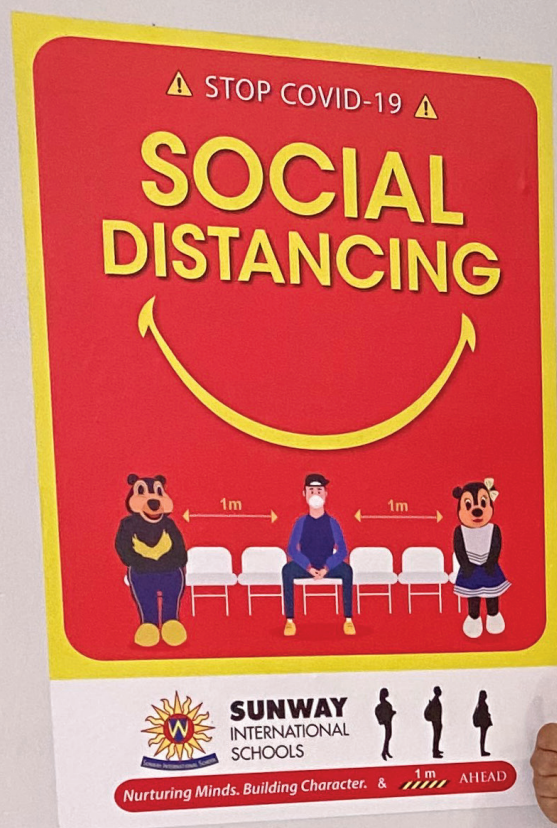


SIS MATTERS

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AUGUST 2020



THE NEW NORMAL



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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

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Parents, Guardians and Students,

It would be easy to write at length about the many struggles we all have had, and continue to have, getting through our days and providing a sound learning environment for our students and a rewarding working environment for our staff. We all know how much of a burden the pandemic and RMCO have placed on all of us. I choose, however, to focus on what makes me smile every day, although you can't see my smile through to my ever-present mask!

It is my habit, and a great pleasure, to stand just inside the main gates of SIS almost every morning to say "Good morning!" to every student as they navigate their way through electronic forms and scans and student ID card checks and enter the school. Admittedly, there were lots of quizzical responses early on as the students tried to figure out who this new guy was, but I am now rewarded with bright-eyed responses and "Good morning!" right back almost every time.

I have been able to visit some of our classes as well and this will get more frequent as the semester continues. This gives me a little more chance to see the students in action and interact with them, something that has always been an important highlight of my career, both as teacher and administrator. I have also had the pleasure of sitting down with parents in a Parent Council meeting and our opening Coffee Morning event. The opportunity to get to know these caring parents and converse with them about matters connected to the school (and sometimes not) has been very rewarding for me.

I hope that we will all receive more encouraging news from the Malaysian government as our school semester moves along. In the meantime, I will continue to work with our dedicated admin, academic, and support staff to help our students and ourselves make the very best of the situation we find ourselves in.

Thank You!

New Opportunities to Face New Challenges



DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

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I would like to begin this message with a heartfelt thank you to all of our communities. Thanks to our students for bearing with the disruptions to traditional teaching and learning at SIS due to COVID-19 and the Movement Control Orders (MCOs) designed to keep the pandemic under control. Thank you to parents and guardians for working with both your children, their teachers, and the SIS administration and doing your best to support the learning during the MCO. And thank you to our teachers for creating safe and stable virtual classrooms, developing responses to a complete shift to online learning in a very short amount of time. Through your efforts, SIS managed to maintain academic pathways and kept our semester viable during the lockdown. For all of our communities, your patience and understanding during these uncertain times were and are truly appreciated.

Normally during my August message, I would be welcoming our new staff to our growing school community. Unfortunately, due to COVID-19 and travel restrictions, I am not able to do so this time. The celebration of new additions to the staff is always wonderful news but our current situation has allowed me to reflect on the efforts of our teachers who stayed with SIS during the lockdowns and remained with us into this semester. I am incredibly proud of the resilience, creativity, and community-mindedness of our teachers who faced a complete paradigm shift of teaching and learning, underwent an incredible amount of professional learning. It is truly incredible what our teachers managed to accomplish in a short amount of time.

SIS is supporting our teachers' continued growth and development to our new hybrid approach to teaching and learning for the July to December 2020 semester through a series of new approaches and opportunities. We have started the semester with a series of professional development session from Ms. Janet Bell, Consultant, Technology Integration Planning & Support, Edmonton Public Schools and Ms. Kim Peacock - Educational Developer at MacEwan University, Alberta. From there, the SIS administration team are implementing new initiatives to increase the number of professional development opportunities for our teachers. This will lead to more opportunities for our teachers to provide variety in teaching and learning strategies, apply new educational technologies particularly in web-based applications, and include new approaches to assessment and evaluation in an online environment to their professional tool kits. As our new semester commences, please look forward to new and exciting things happening in each of our physical and virtual classrooms!

Course Options Selection Night

On September 1 SIS will be hosting our Course Options Selection Night. This event is intended for parents of children in Grades 9 to 11. Our administration and guidance department will present on the course selection process and clarify course choices high school students will have when they begin selecting their courses for the upcoming January – June 2021 semester. This can be a valuable night for parents to better understand the pathways provided in the Ontario curriculum and to better participate in planning the next semester and beyond with their children. Official course selections will be announced in the near future.

Letters of Communication

As part of our commitment to ensure parents are aware of their children's academic achievement be advised that on August 28, initial intervention letters will be mailed out. The intention of these letters is to open communication about students who may be struggling at meeting provincial expectations. If you have recently changed your primary e-mail account, please contact our office via-email at sisadmin@sunway.edu.my to update your details.



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It's great to have in-school classes again, isn't it? IBDP classes resumed on July 16 and all the IBDP teachers were impressed with how well our IBDP students learned the content we taught during the Movement Control Order. Our IB teachers worked extra hours to adapt their lessons for online instruction and I know our students had to work harder than normal to learn in these non-traditional ways and their strong understanding of everything taught so far so that effort was fruitful.

IB intends to proceed with the scheduled November exams for Year 2 students, but with new COVID-19 outbreaks occurring worldwide, we have to prepare for the possibility of exams being cancelled. If that happens, coursework will contribute more significantly to the students' final marks, so students should listen carefully to their teachers' advice and strive to submit the highest quality IAs they can.

This year, final grades for IBDP Year 2 students will be released on December 17 and that is the last date I can submit requests to IB for transcripts to be sent to universities for free. Transcripts can be requested after that date, but each request will cost approximately USD17.

IBDP has one intake per year, in January, so students that are currently in either semester 1 or semester 2 of Grade 10 and are interested in taking IBDP courses next year should contact me. Students should apply before November 15 to increase the chances of getting their preferred timetable.

Mobile Library

As part of providing extra services to our students during this pandemic time, the Library Committee has provided a new initiative called The Mobile Library.

The Mobile Library is available at the hall in August during specific time and the daily reading materials changes everyday.

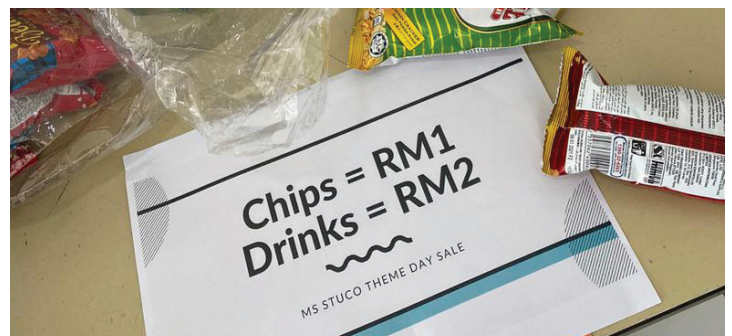


Middle School Theme Day - One Solid Colour Day!



Let the students break the dress code and wear one solid color to school. The new norm does not prevent students from celebrating the theme day that is often held every semester.

Various activities have been carried out inside and outside the classroom and there is even a sale of snacks where profits will be channeled to charity.



Toodles Teachers!



SIS Sunway City has received thumbs up from the State Department of Education (JPN) officers during their visit to inspect SIS's readiness to re-open. Our campus has met the SOP requirements set by the Ministry of Education and is ready for July semester.

New Normal Inspection



Middle School 100th Day



COVID-19 does not prevent teachers from organizing the 100th day celebration to be celebrated like the previous year.

The students truly appreciated the 100 mission challenge including games that included presenting like a boy band and learning how to count to ten in Spanish.



Student Council's Message (STUCO)



Although the "new norms" was and is a hurdle in itself, the raw initiative from everyone has unveiled the blue sky during these gloomy times. In an effort to band together virtually, we've seen all the inventive ways you've demonstrated creativity & perseverance.

It is truly remarkable, the amount of participation that the SIS community has exhibited via HS STUCO's online events during the MCO. Just last semester, we were able to host SIS News, create uplifting Insta Story Challenges and even conduct a Writing Contest—all of which was perpetuated by you. We thoroughly thank you, our teachers & the SIS staff for this and ask for your continued receptiveness in our events.

It's hard both academically and socially nowadays, but there is a certain sense of contentment achieved when we do push through. We are looking forward and hoping to organise more events for the SIS community soon! Stay tune!

What's Happening?

IB EXPLORATION DAY

Sunway City

FRIDAY, 4 September 2020
7.30pm - 9.00pm

PROGRAMME

Welcome Remarks
Mr. George McEwan, Principal

IB Diploma Programme & Its Recognition
Mr. Faizul Musa, Development and Recognition Manager, Bangladesh, Pakistan, & South East Asia, from IB Organization

IBDP @ SIS
Mr. Mark Milberg, IBDP Coordinator

Alumni Sharing Session
Ms. Carina Gnanou (ESIGELEC, France)
Ms. Wee'Su Fen (Nanyang Technological University, Singapore)

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OR SCAN HERE

You will receive the meeting link upon confirmation.

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YEARBOOK IS BACK!

BE SURE TO BUY A COPY WHEN THE SIS YEARBOOK IS OUT ON NOVEMBER!

STAY TUNED!

FOR UPDATES, FOLLOW US ON INSTAGRAM @SISYEARBOOK2020

SIS CAREER WEEK 2020

21 - 25 Sep | the new normal

CALLING FOR SPEAKERS & PANELLISTS

LEARN MORE ON HOW YOU COULD CONTRIBUTE TO THE YOUTH COMMUNITY AT SIS

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Scan to book an e-Chat!

Upcoming Events:

4 September	IB Exploration Day
7 - 11 September	e-Harry Potter Week
16 September	Malaysia Day
22 - 25 September	SIS Career Week
7 - 8 October	e-Parent Teacher Interviews
19 - 25 October	SIS Open Week
10 December	July Semester Ends

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