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THE INTERNATIONAL ACADEMY - AMMAN

Parent News

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Winter Break



A Message from The Director

Dear IAA Community,

As we are approaching our winter break, and in the spirit of this holiday season, I would like to extend my thanks and heartfelt gratitude to each and every one of you for turning yet another year into an inspirational learning experience for all of our students! I could not possibly be prouder of the growth and progress you have relentlessly demonstrated during these past few months, enabling our children to have such a prosperous academic semester thus far. I would also like to specifically thank our PTA for their gracious contributions in decorating our campus for Christmas; it is already radiating with vibrant colors that enchantingly reflect this magnificent festive season.

It was with great pride and excitement that I welcomed new prospective families to our annual "Information Day" a couple of weeks ago. I am always honored to have the opportunity to introduce

IAA and preach about our unique characteristics while building new strong relationships with potential parents, students, and community partners.

Moving on to yet another successful event! IAA's Model United Nation (I'MUN)! After months of preparation and training, the 11th annual I'MUN took place this past weekend. This successful student-led conference involved 10 schools within Amman and another right from the heart of our beloved Palestine, Ramallah Friends School. Former Prime Minister, Samir Al-Rifai, has graced us with his presence as our guest speaker. His Excellency spoke true words of wisdom addressed to our future leaders and was beyond thrilled to see high school students come together to tackle issues from around the region that are relevant, challenging, and controversial. Congratulations to our marvelous students for a job well done, they truly never cease to amaze me!

As you enjoy the upcoming holidays, please consider how your holiday plans can be modified to reduce the spread of COVID-19 to keep your families, friends and our community healthy and safe. It is my fervent wish that each of you receives and returns the seasonal bounty of blessings and good tidings that make these days truly special. Wishing those celebrating a Merry Christmas and a safe and joyous holiday season! I look forward to welcoming you all back in the new year. Happy Holidays!

Warmest Regards,
Hana Kanan, Ed. D.

Primary School News

Dear Parents,

As always, we are looking forward to this time of the year as the children get excited and enthusiastic about our winter festivals. The staff in Primary School would like to wish everyone a happy and peaceful season. Despite the challenges that we are facing, the festive spirit is very much alive and present amongst our school community. This year, and as a precautionary measure, our traditional Christmas Assembly organised by our Music and Religion teachers will be recorded and posted on Moodle for everyone to enjoy.

For the next two weeks, it is business as usual in terms of teaching and learning. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for the support you have provided our staff and students since the beginning of this term. As a school, we are proud of the way in which we have been able to continue our programmes during this difficult time. The maturity which our students are exhibiting is well noted and it is pleasing to see that almost all of our children are doing their best to commit to a high level of engagement and learning.

Last Thursday, we had a general primary assembly which was conducted via Zoom and broadcasted to students through the big screens in classrooms. The assembly aimed to bring closer to our students the concept of "Global Citizenship". The assembly also served as a follow up to our activities in the classrooms in which our students learn to engage and translate their knowledge into actions by celebrating diversity, caring for our environment, and understanding how we connect with the rest of the world.

While we all recognise that our teachers deserve special recognition for the incredible job and for successfully facilitating our children's learning, I would like to gently remind you that gifts to teachers are more appreciated when they are simple yet sentimental. In addition, getting your children involved in making or choosing the present makes it more valuable and personal. Please be reminded that any gift should not exceed the amount of 30 JDs. Thank you so much for your understanding and cooperation.

I wish all our families and community remain healthy, safe, and enjoy a peaceful holiday. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Yours sincerely,

Walid AL Bay
Acting Principal – Primary School

Secondary School News

Dear Parents

Our last newsletter of the 2021 calendar year! How time flies. Wishing you all the very best for the holidays and for the new year ahead. Plenty to do before that though!

Winter Drive

Our colleagues in Religion have been hard at work encouraging students to bring in donations for the Winter Drive. As temperatures drop we are reminded of how difficult life must be for those who are not so fortunate in our community. Donations of good quality second hand clothes, blankets and basic foodstuffs are still being collected. Thank you to all those who have given (we have seen some large bags of goods being delivered!) and to all those who would still like to give: there is time!

Personal Project Celebration

Given the need for caution on gatherings and close contact, we are not holding as Personal Project Exhibition. However, we do want to celebrate the work of Grade 10 and give the students the opportunity to share their work with others. So, on Tuesday this week, Grade 10 students will be presenting their Personal Projects to selected classes in Secondary.

Winter Concert and Winter Assembly

In a similar theme to the item above, we are celebrating our Winter Concert remotely. This Thursday afternoon Grade 9 will be in the Theatre to enjoy the concert live and Grades 6 to 8 will enjoy the concert by having it zoomed into their classrooms. We wish all the performers the very best. We will do much the same with our Winter Assembly that takes place on Thursday the 16th December.

Sports News

It has been a very busy couple of weeks with sporting events, from individual swimmers and golfers to our school football and volleyball teams. Our performances have been strong and every student and team has

acquitted themselves well, with wonderful sportsmanship, in their respective arenas. I am sure that Coach Samer will have more to say later in tis newsletter.

Last Civvies Day – 16th November

Thursday 16th November will be our civvies day for the month of December. In conjunction with the PTA we will be raising funds for Diabetes this month and I am sure the PTA will be in touch with more detail later in the week.

Student of the Month

Our students of the month for November have been recognised through our padlet and in school. Congratulations to everyone celebrated for their commitment in November. More details can be found here: <https://padlet.com/yhoozeer/2d1ckkfgazs5>

Yours sincerely

Mr Martin and Ms Zena

Library News

What a wonderful and exciting few months it has been in the libraries and I can't believe it's almost the end of 2021! We had a successful Book Week and our students were very enthusiastic about reading, learning about different countries, buddy reading between primary and secondary students, and dressing up for book character day. Here's a video about the week's events: [Book Week 2021](#)

Our winter break is approaching and I'd like to encourage you to keep your reading routine going throughout the holiday. Students who read for 20 minutes everyday are exposed to 1.8 million words in one school year! Another idea is listening to a podcast, which has become one of the most popular forms of digital media for both consumers and creators. Here are some of the best: https://blog.feedspot.com/childrens_book_podcasts/

I'd like to take this opportunity to extend my best wishes for a joyous holiday season and a happy new year!

Dima Shaka'a
Head of Libraries/Primary Librarian

Sports News

With a tough year coming to an end, our student athletes continue to impress. Mohammad Karyouti managed to get the silver medal for 100 m butterfly, placing him in 2nd place nation wide as well as a bronze medal the following day, while Idries and Ahmad Odeh also participated in the 1st winter open championship with Ahmad managing to get 2 medals, a bronze in the 50m free and a silver in the 50m fly in the 1st winter open championship. Furthermore, Farah Rawashdeh managed to get 3 medals in the same championship; Gold in 50 meter Back and 100 meter IM, and silver in the 50 meter Fly, while Rabab Barhoush got four gold medals in 100 meter backstroke, 200 meter backstroke, 200 meter freestyle and 200 meter IM. Rabab also managed to get one silver medal in 100 meter freestyle, while Ryan Barhoush finished in 6th place in both 50 meter freestyle and 50 meter backstroke. Deniz Korsheh also participated in the 1st winter open championship, winning the gold medal in the 200 meter freestyle event.

As for our U18's, our girls football team managed to perform exceptionally well in the U18 AAC tournament and qualify top of their group. Nonetheless, their hard work would not eventually be shown for with a medal, after losing narrowly in penalties in the semifinals, in a game which saw them ahead for the majority of the game but they conceded a last minute goal to take the game into penalties.

As for the boys, our U18 football team managed to continue with the Hawks tradition; showing superior sportsmanship throughout and getting the Gold medal to show for their on and off the field performances.

I'd like to thank all the coaches and organizers for their hard work in preparing and actively participating in these tournaments, I would also like to thank the parents for their support and understanding, as well as our teachers and staff for supporting us and the students throughout.