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SAIS Student Council Expands with New Leadership Roles

Our New Student Council poses for their first picture together of the year.



Mr. Chad
Reporter & Editor

As SAIS continues to grow, so too does the role of the Student

Council in representing student voices. This year, Ms. Samantha has introduced two new positions to strengthen communication across grade levels.

In previous years, the council was composed of a President and Vice President, both selected from the Middle-High School, as well as four House Captains from Elementary and four from Middle-High—10 positions in total.

With the recent election, the Student Council now includes a Middle-High School Ambassador and an Elementary School Ambassador. These new leaders will serve as liaisons between the House Captains and the Council's executive leadership. Elementary House Captains will report to the Elementary Ambassador, while Middle-High Captains will report to the MHS Ambassador. Both Ambassadors will then collaborate with the President and Vice President, ensuring that the voices of all students are heard in the decision-making process.

The expanded council provides greater representation for students across all divisions and reinforces SAIS's commitment to student leadership and collaboration.

This year's student Council includes:

Student President: Winnie Yin.

Student Vice President: Sharon Lai

Ambassadors:

Liane Zhang (MHS)
Emilia Panasenکو (ES)

Eagle Captains:

Travis Zhang (MHS)
Judy Huang (ES)

Panda Captains:

Chika Otsuki (MHS)
Martin Chen (ES)

Lion Captains:

Aria Wang (MHS)
Leanna Kim (ES)

Monkey Captains:

Juri Otsuki (MHS)
Jackson Zheng (ES)

Student Council & House System Expand



Ms. Samantha
Grade 5

Last year, SAIS launched its first Student Council, beginning with nine members. These included four Primary House Captains, a Middle School President, a Middle School Vice President, and a General Council Member. At the same time, the school introduced new features to the House system, including House points in Primary, House assemblies, and House events. These initiatives proved highly successful, sparking enthusiasm and engagement across the student body.

Building on that momentum, both systems have expanded this year. The Student Council now includes 12 members, featuring a High School President, High School Vice Presidents, ambassadors from both Middle and Primary, and House Captains representing both Primary and Secondary. The House points system has also been extended to all of Secondary, with the Council taking on a more active role in organizing school-wide events and House activities.

To support the full implementation of the House system, SAIS has also introduced clear guidelines for assigning students to Houses. This ensures fair and balanced representation across ages, classes, genders, and divisions.

House systems are an important tradition in many schools worldwide because they foster loyalty, teamwork, and school spirit. They create smaller communities within the larger school, helping students connect across grades and divisions. By participating in House activities, students develop leadership skills, a sense of belonging, and pride in their contributions. The expanded House and Council structures provide meaningful opportunities for student voice, responsibility, and collaboration—preparing SAIS students to be active leaders in their school community and beyond.



SAIS After School Activities Are Back!

Above: SAIS Students do the Tree Pose in Ms. Lucy's Yoga ASA

At SAIS, the learning doesn't stop when the final bell rings. Our **After-School Activities (ASAs)** program is now in full swing, offering students an exciting range of clubs and activities led by our teachers and local experts.

There is truly something for everyone. Students who love sports can join **Football, Basketball, Frisbee, or Yoga**. Those who enjoy the arts can explore **Choir, Band, Singing, Storytelling, Ballet, or Drama**. For learners who want extra support, there are **ESL and Science help sessions**. And for hobby enthusiasts, choices include **3D Design, Coding, Board Games, and Tabletop Role-Playing Games**.



ASAs are a chance for students to try new things, build skills, and make friends outside the classroom. Whether you're shooting hoops with **Mr. Steven on the basketball court** or **fighting monsters with Mr. Chad in a tabletop adventure**, there's always fun to be had after school.

The variety of activities shows SAIS's commitment to giving students opportunities to grow in sports, the arts, academics, and personal interests. No matter what you're passionate about, there's an ASA waiting for you!

★ Why Join an ASA?

- 🤝 **Make New Friends** – Meet students from other classes and grades.
- 🎨 **Try Something New** – Explore sports, arts, and hobbies you might not have done before.
- 📚 **Get Support** – Join academic clubs like ESL or Science help.
- 🏆 **Build Skills** – From teamwork to creativity, you'll learn while having fun!

SAIS Teachers Learn Emergency Response Skills



Last Friday, the teachers of SAIS took part in a special training session focused on how to respond to medical emergencies. The session covered how to recognize and assist people who may faint or experience seizures.

This training is part of a larger series of medical workshops designed to prepare staff for different types of emergency situations. According to Principal Joseph Cirelli, the goal is to ensure that every member of the school community feels safe and supported.

"By giving our teachers the knowledge and skills they need, we're building a school environment that is safe, caring, and welcoming for students of all backgrounds," Principal Joe said.

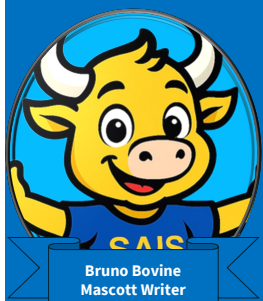
With this training, SAIS teachers are even more prepared to protect, support, and care for every member of our school community.

Contribute:

If you would like to contribute to the school newspaper, we will accept articles from anyone in the school community. Please bring writing to room 22, or send the writing to baldwinc@szsais.org

Optional Meetings on Mondays after school

SAIS Launches ParkLab: Learning Beyond the Classroom



SAIS is proud to introduce **ParkLab**, a new and unique curriculum designed especially for Elementary students. Created by Principal Joseph Cirelli, ParkLab takes advantage of Shenzhen's reputation for innovation and its beautiful public parks. The program begins at **Sihai Park**, where students will step outside the classroom and into real-world learning. While there, they will explore nature, observe the man-made structures that support the park, and think about innovative ways to make both the park and our wider community even better.

ParkLab draws inspiration from the **STEM curriculum** but goes further. It combines science and technology with **social studies, community awareness, and innovation skills**. The goal is not only to teach academics but also to help students grow into thoughtful, creative, and community-minded individuals. "Many schools focus only on test scores, but we want to give our students experiences that help them think beyond the classroom," Principal Joe explained. "ParkLab is about developing forward-thinking leaders who can make a difference in their world." With ParkLab, SAIS continues its commitment to providing a well-rounded education that balances academic excellence with creativity, curiosity, and real-world problem solving.



Grade 5 students enjoy their ParkLab Class on a beautiful day



SAIS After-School Activities Are Back! ⭐

Guess what? At SAIS, the fun doesn't end when the school day is over. Our After-School Activities (ASAs) are starting again, and there's something for everyone!

Do you like sports? 🏀 You can join Basketball, Football, Frisbee, or Yoga.

Do you enjoy the arts? 🎨 Try Choir, Band, Singing, Storytelling, Ballet, or Drama.

Need some extra help? 📖 There are ESL and Science support clubs.

Love hobbies? 🧠 Explore 3D Design, Coding, Board Games, or even Tabletop Role-Playing Games.

ASAs are a great way to try new things, make new friends, and have fun. You might be shooting hoops with Mr. Steven or fighting monsters with Mr. Chad—there's always something exciting happening after school!

No matter what you're interested in, there's an ASA waiting for you. Come join the fun! 🏡

Why Join an ASA? ⭐

- 🏡 Make Friends – Meet kids from other classes and grades.
- 🎨 Try New Things – Play sports, do art, and try fun hobbies.
- 🇺🇸 Get Help – Join clubs like ESL or Science to learn more.
- 🏆 Learn Skills – Practice teamwork, creativity, and problem-solving.
- 🎉 Have Fun! – The best reason of all!



SAIS Starts ParkLab: Learning in the Park 🌳

SAIS has started an exciting new program called **ParkLab**, made just for Elementary students. Principal Joseph Cirelli created ParkLab to use two special things Shenzhen is known for—**innovation** and its many beautiful **parks**.

The first ParkLab lessons will take place in **Sihai Park**. Instead of staying in the classroom, students will go outside to learn. They will look at the plants and animals, see the man-made structures that help keep the park safe, and think of **new ideas** to make the park and our community even better.

ParkLab is like STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math), but it also adds **social studies, community learning, and creativity**. The goal is to help students not only learn in school but also become creative problem-solvers and caring community members.

"Many schools only care about test scores," Principal Joe said. "But we want our students to have experiences that help them learn in new ways. ParkLab helps students become leaders who can make a difference in the world."

With ParkLab, SAIS is giving students a chance to grow in and out of the classroom—by learning, exploring, and solving real-world problems.

Write with us!

If you would like to write something for the school newspaper, please bring what you want to share to Mr. Chad in room 22



New Student Council Jobs at SAIS!

Big news, SAIS! Our Student Council just got bigger. This year, Ms. Samantha has added two brand-new jobs to help make sure every student's voice is heard.

Before, the Student Council had 10 spots:

- A President and Vice President (from Middle-High)
- 4 House Captains from Elementary
- 4 House Captains from Middle-High

Now, we also have:

- An Elementary Ambassador
- A Middle-High Ambassador

What do they do? 🤔

The House Captains will share their ideas with their Ambassador. Then, the Ambassadors will bring those ideas to the President and Vice President. This way, everyone works together to make the best decisions for our school!

With these new jobs, the Student Council is stronger than ever. We can't wait to see what amazing ideas our student leaders bring this year! 🌟

🌟 **Student Voice Matters!**

Every House Captain has a chance to share ideas, and now they go through their Ambassador to the Council leaders.

STUDENT PRESIDENT

Winnie Yin G12



PRIMARY SCHOOL AMBASSADOR

Emilia Panasenko Grades 5



EAGLE HOUSE CAPTAINS

Travis Zhang G6

Judy Huang G3



MONKEY HOUSE CAPTAINS

Juri Otsuki G11

Jackson Zheng G4



LION HOUSE CAPTAINS

Aria Wang G10

Leanna Kim G3



PANDA HOUSE CAPTAINS


Chika Otsuki G11

Martin Chen G3



MIDDLE SCHOOL AMBASSADOR

Liane Zhang G6



STUDENT VICE PRESIDENT

Sharon Lai



💡 **Did You Know?**

The Ambassadors are like "team captains" for the House Captains. They make sure everyone's ideas get heard.

Fun Fact!

The SAIS Student Council started with only 10 members. Now it has 12!

Teamwork at SAIS 🌟

President + Vice President + Ambassadors + House Captains = Stronger Student Council!