NEWSLETTER

The Power of One Point

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As we prepared our First Quarter Report Cards and recognized students for the Principal's List and Honor Roll, I came across something that made me pause and reflect. Several students came remarkably close to earning these honors but missed the required standard by just one point. To qualify for the Principal's List, students must earn at least 92% in every subject. Yet one student earned 92% or higher in every subject except one, where the grade was 91%. That single point made the difference between receiving the honor and falling short. Similar situations occurred with the Honor Roll. Just one point. Such a small difference, yet such a significant result.

This reminded me of one of the most dramatic moments in Olympic history. At the 2008 Beijing Olympics, American swimmer Michael Phelps raced Serbia's Milorad Čavić in the men's 100-meter butterfly. Phelps finished in 50.58 seconds, while Čavić finished in 50.59 seconds. The difference was just one-hundredth of a second! That tiny fraction of time determined who received the gold medal and who received the silver. Both athletes had trained for years, sacrificed countless hours, and given their best. Yet the difference between their achievements came down to a moment almost too small to measure.

Life is filled with moments like this. One point can determine a grade. One vote can influence an election. One small decision can change the direction of someone's future. But here is something even more important: Small differences remind us of the importance of small choices.

Academic success rarely happens overnight. It grows through daily habits: completing assignments carefully, asking questions, reviewing lessons, and making good use of study time. Each action may seem insignificant, but over time, these small efforts can make a remarkable difference. However, there is another lesson I want every student to remember. One point may determine an award, but it does not determine your worth. A student who earns 91% instead of 92% has still demonstrated meaningful achievement. Missing an honor by one point does not erase months of hard work or diminish a student's potential. Grades measure academic performance, but they cannot fully measure character, kindness, faith, or perseverance. The Bible reminds us in Galatians 6:9: "And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not." (KJV)

Now, three weeks into the second quarter, every student has another opportunity to grow. To those who narrowly missed an honor, keep working and never lose hope. To those who earned recognition, continue striving for excellence with humility and gratitude.

At Saipan SDA School, we believe that true education goes beyond grades and awards. It is about developing the mind, body, and spirit through faith, effort, and character. One point may separate an award from a disappointment, but it should never separate a child from hope.



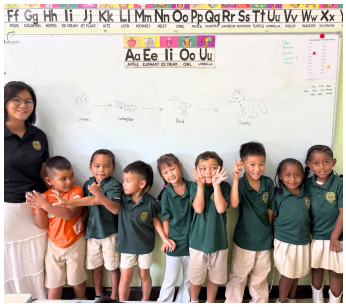
Yeon Ho Song
Principal



ACTIVITIES

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



Kindergarten - Left to Right: Learning the days of the week and the months of the year, practicing letter writing, engaging with Math activities on IXL, and exploring the food chain.






1st Grade - Left to Right: Engaging in arts and craft activities and preparing to play cultural games for Cultural Week.





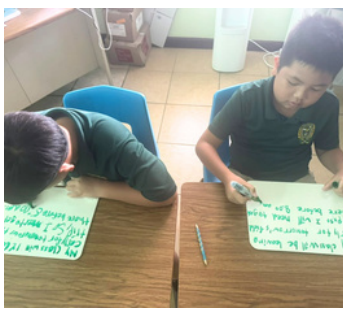

2nd Grade - Left to Right: Engaging in a fun Bible verse word search activity and creating various crafts for Cultural Week.






3rd & 4th Grade - Left to Right: Engaging in a science class activity by exploring various types of leaves, participating in a craft activity, and getting ready to play cultural games for Cultural Week.






5th & 6th Grade - Left to Right: Engaging in a game of Ladders and Slides to practice adding the suffix “ful”, and working on verb tenses by editing sentences.






7th & 8th Grade - Left to Right: Solving inequalities and congruent angles, exploring various types of nouns and methods for identify them, and researching facts about significant events during the abolitionist movement.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION





FRIDAY CHAPEL








MONTHLY BULLETIN



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Zoe Leon Guerrero	8
Jordyn Wise	8
Emika Tilipao	15
Ayana Jin	28

UPCOMING EVENTS

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 4
NO SCHOOL
CITIZENSHIP DAY

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 11
NO SCHOOL
VETERANS DAY

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 13
Staff Development Day
- *CDC Early Pickup 12:30 pm*
- *Elementary No After School*

CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER




TODDLERS

Left to Right: Having fun during their exercise activity and practicing using scissors to build hand strength, fine motor control and improve their hand-eye coordination.




PRESCHOOL

Left to Right: Proudly showcasing their cultural attire and selecting and reading their favorite books.




PRE-KINDERGARTEN

Left to Right: Practicing how to set and tell basic time using a paper clock.

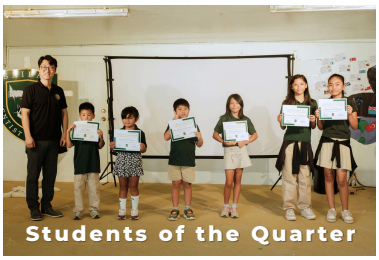
AWARDING CEREMONY



Principal's List



Honor Roll



Students of the Quarter



Achievement in Growth



Athletes of the Quarter

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- **Spiritual Emphasis Week:** Please take note of the date change to November 16 to 20, 2026.

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