

Secondary Spotlight

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From the Vice Principal



As I write, we have twelve students busy presenting and lobbying their peers from all over the world at the Model United Nations in The Hague, Netherlands. Next month another sixteen students are representing IST at the Global Issues Summit in Zambia, while a smaller group is attending the Drama festival of ISTA in Dubai. All these opportunities challenge students to be risk takers, open minded, thinkers. In supporting events such as these we hope to encourage a balance for students between classroom application of their learning and experiential learning. Whether the students are presenting to a large public group, testing boundaries of personal knowledge and comfort or discovering completely new approaches to familiar ideas and issues, they come away from these events with increased confidence and ability to apply their knowledge. These are skills that support students in both the MYP and DP programmes.

Mark your calendar:

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

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January 21-30:	THIMUN Trip to the Hague
February 1:	MYP Personal Project Report Due
February 2:	ESP Parent Information, 7:30 PM, B4: Grade 8, Library: Grade 7
February 4:	Parenting Styles Presentation, 7:30 AM RM B4, Repeated at 7:00 PM
February 8-12:	Grade 7-11 ESP Week and Grade 12 IB Mock Exams
February 11:	Principal's Coffee postponed
February 16:	Kiswahili Day
February 16:	Principal's Coffee 7:30 AM
February 17:	Opening of Grade 10 Personal Project Display 7:00 PM
February 22-March 3:	Gr. 10 Modern Language Orals
February 23-25:	Gr. 12 Theatre Arts Performances

ESP / Grade 12 Mock exams

In the week of February 8-12 students in Grades 7-11 are off campus participating in their ESP trips. This is a compulsory week of school that involves either fieldwork activities to support curriculum - Grades 7, 8, 11 or experiential learning that challenges and extends students in Grades 9-10. Teachers have been working very hard over the past months planning the trips.

While the campus is quiet, the grade 12 students are sitting their mock exams in preparation for the final exams in May. The Mock Exam results will be sent home to students and parents on March 9.

Term Three - Reports

This term students in Grades 6-11 will receive a report on March 19 with grades for Achievement and Effort. There are no comments on this report. However, there is an opportunity to meet with teachers in late March at the Parent Teacher Conferences- more details to follow. The grades are for work done during this term only - it is not a cumulative report.

Transition to new School Management Software

Over the coming six months IST will transition from our current school management software to a new product with improved range of functions and support. School management software stores and organises all parent details, student details, grades, timetables and so on. Training with office staff begins next week and they will be working behind the scenes over the coming months to check data and learn how to use the new system.

How does this affect parents and students?

From August 2010 we will be operating fully on the new system. The only noticeable difference to you will hopefully be increased reliability of communication and some change in the format of forms for parents.

The product we are moving to is called EdAdmin. You can view their website at: <http://www.ed-admin.com/>

I hope to see you on campus over the coming week

Elizabeth Andrews

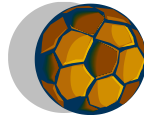
Activities News

We are only into our second week of activities and already there is a lot of good work going on. MAD and the Student Council are organizing Valentines events, Creating for the Community are making checkers boards for use by other community service groups and Roots and Shoots are collecting paper and recycling it into sound proof ceiling tiles.

On the sports front the DISL leagues began this week. The U13 football teams had a mixed start with the girls recording a good 2-0 win over Medway. The boys conceded too many early goals and lost 3-0 to a very strong Emima team. The senior girls basketball team also recorded a resounding win over HOPAC and the boys scored a walkover due to the opposition not turning up.

The senior basketball teams are currently preparing for the ISSEA Championships to be held in Harare in March. Next Wednesday 3rd February sees IST host the first swim meet of the calendar year. We hope the entertain swimmers from HOPAC, French School, DIS and Aga Khan. The meet is due to begin at 3.30 and finish at 5.30. If there are any parents who are free to help officiate/time keep please contact me before Wednesday at sturner@istafrica.com.

DISL UPDATE



The U-13 DISL soccer league started yesterday, boys lost **0-3** against **Emima** and Girls beat **Midway 2-0**.
Next week games will be IST gainst **Goodshephard** for the boys and against **Emima** for girls.

Kaskella Mjovella

Parenting Styles Presentation
Secondary Campus, Room B4
Thursday, February 4th (7:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.)
(With a Repeat that Evening at 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.)

ARE YOU IN THE WAY?

Wise parents let things unfold
with as little interference as possible.

They remain out of the way,
not calling attention to themselves.

Their children discover
the natural harmony of things,
and work out their conflicts
in ways that establish true peace.

When parents interfere,
and constantly meddle in their children's lives,
the natural order is forgotten.

Conflicts are escalated,
learning is curtailed,
and confusion reigns.

There are certainly times when we should guide.

We naturally want to protect our children,
and teach them what we have learned.

But it is best when we let that guidance
be as unobtrusive,
and gentle as possible.

Forcing lessons on our children
may get the immediate results we want.

But our children may be left without discernment,
unable to build internal strength of character.

What are your children in the midst of learning now?

Are you in the way?

(From The Parent's Tao Te Ching, a New Interpretation, by William Martin)

What's your parenting style? Come along to one of the presentations on Thursday to find out more about effective parenting techniques. What works, what doesn't?...

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H1N1 VACCINE AVAILABLE

The H1N1 Vaccine is available at the IST Clinic. Vaccinations will be on February 2nd and 3rd at the Clinic.

This vaccination is strongly recommended for people with asthma, children from 6 months to 5 years, people with heart conditions, diabetes and other causes of low immunity and anybody travelling abroad and does not want to catch the H1N1 influenza

For further information please contact the IST Clinic +255-22-2601307 and 2601308 or visit their website <http://istclinic.com>.

WEDNESDAY 3 FEB – SATURDAY 6 FEBRUARY 2010
STARTS 7.30 p.m. at IST STUDIO THEATRE
TICKETS AT NOVEL IDEA (Slipway) – on sale NOW!

Calling all theatre fans: a new play coming up next week at IST Studio Theatre!

BOLD GIRLS by Rona Munro is a stirring play about the friendships, family, love and loyalties of three women in war-torn Belfast. Although their men have been killed or imprisoned for their political activities, everyday life must go on. But the appearance of a disturbing young girl sets in motion an unstoppable train of events....

With strong characters and witty dialogue, the play is "...absorbing, often funny and exhilarating." (Sunday Telegraph). Rona Munro won the Susan Smith Blackburn Award and the Evening Standard's Most Promising Playwright Award in 1991 for **BOLD GIRLS**.

Parental advisory: mature themes and some strong language (15+)

Please come and support us! All proceeds to CCBRT hospital.

