

NEWSLETTER

December 2020

Happy Christmas

Finally, we have arrived at Christmas. After a long year with many challenges we are at the end of 2020. We would like to thank all the staff, students and parents for all their support throughout this year.

We have managed to successfully navigate through the COVID crisis this year and hopefully, going into next year we will be completely back to normal. Many activities will resume next year such as the after school activities and we hope that the school and everyone associated will continue to be safe and well going into the new year.

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Have a very happy Christmas and we will see you all next year!



Dear Parents

Thank you most kindly for the great support his year. We have made it through a rather difficult year. Now it is time for us all to take a break with the Christmas Holidays as we trust our students, staff and parents will stay safe over this break.

Wishing all a wonderful holiday and look forward to see all our students back on Tuesday 5 January when Term 3 starts.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Dudley Schroeder
Principal

Grade 4 Christmas Card Exchange



Ms Honey's Year 4 International class participated in a Christmas Card Exchange with the Year 4 International Class at SIS Saigon South again this year! The students picked names out of a hat, and each of them created their own beautiful cards, and wrote a little about themselves for the person whom they had chosen, ending with a lovely Christmas wish. Here they are, posing happily with the cards which they received from their new pen-pals in return.

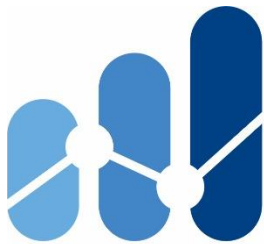
After School Activities



After a long break due to the COVID crisis, after school activities finally resume in semester 2. Students will be able to participate in a range of after school activities on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. These activities run from 4:15 to 4:45. Please confirm participation in these after school activities as early as possible.

Some of the activities available are:

VOLLEYBALL, FOOTBALL, MINECRAFT, BASKETBALL, MINECRAFT, AEROBICS/DANCE, TABLE TENNIS

Wharton Global High School Investment Competition: iGCSE Classes – SIS @ Vung Tau

WHARTON GLOBAL HIGH SCHOOL INVESTMENT COMPETITION

As being the represented members of the Wharton Global High School Investment Competition's teams, we would like to describe our experience through the 3 months.

Each team that joined the business competition had \$100,000. Overall, every team member had to find suitable stocks in their sectors at first and then chose the quantity of the stocks that they wanted to buy, which corresponded to the amount of money each team member had after the division of the funds. Before the teams could start trading, they had to divide the money among each of the members depending on which sectors they chose. The profit or loss of each team was updated everyday so each team could see what stocks were the least profitable and then sell or reduce the quantities of those stocks. After 3 months, we had to write a mid-term report and also an end-of-term or final report, which we wrote about our stocks, including the benefits or how it affected the profits of the whole team.

Throughout the competition, we learnt how to use both qualitative and quantitative analysis to understand the value of the companies in which we chose to invest. This is an important skill to develop because whether we were finding out about the CEO or the income statement, we were researching about our options so that, as investors, we could make the best decisions about where to put our money. We also had to developed a disciplined decision-making process. We could not control the end result of our investments, but we could control and determine whether we were following a process that could lead to good decisions over time. So we made decisions based on both quantitative and qualitative analysis.

Although we had learnt some new skills, we still had to improve a lot. The competition was like a new challenge to some of the teams, including us, so we were not used to it at first but we adapted quickly. Collaboration could be an issue because everyone had their own ideas which could make members in the team argue with each other to prove their point of view so decisions were difficult to make. The understanding of making the right decision can take a lot of time so errors can occur.

In our opinion, the competition is an opportunity for us to learn how to be competitive in business with other teams, while enjoying the useful lessons that we have learnt throughout the experience.

(Our iGCSE students took part in this global Business Competition with the emphasis on investments and to understand the share market. This experience for the students were invaluable and they have learned such a lot of skills, terminologies and their research have helped them to be worthy participants. Well done to all of them!)

Concert

The students showed off their musical abilities in the Christmas Concert. Students from all the classes performed songs and dances on stage. Mr Zeus did an amazing job putting together such a big concert. Some of the teachers even performed on stage. Mr Zeus, Mr James and Mr Bill performed a Christmas medley for our entertainment.



Christmas Charity Fair



On the 18th December we held the Christmas charity fair. In previous years this has been very well attended by parents and we have raised a great deal of money for charity. Due to the restrictions, this year the fair was only for students. However, we still managed to raise over VND 70,000,000 for Caritas Vietnam.

Sports Day

On the final day of the year, students enjoyed a morning of sports and games. The four houses, hydra, dragon, unicorn and phoenix played a variety of games against each other.

The scores for the games will be added to the house scores to decide the eventual winning house at the end of the year.

