

Secondary Spotlight

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From the Vice Principal

Students, teachers and parents will be enjoying a well deserved break over the coming three weeks. With Grade 10 personal projects drafts handed in and Grade 12 college applications mailed out many families can draw breath. Life has been busy throughout this week. I was fortunate enough to attend a fashion show and talk put together by two grade 10 students on Tuesday of this week as part of their personal projects. They combined their goals of incorporating Tanzanian fabrics with European designs and increasing awareness of female forms of cancer into a fashion show with entertainment and a talk from a visiting doctor. The initiative and determination of the two students and the support of their supervisors reminded me of the value of experiential education. Through Community and service and the ESP programme we hope to expose student to situations that require them to take the lead, organize and learn through actually doing rather than practicing in a classroom environment. It was refreshing to see students take charge of their personal project in such a focused and enthusiastic way.



Mark your calendar:

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

December 18:	Last day of Term 2
FIRST DAY BACK is WEDNESDAY 13TH JANUARY 2010	
December 23	last day to register for January SAT exam
January 16	TOEFL Exam at IST
January 23	SAT Exam at IST

School Photographs

If you ordered photographs your child should have received them on Wednesday or Thursday this week. The photographer will be returning in March and can follow up with absent or newly arrived students at that time.

School Facilities

There will be building and gardening work occurring on the secondary campus over the December holiday. The field is closed as it is being resurfaced. The hard Court is closed as it is undergoing building work. The pool and library are available following regular hours to IST students and families only.

Uniform

If you are travelling during the December break please take the chance to stock up on school clothing. That is: navy blue shorts, trousers, skirts with no visible logo or pattern for all students in Grades 6-10. For grade 11-12 girls in particular, as we approach the hotter weather please choose cool clothing but not 'spaghetti' strap tops. It is also a good chance to ensure you have comfortable covered shoes – not flip flops or beach shoes.

January Start

School will start on Wednesday January 13. We will begin with **Day 3**.

Happy Holidays and see you in January!

Elizabeth Andrews

What's been happening in MYP Humanities this term?

In Humanities, IST students in Grades 6 to 10 have been busily engaged studying a number of topics and concepts from the fields of geography, history and beyond. To give you a little taste, here are brief descriptions and a few photos of some of the units covered in this term that has just ended. Grade 6 students went to Zanzibar as part of their Extended Study Programme (ESP) and while there they had a chance to partake on a tour of the spice and slavery trade routes. This perfectly complemented their unit on historical trade in Africa.



In Grade 7, students completed their study of Ancient Greece and Rome. Their engaging unit question was "How have previous civilizations influenced our lives today?" Students have been involved in independent projects with student-generated topics and products, in the view of exploring these two ancient civilizations in more breadth (and depth).

Grade 8 meanwhile culminated their unit on culture with the Making of Me project, which has been proudly displayed in the library during the past two weeks. They also studied about the social and artistic changes that took place during the Italian Renaissance, and became familiar with some of the many achievements of Leonardo da Vinci.

The students in Grade 9 were lucky enough to host Mr. Indrika Ratwatte from the United Nations High Commission on Refugees (UNHCR) as part of their unit on population and migration. Mr. Ratwatte, the father of one of our students in Grade 8, was kind enough to share with the Grade 9 students a thought-provoking presentation that not only covered the legal many challenges that the UNHCR and the host country of Tanzania face when welcoming and sheltering refugees.

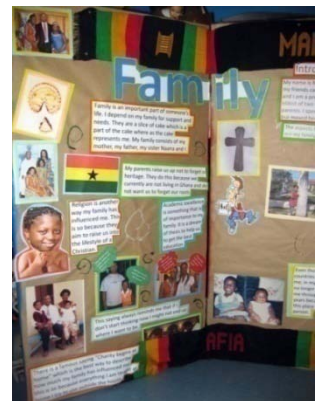


Mr Indrika Ratwatte – United Nations High Commission on Refugees (UNHCR)

Finally, Grade 10 students have been studying a unit on African history from the time of the Scramble of Africa up to independence. Using primary sources, textbooks, videos and other materials they have studied the value and limitation of sources and received a good taste of what history at the IB Diploma level is like.

Term 3 promises to be just as interesting and challenging!

Andres Eguiguren



Swimming Pool Officially Open

This week, IST celebrated the opening of the Elementary Campus swimming pool. The ceremony was followed by a swimming gala for 4th and 5th graders. IST's elementary school pool was first built in 1969. After forty years the pool has recently undergone some much needed renovations to bring it up to international standards. The cramped decks have been replaced by a spacious poolside area. The old, dull tiles have been replaced and the pumps upgraded. The changing rooms and showers have been refurbished. New spectator galleries have been added to bring the facility up to world-class standards. The refurbishment of IST's pool at the elementary school, together with completion of a new science building on the secondary campus, are the first steps in planned redevelopment of the two IST campuses.

Last year, an IST student represented Tanzania in the Olympics in Beijing. Other members of the Dar es Salaam community also benefit from IST's swimming pool as a part of IST's community service programmes. Some of the Tanzanian organizations whose children swim with IST students are the Mtoni Special School and the Kurasini Orphanage.

(You can find more photos in the photo gallery on www.istafrica.com)



The open times for the IST Community are as follows.

Monday to Friday – 7.00am to 7.45 am – Lane swimming for IST parents

Monday to Friday - 3.00pm to 5.00pm – Free Swim for IST Community

Saturdays – 10.00am to 5.00pm – Free Swim for IST Community

Sundays - closed

HOLIDAY HOURS:

Lifeguards will be on duty from 9.00am to 4.00pm from Monday to Saturday. Closed every Sunday

Pool will be closed Xmas Day, Boxing Day and New Years Day (and any other national holidays)



COLLEGE COUNSELOR CORNER

Thank You From University Visitors

Thank you to all the IST students and parents who took the time to meet with the admission representatives from the the UK, US and Canadian Universities during the past few months here at IST. These visitors were very impressed with the large number of people who they spoke with and appreciated the high level of interest shown in their universities. Including the various fairs hosted by the UK, US and Canadian Universities, plus the Harvard, Yale and University of Pennsylvania information sessions, more than a total of 1000 IST students and parents were in attendance at these many events. I hope you enjoyed the opportunity to learn more about these universities where more than 35 of our past IST graduates are now studying at.

Great News From The IST Class of 2010

After 4 months of an intense university application time for our IB2 students, and with more than 400 applications having been, or being submitted, I want to inform you about some exciting news that some of our IB2 students have recently received about their university early applications. Congratulations to the following students on being admitted into US universities beginning in August of 2010. For some, these acceptances also include the receiving of a 4 year scholarship to meet their financial needs as well, which could amount to more than \$50,000 per year! These students (and their families!!) have indeed received some very special holiday gifts:

Josephine Smit—Yale University
McKenna College

Kunaal Chande—Claremont-

Maximillian Ngendahayo—Grinnell College
Tampa

Alistair Gibson—University of

Nikki Golding—University of Tampa

Along with the above US University acceptances many of our students have also applied to and have already been offered conditional acceptances to many universities and programs in the UK as well. However for some of the most competitive courses in the UK, students must be invited for an interview before they can be offered a conditional offer of admission, and such is the case of the following selected students:

Alexandru Podgurschi—interviewed for Oxford University; waiting for a decision

Mohannad Abood—interviewing at Hull-York Medical College

Hasnain Lalji—interviewing at Sheffield Medical College

Kulthoun Tajmohamed—interviewing at East Anglia, Birmingham, and Liverpool Medical Colleges

It is easy to see that universities continue to be impressed by our IST students, especially when considering the fact that the average acceptance rate of many of the above US and UK universities is less than 10%. A very big thank you goes out to all IST teachers and staff, and of course all family members who have supported these students in obtaining university interviews, university acceptances and even scholarships. The success of our students is indeed an IST community effort and is something everyone can celebrate in. I also wish the very best to the remaining members of the class of 2010 as they await news on their university decisions during the upcoming months. Please watch future Secondary Spotlight editions for more exciting news about the class of 2010.

A Special Holiday to All,

Daryl Rustad

IST College Counselor (drustad@istafrica.com)

DO YOU SPEAK FRANÇAIS?

Dear parents and IST students

We are three francophone students from I.S.T. secondary school, in grade 11 and 12. We would like to promote the French language in our school by organizing an after-school activity for both primary and secondary students wanting to use this beautiful language in a setting other than in class or at home.

The activities we will offer will vary from:

- performing a short theater play
- teaching how to play some music
- singing some songs, maybe in order to perform during the IST Francophonie Day in April.

We may also play some board games or sport, such as football, basketball, volleyball, etc.
ALL IN FRENCH!

This activity will take place at IST secondary campus, on Mondays from 2 to 3 p.m., starting after the Christmas break, in January.

We would be pleased to provide you with any further information. If you have any questions, contact us at one of the following addresses:

- Lorraine de Labriolle: lasuisse07@hotmail.fr
- Nicolas Deflandre: nicoriginal@live.be
- Damien Barrière: cocotier_punk@hotmail.com

Moshi Tournament

Last weekend 70 students and 7 staff traveled to Moshi for the annual Sports Tournament. Junior and Senior boys and girls participate in eight different sports and had a fantastic but exhausting time. IST came away with a host of winning plaques with notable performances in swimming, football, basketball, badminton and floor hockey. A big thank you to the International School of Moshi for being fantastic hosts and Mr. and Mrs. Fogliano, Mr. Toms, Mr. Kaskella, Mr. Dale and Mr. JB for giving up their weekend to travel with and coach the teams.



Steve Turner

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.

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