



الأكاديمية الدولية - عمان
THE INTERNATIONAL ACADEMY - AMMAN

Parent News

Monday, 8th November 2021

Calendar

NOVEMBER 21

9 TUE

Community Project Presentation to Parents

Time: 09:00 am to 10:00 am

Location: on Zoom

16 TUE

Parent Teacher Conferences

Location: on Zoom

A Message from The Director

Dear Parents,

Happy November! Hard to believe that the holidays and a brand-new year are just around the corner! Despite the constant challenges we may think we have endured in 2021, we should always count our blessings and be grateful for everything this year had to offer thus far! Stay focused and develop a positive attitude, for every end marks a new beginning! Remind your children to keep their spirits and determination unshaken, and they shall always walk the glory road; with courage, faith, and great effort, our children shall achieve everything their hearts desire.

Allow me to start off this letter on a positive note! I am delighted to inform you that our children will not be affected by the Ministry of Education's latest announcement concerning the start date of the first semester's final exams and the official start date of the second semester. Thankfully, IAA shall continue this academic year in line with the school's approved calendar, to ensure a consistent and smooth learning journey for our students.

Last week, and in cooperation with students from Al-Asriyya school, our Secondary students have successfully concluded the 7th annual conference for "Al-Majlis Al-Arabi" under the title "Our Unity is Our Future". It is always delightful and admirable seeing our students working together relentlessly to address some of the most pressing issues in the world while taking on active roles as Secretary-General, Chair, President, Delegate, and Head of Security! Their persistent hard work and efforts translated into a marvelous learning experience for many students. Always proud of our future leaders! I am already looking forward to our own I'MUN conference taking place from November 25th to 27th.

Moving on to further exciting news, our first Parent-Teacher conferences for this academic year will be held next week! Parent-teacher conferences are a great way to provide a foundation for a partnership between families and schools as they present a wonderful opportunity for teachers and parents to come together to discuss the academic and social progress of the students. Moreover, they give parents the chance to ask questions, share relevant information, celebrate accomplishments, and set the needed short and long-term goals for their children's development. Since the conferences will be conducted virtually, please make sure to adhere to your schedules' timings and be reminded that the teachers will have to accommodate as many parents as possible; you may want to prepare a short list of the questions and concerns you intend to discuss and address in order to use the limited time efficiently, and give other parents enough time to do the same.

Thank you for your constant cooperation and support!

Kind regards,
Hana Kanan, Ed. D.

Primary School News

As we move closer to the upcoming Teacher – Parent conferences, please take some time to recognise the outstanding faculty we have and join me in commending their efforts. They have gone above and beyond as we have navigated the challenges of the pandemic and the disruption to regular schooling. Our staff have led the way as innovators and remain fully committed to supporting your children, whether that be through face-to-face or online learning.

With regards to eligibility of students going on distance learning, kindly note that the students who are currently studying online are there for a reason. Some of them are siblings or been in direct contact with confirmed cases or awaiting test results. Therefore, choosing distance learning for your child is a decision for the school to make and we do examine each case is on its own merits. We would like to thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

We continue to do our best to ensure that our campus is COVID safe but do need your help. Please be reminded that parents and caregivers should move in and out of the building as quickly as possible at the end

of the day in order to collect children. It is also essential that masks are worn while on campus. We would also ask that you minimise your children's movements and social interactions outside of school as much as possible for the safety of our community.

We would like to thank our students and families for their participation in October's Non-Uniform Day. Money raised have been allocated to support a public school in Jerash village in the Northern area of Jordan. In keeping with our school's mission, the Winter Campaign have commenced and we are counting on our IAA community to support. The beneficiaries are aid organisation located in southern Amman (Al-Quwayrah) that provides survival assistance for families in the area.

We would like to draw your attention to the invitation that was shared with parents on Moodle to have a look at our students' Art projects, with the purpose of raising awareness of Global Citizenship learning experiences at IAA. During Art lessons, students were inspired by different international artists around the world and celebrated this learning experience by displaying the projects in the shared area of each grade. Please take a moment and enjoy the photos below.

Secondary School News

Dear Parents

Majlis Al Arabi

What a wonderful weekend! Our Majlis Al Arabi conference was a great success. All our student teams did us proud. It was rewarding to see the corridors and rooms abuzz, with students from so many schools discussing such pertinent and important topics. Under the theme of "Our Future Unites Us", students from 9 schools, encapsulating such a variety of backgrounds, have learned so much from each other. Of all the conferences we run this is, in my mind, the most authentic and meaningful. In bringing together the future of Jordan, whoever they may be and wherever they may come from, the ideas and opinions are so rich and eye-opening to all. Join me in thanking all of those who helped organize and participate in Majlis. We look forward to an even bigger conference next year.

El Hassan Expedition and AMMUN XX

Despite the backdrop of the ongoing pandemic, there are signs, such as the in-person Majlis conference, that signifies the start of a new stage on the road to normality. The coming weekend is a busy one for our students with the first of our trips to Wadi Rum for Grade 10 as they complete their 'adventurous journey' section of the El Hassan Youth Bronze Award. In addition, we have a good sized delegation participating as face-to-face delegates in the ABS MUN. We wish both groups success in their endeavours.

I'MUN

Our very own MUN conference has been given the go ahead by the MOE to be on campus, and we are very excited by this. Sign up for those wishing to participate this year is now available. We will be communicating with parents in more detail about I'MUN later. Making the most of the new technologies we acquired from Covid, we hope to have a number of hybrid committees with international delegates attending. This will add even more value to the overall experience.

Sports

On the occasion when we leave school late, it is always great to see our students training hard under the floodlights. This week sees our U18 footballers play in a friendly tournament with other schools. We hope that this is the start of the resumption to a fuller sporting calendar! In the meantime, we hope that the Athletics Department have a very successful IAA football tournament on Saturday 13th November. If the commitment to the break time games organized between the grades are anything to by, then there are going to be some great games with fierce competition.

Other activities

A number of other activities have either started (such as extra coding) and letters sent home about others (cooking and cross stitch). We are hoping to see the number of activities on offer and the number of students participating grow over the coming weeks.

Grade 8 Community Project

The Community Project (CP) provides our Grade 8 students with the opportunity to develop awareness of needs in various communities and address them through a student-led service project. Ms. Obeida, our CP Coordinator, will be presenting to parents on the 9th of November at 9am via zoom. The aim of the session is to introduce this project and explain how you can best support your children throughout this journey.

Progress Reports and Parent Conferences

On Thursday this week, we will be sending out the first Progress Reports of the academic year. Along with the Progress Reports will be details on how to make bookings for the Parent Conferences that are taking place on Tuesday 16th November. Please remember that there is no school on the 16th. We would like to see your children with you in the zoom meetings as we discuss progress and strategies to consolidate and move forward to the end of Semester 1.

Student of the Month: October

As this is the first newsletter of November, we would like to share with you the students of the month from October. Details can be found here: <https://padlet.com/yhoozeer/2d1ckkfgazs5> Congratulations to everyone.

Regards

Mr Martin and Ms Zena

Library News

Preparations are on the way in the libraries for Book Week this year. It is a time to celebrate books and to continue fostering a love of reading. In the Primary, our theme for this year will be 'Read Around The World'. Each grade level will be learning about a continent and different countries in that continent. We will be reading books by authors from different countries and also sharing stories from a variety of cultures around the world. Along with a bookmark competition and fun daily library questions, primary students will also DEAR (Drop Everything

And Read) during the day. Although we will not be able to host a book fair, and we know how excited our students are about buying books, we are working with a publishing house on some online book shopping. The secondary student council and the secondary library will also be celebrating Book Week in their own way in the last week of November. We will also have some buddy reading across the primary and secondary to connect students of different grades through reading. It will be an exciting week full of activities!

Sincerely Yours,

Dima Shaka'a
Head of Libraries/Primary Librarian

Sports News

Our IAA student athletes continue to impress, most recently, in local and regional competitions, with amazing results.

Hamza Salman, grade 11, managed to reach the podium in the Jordan Open in the U18 category, grabbing the 3rd place. There were 85 participants from 12 countries. We wish Hamza the best of luck in his upcoming endeavors, with the Asia Pacific Amateur Championship taking place in Dubai next week.

In Swimming, Rabab Barhoush and Farah Rawashdeh participated in the Arab Championship in Abu Dhabi. They both came back with a great tally of personal records and medals.

Rabab's results:

4*100m IM Relay Bronze
4*50m FREESTYLE Relay Bronze
4*50m IM Relay Bronze
4*200m FREESTYLE Relay Silver
4*100m FREESTYLE Relay Bronze

Farah's results:

50 m backstroke / silver medal
100 m backstroke / bronze
50 m freestyle / bronze
100 m freestyle / silver

We wish all our student athletes the best of luck and health in their next events.