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Vision

SSIS is 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

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.

Theme of the Year

Understanding the Humanity Within through the 5Cs: Competence, Character, Commitment to Achieve, Collaboration and Creativity.

A Christmas Message from the Head Master / Principal

As the day of the birth of our Savior draws near, we take some time to reflect on the meaning of the season. At a time when the world is changing at a fast pace, the virtues of a good education are more relevant than ever.

As the Head Master / Principal of a Premier Learning Institution with a world-class campus, I believe that we at Stonyhurst Southville International School Malarayat Campus can deliver a quality of learning that will help students achieve their full potential. But we seek to do more than help students achieve good grades. Important though these are, we also aspire to enrich the hearts, broaden the minds, and open the eyes of our students to understanding and tolerance in a world in desperate need of such educated and well-formed men and women. It is only through the learning of ideas gained through education that any human condition may be improved.

The Christmas trees, lights, and lanterns are being lighted all over the country, as the season of goodwill gets under way. To some, they are a sign of crass commercialism, but to me they light the way to a celebration that transcends all attempts to diminish it. It is a time for the family, sharing, love, and the celebration of life.

While churches will be teeming with people, tables abundant with food, and houses filled with presents, we at SSIS wish to encourage everyone to give thanks for the many blessings that came our way during the course of 2011. From simple things like not having any car trouble to not experiencing any debilitating sickness of any kind or being a victim of any man-made or natural disaster, let us gladden our hearts for a year that had been both safe, fruitful, and meaningful. And for those who went through some discomfort, trust that God is still good. Be assured that He still loves us and He still wants only what is best for each of us.

As we enjoy the Christmas break, let us take some time to give thanks. Let us take some time to be a blessing to someone in need. Let us take some time to prepare ourselves to be ready for that time when Jesus will come, not as an infant in Bethlehem but as conquering King and as our Lord and Savior.

On behalf of all us at the SSIS Malarayat Campus, I take this opportunity to wish each student, parent, guardian, faculty, and staff a Blessed Christmas and a fruitful and spirit-filled year ahead in 2012.

May God continue to shower His blessings upon each of us as we seek to do His will in 2012.

Anthony Paul M. Calado

Your Generosity will be very much Appreciated

For the upcoming SSFO activity of the school, students will be assigned to bring goods/items to share to students from a nearby public school. These children will be coming to SSIS Malarayat Campus on December 15, 2010 for a gift-giving activity.

Please prepare the food items assigned to you and submit them to the class advisers on or before December 13, 2010.

Below are the assignments of each division.

Level	Donation
N/K, JP, SP, L1 & L2	5 pieces of canned goods (3 corned beef and 2 tuna) 2 pieces of bath soap – smallest size in box (1 Safeguard and 1 Palmolive)
L3, L4, L5 & L6	5 pieces of instant noodles (pancit canton) 1 piece of powdered drink – 250 grams (orange / iced tea / Milo / Ovaltine) 2 pieces of toothpaste – smallest size in box
US I, US II, & US III	2 kilos of rice 1 unisex gift (toy worth P100)

Let us spread the spirit of Christmas not only within our families and circles of friends, but also in our communities.

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Teach your Children the True Meaning of Christmas

Christmas is a wonderful time of the year. We should take the opportunity to discuss the origins of Christmas and the attitude of giving with our children. Family togetherness, unconditional love and goodwill should be the bywords of Christmas. Stories and pictures about the origins of Christmas should be all around our homes. Our churches should be taking a major role in spreading the true Christmas spirit.

Make sure your children are directly involved in at least one charity event over the holiday. They can donate a toy or even help with a fundraising drive for those less fortunate.

Try not to purchase toys that overwhelm the children. Yes, make sure the toy will make your child feel special. However, that can be done without overkill.

Construct as many gifts as you can with the children. Set aside special time for this. Make a big fuss over the time that is set aside. Prepare for the time and be sure that you have all the tools necessary for a successful time.

Working with the children on the different Christmas crafts and cards reinforces in their minds the significance of the season.

Make the Christmas tree the center of the living room. Take the time to downgrade the television set. If you must, watch television only at certain times. Then turn it off. Watch Christmas programs only.

If you are serious about resurrecting the spirit of Christmas then the focus must be on family and the things that a family does together. Purchase books about Christmas in other faraway countries. Your children will gain an understanding and respect for different cultures and their traditions. Christmas is not just celebrated in their corner of the world. Show them

that it is a world wide celebration.

Set a night or two aside for a drive to see the lights. That is always fun. Try your level best to include grandma and grandpa in the family outings. Children just love when grandparents tell stories of their childhood.

You are building memories for your children and for your entire family. Put the children in charge of decorating the spare bedroom for their grandparents.

Above all take the time to let the children know that the Christmas spirit should not be displayed only in December. Show them by your example as loving and caring parents that the Christmas spirit of love and joy should be spread throughout the year.

IMPORTANT DATES

December 12-14
Second Term Test

December 15
Advent Mass
Christmas Party
SSFO (Stonyhurst
Southville for Others)

December 16
Start of Christmas
Break

January 5, 2012
Resumption of
Classes
Values Convocation

OFFICE HOURS ON CHRISTMAS BREAK

For inquiries & office transactions during Christmas break, we are open from 8:00A.M.-5:00P.M. on the following dates:

December 19, 20, 21, 27 & 28, 2011 and starting January 3, 2012.

However, on non-working days, you may always call the following numbers:

7575012,
09228051212, &
09228051114

Mr. Anthony Paul M. Calado
Head Master / Principal

REPLY SLIP

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Student's Name

Level/Section

Parent's Signature