



AISL Weekly

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A Message From The The Superintendent

Dear AISL Community,

A few weeks back I sent out a 2009-2010 Calendar approved by the Board of Directors. After two parent forums and comments from our community, the Board has approved a modified 2009-2010 School Calendar, which adjusts the start date from August 10 to August 17 and eliminates the October Break. The Board of Directors reviewed the four options presented based on an acceptable academic schedule from me. After lengthy discussion and reviewing all options, the School Calendar distributed today is the final adoption for 2009-2010.

Please understand that when school starts we expect all students to be in attendance. I will strictly enforce policies that pertain to enrollment and attendance that will result in loss of credits, incomplete grading and/or replacing enrollment status with those who are anxiously awaiting entry into AISL. I can't emphasize enough our desire to start school with 100% attendance on the first day so that we provide the quality of education that you have come to expect.

Sincerely,

Thomas Shearer
Superintendent

Week at a Glance

Saturday, February 28th

- Environmental Saturday
- Saturday Baseball
- Grade 11 College Tour departs

Sunday, March 1st

- Campus Closed

Monday, March 2nd

- Secondary After School Activities Season 3 begins

Tuesday, March 3rd

- PTO Night Forum in the Gym

Wednesday, March 4th

- Space Camp luggage stored this afternoon in the Pool Conference Room
- Rome Trip Meeting 6:30-7:30pm in the Gym

Thursday, March 5th

- Superintendent's Parents Open Forum
1:00pm HUB (next to food court)

Friday March 6th

- Space Camp departs for Hunstville, Alabama, USA today
- Rome Trip departs for Italy today
- Nigerian International School Conference begins today

Saturday, March 7th

- Nigerian International School Conference continues
- Saturday Baseball

Superintendent - Thomas Shearer
Secondary Principal - Sharon Schauss
Elementary Principal - Justin Smith
Director of Admissions - John Stewart

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Approved
Feb-24-2009

AMERICAN INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL OF LAGOS
2009/2010 SCHOOL YEAR

STUDENT
DAYS

TEACHER
DAYS

	S	M	T	W	TH	F	SA	DATE	ACTIVITIES AND HOLIDAYS	STUDENT DAYS	TEACHER DAYS
AUGUST							1	3	SCHOOL OFFICE OPEN	11	14
	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	12.13-14	TEACHER WORK DAYS		
	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	17	FIRST STUDENT DAY		
	16	17	18	19	20	21	22				
	23	24	25	26	27	28	29				
	30	31									
SEPTEMBER			1	2	3	4	5		ID-EL FITRI - Will be observed when the Government declares the holiday for Nigeria.(Tentative Sept. 21-22)	20	20
	6	7	8	9	10	11	12				
	13	14	15	16	17	18	19				
	20	21	22	23	24	25	26				
	27	28	29	30							
OCTOBER					X	2	3	1	NATIONAL NIG. DAY (INDEPENDENCE DAY)	21	22
	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	10	PARENT-TEACHER CONFRENCING		
	11	12	13	14	15	16	17				
	18	19	20	21	22	23	24				
	25	26	27	28	29	30	31				
NOVEMBER	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	11	ELEM. END OF TERM 1	19	19
	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	26-27	THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY		
	15	16	17	18	19	20	21		ID-EL-KABIR - Will be observed when the Government declares the holiday for Nigeria.		
	22	23	24	25	X	X	28				
DECEMBER	29	30									
			1	2	3	4	5	14-18	MS/HS FINAL	14	14
	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	18	MS/HS END OF SEMESTER		
	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	18	WINTER BREAK/ DISMISSAL 1:00PM		
JANUARY	20	X	X	X	X	X	26				
	27	X	X	X	X						
								11	SCHOOL RESUMES	15	15
	3	X	X	X	X	X	9	11	MS/HS 2ND SEMESTER BEGINS		
	10	11	12	13	14	15	16				
FEBRUARY	17	18	19	20	21	22	23				
	24	25	26	27	28	29	30				
	31										
		1	2	3	4	5	6	26	ELEM. END OF TERM 2	20	20
MARCH	7	8	9	10	11	12	13				
	14	15	16	17	18	19	20				
	21	22	23	24	25	26	27				
	28	29	30	31							
APRIL					1	X	3	1-11	SPRING BREAK DISMISSAL 1:00PM	16	16
	4	X	X	X	X	X	10	12	SCHOOL RESUMES		
	11	12	13	14	15	16	17				
	18	19	20	21	22	23	24				
MAY	25	26	27	28	29	30					
								1	MAY DAY- Will be observed when the Government declares the holiday for Nigeria.	20	20
	2	Y	4	5	6	7	8	3	MAKE UP DAY IF NEEDED (Y)		
	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	15	ED FAIR		
	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	28	MAKE UP DAY IF NEEDED (Y)		
JUNE	23	24	25	26	27	Y	29				
	30	31									
			1	2	3	4	5	3	LAST DAY OF SCHOOL DISMISSAL 1:00PM	3	4
	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	4	TEACHER WORK DAY		
	13	14	15	16	17	18	19				

KEY: X = NO SCHOOL
 y = Built in make up days.*2 additional days built in to account for unannounced school closure.
 [] = SPECIAL SCHOOL DAY
 TOTAL STUDENT CONTACT DAYS: 180

Uniforms

The Administration is working with the PTO to explore ways of simplifying uniform purchasing. Once we finish conducting some research on where parents are currently purchasing uniforms, how much they are spending, and the brands they are purchasing, we will form a focus group of parents, students, and staff to discuss our findings and talk about purchasing options available to parents in the future. If you are interested in being part of the focus group, please stop by the school office to let Mr. Smith know that you are keen to join in.

Elementary Report Cards

Elementary Report Cards will be sent home on Friday, March 13th. Conferences regarding report cards are optional for second trimester. They will be held the week of March 16th. Teachers will be posting sign-up sheets for conferences during the week of the March 9th. Teachers who are sponsoring international trips will be having conferences the week of the 23rd. Our teachers sponsoring international trips are: Mr. Welchman, Mrs. Olson, Mrs. Teague, Mrs. Baietto, and Mr. Holmgren.

Welcome Back!

The 4th grade would like to welcome Ms. Ridenour back to AIS. Those of you who were here in 2007 will remember that Ms. Ridenour was one of our second grade teachers. Maria will be joining us starting today! If you see her around campus, make sure you give her a high five.



Pre-K gives a BIG THANKS to the PTO for our two new wagons...YIPPEE!

*American International
School of Lagos*
MATHLETES



*Feel the
Power*

Mathletes are being represented in our international competition by: Captain: Binil Jacobs, Graham Peters, Nicolas Christodoolou and Devida Pokhriyal. We know they will make us proud.

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Summary & Results of WAISAL Basketball Tournament 2009

The WAISAL Basketball Tournament of 2009 hosted by the American International School of Lagos was a huge success! WAISAL teams represented were the International School of Dakar, the International School of Ouagadougou, Lincoln Community School, and the host school the American International School of Lagos. The group had representatives from 23 nationalities. All teams were brilliant on & off the court. The time and effort put forth by the players, coaches, and administrators of the visiting teams to be here was greatly appreciated. We also are grateful for the generosity and kindness of the host families that opened their homes to our visitors. Everyone seemed to enjoy the basketball, benefited from the intercultural experience, and had their fill of fun!

Overall Placements

Boys

1st Place—Lincoln Community School
 2nd Place—American Int'l School of Lagos
 3rd Place—Int'l School of Ouagadougou
 4th Place—Int'l School of Dakar

Girls

1st Place—American Int'l School of Lagos
 2nd Place—Lincoln Community School
 3rd Place—Int'l School of Dakar

Game Outcomes

Boys

	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>
AISL	4	3
ISD	1	6*
ISO	1	6*
LCS	8	0

Girls

	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>D</u>
AISL	5	0	1
ISD	0	5	0
LCS	3	2	1

* Due to the tie between ISD and ISO in terms of wins and loses, the placement for the brackets was determined by the point differential. ISO became 4th place for the ranking and ISD was 3rd place. In the end, ISO had a lower point differential at -76 points, where ISD had a -82 point differential; therefore, ISO took 3rd Place and ISD took 4th.

Tournament Awards

Boys' Awards

Most Valuable Player	LCS # 14	Nana Akua Boadu
Best Defensive Player	LCS #10	Ousmane Diouf
Best Offensive Player	AISL # 20	Kassell Scott
Team Sportsmanship	International School of Dakar	

Girls' Awards

Most Valuable Player	AISL #11	Delisha Thompson
Best Defensive Player	LCS # 7	Madina Coulibaly
Best Offensive Player	AISL # 8	Shahmad Ahmed
Team Sportsmanship	International School of Dakar	

All-Star Team

Boys

AISL # 6	Ikeobi Ekwevi
AISL # 20	Kassell Scott
ISD # 20	Woody Diallo
ISO # 8	Jean David Zongo
LCS #10	Ousmane Diouf
LCS # 14	Nana Akua Boadu

Girls

AISL # 8	Shahmad Ahmed
AISL # 11	Delisha Thompson
ISD # 1	Akhokem Amin
LCS # 7	Madina Coulibaly

NOTES FROM THE ATHLETIC DIRECTOR

SECONDARY AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES SEASON 3 REGISTRATION FORMS & FEES DUE TODAY!

Secondary students should have submitted their After School Activities registration forms and fees to Ms. Olsen by 3pm today. **After School Activities Season 3 begins on Monday, March 3 and will continue through Friday, May 15.** The After School Activities Season 3 schedule is as follows:

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Girls' Volleyball 3:30-5pm in Gym	Choir 3-3:55pm in Band Room	Girls' Volleyball 3:30-5pm in Gym	Choir 3-3:55pm in Band Room	Volleyball Alternating Practices 3:30-5pm in Gym or on Sport Court
Karate* in Aerobics Room	Model UN in Mr. de la Sobera's Room		Current Issues & Events in Mr. Reese's Room	Co-Ed Track & Field 3:15-4:45pm on Field
	Boys' Volleyball 3:30-5pm in Gym		Boys' Volleyball 3:30-5pm in Gym	
	Co-Ed Track & Field 3:15-4:45pm§ on Field		Co-Ed Track & Field 3:15-4:45pm on Field	

If you do not see an activity you thought was going to be offered it is because we didn't have a minimum of 5 students register for the activity and therefore we were not able to offer it. Please email Ms. Olsen with any questions or concerns.

Competitive sports/senate t-shirts are in!

Students involved in Competitive Soccer, Basketball, and Swimming and Student Senate can now pick up their personalized t-shirts from Ms. Olsen in her classroom. Please bring your N1200 in order to receive your t-shirts. Get yours before next Friday so you can wear it proudly for spirit dress next Friday!

Special thanks to the following families for hosting our visiting students & coaches for the West African International Schools Activities League Basketball Tournament last weekend!

The Abramovitch Family

The Adegbite Family

The Adenusi Family

The Abdi Family

The Bekker Family

The Ekweui Family

The Forde-Green Family

The Grieve Family

The Hallager Family

The Inoyo Family

The Kalejaiye Family

The Keys Family

The Mensah Family

The Nwankwo Family

The Nwaukoni Family

The Onuoha Family

The Patel Family

The Pedersen Family

The Pekerman Family

The Pokhriyal Family

The Reese Family

The Jose|Maritrima Smith Family

The Justin|Shannon Smith Family

The Steelman Family

The Thomson Family

The Turcotte Family

The Yakovenko-Abilova Family

Your kindness & generosity made the tournament possible & successful! We appreciate your support.

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From the Nurse's Desk

Your child is almost certain to have at least one nosebleed and probably many during these early years. If blood flows down from the back of the nose into the mouth and throat, your child may swallow much of it, which in turn may cause vomiting.

Causes of nosebleeds

There are many causes of nosebleeds, most of which aren't serious. Beginning with the most common, they include:

- **Colds and allergies:** A cold or allergy causes swelling and irritation inside the nose and may lead to spontaneous bleeding.
- **Trauma:** A child can get a nosebleed from picking his nose, or putting something into it, or just blowing it too hard. A nosebleed also can happen if he is hit in the nose by a ball or other object or falls and hits his nose.
- **Low humidity or irritating fumes:** If your house is very dry, or if you live in a dry climate, the lining of your child's nose may dry out, making it more likely to bleed. If he is often exposed to toxic fumes (fortunately, an unusual occurrence), they may cause nosebleeds, too.
- **Anatomical problems:** Any abnormal structure inside the nose can lead to crusting and bleeding.
- **Abnormal growths:** Any abnormal tissue growing in the nose may cause bleeding. Although most of these growths (usually polyps) are benign (not cancerous), they still should be treated promptly.
- **Abnormal blood clotting:** Anything that interferes with blood clotting can lead to nosebleeds. Medications, even common ones like aspirin, can change the blood clotting mechanism just enough to cause bleeding. Blood diseases, such as hemophilia, also can provoke nosebleeds.
- **Chronic illness:** Any child with a long-term illness, or who may need extra oxygen or other medication that can dry out or affect the lining of the nose, is likely to have nosebleeds.

Treatment

There are many misconceptions and folktales about how to treat nosebleeds. Here's a list of dos and don'ts.

Do...

1. Remain calm. A nosebleed can be frightening, but is rarely serious.
2. Keep your child in a sitting or standing position. Tilt his head slightly forward. Have him gently blow his nose if he is old enough.
3. Pinch the lower half of your child's nose (the soft part) between your thumb and finger and hold it firmly for a full ten minutes. If your child is old enough, he can do this himself. *Don't release the nose during this time to see if it is still bleeding.*

Release the pressure after ten minutes and wait, keeping your child quiet. If the bleeding hasn't stopped, repeat this step. If after ten more minutes of pressure the bleeding hasn't stopped, call your pediatrician or go to the nearest emergency room.

Don't...

1. Panic. You'll just scare your child.
2. Have him lie down or tilt back his head.
3. Stuff tissues, gauze, or any other material into your child's nose to stop the bleeding.

Also call your pediatrician if:

- You think your child might have lost too much blood. (But keep in mind that the blood coming from the nose always looks like a lot.)
- The bleeding is coming only from your child's mouth, or he's coughing or vomiting blood or brown material that looks like coffee grounds.
- Your child is unusually pale or sweaty, or is not responsive. *Call your pediatrician immediately in this case, and arrange to take your child to the emergency room.*
- He has a lot of nosebleeds, along with a chronically stuffy nose. This may mean he has a small, easily broken blood vessel in the nose or on the surface of the lining of the nose, or a growth in the nasal passages.

Prevention

If your child gets a lot of nosebleeds, ask your pediatrician about using salt-water (saline) nose drops every day. Doing so may be particularly helpful if you live in a very dry climate, or when the furnace is on. In addition, a humidifier or vaporizer will help maintain your home's humidity at a level high enough to prevent nasal drying. Also tell your child not to pick his nose. If he picks it at night or in his sleep, put him to bed wearing thin cotton gloves or socks over his hands and pinned to his pajama sleeve.

A Run Towards the Cure



Registration

is still available. Register for the 3.5 mile run before March 6 to receive your t-shirt on race day.

Early registration officially closes on March 6.

Registration is N5000 for every participant. You can get forms off of the AISL website or in the business office.

Be a part of breast cancer history.

*All money should be paid to the AISL business office.

2009 Saturday Baseball Season



Games: Please note the schedule changes.

The Schedule of games for Saturday, February 28, 2009 will be as follows:

28-Feb-09	Field 1		Field 2		Field 3		Field 4	
	Home	Away	Home	Away	Home	Away	Home	Away
11:30 to 12:45	Royals	Cardinals	Indians	Twins	Tigers		White Sox	Marlins
13:00 to 14:15			Mets	Nationals			Braves	Blue Jays
14:30 to 15:45			Rockies	Red Sox			Mustang Pickup Game	

Notes:

1. This is an Environmental Saturday. Games start at 11:30 AM. Please be on time.
2. Athletics (Bantam), Reds (Minor) and Pirates (Little League) have the week off.
3. The Tigers (T-Ball) will have a practice only on February 28, 2009.
4. The Pony League Boys have the week off due to school trips.
5. **There are no regular Mustang League games this coming weekend due to school trips. However, if there are enough interested Mustang League players available, a pickup game will be played from 2:30 to 3:45 PM on Field 4. Please contact Andrew Mathers (contact information below) if your daughter is interested in playing.**
6. See the Saturday Baseball Website for a complete schedule
<http://sites.google.com/site/aislsaturdaybaseball>

Umpire Assignments for Saturday, February 28, 2009:

Date	Start	End	Field 4	League	Umpire
28-Feb-09	13:00	14:15	Field 4	Little League	Antonio Smith Castro

Rain: In case of rain, please see the Saturday Baseball Website (<http://sites.google.com/site/aislsaturdaybaseball>) after 7:15 am for information on cancellation of games or contact a league commissioner (see contacts below).

Water: Please ensure your child comes to games and practices with plenty of water to drink. We have noted that several kids are showing up without any.

Questions: Direct your questions to any of the following league commissioners:
 David Blackall: Email: david.blackall@exxonmobil.com; Cell: 08029837885

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