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### 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.

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#### MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents.

Give your child Self-study ability.

Let's teach your children to become an independent learner. Let's teach children to care and help others instead of just taking care of themselves, help them to nurture kindness, generosity and life for others.

Help your children to develop their critical thinking, to improve their self-study ability, to research and discover new knowledge. When children become independent learners, parents will put less effort in tutoring their children. By practicing self-study, children will develop and explore the world around them and will be successful in the future. If Parents join hands with teachers, children will learn better and become more mature; home and school are one, teachers and parents are one.

Wish you to be more success in their education and happiness in life.

Wish all the Parents good health, success and happiness.

The Principal,

Mrs. Nguyen Thi Hanh

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### Announcing the results of National Graduation for the School Year 2019 - 2020

- According to the marking and ranking of Khanh Hoa DOET for 31 schools over the province then SVIS@NT has the average score of 7.26 (raking as 3/31 schools over the province).
- 100% students of our graduates has brought proudly results.
- Ranking 1/31 for the subjects of Geography, History and Biology
- Ranking 3/31 for the English subject over the schools of province and the first over the private schools
- The average scores of compulsory subjects (Maths, Literature, English) is 20% higher than other students in over the province.

Once again, congratulation to our students and wish you the best in your future studying path.

#### **ENGLISH CLUB (8:20-8:40am)**

After a long break due to corona-virus our English club has finally returned and this month the focus was on integrity.

The students spent time learning about the quality of being honest and having strong moral principles. Things we value in all our students here at SVIS. We learned how by either being honest or helping other people in need we could show that we too had great moral values and integrity to spare. We used role-play and activities to learn about how important integrity is and how we could build integrity in ourselves to eventually become better people.

English club is an excellent way to use and learn English. It is great for our community spirit as mixed-ages interact, students interact with those they may not know, promotes social skills & creativity, older students help the younger ones, younger students learn from the older students and all mixed-ages are supported. It is a very relaxed and calm environment for learning English, where students feel comfortable.

We hope all students will actively take part in the class.

Mr. Diederick Wolmarans - EFL Teacher

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### The Meaning of Mid-Autumn Festival in Asian countries

The Mid-Autumn Festival is not only a traditional celebration in Vietnam. Around Asia, you will find countries celebrating the Mid-Autumn Festival diffently.

#### 1. Japan

The Japanese Mid-Autumn Festival is called Otsukimi or Moonviewing Ceremony. This holiday is well-received and celebrated in Japan. On Otsukimi, the Japanese have a habit of presenting Tsukimi Dango cake in a triangle shape on a wooden shelf, right next to it there is a pitcher of Susuki grass. While sipping cake, the Japanese will enjoy the moonlight together. Japanese Otsukimi does not have Ms. Hang, but only appears as a rabbit. This is also a cultural difference between Japan and Vietnam as well as some other Asian countries. During the holiday season, adults will buy carp lanterns for children. They also have a lantern festival. For the Japanese, they conceive of carp as a courage symbol.

#### 2. Korea

Mid-Autumn Festival is one of the two biggest Korean holidays. For Koreans, Mid-Autumn Festival is not only a reunion occasion, giving gifts to family members, but also a time for everyone to gather together and remember their ancestors with new fruits and cereals. Mid-Autumn Festival of Korea lasts up to 5 days, Westerners even call the Korean Mid-Autumn Festival with the name "Korean Thanksgiving Day", meaning Korean Thanksgiving.

#### 3. Cambodia

They call it Ok Om Pok festival. This festival is held at night and usually people release lanterns together. Each light that is lit, drop into the sky which will make a wish to the moon with dreams and hope for a fullness life.

#### 4. Malaysia

For Malaysians, the Mid-Autumn Festival is marked by the Lantern Festival and the Moon Cake Festival. It is considered the end of the harvest season as well as a symbol of peace and prosperity. Malaysians release many lanterns into the sky.

#### 5. Singapore

Singaporeans also keep a very meaningful Mid-Autumn Festival. On this occasion they usually make contacts and send the best wishes as well as moon cakes to their relatives and families. They decorate the street beautifully with colorful lanterns. We can easy see the joyful atmosphere over this beautiful country.









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"Lễ câu trăng" is named by Thai to refer the Mid-Autumn. From the old people to the young one, they will gather together at the altar of Quan The Am and Bat Tien to pray for good things to their relatives and families. On the altar, they put peaches and moon cakes with the belief that Bat Tien would help bring peaches to Guan Yin and that the deities would bless every home. Thailand have another habit during the Mid-Autumn festival that is to eat grapefruit. For Thai, the grapefruit is the fruit symbolizing for the reunion and fullness.

Ms Huynh Thi Qui - Primary Teacher







#### TIPS TO STUDY LITERATURE BETTER

Literature is a subject that students will have to take tests during their school year. Many students nowadays complain about this subject and think that only talent students can learn this subject well. However, if you know how to study it, you will see that it's not difficult as you might think. The below tips will help you to study Literature better.

- 1. Plant in mind: Let go of all the difficulties of studying with a positive attitude.
- 2. Practice quick reading of all documents: textbooks, reference books, newspapers, notebooks ... Combining with visual hearing, hand-written thinking, reading by keywords, phrases, titles to quickly scroll through the pages of the book.
- 3. Memorizing knowledge by mind map: It is recommended to use a variety of crayons to make the board more vivid and eye-catching, the brain often saves what we learn with images faster than much longer.
- 4. Build learning habits: Perform learning steps such as: compose listen discuss take notes review lessons; happily, eagerly waiting for the test; want to succeed and have faith.
- 5. Learn according to the characteristics of the subject: Quick reading, underline keywords to find out => decoding => thinking => inferencing.
- 6. Execute Uncle Ho's teaching: Master the basic knowledge and skills to flexibly solve the exercises. A good background will make you a lot more confident when encountering advanced types of lessons and you can also more easily understand them.
- 7. Must forge the habit of self-checking: Re-read the questions, carefully read the comments, correct errors in time, not be self-centered, pessimistic. Make a track sheet to learn from experience.
- 8. Forging the habit of expanding knowledge: By reading books, online, social exchange.

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Literature is easy to those who has literacy talent but if you follow those tips, you can do as well.

Let try and hope you can enjoy your Literature subjects in every lessons.

Mr. Le Xuan Binh - Literature Teacher

#### **WEEKLY GROUP ACTIVITIES ON FRIDAYS AFTERNOONS**

Dear all students,

We are glad to have been back to school for over a month and now our weekly activities have resumed every Friday afternoon from 3:15 to 4:00.

Recently, our students had the opportunity to experience the relay and creativity game. Through the games, we had a fun exercise after the stressful school hours, along with improving the teamwork's skills. The activities have brought our students' creative ideas and team-building spirit to make this more exciting and meaningful.

I hope that all of you will always maintain this spirit through over the next activities.

Ms. Bui Viet Nhi - High School Teacher

#### **Disaster Discussions**

September for year 6 English students has seen us studying around the theme of natural disasters such as volcanic eruptions, earthquakes, floods and tsunamis. Placed into study groups, the students have been working hard to research historical, devastating events and create presentations in our computer lessons, before acting out news reports in class. This has helped improve not only students' language skills, but also their confidence to use their new English. Studying grammar and vocabulary related to natural disasters now has proven to be a particularly poignant time, as unprecedented wild fires rage along the West of the. Some students have expressed concern that global warming is exacerbating disasters around the world, and I am hopeful that continued awareness about environmental issues among our younger generation will lead to a cleaner, safer world for all in the coming decades.

Overall, year 6 is proving to be a very able and motivated class, with some very bright students who want to showcase their English – as proven by some great presentations on natural disasters – and to keep learning and progressing well. The class is large and energetic, so there are many opportunities to help each other progress, and continued proactivity and focus will help ensure students enjoy reaping great results.

Mr. Mark Evison - EFL Teacher