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On Monday and Tuesday afternoon (27th/28th) from 3:30-6:00 pm the Middle School teachers will be in the gym for parent-teacher conferences. The conferences will be done 'arena style'. Teachers will be seated at tables throughout the gymnasium; parents wishing to talk with a particular teacher can approach that teacher to have a 10 min. conference. If a teacher is conducting a meeting, parents can wait their turn to speak with that teacher. If in the course of a conference the teacher and/or parent finds that 10 minutes is insufficient, an additional conference at a later time can be scheduled. The Middle School Staff is looking forward to meeting with you to talk about your child's progress. Students are encouraged to attend with their parents! We feel that the value of the conference is greatly increased when students participate in the discussion regarding their academic progress.

Please note that Mr. Dissell, Mrs. Whitney, and Mr. Olson will not be available for conferences on Monday and Tuesday, as they are in Switzerland with the 6th graders. Mr. Dissell, Mrs. Whitney, and Mr. Olson will be at school on Saturday the 9th of October from 9:00-2:30 to do conferences.

Elementary Progress Reports

1st grade through 5th grade students will bring home their first tri-mester progress reports this Friday (24th). We want to encourage you to take time to discuss the progress report with your child; celebrating your child's achievements and discussing areas for growth.

Elementary Parent-Teacher Conferences

Parent-Teacher Conferences are scheduled for the week of October 4th. If you haven't had the opportunity to sign-up for a conference time yet, please stop by your child's classroom or write your child's teacher to secure a conference time. Remember that the relationship you build with your child's teachers is an important part of your child's education. It's only by working in unison that we can provide the best education possible for your child.

IB Coordinator's Corner

This week the members of our Class of 2011 were officially registered as formal IB Diploma candidates. We are all very excited for them, as they begin the final stretch towards their examinations next year. Every student has chosen to attempt the full IB Diploma, and I congratulate them for their commitment to aim for the highest degree of academic rigor here at AISL. Ask any 12th grader, and they will surely tell you how busy they are on their French Language Internal Assessments, World Literature Paper for English, TOK Essay and Oral Presentation, Sciences Group Four Lab Projects, Extended Essays and CAS requirements. Hang in there Seniors, we're all very proud of you!!

Please make sure to mark your calendars for our upcoming IB Study Session at the Board of Directors meeting this Tuesday, September 28th. As mentioned last week, we will take this opportunity to provide a quick overview of the Diploma Program, and help the community understand the test results from last May.

Do you need to find me? I'm either in my classroom in Room 203B of the Annex, or in the IB office right by the PTO store. Do you have a quick question, or need a quick response? Send me an email at cdelasobera@aislagos.com, or feel free to stop by. My doors are always open.

Carlos De la Sobera

Upcoming Events

SEPTEMBER 25, Saturday

- **HS Conferences**
11:00-1:00 pm, Gym
- **Saturday Soccer**
8:00-4:00 pm, AISL Field
- **Edline Training for Parents**
CANCELLED

SEPTEMBER 27, Monday

- **Middle School Conferences**
3:30-5:00 pm, Gym

SEPTEMBER 28, Tuesday

- **Middle School Conferences**
3:30-5:00 pm, Gym
- **School Board Study Session**
4:30-5:00 pm, Pool Conference Room
- **School Board General Session**
5:00 pm, Pool Conference Room

SEPTEMBER 29, Wednesday

- **Nigerian Culture Day**
7:30-2:10 pm

October 1, Friday

- **Nigerian National Day**
No School - Campus Closed

October 2, Saturday

- **Campus Closed**

From the PTO

PTO Parent's Forum

The PTO would like to thank all the parents who came to listen and learn from Tim Burns, National Consultant on Brain Research. It was a most lively, educative and information packed session. Thanks to the AISL administration for this great opportunity.

Volunteers Needed

The PTO very urgently needs parents who can volunteer their time during the early morning drop off hours(6.45am -7.30am). Please leave your name and contact information with Mrs. Adenusi in the office if you are interested.

Fall Bazaar

The 2010 Fall Bazaar will hold on Saturday 9 October 2010, at 9.00 - 12 noon. It is a great shopping experience! See you there!

Salmonella

From the AISL Nurse

What is Salmonella?

Salmonella bacteria cause much of the food poisoning in the world, including an estimated 1,400,000 cases of salmonellosis in the United States each year. In Illinois about 1,500 to 2,000 cases of this foodborne illness are reported each year.

Salmonella is a general name for a group of about 2,000 closely related bacteria that cause illness by reproducing in the digestive tract.

How is it spread?

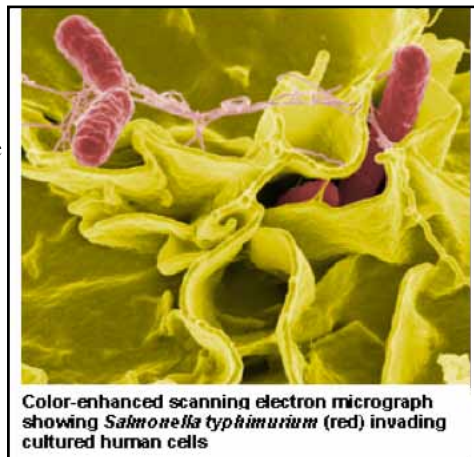
Salmonella live in the intestinal tracts of humans and other animals, including birds. Humans are usually infected by eating foods contaminated with animal feces. Contaminated foods are often of animal origin, such as beef, poultry, milk or eggs, but any food, including fruits and vegetables, may become contaminated. Contaminated foods usually look and smell normal and the contamination should not be expected to be visible.

Person-to-person transmission of salmonella occurs when an infected person's feces, unwashed from his or her hands, contaminates food during preparation or comes into direct contact with another person. Salmonella can also be acquired directly from animals such as pets, birds, fish, dogs, cats and turtles. The U.S. Food and Drug Administration banned the sale of turtles smaller than 4 inches wide in 1975 to prevent the spread of salmonella.

What are the symptoms?

Symptoms may include headache, muscle aches, diarrhea, vomiting, abdominal cramping, chills, fever, nausea and dehydration. Symptoms usually appear six to 72 hours after ingestion of the bacteria, but can be longer if fewer organisms are ingested. Persons can be infected with the bacteria without having symptoms. Persons with and without symptoms shed the bacteria in their stool, which is why proper handwashing after toileting and before handling food is so important. Children younger than 1 year old, people who have had ulcer surgery or take antacids and those with weakened immune systems are most susceptible to salmonella infection.

Salmonellosis is seldom fatal (the fatality rate is less than 1 percent). Two or three weeks after being infected with salmonella, one in 10,000 cases develops reactive arthritis or Reiter's syndrome as a complication. These patients also may develop an inflammation of the urethra and eyes.



Color-enhanced scanning electron micrograph showing *Salmonella typhimurium* (red) invading cultured human cells

Edline Training

The parent end line training scheduled for this Saturday as been canceled due to lack of participation in previous sessions (6 total participants over three weekends). If you would like some assistance with Edline, please contact John Stewart (jstewart@aislagos.com) or Jeff Klancke (jklancke@aislagos.com).

EVER WONDER WHAT TO DO WHEN YOU ARE AT SCHOOL AND WE HAVE AN EMERGENCY?

If you were at school Wednesday afternoon, you may have been present during an all school outdoor emergency evacuation practice. We practice emergency procedures regularly, and would like to share outdoor emergency information with you (indoor emergency information will be shared in the near future).

If you are at the school and an emergency alarm sounds, there are specific gathering locations - even for parents and guests! Our first priority is to get your children safely assembled in their assigned locations, so please allow students and teachers to move quickly through pathways.

If you are in an area beyond the gate near the picnic tables, please step to the side to allow students to pass through quickly, then follow the last class out to the field. Parents will have a gathering location on the bleachers at the far end of the field, facing the track (a sign will be posted soon).

If you are in the main courtyard or the office, please proceed to the front of the school. Parents will gather in the parking lot to the right. Staff will be present to help direct you.

It is important to follow these directions in order to help keep our students safe and traffic flowing. This will allow us to get to assigned locations and do a quick attendance check to account for all students. Please know that if an alarm sounds and you are outside the main gate, the guards have been instructed to not allow people to enter until an all clear signal has been given to them.

Thank you for your help and cooperation.

Sixth and Seventh Grade Parents

As many of you know our Sixth Grade team is going on a trip to Switzerland. We are leaving on the 22nd of September and returning on the 30th of September.

The members of the team are:

Mr. Dissell Mr. Olson Ms. Whitney Ms. Metcalf

Unfortunately, this means we will not be available for parent conferences scheduled in the gym on Monday, September 27th and Tuesday 28th from 3:30 to 6:00 pm.

After our return we will be available on October 9th, starting at 9:00 a.m. our team will start some invitation conferences that will last until 10:30 a.m. Then there will be a sign-up sheet out in front of Mr. Dissell, Mr. Olson and Ms. Whitney's class for parents to sign-up for 10 minute sessions to discuss their child's progress. These sessions will last until 2:30 pm with a 30 minute break for lunch during that time block.

Ms. Happy, while not attending the trip, will follow the same schedule as the rest of the team.

We look forward to meeting with you.

The Sixth Grade Team

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THE PSAT IS COMING! THE PSAT IS COMING!

The PSAT/NMSQT (Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test) will be held next **Wednesday (13 October)** from 8 am in the AISL Gymnasium. It is expected that **all** Grade 10 and 11 students will sit for the exam and it is optional for Grade 9 students. *Any student in grade 9 who would like to sit for the PSAT needs to register with Mr. Phipps in the Hub before the end of school on MONDAY 11th October.*

All students in grades 9 - 11 have already been issued with a PSAT preparation booklet and this gives students an idea of what is on the test as well as clues on how to prepare. I would suggest that students and parents visit the PSAT website at Collegeboard.com to get further information.

What is the PSAT?

It's a standardized test that provides firsthand practice for the SAT[®]. It also gives students a chance to enter NMSC scholarship programs and gain access to college and career planning tools. The PSAT/NMSQT measures: Critical reading skills, Math problem-solving skills and Writing skills.

What's on the Test?

The PSAT/NMSQT is a 2hour and 10 minute test that includes five sections:

- Two 25-minute critical reading sections
- Two 25-minute math sections
- One 30-minute writing skills section

PSAT Scores & Review: Information on the Score Report

PSAT/NMSQT scores are reported on a scale of 20 to 80. Also listed on the score report is the Selection Index, which is used to determine eligibility in National Merit Scholarship Corporation programs (NMSC). *Only students in Grade 11 are eligible to enter NMSC scholarship programs.*

Finally, score reports include national percentiles, which allow students to compare their scores with other students in their grade level who have taken the PSAT/NMSQT.

Further questions:

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Phipps or visit the PSAT website at Collegeboard.com (<http://www.collegeboard.com/student/testing/psat/about.html>)

NOTE: Students will be expected to bring pre-sharpened pencils, smudge-free erasers, and a calculator.



Saturday Soccer

Time to start playing ... WEEK 2

DON'T FORGET THIS WEEK IS SANITATION SO ALL GAMES WILL BE DELAYED - CHECK BELOW!

GAME SCHEDULE THIS WEEKEND

25-Sep-10	Pitch 1/1a		Pitch 2	
1100-1200	FC Twente v Feyenoord	Ajax v PSV Eindhoven	Bordeaux v Toulouse	
1200-1300	Monaco v Inter Milan	Marseille v Roma	St Etienne v Juventus	Paris St Germain v Napoli
1300-1400	Sampdoria v Villa Real	AC Milan v Valencia	Real Madrid v Sevilla	Barcelona v Atletico Madrid
1400-1500	Chelsea v Newcastle United	Liverpool v Manchester United	Arsenal v Celtic	Manchester City v Aberdeen
1500-1600	Rangers v Hibernian			

WATER

Don't forget that every child should bring their own water to the game. The weather is suddenly much hotter and they will need to keep drinking.

EQUIPMENT

I still have some shin guards for sale for N1000, so if you don't have yet please come and find me or Jen this weekend. **From next week** the referees will not let players on the field unless protected for your child's safety. You can also get them direct from, our strip supplier, Peter Iyere on 0702 929 4022.



Photo of the Week - Team Roma

PRACTICES

There have been some changes to practice times this week with teams moving to earlier slots made available by the school so please **CHECK THE WEBSITE**. Practice is an essential part of any sport but we fully recognise that logistics can make them difficult in Lagos. Note that if you cannot make practice it doesn't change your right to be playing on Saturday; the league rules (on the web) say *"All kids must play in each half and must play at least half of the game"* but with that stipulation we do also support the coaches in having some flexibility to take into account those who make the effort to get to practice.

CANCELLATIONS

To check if games are cancelled please check the soccer website or phone the Weather Phone. Note the phone is a recording only so please don't text it as you won't get an answer, and please check both these before phoning Stuart's personal number !

Weather Phone 0805 839 2753

TEAM CHANGES

Just to re-iterate that once the teams have been formed, team changes can only be made with the agreement of the coaches in **both** affected teams and **approval by the Soccer Commissioner** and this will be enforced. Please also bear in mind that part of any community sport is also to play with people other than your current friends - you might even enjoy it !

American International School of Lagos
Board of Directors
Agenda
Tuesday, September 28, 2010
AISL Conference Room

Study Session – 4:30PM

- 2010 IB Exam Results

Sharon Schauss

Regular Session – 5:00PM

Call to Order

Roll

- I. Adoption of Agenda
- II. Adoption of Minutes
- III. Recognition of Staff, Students and Community
- IV. Superintendent's Report
- V. Members of Community wishing to address the Board
- VI. Old Business
 - A. Sub Committee Reports
 1. High School Project Report
 2. Facilities Update
 3. Human Resources
 4. Finance
 5. Curriculum
 6. Funding
 - B. State of the School Feedback Stuart McGeoch
 - C. Accreditations Report Gaye Lantz
- VII. New Business
 - A. Administrative Goals 2010-2011
 - B. Motion to Approve International Trip to Egypt
 - C. Motion to Approve International Trip to DC
 - D. Motion to Conduct the first reading of Policy Change 3.000 Series
 - E. Motion to Approve the continuations of Pricewaterhouse Coopers as Auditors
 - F. 2011-2012 Recruiting Plan (Tom – Jan 21-Feb 16)
 - G. October Travel
 - AISA Educator's Conference
 - High School Drama Trip
 - High School IB Art Trip
 - Sharon Schauss - Personal
- VIII. Members of the Community wishing to address the Board
- IX. Next Regular Meeting – October 26, 2010
- X. Executive Session

October 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 NATIONAL DAY	2
					CAMPUS CLOSED	CAMPUS CLOSED
3	HS Assembly 8:30-9:45	4	5	6	7	8
	Elem Conferences	Elem Conferences	Elem Conferences	Elem Conferences	Elem Conferences	Saturday Soccer Elem Conferences
		State of the School Forum 6-8PM - Gym	Staff Meetings		HS Activity 6-9PM Gym	SAT PTO Fall Bazaar
10	11	12	PSAT 7AM-11:30AM	13	14	15
		IB Staff Meeting				HS/MS Mid-Term
						Saturday Soccer
			AISA	Conference	Nairobi	MUN Egypt
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
	HS/MS Grades Due	7:45 PTO - Cactus			Mid Term Reports Sent	Saturday Soccer
MUN Egypt	MUN Egypt	MUN Egypt	MUN Egypt	MUN Egypt	MUN Egypt	MUN Egypt
				PTO BOOK	FAIR	CPR 9:30-3PM
	AISA	Conference	In	Nairobi		\
24	HS Assembly 8:30-9:45	25	26	27	28	29
	ISTA Drama	ISTA Drama	ISTA Drama	ISTA Drama	ISTA Drama	Student of Month Gym
MUN Egypt	MUN Egypt	MUN Egypt				Saturday Soccer ISTA Drama
		AISL Board Meeting				HS Movie Night (Lib)
	PTO	BOOK	FAIR	ALL WEEK	IB Visual Arts Trip	IB Visual Arts Trip
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ISTA Drama						
IB Visual Arts Trip						

Personal Events