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# STUDENTS AND PARENTS' BULLETIN

SOUTHVILLE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL AND COLLEGES



## SGEN SETS GLOBAL GOLD STANDARD IN IXL MASTERY

In a massive show of academic grit and IXL fluency, SGEN schools namely, Southville International School and Colleges, Stonyhurst Southville International School Malarayat and Batangas, Southville International School affiliated with Foreign Universities, South Mansfield College, and Southville Monarchs International School have officially emerged as a leader in international education. A recent benchmarking study compared SGEN's performance against 13 other international schools abroad, and the results are clear: our students aren't just using IXL—they are dominating them.

The study analyzed data from IXL, the personalized learning platform, focusing on how effectively schools translate practice into real-world skill mastery. Here is how SGEN redefined the curve.

### BREAKING THE NUMBERS: QUALITY OVER QUANTITY

While SGEN does not have the largest student population in the study group, it recorded the highest volume of engagement by a landslide. SGEN students answered over 10.5 million questions, proving that our community's work ethic is second to none.

However, the real story lies in the depth of learning. SGEN topped the charts in two critical categories:

- Skills Proficient: 288,496
- Skills Mastered: 283,538



Category	SGEN Performance	Impact
Total Questions	10.5M+	Highest among all 14 schools
Total Hours	88,021	System-wide consistency
Mystery Ratio	Top Tier	Qualify-focused learning

THE SGEN EDGE

The report concludes that SGEN serves as a "system-level model" for how international schools should integrate IXL practice. By balancing high engagement with rigorous learning outcomes, SGEN has proven that technology, when paired with dedicated students and strategic teaching, leads to unrivaled academic success.

As we celebrate these milestones, one thing is certain: SGEN students are prepared, proficient, and officially leading the way on the global stage.



DOST-SEI HONORS SOUTHVILLE’S YOUNG STEM TRAILBLAZERS WITH YES MEDALS

Southville International School and Colleges proudly celebrates its exceptional students from Grades 5 to 12 who were conferred the **2025 Youth Excellence in Science (YES) Medals** by the **Department of Science and Technology–Science Education Institute (DOST-SEI)**. This prestigious recognition honors their outstanding performances in various **international science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) competitions** held in 2024.

The awarding of the YES Medals reflects DOST-SEI’s strong confidence in young Filipino innovators who continue to shine and compete with excellence on the global STEM stage. Through curiosity, perseverance, and a passion for discovery, Southville’s students have proven that Filipino talent knows no boundaries.

The school extends its heartfelt gratitude to the administrators, teachers, and families whose guidance, encouragement, and unwavering support played a vital role in these remarkable achievements. Most of all, Southville commends its young scientists and mathematicians for proudly carrying the banner of Filipino STEM excellence and inspiring the next generation of innovators and problem-solvers.









# MONARCHS SHINE ON THE GLOBAL STAGE AT TIMO!

With hearts full of determination and minds sharpened by discipline, our young Monarchs soared beyond borders and proved that excellence knows no limits. Competing against some of the brightest mathematical minds from around the world at the Thailand International Mathematical Olympiad (TIMO) Final Round, our students demonstrated not only skill and precision, but also courage, perseverance, and a true love for learning.

We are incredibly proud to celebrate their outstanding achievements:







Each medal represents more than a victory — it tells a story of late nights, countless problem sets, quiet sacrifices, and the courage to compete on an international stage. Through every equation solved and every challenge faced, our students showed what it truly means to be a Monarch: resilient, brilliant, and ready to rise.

Your achievements inspire our entire community and remind us that with hard work and heart, our students can conquer the world — one problem, one solution, one dream at a time.

Congratulations, TIMO Champions! We are so proud of you!



## WANT TO HELP YOUR CHILD FALL IN LOVE WITH READING?

The Southville Global Education Network (SGEN) proudly invites parents and guardians to participate in the 5th National Reading Conference with the inspiring theme "READ, RELATE, and RISE" on March 19, 2026, from 9:00 AM to 3:30 PM, via Zoom. This virtual conference aims to equip parents with practical strategies and valuable insights to help children develop strong reading habits, deepen comprehension skills, and foster a lifelong love for learning.

The conference will feature distinguished guest speakers and reading experts who will share their expertise on supporting literacy development at home. Participants will gain access to evidence-based approaches, interactive discussions, and innovative techniques that can help children become more confident, engaged, and effective readers. Register on or before February 18, 2028 to avail of the Early Bird Rate of PHP 650.00. The Regular Rate is PHP 750.00. See you there!


**SGEN** | SOUTHVILLE GLOBAL  
EDUCATION NETWORK

**PACU** | PHILIPPINE ASSOCIATION OF  
COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES


# 5TH NATIONAL Reading CONFERENCE

**READ, RELATE, RISE: SPARKING A LIFELONG LOVE FOR READING AND EMOTIONAL GROWTH – FROM PRESCHOOL TO ADULTHOOD**

The Reading Conference 2026 is a whole-day event where K-12 and college educators, administrators, librarians, and parents can collaborate and enhance their skills in developing a community of readers.

**JOIN US FOR INSIGHTFUL DISCUSSIONS LED BY EXPERT SPEAKERS.**



**READ, RELATE, RISE: SPARKING A LIFELONG LOVE FOR READING AND EMOTIONAL GROWTH – FROM PRESCHOOL TO ADULTHOOD**

**DR. ROSALYN MIRASOL**

PROFESSOR AND ACADEMIC RESEARCHER, UNIVERSITY OF SANTO TOMAS  
MEMBER, INTERNATIONAL LITERACY ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE ON FUNDING

Explore reading's emotional connections to inspire a lifelong love for reading and continuous emotional growth from preschool to adulthood.

**STORIES THAT SHAPE US: BUILDING EMPATHY, RESILIENCE, AND LIFELONG LITERACY THROUGH SOCIAL EMOTIONAL LEARNING**

**DR. REA CELINE VILLA**

CO-FOUNDER, MINDSET PLUS

Connect with stories to relate to others, enhance social-emotional learning, and nurture a lifelong love of reading.



**SHAPING MINDS, TOUCHING HEARTS: THE GAIN SOUTHVILLE READING SUCCESS STORY OF GRADE 5 LEARNERS**

**MS. MARIA MONTSERRAT ITURRALDE-HAMLIN**

PRESIDENT, GOVERNMENT ACADEME INDUSTRY NETWORK - GAIN INC.

**DR. MARIE VIC SUAREZ**

PRINCIPAL, SOUTHVILLE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL AND COLLEGES

Establish the connection between literacy development and emotional growth through reflective analysis of the reading journey of Grade 5 learners in the Southville Program.



**LIT FOR LIFE: IGNITING A LOVE FOR READING IN TEENS AND YOUNG ADULTS**

**MR. KIM KIMOON**

STUDENT LEADER

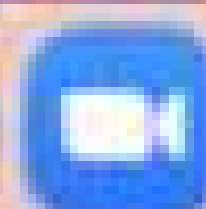
Promote lifelong reading habits by cultivating interest, motivation, and critical engagement with texts among teens and young adults.



**REGISTER  
NOW**

**MARCH 19, 2026 | 9:00 AM – 3:30 PM | VIA**

**zoom**





# CELEBRATING OUR AVID READERS

Reading opens doors to imagination, knowledge, and lifelong learning—and we are proud to celebrate our students who have made reading a meaningful habit.

Congratulations to our Avid Reader Awardees, whose commitment, initiative, and prudence shine through their consistent engagement with books and learning resources. Your love for reading reflects discipline, curiosity, and a genuine desire to grow beyond the classroom.

We also extend our commendation to students who took the initiative to read the suggested books for their respective grade levels during the holidays. Choosing to read during your break demonstrates responsibility, self-motivation, and a genuine appreciation for learning beyond school requirements.

We likewise celebrate our Top Class Visitors, who regularly make time to visit the library and use it as a space for learning, collaboration, and discovery. Your enthusiasm shows that learning does not stop at the end of a lesson—it continues through exploration and inquiry.

Our sincere thanks go to our students and teachers for continuously supporting the K-12 and IB Libraries and helping make them vibrant learning hubs for everyone. Together, let us keep nurturing a strong reading culture in our school— keep learning, keep engaging, and keep exploring Southville Library Online Resources or SLOR.

Once again, congratulations to all our awardees and classes! You inspire us all to read more, think deeper, and learn better.

## AVID READERS

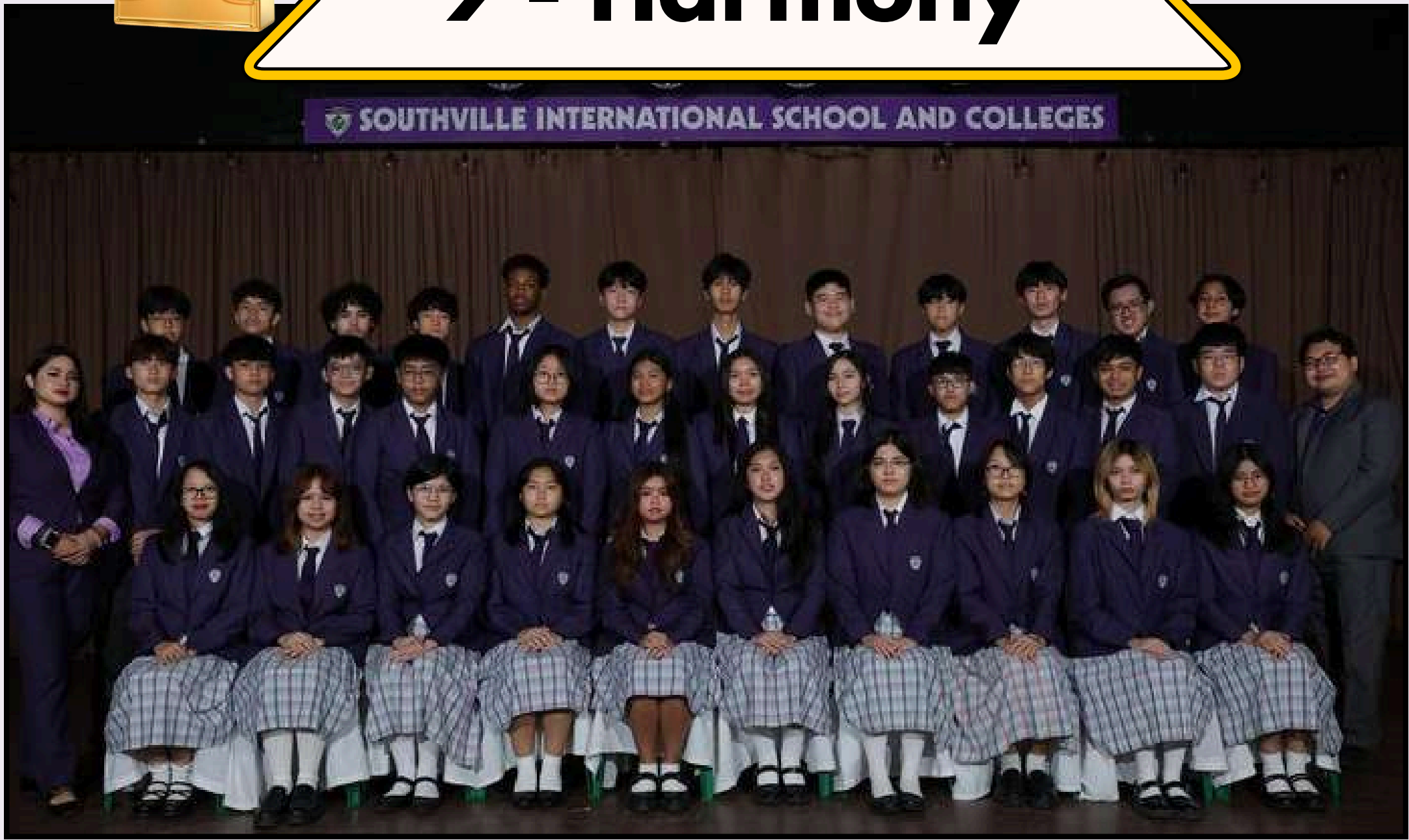




# TOP CLASS VISITORS

1<sup>st</sup>

9 - Harmony



2<sup>nd</sup>

11 - Excellence



3<sup>rd</sup>

11 - Growth Mindset



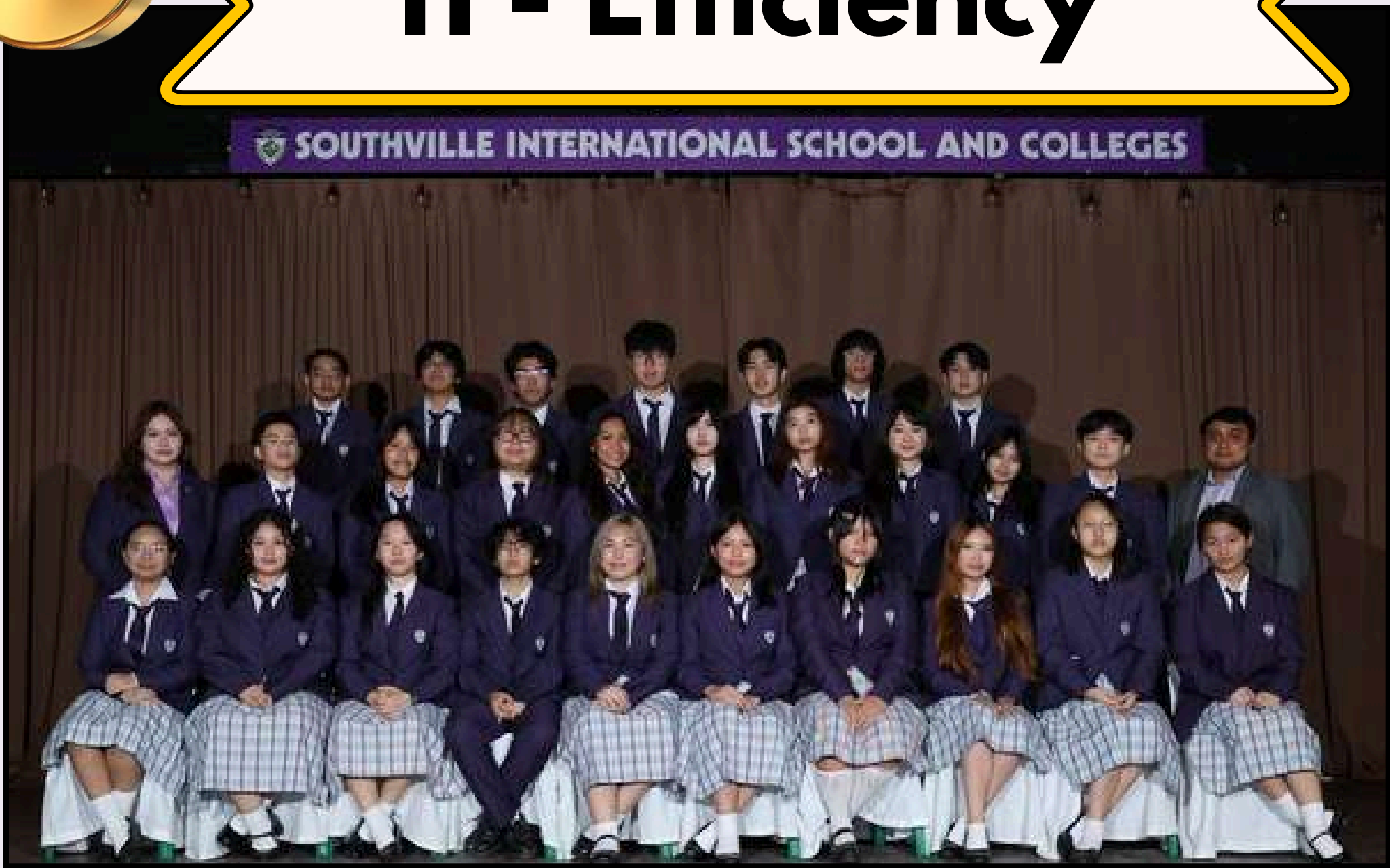
4<sup>th</sup>

7 - Determination



5<sup>th</sup>

11 - Efficiency



VALUE OF THE MONTH

FEBRUARY

Effective Control and Management of  
Feelings and Emotions



VALUE OF THE WEEK

FEBRUARY 9-13, 2026

Learning More Effective Ways of  
Handling Emotions



# I EXCEL IN IXL!

We are proud to celebrate the outstanding achievements of our Monarchs who excelled in the recent IXL School-wide Leaderboard held from February 2-6, 2026.

Through their dedication and commitment to practice, these students showcased excellence by mastering the most skills during the competition period. Their hard work and perseverance truly set them apart.

Congratulations to our Top 3 performers for this week of leaderboard challenges! Your achievement reflects not only your talent but also your determination to keep learning and growing.

Keep practicing, keep mastering—and you might just be the next IXL Champion!

## OVERALL TOPNOTCHERS





Be Global.  
Be Amazing.  
Be Southville.

**LARRIN CABRERA**

TOP 1  
1 - GALILEO

**IXL CHAMPION**



Be Global.  
Be Amazing.  
Be Southville.

**ANDREW CATALUÑA**

TOP 2  
3 - COURTESY

**IXL CHAMPION**



Be Global.  
Be Amazing.  
Be Southville.

**GABRIEL QUIJANO**

TOP 3  
1 - GALILEO

**IXL CHAMPION**



# YEAR LEVEL TOPNOTCHERS



Be Global,  
Be Amazing,  
Be Southville.

**ENZO MATTEO UY**

2 - GRAHAM BELL

**IXL CHAMPION**



Be Global,  
Be Amazing,  
Be Southville.

**KO SEO YOON**

4 - HOPE

**IXL CHAMPION**



Be Global,  
Be Amazing,  
Be Southville.

**YEONGHO KIM**

5 - HONESTY

**IXL CHAMPION**



Be Global,  
Be Amazing,  
Be Southville.

**DYLAN DERRICK TAN**

6 - PUNCTUALITY

**IXL CHAMPION**



Be Global,  
Be Amazing,  
Be Southville.

**ZOEY BARROGA**

7 - RESILIENCE

**IXL CHAMPION**



Be Global,  
Be Amazing,  
Be Southville.

**CHANWOO KIM**

8 - EMPATHY

**IXL CHAMPION**



Be Global,  
Be Amazing,  
Be Southville.

**IAN KIM**

9 - HARMONY

**IXL CHAMPION**



Be Global,  
Be Amazing,  
Be Southville.

**ROXANNE SALAZAR**

10 - PRUDENCE

**IXL CHAMPION**



Be Global,  
Be Amazing,  
Be Southville.

**MIKHAYLA SYJOCO**

11 - INNOVATION

**IXL CHAMPION**



Be Global,  
Be Amazing,  
Be Southville.

**SHANE CALSO**

12 - RIGOR (INNOVE)

**IXL CHAMPION**

## THE HEART OF A MONARCH

### LEARNING MORE EFFECTIVE WAYS OF HANDLING EMOTIONS

My name is Raphael Andrada. I would like to take just a few moments of your time to share this week's value of the week. That being, learning more effective ways of handling your emotions.

Now to most of you, this seems like such a trivial thing yet in the heat of the moment some of us still tend to let it slip from our mind and act differently to how we genuinely want to act. So today I want to remind everyone here today of this one quote I have heard from somewhere and that quote is;

"A boat only sinks as soon as it lets the water in."

So as you absorb that quote I want you to think of yourselves as the boat and everything out of your control and trying to take you down as the water trying to make you sink. And I stand here before you today to encourage you to always, ALWAYS, stay afloat and never let that water in.

Thank you.



**RAPHAEL DON V. ANDRADA**  
9 - FORTITUDE



# 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.

**Hon. Joie Genesse N. Derama**, Municipal Mayor of Boljoon, Cebu, continues to make Southville International School and Colleges (SISC) proud as he is recognized among **Cebu's Best Mayors in Local Governance and Service Excellence (2025)**. Ranking in the **Top 10** with an outstanding **92.25% performance rating**, Mayor Derama earned high marks across key areas including economic development, public order and safety, health and social services, infrastructure, education, and public satisfaction. This distinction reflects the deep trust and confidence his constituents place in his leadership.

A **proud Southville alumnus**, Mayor Derama completed both his K-12 education and his Bachelor of Science in Entrepreneurship at Southville in 2012. His journey from student to public servant is grounded in the values of integrity, responsibility, and service—principles that continue to guide his work in governance. His background in entrepreneurship has given him a solutions-driven mindset, enabling him to translate vision into practical, community-centered action.

Elected **unopposed in 2022**, Mayor Derama's leadership has brought tangible improvements to Boljoon, notably in the enhancement of the town's **water supply and waste management systems**, contributing to a cleaner, healthier environment for residents. He has also championed initiatives that integrate **sustainable tourism, agricultural development, and disaster preparedness**, strengthening economic resilience while preserving the municipality's cultural heritage. Known for his transparency, accountability, and collaborative leadership style, he works closely with local and provincial stakeholders to ensure that public programs are effective and inclusive.

Currently pursuing further studies in **Public Administration at Cebu Institute of Technology-University**, Mayor Derama remains committed to continuous learning and growth. His recognition as Southville's Outstanding Alumni in 2024 embodies the Southville core values of Competence, Character, Commitment to Achieve, Collaboration, and Creativity. His story stands as a powerful inspiration to fellow alumni and students—proof that purposeful leadership, rooted in education and service, can create meaningful and lasting change.





# Monarchs Moments STAR & MUNICH CAMPUSES

“Game faces on, teamwork strong!

Our Grades 3–6 Intramurals was more than just a day of games—it was a celebration of camaraderie, hard work, resilience, and true sportsmanship. From cheers on the sidelines to determination on the field, every student showed that winning is great, but growing together is even greater. Here’s to friendship, teamwork, and unforgettable memories!”





# Monarchs Moments

## LUX CAMPUS

“Grade 9 students came together for our Comprehensive Growth Series (CGS)—a time to reflect, connect, and grow. 🌟 Through meaningful conversations and activities, they gained insights that support both their personal and academic journey.”





# Monarchs Moments

## IB CAMPUS

“ Our IB alumnae, Hyo Sang Kwak and Arielle Neena Gutierrez, shared inspiring reflections on how the IB experience equipped them to excel in university and beyond.

Hyo Sang is currently completing her MSc in Innate Immunology at Seoul National University, while Arielle is finishing her double degree in BSMS Manufacturing Engineering and Management, major in Mechatronics and Robotics, at De La Salle University.

Their journeys are a testament to how the IB develops resilience, critical thinking, and the confidence to thrive in rigorous academic environments. ”





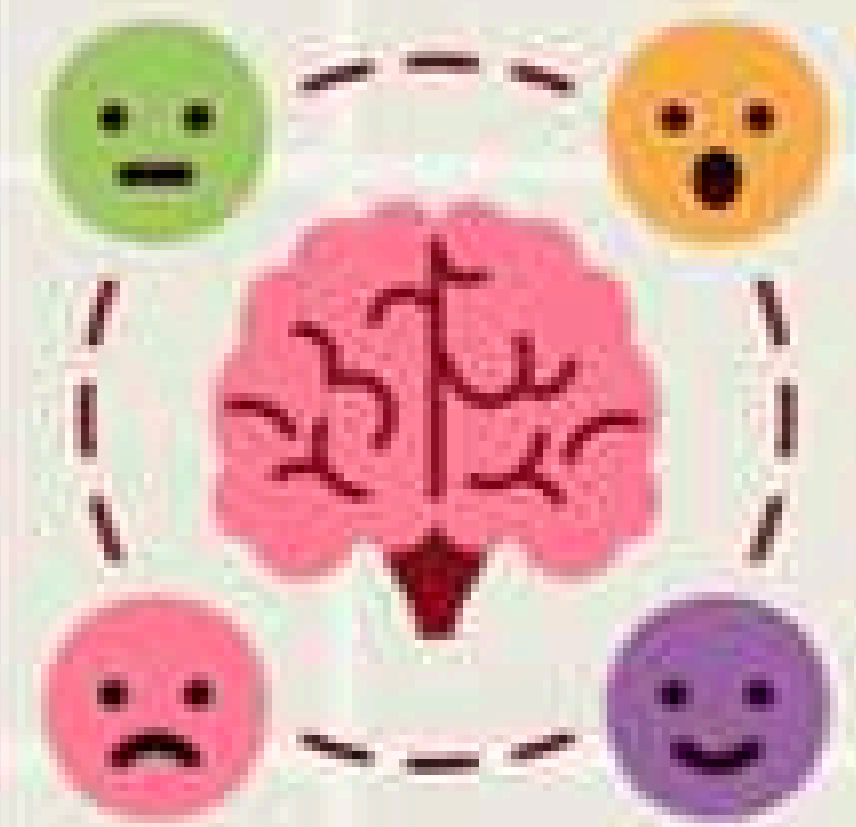
# *Social-Emotional Learning Corner*

## Simple Ways to Manage Emotions in Healthy Ways

### Name It to Tame It

Instead of saying "I'm mad," try "I'm frustrated" or "I'm embarrassed"

Research shows that labeling emotions helps calm your brain.



### Pause before You React

Take 5 slow breaths before responding.

Deep breathing helps your body settle down.



### Swap the Story

Swap "I can't do this" with "I need a new strategy."

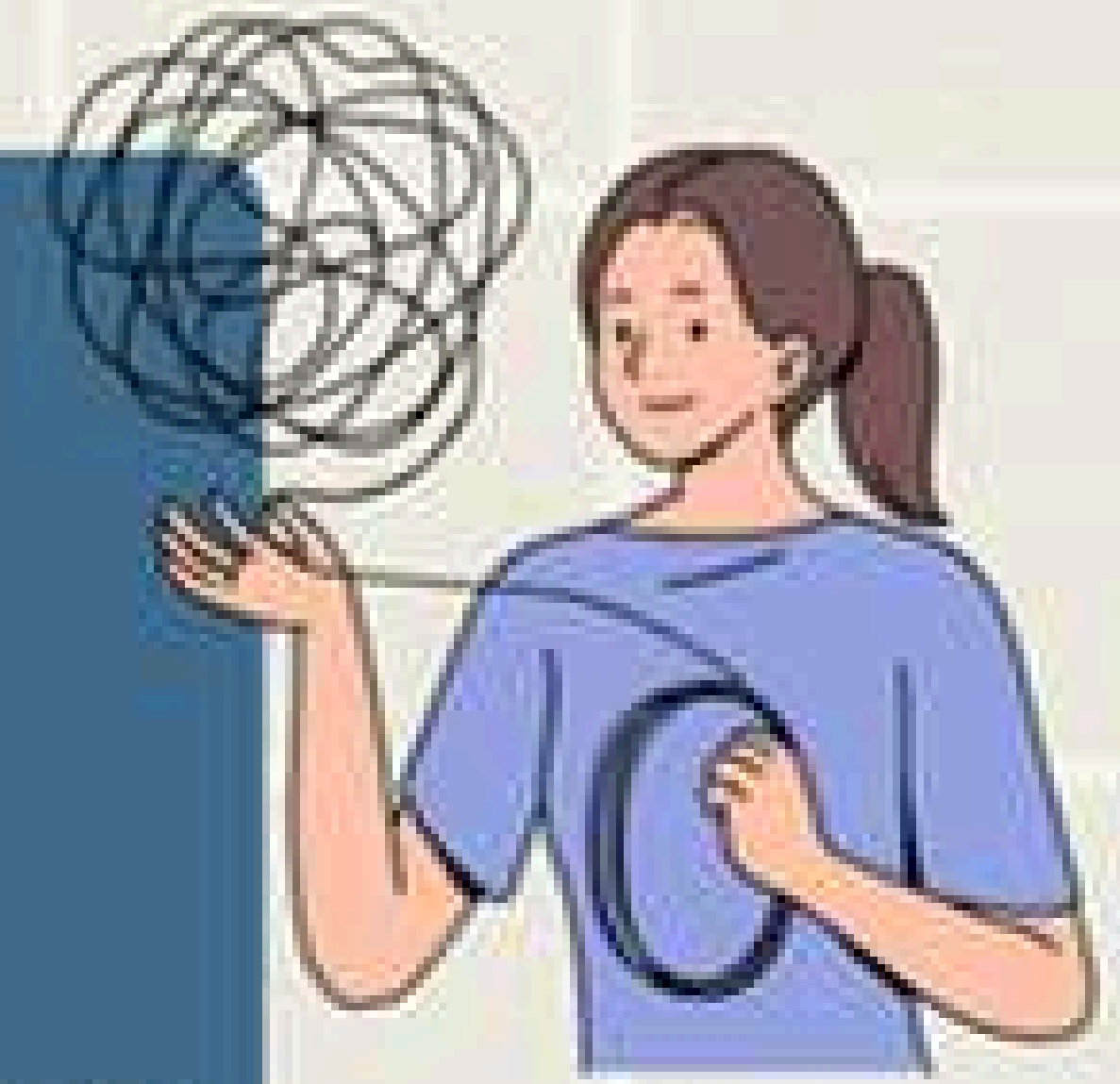
Reframing thoughts improves emotional control.



## Solve, Don't Soak

Ask: What's the problem?  
What can I try?

Problem solving reduces  
stress and builds confidence.



## Talk It Out

Reach out to a friend,  
teacher, or counselor.

Support from others helps  
manage tough emotions.



## Take a Mindful Minute

Notice emotions without  
judging them.

Mindfulness improves  
emotional balance.

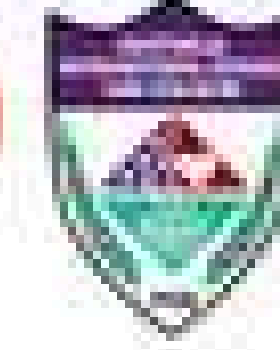
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# Safety For Southville Bulletin



## Medical Department

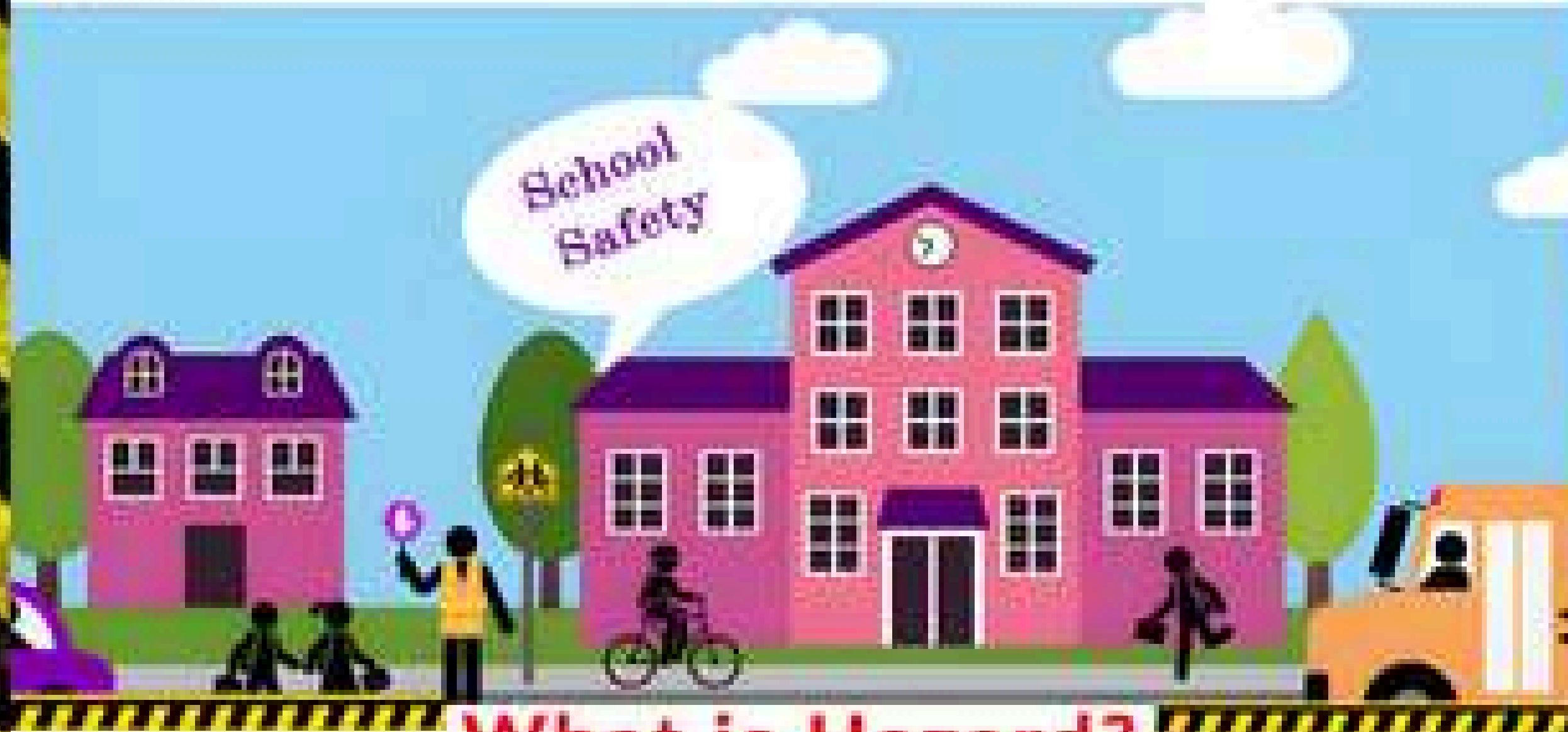
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## School Safety and Hazard Prevention

Think of our school as our "**second home**." For us to have the most fun and learn the best, we need to make sure our school stays a Safe Zone.



### What is Hazard?

A hazard is anything that can cause injury, damage, or danger to people and the environment.

## Safety Guidelines

- **Report Hazards:** Immediately report any unsafe conditions or potential dangers.
- **Follow Instructions:** Always stick to the safety rules and specific directions given by the school staff.
- **Use Equipment Properly:** Use properly all tools and equipment in the correct and safest manner.
- **Maintain Cleanliness:** Keep personal workspace and other areas tidy and organized.
- **Hygiene Habits:** Practice good hygiene to help stop the spread of germs and illness.
- **Emergency Info:** Double-check that the emergency contact information is current and accurate.

## Common Hazards



Physical Hazards



Chemical & Biological Hazards



Psychosocial Hazards

**"Think Safety, Act Safely!"**

Resource/s:

<https://www.iso.org/ohs/hazards>







# Southville for Others

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## Zero Waste Hero Ways Net Zero Future

LOVE

Love the Earth, Live Sustainably



February is the month of love and this campaign reframes love beyond romance. Love the Earth, Live Sustainably encourages the Southville Community to express care for the planet through mindful, eco-friendly choices in daily life.

By linking sustainability with compassion, responsibility, and shared action, the campaign reminds everyone that loving the Earth means protecting it—not just on Valentine's Day, but every day.



Homemade Gifts

Handwritten Love Letter

Potted Plants

## ECO-FRIENDLY WAYS TO SHOW LOVE

"Give gifts that grow, not waste."

- Potted plants instead of plastic-wrapped roses
- Handwritten notes instead of balloons
- Homemade or locally made gifts





# LOVE IN ACTION

"Loving the Earth is an act of everyday care."

- Acting with kindness for the environment
- Supporting local, eco-conscious businesses
- Encouraging peers to adopt sustainable habits



Love for the Environment



Support Local Business



Sustainable Habits

# REDUCE WASTE, SHARE LOVE

"Less waste means more love for the Earth."

- Avoid single-use packaging.
- Choose reusable or edible gifts.
- Practice proper waste segregation after events.



Choose Reusable



Reusable and Edible Valentine Gift



Proper disposal of Trash

# JOIN THE MOVEMENT!

Sustainability Starts With You!



# 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.

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