



From the Vice Principal

School Photographs

Students received their photograph order form yesterday. Please return the form and exact money in Tanzanian shillings with the form to the IT office during break before Friday 13th November. The photographer will return in March to do re-takes for students who were absent during the October session.



Parent Teacher Conferences

Thank you for making your appointments online. Teachers have received their schedules today so they can prepare for the meetings Monday/Tuesday. Please bring your appointment schedule and the location list with you to the Parent Teacher Conferences. The office staff will be able to access all student appointments if you forget a specific time or location. Teachers will be located in rooms surrounding the courtyard, library, IT labs and Science building. The rooms are signposted.

Term Two -overview

This is a short and busy term for students across many grade levels: Grade 6 have their ESP to Zanzibar, Grade 10 are working on their Personal Project writing and Grade 12 are finalising university applications. All this is happening alongside regular schoolwork. To support students, assessment tasks are entered onto the Secondary School Assessment Calendar. <http://calendar.istafrica.com/public/homework/> Please check this regularly to assist your child in managing their workload.

November Principal's Coffee

The Secondary School Principal's Coffee is scheduled on Thursday, November 12th at 7:30 AM in Room B4. MYP Coordinator, Ms. Claudia Kennedy, will facilitate a workshop that provides a brief overview of the MYP and then focuses on what teachers do to assess and report on student performance using subject-specific MYP criteria. Workshop participants will have an opportunity to do what teachers spend a lot of their time doing- marking and standardizing student work in relation to subject-specific criteria. Participants will leave the workshop with a better idea on how teachers collect and evaluate evidence of student learning and understanding against the standards/criteria prescribed by the MYP.

Student-to-Teacher Feedback

As part of the Secondary School Teacher Assessment process, all Secondary School teachers are administering a Student-to-Teacher Feedback instrument to two of their classes during the month of November. This survey instrument consists of 24 statements that students will rate using a Likert scale along with three open-ended questions.

This exercise will provide many of our students with an opportunity to give feedback to their teachers in relation to the following areas:

Student Personal Reflection, Teaching Strategies, Teacher/Student Relationships and Expectations, Tasks and Assessment, and Learning Environment. Teachers, in turn, will have an opportunity to analyze this data and determine how to use it in order to inform and improve their own classroom practice.

Mark your calendar:

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

November 7	SAT Exam
November 9-10	Parent-Teacher Conferences
November 12	Principal's Coffee 7:30 AM
November 14	TOEFL exam
November 14	US Christian Universities at HOPAC for Saturday University Fair (10 Universities)
November 16-20	G6 ESP Week November 18 Board Open Forum 7pm Secondary School Room B4 – Look out for more information next week
November 30	All other University applications due for IB2 students

ISSEA - Football and Volleyball at IS Kenya As I write, our boys and girls teams are gearing up for day two of the football and volleyball competition. The teams travelled to IS Kenya, Nairobi on Wednesday and are competing until the end of Saturday afternoon. Yesterday saw two drawn games for boys and girls football. We wish them all the best over the coming days.

I hope to see you on campus over the coming week, particularly on Monday and Tuesday during the parent Teacher Conferences

Elizabeth Andrews

DISL UPDATE

The DISL League continued again this week for both U-18 and U-15 teams here are the results:-

U-18
BOYS: IST vs SUPER MARRY
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GIRLS: IST vs SUPER MARRY
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U-15
BOYS: NO GAME
GIRLS: IST vs AGA KHAN
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NEXT WEEK'S GAMES

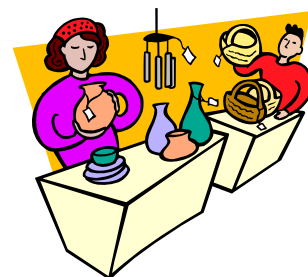
U-18: First round finished until finals on 21st NOV

U-15
GIRLS:NO GAME
BOYS: IST vs AHMES
TIME: 4:30 PM

Kaskella Mjovella

DSG Bazaar, Saturday 7 November, noon-5pm

The Diplomatic Spouses Group will again hold the DSG Annual Charity Bazaar on IST's Secondary Campus. Come enjoy a colourful day out to celebrate our international diversity and raise funds for worthwhile charities. All-day entertainment (including IST students, Tanzanian House of Talent, Dr. Belia's band and others), country stalls with goods for sale from all around the world, children's activities, a raffle with fantastic prizes, a white elephant stall and great foods. Entrance 3,000TSh. There will be no entrance to IST that day without a ticket (can be purchased at the gate). Volunteers needed to assist: IST students can volunteer via the CAS coordinator. Parents, faculty and staff welcome to volunteer too - email dsgbazaar2009@gmail.com or phone or text 0764 763 567



MUSIC RECITAL

"DEPRESSION BLUES"

The instrumental and vocal music students at IST Secondary will be performing on Thursday, November 12 in a music recital. The concert will begin at 7pm and take place in the music room. The theme of this recital is "Depression Blues", a celebration of the concept that music and entertainment can be used as tools to overcome hard times. Much like the rise of swing music and Hollywood movies during the Great depression of the 1930s, music and entertainment today still serve as vehicles for expression of and escape from the real-life situations that cause us to re-evaluate our present and strategize for the future. Students will be performing repertoire on piano, saxophone, flute, guitar and voice from a variety of genres and time periods to showcase their diligent practice and hard work on their instruments.

All are welcome to attend.



COLLEGE COUNSELLOR CORNER



CIS University Visitors

Thank You From The CIS University Visitors

Thank you to all the IST students and parents who took the time to meet with the representatives from the 12 US and Canadian Universities visiting IST this past week. They appreciated meeting with you, and they hope that you also enjoyed the opportunity to learn more about their universities as well. It is great to have a chance to host these universities, where many of our IST graduates are now studying at.

IB2 University Application Updates

Our IB2 students are in the middle of a very busy time for them. Besides all of the usual time demands of the IB course work there is now the added work and stress of applying to universities for many of them. The majority of the applications are being submitted to universities in the UK, US or Canada, with many universities from countries other than these not requiring applications to be submitted until later dates. For the class of 2010, 15 students have submitted their UK university applications (with some having already received conditional offers of admission), 20 students have submitted an early application to a US university (where most will be notified by the 15th of December of their acceptance) and the majority of the remaining students have until the 30th of November to submit all of their remaining UK, Canadian and US regular applications.

Upcoming Important Dates and Visitors:

November 7—SAT exam
 November 14—TOEFL exam
 November 14—US Christian Universities at HOPAC for Saturday 10am University Fair
 November 30—All remaining UK, US and Canadian University applications are due for IB2 students

US and Canadian Christian University Fair at HOPAC

On Saturday, **November 14 at 10am** you are invited to the first-ever African tour of the North American Christian Universities and Colleges. There will be university admission representatives coming from 11 North American Universities. Please come along to Haven of Peace Academy and learn about what a US Christian based liberal arts higher education is all about, what is studying in Canada like, as well as learning about how these universities recognize and value international students. These universities provide a high quality education with a substance-free, conservative on-campus lifestyle for students, and most are open to the admission of non-Christians as well. Following their presentations you will have a chance to speak individually with the representatives from these universities: Dordt College, Houghton College, Geneva College, Judson University, Messiah College, North Park University, Redeemer College University(CAN), Southwestern College, The Master's College, Trinity Western University(CAN), and Wheaton College.

Any questions? Please contact Mr. Rustad in the College Counseling office





BAKER BOOKS – WINTER 2009 CATALOGUE

Catalogues for Baker Books have been given to students this week. Baker Books is a UK book club which offers a wide range of fiction and non-fiction reading for all ages, levels and interests.

Some of the fiction highlights of **Bookzone** (ages 8-12) are Jacqueline Wilson's *Hetty Feather*, set in Victorian times, and *Crocodile Tears*, the latest action-packed Alex Rider adventure. Non-fiction titles of interest include *555 Football Facts* (very useful with the World Cup coming up!), and *Designer Doodles*, a must for budding fashionistas.

My Word offers books readers aged 13-16. Fans of the *Twilight* series will want the latest instalment, *Breaking Dawn*, as well as the *Twilight Movie Companion*, a guide to the film, with photos, interviews and much more. For boys, there is the latest CHERUB adventure as well as *Danger Society: the Young Bond Dossier*, which includes a new Young Bond story.

Baker Books offers IST free books to the value of 20% of the total orders received. These books are used in English class libraries, and can also be borrowed by your children. In effect, by buying books for their own reading, students also contribute to the school's collection available to them. Money spent by each grade is spent on that grade's class libraries.

Baker Books charges a 20% shipping fee to cover the cost of sending the books from the UK. This has been factored into the prices on the order form which are in US dollars.

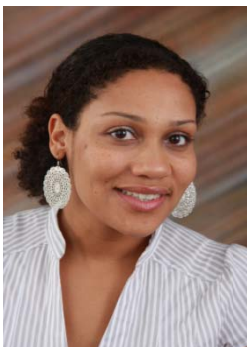
We hope you and your child enjoy browsing through the catalogue and choosing your holiday reading. If your child wishes to purchase books, please bring the order form and payment to their English teacher by Friday 13 November. If you require more information, please contact me by email: jyoung@istafrica.com, or by phone through the school office: 260 1126.

Jenni Young



Maureen Gideon

My name is Maureen Gideon, I have been working with IST for 5 years now, I am happy to be part of Communications and marketing team of IST and am looking forward to displaying, promote and communicate all the good things that IST has to offer.....



Miranda Naiman

I've thoroughly enjoyed 'coming back' to IST and helping to develop the communications function at the school. Creating the Community & Service Booklet and revamping the school newsletters over the last 6-months has been a challenging, yet insightful experience.

Sadly, my time at IST has come to an end, but Neema is the 'silver lining' to my grey cloud! I run my own consultancy firm and am proud to say that IST is a client. Thank you to all the Students, Teachers, Parents and Administrators for having me – it's been a pleasure to serve the IST Community.

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Meet our new Communications Manager: Neema Masha

I feel lucky and challenged to be taking the baton from Miranda. I am joining IST as a Communicator and I will do my best to keep up the good work. I was born in Tanzania then my family moved to Nairobi, Kenya when I was three. That is where I grew up and went to school. I then went to the US Midwest for my BA in Finance and Communications from Concordia College and MA in Human Resources and Organizational Development from the University of St Thomas. I worked for several years in the US before coming back to Africa. I most recently worked with World Vision International and was based in Arusha as a Communications Manager. My passion lies in intercultural communications; I therefore look forward to working in such a diverse workplace. I am eager to learn so much from the IST community.

