



AISL Weekly

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Message from The Superintendent

Welcome to AISL. We are extremely excited about the school year with new faculty, new students, new families, and tremendous growth occurring (enrollment as of today is 676) to AISL. I hope that you will find the school an inviting and welcoming place that values academic achievement while ensuring a school culture that reflects excellence, integrity, and involvement.

Some of our immediate needs are to establish basic operational protocols. First

of drop offs and pick ups. Family names should be displayed in the car window so that staff can effectively release students to awaiting vehicles. I ask that parents demonstrate all the safety precautions that we expect students to follow in our drop off pick up area. I would appreciate your cooperation with these two very important items.

Academically, school is off and running. Attendance for the first day was 70% (which is 10% higher than last year), and



by the time this newsletter is published we are at 83%. Enrollment and attendance will be 100% within the next few days. The teaching faculty has anxiously awaited the students' arrival and literally jumped right into our daily routine. Teachers are currently working on their respective individual web page which should be accessible to parents

and foremost is security. This requires all parents to acquire an ID badge. This also includes drivers and nannies. As of Monday, August 27, those without ID badges will be required to sign in as visitors and security personnel will issue a visitor's pass. Regardless of how long you have been here, the rules will be strictly enforced by the AISL security personnel. ID tags need to be worn and displayed while on the campus. This is our expectation of school employees as well. Secondly, is the issue

through our new web site www.aislagos.org as of Monday, August 27th.

We had initially planned to begin After School Activities for the Elementary and Secondary students next week, however we will be posting activities next week and the sign ups will be held in the gym after school on Thursday, August 30th. After school activities will begin on September 3rd.

Our annual PTO Family Fun Day will be held September 1 from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon. This is a wonderful opportunity to meet other parents, sign up for Saturday Sports, Scouts, PTO, etc. This is always one of my favorite events because it brings people together. It is a great way to start the year.

Sincerely,

Thomas P. Shearer
Superintendent

Upcoming Events

- After School Activity Sign-ups - August 27th, During Lunch and After School (Secondary Only)
- High School Orientation - August 29th, 6:30-8:30
- After School Activity Sign-ups - August 30th, After School (Elementary Only)
- Summer Reading Celebration - August 31st
- Family Fun Day - September 1st, 9:00-12:00
- After School Activities Begin - September 3rd

Check www.aislagos.org for additional details

Superintendent - Thomas Shearer
Secondary Principal - Sharon Schauss
Director of Admissions/Elementary Principal - Terry Burns
Business Manager - Trudy Mafe

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Secondary News

High School Orientation and Middle School Back to School Night

AIS will hold separate back to school nights for Middle and High School parents this year. Please mark your calendars with the following dates.

- August 29 - High School Orientation Night, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in the gym.
- September 5 - Middle School Back to School Night, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in the gym.

We will start the evening with introductions of staff and a short presentation of the changes in the secondary program. Parents will then be dismissed to attend presentations from teachers. We hope you will be able to join us.



Secondary School Student Attendance Update

There are changes to the school attendance policy and expectations for the 2007-2008 school year. As you know, AIS now has a middle school and high school program. Regular and consistent attendance in grades 6-10 is required. All students may be excused up to 12 days a semester for illness, extended family vacations, and medical appointments. Students are required to make up all missed assignments, homework, projects, and test. Teachers will determine the amount of time students will be given to make up missed work.

Any middle or high school student who misses 13 or more classes in a semester may fail the course. This is particularly harmful if the student is in high school. No student will move to the next grade or graduates if required courses and credits are not earned. All students must earn 24 credits to receive a high school diploma.

Please contact Ms. Schauss if there is a family emergency that requires your student to be absent for an extended period of time.

My e-mail address is: sschauss@aislagos.com

Classroom Web Pages

AIS has moved on to bigger and better things when it comes to communication between school and home. Teachers now have access to SWIFT (Simplified Web Interface For Teachers). This program allows teachers to deliver information quickly and easily so students, and parents can obtain information whenever they need it. To access SWIFT, simply log on to www.aislagos.org, click on "Teacher Pages" which is located on the top right of the screen, and select your child's teacher.

To make SWIFT even more informative, we will soon offer training to community members who would like to maintain their own web site. This way, families can gather all the information they need from one location. From sports, to clubs, to teacher pages...everything will be a few click away.

To get your organization their own SWIFT site, please e-mail jklancke@aislagos.com

AISL CLUBS & ATHLETICS

Elementary Students:

Students and parents, get ready to sign-up for the K-5 after school activities! They will take place after school on Thursday in the gym. Be prepared to take part in some of the following fun activities:

Badminton
Soccer
Swimming

Recorder Classes
Puppet Making
As well as others

Drop by on Thursday to sign up from our large list of courses.
For more information, contact Travis Holmgren (tholmgren@aislagos.com)

Secondary Students:

Sign-ups for Secondary Clubs & Sports will be held during lunch & after school on Monday, August 27. Please think about how you would like to be involved in the following school activities:

Literary Journal
Yearbook/Photography
Assembly of the Student Body
Art Club
Spanish Club
Drama Club
Band/Choir
Knowledge Bowl
Boys/Girls Soccer (Season 1)

Boys/Girls Badminton (Season 1)
Boys/Girls Swimming (Season 1 & 3)
Boys/Girls Tennis (Season 2)
Boys/Girls Basketball (Season 2)
Boys/Girls Track & Field (Season 3)
Baseball (Season 3)
Softball (Season 3)
Cricket (Season 3)
Boys/Girls Volleyball (Season 3)

Come out & start to build the AISL Secondary School legacy!

Newsletter Information

This year, we will be trying to move more to a “newsletter” format for our weekly newsletter. In order to make this transition go smoothly, we would like to request a few things from people/organizations that will be submitting items for publication.

1. Please submit all information by Thursday at 3:00 for the following days newsletter to jklancke@aislagos.com
2. When submitting text, formatting the text is not necessary. A simple title and paragraph will typically be all that is needed. If you would like to maintain a particular format or look, please give as much information as possible.
3. If you have a picture that goes with your information, please feel free to send it.

We are hoping that this new format will bring a fresh look to the newsletter while conserving paper.



My Travels

“The meltdown in the Baggage System of X”

“The Holiday Planner” planned her holiday, went on holiday, had a great time and then... the meltdown in the baggage system.

Recently, various airline groups responsible for operations, plus a lack of manpower, aging equipment, jam-packed planes, security hassles and schedules packed too tightly together have contributed to serious baggage issues and made summer air travel all but intolerable for many passengers.

So my nightmare, I land at Heathrow, all upbeat about coming to Lagos. I have about a two and a half hour connection. The lady at the gate rechecks our boarding passes aaannnd our luggage tags to confirm that our luggage, indeed, is on the plane. Bah Humbug.

We land in Lagos, customs no problem, and bang... “Mrs. Mohinani please meet your X representative at the baggage counter.” Baggage counter, what baggage counter? Oh that stand okay I get it. I walk over there and the X rep informs me none of my bags are coming today. Okay, fine, no problem I can handle a day... a day turns to five and I finally am reunited.

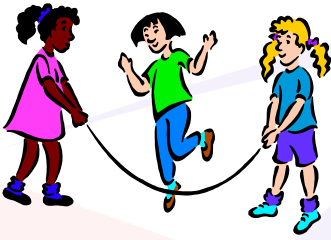
I was compensated, not bad 35GBP a passenger for five days but not great either! But guess what I had an American passport and if you had a Nigerian passport, nada, nothing, zilch. Oh wait you got a transport fee. So I called X in London and was told that the “Bag Mountain” at terminal 4 is being cleared slowly but surely. Slowly but surely, what is that?

Know your rights and go through their conditions of carriage and I am sure you will find out that you may have a case. We all face “baggage meltdowns” once in a while but that is now changing to too often. Write a letter and see the magic. I hope to see the magic.

I am sure everyone will repeat their woes and mine will pale in comparison to some of yours. At least, I know I am not alone.

Madhuri (Sony) Mohinani “The Holiday Planner”
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Family Fun Day

Saturday 1st September, 2007

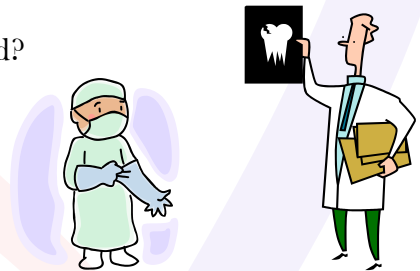
9.00am - 12.00pm.

Do you have a small business that you would like to let other AIS families know about?

Is there a children's nursery school or playgroup that you would recommend?

Are you a member of a women's club or do you know of one?

Is there a doctor, dentist, orthodontist, or other physician you use and would recommend?



The PTO is compiling a welcome packet for AIS newcomers and plans to include information regarding businesses of AIS parents, quality nursery schools or playgroups for preschoolers, women's clubs, and physicians known and used by AIS families. If you would like your business, nursery school, club, or physician included in this welcome packet, please submit in writing the name, contact number, e-mail address, street address, and a brief description, and place it in a box in the office marked "Family Fun Day". Tables will be provided at the Family Fun Day on Saturday September 1st, where business cards, advertisements and registrations forms will be made available to those who are interested. Representatives for the businesses, nursery schools, and clubs are encouraged to be present to answer questions at Family Fun Day; however, due to limited space, we will not be able to accommodate merchandise for sale. Businesses are invited to show their merchandise at the PTO coffees, which are held monthly during the school year; please let us know if you are interested in doing this. We are still looking for volunteers to assist for only 30 minutes to one hour during Family Fun Day. If you would like to help make this day fun for your family and others, please put your name and number in the "Family Fun Day" box at the school office or sign up at the front bulletin board.

Thank you very much !!!

Questions: E-mail ptoaisl@yohoo.com or rogkat5@yohoo.com.

Or Call: Anne Mathers @ 262-5027 or Limor Rubin @ 271-4984

What are Cub Scouts?

"I promise to do my best, to do my duty, to God and my Country, to help other people, and to obey the Law of the Pack."

More than 2 million boys make this promise every year as members of Cub Scouting. This program, for boys in first through fifth grades, combines fun and adventure with skills and values development.

The purposes of Cub Scouting are to have fun while achieving new skills. We all want our sons to become fine young men. Cub Scouts will help make this happen. Cub Scouts mix fun and excitement into activities that teach character, citizenship, and personal health and fitness.

Pack 3803 currently has about 50 boys. Cub Scouting at



AISL has a long tradition of achievement-oriented fun and a great annual program. If your son is not a member consider joining this year. You will have an opportunity to sign up at Family Orientation Day, September 1st.

Examples of Pack 3803 activities

- Pinewood Derby
- Conservation Hike
- Cub Scout Olympics
- Bike Rodeo
- Campfire Meeting
- Monthly Pack Meetings
- Weekly Den Meetings
- Skits, songs, games
- Hiking, biking, and swimming



Cubmaster: Steve Leininger
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Committee Chairman: Dieter Letsch
email: lets@chevron.com



Keep this form and come to Registration with details already completed.



A.I.S. Saturday Soccer 2007 Registration Form



General Notes:

- Only one registration form per family.
- Registration Fee is N10,000 or \$80 per player.
- Payment must be made with this form.
- Parent or Guardian must sign reverse

Children's Names:

Surname	First Name	Grade/Teacher	Age	Boy/Girl

Parent's Information:

	Father	Mother
Name		
Address		
Cell Phone Number		
Home Phone Number		
Work Phone Number		
Email Address		

Parents Participation:

Check boxes where you can help!!	League Coordination	Coach	Asst. Coach	Team Mom
Mom				
Dad				

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A.I.S. Saturday Soccer

Program Sponsorship:

We would greatly appreciate if you or your company would assist in the sponsorship of the 2007 AIS Saturday Sports Program.

Corporation or Individual Name*	Bronze Tier Up to \$250	Silver Tier \$250 - \$500	Gold Tier \$500 - \$1,000	Platinum Tier > \$1,000

*Place amount in the appropriate box

Injury Risk/Parent Permission:

Please read and sign this statement. Incomplete registration forms will not be considered for participation in the soccer program.

Athletic activities are inherently dangerous. Accidents can happen and the risk of serious injury does exist. Your signature indicates that you have been advised that there is a risk of injury that could occur during any sports activity and that by signing this form, you give permission for your son/daughter to participate in the 2007 AIS Saturday Soccer a program, and will hold the American International School, School Board, Commissioners, Coaches, Officials, Volunteers, Parents, Students, and all other American International School employees and agents harmless for any and all costs, claims, awards, judgments, or attorney fees for damages arising out of or in any way resulting from, or brought by voluntary participation in this sports activity. You also agree to pay for all medical care arising from a sports-related activity.

Signature of Parent or Guardian: _____