



# AISL Weekly

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## AISL Math Team

Congratulations go to the Math Counts team: Captain Binil Jacob, Peter Graham, Nicolas Christodoulou, and Devika Pokhriyal for earning the Bronze Level Status. NEXT YEAR - IT WILL BE THE GOLD.

## Yearbook

It is that time of the year again. As of today, the yearbook has been completed and sent to the States for printing. Once again, it will be 144 color pages and will cover a majority of what makes AISL a great place to learn and play. Now is the part where I usually talk about sales and how much the book costs if you wish to purchase one. This year however, I do not need to do that. After working with Mr. Shearer and the School Board, they agreed to give a copy to EVERY AISL student! When the yearbooks arrive, and I have been given the "OK" to distribute them, a book will be delivered to each student for their future reflections of their time at AISL. More information will come as the time for distribution gets closer.



Elementary Spirit Week

## Week at a Glance (for when we return from Spring Break)

### Saturday April 18th

- Campus Closed

### Sunday April 19th

- Campus Closed

### Monday April 20th

- School Resumes
- ES After School Activities resume
- MS Honor Choir goes to Moscow, Russia
- HS Spanish Immersion Luggage Check-in - Ms. Olsen's classroom, 2-4pm

### Tuesday April 21st

- HS Spanish Immersion leaves for Salamanca, Spain

- PTO Day Forum - Pool Conference Room, 12:30-2:30pm

### Wednesday April 22nd

- Nothing Scheduled

### Thursday April 23rd

- Nothing Scheduled

### Friday April 24th

- HS Outward Bound Program leaves for South Africa

### Saturday April 25th

- Environmental Saturday
- Saturday Baseball games and awards

Superintendent - Thomas Shearer 776-4535  
Secondary Principal - Sharon Schauss 776-4532  
Elementary Principal - Justin Smith 776-4526  
Director of Admissions - John Stewart 776-4531

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# NOTES FROM THE ATHLETIC DIRECTOR

**ES SOCCER/BASKETBALL PLAYERS, MS/HS SOCCER/BASKETBALL PLAYERS, SWIMMERS, AND SENATE MEMBERS: PLEASE BRING N1200 & PICK YOUR SPORTS/SENATE T-SHIRT UP FROM MS. OLSEN NOW!**

## **AISL VOLLEYBALL PLAYERS TO TRAVEL TO SENEGAL!**

The following volleyball players have been selected to represent AISL at the West African International Schools Activities League Volleyball Tournament, hosted by International School of Dakar in Senegal. These students are required to make the *first payment of US\$500 by 12pm on Thursday, April 9* in the Business Office. The Student Ambassador Contract/Cost & Payment Schedule Agreement and a copy of the student's passport and Nigerian re-entry visa is due to Ms. Olsen at that time as well. The second payment of US\$500 will be due on Tuesday, May 5. Please see Ms. Olsen with any questions or concerns. Good luck to our volleyball players as they prepare for this great opportunity to compete and experience a new place and culture of West Africa!

### **Boys' Team**

1. Kevin de la Vega
2. Tolu Kalejaiye
3. Alex Onuoha
4. Jay Yao
5. Yonathan Goldenberg
6. Srinivas Siva
7. Antonio Smith Castro
8. Matt Thomson
9. Hari Varelas
10. Ikeobi Ekwevi
11. Philip Nwaukoni
12. Femi Kalejaiye
13. Alex Santiago

### **Girls' Team**

1. Alona Emelyanov
2. Tito Kolawole
3. Amanda Steelman
4. Or Abramovitch
5. Florence Adegbite
6. Elena Freddi
7. Nneka Nwankwo
8. Shelly Pekerman
9. Melissa Grieve
10. Quincey Szymeczek
11. Raki Wane
12. Janet Adegbite

# 2009 Saturday Baseball Season



Games: There will be no games on April 11 and April 18 due to Spring Break. **The next games will be Saturday, April 25, 2009.** The following is the game schedule for the remainder of the season:

## 2009 AISL Saturday Baseball Schedule

25-Apr-09	Field 1		Field 2		Field 3		Field 4	
	Home	Away	Home	Away	Home	Away	Home	Away
11:30 to 12:45	Royals	Cardinals	Athletics	Twins	Tigers		White Sox	Indians
13:00 to 14:15			Reds	Mets			Cubs	Angels
14:30 to 15:45			Red Sox	Nationals			Phillies	D'Backs
16:00 to 17:15			Braves	Blue Jays			Rangers	Dogers

9-May-09	Field 1		Field 2		Field 3		Field 4	
	Home	Away	Home	Away	Home	Away	Home	Away
08:00 to 09:15	Cardinals	Tigers	Twins	White Sox	Royals		Marlins	Athletics
09:30 to 10:45			Reds	Nationals			D'Backs	Phillies
11:00 to 12:15			Rockies	Mets			Angels	Cubs
12:30 to 13:45			Pirates	Braves			Dogers	Rangers
14:00 to 15:15								

\*Field 1 is by Big Toy

\*Field 2 is by Tennis Courts

\*Field 3 is at the far end of the field, Tennis Court Side

\*Field 4 is at the far end of the field, Big Toy Side

T-Ball	Mustang
Bantam	Little League
Minor	Pony

**Season End Celebrations:** Please note that medal presentations and season end celebrations will take place **immediately after any team's final game.** This could be on **April 25 or May 9** depending on when your team's last game is. Medal presentations will take place in the Conference Room above the Pool and the celebration will follow at the pool itself. Team Moms are to organize parents to provide enough refreshments for the players.

See the Saturday Baseball Website for complete information on the baseball season at <http://sites.google.com/site/aislsaturdaybaseball>.

**Questions:** Direct your questions to any of the following league commissioners:

David Blackall: Email: [david.blackall@exxonmobil.com](mailto:david.blackall@exxonmobil.com); Cell: 08029837885

Stuart McGeoch: Email: [S.Mcgeoch@shell.com](mailto:S.Mcgeoch@shell.com); Cell: 08070363206

Freddy Valbuena: Email: [freddyavr@hotmail.com](mailto:freddyavr@hotmail.com); Cell: 07035418750

Andrew Mathers: Email: [andrew.j.mathers@exxonmobil.com](mailto:andrew.j.mathers@exxonmobil.com); Cell: 08029675207

# Chicken Pox

- You haven't been feeling so great for the last few days, and you've had a runny nose and a cough. Then one morning you wake up and stumble into the bathroom. You look in the mirror with blurry eyes and — yikes! You have chickenpox!
- **What Is Chickenpox?**
- Chickenpox is caused by a [virus](#) called varicella zoster. People who get the virus often develop a rash of spots that look like blisters all over their bodies. The blisters are small and sit on an area of red skin that can be anywhere from the size of a pencil eraser to the size of a dime. The incubation period for this disease is usually 14-24days.
- You've probably heard that chickenpox are itchy. It's true. The illness also may come along with a runny nose and cough. But the good news is that chickenpox is a common illness for kids and most people get better by just resting like you do with a cold or the flu. And the really good news is that, thanks to the chickenpox vaccine, lots of kids don't get chickenpox at all. Kids who do get it, if they got the shot, often get less severe cases, which means they get better quicker.
- **What Happens When You Have Chickenpox?**
- Chickenpox may start out seeming like a cold: You might have a runny or stuffy nose, sneezing, and a cough. But 1 to 2 days later, the [rash](#) begins, often in bunches of spots on the chest and face. From there it can spread out quickly over the entire body — sometimes the rash is even in a person's ears and mouth. The number of pox is different for everyone. Some people get just a few bumps; others are covered from head to toe.
- At first, the rash looks like pinkish dots that quickly develop a small blister on top (a blister is a bump on your skin that fills up with fluid). After about 24 to 48 hours, the fluid in the blisters gets cloudy and the blisters begin to crust over.
- Chickenpox blisters show up in waves, so after some begin to crust over, a new group of spots may appear. New chickenpox usually stop appearing by the seventh day, though they may stop as early as the third day. It usually takes 10–14 days for all the blisters to be scabbed over and then you are no longer contagious.

It is recommended that any child noticed to be presenting with the above symptoms should be

Exempted from school for a minimum of 1week and until the blisters becomes crusted.

In order for us to prevent further outbreak of this disease, we advise you to do the following:

- Attend urgently to when your child complain of fever.
- Monitor him/her and watch out for increase in body temperature. If temperature keeps increasing, let him/her see the Doctor.
- When you notice the rash coming on, please let the child see the doctor and stay at home till the blisters burst and crust.
- Notify the school if any of the symptoms is noticed.
- If your child has not been immunized against this disease, kindly find time to take him/her for the shot so as to prevent your child from getting infected in case any other kid has it.

**Thursday**

**May 21st**

**6:30pm**



**Vote**

## **School Board Elections**

Are you concerned about supervision before school and during recess?

Do you want to know the role of your classroom TA?

Do you know how Middle/High school kids have info circulated without a Homeroom teacher?

Do you want to know how budgeting decisions were reached?

**Get the Vote out!**

If you are concerned about your child's education, come and **Vote!**

Please check out our new School Board swift page.

**You must be present to have a vote!**

## American International School of Lagos Board of Directors Elections

Three positions of the Board of Directors will be open for election this year.

- The first position is that of the **Treasurer**. The Treasurer advises the Board on all areas related to the financial health of the school and is currently providing leadership in the financing of the new High School project. The Treasurer also chairs the Finance Sub-Committee.
- The second position is that of the **Director of Fundraising**. The Fundraising Director is responsible for coordinating fundraising events to ensure that the school's committed fundraising targets, crucial to the development of the new AISL High School, are met.
- The final Board position is that a general position. Ideally, the Board of Directors is comprised of parents with children of all ages so that fair and good representation of programs and students from grades PreK-12 is realized. Currently there is no representation for High School.

All AISL Association members are eligible to run for positions on the Board, with certain exceptions including any person who is working at AISL or whose spouse is working at AISL. There are other exceptions listed in the Board of Directors policy which is attached.

Persons who are interested in running for one of the open positions should submit a letter of interest no later than 12:00 noon on Monday, 27 April, 2009. The letter of interest should include:

- \* a passport photograph of yourself,
- \* information about your background
- \* qualifications
- \* the reasons you are interested in serving on the Board.
- \* The letter should be submitted to Mrs. Grace Adenusi, Executive Secretary, in the Main Office.

A list of candidates, along with a copy of the letters of interest, will be published in the AISL Weekly Newsletter on Thursday, 30 April. Only candidates who have submitted a letter of interest by Monday, 27 April deadline will be considered eligible for election.

The Annual Association Meeting and Board Election will be held on Thursday, 21 May, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. in the AISL Gymnasium. The candidates will each present a brief speech about themselves and their interest in serving on the Board as well as participate in a question and answer session. Only Association members present at the meeting will be eligible to vote. The successful candidates will be announced at the close of the meeting.

## Board of Directors Elections Page 2:

If you have any questions about becoming a candidate and/or the election process, please contact one of the members of the Board Nominating Committee. The Committee members are:

Ekaba Davies	0803-313-7155	Rebecca Bejer	0803-306-1933
Orietta Sotomayor-Skarstein	0802-966-4091	Dina Christodoulou	01 775-7764
Dan Smith	0807-036-4218	Sanjana Daswani	01 775-6926
Limor Rubin	0803- 611-6633	Paulette Sargos	0803-402-0549
Marion Taylor	0803-535-2692	Jennifer McGeoch	0807-467-0165
Kemi Ibru	0802-778-8778	Shelley Foster	0807-728-8697

We hope that many of you will consider this opportunity to serve the School and will come forward as a candidate for the Board.

Thank you.

### **The AISL Board of Directors**

***Retiring Board Members:*** Mr. Mike Bowen, Mrs. Marionette Audifferen, and Mr. Simon Hemming (serving last term of Mr. Eric Jackson).

***Continuing Board Members:*** Mrs. Ekaba Davies, Mr. Dan Heath, Mr. Joe Lunsford, Mr. Dan Smith, Mrs. Orietta Sotomayor-Skarstein and Mrs. Vicki Hutchinson (Ambassador's Appointee).

Attachments:

1. Policy 1.302, Board of Directors
2. Policy 1.504, Responsibilities of the Board of Directors

## **BOARD ELECTIONS**

One-third of the members of the Board of Directors, or, if not three or a multiple of three, the number nearest one-third, shall retire from office each school year. If the appointee of the U.S. Ambassador is due to retire from office then that appointee may be re-appointed for another three-year term at the discretion of the Ambassador. The election of members of the Board of Directors shall be held during an annual general meeting of the Association.

The following procedures shall be followed in preparation for conducting the election of members of the Board of Directors:

1. Members of the Board whose three-year term is to expire shall indicate to the Board whether or not they intend to be a nominee for re-election prior to the March Board meeting.
2. The Board shall form a Nominating Committee by first selecting two Board members whose terms are not expiring and/or who do not intend to be nominees for re-election. The two current Board members shall serve as Chair and Co-Chair of the Nominating Committee.
3. The Nominating Committee shall select four additional members from the Association to serve on the Nominating Committee. Members of the Nominating Committee shall remain neutral and may not, collectively or individually, campaign for any one nominee.
4. The Nominating Committee shall attempt to present a slate of nominees of not less than six (6) members of the Association in good standing who have submitted a Letter of Interest indicating their qualifications and willingness to serve if elected. Members in good standing are parents whose tuition is paid in full for the current school year.
5. When reviewing potential nominees, the Nominating Committee shall consider the following general guidelines:
  - a. Re-nomination of current Board members in order to maintain continuity of knowledge and processes.
  - b. Promotion of a healthy balance of community participation on the Board. To this extent, and to avoid possible conflicts of interest, embarrassment and misunderstanding, and to ensure that nominees, if elected, will be able to fulfill their obligations pursuant to Policy 1.504, nominees in the following categories shall be avoided:

**BOARD ELECTIONS (Contd.)**

- Heads of diplomatic missions
  - Too many individual from the same segment of the community or corporation
  - Persons likely to have a contractual relationship with the school
  - Persons whose job requires frequent or prolonged absences
- c. Nominees in the following categories shall not be accepted:
- Teachers regularly engaged at the school
  - Spouses of teachers
  - Persons associated with or engaged by a competing organization
6. The Nominating Committee will extend the deadline for submission of Letters of Interest if there is not at least one more nominee than positions available.
7. The slate of nominees will be made available to the members of the Association for at least three (3) weeks prior to the election, unless the deadline is extended.
8. The election will be conducted at an annual general meeting before the 15th day of May.
9. In the event of a tie, a run-off election will be conducted between the two candidates. Procedures on how the run-off election will be conducted shall be made available to Association members. Only members of the Association who were present during the election at the annual general meeting may vote in the run-off.

Newly-elected Board members shall be seated during the last regular/special Board meeting of the school year.

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REVISED FEBRUARY 21, 2008

## **RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

In the governance role, the Board has all of the duties and responsibilities assigned in the Memorandum and Articles of Association. In addition the Board has a collective as well as individual responsibilities by virtue of being a member.

As a collective body, the Board has the responsibility:

1. to comply with all applicable laws of Nigeria,
2. to establish annual Board and Administration goals in collaboration with the Superintendent as well as regularly review and update the School's Strategic Plan,
3. to contribute to the development and improvement of educational opportunities of all children and youth in the school,
4. to hire and evaluate the Superintendent who will in turn implement the policies of the school,
5. to develop personnel policies, including policies designed to attract, retain, and develop personnel needed to realize the educational objectives of the school,
6. to develop financial policies which will provide the necessary resources to fund the school program,
7. to keep the people of the community intelligently informed about the AISL program,
8. to be sensitive to the educational hopes and aspirations of the AISL community,
9. to appraise the activities of the school in light of the goals or objectives established.

Individually, Board members' are expected to perform within the following guidelines:

1. Attendance:
  - a. Official Board Meetings and Retreats: Board members are expected to attend at least 70% of the regularly-scheduled meetings and should not be absent from more than two consecutive meetings.
  - b. School Events and Functions: Board members should endeavor to attend school events and functions. The intent is to be in-touch and accessible with the community of AISL so to best represent the general interest of the school.
2. Workload: Board members are expected to make themselves available to participate in the various sub-committees formed by the board, actively participate in email and other discussions, and work on board goals and assignments.

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3. Behavior: Board members should be aware of how their individual behavior may be perceived by the community and be careful not to:
  - a. Show preference to specific staff members of AISL (lobbying for, addressing members of the community on their behalf, etc.)
  - b. Make or endorse statements that may:
    - i. cause disharmony within the Board
    - ii. bring disrepute to the
  - c. Accept any gift of more than a nominal value from:
    - i. any member of staff or their spouse
    - ii. perspective candidates for employment
    - iii. or others that may have or are seeking business with AISL.
  - d. Disrespect the confidentiality of Board Meetings and discussions.
  - e. Utilize their position for personal gain.

Any Board member who is unable to work within the guidelines stated in this policy will not be able to fully support the Board in conducting its business and in representing the general interests of the School. Recognizing that each situation is different, the Board President will be responsible for monitoring adherence to these guidelines by Board members and will work directly with the member to redress the problem. It is expected that, at any point in time during a Board member's tenure, he/she becomes unable or unwilling to meet the attendance and/or workload expectations or adhere to the behavior guidelines, that he/she will voluntarily resign from the Board without delay. If the nature of the violation is sufficient to cause concern that the work of the Board or the interest of the School are being undermined or seriously compromised, the Board President in consultation with other Board members, will initiate proceedings to remove the member from the Board. Initiation for removal proceeding requires a 2/3<sup>rd</sup> majority vote of the Board. Removal proceedings are defined in the Articles of Association of the School.

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## American International School of Lagos

### School Board Election Nominating Committee Announcement

The School Board is pleased to announce this year's 2009-2010 Nominating Committee:

1. Rebecca Bejer - 0803-306-1933, [beckybejer@gmail.com](mailto:beckybejer@gmail.com)
2. Dina Christodoulou - 775-7764, [dinacyp@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:dinacyp@yahoo.co.uk)
3. Sanjana Daswani - 775-6926, [sanjana2@aol.com](mailto:sanjana2@aol.com)
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5. Limor Rubin - 0803-611-6633, [rubinlimor@gmail.com](mailto:rubinlimor@gmail.com)
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11. Jennifer Mc Geoch - 0807-467-0165, [mcs@mac.com](mailto:mcs@mac.com)
12. Shelley Foster - 0807-728-8697, [psbfoster@yahoo.com](mailto:psbfoster@yahoo.com)