

Secondary Spotlight

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From the Vice Principal



This week we welcomed the Grade 6s and their teachers back from their ESP trip to Zanzibar. The trip went well and now the students and their teachers will pull together the work and experiences from last week. There will be an ESP Open House in late February/early March once all the work is complete. Grade 9-11 students and teachers are beginning the planning for their ESP and fieldwork week in February.

Early Departures/Late returns – December holiday

We often receive enquiries from parents about leaving early for the December break.

Please remember that teaching, learning and assessment continue until the last day of school for term 2. Missing these final school days can result in students missing out on final unifying lessons or assessments. In addition, reports are not issued until Thursday December 17, 1.45pm. We will close at 10.00am on December 18 to enable families to manage travel commitments.

We open school on Wednesday January 13. Arriving late for the start of term can mean that your child misses out on the introductory lessons for a new unit. If you have a specific situation that may result in you leaving early or returning late please communicate with subject teachers and team leaders as soon as possible.

Assessments

Students on the secondary school will have a busy two weeks as they complete assessment across their subjects for Term 2. Please check your child's diary and work with them to manage their time over the coming two weeks. Most students have a range of written assessments in class, assignments being completed at home, oral presentations. Check in with your child and agree on a study schedule to manage their assignments and review for tests. You can access the assessment calendar via the school website: <http://sites.istafrica.com/calendars/>

Swimming Pool – OPEN!!

The secondary swimming pool is open again. After school activities using the pool will run as normal for next week.

I hope to see you on campus over the coming week

Elizabeth Andrews

Mark your calendar:

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

November 27:	Student Council Movie Night
December 1:	SS World HIV/AIDS Day
December 2:	SS Parent Network Meeting 7:15 am
December 3-5:	IST Faculty Play "All in the Timing" 8:30-9:30 pm
December 4:	Secondary School Music Concert 7:00 AM
December 5:	SAT
December 10:	SS Principal's Coffee 7:30 AM
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

Dear Parents

All eleven Board members, both representatives of the Teacher Association and the Senior Management of IST (Director, Principals and General Manager of Finance and Administration) attended last week's Board Open Forum to inform you about the Board's tasks and responsibilities and to discuss challenges and accomplishments.

We thank the parents who came and actively engaged in our discussions! We interpret the fact that more parents attend the Principals' coffees, parent groups and workshops than participated in the Board Open Forum as a sign that you are comfortable with the strategic direction of the school and thank you for your confidence!

However, we encourage IST's community to keep our dialogue going. The IST Board needs parents' inputs and feedback to further improve its performance and services. At the same time, parents will benefit from a better understanding of the school's functioning and the way specific challenges are dealt with. The IST Board will continue to provide you with information via the school's weekly newsletters: "Essentially Elementary" and "Secondary Spotlight", via the "Board" section on IST's website www.istafrica.com, via parents' letters on specific issues and during Board events. We are constantly seeking ways to improve our communication with you. Please help us to keep in touch!

Have a look at the presentation made during the Open Forum at www.istafrica.com (Board section). We are proud to present to you IST's Strategy Map, the fruit of many months of hard work by the Board and school Management in order to live up to IST's vision and our community's expectations. After developing Goals and subdividing them into specific Functional Areas, such as Human Resource Management, Program/Curriculum Management and Facilities and Financial Management, concerned representatives of IST's Management and the Board have started to put together and to implement Action Plans which help us to guide the overall performance of IST in view of our vision. The Strategy Map is a working tool to be revisited in regular intervals. Your comments and inputs are therefore most welcome to help us keep on track!

You can contact us via board@istafrica.com, or phone or talk to us whenever you meet us on the campuses (our individual portraits are on the website, too). You can get first-hand information during Board Open Forums (twice yearly – the next one is on 24 March 2010) and the Annual General Meeting (in May each year).

We welcome you to volunteer your services, your professional knowhow and experience and be co-opted to one of the Board's working groups or to consider becoming a Board member yourself! Thank you for helping us to further improve IST's performance in the interest of our childrens' best education. Karibuni sana!

SWIM-A-THON - Saturday 12th, December

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. Registration deadline is 1st December 2009.

Register early for more time to collect pledges from your neighbors, local businesses etc. REMEMBER every 25 meters is tshs. 1000.

All forms need to be back to the swimathon committee by 6th Dec, 2009

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

Need a little more music in your life? Come on by IST Friday, December 4th at 7 p.m. for an evening of good tunes and good vibes.

We'll be busting open the garage doors again for this year's beginner bands who will be performing for the first time, as well as some of IST's seasoned players. It promises to be an evening of funk and flamenco, so don't forget.

IST Secondary Campus, outside the music room
Friday, December 4th at 7 p.m.



DISL UPDATES

Tuesday this week saw the long awaited finals of the Under 18 DISL Football leagues hosted at HOPAC and LAUREATE School. A total of 18 teams participated and treated the crowd to a feast of football. Both IST teams finished 5th . The girls IST team beat ESSACS 9-0 and won the age category special award, while boys team won penalties 4-3 against ESSACS and won discipline special award. Congratulations to all those who represented IST in the leagues this season, coaches and a big thank you to Oliver the DISL coordinator and Steve Turner (Athletic director) for their great organization. Next term sees the start of the U-13 football and the U-15 and U- 18 basketball leagues.

U-15 DISL FOOTBALL LEAGUE

Both boys and girls IST teams played their last game yesterday before the final on Thursday **3rd December** at HOPAC ,boys lost **4-1** against DYOC and girls won **7-1** against Genesis.

The U-15 DISL soccer league finals have been cancelled this saturday the **28th of November 2009**) due to a public holiday (Eid el hajj) until Thursday the **3rd of December** (next week) at HOPAC from **2:00pm**.

Kaskella Mjovella

Student Council News:

The New Moon Movie Bus leaves today (Friday, November 27)! We will be leaving a little earlier than first stated, to avoid any possible traffic delays. We will leave the front gate of IST at 3:30 this afternoon and expect to be back between 8:30 and 9 pm.

We're looking forward to this movie premiere!

Aerobathon Fundraiser



Get fit while also helping out a very important environmental organization here in Tanzania! There will be an aerobathon on Saturday, December 5th, from 9 am to 11 am at the IST Secondary Campus in the covered court. All proceeds will benefit SeaSense (seasense.org), a local Tanzanian NGO which was established in 2001 to protect the rare dugong (sea cow) and five species of marine turtle, and to promote the protection of coastal and marine habitats vital to their survival.

The entrance, payable at the door on Dec. 5, is TSh.10,000 for adults and TSh. 5,000 for children 18 years old and under. Sponsorship forms, for anyone who would like to raise additional money for SeaSense, will be available from the libraries on both campuses and the Elementary Office. Please help us help this very worthwhile organization!



Activities News

The next few weeks are busy ones on the sporting front. This week saw the finals of the under 18 DISL soccer league hosted by Laureate and HOPAC. Both senior teams finished third in their side of the draw and were playing off for fifth position against ESACS. The girl's fresh from ISSEA and rising to the challenge of the coach blasted nine (9) goals without reply in an outstanding display. The boys played some great football but went one goal down against the run of play, eventually scoring an equalizer in the dying moments to take the tie into penalties. IST were finally winners 5-3 to claim fifth place. The under 15 finals have been postponed until Thursday 3rd December due to the upcoming holiday.


The team to travel to the International School of Moshi has been announced. The trip will leave school early on Friday 11th December and return the evening of Monday 14th December. Students who were selected have been given a letter and risk assessment. Please sign and return it and pay for the trip as soon as possible. There will be a parents information evening on Tuesday 1st December at 6.30p.m in the Secondary School Library, please make every effort to attend.

A reminder that this week will be the last climbing session. If climbing is to continue after the break, we need to find a replacement. If you know of anyone who can supervise a climbing activity for one hour after school please email me on sturner@istafrica.com.

I will soon be putting together an activities schedule for term three. If there is anything you would like to see included or you have a skill or talent you would like to share with a group of IST students please get in touch.

Steve Turner

Activities Coordinator




WARNING
MAY CONTAIN NUTS

IST Teachers Present:
4 Short Plays by David Ives

IST STUDIO THEATRE **TICKETS**
DEC 3 - 5 **10,000 (ADULT)**
8:30PM **5,000 (STUDENT)**

Tickets available at IST Secondary School Main Office (Masaki)
between 7am and 4pm Phone: 0762 400 999



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