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SSIS CELEBRATES A FUN-FILLED CHRISTMAS

Stonyhurst Southville International School celebrates a fun-filled, activity-packed Christmas that started as early as November with **Everyday is a Caroling Day**, where each class serenades the community every lunch with Christmas carols. And the activities just keep coming...

Dec 1 - **Battle of the Bands** back to back with **SGEN Lantern Parade**

Dec. 2 - Four **Christmas plays** from the Upper School Department

Dec. 5 & 6 - A gastronomical feast during the **Upper School Bazaar**

Dec. 9 & 10 - A time to help and be entertained through the SSIS **Benefit Concert**.

Finally, the last week before vacation, we will have **Stonyhurst for Others** and the **Christmas Party**. Here are the updates:

SUBTLE CORE WINS SECOND IN THE BATTLE OF THE BANDS; SSIS LANTERN LANDS THIRD IN LANTERN PARADE

SSIS's **Subtle Core** walked away with the a trophy and a cash prize for placing first runner up in the Battle of the Bands held at SISC (Luxemburg Campus) on Dec. 1, 2011. The competition was organized to showcase students' talents, to encourage teens to get together through music and to promote active participation in interschool activities. The newly formed band consists of **Cyrel Anne Tanguangco** (vocals), **Hannah Eloise Magsino** (keyboard) **Kim Kenneth Hernandez** (drums), **Roxanne Marizze Sandoval** (guitar) and **Neil Paul Caraos** (bass). They had their debut last September in the *LPU Invitational Interhigh Competition* where they won 1st runner-up. **Tr. Angela** is Subtle Core's moderator/ adviser.

Meanwhile, US3 Wisdom's giant lantern landed third in the Lantern Parade. The *parol* was clothed by old *Barong Tagalog* and Stonyhurst fabric and it was adorned by small *huri* fans. Though the *parol* shimmered in Christmas lights, it couldn't outshine Baby Jesus who is the giver of light and the center of Stonyhurst education. The *parol* is a collaborative work that bears the invisible prints of the hands that labored for its completion, including those of **Tr. Emily's**, the US3 adviser. By working together, US3 was also able to stage a simple presentation that enlightened the audience as to the lantern's meaning. SSIS -Lipa's entry won the first place while South Mansfield College got the second place. US4's entry was also one of the 11 lanterns that illuminated SISC grounds yesterday.

SENIOR STUDENTS SPEND TIME WITH CANCER WARRIORS

Despite the many things that they had to accomplish this week – P.A.S.S., SGEN Lantern and Drama Fest, students of US4 Responsibility found time to be with the children of the Cancer Warriors Foundation for a whole day on Nov. 30 - taking them out for lunch at Shakey's Batangas; treating them to the movie Happy Feet; and touring them around the mall for some bonding and shopping.

Sacrificing their vacation to visit the foundation is one of the noblest actions that the seniors have shown this semester. Though the action is a fundamental requirement for their CAS (Creativity, Action and Service) subject, the students have shown more than compliance in the subject - it is compassion toward the people in need.

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We are committed to provide quality international education through the 5Cs:
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Character
Commitment to Achieve
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and Creativity.

We seek to develop lifelong learners and leaders.

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DRAMA FEST FEATURES SCROOGE AND OTHER STAR-STUDDED PLAYS

Mr. Scrooge will ruin your mood, but not today. Mr. Scrooge turns out to be a **"Ms. Scrooge"** in a US3 and US4 play entitled **"A Modern Christmas Carol"**. In this play, the three ghosts of Christmas will haunt Ms. Scrooge – the Christmas past, Christmas present and Christmas future. The rest is for you to discover as the play unravels.

Meet **Glitter, Sparkle, Twinkle, Beth** and **Sirius** in two literally star-studded plays to be presented by US1 and US2. Children will surely love the rhymes and songs which are embedded in the actor's lines such as *Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star*. Adults, however will want to wish that they were children again, who are freely savoring the Christmas spirit.

These plays will flaunt the students' creativity in terms of acting, singing, creating props and backdrop, and applying sound effects and lighting.

Prior to the play, students of Lower School will present their **"Read and Act"** pieces. Read and Act is similar to a play, but here, the actors do not have to memorize the lines, the narrator will do it for them.

The culminating day is an open house, parents and guests are welcome. Children's story books can be exchanged for tickets with any upper school student. The books will be distributed to the beneficiaries of **Stonyhurst for Others** this Christmas.

TEACHERS AND STAFF GEAR UP FOR THE BENEFIT CONCERT

To be able to raise funds to build a mechanical lift, teachers and staff are laboring to prepare the most important element of a successful concert – the self.

For a couple of hours after class and office, the teachers and staff take time to polish their songs and dances while actors/actresses struggle to memorize and act out their lines. They are doing this because they have one thing in mind – the mechanical lift for the benefit of the students in transporting their bags to their respective classrooms and for the benefit of the maintenance team who assist the children in carrying their heavy loads.

PROGRAM. The concert will compose of song and dance numbers including **Christmas Carols**; and will highlight back to back Christmas tales. These 15-minute plays are fractured stories on Christmas. The first play, **Little Red Riding Hood and the Magical Kingdom of Claus**, tells the story of Little Red Riding Hood when she fell in love with the Big Bad Wolf; while the second play, **Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Claus**, is a story of the struggle of Santa Clause with his other self.

TICKETS. Tickets are priced Php500 for students; and Php1000 for parents and guests. There are also seats priced at Php5000 and Php3000 for the front seats, with complimentary tickets and acknowledgment plugs. For those interested to be sponsors, you may coordinate with Miss Ella or Sir Carlo at the Student Services Office. Please take note that Student Tickets are non-transferrable except to another SSIS student.

DATES. "A Not-So Silent Night" has two playdates. **December 9 is for Nursery up to Level 3 students (plus their parents and guests); while December 10 is for students from Level 4 to 4th Year High School, (plus parents and guests).** *Siblings assigned to different playdates may choose any day.*

TIME. Entrance opens at 5 P.M. The show starts at 6 P.M. It will be on a first come, first served basis.

Together, let us support this noble cause.

STUDENT COUNCIL

CORNER

Share a toy, Make a Difference

Thank you for donating toys for our **Share a Toy** project!

Our donation box is filled to the brim with colorful and fluffy huggables and some educational toys.

We only have five school days remaining before we distribute these toys to their future owners. Please continue to drop in your toys and help spread happiness.

Officers of the Student Council will have a part in the Christmas program for the beneficiaries of **Stonyhurst for Others** on **Dec. 14**. We invite you to join us in this once a year opportunity to reach out to little kids.

Together, let us celebrate the spirit of giving and sharing in SSIS!



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December 9 and 10, 2011

6:00 P.M.

SSIS Gymnasium



PARENTING CORNER

Helping with Exams

Parents can play a key role in helping their children cope with exams. The best way to support your children is by following these tips:

1. **Don't nag.** It does not help. Keep your expectations out of it, kids have enough of their own. And stay calm. Fear and anger are catching.
2. **Set goals and boundaries.** Agree on an exam review schedule and offer to tape their favorite TV shows for watching later. It helps to give them a purpose for getting their review done.
3. **Offer tea and sympathy.** Bring them drinks and make sure they take regular breaks. Offer to test them. Stop their reviewing if they seem tired.
4. **Build up their confidence.** Some kids don't review through sheer terror. Build up their confidence by reminding them of things they've done well in, in the past.

UPPER SCHOOL TREATS STUDENTS TO A FOOD FEAST

Be prepared for wholesome treats on the Upper School Bazaar slated on Dec. 5 for US1 and US3 students and on Dec. 6 for US2 and US4 students.

Some students will sell their home-made cookies and bread, pasta, pastries and their own concoction of fruit and chocolate shakes. Others will treat you to lunch of rice toppings and their own value meals consist of mojos and drinks, milo and nachos, burgers and fries and a lot more. There will also be non-food items such as ballers, beanies, pens, accessories and tumblers of colorful designs.

The bazaar is an integral part of the school's business curriculum, an application of the theories they learned in the classroom such as preparation of the business plan, pricing a product, devising promotional strategies and computation of profit and loss. It is hoped that the selling activity will not only enhance their knowledge on financial management but also teach them how to deal with customers.

The food items are reasonably priced. All students and teacher are encouraged to purchase the products to be showcased by our young entrepreneurs.

IMPORTANT DATES

Dec. 2

English/Book Month
Culminating Activity

Dec. 5

US 1 and US 3 Bazaar
9:00 A.M.-12:50 P.M.

Dec. 6

US 2 and US 4 Bazaar
9:00 A.M.-12:50 P.M.

Dec. 8

Batangas Foundation Day
(Holiday)

Dec. 9 & 10

SSIS Benefit Concert

Dec. 12, 13 & 14

Second Term Test

Dec. 14

Stonyhurst for Others

Dec. 15

SSIS Christmas Party

VALUE OF THE WEEK

HONING ONE'S BASIC SKILLS IN INTERPERSONAL RELATIONSHIPS

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