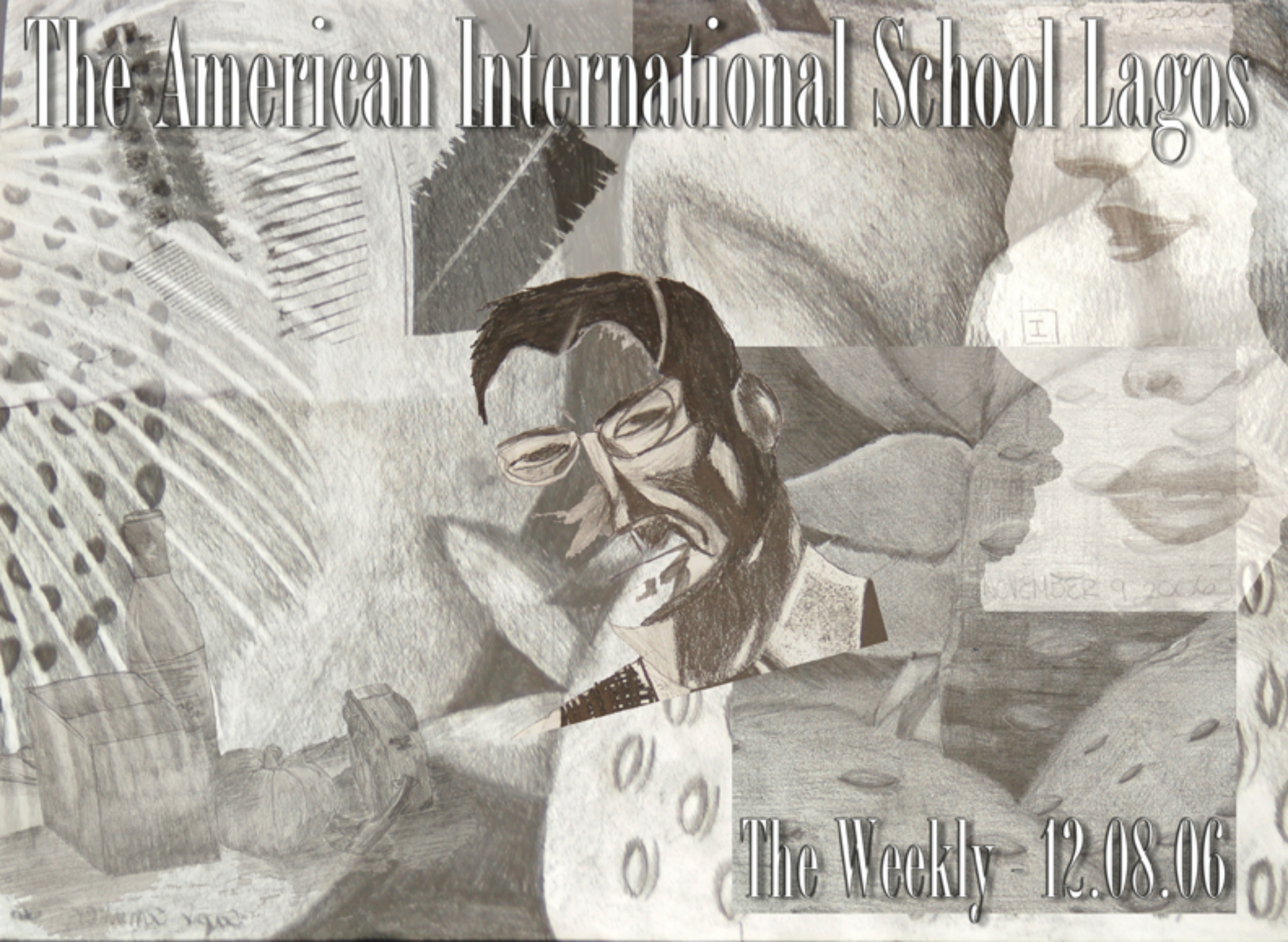


The American International School Lagos



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Superintendent's Message

Dear AISL Community,

December 8, 2006

I know that I speak for all the employees of AISL as I extend our best wishes to each family during the Holiday Season. We hope that this Holiday brings joy and peace to your families while gathering here in Nigeria or elsewhere.

Happy Holidays!

Sincerely,

Thomas Shearer
Superintendent

Short Stories



December 8, 2006

About The Cover

The cover is a compilation of work from the Jr. High / High School Art Program. Mrs. Reynolds has been working with the students this year on basic and advanced artistic concepts. The concepts illustrated on the cover are shading techniques and lines. These concepts help students work on perception skills. Cover artists from top left to right Sapir Schuller, Jiwon Lee, Sophia Kloss, Emily Prosser the works below are from Marium Thani and Emily Prosser (L to R).

Art and The Humanities



The Jr. High Art Program this year has been expanded to include the 7th and 8th grade Humanities classes.

One day per week the students spend the period in the art room learning about various artistic techniques. They also focus on art appreciation and art history bringing the humanities to life.

9th Grade Art Student Quotes



"Art helps me to concentrate and to be more meticulous in my work." Jiwon Lee

"Art helps me see things differently." Jonathan Mafemi

"Art Helps me look at details." Emily Prosser



Curriculum Corner by Carla Massoud

Before we close the 2006th year, I would like to highlight the achievements so far in terms of curriculum and professional development.

Professional Development: Teachers were offered one to two workshops every month. The topics were chosen to meet the needs of our teachers and thus our students. Teachers had the opportunity to attend these workshops:

ESL workshop for ESL teachers and classroom teachers

Math: Everyday Mathematics Workshops

Writing: Six-traits +1 workshop

Technology Workshop: Backup, Keynote, and Interactive White Board

Science: "Science: Minds of Our Own"

Teaching Assistants and in order to be in line with AISL curriculum were offered the following workshops:

ESL Workshop

Math: Everyday Mathematics

English: Trophies and Six traits + 1

Curriculum committees were very busy evaluating the different subjects offered at AISL.

The Science Committee whose goal was to revise AISL curriculum and be ready for the adoption process in 2007-2008 reported some vital changes in the 6-8 curriculum. This change based on visual learning and hands on activities will be piloted next academic year.

The French Committee working on the adoption of a new curriculum for French is ready to present to the Board in January the recommendations making a huge shift into the communicative curriculum. Parents will be given the chance to preview the books before the Board meeting. Date to be announced

High School : The High School Committee was also very productive. **10th grade** curriculum is now ready. Parents can preview the curriculum outline on AISL website. Adoption of books is finalized and textbook order done.

On the other hand, I am glad to announce that the Middle State report for Ascending Accreditation for grade 10 was concluded. The report was sent to Middle States Association this week for evaluation. The report reflects the readiness of AISL for the 10th grade project. A copy of this report is in the Library for parents.

Before I wish you Happy Holidays, I would like to mention that ITBS would be administered on the week of January 29. You will be receiving a detailed letter concerning this standardized test.

As always, I am available for any curriculum question. Feel free to see me in my office, room 202.



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Important Dates!

- ◆ Nov. 23 Flights are booked
- ◆ Dec. 11 All fees must be paid in full in business office
- ◆ TBA Jan. 6:00 Organizational meeting to discuss Visas, travel logistics, luggage, shopping, etc.
- ◆ TBA Mar. 6:00PM Final Preparations Meeting



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www.washington.org

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Final Balance Due by 11 Dec. 2006

Attention Wash DC Parents!

The Passport Information Form is due now. To book the tickets KLM must have this information. Please fill out the Passport Information Form on back and return to Mr. Westerbur ASAP.

The **final balance** due for WashDC 2007 is **\$1280 (USD)** payable in the AISL Business office. Please pay with USD dated 1991 or later or with a check drawn on a US bank account. See Trudy Mafe, Business Office Manager, if you need to make other arrangements.

The last day for final payment is Mon., 11 Dec. 2006.
Paperwork Due Now!

Things to Think About

As the Winter Break is approaching, there are some things to think about in preparation for WashDC 2007. Does your child have the following items in Lagos?

- Comfortable walking shoes (2 pair recommended)
- Coat for cold weather
- Raincoat for wet weather
- Sweatshirts (2-4)

If the answer is "no" to the above items, you may want to get these items during the Winter Break.

Visa Information

If you have not started the process of obtaining a US Visa, don't worry!!!

Hanna Cheves, from the US Consulate will be scheduling a meeting in the month of January 2007 to begin the process with those who need a US Visa. Details are forthcoming, so please be advised. We ask that you have your a valid passport and all documentation is up to date.

Travel through Amsterdam Airport will require an **Airport Transit Visa** for some students. When the tickets are booked, KLM will notify us of who will need one. Students who need the Airport Transit Visa will need to submit 2 passport pictures (face-forward against a white background) and N8,500 to Mr. Westerbur.

Chaperone Info

Chaperones please remember to pay your deposit of \$1280 (USD) in the AISL Business Office, if you have not already done so.

Chaperones please remember to complete the registration forms and return them to Mr. Westerbur as soon as possible, as well as copies of your passport information.

***Yellow student travel and medical consent forms will be handed out next week.**

AISL DOMINATES AGAIN



Congratulations to all AISL swimmers for making AIS the best team.

A total of nine (9) schools participated in the AISL Invitational Fall meet, and AISL finished in first position.

Below is the list of schools with their position in the meet.

SCHOOLS	POINTS	POSITION
American International sch.	212	1
St. Saviours School Ikoyi	180	2
Dutch School	133	3
Italian School/ Children International School	69	4
French School	60	5
Whitesands School	45	6
German School	31	7
The Rock Montessori Sch.	10	8
Greensprings School	8	9

A big thank you to all parents, teachers, students volunteers (NJHS) and the maintenance staff for making the program a huge success.

PLEASE NOTE

The swim team season 2 begins on January 8, 2007 and ends on March 3, 2007 with spring invitational meet.

New members are welcome to sign up in January.



Saturday Soccer League



Tomorrow, Saturday, 9 December, will be the last day for soccer. Please see the schedule for the games below. We will also have the **end of season parties and awards ceremonies on this day.** The format of the day will be the game at the normal time, then all players, families & coaches will go to the Pool Conference Room for trophy & photo presentations. After presentations, everyone can head to the pool area to eat & swim for the remainder of your hour. So **everyone needs to bring swimsuits & towels.** **Team Mom's are arranging for the food and drinks** to be brought for their team's party.

Time	Field	Week #11, Dec 9
8:00	1	Australia vs. Spain
	2	Italy vs. India
	3	Ireland vs. Cameroon
9:00	1	Portugal vs. Nigeria
	2	South Africa vs. United States
10:00	1	Denmark vs. Finland
	2	Scotland vs. Norway
11:15	1	Paraguay vs. Canada
	2	China vs. New Zealand
12:15	1	Chile vs. France
	2	Mexico vs. England
1:30	1	Holland vs. Germany
	2	Argentina vs. Brazil

Please note that Ireland and Cameroon will be the two Division B teams playing at the 8:00 AM slot on 9 December.

Remember, you **must wear shin pads and the correct plastic studded football boots for all games and practices.** Please, also remember to bring suntan lotion, extra drinks and hats.

If for some reason the weather looks bad, check for **weather issues** by phoning **08025015959.** I will **decide on the weather around 7:15 AM** and put a message on the voice mail.

A HUGE THANKS to Columbus and his team, Coach Trawick, Mr. Shear, the refs, the Coaches, the Assistant Coach, the Team Moms, the Parents and of course all the players that have made this season a success!!

Saturday Baseball Update



Thank you for all who participated in the Baseball assessments last Saturday. It was a very good day, and very informative. Coaches meeting, and team announcements will be after Winter break.

To all parents that have already paid...Thank you very much, as this makes things much easier for the Commissioners. For those who have NOT paid, please do so by December 15th.

We also want to take this time to thank all of the parent volunteers. Without your help and support, this would not be possible. We still need 2 coaches and 2 assistant coaches for the Girls grade 5-9 teams. If interested, please let us know.

Commissioners: David Blackall – 0802-983-7885
Kevin Huehlefeld – 0803-724-4006
Danny Bosman – 0803-525-1033

Winners of One World International Day Raffle Baskets

Yoga Basket – Asia Bonali
Off to School We Go Basket – Taiga
Gotta be a Guy Basket – Ore Adedoyin
Preschool Basket – Jaco Krtizinger
Candyland Basket #1 – Rukun Goel
Going to the Beach Basket – Kushel
Fun and Games Basket – Eva Sarasote
Pool Basket – Joseph Zivney
Candle Basket #1 – Asia Bonali
Arts Alive Basket – Pierre Zivney
Kitchen Basket – Phillips
Just the Girls Basket – Mrs. Westbrook
Sports Basket – Shivaan
Back to Barbies Basket – Asia Bonali
Wrap it Up Basket – Tara Faesler
Gourmet Basket – Sanjana Jethvani
Cell Phone #1 – Ms. Masha
Star Wars Basket – Nazzari
Candyland Basket #2 – Toyin Audifferen
Drive Me Basket – Niccola Halliday
Computer Basket – Pedro Etgeton
Netcom – Ebele Mbanugo
Family Fun Basket – Emelie Ekstrom
Lego Basket – Tara Faesler
Bratz Basket – Asia Bonali
Candle Basket #2 – Rachel Head
Pamper Me Basket – Hannah Audifferen
Phone #2 – Katrina Head
Digital Camera – Tom Schuler

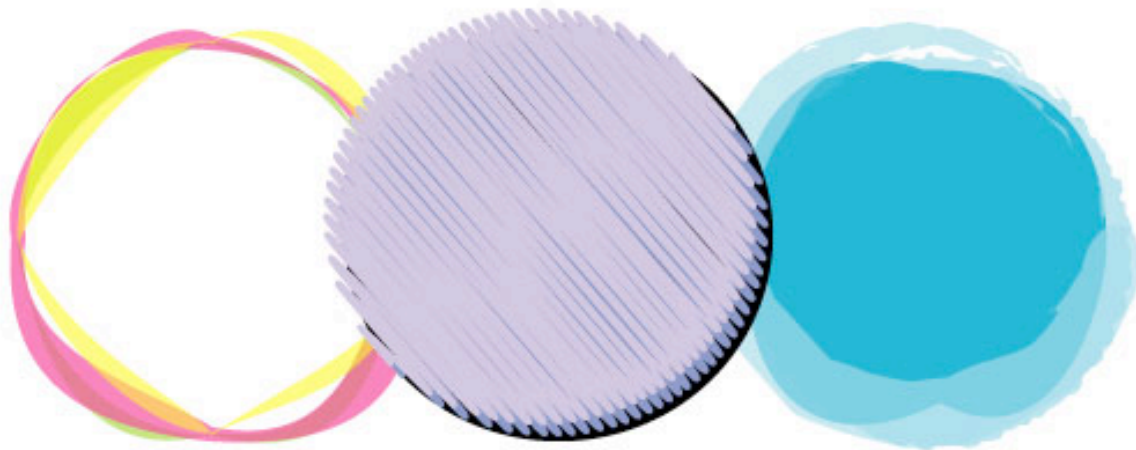
BUTTONS SALE!

BUY NEW BUTTONS NJHS

Tuesday and Thursday
after school - 2:30 - 3:15

Price - N 200
(N 300 for custom made)

NEW : Christmas buttons and many more!!!



All money goes for charity!

Need NJHS volunteers - meet Mrs. Reynolds

ONE WORLD

HI EVERYONE!!

I WOULD LIKE TO GIVE A BIG THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO HELPED AND PARTICIPATED IN THIS EVENT.

ALL THE COUNTRIES DID A GREAT JOB I HOPE EVERYONE HAD A GREAT DAY.

PLEASE IF ANYONE HAS ANY COMMENTS ON HOW WE SHOULD IMPROVE THIS EVENT PLEASE WRITE A NOTE AND PUT IT IN THE PTO BOX.

THANK YOU EVERYONE AND WE HOPE WE HOPE NEXT YEAR WE CAN HAVE MORE COUNTRIES AND PARTICIPANTS.

SABINA ASNANI
NIRIT MAROM
LIMOR RUBEN

The 1st through 4th graders Present
***Incredible
Reindeer***

A Super Holiday Fantasy For Young Voices
by Teresa Jennings



Date: December 12, 2006

Time: 12:40pm

Place: The gym