

Secondary Spotlight

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Dates to watch...

(See online version of school calendars:

http://www.istafrica.com/general_information/calendars.htm)

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| Sat 6 Jun | SAT exam |
| Mon 8 Jun | Grade 10 Dinner @7pm |
| Wed 10 Jun | Reports distributed at end of day |
| Thu 11 Jun | Final Assembly – school dismissed @10am |

Next week is: Week A

From the Principal

The year is coming to a close and we are all looking forward to the opportunity to spend some quality time with our families. The school year 2008-09 has been one of growth and continued development for IST and as we look back and reflect we can be proud of our sons/daughters achievements and the progress of the school in general. We welcomed two visiting authorization bodies to the Secondary School this year. CIS/MSA came to reaccredit the school and the MYP conducted an evaluation visit as well. Both of these visits required teachers and administration of the school to prepare reports, self evaluate and consider plans for the future to ensure continuous improvement in the education we provide to your children. Preliminary reports from both visiting teams were very positive about the ongoing curriculum development and enthusiasm and dedication of the teachers and faculty at the Secondary School.

The Science laboratories are nearing completion and we expect to move into them before school commences in August. There are ongoing plans for further facility development on both campuses in the years ahead and I look forward to seeing continued progress in that area.

At our final assembly on Thursday morning we will also farewell departing students and teachers who have all contributed at IST in some way or the other during the past few years. We wish them all the best in their new schools and countries.

Teachers leaving IST

Justin Alexander (Principal), Kellie Alexander (PE and Substitute teacher), Clear Orlando (Mathematics), Susan Piper (Student Services), Noor Parkar (DT and IT), Tim Wagner (counselor), David Giles (English), Paul Cronin (English), Kevin Rose (Humanities/French), Rachel Cannon (Science), Pam Makunja (Mathematics), Paul Murphy (Humanities), Alex Murphy (Science/Humanities), Marta Molas (Spanish), Ruthie Farrier-Rydgren (Student Services) and Davina Solomon (Mathematics)

To those families and students that are leaving Dar es Salaam, we wish you all the best and hope that you enjoyed your experience in Tanzania and IST. This school and country provides you with many opportunities and I trust that you took advantage of that during your stay in this great country. I too am leaving IST and Tanzania after four wonderful years and I can say that I have really enjoyed working alongside our teaching and support staff and with your children. I will cherish and remember the time my family and I have spent here at IST and in Tanzania.

Justin Alexander

School concludes with an all school assembly at 9.00am in the MPH. Students will be dismissed at the

IST Secondary Pool

The Secondary Swimming pool will be closed on Saturday 6th June (8am - 2pm) due to the Dar Swim Club Swimming Gala.

Sorry for any inconvenience.

Thanks
Steve Turner

IST's new schedule for 2009 – 2010

In last week's Spotlight I wrote about the new day structure for IST next year. The next piece of information that will be of interest to parents and students is how the days themselves will appear through the week. As I mentioned, the new schedule is a 'rolling' one. So, although this schedule runs over 10 days, days 1-10 rotate in that order regardless of which day of the week they fall on.

For example, when we begin school on Monday 10th August it will be a Day 1; Tuesday will be Day 2 etc. The following week, Monday will be Day 6 and so on. Interruptions during the week due to a holiday, teacher training day or parent-teacher conference etc, will not affect the rolling cycle. If we were on Day 4 on Thursday and the Friday happens to be a holiday then when we return on the next Monday it will be day 5, not Day 6.

The reason for this is to help keep a balance of teaching days throughout the year. Currently, if school is closed for a day, the classes on that day are missed. If we are closed for four Fridays in one school year, for example, then the same lesson are missed each time. A rolling programme helps to minimize lost teaching time due to missed school days.

Below is what the schedule will look like over the 10 days.

Students in Grades 6-10 will have the same class in each block, for example A=English, B=Science etc. This allows for planning and predictability for students. They will always have the same four classes on a given day. For example: English, Languages, PE and Science.

Grade 11 and 12 students will also always have the same three classes on a given day. For example: English, Biology, Math Studies. In the fourth block they will have one of the following: Higher Level additional time/TOK/HSE/study period.

| | Day 1 | Day 2 | Day 3 | Day 4 | Day 5 | Day 6 | Day 7 | Day 8 | Day 9 | Day 10 |
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| 6.55 - 7.10 | Homeroom = 10mins (plus 5 minutes passing) | | | | | | | | | |
| 7.15 - 8.35 | A | H | D | E | B | G | C | F | A | H |
| 8.35 - 8.55 | break = 20mins | | | | | | | | | |
| 8.55 - 10.15 | B | E | C | H | D | F | A | G | C | F |
| 10.15 - 10.25 | passing=10mins | | | | | | | | | |
| 10.25 - 11.45 | C | G | B | F | A | E | D | H | D | E |
| 11.45 - 12.25 | lunch break =40mins | | | | | | | | | |
| 12.25 - 1.45 | D | F | A | G | C | H | B | E | B | G |

Obviously the new day structure and schedule will take some getting used to for students, parents and teachers. We will print the day cycle in the Student Diary next year to help everyone remember which day is happening when.

We are confident that the changes suggested will help us to improve the teaching and learning here at IST. There may be a few teething problems but we will iron these out during Term 1 with your help and support. If you have any thoughts or comments about the above please do get in touch with me.

I wish everyone a safe and happy holiday. To those who are leaving, all the best of luck in your new locations and I look forward to welcoming everybody else back at school on August 10th.

Andrew Buckman

IST Yearbook 2009

Dear Parents,

The end of the school year is a busy time as we conduct exams, final assemblies, class parties, produce reports and say our goodbyes to departing students/teachers and parents. A usual culminating activity is the handing out of the Yearbook just prior to school finishing. Unfortunately, due to setbacks with the printing and binding process of the Yearbook in South Africa we are not able to guarantee the arrival of the Yearbooks before school breaks up on Thursday June 11th.

Despite the efforts of our printers and Yearbook team (led by Mr. Joe Barder) the Yearbooks are not likely to physically land into Dar es Salaam airport until the 15th of June or so and then they will then need to be cleared through customs etc. Once books have been cleared through customs and delivered to the school we make an announcement via email/sms and post a message on our website that they are ready for collection. Students and parents that are still in Dar es Salaam will then be able to go to the ES and SS offices to collect their yearbook. If you are not returning to Dar es Salaam next year then can you please list below the name/details of a friend/colleague that is willing to collect the book on your behalf and who can then forward it to you. If you are leaving Dar es Salaam for the June/July break but will return in August you can stop by either of the main offices to pick it up when they are available or wait until school starts again.

We are however, able to print large A3 sizes pages of the Yearbook and have them posted on walls around both campuses so that students and parents can see the results of the hard work of our Yearbook team before the year is out. Additionally we will provide all students with an autograph page that they can collect signatures/comments from their friends that can then be stuck into the Yearbooks when they finally arrive. At the same time we are endeavouring to produce DVD/copies of the yearbook for distribution before school finishes.

Once again, our sincerest apologies at not being able to have Yearbooks ready for you before the school year finishes and our deepest thanks for your understanding.

Regards

Mr. Justin Alexander, Mr. Joseph Barder
On behalf of the 2008-09 Yearbook Staff

If you have any further questions please email secondary@istafrica.com

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If you wish some else to collect your Yearbook on your behalf then please fill out this form and return to the ES office or the SS office before Thursday June 11th

Student Name Grade level

Name of student/friend/ authorised person to collect Yearbook on my behalf

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IST Graduation 2009



On Saturday May 30th, the 70 members of this years' graduating class along with 450 family, friends and invited guests gathered at the Moevenpick Hotel for their graduation ceremony. This year's class represented 15 different nationalities, with 18 of the class having joined IST in EC2 in 1995.

During the ceremony, a number of special awards were given out for the following:

Women's Sports Award
Men's Sports Award
Community Service award
TOK Award
ECIS Award for international understanding
BK Tanna Award

Katheryn Piper
Kartik Kapoor
Maura van As
Megha Okhai
Markus Lyngmo
Katheryn Piper.

The Valedictorian for the class was Megha Okhai and the Salutatorian was Nishant Tharani. Both students gave superb speeches that brought together all the different threads that make up this year's class. Tim Piper an IST parent of four years gave the Graduation Speech and other speakers included Justin Alexander, the Secondary School Principal and Stephen Maine the IB Diploma Coordinator. These speeches can be found on the IST website, www.istafrica.com

It was a fantastic day and a fitting end to the graduates IST experience. We wish all of them the very best of luck as they head of to university and other adventures and look forward to hearing about their successes in the future.

Stephen Maine
IBDP Coordinator



'Pic of the Week'

Graduation photos taken by a local photographer are on sale at Tsh5000 per photo. There are some beautiful photos of students, parents and teachers so make sure you claim yours!

Contact the Secondary School office for details.

News from the Library

Even though all students are required to return their books before report cards will be issued, all returning students **will** be able to check books out for the summer starting on June 11 (the last day of school). In addition, the library will remain open throughout the summer but with the slightly reduced hours of 8 am – 1 pm.

IST Travel Wiki

If you are planning on doing any traveling in Tanzania or neighboring countries this summer, please remember the IST Travel Wiki and post on the Wiki comments about the places in which you've stayed.

There are two ways to enter the information:

1. Go to <http://isttravel.wetpaint.com/>, and go to the page for which you have information. The major locations are located on the left-hand column. Click on EasyEdit and wait for the editable page to load and then start typing. When you are done, click Save (you can Skip the edit note) and wait for it to finish saving!
2. Knowing that fast internet access is not always available, you can also email the information to ilocker@istafrica.com and I will enter the information for you. Please put ISTPARENT in the subject heading.

It's really quite easy and we hope we can all share information in order to make the IST Travel Wiki a great resource for all of us!

Collection Drive for old school supplies!

Reminder that we are collecting old but usable school supplies in the library to be distributed to the community groups with which we work.

Thanks

Ilana Locker

DISL Basketball Final Results

Final results of DISL U13 basketball games: IST 1 (girls) were first runners; IST 2 took the 6th place. For boys IST 1 took 7th place and IST 2 took 8th place.

In special awards IST teams (boys and girls) won "The most environment friendly award."

Once again I would like thank all coaches, parents and all ist staff who made it possible for the young TWIGAS to get together with other teams and participate in the DISL U13 basketball league.

Bahati Mgunda
DISL coordinator

'Illustrious Alumni'



Rachel Miller
Israeli

When did you leave IST?

1997 after finishing 8th grade.

What next?

I home-schooled for two years then left for Israel where I graduated and later joined the army for two years. After my service I went to University and worked at the Israeli Airport Authority.

What did you study?

I studied international relations at the open university in Israel.

What are you doing now?

I came back to Dar es Salaam in 2005 and I am currently the Head of Security at Umoja house which holds four Diplomatic Missions.

Where have you worked?

I have worked at the Israeli Airport Authority, then at Ultimate Security in Tanzania and now at Umoja house.

Fond Memories of IST

The many friend I made and the memories I had with 'Da crew' – you know who you are!

College Counselor Update

IB1 SAT and TOEFL

All IB1 students needing to sit for the TOEFL exam must register now for the August 15th test date at www.ets.org/toefl with the use of a credit card for payment. Also those students who are planning to sit for their SAT Subject exams in October may also begin their registration now as well at www.collegeboard.com and again with the use of a credit card. Please see Mrs. Sherali or Mr Rustad in the Counselor office if you are in need of any help registering for these exams.

SAT Preparation for Grade 10 and IB1

During the upcoming holiday break two I.S.T. graduates, Dushyant Pattni and Aashna Puri are bringing an exciting SAT Preparation opportunity to our students. Both Dushyant and Aashna scored exceptional high on the SAT exams themselves and are now attending competitive universities in the United States. We are fortunate to have them now working with Ivy Insiders, a U.S. based test prep company to share their skills and strategies with students here in Tanzania. Ivy Insiders was founded at Harvard University in 2003 with a mission to help high school students score very well on the SAT.

The SAT is required by most competitive Universities in the United States and can open opportunities for scholarships. This course would be particularly useful for our current grade 10 students as they will be sitting for their PSAT's early next year and the IB1's who are looking to improve their SAT scores. The course will run for two weeks at IST with three practice tests on each Saturday and lectures on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. The schedule for the courses is as follows: Session 1: June 13th – June 27th; Session 2: June 20th – July 4th; Session 3: July 4th – July 18th; Session 4: July 18th – July 25th. For more information please contact Dushyant Pattni at dushyant.pattni@gmail.com or Aashna Puri at aashna@sas.upenn.edu (cell phone: 0789-4980000)

Congratulations IST Class of 2009

Receiving an education from IST has once again proven invaluable as evidenced by the acceptances of our graduates of the Class of 2009 into excellent universities throughout the world. Even with the dramatic increase in the number of 16-19 year olds applying to universities, this year's IST graduating class has proven that they can indeed compete with secondary school students from anywhere in the world. Accordingly, just as the competition for university entry has increased so too has the competition for receiving financial assistance from these universities as well. Fortunately for those in the Class of 2009 who have demonstrated financial need, they have still been able to receive scholarship offers in excess of \$4 million. These offers have included 20 individual full need scholarships for a four year education at a US university.

Countries in which the graduates of the Class of 2009 have applied to are: The UK, Canada, US, The Netherlands, Australia, South Africa, Belgium, Ireland, India, Finland, Lebanon, United Arab Emirates, Italy and New Zealand. With most students receiving numerous university admissions, many of them have had a very difficult time in choosing the university that they will attend. Listed below are the universities the Class of 2009 will be attending as was announced at their Graduation Ceremony this past Saturday:

| | SURNAME | FIRST NAME | University Attending |
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| 1 | Abdallah | Nabila | Stanford University – US |
| 2 | Alibhai | Huzefa | Boston University in US or Aston University in UK |
| 3 | Barriere-Constantin | Reine | University for the Creative Arts Canterbury (UCA) -UK |
| 4 | Bhaloo | Ally Hussein | University of Portsmouth - UK |
| 5 | Bhatia | Bhavit | Kings College in UK or Hofstra University in US |
| 6 | Caro | Barnabas | University of British Columbia - Canada |
| 7 | Cecil | Jeremy | Applying to universities in Finland |
| 8 | Chollera | Heena | University of Virginia - US |
| 9 | Cochrane | Jessica | Applying to University of Pretoria in South Africa |
| 10 | Dawood | Rahim | Cardiff University in UK or York University in Canada |
| 11 | Dewji | Abbas | Aston University - UK |
| 12 | Dewji | Ali | Queen Mary University - UK |
| 13 | Dewji | Hussein | Pepperdine University - US |
| 14 | Dewji | Zainab | Queen Mary University – UK |
| 15 | Dhanani | Aasiyah | University of British Columbia – Canada |
| 16 | Dorst | Sebastian | Applying to Erasmus Medical Centre of Rotterdam – The Netherlands |

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| 17 | Gajjar | Sameer | University of Ontario Institute of Technology - Canada |
| 18 | Godfrey | Dustin | Gap year |
| 19 | Gulamhussein | Irfan | Ryerson University - Canada |
| 20 | Hameer | Fatema | Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) - US |
| 21 | Holshey | Lauren | George Mason University - US |
| 22 | Hussein | Sahil | London School of Pharmacy - UK |
| 23 | Ibom | Utibe | Savannah College of Art and Design (SCAD) - US |
| 24 | Ilahuka | Sylvia | Wellesley College - US |
| 25 | Jivani | Razeen | Wharton School of Business, University of Penn - US |
| 26 | Jiwa | Zain | University of British Columbia - Canada |
| 27 | Kapoor | Kartik | Vassar College - US |
| 28 | Karim | Ali-Hussein | University of Toronto - Canada |
| 29 | Kawra | Gaurav | National Institute of Technology - India |
| 30 | Kelly | Joshua | Duke University - US |
| 31 | Khaki | Aliasger | University of Central Florida - US |
| 32 | Kotecha | Rutu | Ringling College of Art and Design - US |
| 33 | Ladha | Ally | Ryerson University - Canada |
| 34 | Lomonaco | Amanda | Applying to Victoria University in New Zealand |
| 35 | Lupimo | Evelyn | Stanford University - US |
| 36 | Lyngmo | Markus | Hotel-School of the Hague - The Netherlands |
| 37 | Mawalla | Pasque | Politecnico di Milano - Italy |
| 38 | Mawani | Nabeel | Univ. of Western Ontario or British Columbia - Canada |
| 39 | Mbatia | Charles | Stanford University - US |
| 40 | Meghjee | Qasimreza | Kings College - UK |
| 41 | Moshi | Magdalena | Applying to Australian Universities |
| 42 | Mujaya | Deborah | Trinity University - US |
| 43 | Mukandala | Kaijuko | Whittier College - US |
| 44 | Nagorsen | Alice | Jacobs University in Bremen - Germany |
| 45 | Noordholland de Jong | Rik | Amsterdam University College - The Netherlands |
| 46 | Okhai | Megha | Yale University - US |
| 47 | Olivier | Matt | Applying to South African Universities |
| 48 | Patel | Chitra | Ringling College of Art and Design (RCAD) - US |
| 49 | Patel | Sonali | Kings College - UK |
| 50 | Piper | Katheryn | Yale University - US |
| 51 | Punjani | Zaaid | McMaster or York University - Canada |
| 52 | Raadschilders | Berend | University of Amsterdam - The Netherlands |
| 53 | Raichura | Amrita | Kings College London - UK |
| 54 | Rajani | Dhrupesh | University of Southern California (USC) - US |
| 55 | Revmatas | Michaelis | The School of Oriental & African Studies (SOAS) - UK |
| 56 | Rustad | Brit | Wheaton College - US |
| 57 | Sagar | Prashant | City University - UK |
| 58 | Sanjeev Kumar | Shiva | Boston University - US |
| 59 | Sanya | Mohammed | Applying to University of Birmingham - UK |
| 60 | Schuler | Cid | University for the Creative Arts, Canterbury - UK |
| 61 | Serikali | Alex | Trinity University - US |
| 62 | Shah | Darshil | University of Warwick - UK or Babson College - US |
| 63 | Shone | Tamrat | Imperial College or Warwick University - UK |
| 64 | Tharani | Nishant | Warwick University - UK |
| 65 | Tomita | Yoko | Soka University of America, California - US |
| 66 | Van As | Maura | University College of London (UCL) - UK |
| 67 | Van Jaarsveld | Lu-Ane | Applying to Univ. of Pretoria and Stellenbosch - RSA |
| 68 | Williams | Kirsten | Carleton University - Canada |
| 69 | Yegella | Sabrina | Dartmouth College - US |
| 70 | Zakhem | Maurice | Applying to universities in Lebanon |