



الأكاديمية الدولية - عمان  
THE INTERNATIONAL ACADEMY - AMMAN

# Parent News

## Monday, 15th January

### 2018

### Calendar

Monday	15	--Grade 10 Parents Information Session "Transition into the Diploma Programme", Theatre, 8:00 AM – 9:00 AM --Open meeting with Primary Principal, Mr. Andrew Powell, Primary Principal's Office, 8:00 AM - 9:00 AM
Tuesday	16	--Director's Open Meeting with Parents, Director's Office, 8:00 AM – 9:00 AM --Grade 8 Parents Information Session - "Options", MPR, 8:00 AM – 9:00 AM --Makerspace (Finger-knitting), Primary Library, 2:30 PM – 3:20 PM
Wednesday	17	--Oberlin Conservatory of Music Visit --KG2A & KG2O Trip, (Off- Campus)
Thursday	18	--Grade 5T Assembly, Theatre, 1:00 PM – 2:00 PM
Friday	19	
Saturday	20	
Sunday	21	
Monday	22	--For Grade 9 parents, Personal Projects in the MYP, Theatre, 8:00 AM – 9:00 AM --Open meeting with Primary Principal, Mr. Andrew Powell, Primary Principal's Office, 8:00 AM - 9:00 AM

## *A Message from the Director*

Dear IAA Community,

Welcome to week 22 of the academic year, bringing us closer to the end of our first term and the end of term reports.

Speaking of report cards, I came across a valuable article (<https://www.teachervision.com/report-cards-advice-parents>) on how to handle your child's report card: (1) Focus on the positives (2) Talk to your child and discuss the report with him/her (3) Plan the next steps.

Remember that report cards are simply a formal record of your child's progress. And progress is the key. It's a way for you to see what your child is learning and how he is performing at school. If you approach report cards with that attitude, you will be able to offer the encouragement that your child needs for success in school.

This week, both the Primary assemblies and Secondary Parent Information sessions resume. Kindly visit the relevant sections of this newsletter for more information. Also, we are hosting the Oberlin Conservatory of Music group from Ohio who will treat our Secondary students to a variety of musical performances on Wednesday.

Preparation is underway for the Nepal trip as well as both sports trips in Dubai. Our annual Spain trip will be announced soon.

Finally, I am available on Tuesday, from 8-9am, for the open meeting at my office. Stay connected to the IAA news through our social media channels and our IAA mobile application.

Warm regards,

Hana Kanan Ed.D.

Director

## **Primary School News**

Dear Parents,

### **Early Years Admissions Screening**

This weekend we welcomed fifty families to the school as part of our Early Years Admissions screening process. While there were a few shy children, the overall quality of applicants was high. Since joining the school, I have been very proud of the significant interest in our school programmes and the commitment we have in providing our community with the best of an international education while remaining committed to the school pillars of Acceptance, Duty, Leadership and Cultural Heritage. The fact that there are limited vacancies in our upper Primary School is testament to the quality teaching and learning that is in place.

### **Go Hawks!**

Over the weekend, our Hawks footballers were also in action. Coach Samer and his team organised a fantastic football carnival which gave our students from Grade 1 – 5 the opportunity to play in a friendly, yet competitive environment.

### **Award Winners**

I would like to recognise our award winners this week. They are:

#### **Bronze Award Winners**

Yasmeena Saket 5CE	Abbas Hamdan 3A	Mariel Imseeh 3LC
Eleina Imseeh 4M	Ameer Al Lozi 3A	Noor Asali 3LC
Tayma Abu Al Issam 4M	Al Saif Al Awwad 3LC	Hiam Kharouba 1S
Talal Al- Asad 4G		

#### **Silver Award Winners**

Nasser Abu Ragheb 3A	Salma Al Faraj 3A	Rawia Hamad 1I
Salma Haj Ahmad 3A		

I hope that you have a wonderful week.

Yours sincerely,  
Andrew Powell

## *Secondary School News*

Dear Parents,

Since coming back from the winter break, we have quickly settled into our day to day routine.

### **Grade 9 Abdali Trip**

Last week, our Grade 9 students had the chance to see modern urban development first hand with their trip to Al Abdali. As they are about to start a unit of sustainable urbanization, this was a perfect opportunity to see how urban planners can use modern technologies and ideas to create a fusion of living, working and social spaces into our cities. Certainly some inspiration for the coming unit in Individuals and Societies.

### **Drama Production**

Rehearsals for our drama production “100” have officially started this week.

### **Grade 8 Community Projects**

Grade 8 students are well into the Planning stage of their Community Projects. They are currently formulating the action plan that will give them the structure to achieve the goal that they set to serve their community.

### **World Scholars Cup**

One important activity we are beginning to prepare at school is the Annual World Scholars Cup which IAA hosts for the Jordan round. It will take place on Feb. 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> and targets Grades 6 to 11 students. The WSC has a comprehensive, thematic curriculum that changes from year to year, and invites students to learn about, research and debate serious global issues. It focusses on collaboration and critical thinking and encourages participants not just to work on their existing strengths and skills, but to discover new ones. This year’s theme will be “2018: An Entangled World”. Stay tuned for more information.

### **Oberlin Conservatory of Music**

This week we are lucky to be hosting musicians and singers from the renowned Oberlin Conservatory of Music in Ohio. The performances will take place on Wednesday afternoon. Afterwards, students who are part of our extra-curricular musical and choral activities will have the opportunity to have ‘Master Classes’ with these incredibly talented artists. We hope it will be a wonderful and inspirational experience.

### **Information Sessions**

We will be holding a number of information sessions in January so mark your calendars. The sessions for next week are as follows:

#### **Transition into the Diploma Programme (Information Session for Parents of G10)**

**Monday January 15<sup>th</sup>** from 8am to 9am in the Auditorium.

An overview of the expectations and requirements of the Diploma Programme (DP) will be presented to the parents of Grade 10 students on Monday January 15<sup>th</sup> from 8am to 9am in the Auditorium. During this time, the subject packages offered next year for the current Grade 10 Students will be introduced by Mr Antony, the DP Coordinator.

#### **Grade 8 Options (Information Session for Parents of G8)**

**On Tuesday January 16<sup>th</sup>** in the MPR from 8am-9am.

There will be a Grade 8 to 9 transition information session for parents in the MPR from 8am-9am. This will be an opportunity for us to discuss with parents of our Grade 8 students the next chapter of their child's educational journey. We will also introduce the subject packages offered in Grade 9.

**Next week** we have another two very important sessions:

**Personal Project (Information Session for Parents of G9)**

**Monday January 22<sup>nd</sup>**, from 8am to 9am in the Auditorium.

The Personal Project (PP) is a year-long project where each Grade 9 student chooses a specific goal to work on. This project gives students the opportunity to showcase their talents in unique and creative ways. Mr Donald Cleary, our PP Coordinator, will present to the Grade 9 Parents on Monday January 22<sup>nd</sup>, from 8am to 9am in the Auditorium, on the expectations of the project.

**Extended Essay (Presentation to Grade 11 Parents)**

**Thursday January 25<sup>th</sup>** from 8am-9am in the Auditorium.

All DP students are required to successfully complete the three elements that make up the core of the DP model - Theory of Knowledge; Creativity, Action & Service; and the Extended Essay (EE). The EE provides students with the opportunity to engage in personal research in a topic of their own choice, under the guidance of a supervisor.

Thank you.

Mr. Martin and Ms. Zena