



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.

Go Gecko! Cerinn Hwang Named NMSC Semifinalist

By: Headmaster Ron Snyder



Officials of The National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC) announced the names of approximately 16,000 Semifinalists in the 62nd annual National Merit Scholarship Program. Saipan International School (SIS) is proud to confirm that one of its 12th grade students, Cerinn Hwang, has advanced to the Semifinalist level and is the only senior from the CNMI to reach this level. Cerinn is extraordinarily successful academically at SIS where she excels in general and AP classes alike. She has earned the title of AP Scholar with Distinction and has consistently placed on the Headmaster's List at SIS. In addition to her academic successes, Cerinn has participated at the national level in Speech and Debate, is a talented dancer and a distinguished student-leader at SIS. NMSC, a not-for-profit organization that operates without government assistance, was established in 1955 specifically to conduct the annual National Merit Scholarship Program. Scholarships are underwritten by

NMSC with its own funds and by approximately 420 business organizations and higher education institutions that share NMSC's goals of honoring the nation's scholastic champions and encouraging the pursuit of academic excellence.

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Student Council Elections

By Chloe Albuén (Grade 10)

Currently at Saipan International School, students are given an abundant amount of bright and dedicated people to choose from to be their class representative and president. For the past few days I had the honor of interviewing some of the candidates. The first person I interviewed was Prunella Pellegrino, she is in tenth grade and ran for freshman/sophomore president. Pellegrino said "if she becomes president she would try to organize more school fundraisers to make more money for the school". She was determined to run, because she believed she could hear and fulfill students' requests.

Another candidate who ran for this position was sophomore, Michael Lee, who won the election. During his time as freshman/sophomore president he is determined to listen to the students, and bring up more ideas for them to choose from. He will interact with the students by creating a suggestion box for students. He was

encouraged to run by his friends and his main priority is to make Saipan International School students happy.

Sally Lai who is in ninth grade, ran for ninth grade class representative. Her goal was to organize successful fundraisers for the school and to offer more activities such as (more frequent) fun nights, and beach cleanups. She ran because she wanted to help make changes, and participate more in the Saipan International School community.

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Congratulations to the High School Student Council Election winners!

Freshman Rep: Allan Lee
Sophomore Rep: Alex Park
Junior Rep: Gio Hur
Senior Rep: Kye Tamm
Treasurer: Isaac Jang
Secretary: Myung Jae Cho
Freshman/Sophomore President:
Michael Lee
Junior/Senior President: Stephanie Lee

Wow! We Have Grown!

School History By: Julianne Hall (Grade 7)

Today, Saipan International School is a small school consisting of 200 students. Can you believe that we started with only 45 students? SIS opened in 1994, as an elementary school, then later, a middle school and a 4-year high school were added. In 1998, SIS started to receive more and more students, so a new 4-classroom building was constructed. Our most recently made building was constructed in 2008 and houses grades 9-12. Now we have many ongoing classes, including Mandarin!! We have grown together at this school. Since we have a small amount of students compared to other schools, we all know each other. All of our classmates are

family. We have grown in ethnic proportions as well. So many students come from all over the world! No matter what, we have all grown together as a family.

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Donate to the Book Drive

The elementary school is having a book drive to collect books to be added to our library. There have been 105 books donated so far. If any of the other students from other grades want to clean out their house and donate some books they can donate them to a class of their choice in the elementary school. The class with the most books will win Class of the Month for September and get to go to PIC.

Chuseok: Korean Thanksgiving

By:



Opinion Piece:

The Benefits of Swimming

By: Su Jin Kim (Grade 12)

These days, people are interested not only in studying, but, also in extracurricular

activities. To me, swimming is the best extracurricular I have had. Through swimming, I could learn how to stop stressing out, and relax. When I was in middle school, I had a lot of stress from studying and relationships with friends. I did not know how to deal with my stress so I stressed out to my mom or sister. I realized that it was not a good method, so I looked for something exciting to reduce stress. That something turned out to be swimming and since that day, I truly knew that I do not need to rush my life. I learned to concentrate on my work more calmly. Swimming taught me a lot of lessons. When I want to give up, I think to myself 'once more, a little bit more'. Surprisingly, it really helps me to get to the end. I become short of breath and exhausted, but after I get in the line, I feel proud of myself. This experience taught me that there is no gain without pain.

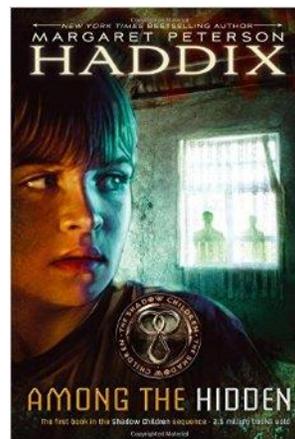
Since I love swimming, I really put a lot of effort into it. Every swimming competition result was great. I understand that great results do not happen without effort, so when I do something (not only swimming, but other things), I really try to put all my effort in. Extracurricular activities were not a big deal to me before I started swimming. I used to think studying was the most important part of my life. However, after I learned swimming, extracurricular activities became an important way to release my stress and relax me. I also began to concentrate better on my work after swimming.



Movie Review: Suicide Squad

By Hyeon Bin Jang (Grade 7)

Suicide Squad is a PG-13 movie. The movie is 2 hours and 3 minutes long. In the movie a secret government agency recruits some of the most dangerous criminals to form a defensive task force. I personally think this movie is bad. It is so unrealistic and boring because the only thing the movie is about is killing people and fire coming out of people's hands. If I could change this movie I would change this movie by having less guns and adding more realistic parts like the prisoners escaping jail themselves instead of the government officials getting them out of jail. There would be more of a story line.



Book Review: Among The Hidden

By Hyeon Bin Jang (Grade 7)

Margaret Peterson Haddix's *Among The Hidden* is a young adult book which was published March 1, 1998. In the story, America is experiencing a famine and the population police has strictly reduced the number of children each couple can have to two children. In the story, a boy named Luke Garner is a third child and an illegal child. Luke must spend his days in a dark attic away from the public. After some time Luke finds someone else like him. Her name is Jen Talbot and she is also a third child. If you want to know more about this story read the book. I would recommend this book to students in 5th to 7th grade. This book is very good because it tells how it's like to live in countries with an actual population law of two children. It is also a good book because it tells people what it's like to live like an outlaw. I would give this book a rating 9/10.

This Week in Sports

By Jon Paul Sablan (Grade 9)



Volleyball

September 6, 2016 was the beginning of our Middle School Volleyball season! Coaching for middle school is Ms. Mili and helping her out is the kindergarten teacher, Ms. Jessica. The schools that SIS will challenge this season are Saipan Community School, Whispering Palm School, Agape Christian School, Grace Christian Academy, Seventh Day Adventist School, Mount Carmel School, and Marianas Baptist Academy. There will be two teams representing SIS. The first team will be played by the 8th graders, while team two will be played by the 7th and 6th graders.

Schedule

- 09/15- GCA1 vs SIS1 AT GCA

- 09/20- SIS2 VS SIS1 AT SIS
- 09/22- SIS2 VS GCA2 AT GCA
SIS1 MCS1 SIS
- 09/27- SIS1 VS GCA2 AT SIS SIS2
VS GCA1 AT GCA

Cross Country

September 6, 2016 was the start of practices for the SIS Cross Country team. The coaches are Mr. Snyder, Ms. Kathy and Mr. Beyer. For people who haven't joined, they are still accepting permission forms. For more information, talk to Mr. Snyder. There might be an opportunity to travel to Guam for the Asian Pacific X-Country meet.

Heard Around Campus

By Hui Won Jang (Grade 6)

Q: What are your goals for this school year?

A: Mr. Snyder
To expand course offerings for

middle and high school. I want to align the curriculum for the school and look at improving physical space of the school especially in the elementary division. Most importantly, I want to schedule a lot of community events to build a great sense of spirit for students, teachers, and parents. We want S.I.S. to be the best.

Q: What is something you would like new students to know about S.I.S.?

A: Ms. Jang
It is definitely an international school. You get to know a lot of people from around the world and learn their culture.





Very Important: Parents should park in the parking lot if they want to walk their children to the classrooms. Please **DO NOT** leave your cars parked in the driveway because it stops the flow of traffic.

If you would like to enter any of the school buildings, please park in the parking lot or in the field. For safety purposes, do not park on the road. Please try to pick up your children by 2:45 p.m., unless other arrangements have been made. Elementary students picked up after 3:05 will be charged \$3.00 and placed in the After School Kids (ASK) program.

Lunch costs \$0.75 per day. Parents can purchase lunch tickets in advance from Mrs. Julie Newman. You are not obligated to order lunch every day, but a decision must be made by 8:00 a.m. when the order is placed. The menu for this month is available in the school office. If your student is tardy, they must bring lunch from home. We cannot change lunch orders after 8:00am.



We encourage parents to apply mosquito repellent on their children before they come to school. Thank you.



Parents: Please send your children to school with either a LUNCH TICKET or LUNCH FROM HOME.

Calendar

Monday September 19 B DAY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ ASK 3:00 – 5:00 • Staff Meeting 3:00 • Lunch: Bistek with green peas, Cabbage Coco, Red Rice, Fruit
Tuesday September 20 A DAY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ASK 3:00 – 5:00 • Lunch: Shepherd's Pie, Wheat Dinner Roll, Fruit
Wednesday September 21 B DAY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ASK 3:00 – 5:00 • Lunch: Gingered Pork with Carrots, Steamed Rice, Broccoli, Fruit
Thursday September 22 A DAY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ASK 3:00 – 5:00 • Lunch: Alfredo Cheese Pizza, Veggie Dippers and Hummus, Fruit
Friday September 23 B DAY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ASK 3:00 – 5:00 • Lunch: Chicken Curry with Carrots, Steamed Rice, Local Greens, Fruit

September 8, 2016

Upcoming Events

- 9/17- International Coastal Clean Up. To get involved, contact Ms. Deatrich. For more information, visit <http://www.oceanconservancy.org/>

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