



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



Happy Holidays from the SIS Staff



Enjoy your break (and travels) and see you on the 6th



Thumbs up to all the SIS Students participating in the Christmas Ballet Concert: Sakura Imaya, Cerinn Hwang, Annabelle Sablan and Cevina Hwang. Great job ladies!



Basketball Season will begin for the girls and boys Middle School (grades 6th-8th) teams upon returning from Winter Break in January.

Good luck to Rintaro Miyawaki, Go Sekiguchi, Rei Sekiguchi and Takumi Sugie in tomorrow's relay



competition.

The Board of Directors is looking for individuals interested in being part of the following committee:

- Fundraiser
- Educational Tax Credit
- By Laws



Thank you all for supporting the Middle School Student Council. All grams were sold!



We have sent statements to all accounts with outstanding balance with your child and/or email. Remember ALL FEES MUST BE PAID IN FULL BEFORE YOU RECEIVE YOUR CHILD'S REPORT CARD

Upcoming events

- January 5 Professional Development
- January 6 First Day of 3rd Quarter (A Day)
- January 20 SIS Board Meeting

Awards

These students have earned a **Golden Pencil Award** for great work on assignments this week

K-4 / K-5	Ian Chae
1st / 2nd Grade	Hannah Chae
3rd Grade	Kana Suzuki
4th Grade	Aiden Whennen
5th Grade	Seu Gyl Kim

For excellence displaying the virtue of **Integrity** these Elementary students were given a **Virtue Award**

Kindergarten	
1st Grade	Stephen Yeom
3rd Grade	William Sosa
4th Grade	Lucy Li
5th Grade	Renee Kiser

Thank you

Thank you parents, students, teachers and members of the SIS faculty for all the hard work during the past months. Soudelor brought a lot of destruction, but makes closer and stronger.

Young Writers

By: Sea Hartig (G8)

I'm Dreaming of a White Christmas

Whether you believe in Santa Claus or not, whether you are 5 or 50, whether you are sick or healthy, Christmas is a magical time of year. Christmas spreads love, joy, and excitement that no other holiday can. However, Christmas on Saipan is a little different than it is in Korea, Japan, China, or the USA.

Almost everywhere, besides Saipan, the leaves turn the hues of the sunset, and the world becomes colorful in November. Then in December the leaves are gone, and the trees are bare. All of these things mark the start of the Christmas season. But you really know that Christmas is coming when the first snow falls. The snowflakes coat the earth, and turn your backyard into a white wonderland. Snowball fights, building snow men, sledding, skiing, and snowboarding all take place during the holiday months.

In our tropical paradise, things are a little different. We know that Christmas is coming when the trees arrive in Joeten, your neighbors put up their lights, and you see posters for Christmas plays on cork boards across the island. I, personally, have never seen a white Christmas. Everything that Christmas means, and everything that it is are different to me than they are to a girl in Virginia or Tokyo.

Even though, I might see this holiday in a different light than someone who associates it with snow, the true meaning of December 25, is the same to both of us. Even though I might be dreaming of a white Christmas, while someone else is experiencing it, we are both experiencing the love, joy, and excitement that Christmas provides.