



الأكاديمية الدولية - عمان
THE INTERNATIONAL ACADEMY - AMMAN

Parent News

Monday, 21st January

2019

Calendar

Monday, January 21	-Open meeting with Primary Principal, Mr. Andrew Powell, Primary Principal's Office, 8-9 am -G9 Information Session – Personal Project, Auditorium, 8-9 am -Arabic Primary production repeat , Auditorium, 12:15-12:45 pm
Tuesday, January 22	-Director's Open Meeting with parents, Director's Office, 8-9 am -G3 Cathy Assembly, Auditorium, 1-2 pm
Thursday, January 24	-G11 Information Session – Extended Essay, Auditorium, 8-9 am -G2 Jamela Assembly, Auditorium, 1:30-2 pm -G8-11 Trip, (Off- Campus)
Friday, January 25	-G8-11 Trip, (Off- Campus)
Saturday, January 26	-Grade 11 Trip, (Off- Campus) -G8-11 Trip, (Off- Campus)
Sunday, January 27	-Second Semester Starts
Monday, January 28	-Open meeting with Primary Principal, Mr. Andrew Powell, Primary Principal's Office, 8-9 am
Tuesday, January 29	-Director's Open Meeting with parents, Director's Office, 8-9 am
Wednesday, January 30	-PTA workshop, MPR, 8 am
Thursday, January 31	-Bake Sale and Non-Uniform Day -G2 Iona Assembly, Auditorium, 1:30-2 pm
Sunday, February 3	-Visiting Authors, Ruth Eastham and Matt Dickinson -Grade 9 Trip, International -Book Fair, MPR, 8:30 am-3:30 pm
Monday, February 4	-Open meeting with Primary Principal, Mr. Andrew Powell, Primary Principal's Office, 8-9 am -Visiting Authors, Ruth Eastham and Matt Dickinson -Grade 9 Trip, International -Book Fair, MPR, 8:30 am-3:30 pm

A Message from the Director

Dear IAA Community,

Next week marks the beginning of the second term and once again, I look forward to more productions, concerts, sports achievements, competitions, trips and finally our annual, long-awaited ceremony: the graduation of the Class of 2019, IAA's ninth cohort.

The year 2019 also marks our 15th anniversary. Since its inception, IAA has steadfastly focussed on providing an extraordinary education to students through empowering them to take on active roles in their own progress, engaging them and promoting a culture reinforcing the joy of lifelong learning.

While our present looks very different today than it did looking back at our humble beginnings in 2004, our mission remains the same. And while we're proud of our growth in such a short time, we know there's always room for achievement. We look forward to continuing to educate tomorrow's global leaders and innovators, while keeping in sight our vision of an international role model for teaching and learning, yet grounded in Jordan's rich cultural heritage.

Looking at our calendar, we have our Book Fair on February 3 with two inspirational authors visiting the school. I encourage you to visit the Book Fair and do urge your children to do so. Book Fairs are an opportunity to motivate students to read and expose them to new topics through the display of a feast of books of different topics and cultures. I would like to thank all staff members who are currently organising that event.

Finally, I would like to share with you an article I came across a few days ago on the importance of attending school and not missing days leading to student chronic absenteeism. I advise you to read it and realise the importance of attending school **and** attending on time. <https://health.usnews.com/wellness/for-parents/articles/2019-01-17/is-my-child-missing-too-much-school>

Finally, I will be available on Tuesday from 8-9am for the open meeting at my office for those who wish to see me.

Stay warm and enjoy the week.

Hana Kanan Ed.D.

Director

Primary School News

Dear Parents,

I hope that you were able to stay warm over the chilly weekend and that your children could continue their studies on Thursday through the snow packs and online learning provided via Moodle. We continue to be mindful of the temperature and have options in place for those students that would benefit from staying indoors on cold days. Please do communicate directly with your child's teacher about this.

I would like to recognise our Grade 3- 5 production and choir students who put on an incredible performance of *The End of Vanity* recently. The play, featuring various aspects and creatures of the forest, urged tolerance and acceptance of others – one of the pillars on which our school is founded. A big thank you to the PTA for being the driving force behind this production and of course, Mr Issam, Ms Samia and their production crew. As the performance was such a success, we will be offering it again this week for our KG1 – Grade 2 students.

Please be reminded that we have Parent Conferences on Saturday on February 9th from 9am – 3pm. A letter will be coming out later this week with details about the booking process.

I would like to recognise the following award winners:

Bronze Award Winners

Yazan Hussein 5A	Atef Al Kayyali 4B	Abdulsalam Jebrel 2B
Zena Amarneh 5A	Talia Al Kurdi 4B	Jude Hadaddin 2B
Faris Ziadat 5A	Yasmine Abu Omar 4B	Jafar Abdullat 2B
Salma Aberer 5A	Lara Matraji 4B	Mariam Al- Hawamdeh 2B
Rashid Al Shami 5A	Salma Ellauzi 4C	Haya Al- Majali 2B
Masa Fraij 5A	Riyad Said 4D	Ibrahim Al- Qudat 2B
Faisal Al Samarraie 5A	Omar Hyasat 4D	Sema Farhan 2B
Saba Hourani 5A	Basel Al- Qusus 4D	Mariam Jaber 2B
Jude Al- Hussein 5A	Aban Al- Lozi 4D	George Al- Nims 2B
Tayma Abu Al- Issam 5A	Fathi Salem 4D	Yousef Mustafa 2B
Hashem Al- Jazy 5A	Tarek Al- Jamal 4D	Salma Qawasmeh 2C
Marwan Al- Kayed 5T	Rakan Kardan 4D	Yaseen Kilani 2C
Abdullah Jada'an 5C	Abdullah Abu- Hasan 4D	Laith Al- Ma'aytah 2C
Maya Samman 5C	Zaid Dajani 3A	Ameen Al Taweel 1A
Natalie Hammoudeh 5C	Shafiq Hourani 3A	Aysha Bundukji 1D
Talal Mansour 5C	Zaid Rahahleh 3A	Sayar Hijawy 1B
Salma Abu Baker 5C	Nora Sharaan 3A	Talia Allahham 1B
Zaina Toghoth 5D	Alisha Zakarneh 3A	Anoud Mirza 1D
Loulwa Al- Tayeh 5D	Taj Qusous 3D	Layan Kawar 1D
Masa Sakkijha 5D	Sara Hijazi 3D	Pearla Atari 1D
Talia Shanti 5D	Yousef Abu Obeid 2A	Nadina Hanna 1D
Zaid Al- Jamal 5D	Zoe Al Nims 2A	Mila Maraqa 1D
Hussain Al Daoud 4B	Faisal Hijazi 2A	Zinad Said 1D

Silver Award Winners

Nadine Baqain 5C	Maia Gourgourinis 2A	Faris Al Karaki 2B
Janna Ismail 4D	Mohammed Morrar 2B	Ameen Al Taweel 1A
Nasser Abu- Ragheb 4D	Talia Asfour 2B	
Ghazi Khalifa 4D	Hussein Hamdan 2B	
Al- Saif Al- Awwad 4D		

Gold Award Winners

Zaid Jaber 2B	Mohammed Morrar 2B	Abdelrahman Al- Ahmad 2C
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I hope that you have a wonderful week.

Yours sincerely,

Andrew Powell

Secondary School News

Dear Parents,

Interdisciplinary learning

We are almost reaching the end of a successful first semester. We have continued to focus on interdisciplinary learning, a major element in the MYP, where students integrate knowledge and skills from two or more subjects in order to create deeper understandings. In Grade 7, students transferred information about tropical rainforests and deforestation to write a persuasive speech or letter. In Grade 8, students explored the role of Identities and Relationships on health and fitness. In Grade 9, students investigated how mathematical methods can be used to understand the relationships between the variables in a scientific experiment. In Grade 10, students explored social issues related to Fairness and Development through the novella, *Of Mice and Men*. Performance in the interdisciplinary unit will be documented in the first semester report card for Grades 7 to 10. This report will be sent out on the 31st of January.

Al Hadaf

Last weekend students from Grade 11 continued with their CAS work at Al Hadaf. They prepared for, organised and drove the session, where they worked with refugee children and engaged with their parents. Staff at the Centre were pleased to see the parents relax and enjoy the interaction. We are proud that our students showed the maturity and creativity to work with this often overlooked group. Our students will be back at Al Hadaf later in January, as we continue to build the relationship with the Centre and create a sustained and meaningful programme that is student-led.

NOSMUN

IAA will participate in the MUN organised by the National Orthodox School this upcoming weekend. The theme of the conference is "Detaching the Strings of Corruption". For many of our Grade 8 students, this will be their first MUN experience, and the ideal platform for them to put their debating, negotiating, public-speaking and collaborative skills to test, as they address important global and local issues. We wish everyone the best as they prepare for their resolutions and debates.

The Addams Family

After a series of comprehensive auditions last week in front of a panel of experienced staff, the cast of the Addams Family, our musical for this year, has been chosen. The cast list will be released this week and rehearsals will start soon. We would like to congratulate everyone who put themselves forward for the auditions. For those that made it into the cast, we wish you the best. For their parents, thank you in advance for supporting your child through what is going to be a very busy time as the cast work through the rehearsal schedule. We all look forward to enjoying the show in March.

Bridge Building

The American Society of Civil Engineers, as part of the Jordan University Chapter, will organise the 2nd annual Bridge Building Competition for Secondary Schools in Amman. This competition is open for students in Grades 8 to 10. The competition will offer teams the opportunity to demonstrate knowledge of structural design principles in the construction of a balsa wood bridge. Each school can only have one team representing them at this event on the 6th of April. This means that prior to the big event, we will organise our own IAA Bridge Building Competition. The team whose bridge meets the specifications and can withstand the largest load will advance to the final competition to represent IAA. Please encourage your children to participate in this valuable learning opportunity. Deadline for students to sign up is Sunday January 27th.

Extended Essay (Presentation to Grade 11 Parents)

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. Ms. Jo, our EE Coordinator, will present to the Grade 11 Parents on Thursday January 24th, from 8am to 9am in the Theatre, on the expectations of this essay.

Bake Sale and Civvies Day

On January 31st, we will have a Civvies Day. The Bake Sale on that day will be organised by our Grade 9s. They are currently deciding on the charitable organisation that they want to support.

Sincerely,

Mr Martin and Ms Zena