

The Goldstone Review

“Educating the Mind Without Educating the Heart is No Education at All.”

- Aristotle



From the Desk of a 7th Grade Librarian

One student discovers a passion for reading while serving her school!

by Cheng Dalipine, Librarian (Grade 7)

I have been involved in the library club since it started two months ago. Since then, the library has completely changed. There are tons of new books which have been donated from people outside of the country. The books are well-organized and put in different categories which make them easier for students to find. As a result, I can see that the number of students that come to borrow books is increasing.

I help to clean and organize the library. I love volunteering because it allows me to be productive during my free period. This volunteering work has helped me a lot because it has brought me closer to books. Since I have become a librarian, I have started to read English books. Now, I love to read! (story continues on page 2)

OUR MOTTO:

FAITH

INTEGRITY

EXCELLENCE



Goldstone Goes International:

Grades 11-12 report about their time in Singapore.



Grades 3-6 take a trip to the Zoo

to learn about animals in Phnom Tamao.



A Teacher's Perspective

Mr. Leng shares his thoughts about our community.

(continued from front page) On top of that, I have improved with my reading speed. For instance, before I joined the library club, I used to spend a month to finish a book, but now I only spend 2 days to get the book done

By having a wonderful library, students at Goldstone have come to love reading books. I walk around school and almost everyone I meet has borrowed books from the library. As a librarian, I feel really great to see this big change. I am very thankful that I can be a part of this library and be able to help my school.

Goldstone Students Study Hard for National Exams

The nurturing community of Goldstone helps stressed-out students gain confidence to excel.
by Chhut Sakada (Grade 12)

In my personal view, Goldstone is like my home. It may be a small school but the people's hearts are bigger than anything. This benefits me a lot because since I'm happy to come to school, my ability to learn has increased.



Goldstone has helped me prepare for the national exam by honing my academic abilities. Goldstone adds more times into our studying schedule and provides us with knowledge about the necessity of preparation. Furthermore, teachers and friends have also helped me mentally, through encouragement and kindness. Goldstone has helped all of us feel less pressure so that we can absorb more when we're studying.

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There are some problems that I am facing related to the national exam: I am not very confident about myself. Luckily, I have teachers and friends at Goldstone who are always helping me, either during class or even in their free time. This summer, I'm also planning to take extra classes or creating a study club with some of my classmates. All of these things have made me feel more confident and ready to prepare myself for the national exam.

Goldstone Goes International with the Singapore Study Tour

Grades 11 and 12 go to Singapore and experience a different culture

by Bora BormeySophoan (Class of 2016)

There are many differences to notice once you step your foot in Singapore. It is incredible how the government has organized their country and regulated their citizens so well. You'll find each building arranged in tidy way and good order everywhere you go. I admire how the government has arranged roads for transportations. Not only has the government prevented traffic jams from occurring, they have also made adequate sideways for those who prefer walking!



What surprised me the most about Singapore is the personality of people there. It's amazing how people treat each other with equality regardless of gender or nationality. They made sure to do everything in their capability to care for our needs: they provided us warm shelter, sufficient sustenance and helpful guidelines to navigate our unfamiliar surroundings. I admire how they were so patient without showing any feelings of exhaustion, even after helping us so much.

During the trip, we also grew closer as friends: we were able to discover each other's interests and share many laughs. Overall, our Study Tour in Singapore was an amazing time.



SINGAPORE ATTRACTED MY ATTENTION FROM THE FIRST STEP I TOOK THERE...

by Nak Chorra (Class of 2016)

I have noticed that people in Singapore like to maintain a healthy way of eating. Foods from Singapore are quite similar to Cambodian foods, the only difference is that Singaporeans cook with sanitation as their main priority. Though the people of Singapore enjoy eating frequently, they prefer eating foods with less calories and more vegetables.

I also admire the environment in Singapore. Litter is a rare sight there; there isn't as much litter as there is in Cambodia. The air is fresh and light.

It was very interesting getting to learn about a different way of life through the Study Tour we had in Singapore. It was a great experience for me to learn about a different culture in this way.

GOLDSTONE'S GRADES 3-6 GET WILD AT THE PHNOM TAMAO ZOO!

by Tan Sivling & Chim Chanjasmine (Grade 6)

On Friday, the Goldstone school arranged us for a trip to Phnom Tamao which took place at Takeo province. It was a 3-hour-long ride. On the way, we were both excited and nervous.



There were many animals to see there. At first, we were quite scared to see the many dangerous animals, but eventually we got attached to them. We learned about many new creatures and plants. We also discovered the daily activities of animals and the how they communicate with their own species. It was unbelievable to me how animals could live



together in an area without giving serious troubles to their caretakers.

During the trip, we got to create closer bonds with our friends too. Thanks for taking us to the zoo! We are already excited for our next adventure with Goldstone!

A Teacher's Perspective on Goldstone

by Mr. Sokly Leng, Physics Teacher

What I have noticed about Goldstone school is that the learning strategy, policy and the management of the school have made the students and the teachers become one family. Goldstone has always cared about our students' safety and health, so when parents or guardians bring their kids to Goldstone school they feel warm and never have to worry.



Goldstone has furthered education in Cambodia by not only helping its students have a good education, but a good character as well. We teach them about the communities around them through doing community service and yearly study tours to different provinces. We are happy and eager to equip our students to handle what they are going to meet in the future after graduation.

Every year, the number of Goldstone students is increasing. Now, we accept two classes of grade one. Even still, we have had to deny many students attendance. In the future, I would love to see Goldstone have its own building, a bigger playground and bigger classrooms so we can open our doors to more students. I see the future of Goldstone school as having an even greater impact and producing even better human resources for the benefit of our community.



The Bittersweetness of Graduation

by Chimchan Socheatta (Class of 2016)

“Graduating from Goldstone means the achievement of one of my life goals. For me, graduating is a mixed feeling between excitement and sadness. Leaving the school that is like my second home saddens me a lot. Precious memories with my friends and teachers were made here at Goldstone. The thought of not seeing them regularly anymore makes me sad. It’s hard to leave a place I love so much!

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On the other hand, there are also many positive thoughts about graduation. Graduating from Goldstone is a huge triumph for me in life.

After high school life, everything will be so brand-new to me. This excites me greatly! I will encounter new friends and a new school—a completely new environment. While I move on to this new chapter of my life with its new experiences, I will always keep the memories my school has marked me with. I will not physically be at Goldstone anymore, but surely it will be forever in my heart.”

Grade Twelve Victories and Vision

by Nak Chhorea (Class of 2016)

“Grade twelve is the year that Cambodian students worry the most. It is the year that we face a national exam, which is a very big deal. Everyone tried to study so hard throughout the year. I had set a goal before I entered grade twelve: to be on the top and score as highly as I could. I worked hard, and as a result, my dream came true!

An even greater achievement was when one hundred percent of class passed the exam, even though the exam was the strictest it had ever been! We broke the school record! The secret of our success was to live by these words: “stop wishing and start doing.”

After all the stress was over, finally our Graduation Day came. It was the moment we all had been waiting for, the day that our high school life was finished. This was the day we walk into the world on our own. However, just because we have graduated from Goldstone doesn’t mean our education has stopped: we keep on learning, we keep moving confidently in the paths that we have set for ourselves, we use what we have learned and we keep on reaching for our goals.”