix Potter	9	Survival by G. Korman Things Fall Apart by Chinua Achebe Hunger Games by Suzanne Collins
4	The Lion, The Witch, and the Wardrobe by C.S. Lewis A Little Princess by F.H. Burnett	10	Moby Dick by H. Melville Pride and Prejudice by Jane Austen The Joy Luck Club by Amy Tan
5	Island of the Blue Dolphins by Scott O'dell (Term 2 novel) Velveteen Rabbit by M. Williams The Magician's Nephew by C.S Lewis The Bridge to Terabithia by Katherine Paterson	11	University of Success by Og Mandino Les Miserables by Victor Hugo The Alchemist by Paulo Coelho
6	Holes by Louis Sachar Anne of Green Gables by L.M. Montgomery Charlie and the Chocolate Factory by Roald Dahl	12	Autobiography of Benjamin Franklin by Benjamin Franklin Silas Marner by George Elliot Don Quixote by Miguel de Cervantes

The reading assignments are readily available on MOODLE (SISC → Stanford Lexile Books). However, please be informed that MOODLE is currently down until January 4. The English teachers of each level will email the books for Grades 1 to 12.

Preschool students are also welcome to choose any book they find interesting and read it. Every word counts!



MONARCHS DISCOVER EUROPE IN A FUN-FILLED IMMERSIVE EXPERIENCE

Southville International School and Colleges' (SISC) Global Village Program brought students on a transformative international cultural and educational immersion across the Netherlands, Belgium, and France from November 14–22, 2025. The participants engaged in curated cultural activities that enabled them to experience Europe's diverse traditions firsthand—from the vibrant canals of Amsterdam and the architectural treasures of Brussels to the artistic marvels of Paris.

A highlight of the immersion was a courtesy visit to Ambassador Jaime Victor Ledda, Philippine Diplomat to Belgium and Luxembourg, where students learned about the vital role of international relations, diplomacy, and global citizenship. The dialogue provided valuable insights into the Philippines' presence in Europe, and inspired students to think critically about global issues and future pathways in international service.

SISC's Global Village Program was designed to broaden the participants' international awareness and strengthen their intercultural competence, while fostering greater independence, adaptability, and confidence among them. It reaffirms the school's commitment to prepare learners to thrive in a rapidly changing world, promoting a global perspective that broadens horizons, encourages collaboration, and nurtures a sense of belonging in an increasingly interconnected world.



VIBRANT PARADE OF NATIONS CELEBRATES GLOBAL UNITY

SISC proudly showcased its commitment to global awareness and cultural appreciation through the annual Parade of Nations held last November 25-26, 2025. The colorful event, participated in by Preschool and Grade School students and warmly supported by their families, transformed Luxembourg Hall into a lively celebration of unity in diversity.

Dressed in traditional attire representing countries from around the world, students marched with pride as they highlighted the unique heritage, traditions, and identities of the nations they represented. Flags, costumes, and stage performances brought each culture to life, creating an atmosphere of joy and discovery for the entire school community.

The Parade of Nations forms part of SISC's continuing efforts to cultivate internationally minded learners who appreciate cultural differences while recognizing shared human values. Through activities like this, students deepen their understanding of the world, grow in cultural awareness, and embrace their place in the international community.



MONARCH RESEARCHERS RISE: SOUTHVILLE TEAMS SELECTED FOR SCIENCE CASTLE PHILIPPINES 2026!

Southville International School and Colleges is proud to announce another remarkable milestone in our growing tradition of excellence in research and innovation.

We are delighted to share that three Southville research teams have been officially selected as Poster Presenters for the prestigious Science Castle Philippines 2026, happening on January 17–18, 2026 at Mapúa University. This confirmation was shared by Sir Alexander Gali of Leave a Nest Philippines, Inc., marking an exciting achievement for our young scientists.

Their inclusion in this national research platform highlights the students' creativity, scientific rigor, and commitment to pushing the boundaries of inquiry—embodying the Southville 5Cs: Competence, Character, Commitment to Achieve, Collaboration, and Creativity.

Selected Research Teams

1. Evaluating the Effect of Propeller Material and Throttle Level on the Thrust Efficiency of Drone Propellers

Members: **Yohan Park, Ivan Matthew Eijthoven, Marc Rabel P. Olegario**

2. Bio-Glycerol as a Green Catalyst in Aspirin Synthesis: Replacing Sulfuric Acid

Members: **Ban Jimin, Daehan Lee, Charlie James Howell**

3. Incorporating Barley Flour into Polylactic Acid for Enhanced Bone Bioceramics Properties

Members: **Oh Shin Yeong, Siyoun Kim**

Each of these studies showcases innovative thinking and real-world relevance—qualities that make our Monarchs stand out in the field of scientific research.

We extend our heartfelt congratulations to all participating students and their mentors for their dedication and passion. Southville is truly proud of your achievement, and we look forward to cheering you on as you present your work at Science Castle Philippines 2026!

VALUE OF THE MONTH

DECEMBER

Relating with Empathy and Compassion



VALUE OF THE WEEK

DECEMBER 8–12, 2025

Developing Sensitivity to the Needs of Others

MONARCHS MAKE THEIR MARK AT BIG BAY BEI 2025

Southville International School and Colleges (SISC) proudly celebrates the outstanding achievements of our Monarchs in the **Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macau Greater Bay Area Mathematical Olympiad (Big Bay Bei) 2025 Heat Round – Philippines**, held on **November 23, 2025**. From Kindergarten to Senior Secondary, our students rose to the challenge with passion, perseverance, and exceptional problem-solving skills—proving that learning extends far beyond classroom assessments.

Our Monarchs captured top awards across all divisions, earning 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Prize distinctions, along with Merit and Participation awards. Their success reflects not only strong mathematical foundations but also their growing confidence to apply knowledge in real-world, competitive settings.

The impressive sweep of awards, especially in the Senior Secondary level, reaffirms SISC's commitment to developing globally competitive learners who pursue excellence with courage and curiosity. These triumphs are a testament to our students' hard work, the support of their families, and the dedication of educators who continually inspire them to reach higher.

Congratulations, Monarchs, for shining brightly on the international stage and showing what it means to learn bravely and lead boldly!

1st PRIZE AWARDEES



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SUBIN CHO
1ST PRIZE AWARD
BIG BAY BEI 2025 HEAT ROUND



SUMIN OH
1ST PRIZE AWARD
BIG BAY BEI 2025 HEAT ROUND



KYLIE CEAZER VAZ
1ST PRIZE AWARD
BIG BAY BEI 2025 HEAT ROUND



SEO HEON LEE
1ST PRIZE AWARD
BIG BAY BEI 2025 HEAT ROUND



JEHEELIN LEE
1ST PRIZE AWARD
BIG BAY BEI 2025 HEAT ROUND



YOONJI CHA
1ST PRIZE AWARD
BIG BAY BEI 2025 HEAT ROUND



CATHLEEN JEN DELA ROSA
1ST PRIZE AWARD
BIG BAY BEI 2025 HEAT ROUND



RODRIGO NANJARI V
1ST PRIZE AWARD
BIG BAY BEI 2025 HEAT ROUND



JU YOUNG LEE
1ST PRIZE AWARD
BIG BAY BEI 2025 HEAT ROUND



LEE GWAN JIN
1ST PRIZE AWARD
BIG BAY BEI 2025 HEAT ROUND



ROBIN LEE
1ST PRIZE AWARD
BIG BAY BEI 2025 HEAT ROUND



YEJIN SEO
1ST PRIZE AWARD
BIG BAY BEI 2025 HEAT ROUND



ONJU PAK
1ST PRIZE AWARD
BIG BAY BEI 2025 HEAT ROUND



YERIN OH
1ST PRIZE AWARD
BIG BAY BEI 2025 HEAT ROUND



KIM SIWOO
1ST PRIZE AWARD
BIG BAY BEI 2025 HEAT ROUND



GRACIELLA GONZALES
1ST PRIZE AWARD
BIG BAY BEI 2025 HEAT ROUND



JOA LEE
1ST PRIZE AWARD
BIG BAY BEI 2025 HEAT ROUND



BOYEON KIM
1ST PRIZE AWARD
BIG BAY BEI 2025 HEAT ROUND



CHAEWON KANG
1ST PRIZE AWARD
BIG BAY BEI 2025 HEAT ROUND



SAMAIREE DELA CRUZ
1ST PRIZE AWARD
BIG BAY BEI 2025 HEAT ROUND

1st PRIZE AWARDEES



SEOHUI PARK
1ST PRIZE AWARD
BIG BAY BEI 2025 HEAT ROUND



YEONJIN LEE
1ST PRIZE AWARD
BIG BAY BEI 2025 HEAT ROUND



BLAISE D'ARAN
1ST PRIZE AWARD
BIG BAY BEI 2025 HEAT ROUND



KYRA SANTOS
1ST PRIZE AWARD
BIG BAY BEI 2025 HEAT ROUND

2nd PRIZE AWARDEES



JIAN FABIO UY
2ND PRIZE AWARD
BIG BAY BEI 2025 HEAT ROUND



FELIPA LEONOR RODRIGUEZ
2ND PRIZE AWARD
BIG BAY BEI 2025 HEAT ROUND



**JOSHUA JHONSONIAN
BRAKMORE-CANTERBURY**
2ND PRIZE AWARD
BIG BAY BEI 2025 HEAT ROUND



ANDRES ANTONIO MAIGUE
2ND PRIZE AWARD
BIG BAY BEI 2025 HEAT ROUND



NATHAN VANCE
2ND PRIZE AWARD
BIG BAY BEI 2025 HEAT ROUND



**JOHN WENDELL DELOS
SANTOS**
2ND PRIZE AWARD
BIG BAY BEI 2025 HEAT ROUND



RYMMIL RENZO MACAPAGAL
2ND PRIZE AWARD
BIG BAY BEI 2025 HEAT ROUND



SEOYI LEE
2ND PRIZE AWARD
BIG BAY BEI 2025 HEAT ROUND

3rd PRIZE AWARDEES



ARKEEN SKYE ROSITA
3RD PRIZE AWARD
BIG BAY BEI 2025 HEAT ROUND



ELIUAH JONATHAN LABRADOR
3RD PRIZE AWARD
BIG BAY BEI 2025 HEAT ROUND



MARK ANDREW CATALUÑA
3RD PRIZE AWARD
BIG BAY BEI 2025 HEAT ROUND



RYAN GAVRIEL REFORSADO
3RD PRIZE AWARD
BIG BAY BEI 2025 HEAT ROUND

3rd PRIZE AWARDEES



MERIT AWARDEES



PARTICIPATION AWARDEES



MONARCH SIBLINGS MAKE A SPLASH AT DISTRICT SWIM MEET

Southville International School and Colleges (SISC) proudly celebrates the impressive achievements of sibling swimmers **Geoff Gabriel and Georgina Kimberly Parole**, who excelled at the Palarong Pambansa – District Meet with remarkable discipline, perseverance, and competitive spirit.

Geoff Gabriel (3 Kaizen) earned 3rd Place in the 100m Backstroke, 100m Breaststroke, and 50m Breaststroke—qualifying for the NCR Meet.

His sister, Georgina Kimberly (6 Collaboration), delivered an outstanding medal run, placing 2nd in both the 100m and 50m Breaststroke, and securing 3rd in the 50m Backstroke, 50m Freestyle, and 50m Butterfly—also advancing to the NCR Meet.

Their achievements highlight not only their athletic talent but also their shared dedication, hard work, and unwavering drive to improve. SISC commends their inspiring commitment and the support of their family and coaches.

Congratulations to our Monarch siblings for making waves and proudly raising the Southville banner!



SCHEDULE FOR CHRISTMAS PARTIES & BREAK

One of the best parts of the holiday season is the Christmas Party and break - however brief - from regular class days. The Christmas Party schedule for Preschool, Grade School and High School is on **December 17, 2025** to be held in their respective classrooms. The schedule of the Christmas Party is as follows:

Preschool	9:00 AM - 12:00 NN	Grades 5 and 6	10:00 AM - 12:30 AM
Grades 1 and 2	10:00 AM - 12:30 PM	Grades 7 to 12	8:30 AM - 12:00 NN
Grades 3 and 4	9:00 am - 12:00 NN	IB 1 and IB 2	8:30 AM - 12:00 NN

Regular classes in **IB** will resume on **January 7, 2026**. Regular classes in **Preschool - Grade 12** will resume on **January 12, 2026**.

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.



Dr. Steffani Krista Someda Chua is a distinguished ophthalmologist whose expertise in Orbit, Oculoplastic, and Lacrimal Surgery has earned her recognition in both local and global medical communities. She completed her subspecialty fellowship training at Aichi Medical University Hospital in Japan (2023–2024), where she refined her surgical skills and deepened her research work in orbital and lacrimal diseases. Her commitment to continuous learning also led her to international observerships at the renowned LV Prasad Eye Institute in India, further expanding her global clinical experience.

A prolific researcher, Dr. Chua has published more than a dozen peer-reviewed articles in leading scientific journals, including the Journal of Clinical Medicine and Ophthalmic Plastic & Reconstructive Surgery. She has presented groundbreaking studies on orbital fractures, lacrimal disorders, and the integration of 3D printing in surgical innovation at prestigious international conferences. Her work has earned top distinctions in both research and surgical video competitions, reflecting her passion for advancing ophthalmic science and surgical excellence.

Beyond her academic accomplishments, Dr. Chua remains deeply committed to service. She provides highly specialized eye care across multiple hospitals and communities, advocating for accessible and high-quality treatment for all patients. Through international collaborations and continuous contribution to medical research, she exemplifies the excellence, compassion, and global leadership of a true Southville alumna.



Dr. Steffani Krista Someda Chua

*K12 Batch 2006 | Consultant Ophthalmologist
Specialist in Orbit, Oculoplastic & Lacrimal Surgery*

Monarchs Moments

STAR CAMPUS

“ Learning comes alive! 🌱

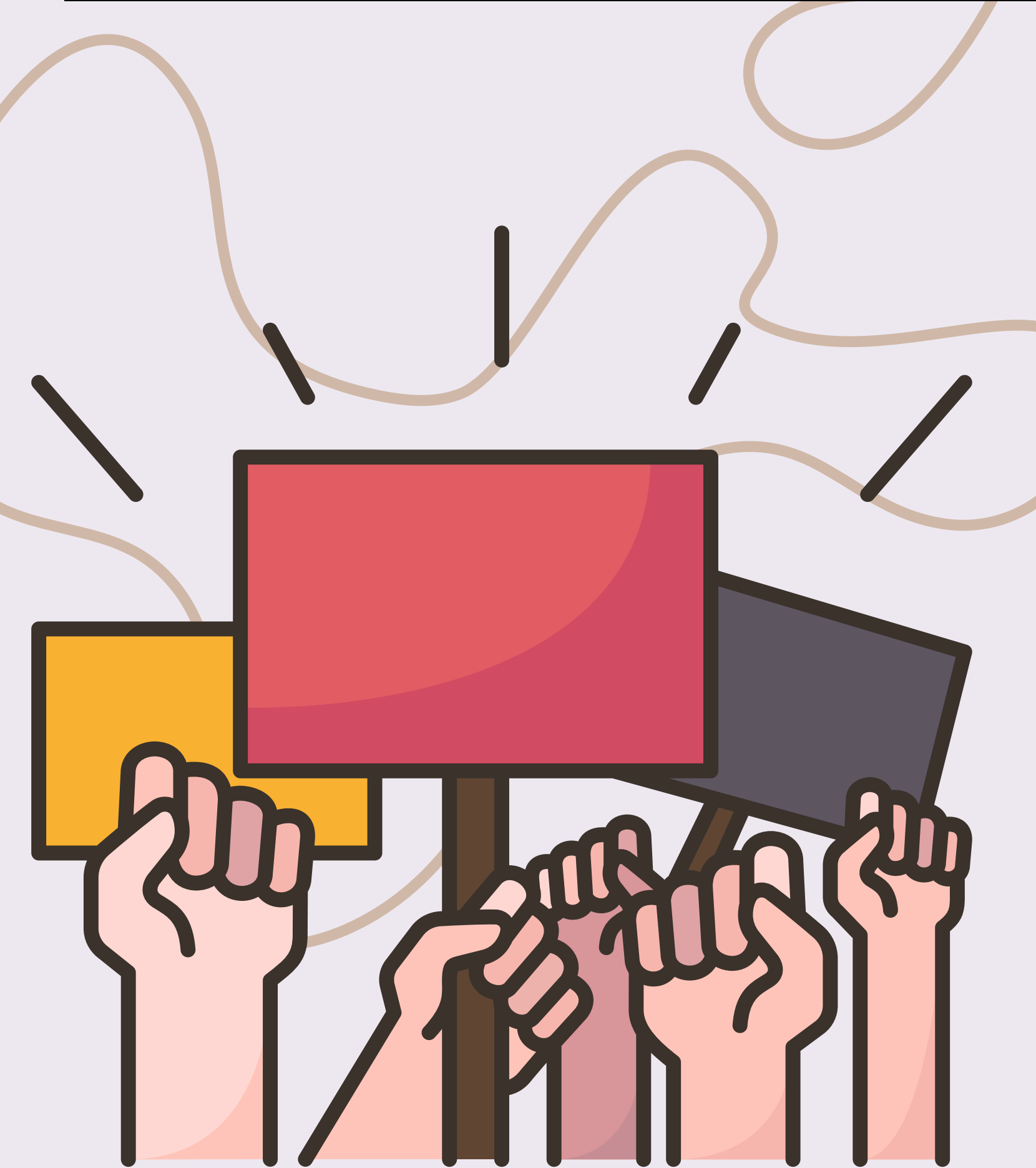
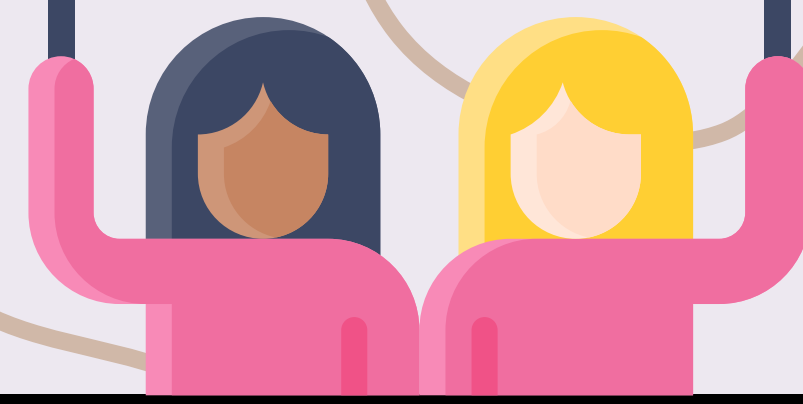
From garden plants to our toy fish Doodle and real betta Pebble, our preschoolers identified what's living and what's not! ”



Monarchs Moments MUNICH CAMPUS

“Our Young Monarchs proudly let their voices be heard—expressing their love for the country and their hopes for a brighter tomorrow.”

RIGHTS



Monarchs Moments

LUX CAMPUS

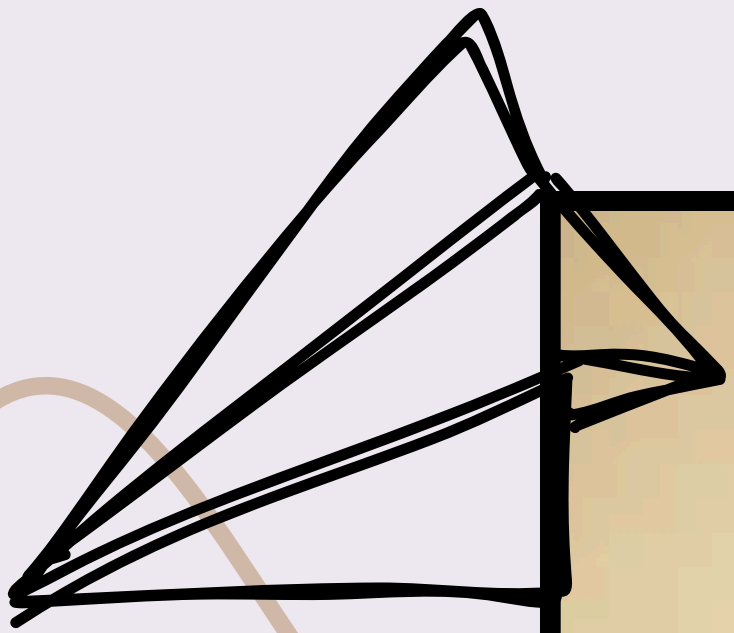
“High School students joined hands to bring smiles to our beneficiaries from CAA Elementary School and Daniel Fajardo Elementary School during the POUCH Program held on December 11, 2025—truly embodying the Southville spirit of giving, compassion, and kindness to all.”



Monarchs Moments

IB CAMPUS

“ Last week’s yearbook photoshoot brought out the best moments from our IB 2 students as they posed with their closest friends. The studio was filled with laughter, shared stories, and the energy of a batch preparing for their final stretch. These snapshots capture their bonds, their joy, and the memories they’ll carry long after graduation. ”



Social-Emotional Learning Corner



Are you sensitive to the needs of others?



Active Listening

Do you actively listen and show concern for other people's feelings?



Perspective-taking

Do you consider the perspective of others, especially those that might be different from yours?



Choose kindness

Do you use kind, gentle words to offer support and let other know you care?



Manage Emotions

Do you understand how your own emotions may impact other people's behavior and actions?



Create safe space

Do you make others feel comfortable in sharing their needs without fear of criticism?



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