

Dear Parents,

We are now into Term 3 and I would like to make everyone aware that as well as regularly using Twitter (372 followers) we have now begun to use our Facebook page (St. Christopher's International Primary School, Penang). Twitter is a closed account and is used to update only accepted followers as to the day-to-day happening in school. Facebook is the public image of the school and will be used to promote as well as inform every one of the larger events and news worthy reports throughout the year.

Student safety as well school security, are important considerations for all Principals in the world today. Both these are areas that I have been working on and I am sure if you have been to the school, you will have noticed that the school staff are now wearing identity tags. Also all visitors who come into the school are required to sign in and also wear a tag. I am in the process of preparing tags for all parents.

The rationale behind this initiative is so that we all know who is on the campus and can identify each other quickly through the colour of the tags.

Teachers, Assistants and Administration	-	Blue
Auxiliary Staff	-	Green
Visitors / Contractors	-	Yellow
Parents	-	Red

Like any new initiatives I am sure there will be some teething issues and so appreciate parental support and understanding whilst everyone adjusts.

In addition to the tags, I will be strategically placing some simple gates so that anyone wanting to go into the school will first have to pass by security so we can say hello and ensure that we know who is on the campus. These gates also ensure that the students cannot just walk out into the car park during the day.

Student Withdrawal

It is common in International schools, for students to leave before the end of the year, and SCIPS is no exception. It is extremely useful if you can make us aware of any plans to withdraw your child, so that we can forward plan.

The School Policy requires, six- (6) school weeks withdrawal notice, otherwise your depreciated deposit is forfeited. I would like to remind those who may be leaving at the end of this term, that the withdrawal notice needs to be handed into the school office by Friday 29th May. The withdrawal form can be collected from the office or downloaded from the website.

Termly Events

Included in this week's news is a list of all the events taking place this term. Please see SCIPS Term 3 Events which can be found on the website.

Food and Fun Fair

The main event this term will be the Food and Fun Fair, which will be held on Saturday 27th June. The PTC have already begun preparing for the event and would like any parents who are able to contribute time and effort to contact them by using the PTC mailbox which is located outside the Parent's Room or via email Scips.ptc@gmail.com. The PTC meets every Tuesday at 8.15am in the Parent's Room.

Enjoy your weekend

Martin Towse
Principal