

Secondary Spotlight

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From the Principal

Term 2 Reports

Next Thursday the Secondary School will issue Term Two Reports to students. This will be a full report with grades and teacher comments. The grades and comments reflect your child's achievement and effort for Term Two only (October 26th – end of term) and are not cumulative grades for the entire semester. Achievement grades are based on how your child has performed in the assessment tasks for each subject s/he has studied this term. Effort grades are awarded based on the effort criteria descriptors which can be found on page 38 of this year's student diary and include areas such as participation, meeting deadlines, completion of homework, behaviour, attitude and organisation. Should you have any questions about your child's grades, progress or the teacher comment please feel free to contact the teacher concerned directly to discuss the report. If you have a more general concern about your child's progress please contact his/her Team Leader.



Mark your calendar:

(See online version of school calendars: http://www.istafrica.com/general_information/calendars.htm)

December 11-14:	IS Moshi Tournament
December 14-18:	Gr. 6-10 In-House Sports
December 17:	Board Meeting
December 17:	Issue Term 2 Reports
December 18:	Last day of Term 2

FIRST DAY BACK is WEDNESDAY 13TH JANUARY 2010

Moshi Sports Weekend

As I type this more than 60 student athletes from Grades 6-11 are on the road heading towards Moshi for the annual sports tournament between IST and ISM. Whilst they are there the students will compete in numerous sports including swimming, soccer, netball and basketball. I am sure you will join me in wishing all the athletes representing IST the very best of luck – Go Twigas!

Secondary School Parent Network

The Secondary School Parent Network will host an informal "Welcome Coffee" for secondary school parents new to IST (August thru January) on **Tuesday, January 19th from 7:15-8:30 in Room B4**. If you are new to the IST community or a veteran parent, please join the "Welcome Coffee" to network and make some connections.

December Holiday

School closes next week on **Friday 18th December at 10:00 am**. We will resume on Wednesday January 13th and it will be a Day 3. We wish all IST families a safe, happy holiday and for those celebrating Christmas, have a wonderful, festive time!

Music Concert

Last Friday evening the secondary school was treated to a vibrant performance from musicians of all grades. We had vocal performances, dancing and the first 'gig' by the Grade 10 band classes. In the midst of a busy end of term, it was a pleasure to sit and watch students enjoying the performances of their peers.

Andrew Buckman

News from the Library:

The library will be open during the December/January vacation except on the days that are national public holidays. Our hours will be from will be 8 am – 1 pm.



Ashna Tanna wins YouthSpeak Public Speaking competition

Congratulations to eighth grader Ashna Tanna, who won the Grand Final of the YouthSpeak Public Speaking Programme on Saturday 5 December.

The final was the culmination of weeks of practice for Ashna, fellow eighth grader Ankit Bhatt and seventh grader Emily Brunton, who had all taken part in a workshop on public speaking. Students from Dar es Salaam Independent School, Dar es Salaam International Academy, Haven of Peace Academy, Peninsula English Medium School and Genesis School also participated.

From sixteen participants, eight won through to the Grand Final, where competitors had to deliver two speeches. In the first round of prepared speeches, Ashna spoke expressively on 'Liar, liar: the good, the bad and the ugly aspects of lying', while Ankit's speech discussed 'Communication in the Global Village'. After the first round, the finalists were given five minutes each to prepare a short-notice speech, with both Ashna and Ankit speaking on 'Laughter'.

Many thanks to Amanda Ford Spora for her tremendous enthusiasm and hard work in organising the YouthSpeak Public Speaking Programme.

News from Roots & Shoots

Living the motto of reduce, reuse, recycle, Roots & Shoots is offering for sale some unique holiday gifts:

1. Record bowls: We have received some old LPs (long-playing records) and are making bowls out of them. The bowls can be used for keys, jewelry, crisps/chips, fruit, etc. There are two styles available – flower or 4-cornered hat. The bowls are priced at TSh. 5,000 each. If you would like one, please email Ms. Ilana at ilocker@istafrica.com with your order (specify quantity and style). Please make sure you put ISTPARENT in the subject line.



4-cornered hat shape



flower shape

2. Solar powered lamps: Why not give the gift of light this holiday while promoting sustainable energy use? A group called d.lightdesign is selling solar-powered desk lamps for Tsh. 22,500. The solar panel needs to be charged for 6 hours and then provides a very bright light for 4 hours or a bright light for 15 hours. These lamps can replace the kerosene lamps that many of our household staff probably use at home or the Tanesco-powered lamps we use at home. To read more about the benefits of using this desk lamp go to http://www.dlightdesign.com/customers_customer_benefits_global.php. If you would like to order any of the lamps, please send Ms. Ilana an email and we'll arrange for the lamps to be delivered to campus for pick up and payment.

Ilana Locker

JOB OPPORTUNITY - IST NEEDS YOUR HELP!

IST is looking for a General Manager Projects & Operations (GMPO) to lead in the redevelopment of its facilities and implementation of its Master Site Plan. This will be a Senior Management Position that will provide leadership to oversee the school's support service functions & IT infrastructure.

If you know of anyone who would be qualified for this important position, please pass the information on. For more information on the position and application criteria follow this link

<http://www.istafrica.com/downloads/employment/GM%20Operations.pdf> or visit the employment section of our website www.istafrica.com

SWIM-A-THON Saturday 12th December

The Secondary School Pool will be closed on Saturday 12th December from 8.30 - 1.30p.m. There will a sponsored swim to raise money for the Tanzanian Beach Lifeguard Association. IST students and parents are welcome to come along and swim in the event.

This swimming fundraising event for you and your friends and family is a great way to raise money while keeping fit. The 'Swim For Life' Campaign raises money for water safety programs for local schools in Dar-es-Salaam. The event will take place at the Secondary School swimming pool.

Volunteers are still needed to help count the in 10:00 - 12:00 time slot. And we need parents to be on hand to cheer.

For more information contact Amina Mfaume @ 0715-059155 or JB @ 0754-373331

On Tuesday the 15th of December at 18.30, in the IST Studio Theater, there will be a fashion show to help promote awareness of Cancer. Tickets will be sold at the main office: 5000Tsh for adults and 3000Tsh for students. Money will be donated to the Cancer Institute. Please come along and help support a good cause!