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Parent News

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A Message from The Director

Dear IAA Community,

It is with the renewed hope and optimism of the new year that I welcome you back! Allow me to wish each and every one of you a very joyous, healthy, successful and prosperous 2022. It was such a pleasure to see our students, teachers and staff on school grounds after a long and unexpected break. Since we are fortunate and blessed enough to proceed with Face-to-Face Learning at the present moment, it is crucial that your children attend school regularly unless they are exhibiting any COVID-19 symptoms or have any serious health conditions that prevent them from doing so; every school day counts in a child's academic life, especially in such times of uncertainty where there is always a possibility to switch back to Online Learning depending on the MOE's instructions and guidelines.

As you are aware already, next week marks the beginning of the second term of the current academic year! Surely, we remain hopeful that once again, our students will get to witness and experience more academic and

sports achievements, activities, productions, assemblies, and competitions. What I personally look forward most to however, is our annual long-awaited ceremony: the graduation of the Class of 2022, IAA's twelfth cohort and largest thus far; a promising and outstanding group of students who shall hopefully meet and exceed our expectations! In addition, the year 2022 also marks our 18th anniversary! Since its inception, IAA has steadfastly focused on providing an extraordinary education to its students while promoting a culture that reinforces the joy of lifelong learning. While our present looks very different today than it did during our humble beginnings back in 2004, our mission remains the same and we'll always be proud of our continuous growth.

Now that the peak of cold is upon us, it is imperative that students are always dressed appropriately for the weather. Rest assured, our buildings are always heated properly but with such crisp weather and such vast ventilation on campus, students may still tend to feel cold should they were not dressed suitably. Furthermore, please be always prepared for sudden changes in school hours due to the deteriorating weather conditions; such unexpected decisions are always out of our control and are always taken after much thought and consideration, bearing in mind our students and staff's overall safety and wellbeing.

Thank you all for your continued support and cooperation, and for being such an integral part of our community!

Kind regards,
Hana Kanan, Ed. D.

Primary School News

Dear Parents,

We are truly thankful that we are resuming face-to-face schooling after last week's uncertainties. It has been a busy week for our community and I believe our staff did a sterling job of delivering quality education to our beloved students while navigating the various public announcements and inclement weather conditions. We are also very appreciative of your ongoing support and positivity which was reflected in the high levels of attendance during the two days of Distance Learning last week.

We ask that you continue to help us keep our community healthy by communicating any COVID related issues to our nursing staff, Ms. Nancy and Ms. Rana, via email @ n.alhout@IAA.edu.jo and telephone: (0791000192). By the same token, we ask that your communications with staff transform from personal meetings into utilising emails, video conferencing, and phone calls. You can also help by limiting your presence at school to dropping off and picking up your child and remembering to wear a mask at all times.

At IAA, we believe that it is very important for parents to be well-informed of their children's progress. Our teachers regularly communicate to you the academic and social aspects of your child's development. Term One reports form an innate part of the reporting cycle at IAA and these will be issued on February 10th. These reports will depict a holistic growth of your child and will highlight the specific strengths, areas for development, and means to move forward. Afterward, you will be able to meet

with your child's teachers during the second Parent-Teacher Conferences scheduled for February 22nd.

Whatever the weather, our community aid efforts continue throughout these tough winter days. A gentle reminder that Thursday, January 27th is a non-uniform day for all primary students. It is an opportunity to reach out and help others in need while having a bit of fun as well. Our IAA students will be supporting Al- Aman Fund for the Future of Orphans صندوق الامان لمستقبل الأيتام . Thank you in advance for your generosity!

Secondary School News

Dear Parents

It is lovely to be able to start this first newsletter of 2022 on such a positive note with us all being in school this week. Now our focus has to be on remaining in school and following mitigation measures to keep our classes and grades in face to face learning. We must continue to make prudent decisions in school and at home in order to keep infection levels as low as possible. Our most effective measure is to wear masks properly in the buildings and when mask breaks are taken, to maintain appropriate physical distance. The latter is naturally difficult for friends. Even more so when the weather does not allow us to be outside, but it is worth all our efforts in advising our students. Outside of school, please think twice about social gatherings as most infections outside of family contact, do take place at these.

We were really pleased with how our students and staff adapted to what was a challenging first week of school, with all the anxiety of rumour about online, the bad weather days, the changing schedules to accommodate these and the switch to online when running even an adapted school day was impossible. Well done to all. The weeks ahead look like they may have more challenging moments given weather forecasts. We would ask that our students continue to show the amazing resilience and adaptability we have experienced this year. We also ask of all of them to bring their headphones to school as they are needed if a staff member should need to give a zoom lesson from home.

As we look forward to the 2022. Two grades in particular have been very busy looking forward. Grade 8 has been introduced to their subject choices for Grade 9. Grade 10 is now well into their option choices for Grade 11. Grade 12 will also be starting their pre-university PSHE sessions this week. Exciting times for all.

Finally, we know from recent communications that some parents are even looking forward to the end of the school year and the start of the summer holidays! Please be reminded that there have been no changes to the school calendar. The official last day for students is Tuesday June 21st. No travel arrangements should be made until Wednesday 22nd June.

Yours sincerely

Mr Martin and Ms Zena

Library News

I hope you all had a relaxing winter break! Our annual international book orders have all arrived this week and we can't wait to display them and share them with our students and teachers next week. We have also bought the latest published Arabic books for our students to enjoy so please encourage your children to come to the library and enjoy the most current additions. Library activities are continuing of course this month with our after-school Makerspace Activities and Book Clubs for primary and secondary students.

A reminder that students can log into Destiny Discover, our library catalog (<https://library.iaa.edu.io/>), and see what books they have checked out, access learning resources, give review on books, read eBooks, and more. They can log in using their firstname.lastname and then their IAA password. Please contact your respective librarian if you have any questions. Have a wonderful, warm week!

Sincerely yours,

Dima Shaka'a

Head of Libraries/Primary Librarian