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Message from the Superintendent

Dear AISL Community,

We would like to wish to all a Happy Thanksgiving. I hope that you all have the chance to reflect on how fortunate we are to have family, friends, and each other in our lives. I hope that the next few days allow you the opportunity to do just that. Have a great extended weekend.

Happy Thanksgiving

Mr. Thomas Shearer

Upcoming Events

November 25, Thursday

- Early Dismissal - 1:00
- No After School Activities

November 26-28, Friday-Sunday

- Campus Closed

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information

VARIETY SHOW 2011 CALLING!

Can you do something special that no-one else does?

Do you dance?

Do you play a musical instrument?

THEN... why wait???

Fill this slip and hand it to Ms Zarkada in room 112 before Friday, Dec 10th!

Name:

Class:

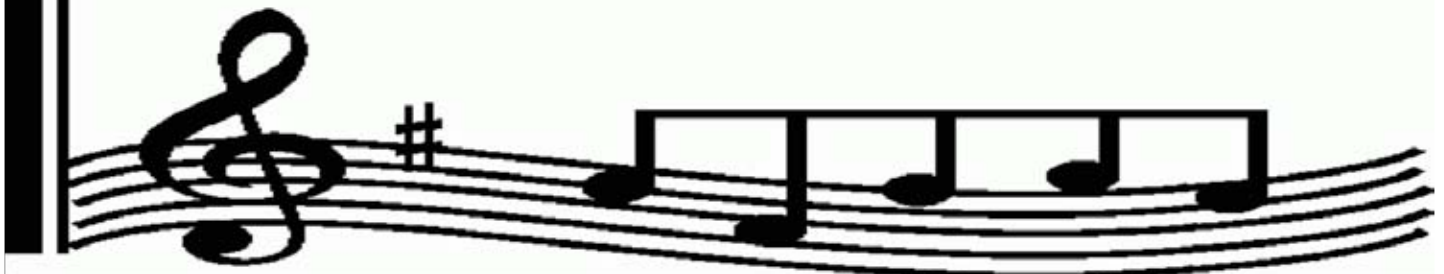
Act proposed (circle as appropriate):

Music

Drama

Dance

Other





Reminder: Badges

It is apparent that we need to be more vigilant with issues related to security and I need all AIS parents, staff, and others who have school issued ID badges to wear these when inside the school campus. Once again we are encountering many people who do not have badges and are wandering the campus with no apparent purpose.

I request that all adhere to the rule of wearing badges at all times.



Cub & Boy Scouts,

The annual Sailing Event for Tigers, Wolves and Bears (except Den 2) will take place on:

**Sunday 28th November at the Lagos Yacht Club
Start 10.30 am and finish around 16.00 pm**

The remaining Dens and Boy Scouts will go Sunday 5th December.

Please note and observe the following:

- (i) Bring a life-jacket for your son and yourselves.
- (ii) "1 child, 1 parent, no siblings"
- (iii) Each child has to be accompanied by one parent – no nannies, drivers,....
- (iv) Please bring some lunch –barbeques available
- (v) Make sure you have sufficient sunscreen & drinks – last year was very hot!
- (vi) ..and don't forget your swimwear !

Any questions, please either contact the Cubmaster Doug Berkheiser (08058010273 or doug.berkheiser@yahoo.com) or Committee Chairman Stefan Vos de Wael (08070365568 or stefan.vosdewael@shell.com)



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High School Finals

Dear High School Families,

Our high school students will be busy with exams December 13th – December 16th. Seniors will be taking Mock IB Exams during this time, and our freshmen, sophomores, and juniors will take finals for all of their classes. Finals for high school students are serious and require a good amount of review and studying, as they account for 20% of the students' grade. Because of this, we only schedule two exams for each day, and allow for a study session with the teachers immediately prior to the exam.

Please remember that students need to be in study sessions on time. Students arriving late will not be given additional time to complete their exam, and students not present for the exam will not be allowed to make it up. The schedule for exams is attached for your information and planning. Please note that school will be dismissed at 2:10 Monday – Thursday of finals week, however, seniors may not follow this exact time schedule. Senior families will be receiving more information on their schedule from Mr. DeLaSobera.

December 16th will be a mixture of activities; some students will be testing, some working with Mr. Phipps, and 9th – 11th grade students will tour the new high school facilities. Please look for more information to come home soon on this.

On December 17th, students will report to each of their classes for a review of the final exam and grades. Report cards will be distributed when we return in January, but students and parents will be able to review final grades for the semester through EdLine.

As always, thank you for your continued support. We have had a wonderful semester, and I know we are all looking forward to some breaks. If you have questions, please feel free to e-mail, stop by, or call either of us.

Best Regards,

Mrs. Schauss and Mrs. Klancke

"ONE EMOTIONAL EVENING"

NEXT FRIDAY - DECEMBER 3rd - AIS-LAGOS LITTLE THEATRE(PCR) - 6:30PM

Music by ELBOW, an alternative British rock band

BUDHHA BAR, a re-mixer DJ working out of Paris

BLUES, an AISL band

GREENS, an AISL rap group

GUERRILLA THEATRE, an AISL acting ensemble

DECEMBER 3rd .

LIGHTS & SOUND, an AISL production

6:30 - 8:30PM, AISL Little Theatre

You may come prepared with a performance piece, as we will also have open mic

PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR A VERY SPECIAL EVENT

DECEMBER 9th - 6:30 PM - AIS-LAGOS GYM

ADMISSION FREE

CIRCLES OF LIGHT

6th GRADE BAND-----CONCERT BAND-----

WIND ENSEMBLE-----SYMPHONIC BAND & CHOIR

GET IN THE HOLIDAY SPIRIT AND ATTEND OUR WINTER CONCERT

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Announcements

Dear Parents of AISL:

AISL will be the host of the 2010 West African International Schools Activities League (WAISAL) Swim Meet this year. The event will take place on December 4th. In order to make the meet possible, we are asking AISL families, both Elementary and Secondary, to host students from the out of country international schools the evening of December 3rd through the day of the 5th, 2010. Ideally we would like to have them in pairs for hosting so they feel a bit more comfortable while out of their routine, so if you can also let us know how many you can host that would be fantastic.

Our high school students returned from the WAISAL Volleyball tournament in Senegal where the International School of Dakar hosted us magnificently. Our soccer teams will receive the same hospitality when they attend the tournament in Ghana & Ouagadougou. We want to offer the same accommodations and deferral of cost to visiting schools since we benefit on our trips in the same way.

The benefits of hosting the students in AISL homes, as opposed to having them stay in a hotel, are the following:

- 1. To offer student-athletes and families an intercultural exchange among people from various backgrounds, cultures, and experiences;
- 2. To decrease the cost for visiting student-athletes;
- 3. To provide assurance, safety, and well-being for visiting student-athletes;
- 4. To provide a unique perspective into life here in Lagos.

Basic requirements for host families will include the following:

- 1. One parent in Lagos for the duration of the weekend;
- 2. Means of safe, reliable transportation of student-athletes to and from AISL and home;
- 3. Generally reliable electricity with a generator for back up power;
- 4. Bathroom with running hot and cold water and filtered drinking water;
- 5. Providing two breakfasts, one sack lunch, and one dinner for the visiting student-athlete.

If you are interested in hosting a student-athlete, please fill out the attached Host Family Questionnaire and return it to Mr. Michael Mitchell's box in the Front Office or to him during his office hours before Monday November 29th, 2010. Once host families have been determined, we will have a Host Family Meeting, at which time we will give you more concrete details and specific information. If you have immediate questions or concerns, please feel free to see or email Mr. Mitchell at mmitchell@aislagos.com. We hope that you will all take part in this great opportunity for your families, AISL students, and our visiting student-athletes. The benefits of these experiences will be life-long and memorable. Thank you in anticipation for your consideration and participation.

Thank You for Supporting Athletics at AISL,

Michael Mitchell
Athletic Director

Host Family Interest & Information Form

Please print very clearly.

Surname of host family: _____ Father's name: _____ Mother's name: _____

Children's Name(s): _____	Age of student(s): _____	Number of Students that can be housed _____
_____	_____	_____

Father's email: _____ Mother's email: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Home Address:

Final Exam Schedule December, 2010

Date	Time	Session	Testing
13-Dec-10 Monday	7:30 - 8:20	Study	11th Grd. IB Physics I 10th Grd. Chem/HPE 9th Grd. HPE
	8:20 - 10:20	Exam	
AM NOTES:			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Declan and Maria will take their IB Chem. I test Thursday * The following students will be in the HUB: Ahmad, Kate B., Zara, Jordan, Jade, Lola, Crockett, Ornella, Maria, and Tyce * 10th grade students who take Chemistry will take their HPE test on Thursday: Helen, Zena, Arinola, Maarten, Ama, Faramola, Sanjana, Collin, Maia, Liza, Eline, and Prasad 			
	10:20 - 11:20	Lunch	
	11:20 - 12:10	Study	9th, 10th, and 11th Grd. English
	12:10 - 2:10	Exam	
PM NOTES:			
* Nurina, Seoyeon, and Alma will be with Mrs. Hammond in ELL.			

Date	Time	Session	Testing
14-Dec-10 Tuesday	7:30 - 8:20	Study	9th, 10th 11th Grd. Languages
	8:20 - 10:20	Exam	
AM NOTES:			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Dheeraj, Donovan, Jake, and Onye will be in the PCR with Mr. Passerella * Zara, Kate B., Jordan, Michele, Aisha, and Zainab will take their French test today and Spanish on Thursday. * Tyce will take Spanish today and will take his French test Thursday <i>afternoon</i>. * Maarten, Nurina, Seoyeon, and Alma will be in ELL with Mrs. Hammond 			
	10:20 - 11:20	Lunch	
	11:20 - 12:10	Study	11th Grd. IB Biology 10th Grd. Physics 9th Grd. Biology
	12:10 - 2:10	Exam	
PM NOTES:			
* Sanjana, Collin, Maia, Arinola, Ahmad, and Dola will be in the HUB			

Final Exam Schedule December, 2010

Date	Time	Session	Testing
15-Dec-10 Wednesday	7:30 - 8:20	Study	9th, 10th, 11th Grd. History
	8:20 - 10:20	Exam	
	10:20 - 11:20	Lunch	
	11:20 - 12:10	Study	9th, 10th, 11th Grd. Math
	12:10 - 2:10	Exam	
PM NOTES:			
* Jade, Crockett, Tyce have two math classes - they will take the Algebra 2 test on Thursday.			

Date	Time	Session	Testing
16-Dec-10 Thursday	7:30 - 8:20	Study	11th Grd. IB Chem. I - Declan & Maria 11th & 10th Grd. Spanish - Zara, Kate B., Jordan, Michelle, Aisha, Zainab 11th Grg. Algebra 2 - Jade, Crockett, and Tyce 10th Grd. HPE - Helen, Zena, Arinola, Maarten, Ama, Faramola, Sanjana, Collin, Maia, Eline, Prasad, and Liza
	8:20 - 10:20	Exam	
AM NOTES:			
* All 9th grade students will tour the HS campus during morning exams.			
* All 10th and 11th grade students who do not have a final in the morning will work with Mr. Phipps.			
	10:20 - 11:20	Lunch	
PM NOTES (11:20 - 2:10):			
* All 11th and 1th grade students will tour the HS campus from 11:30 - 2:10			
* All 9th grade students will work with Mr. Phipps.			
* TYCE WILL TAKE HIS FRENCH FINAL IN THE AFTERNOON.			

**Final Exam Schedule
December, 2010**

Date	Time	Session
17-Dec-10 Friday		
	7:30 - 7:50	Clean lockers
	7:55 - 8:25	Period 1 (A)
	8:30 - 9:00	Period 2 (B)
	9:05 - 9:35	Period 3 (C)
	9:40 - 10:10	Period 4 (D)
	10:15 - 10:45	Period 5 (E)
	10:50 - 11:20	Period 6 (F)
	11:25 - 11:55	Period 7 (G)
	12:00 - 1:00	ASSEMBLY

* Locker Clean Out - Scholar advisors will check lockers of students in their group. Please make sure no food or clothing is left in the lockers over break. Trash must be appropriately thrown away, and lockers must be neat and organized. Students do not turn in locks.

* Assembly details to be announced.

December 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
						Saturday Soccer
						HS Soccer Ghana
			Staff Meetings	HS Soccer Ghana	HS Soccer Ghana	Swim Meet VI Pool
					Little Theater PCR 4-9PM	SAT
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
	HS Assembly 8:30-9:45	HS Showcase 7AM	HS HOD Meeting			Saturday Soccer & Awards - Pool
						SSAT
HS Soccer Ghana			Elem Concert 12:30-4PM Gym	MS/HS Concert 6:30PM Gym		Staff Holiday Party
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
		MS/HS Finals	MS/HS Finals	MS/HS Finals	ALL SCHOOL ASSEMBLY 1PM Dismissal	
			HS IB Meeting	Student of Month - Gym	Elem Progress Reports	Winter Break
					MS 1 st Semester Report Cards out	
				Grades Due		
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
Winter Break	Winter Break	Winter Break	Winter Break	Winter Break	Winter Break	Winter Break
26	27	28	29	30	31	
Winter Break	Winter Break	Winter Break	Winter Break	Winter Break	Winter Break	

American International School of Lagos
Board of Directors
Minutes for Tuesday, October 23, 2010
AISL Library

Members Present: Simon Hemming, Tonya Oaks, Hemant Patel, Robin Cheung, Joe Lunsford, Dan Heath
Admin Staff: Tom Shearer, Sharon Schauss, Justin Smith
Parent Attendees: John McCloy
Staff Attendees: Jeff Klancke, Lauri Klancke, Gaye Lantz, Ebele Mbanugo, Felix Ikenweji,

No Study Session

Regular Session The regular session began at 5:00PM.

Call to Order: Mr. Dan Heath called the meeting to order. He noted that Ekaba Davies, Fred Armand, and Stuart McGeoch sent their regrets. There is still a quorum present.

Adoption of Agenda:

Item E, under Executive Session will be removed at the request of F. Armand. R. Cheung asked that the Funding report be moved to Executive Session. J. Lunsford, seconded by H. Patel, moved to accept the Agenda with changes. Motion passed.

Adoption of Minutes:

H. Patel, seconded by S. Hemming, moved to accept the minutes. Motion passed.

Recognition of Staff, Students and Community:

D. Heath – recognized the following:

Congratulated the organizers of the Swiss trip, L. Olson. D. Dissell, K. Metcalf, C. Whitney, on a job well done.

AISA Conference in Kenya - was enlightening to see the work done over the past 5 years by Tom. The school is viewed in high regard in the African community. 500 people attended, Tom is the President of AISA and we are very proud of the work he has done and the staff from AISL who presented workshops.

J. Lunsford recognized the following:

J. Smith and E. Mbanugo on the Student of the Month Program

T. Shearer, T. Oaks, D. Heath, J. Smith for attending the AISA Conference.

S. McGeoch and T. Shearer on the State of the School Forum

Superintendent's Report:

HS Report: S. Schauss reported on:

ISTA Drama trip to the UK left today.

MUN Students who went to Egypt returned today.

IB Art Trip to Paris leaves on Friday.

HS Scary Movie Night is on Friday at the pool. We will be using an inflatable movie screen for the first time.

IB Group 4 Project presentation will be held in November. All BOD members are invited to attend.

On November 8 there will be a Pep Assembly on the field.

Report Cards for Mid-Term are going out.

College Fair, supported by the US Consulate, was held last Saturday.

Elementary/MS Report: Justin Smith reported on:

Quarterly Report Cards – Oct 22nd

Trimester Report Cards – Nov 12th

MS Dance this Friday

First round of MAP testing in Math – Nov 10-19th

Tom Shearer Reported:

There is a new US Ambassador in Nigeria. He will be visiting AISL on Wednesday at 11AM to meet with D. Heath and T. Shearer.

AISA Conference – AISL had the most presenters of the schools (J. Smith, G. Lantz, D. Lantz, P. Keys, T. Shearer)

MAP Training – it is an assessment tool in the right direction. It gives teachers feedback on how students are doing. AISL sent a team to Portland last summer and a team to Nairobi during the AISA Conference. J. Stewart and N. Okika are heading to London to check out the tech side of the program.

Accreditation – moving forward. Committees are working and we are getting to the end of the critical section. The Site visit scheduled in April has been postponed to September due to the Nigerian elections. Our accreditation has been extended to May of 2012.

D. Heath – for appointing the ad-hoc committee on Student Support.

Potential Holiday – Nov 15th & 16th are tentative days. The official days have not been announced and until that time we will be opened for school.

Admin Plus – We changed our Student System to Admin Plus three and a half years ago. The Finance portion is almost in sync with the system.

Tim Travers – have been communicating with Tim regarding staffing for next year and the Principal Search.

Members wishing to address the Board:

None.

Old Business:

The High School Project Report:

H. Patel reported that in last 30 days there has been little progress due to vendor financial issues. The money is now in place and they are re-gearing up to get the site functional. We should be seeing more activity. J. Klancke has done a great of keeping us updated with pictures. Visits will happen when the site is safer. They will be done on Saturdays for those interested.

Facilities:

D. Heath reported on the meeting of the Facilities Committee. The committee discussed the Completion of the Big Toy for the Pre-K, the installation of a fence around the borehole, the renewal of the lease of the VI property, the opening of the back gate to traffic, and the grading of the road next to the school.

Human Resources:

S. Hemming reported on the committee meeting:

Updating of the Organizational Flow Chart of the school is a work in progress

A review is being done of the Salary schedule for both overseas and local hires. The issue of tax equalization is being prepared.

Admissions policy, State of the School, and a possible review of policies 6/7/8 were discussed.

The tools used for staff evaluation for the future was discussed. More work needs to be done in this area.

Parent Behavior/Code of Conduct for parents was discussed. There have recently been incidents of poor parent behavior, both on our campus and at other schools for away athletic activities. A proposal for a new section in our policy manual (the Zero Series) for a code of conduct for the AISL community. The BOD will take this project on as an ad-hoc committee.

Finance:

S. Hemming reported that the financials for August/September are in your packet and we are checking on the accuracy of the forecast. It looks like we were over spending at the beginning of the year. We have asked the Business Office to take a look and find out if it is just a one time thing or if we are truly over spending. Revenues have gone up, but not as much as we forecast. We will bring this update to the next BOD meeting. H. Patel asked about outstanding fees. Term 2 isn't due until November 1st and we have six families who still owe for term 1. T. Shearer stated that the Business Office has notified these families. H. Patel asked if the students who leave at mid-term impact the budget. The answer is yes. Per policy, students who leave after the start of Term 1 will not receive a refund for term one, but will receive refunds of moneys paid for Term 2.

School Policy 10.000 – the Business Office is working on updating the policy and will have mock-ups for the November meeting.

Audit – the audit will take place next month.

R. Cheung said that we are carrying too much Naira. The Business Office should use Naira as much as possible. J. Lunsford said that we should look at our timeline for HS payments. Big payments are due in November and December.

Curriculum:

T. Oaks reported that the Curriculum Committee discussed the Board Goals, the Artist in Residence Program, Homework Policy, and Student Support Services.

Traffic:

This was already discuss, however, S. Hemming said that there was some confusion regarding parents exiting the vehicles at the back gate. This needs to be clarified. T. Shearer said that we still need to figure out a solution to the afternoons.

State of the School Update:

Total of 20people attended. 11 Admin/BOD and 9 parents. We received good input and have gathered the information and will incorporate it into further discussion.

New Business:**November Travel Authorization:**

Volleyball Team to Dakar – Approved

Linda Baietto to Douala to be on Accreditation Team – Approved

Soccer Team to Ghana - Approved

Members wishing to address the Board:

None

Next Board Meeting: January 25, 2011

The Regular Session of the Board Meeting was adjourned at 6:10PM

Respectfully submitted