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VISION

A premier learning institution with national and international recognition, developing lifelong learners and leaders with competencies, global perspectives, and hearts of service in a culture of academic and values excellence.

MISSION STATEMENT

We are committed to provide quality international education through the 5Cs:

- Competence,
- Character,
- Commitment to Achieve,
- Collaboration and Creativity.

We seek to develop lifelong learners and leaders.

We prepare learners to respond to the needs of the 21st century.

STONYHURST SOUTHVILLE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

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QUANT JE PUIS! *Stonyhurst Southville International School, Batangas City Campus proves that it is living by its motto as it recently received two prestigious recognitions. Such recognitions are very significant to the school since the following award-giving organizations did intensive research of the best education provider in the country and SSIS is one of the schools chosen.*

GREAT PLACE TO STUDY. *SSIS is very proud to announce that it has recently received an invitation to be featured in the "Great Philippine Schools", the Philippines' first ever TV Series Program commissioned by Great Place to Study. org (GPTS) in collaboration with Unitel Productions, which aims to showcase most deserving, emerging, and thought leader schools in the Philippines. Thus, receiving such invite is a sure indication that SSIS is being recognized by GPTS as one of the best educational institutions that offers quality education not only in Batangas, but also in the entire country.*

SSIS is among the first batch of schools chosen to be featured in the Great Philippine Schools on CNN Philippines. The said TV program will highlight why SSIS is a great place to study by thoroughly examining its learning environment, equality and fairness among learners and teachers, academic excellence and student satisfaction, recognizing great talents, efforts and contributions, and neutrality on political, religious, and sexual orientations.

The Great Place to Study is a global educational research and technology firm, engaged in rating and certifying universities and schools on the basis of satisfaction surveys, both from students and parents.

PHILIPPINE TOP CHOICE AWARDS FOR EXCELLENCE. *Alongside with the Great Place to Study recognition, SSIS also received an acknowledgement as the **Top Choice Quality International Education Provider** in Batangas from the Philippine Top Choice Awards for Excellence.*

The Philippine Top Choice Awards for Excellence seek to acknowledge companies, products, and services that promote best business practices leading to consumer welfare, consumer protection, product quality, and consumer services. This commendation highlights the art of competitiveness and excellence in business and trade to further enhance and improve products and services.

*Companies, products, and services that are selected for the Philippine Top Choice Awards for Excellence are conferred the **SEAL OF EXCELLENCE** as a way of promoting the best interests and welfare of consumers, a modest step towards helping promote nation-building and national development.*

Having been assessed by reputable organizations to be a great school, SSIS takes pride in saying that it constantly aims for greatness. Moreover, such recognitions are remarkable validations that SSIS is being true to its vision and mission.

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CLOSING PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

GREAT POWERFUL MOMENTS

The Academic Year 2017-2018 already draws to a close. Everyone is looking forward to the Closing Program that will feature great powerful moments as SSIS celebrates its twenty-two great years of excellence as an educational institution.

For the past years, the Closing Program has been a tradition that doubles as a cultural and talent show. In contrast to the previous practice, the closing program will not just highlight a variety of performances but will retell a story which every Valiant Knight can relate with. The closing program will present a flashback of memories, a compilation of downfalls and successes, and a collection of wisdom gathered by the students all throughout their journey in SSIS.

The teachers and the students prepared spectacular production numbers for the guests. It will be a dazzling afternoon of music and lights, songs and dances, colors and clothes. The audience will be transported to look back at the too great powerful moments of the Valiant Knights' lives in SSIS and everyone will surely feel that once a Knight, always a Knight.

Moreover, the Closing Program is a celebration of the students' achievement for the year that transpired, and it gives them something to remember as they embark on their summer vacation.

Join us as we close the Academic Year with great performances! The tickets are attached to this bulletin. Lost tickets will not be replaced, so please be extra careful with your tickets.

Please see also the reminders below about the Closing Program.



Keep In Mind.® REMINDERS FOR NEXT WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

Wednesday and Thursday, May 02 and 03, 2018- CLOSING PROGRAM TECHNICAL REHEARSALS

- Unlike the practice in the previous years, the Closing Program Technical Rehearsals will be conducted at the SSIS Gym. This is because the Batangas City Convention Center (BCCC) cannot accommodate the school on the said dates due to prior commitments.
- The rehearsals will run from 8:00 am- 12:30 pm.
- Wear any SSIS shirt, jogging pants, or the PE uniform.
- Bring a small bag containing the diary, reply slip to this bulletin, water bottle and snacks.

Friday, May 04, 2018- CLOSING PROGRAM at the Batangas City Convention Center

- The gates will open at 1:00 pm to accommodate the parents on a first-come, first-served basis. Strictly no reservation of seats, such as putting bags or sending someone as proxy, will be allowed.
- The program begins at 2:00 pm and ends at 6:00 pm.
- One invitation per family, inclusive of three tickets is attached to this bulletin. Lost tickets will not be replaced. Visitors who do not have tickets will only be accommodated after the ticketed guests are safely seated.
- You may bring your camera/ tablets to take photos but you are not allowed to go beyond the set boundaries.



Improvement in Reading Abilities. The year-end results of the Scholastic Reading Counts Quiz (SRC) showed tremendous improvement in the students' reading abilities. This improvement is manifested in the students' Lexile growth, number of books read, and classes who met targets.

Here are the notable figures:

The students read and passed the SRC quizzes of 35, 413 books. There were seven classes who met and even surpassed the target in terms of books read per child per year. The following are the classes who met their respective year-end targets: Grade 2- Industry, Grade 2- Resourcefulness, Grade 5- Punctuality, Grade 6- Determination, Grade 6- Perseverance, Grade 7- Competence, and Grade 10- Responsibility.

After the Post Test, 69% of the students from Grades 1 to 12 are Advanced and Proficient in their Lexile Score. Compared to the Pre-Test results wherein only 49% are in this level. Thus, there is a 20% increase. Only 24% remains in the Basic Level and a minimal of 7% are in the Below Basic tier. Moreover, there is a 20% improvement in the Basic Level from Pre-Test to Post Test and 4% improvement in the Below Basic Level from Pre-Test to Post Test.

Although statistics measure the growth in students' reading abilities, the most significant achievement on the part of the school and the teachers is to be able to develop the children's love for books. This was done through the partnership with Scholastic reading experts, the one-hour allocation for a library period, Uninterrupted Sustained Silent Reading (U.S.S.R.), and the Reading Marathon, coupled with words of encouragement from the teachers and the concepts of grit and growth mindset instilled in the students' minds and hearts.

Standards Based Assessment (SBA) tests are administered to Grade School and High School students in subjects such as English, Math, and Science. The students took the Pre-Test during the start of the Academic Year and just almost a month ago, they took the Post Test which showed commendable results as compared to the Pre-Test results.

For this Academic Year, two students got perfect scores in SBA Math while one student got a perfect score in English. Having students who can perfect such challenging tests is a sure proof that the students strive to be the best that they can be and that they always aim to achieve growth in everything that they do. Moreover, a total of 30 students across levels emerged as Highly Proficient in all three subjects (English, Science, and Math). This result is a significant growth since during the Pre-Test, only very few students were Highly Proficient in all three subjects.

In addition to these exemplary performances of the students, a total of 316 or 86% of the students are Highly Proficient and Proficient in English. This is a very significant growth from the 205 or 56% of the students who were Highly Proficient and Proficient in the same subject during the Pre-Test. Furthermore, this result signifies that the school is really a center for excellence in language and reading, since majority of its students are performing on a par with the International Standards in English.

The impressive growth is also true to Math in which 58% of the students are Highly Proficient and Proficient and in Science in which 62% of the students are Highly Proficient and Proficient. Thus, the SBA Post Test results show that more than half of the students are conforming to the International Standards set by the school.

Standardized tests provide an objective and relevant feedback to the school in terms of its quality and effectiveness of instruction against national norms and international standards. The results of the standardized tests provide good feedback to the student on how well he or she has learned and the degree of his or her readiness to move to a higher educational level.

**SSIS STUDENTS EXEMPLIFY
SIGNIFICANT GROWTH in SBA Post Test**

CONGRATULATIONS, GRADUATION HONORS!

ACADEMIC YEAR 2017-2018

GRADE 6 GRADUATION HONORS:



First Honors: Juan Rafael M. Landicho, Janine Ashley C. Moreno, Alfonso Rafael B. Ofreneo, and Denis Josiah C. Ramos

Second Honors: Kirsten Gabrielle R. Almario, Maria Celina Rae B. Amparo, Jazhiel E. Añonuevo, Anelyn Nadine T. Cua, Kier Allen M. Datinguinoo, James Simon D. Delos Angeles, Raphaela Ysabel A. Jobog, and Roann Daphne C. Manongsong

Third Honors: Chrizia Alcherine A. Aclan, John Patrick H. Agtay, Juciara F. Ceniza, John Ivan B. Cultura, Jhulia Mhay D. Geducos, Jana Ayesha A. Suarez, Frances Mei-li E. Trinidad, David Emmanuel T. Ubamos, Jon Raymond H. Valdez, and Jana Rai A. Villamor

GRADE 12 GRADUATION HONORS:



First Honors: Leandro Emanuele P. Lira, Noreen Christine A. Cabatay

Second Honors: Denzell J. Caunca, Ernesto A. Malabanan III, Mary Angeline De Loyola Portugal, and Jennidy Roan D. Tan

Third Honors: Bea M. Bernardo, Cherie Mhel C. Bunyi, and Maria Samantha M. Moldez

2 VALIANT KNIGHTS RECEIVE FULL COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP

It is the school's pride that all of its Grade 12 students passed in at least one University or College. Moreover, SSIS is very happy to announce that most of its graduating Grade 12 students made it to top Universities in the country. These achievements just show that the graduating Valiant Knights are living by the 5Cs and are honed to be their very best in their entire stay in Stonyhurst. In addition to that, the school would like to recognize two of its Senior students who successfully got scholarship grants from highly recognized department and corporation.

Maria Samantha Moldez was acknowledged as one of the recipients of the Merit Scholarship of the Department of Science and Technology (DOST). The Merit Scholarship is given to graduating Senior High School students who have high aptitude in Science and Math. Moldez took the qualifying exam at the Batangas State University (BSU). Her scholarship includes Php 8,000 tuition fee grant per trimester, book allowance, clothing allowance, and student allowance.

On the other hand, Bea Bernardo was able to get the Shell Scholarship after passing the qualifying exam she took when she was in the Sixth Grade. The Shell Scholarship is usually given to all the dependents of the employees of Shell Corporation and to those students who have outstanding scores in the assessment test given.

CONGRATULATIONS SAM and BEA!



PARENTING CORNER

Key Qualities of a Good School

Continued from: SP Bulletin No. 34

Indeed, by giving our children access to quality education, we help them achieve personal growth and professional success. Therefore, it is essential to invest in your children's future by providing them with the best possible education that only a good school can provide.

The following are some of the key qualities that a good school must have and are parallel to the distinctive features of Stonyhurst:

7. A good school makes its goals and directions clear to everyone. One attribute of a successful school is the existence of clear goals and direction. According to research, the successful school actively constructs goals and then effectively communicates them to appropriate individuals (e.g., students, teachers, and the community at large). School administrators must also be open and willing to incorporate innovation into goals for school processes and practices. So it's important to get inputs from all stakeholders in the process of developing school goals. In SSIS, every idea and feedback from stakeholders matters. Mid-Year and Year-End evaluations are being done in order to continuously improve the school and its practices. Moreover, vital information is communicated regularly through the SP Bulletin, the students' diaries, and the school's website. Student performance has been shown to improve in schools where the entire school community works toward goals that are communicated and shared among all in the learning environment.

8. A good school has an ideal or smaller class size. The size of the school seems to be an attribute in the school's effectiveness. Research has found that the smaller the school, the better students perform, especially in the case of older students. This is the rationale behind the concept of schools-within-schools. Students in smaller learning environments feel more connected to their peers and teachers, pass classes more often, and are more likely to go to college. Smaller schools provide additional opportunities for learning to smaller groups of students. This is true to SSIS in which it has a smaller class size compared to other schools in Batangas.

9. A good school has a strong partnership with the parents. Trust and parental participation are also features of a successful school. Trust between all parties of the school community is vital for enhancing the school's effectiveness because it supports the prospect that parents and teachers believe in each other's motives and actions. Parental participation is also important because it sends the message to the students that the adults in their lives--both teachers and parents--believe in the importance of education and are willing to make time to support the students' educational experiences and efforts. In SSIS, the parents are highly encouraged to take part in the students' learning. Parents are often invited to different Parenting Seminars, school activities and programs, and to the Parent and Teacher Conferences (PTC) and Student-Led Conferences.

Reference: http://blogs.edweek.org/edweek/education_futures/2016/06/the_five_attributes_of_successful_schools.html

IMPORTANT DATES



April 30

Closing Program Rehearsals (same attire and schedule as last week will be followed)

May 01

HOLIDAY (Labor Day)

May 02 and 03

Closing Program Technical Rehearsals (SSIS Gym)
 Pre-School: 8:00 am-11:00 am
 Grades 1 and 2: 8:00 am-11:10 am
 GS, JHS, and SHS: 8:00 am-12:30 pm

May 04

Closing Program (Batangas City Convention Center. 2:00 pm-6 :00 pm)



GROWTHMINDSET Quote of the Week

Security is not the meaning of life. It is always the great opportunities which are worth the risk.

-Shirley Harstедler

GRIT Quote of the Week

If you don't give anything, don't expect anything. Success is not coming to you, you must come to it.

-Marva Collins

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Reply Slip

() I have received and read Students and Parents' Bulletin No. 35 A.Y. 2017-2018.

Student's Name

Level/Section

Parent's Signature