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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.

Grade School math champs reap fruits of success in Autumn

The young Math wizards of SSIS Batangas know no boundaries when it comes to achieving!

Mathematics Without Borders, a tournament open for students aged 8-18 years and is divided into nine age groups, paved the way for the Valiant Knights to achieve. The tournament is held remotely in three rounds Autumn, Winter, and Spring. Moreover, it ends with a final contest which will be held in June 2019.

Sofia Uri Ysabelle Geronimo, Third Grader, excelled in her age group of 9-10-year-old students and got a Certificate Award. To add, Luke Alabro who participated in the age group of 10-11-year-old, received a Silver Award. In addition to these great achievements bagged by the young Valiant Knights, Maria Bernadette Landicho, Sixth Grader, rose to the top after winning a Gold Award in her age group of 12-13-year-old.

SSIS Batangas Overall First Runner-Up in SGEN Academic Olympiad

Stonyhurst Southville International School Batangas Campus snatched the Overall First Runner-Up Award two times in a row!

After being triumphant in the different competitions organized during the recently concluded Southville Global Educational Network (SGEN) Academic Olympiad hosted by SSIS Batangas last Friday, December 7, the Home of the Valiant Knights was recognized as the Overall First Runner-Up.

The competition started with the test of spontaneity among the contenders of the Impromptu Speaking Contest. Each of the contestants exhibited their wit and fluency as they delivered their speeches in front of the crowd and the respected set of judges who are known to be experts in the field of English and speaking. Aitana De Chavez, Twelfth Grader, and Angela Macalalad, Eleventh Grader, wowed the crowd with their meaningful speeches which highlighted the



concepts of grit, growth mindset, and academic rigor and how these helped them face the arduous challenges they had encountered and still encounter inside and outside the premises of the school. After hearing the speeches of all of the contestants, **Angela Macalalad was recognized as the Second Runner-Up.**

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RIGOR, RIGOR THAT'S OUR GOAL, WHOEVER HAS GRIT WILL SURELY GROW!

SSIS Batangas Overall First Runner-Up...

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The second part of the event focused on the gruelling task of spelling different unfamiliar words. The start of the Spelling Bee Contest was marked by the time the 52 contestants of the said competition set foot on stage. After 9 rounds, a Seventh Grader from Southville International School and Colleges (SISC) dominated the other spellers. The spelling team of SSIS Batangas was composed of the following students: Raphaela Jobog, Jacyrae Dela Pena, Princess De Chavez, Veana Vazquez, Jabin Guamos, Irish Portugal, Jewel Delos Angeles, Jana Cunanan, Paul Sulit, Maxyne Bergonio, Darmari Joshua Guamos, and Cardelyn Hernandez.



The Battle of the Brains was concluded by the last competition conducted during the Olympiad, the SGEN Academic Olympiad Quiz Bee.

Each participating school sent the best of the best in each level to compete in the said event. The Quiz Bee covered questions which focused on varying fields in education such as History, Science, Math, Literature, and the like. The last competition was composed of three rounds: Easy, Average, and Difficult and each round challenged the contestants to remain focused and critical in answering the questions given to them. At the end of the Quiz Bee, **the Valiant Knights were declared as the Second Runner-Up.** The team was composed of the following students whose will to achieve didn't falter throughout the competition: **Raymond Valdez, Alexia Tan, Carla Delas Alas, Frankie Hernandez, Dzaki Dzikril Hakim, and Denroe Hernandez.**

A big **CONGRATULATIONS** to all the winners and coaches!



There is no dream too big not to achieve. This is what the Duke of Edinburgh Cycle 4 International Awardees proved after receiving the fruit of their hard work in completing the tasks and accomplishing the logs required to get such prestigious award.

The Duke of Edinburgh's International



Award is a global award that allows young people to determine what they are passionate about, regardless of their background, culture or access to resources. In the journey the participants had gone through, they experienced to be engaged in different kinds of services like giving first aid, being library assistants, being involved in church work, and the like. The awardees also got the chance to enhance different skills and do some physical recreation.

Truly, it requires a lot of effort in order for a student to be an awardee, but the award that he or she will get is surely worth it.

CONGRATULATIONS to the following awardees!



SILVER AWARDEES

*Maria Elyza Bautista
Ruth Shiza Macalalad*

BRONZE AWARDEES

*Lara Dominique Gonzales
Angela Andrei Macalalad
Chelsea Ayeesha Mercado*

Kudos also to Miss Marriel De Castro for helping and guiding these students in their entire journey!

ERRATUM

CONGRATULATIONS
Nhaya Amurao for being the Champion of the Vocabulary Quiz Bee (Grade 9- Wisdom) during the Book Month Celebration!



Valiant Knights take part in the National Robotics Competition

In the Age of Digital Technology, our students proved that they are equipped with the necessary skills.

To showcase the skills in assembling robots and in programming that they have learned in ICT and Robotics classes, six Valiant Knights joined the two-day National Robotics Competition held at SMX Convention Center last December 5 and 6.

The school sent two teams each composed of three students who represented the Grade School and High School Departments. These students are Efra Winarto, Luke Alabro, and Rance Dolores for the Grade School team and Cedryck Guda, Jabin Guamos, and Peter MacIndeor for the High School team. Each team competed against several students from different parts of the country.

At the end of the convention, Efra, Luke, and Rance's robot was awarded the **Best in Design**.

Meanwhile, the students were assisted by the ICT and Robotics teachers, Sir King Autor and Miss Jeannette Asi.



Prepare to spend some cash!

The High School students will set up booths to sell the products that they conceptualized in their business plans for their Business Subjects on December 17, 1:00 pm onwards. **The Grade 7 and 10 students will sell delicious but very affordable food, Grade 8 will offer services and merchandise, and the Grade 9 students will peddle on exciting games.**

There will be over twenty-two booths to choose from, and most of the non-food items can be suitable gifts for your loved ones.

The SSIS community, parents, and their friends are encouraged to do their Christmas shopping during the Bazaar to show support to our enterprising students.

The Christmas Bazaar is a GRASPS activity of the students in their Business subject. This kind of activity aims to develop the entrepreneurial skills of the students.

To add, December 17 will also be the day of the Christmas presentations of the students. Each section from Nursery/Kindergarten up to Grade 12 will showcase a variety of talents while singing and dancing to the tune of different Christmas songs. This will be followed by an "Open Microphone Challenge" in which anyone, students and teachers alike, can serenade the entire SSIS community.

Come and join us as we welcome the Yuletide Season the Valiant Knights style!

**December 17 is
Christmas Bazaar Day!**

SSIS BATANGAS STUDENTS REAP AWARDS IN BCPRISA ACADEMIC COMPETITIONS

Even outside of the comforts of their classrooms, the Valiant Knights will never fail to exhibit the 5Cs (Competence, Character, Commitment to Achieve, Collaboration, and Creativity)!

Congratulations to the following students who excelled in the different contests held during the BCPRISA Academic Competitions!

Sean Plata

Third Place
SK Spelling Bee

Brielle Perez

Second Place
Grade 1 Mathrathon

Leandrei Navarro

First Place
Grade 3 Mathrathon

Gab Mejia

Second Place
Grade 3 Comprehension Test

Luke Alabro

Third Place
Grade 4 Spelling Bee

Bernadette Landicho

First Place
Grade 6 Math Quiz

Ken Datinggaling

Third Place
Grade 12 Spoken Poetry

Angela Macalalad

First Place
Grade 11 Declamation

Veana Vazquez, Alexia Tan, Rosh Macalalad

Third Place
Grade 8 Quiz Bee

Iana Portugal, Nicole Hernandez, Frankie Hernandez

Second Place
Grade 10 Quiz Bee



PARENTING CORNER

Christmas Values to Teach your Kids

Children love Christmas and look forward to the festivities and excitement it brings. In fact, this season never fails to bring out that child-like wonder in each person, both young and old alike. There's definitely something about this magical season that makes us wish it was Christmas all year long.

But through the years, the true spirit of Christmas has been overshadowed by the material presents and iconic symbols. For most kids, Christmas is all about gifts, toys, new clothes, and shoes, even great food. There's nothing wrong with enjoying the material gifts for as long as the real essence of the season is properly instilled in the hearts of our children.

As parents, let us strive to make Christmas more meaningful for them. Teaching our children proper Christmas values will be the best gifts we can ever give for it will be something they will treasure for the rest of their lives:

1. **Strengthen their Faith.** Jesus is the reason for the season. Even before we introduce Frosty the Snowman, Rudolph the Red-nosed Reindeer, and even Santa Claus, let us share to them the heartwarming story of the infant Jesus born in the manger – the real symbol of Christmas.
2. **Inspire them to Hope.** Inspire our children to dream, to wish, to hope for greater things in life. Christmas is the best time to share our hopes and dreams as a family. It is also the perfect opportunity to appreciate the goodness in every one, as well as the blessing that they are in our lives.
3. **Celebrate Love.** Christmas is truly a celebration of love. Encourage your children to do random acts of kindness for their friends, family, and others. Write each other a Christmas "love message," and tell your children how much you love and care for them.
4. **Bond as a Family.** Have fun and enjoy the traditional festivities of the season as a family – sing favorite Christmas carols or watch a holiday movie together. Plan a family activity or getaway which we can commit to do traditionally on Christmas together. What's important is for our children to cherish the warmth of family togetherness during this season.
5. **Value Simplicity.** The real value of a Christmas gift doesn't have to be expensive. In fact, simple but meaningful gifts are often more appreciated. Have our kids make creative arts and crafts as personalized gifts or ask them to assist us in making home-baked goodies for their friends, teachers, and family. Show your children that the best gifts are really from the heart.
6. **Spread Christmas Joy thru Sharing.** Nothing beats that pure joy we can experience thru giving and sharing. More importantly, it is an honor and privilege as parents to instill in our children the true meaning and essence of sharing and spreading the holiday cheer.
7. **Be Grateful.** Count your blessings! Inspire your kids to be thankful for all the wonderful gifts they have received, regardless of the value. Teach them to be grateful most especially for the non-material gifts they are blessed with such as family, friends, time, love, and many others.

REFERENCE:

<http://www.smartparenting.com.ph/life/home/7-christmas-values-to-teach-our-kids>

IMPORTANT DATES



December 10

Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Forum

December 12

Movie Block Screening of "Aquaman" by the Student Council

December 13

Theater Thursday featuring Grade 6- Determination

December 14

SSFO for the Students

ANTHONY PAUL M. CALADO
Principal

VALUE OF THE WEEK

Developing Sensitivity to the Needs of Others

Grit Quote of the Week

"Over time, grit is what separates fruitful lives from aimlessness."

-John Ortberg

Growth Mindset Quote of the Week

"If you find a path with no obstacles, it probably doesn't lead you anywhere."

-Frank Clark

Rigor Quote of the Week

"Rigor is the result of work that challenges students' thinking in new and interesting ways."

-Jackie Gerstein

Reply Slip

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Student's Name

Level/Section

Parent's Signature