



Our mission is to help each child reach his or her full potential by providing a positive environment that fosters academic, emotional, and social growth in each student.

Announcements

A message from the Headmaster

The internet and the growth of social media have given the world new ways of learning about what is happening in our world. However, the instantaneous communication we now have is not without drawbacks. At school we have noticed a gradual increase in the amount of texting being done by students. Some of them tell us they need to respond to a text message from their mother or father. **We are asking parents NOT to send their children text messages during school.** It is a distraction and in violation of the school internet use policy for them to send text messages that are not related to coursework during the school day. If you need to contact your child for an emergency, please contact Ms. Mili by email or telephone and the message will be passed on.



This is a Scoop edition full of great news!

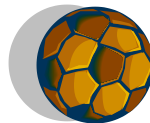
Volleyball time

Congratulations to our High School Teams. The Girls team took the championship of the Private Schools League (CCOPS) last Friday after a great season of 9-1 games. Our game vs. MCS was exciting and close, but our girls showed why they are the Champions! Saturday, after an impressive season our boys took the first place on the MISO League (Private and Public Schools). The boys won 12 of the 13 games. The final game was vs. Grace Christian with a close score of 27-25 and 25-22. At the end we show our great physical and mental conditions. Congratulations to all members of the teams, we are very happy and proud.

Congratulations also to **Phalai Frink** SIS MVP and **Jeane Bracken** MVP League.

Thank you Mili Saiki, John Nekaifes and J.R. Gerching for the work and dedication.

The CCOPS for the High School Boys has started today and SIS has two teams. Go Geckos!!



Congratulations also to our Soccer team for its 1st victory of 6-0 against Oleai.



MORE VICTORIES FOR GECKO'S STUDENTS

Yesterday, November 14, SIS participated on the History Bee and Bowl. Teams from SIS, Mt. Carmel and Grace Christian Academy Middle and High School competed with each other in this interesting and challenge competition.

Congratulations to all participants for the excellent performance. We want to specially congratulate to these SIS Students:

Dai Podziewski, Jeter Jenkins, Eric Kim, Andrea Ranjo, C.H. Lim, and Eric Kiser for receiving the 1st. place on the Middle School Bowl. Also to **Dai Podziewski and A.J. Hudkins** for 1st. and 2nd place in the Middle School History Bee.

Gianna Camacho received 2nd place in the Junior Varsity High School Division of the Bee, while **Joy Nigh and Jinny Yang**, 1st. and 2nd place in the varsity division of the High School. SIS High School Varsity Teams also received the 1st and 2nd place in the History Bowl. The teams

were formed by Joe Nigh, Jinny Yang, Victoria Chenstova, and Minori Yoshida.



Congratulations to our swimmers for the last Saturday's competition. Thank you to Yoriko Sugie, Max Seman and Elena Alexandrova for their help with our team.

Good Luck SIS to our **Lincoln**

Douglas Debaters. The competition is today at Mt. Carmel School. Teachers: Amie McRoberts, Kathy Ruzala, Marifi Ayeras, and Athena Andrews are judging this event, while Mr. Tessen will be the coach.

Also good luck to the students participating on the NFL Speech Competition, tomorrow, Saturday, November 16 from 8:00 am until 1:00 pm at Mt. Carmel School. Teacher's assistance: Mr. and Mrs. Basa and Celia Jang. Coaches: Mr. Stromberg and Mr. Harris

COMPASSION and INITIATIVE are some of our VIRTUES 😊



In a normal day at SIS, children are enjoying their time on the playground, but one student was very concerned for a discovery he and his classmates had found – a small helpless baby bird that seemed scared and injured.

Grafton Howard, a third grader carefully brought the bird to the office seeking help. He eventually brought it to the second grade teacher, Mr. Wright, who works with this classes identifying and studying birds here on Saipan. With help from Paul Radley at Fish and Wildlife, he was able to identify it as a young white-Throated Ground Dove, a species of local bird

that has been exterminated on Guam by the Brown Tree Snake.

Fish and Wildlife quickly sent a representative to SIS, and picked up the bird. They will raise and release the bird, hopefully helping the native Saipan bird population.



All students were happy to know that with this little gesture they have helped protect our fauna. What a great example to follow!

Also, we have two kittens and one puppy looking for homes. They were left in our garbage bin. We have already found a home for one kitten. If you are interested please contact Ms. Mili at the office.

Thanksgiving is coming and we are preparing our famous *International Thanksgiving Feast*. It will be held on Wednesday, November 27th from 11:00 to 1:00. Information packages were sent home yesterday, please fill out the form about the dishes your family will bring and also how many members will be attending this event. We want to be sure we have enough food for everyone to enjoy! 😊

Besides, the traditional turkeys, and ham, we are going international! We will have food from the countries of the SIS families: China, Japan, Philippines, Korea, United States, Micronesia, Latin America, South Asia, and Australia are only a few of them. We hope see all of you!

This year we want to make this Thanksgiving time an extra special one. Thanksgiving is a time for giving thanks and sharing. Due to the devastation caused by Super Typhoon Haiyan, it is appropriate for us to share what we have with those who are suffering so much. So, we are going to sponsor a can drive to send food to the Philippines on Thanksgiving. We have set a goal of 800 cans of food that that can be collected between November 16 and 27. We will also donate the proceeds of the turkey raffle as well.

The raffle tickets were sent home yesterday. We are asking everyone to really join in this effort to help those in need at this time.

We are asking each family to sell at least 10 tickets. If you need more they are available with Miss Mili. The raffle will be held during the International Feast.



Calendar

<p>Monday November 18 B Day</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Faculty Meeting at 3:00 p.m.</i> • ASK 3:00 – 5:00 • Kickball Club Registration • <i>Honor Society Mentoring Program from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.</i> • HS Boys Volleyball practice from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. • Lunch: Pork Loin with Rice, stir fried vegetables, Texas BBQ beans, fruit
<p>Tuesday November 19 A Day</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Honor Society Mentoring Program from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.</i> • HS Boys Volleyball SIS Blue vs. GCA at SIS @ 3:30 p.m. • HS Boys Volleyball SIS White vs. MCS @ MCS at 3:30 p.m. • ASK 3:00 – 5:00 • Lunch: Spaghetti with meat sauce, baked potatoes wedges, fruit
<p>Wednesday November 20 B Day</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Honor Society Mentoring Program from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.</i> • ASK 3:00 – 5:00 • HS Boys Volleyball SIS Blue vs. MCS at SIS @ 3:30 p.m. (TBC) • Kickball Club from 3:00 to 4:00 p.m. • Lunch: Korean Beef Bulgogi with onions and bell pepper, rice, local green, fruit.
<p>Thursday November 21 A Day</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Middle and High School History Bowl</i> • <i>Honor Society Mentoring Program from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.</i> • HS Boys Volleyball SIS Blue vs. SIS White at SIS @ 3:30 p.m. • Lunch: Sweet and Sour Pork, Rice, Peas, Fruit
<p>Friday November 22 B Day</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Elementary Assembly</i> • <i>Honor Society Mentoring Program from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.</i> • Frisbee at HS Campus • Lunch: Chicken Curry with Carrots, rice, cucumber, salad fruit

Lunch is served with water, juice or milk, everyday.
Each meal costs \$0.75. Your child can buy lunch tickets everyday or as many lunch tickets in advance.

Calendar – Upcoming events

- November 27 : International Thanksgiving Feast
- November 28 : Thanksgiving Day – School Holiday
- November 29 : Thanksgiving Break – No school

Quote of the Week

“No one has ever become poor by giving.”

[Anne Frank](#), [Diary of Anne Frank](#)

Awards

These elementary students have earned a Golden Pencil Award for great work on assignments this week	
Kindergarten	Yong Bin –Brian Kim
1st Grade	Kyla Park
2nd Grade	Seo Hee Lee
3rd Grade	Grafton Howard
4th Grade	Hyeon Jae Park
5th Grade	Sunny Cho



Thank you

- Thank you Grafton Howard and Mr. Wright for showing us the virtues of compassion and initiative.
- Thank you also to the 10th graders Tommy Choi, Jennifer Tan, Gianna Camacho and YiNuo Marshall for caring about the kittens and helping with its adoption.
- Thank you in advance to all for supporting our Food Drive to help the victims of the Super Typhoon Haiyan.