



الأكاديمية الدولية - عمان  
THE INTERNATIONAL ACADEMY - AMMAN

# Parent News

## Monday, 19th November

### 2018

### Calendar

Monday, November 19	-Open meeting with Primary Principal, Mr. Andrew Powell, Primary Principal's Office, 8-9 am -Info Day, 2-4 pm -FCD Prevention Grade 8 & 9 parent workshop 1, MPR, 6 pm
Tuesday, November 20	-Prophet Mohammad's Birthday (PBUH)
Wednesday, November 21	-FCD Prevention Grade 10, 11 & 12 parent workshop 2 (this is a repeat of the first workshop), MPR, 6 pm
Thursday, November 22	-HAWKS U18 Soccer -FCD Prevention Grade 8 & 9 parent workshop 2 (this is a repeat of the first workshop), MPR, 3:30 pm
Friday, November 23	-HAWKS U18 Soccer -Majlis Al Arabi, (Off- Campus)
Saturday, November 24	-HAWKS U18 Soccer -Majlis Al Arabi, (Off- Campus)
Sunday, November 25	-HAWKS U18 Soccer
Monday, November 26	-Open meeting with Primary Principal, Mr. Andrew Powell, Primary Principal's Office, 8-9 am
Tuesday, November 27	-Director's Open Meeting with parents, Director's Office, 8-9 am -Brainstorm (school performances), IAA Theatre, 10 am -Brainstorm (evening shows), IAA Theatre, 6 pm
Wednesday, November 28	-Pre-K Up, Up, and Away -Brainstorm (school performances), IAA Theatre, 10 am -Brainstorm (evening shows) , IAA Theatre, 6 pm
Thursday, November 29	-HAWKS U16 Soccer
Friday, November 30	-HAWKS U16 Soccer
Saturday, December 1	-HAWKS U16 Soccer
Sunday, December 2	-HAWKS U16 Soccer
Monday, December 3	-Open meeting with Primary Principal, Mr. Andrew Powell, Primary Principal's Office, 8-9 am

## *A Message from the Director*

Dear IAA Community,

A lot had taken place since August and I believe that this video link summarises it all:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8zssJtYjFs&feature=youtu.be>. And more is yet to come!

We have our annual Information Day today, which is an opportunity for prospective parents to visit our campus, take a tour, meet staff and learn about what we do. I look forward to meeting them to share our achievements and how far we have come since our inception in 2004 in terms of making leaders of tomorrow.

As part of our responsibility to ensure the welfare of all our students both Primary and Secondary have been hard at work implementing child safety rules - both personal safety including safe living in the home and community as well as safety workshops against emerging trends amongst teens such as substance abuse – happening this week in Secondary. The latter is moderated by FCD Prevention Works, a leading international nonprofit provider of school-based substance abuse prevention services. FCD has vast experience in providing this generation with the knowledge, nurturance and social skills they need to become healthy and responsible adults. We have even arranged for parent workshops, since we feel that parents are active participants in student substance abuse through their own education and engagement. According to FCD, *“children whose parents talk to them about the risks of alcohol and other drug use are less likely to face problems with substances.”* For more information, please read Mr Martin’s segment for the week’s schedule.

The winter is upon us. It is a time to remember the needy families across Jordan who also need to stay warm. At IAA, we follow the tradition of our winter campaign that supports families in underprivileged areas. This year, we are supporting organisations located in Al-Koura Brigade that provide assistance for 200 families from the local area. Please bring in items such as winter clothes, blankets and food and place them in the boxes located around the campus.

Have a good week and Mawlid Nabawi Mubarak!

**Hana Kanan Ed.D.**

**Director**

## Primary School News

Dear Parents,

I hope that you have had a relaxing weekend and that your children are ready for the week ahead. As the weather has become cold and occasionally wet, it is important that students are suitably attired. Please remember that children should be wearing school branded clothing to school.

This week we host an information session for prospective IAA families. I know that this is often a highlight for Prefects who tour families around school and provide their insights and perspectives on what makes our school great. Should you have friends that are considering a move to IAA, please have them contact our Admissions Department.

I'd like to extend my thanks to our counsellors and the overwhelming number of parents that attended our recent Parent Information Session on personal body safety. The way in which the community has embraced our child safeguarding efforts has been impressive and I know that we are providing our students with developmentally appropriate awareness and skills to help keep them safe. As ever, maintaining a positive relationship with your child is of paramount importance.

This week we commence a healthy eating drive in the Primary School to ensure that our students are consuming food that is nutritious and fuels healthy minds and bodies. Please consider whether the lunch and snacks you are providing for your child would be considered as such. Candy, chocolate, crisps and Takis especially, should not be consumed by our students. More detailed information about Healthy Eating can be found on Page 5 of the Parent Information Manual.

Each year, the winter weather makes life difficult for our most vulnerable families in the Kingdom and in keeping with our school's mission we run an annual Winter Campaign. This year will be helping aid organisations located in Al-Koura Brigade that provides survival assistance for 200 families from the local area. Donation boxes are located at the Primary Reception and funds will help us put together food, clothing and winterisation boxes.

I would like to recognise the following award winners:

### **Bronze Award Winners**

Mustafa Al-Ma'ayta 5D	Saif Al Naimat 4C	Ghazi Khalifa 4D
Hayma Al Abbadi 4B	Reem Al Basha 4C	Maia Gourgourinis 2A
Salma Al Faraj 4B		

Wishing you all a wonderful week.

Yours sincerely,

Andrew Powell

## Secondary School News

Dear Parents,

### **Change in Weather and Uniform**

Now that the weather is changing and the morning temperatures are dropping, please ensure that students come to school appropriately dressed as it is all too easy to catch a chill (especially with wet hair). However, please also ensure that students are wearing the correct uniform. If extra jumpers and a coat is needed for the year, now would be an excellent time to get them. We would like to focus on teaching and learning rather than enforcing the uniform policy.

### **Parent Teacher Conferences**

Thank you to all of our parents who were able to attend the Parent Teacher conferences. While these conferences are almost over, communication between home and school remains an important part of your child's success. Our teachers will continue to communicate to you of any academic and/or behavioural concerns.

### **Change in Holiday and Schedules**

Due to the change in the holiday this week, we are running a Tuesday schedule on Wednesday. This means that Secondary will close at the same time as Primary on Wednesday, at 2.15 pm. Students who take the school bus will depart on the primary run. This allows for follow up parent conferences to take place for those staff who were full from last week and also allow staff to participate in an FCD workshop (see below).

### **FCD Workshops**

We are pleased to be hosting two specialists who have come the USA to discuss issues of substance abuse and addiction with our students. Whilst Grade 9 and 11 will be having some in-depth seminar time, Grades 7,8,10 and 12 will also have assembly time with these specialists to discuss issues pertinent to them. We do hope it will be a very enlightening week for them. It is very important that parents are part of this conversation and so we have set up the following meetings. I urge you to attend if you can:

- *Grade 10, 11 & 12 Parent Workshop 1: Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> November at 3.30 pm in the Multi Purpose Room*
- *Grade 8 & 9 Parent Workshop 1: Monday 19<sup>th</sup> November at 6.00 pm in the Multi Purpose Room*
- *Grade 10, 11 & 12 Parent Workshop 2: Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> November at 6.00 pm in the Multi Purpose Room (this is a repeat of the first workshop)*
- *Grade 8 & 9 Parent Workshop 2: Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> November at 3.30 pm in the Multi Purpose Room (this is a repeat of the first workshop)*

### **Majlis Al Arabi**

This upcoming weekend, November 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>, the 4<sup>th</sup> annual Majlis Al Arabi conference will take place in the Al-Asriyya School. The theme will be "Our Future Unites Us", and the assembly follows the MUN framework, where over 200 delegates will tackle controversial issues related to our region using the Arabic language to express their opinions and ideas. For the past month, our Secretariat Team have been training our students in addition to students from various Madrasati schools on the rules and procedures of this conference. We wish everyone involved all the best in their preparations for this important conference.

### **Winter Campaign**

As we start the winter season, the Secondary Religion Department has launched a winter drive to support our vulnerable families in Jordan. This stems from the school-wide winter campaign, where we are supporting organisations located in Al-Koura Brigade that provide assistance for 200 families from the local area. We welcome our students' support and ask for them to bring in items that include winter clothes, blankets, non-perishable food, toys, books and/or stationary. The campaign ends on Thursday, 29<sup>th</sup> November 2018.

### **Brainstorm**

Excitement mounts as the countdown for Brainstorm has begun. Our DP Theatre students have written much of the script, drawing directly on their own personal experiences, within the context of how the adolescent brain develops. On November 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>, sign up for this chaotic, frustrating and exhilarating ride inside the brain of an adolescent. The real beauty of this authentic production is that it will take us ALL on a journey of deep discovery and reflection that will strengthen our connections and bring us closer together. That is the true power of theatre! Purchase your ticket for 5JD from the Finance office. **Please note that the play is suitable for students from G9 and above.**

### **G10 Community Forum**

As part of their Service As Action unit, G10s used the power of action research to present their findings on urgent social issues in a community forum this past Thursday. Topics included mental health, female empowerment, refugee crisis, substance abuse, child labour, environmentalism and social security, all explored within a Jordanian context. We were impressed and inspired by the depth of their research, where information was drawn from interviews with experts, surveys, media and much more. The forum culminated with a presentation by our keynote speaker Ms. Samar Dudin, the Regional Director and Head of Programmes for Ruwwad Al Tanmeya, a non-profit community and youth empowerment organisation. She reminded us that we all have the capacity to create change, and today's forum was a great starting point towards just that.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Martin and Ms Zena