



Fall 2021 Newsletter



The Path Ahead!

The past year-and-a-half hasn't been easy for anyone, especially for those involved in the education system. As we all know schools closed, teachers had to find new ways to teach, students had to discover new ways to learn, and parents were caught somewhere in the middle. In a time when online instruction, out of necessity, suddenly became more popular, Safety in Schools (SiS) Foundation of Canada schools and partners were already way ahead of the curve.

As we celebrate our 10th anniversary, looking back at what we have accomplished is impressive! We've seen significant growth in new schools now totalling over 340. We've surpassed 130,000 mastered certificates. Last year in partnership with Service Hospitality, we developed a Mental Health and Well-being course and have had over 1500 students enroll.

At the Helm!

Kim Adolphe is a co-founder of SiS and took the helm as Chairman of the Board and Executive Director in May 2020. Kim's company SWIFT Learning has provided the Software as a Service platform and industry-recognized Occupational Health, Safety, and Environment eLearning courses surpassing 130,000 certificates since inception. She is a member of the national group of Canadian Associations for Safe Hospitality.



New Board Member

George Marshall recently joined the SiS Board of Directors. He is the CEO of Service Hospitality which works with 4,100 employers in the Service & Hospitality Industries in Saskatchewan to reduce workplace injuries and the associated costs of those injuries. George sits on several safety boards and is Chair of the national group of Canadian Associations for Safe Hospitality.



A New Vision and Look!

Educating and empowering young people at school, work, home, and at play 4 life!

"We have a successful, highly scalable model and our new mission it to educate and empower young people to stay safe physically and mentally and, to remove barriers to foster an active, healthy lifestyle.

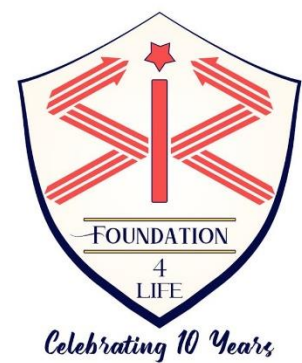
While this may sound like a lofty mission, here's what we have been up to in the last year! One of the most exciting new programs we have been working on is SAHARA (Safety and Hazard Assessment Risk Awareness) an app and eLearning training program. Following two incidents, one work related, that led to funding a portion of this project, and the other sports related, a light bulb went on. I realized that mental



wellness should always be factored into assessing a hazard, in fact, it should be factored into almost everything we do!” stated Kim Adolphe

New Website and Logo – To coincide with our new website we designed a new logo that is representative of our growth and expansion into mental health and well-being, brain health, and active lifestyle.

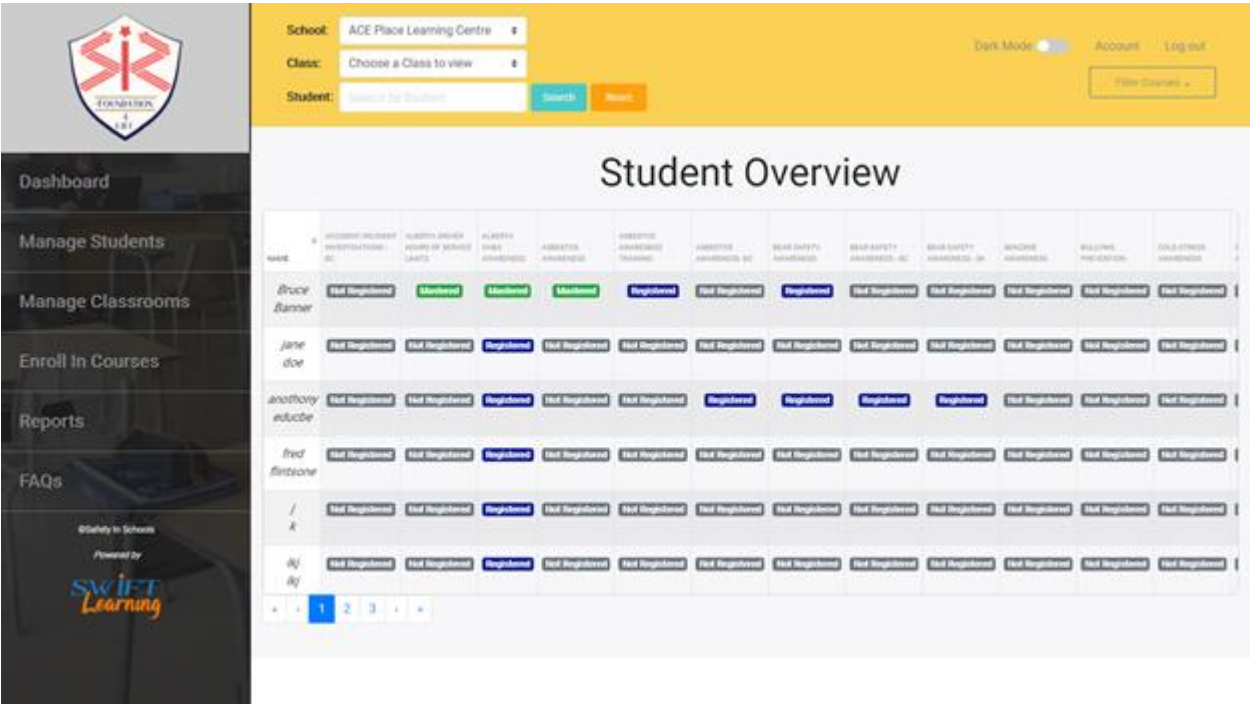
The SiS Foundation 4 Life inside a crest is our coat of arms, a protective shield to stay safe. The “i” represents our youth, always protected and at the core of everything we do. The S’s embracing our youth are arrows representing limitless paths that empower them to follow their passion; aspire to reach higher goals; to reach for the stars, or as Buzz Lightyear would say, “To infinity and beyond!”.



Cool, New Techie Stuff!

Teacher Dashboard - Registering and tracking student progress just got easier!

Our mission – To make registering students in SiS courses and tracking their progress easier and more intuitive. While it might not be impossible, developing new software is challenging and there are always unexpected hiccups! But with our savvy tech team and invaluable input and patience from many teachers, we think we can “safely” say **“mission accomplished”!**



A short New Teacher Orientation Webinar gives step-by-step instructions on how to use our new Teacher Dashboard.

Manage Students - add a new student, an entire class of students, edit student information, or send out emails to students individually or in bulk!

Manage Classroom - manage student groups, create new classes and add or delete students.

Enroll in Courses – register/unregister students or groups.

Reports - create custom progress reports and total mastered certificates for each course.

FAQs and a short **New Teacher Orientation video** walks you through everything in minutes. It's that intuitive and easy to use the new Teach Dashboard!



And if that weren’t enough, there’s an **Administrative Guide for Teachers** on our website. Our goal is to minimize support, but we are a phone call away if you need assistance!



SAHARA (Safety and Hazard Assessment Risk Awareness) Program



Coming Soon! SAHARA (Safety and Hazard Assessment Risk Awareness) App and Training program will be released in the New Year. It combines a wellness self assessment with on-the-job hazards to determine the students Risk Level. Students will be able to download the SAHARA App available for free on the Apple and Google Play stores. The app not only brings awareness to the hazards present in their workplace, but it is also used as a training tool linking to courses including the SAHARA 4 Service Hospitality and Tourism course. Students will be able to sign in with their SiS username and password.

SAHARA presents a comprehensive listing of workplace hazards for different job roles and/or the student can add custom hazards. Then a series of mental wellness questions are presented. Our sponsor, CAP Health provided a mental wellness specialist who worked with us and developed the questions. This personal wellness self assessment empowers students to recognize the link between their mental wellness and how that directly correlates to their risk of being injured in the workplace. Their responses are personal and confidential intended only to evaluate their fitness for work.

SAHARA will generate a Risk Level indicating LOW, MEDIUM, or HIGH based on the hazards selected and their wellness assessment responses along with personalized recommendations for training. If they indicate serious concerns about their mental health SAHARA will recommend, they speak with a close acquaintance and include a link to the crisistextline.ca. where they can send a confidential text to a professional crisis responder.

The first vertical industry SAHARA is targeted at is for Service Hospitality and Tourism where many high school students find their first entry level jobs. We are continuing to expand its application with the second vertical already in development for small scale construction followed by the welding industry.

You can register your students in the Recognizing Hazards and Risk SAHARA Course and have them download the App from Google Play Store or App Store. Then they can sign-in and begin using the SAHARA program! For more information on SAHARA visit our website or contact us!



Feel Good Stuff!

Giving Back is Therapeutic — it's a two-way path when you support SiS!

Get SiS on Your School Website — Add our logo and we can provide a description and a link to SiS. This one action alone would help us to raise awareness and it costs nothing.

Share a Story — do you know of a student who has benefited from our SiS courses in some way? Maybe you just believe in the work we do for schools and youth. We'd love to hear from you!

Follow SiS - Follow us on social media, tag us in a tweet or post, comment on one of ours, or all the above!

Donate to SiS — no amount is too little and helps us to help more young people!

Subject Matter Experts — do you have a course idea? We are always looking for great new content. immortalize your expertise and create a SWIFT course to give back to the SiS community.

Volunteers — contact us and let us know how you would like to get involved. With your permission will add your name to our website.

Corporate Sponsors — share our story and help us to attract more potential sponsors so we can keep expanding our reach to empower and educate young people to live their best life at school, work, home and at play 4 life!

Upcoming Events

October 17-23- **National School Safety**

Week. Every year the Canada Safety Council reminds us about school-related safety issues. These include things like traveling to and from school safely, bullying and just playing safe. For more information, visit

<https://canadasafetyconcil.org/category/campaigns/school-safety-week>

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