



NEWSLETTER

The AI Revolution and the Future of Saipan's Young Generation

These days, those of us living in Saipan can feel the chill of a slowing economy. Many businesses have closed their doors. Restaurants sit half-empty. Hotel occupancy hovers around 20%. You rarely see tourists walking through Garapan. Some longtime business partners say goodbye, leaving the island for good. Not long ago, four flights a day connected Saipan and Korea. Now there's only one—and even that route faces possible cutbacks.

Recently, a Korean YouTube channel posted a video titled "Why Did Saipan's Tourism Collapse—Once the Honeymoon Paradise?" As a resident, I watched it with mixed feelings. Some points were accurate, others were based on misinformation. But what caught my attention most wasn't the content—it was how the video was made. At first glance, it looked simple: a seven-minute clip with narration, photos, and background music. But look closer, and you'll see something remarkable. The script was likely written using AI tools such as ChatGPT or NotebookLM. Then, the same tools generated a female voice reading that script, creating a podcast-style narration. Finally, stock images—some about Saipan, some entirely unrelated—were edited together into a video. In other words, the YouTuber probably has never set foot in Saipan. Yet, through AI, she managed to capture about 90% of our current reality and turn it into a compelling story—earning thousands of views and income. That is the new revolution of the AI era.

Since the COVID years, the world has shifted online—whether we liked it or not. Every day, millions connect through Facebook, YouTube, Instagram, and TikTok. Hundreds of thousands make real income through these platforms. Living in Saipan does bring certain disadvantages. Our groceries and household goods cost two to three times more than in the U.S. mainland. We don't have access to the same cultural activities. And even a simple online order can take over a month to arrive. But online, those barriers disappear. The digital world does not discriminate. We stand on equal ground with the rest of the world.

That is why the AI revolution matters so deeply for our island's young people. While our traditional tourism economy struggles, AI offers new doors of opportunity. All you need is:

1. One connected device,
2. A smart AI program (which costs about \$20 a month),
3. A creative idea, and
4. Passion.

With those four things, anyone—no matter where they live—can join the AI revolution and claim their share of the future.

I want our Saipan SDA School students to be among the first to step forward. I'm not saying everyone should become a YouTuber. I'm saying: learn to use AI wisely. Let it serve your purpose. Let it expand your vision. And let it help you build a meaningful, productive life in this new era.

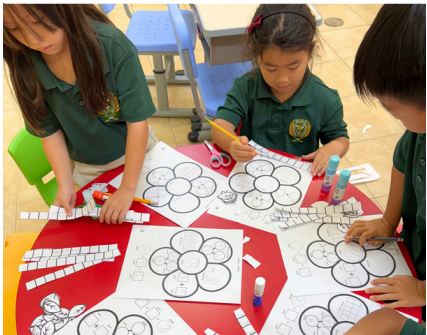


Yeon Ho Song
Principal





Kindergarten - Left to right: Painting colorful umbrellas and spraying some rain effect; learning measurements using different leaves; and learning the different parts of trees.



1st Grade - Left to right: Creating flower models to represent the part-part-whole concept and showing how two parts combine to make a whole number.



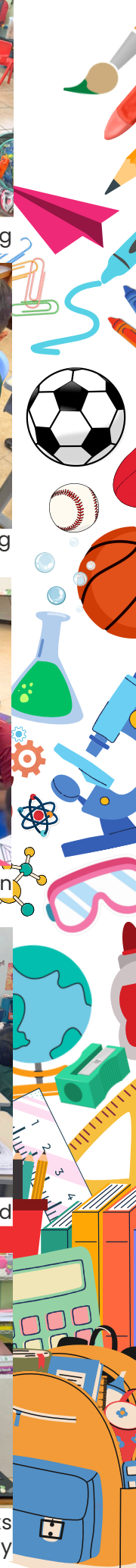
2nd Grade - Left to right: Creating kites to practice and demonstrate skip counting by 2s, 5s, and 10s in an engaging, hands-on activity.



3rd and 4th grade - Left to right: Learning about a plant's life cycle by planting their own seeds and watching them grow, and playing hot seat to practice vocabulary words.

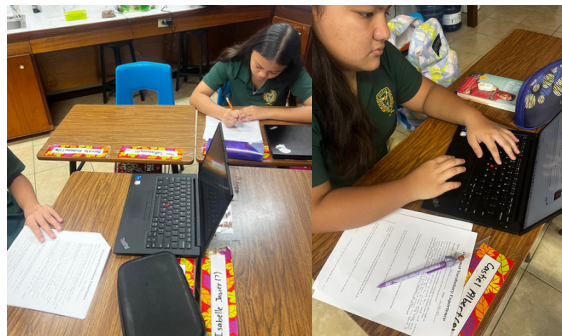


5th & 6th Grade - Left to right: Creating maps of the school; discussing jobs in healthcare and accidents that occur; and practicing economic activities by buying and selling the items they brought using play money.



AND THOSE WHO ARE WISE SHALL SHINE LIKE THE BRIGHTNESS OF THE SKY ABOVE; AND THOSE WHO TURN MANY TO RIGHTEOUSNESS, LIKE THE STARS FOREVER AND EVER.

— Daniel 12:3 —



7th & 8th Grade - Left to right: Answering questions in their personal vocabulary experience, working on music notes, and trying out different rhythms (piano and snare).

Physical Education



Spiritual Emphasis Week



November Birthdays

- Zoe Leon Guerrero 8
- Jordyn Wise 8
- Josef Yang 14
- Matthew Nelvis 21
- Ayana Isabelle Jin 28



Dates to Know

Tuesday, November 4

No School
Citizenship Day

Tuesday, November 11

No School
Veterans Day

Wednesday, November 26

Thanksgiving Program
10:00 am

**Early Pick up 12:30 pm*

**No After School Care*

November 27 & 28

No School
Thanksgiving Break



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Child Development Center



Toddlers – Left to right: Engaging in activities such as drawing their hands to practice counting to five, honing their skills in drawing straight lines, and cutting out pictures for a photo collage.



Preschool – Left to right: Creating a colorful image of David playing the harp using stamp sticks, tracing the number 9, and exploring shapes.



Pre-Kindergarten – Left to right: Engaging in song during Bible class, while also practicing their penmanship and number sequencing.

After School Academy



Art

Indoor Play



Games

Cooking