

Secondary Spotlight

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Dates to watch...

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

Tue Sep 16 th	DISL Soccer League starts (U15 and U18)
Thu Sep 18	Standardised testing parent evening 6.30pm Library
Thu Sep 25 th	Newcomers' Orientation – 10.00am-12.00 noon
Thu Sep 25 th -26 th	Grade 11 Visual Arts Bagamoyo trip (2 nights)
Fri Sept 26 th	Student Council Elections Assembly (compressed day)
Wed Oct 1 st -3 rd	Possible EID holiday (to be determined)
Sat Oct 4 th	SAT exam at IST 8.00am
Thu Oct 9 th	Principal's Coffee morning @7.30am (Student Services)
Thu Oct 9 th	First term report released
Fri Oct 10 th	Last day of school for term 1
Sat Oct 11 th	TOEFL exam at SAT
Mon Oct 13 th -17 th	School Holiday
Mon Oct 20 th -21 st	Professional Development Days for teachers (no school for students)
Wed Oct 22 nd	School resumes for students

From the Principal



Thank you to parents who attended our first Principals coffee meeting on Thursday morning. We had over 60 parents in attendance and we needed to move to an outside venue to accommodate everyone. Our first meeting was an opportunity to meet Stephen Maine (IB Diploma Coordinator), Claudia Kennedy (IB MYP Coordinator), Steve Turner (CAS/Activities Director) and Daryl Rustad (College Counselor).

Rob Tate (Head of PE) spoke about the new gym and the use of Heart rate monitors by our students whilst two of our students modeled the new PE uniform to the parents in attendance. Whilst children can still use last year's PE uniform if they wish to purchase a new one they can do so from the PE office for 20,000Tsh which includes shirt and shorts.

New Team Leaders for this year.

An important contact for parents and students is the Grade Level Team Leader. If you need to contact teachers or to find out what is happening with your child at school a good person to contact first is the Team Leader. I have listed their names and email addresses below. Please feel free to contact them.

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Grade 6 Rachel Cannon – rcannon@istafrica.com
Grade 7 Brenda St. George – bstgeorge@istafrica.com
Grade 8 Pam Makunja – pmakunja@istafrica.com
Grade 9 Andy Buckman – abuckman@istafrica.com
Grade 10 David Giles – dgiles@istafrica.com

Drop off and Pick up reminders:

Please remember to drive **slowly** when entering or exiting the Haile Selassie Road car park. Please drop off your children only in front of the main car park and not on Ruvu Street. With the recent resurfacing of Haile Selassie Road, traffic now moves a lot faster along this road, please take extra care when driving and if your child uses a bike to get to school please ensure that they wear a helmet and take special care on the road.

Justin Alexander

From the Vice Principal

Assessment Workshop – Standardised Testing

Assessment serves a number of purposes in schools: feedback on student learning and progress, feedback on the effectiveness of teaching and learning strategies, feedback on curriculum. Schools use a range of approaches to assessment to enrich our understanding of our students and our curriculum. One tool many schools, including IST, use is standardised testing.

If you would like to learn more about standardised testing and its role at IST, please join Theresa Davis and Elizabeth Andrews on Thursday 18 September at 6.30 in the Secondary Library. The session will provide an overview of the various forms of assessment, how IST approaches standardized testing, what IST does – and doesn't do- with the information, future directions in terms of testing.

I hope to see you there.

Elizabeth Andrews

Important Notice

There is an Eid Holiday on the IST Calendar scheduled for Friday, 3rd October. This holiday may not be observed on that day. The timing of this holiday cannot be confirmed until the evening of 30th September. The holiday is dependent on the sighting of the new moon. At this stage it appears that the new moon could theoretically be sighted on the evening of Tuesday September 30th which would mean the Eid holidays would fall on Wednesday October 1st and Thursday October 2nd. If this is the case, then Friday 3rd of October will no longer be a scheduled holiday. Instead it be replaced by a normal working/school day. If the moon is not sighted on the 30th September (due to cloudy weather or whatever), then the holidays could fall on Thursday 2nd October and Friday 3rd October. IST will be able to confirm the holiday dates via sms text messages, email and our school's website late on the evening of 30th September.

David Shawver, Director

From the PE Department

PE Uniforms

The new PE uniforms are here! We have had a few problems with suppliers and are still waiting for some smaller shirts. The uniforms come as a set with shorts and cost 20,000 Shillings and can be bought from the Secondary School PE office.

Ski Trip

We are looking at running a ski trip to Switzerland in April 2009. We would like to invite you to an information evening to be held in the Secondary school Audio Visual Theatre on Thursday 18th September at 7.00pm.

If you require further information please feel free to contact us at rtate@istafrica.com

From the Dar es Salaam Choral Society

For all those people who enjoy singing, the choral society is for you! This society has been running continuously in Dar es Salaam for over 70 years and has attracted a mix of expatriates and local people. Please consider joining us - we present two concerts per year to raise money for charity and we welcome singers who can read music and those who do not. We are a mix of sopranos, altos, tenors and bass singers. We are a very relaxed choir and sing a wide variety of songs in more than one language. Our doors are always open to new people. We meet in the IST Elementary School Music Room at United Nations Road from 7.30pm to 9.00 pm on Wednesdays during the IST school term. We need you! Please email knaiman@istafrica.com if you would like to get in touch for more details.

Karen Naiman

Artist of the Week

As an Grade 12 visual arts student, the final exhibition at the end of the school year is incredibly important. For my exhibition, I wanted to establish a clear theme. But before I began searching through the different possibilities, I first thought about what was important to me and what I wanted my artwork to achieve. I did not want it to be simply personally and culturally related, but a source of inspiration and deeply meaningful to myself and the viewers as well. Consequently, it soon became obvious what my art theme would be: **Inner Discovery**.



Infinity



African Heat

I want to explore how different people connect to their 'center' to achieve inner peace and harmony. Some of the areas I have looked into and plan to research are yoga, meditation, prayer, reiki and more. This led me to classify my theme into three categories: the different styles in which individuals find their center, the array of feelings that they go through, and the tools they use to reach a state of spiritual calm. I will not only look at how others experience this process, but also how I personally find a deeper connection with myself. My greatest hope is that my artwork will help people become spiritually motivated themselves, and assist them in finding their own inner peace.

Nabila Abdallah

From the Maths Department

The IST Math Department is looking for a tutor to help a grade 11 standard level student. If you think that you can help, contact Cody Taggart at ctaggart@istafrica.com or Tim Wagner at twagner@istafrica.com