# SINGAPORE VIETNAM INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL @ NHA TRANG

November 2019



## VISION

To be an educational institution of excellence combining Eastern values with the knowledge and skills to participate in a global society.

# MISSION

To provide quality educational programmes in a creative and challenging learning environment, embracing innovative teaching pedagogies to empower every student to become a life-long learner.

## **NEWSLETTER**

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#### MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents.

Dear Colleagues,

Every year, on the 20th of November there is a traditional festival for Vietnam's education, in line with the fine traditions of our nation - the tradition of studiousness and respect for all teachers. November 20 is an opportunity for generations of students to express their deep gratitude to their teachers, to all careers and our whole society to share the joy and gratitude to those who have contributed so much effort and dedication to their noble upbringing, contributing to the development of a prosperous and happy country.

In the joyful air of the entire country celebrating Vietnamese Teachers' Day, SVIS Nha Trang had many sports activities (tug of war, football, athletics, friendly basketball game with other school's students), musical performances and the school newspaper ...all completed by teachers, staff and students in the past few days. Every year after the excitement about the back-to-school day has calmed down, we rejoice and try to highlight achievements to celebrate teacher day (The 20th of November), on this day teachers received flowers from grade 10, cards with beautiful poems and nice sentences containing deep gratitude from the students, each of teacher were given invigoration and enthusiasm to love the school and class even more.

I would like to wishing all teachers and staff members good health and happiness, wishing all students good studying and strive to be good children, good students, trying their best to become good citizens of beautiful Vietnam.

Wishing parents good health.

Principal

Nguyen Thi Hanh

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#### MESSAGE FROM PHYSICS TEACHER

Dear parents,

New effective teaching methods are being applied very well by teachers of SVIS Nha Trang, including STEM teaching method.

STEM education utilizes the main learning method based on practices and creative experiential activities, the most flexible and progressive educational methods such as Project-based learning, Game-based learning and special is the method of Learning-by-practice is always thoroughly applied to STEM integrated subjects.

Integrated and complementary knowledge and skills help students not only understand the principles but also apply them to practice and create products in everyday life.

Using the STEM lessons, students have been enthusiastic and very excited. They also develop their creativity and teamwork skills.

Finally, wishing you all health and success!

Mr. Nguyen Trung Tinh - Teacher of Physics

### **OUR NOVEMBER**

Every year, when the annual cold breeze comes with a bit of cold and chill, the golden sunshine curls up in the dry leaves, November comes with many memories and nostalgia. There are people whose hair have gone grey over the years, but are still full of love and respect for their old teachers. The students today always show their gratitude to their teachers for lifting them up.

Teacher! Those calls are so dear. Use your heart to love people, love your job, Teachers are the ones will who guide many more generations of students on the path to the future.

We all look back to the 20th of November, a day to honor Vietnamese teachers. We would like to send our sincere gratitude to the teachers who have lightened our students' dreams and ambitions.

The special occasion of Vietnamese Teacher day on 20<sup>th</sup> of November, with all sincerity, I would like to send my best wishes for health, joy, happiness. Keep your faith in life and share it with your teachers so that they will forever be devoted boatmen to bring generations of students across the ocean of immense knowledge.

Ms. Huynh Thi Qui Qui - Primary teacher

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### **HOW TO GET A GOOD RESULTS IN YOUR EXAMS**

Your school results in one semester depends not only on the process of acquiring knowledge but also on the test results at the end of that semester. So how can you achieve high scores in the upcoming first semester exam? We will refer to some of the following ways to learn!

### 1. Systemizing the learned knowledge with mind maps:

Systemizing the learned knowledge with maps will help learners see and remember what they have learned before more easily. We should use short, concise terms to present the issues. Avoid writing too much, rambling and over explaining.

### 2. Learning in pairs, in groups and cross-checking:

When studying in pairs, the groups need to ask everyone to study. Group learning will motivate us to compete with our friends. Besides, students will support and help explain to each other what they have learned and that they do not understand or forgot how to do.

## 3. Studying and sleeping at the right time:

Having a reasonable schedule of studying, playing and resting will help you prepare for the exam more effectively than leaving your schedule in a free-falling state. From early morning, students should say goodbye to their warm blankets and sit at their desk because this is the time when their body is most alert and lucid. Reviewing homework from 5am to 6am just before going to school, will help you remember the test content more clearly on that day.

### 4.Don't let the grass grow under your feet:

To get high results in your exams, students need to plan for consolidation from the start. That is right from the beginning of the course, just reviewing the knowledge and skills taught in class and keep your mind firmly focused on the "destiny" exam of your life. Making plans in detail for yourself on what you want to achieve each week, each month. It is better to review the lesson in a way that divides the content into smaller sections than rushing to study at the end of the exam. You can also write lesson content into small pieces of paper and read them anytime, anywhere.

Wishing you good results in your upcoming exams.

Ms. Nguyen Thi Thu Ha - Teacher of Literature

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### **IELTS - THE ULTIMATE ENGLISH TEST**

Grade 12 is a year filled with high pressure for students across Vietnam and this includes our own talented final year students at SVIS. It also represents their final "formal" year of English studies and for this reason, the school has introduced an IELTS course, the ultimate test, in Grade 12.

IELTS (the International English Language testing System) is considered the highest-level test of an English language learner's ability. It tests students' ability to comprehend academic English, for example the ability to understand a university lecture, read a scientific text, write formal essays and be able to speak at length on a range of complex topics. The test is graded in bands to a level of 9.0 and in Vietnam, any student who achieves a score of 4.5 or higher is exempt from doing the national high school English exams. A score of 5.5 enables students to enter an English speaking university and 6.5 allows them to enter directly into an undergraduate degree.

The test is both comprehensive and challenging. Already, two of our students have taken the IELTS test with outstanding results, Phan Tuong Vy scoring 6.5 and Nguyen Le Hai Nhu 7.5. Their grade 12 peers have also shown considerable improvement and are mostly between a 5.0 and 6.0 level, impressive results for any 18 year old in a second language.

Mr. Jonathon Charles Marquis –EFL Teacher





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## STUDENT HEALTH CHECK UP AND MEDICAL INSURANCE

- a. The purpose of the health check-up program for students
- Help students know about their health and take care of their health so they can always study well.
- Help parents keep track of their children's health for advice and adjustments to their children's specific needs.
- Show that our school cares all students for a new school year.
- b. Medical check-up schedule:

The Transportation Hospital and SVIS@NhaTrang have organized the annual health check for students with the following schedule:

No.	Year	Time	Date
1	Year 1A – 1B	07:30 - 08:30	Monday 2/12/2019
2	Year 3 - 4	16:15 - 17:30	Monday 2/12/2019
3	Year 2A - 2B	07:30 - 08:30	Tuesday 3/12/2019
4	Year 5 - 6	16:15 - 17:30	Tuesday 3/12/2019
5	Year 7 - 8 - 10	07:30 – 08:30	Wednesday 4/12/2019
6	Year 9 - 11 -12	16:15 - 17:30	Wednesday 4/12/2019
7	Remaining students	07:30 - 08:30	Thursday 5/12/2019
8	Remaining students	16:15 - 17:30	Thursday 5/12/2019

# c. Student Health Insurance

The Health card is valid from 01/01/2020 to 31/12/2020.

The Health insurance card is a renewal card, so in case your old card is lost, parents will need to inform the school office in time so that the school can send the information to the insurance agency to re-issue a new card for the student to continue using from 1/1/2020.

Ms. Nguyen Thi Kim Dung – Nurse

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