

# Secondary Spotlight

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## Dates to watch...

Feb 12 – 22	Grade 12 Mock exams
Feb 18 – 22	Grade 9-11 ESP/Fieldwork trips
Feb 25	Holiday – no school for students or teachers
Feb 28 – Mar1	Gr12 Play: The Virtuous Burglar, 7pm
Feb 29	Closing date for IB Diploma Scholarship applications
Mar 5	Parent Group, 4pm
Mar 6 – 8	ISSEA Basketball at IST

## Letter to IST and Nordic Community

As Chairpersons of the IST Board and the Swedish School Society (SSS) Board we are glad to inform you that a frank and friendly discussion has been started between the IST and the SSS to find an amicable solution to the dispute regarding the use of land that the SSS is currently occupying. There is an acknowledgement of the dispute from both sides. Over the years there have been a number of attempts to reach agreement over the legal understanding but so far none have been successful.

The new SSS Board who were appointed in December has set as one of their priorities to work towards a solution. Both School Boards have concluded that it would be in neither school's interest to take legal action to resolve the dispute. Subsequently both parties are now happy to announce the intention to resolve this dispute amicably and in consultation with concerned stakeholders. Once an agreement is reached the intention is to formalize and legalize both school's positions so that there is no room for misunderstanding in the future.

We have set an agenda for subsequent meetings and will report back to you, our constituents, on our future progress.

***Cathy Stanton and Sofia J Frankenberg***  
***IST and Swedish School Board Chairs***

## From the Principal

Hi everyone,

Congratulations to our students and teachers involved in the Secondary School play last week which was a great success. A lot of time and effort by both students and teachers went into making this a wonderful performance and I wish to congratulate everyone involved.

Next week will see a slightly quieter campus as our Grade 9 – 11 students participate in their ESP trips and Grade 12 students continue with mock exams. More than half our teachers will be away with students, camping, hiking, diving, taking photos, sitting in buses, swimming, cooking and a whole range of other activities designed to make next week a great learning experience for our students. Information has been sent home with students about the various trips and we are all organized and ready to go on Monday! Please make sure that your children arrive at school in plenty of time to catch buses, ferries etc.

**Facility Update**

## International School of Tanganyika

There have been a number of building projects underway at the Secondary School Campus during the past few months. With ISSEA fast approaching we have completed additional work on the MPH and the Covered Hard Court areas. To assist with keeping rain off the Hard court we have erected permanent additional roofing on the side of the Hard Court and added in additional bleachers (seating) to cater for our large crowds during the Basketball tournament. In the Main Gym (MPH) we have reconfigured the upstairs area into a weights room which will be outfitted with new equipment that has already been ordered for next school year. The area downstairs once occupied by the weights room is now open which increases available gym space downstairs, increases airflow and provides a much better viewing area for sporting fixtures in the MPH.

Science Lab planning is well underway with drawings almost complete and ready for submission to the council. Before construction can commence on the Science Labs we need to move our Design Technology Lab (as it is currently occupying the site for the New Science labs). Fortunately, plans for a new Design Technology Lab have been approved and a contractor will commence work on Monday February 18<sup>th</sup> on extending an existing classroom (old MS Computer Lab) into the new Design Technology facility. We anticipate a Grand opening of the new Design Technology Facility in approximately two months time.

*Justin Alexander, Principal*

### From the Vice Principal

#### **Absent or Late?**

We are reminding students at the moment that if they arrive late they must sign in at the office and have an admit slip signed by Mr Alexander or myself. If a student is absent with no note the office staff will call home to confirm the absence and whether the student will be in school the next day. It is very helpful to have an email ahead of time letting us know if your son or daughter is going to be absent. Please copy [secondary@istafrica.com](mailto:secondary@istafrica.com) in any email so that the office staff are aware of your child's absence. You can also call the office on 2601126/7 to leave a message confirming your child's absence.

#### **Emergency ESP contact number: 0786 849 760**

If you have a child attending an ESP trip next week (February 18-22) please keep this phone number handy as it is an emergency contact number to call if you need to pass an emergency message along to your child. Please note that if there is any problem on a trip relating to your son and daughter then the school will contact you. Please only use this number in case of an emergency.

Please encourage your child to say thank you at the end of the trip. I would like to thank the teachers for their hard work planning the trip and giving time away from their families..

*Elizabeth Andrews, Secondary School Vice Principal*

### From the IBMYP Coordinator

#### **A. PERSONAL PROJECT**

I hope you enjoyed the Personal Project Display, if you attended it this year. Many people noted that the projects are good. I agree wholeheartedly. The reason the projects keep improving is that our students are using a personal interest to motivate and challenge themselves.

Have a look at the photos of the Personal Project display at:

<http://www.istafrica.com/photogalleries/2007-8/g10pp/index.htm>

I've started receiving feedback from students and parents. Here are some of the student responses:

#### **Q. What did you gain most from the process?**

- An understanding of the values of society
- Improved organizational skills and level of commitment required
- Learnt what I am able to do
- Gained confidence by doing interviews
- A greater awareness of Tanzania

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- Feel more prepared for the demands of the Extended Essay
- I have done something to help my country
- Getting to know other people and their way of thinking

### Q. What did you find most difficult?

- Working on the project with little knowledge of the MYP, but I got used to it quickly.
- Making decisions
- Keeping to deadlines
- Writing the conclusion and evaluation of the written structure
- Exploring my Area of Interaction to broaden my perspective of my topic

### Q. What advice would you give this year's Grade 9 students?

- Keep pushing yourself.
- Choose something in which you're interested, and then you'll be able to do it.
- Although you have 6 months, you also have other grade 10 work, so plan and use time.
- Pay attention to the assessment criteria.
- Keep asking your supervisor to check your written structure/process journal for suggestions to improve
- Start the project as soon as you can.
- Don't get too stressed about the project.

## **B. COMMUNITY AND SERVICE**

As we're edging towards the end of term 3, it's important to take note of whether your child is meeting the requirements for Community and Service.

On pages 45 and 46 of your child's IST homework diary, you will find the C&S record pages for this semester. Please check them with your child to see how they are going.

## **C. PARENT WORKSHOP: MARCH 31<sup>ST</sup>**

Mark this date in your diaries. This parent workshop is aimed at helping you understand how MYP Assessment works and understanding your child's end-of-term reports.

I will provide more information in the next Secondary Spotlight. So, keep your eyes peeled.

*Melodee Peters, MYP Coordinator*

## **Parent Group**

Thank you to the many parents who have submitted the Parent Group Survey. If you haven't done so already, please remember the deadline is 20 February.

Reminder: English language conversation practice every Thursday at 7:15 a.m. Please meet Helen or Lorrie at the Askari gate.

Many thanks to the parents who volunteered to decorate, bake or chaperone the Grade 6-8 Social. We will let you know when Student Council has set a new date.

*Lorrie Clark, SS Parent Group* [istparents@hotmail.com](mailto:istparents@hotmail.com)

## **News from the Instrumental Music Programme**

Please note that there is **NOT** a Music Recital on 7th March. The next Music Recital will be held on Wednesday, 30th April.

*Julia Bryant, Instrumental Music Coordinator, 0754 750710, [jbryant@istafrica.com](mailto:jbryant@istafrica.com)*

## ISSEA is coming to Tanzania

With only two weeks to go to the XV11 ISSEA championships, IST is gearing up to host 100 visiting athletes from March 4<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> 2008. Thank you to all the parents who have offered to host. We will receive final rosters from the visiting schools on February 7<sup>th</sup> so we will contact you shortly afterwards to let you know who you will be hosting.

On the final night of ISSEA, there will be a dinner and dance for the athletes at school. We need about 10 parents to help act as chaperones for the dance. If you feel you could help out between 9pm and midnight on Saturday March 8<sup>th</sup>, (even for an hour or so) please let me know on [smaine@istfranca.com](mailto:smaine@istfranca.com).

## Sponsorship of ISSEA – A big thank you

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the two major sponsors of this years ISSEA event, The Holiday Inn, Dar es Salaam and South African Airways. The Holiday Inn has been a loyal supporter of the IST activities programme for many years, helping us out with the Biathlon, Aerobathon and now ISSEA. The Holiday Inn has very generously helped with accommodation for the visiting coaches and on behalf of the whole IST community I would like to extend our thanks to Adam Fuller, his staff and the Holiday Inn for their generous support.

South African Airways has also very generously offered some amazing raffle prizes to support ISSEA. Raffle tickets will go on sale two weeks before ISSEA. The final raffle draw will take place just before the boy's championship game on Saturday March 8<sup>th</sup>. Winners will need to be present at the draw to collect their prizes. Please come along and support IST, ISSEA and all the athletes involved.

*Stephen Maine, AD/CAS Coordinator*

## From the Creative Arts Department

### Grade 12 Theatre Arts

*As evening falls over Dar es Salaam, the notorious burglar, Angelo Tornati, creeps in through an open window in Masaki. He intends to help himself to a few choice bits and pieces from one of the most luxurious flats in town. But wait! A ringing phone, a domineering wife, an affair, the owners' voices...NO! It can't be. Aaagh, just his luck! Why can't people let him get on with his "work" in peace?*

The Grade 12 Theatre Arts class is putting on a production of **The Virtuous Burglar**, by the Italian Nobel prize-winning playwright Dario Fo, as their final production piece this year. The play is a comedy and falls into the genre known as farce; it is fast-paced, full of exciting twists and definitely a good laugh! **The Virtuous Burglar** gives the theatre audience a humorous glimpse into all the risks associated with meddling in people's affairs and the extent to which people go to cover up their tracks. Had the burglar known what was in store for him, he would have thought twice before taking on the job!

Performances at the Studio Theatre

**Thursday 28 February and Friday 29 February at 7 p.m.**

**Saturday 1 March at 3 p.m. and 7 p.m.**

**Tickets TSh 5,000**

**on sale at the Secondary School office from Monday 18 February 2008**

## International Schools Theatre Association (ISTA) Festival

The Creative Arts department is proud to present this year's International Schools Theatre Association (ISTA) Festival at the IST Secondary school between May 8<sup>th</sup> and May 10<sup>th</sup>. This is a truly unique and high-profile event. Acclaimed international and local theatre practitioners will hold a series of performance based workshops for attending international students from all over Africa, with about 15 places to be available to IST students. So, we look forward to your interest and support in helping the Creative Arts stage what will be an exciting and memorable event.

*Claudia Kennedy, HOD Creative Arts*

## News from the IST Art Studio

The talented students of the IST Art Department are in a flurry of creativity. Grade six students wrapped up their Zanzibar doors and these will be available for viewing at an exhibition on 15 February from noon to 1:00pm in the Art room. The grade seven students are putting the final touches on their 3D relief sculptures inspired by the duka. Eighth grade students are focusing on the Kanga, an icon of our culture. The artists will utilize the technique of linoleum block printing to create fabric designs inspired by the popular cloth. The new grade nine students are using the elements of art and principles of design in their color and value studies. The tenth grade students are completing a visual autobiography, which is a portfolio of artworks emphasizing the important aspects of their lives. Eventually the series of artworks will be exchanged with another school overseas. Grade 11 students are investigating art history and doing daily observational drawings. Grade 12 students are creating studio work, writing artist statements, and working on portfolios in preparation for the final exhibition.

It is amazing working with such talented young artists and we are looking forward to an excellent finish to term three.

We in the art department need a few items to help facilitate the art making process. If you have any of the following items, please send them to school with your student: Kanga fabric, plastic yogurt containers, and plastic egg cartons. A special thanks to Mrs. Morin for her generous contribution to the art department.

*Nora Graham and Greg Giles, Art Teachers*

## **DAR ANIMAL HAVEN CHARITY** **AEROBATHON AND BOOK SALE**

Date: Saturday 16th February 2008

Venue: Little Theatre

Registration: 8:30am onwards, on the 16th

Time: 9am - 12 noon

Cost: Adults 20,000tsh, Students 10,000tsh  
**(FREE ENTRANCE TO THE BOOK SALE)**

Wear: Comfortable Sports Clothing & Trainers

Bring: A sweat Towel and Mat ( but not essential )

Bazaar: 2<sup>nd</sup> hand books and sports clothing will be on sale

Refreshments: Tea & coffee, juice and cakes will be on sale



*A place in the Sun for everyone!*

**All Proceeds will go towards our sterilization and immunization projects in and around Dar. We vaccinate dogs and cats against Rabies and chickens against New Castle Disease. We also sterilize feral cats, stray dogs, and pets of owners who do not have access to veterinary services or who cannot afford them.**

**Let's Get A Lil' Sea Sense-itive**

Sea Sense is a community based program whose objective is to save the sea life along the Tanzanian coastline. This program is helping out the most endangered species of sea creatures; which include five different types of turtles, dolphins, dugongs (sea cows), whales and the whale sharks. They're doing this by reaching out and educating coastal communities about the importance in conserving our beautiful sea life.

Green Turtle: In Tanzania these beautiful turtles are being hunted down for their meat and shells which are sold to tourists. Turtles are also accidentally caught in nets and other pollution which they die from. Sadly, with lack of knowledge many turtle nests are also being destroyed which reduces the amount of the next generation.

Spotted dolphin: The dolphins are killed for their large amounts of meat that the locals enjoy.

**Dugong: Dugongs and manatees are on the brink of extinction. Keep in mind that there are only 10 dugongs left in Tanzania.**

On the 29<sup>th</sup> of January, a representative of the Sea Sense organization, Catherine Muir, paid a visit to the Secondary School to receive Wildlife Club's donation which was raised from bake sales and movies. Hopefully, the money donated will help in saving and conserving marine life in Tanzania. So far they have been successful in saving turtle nests and now they are attempting to create the first ever non-fishing zone in East Africa, where the dugong can live unthreatened by fishing nets. These and many other projects are set up in order to save the endangered sea life. The members of the Wildlife Club C&S have been willing to support this cause. **Now, we are reaching out to you so you can make a contribution in making a difference!**

You can help too! You can make sure that you are environmentally friendly, protect turtles, make sure the fish you eat doesn't come from dynamited sources, don't buy shells and tell your friends and family. For more information on Sea Sense please visit: [www.seasense.org](http://www.seasense.org).