



الأكاديمية الدولية - عمان
THE INTERNATIONAL ACADEMY - AMMAN

Parent News

Monday, 16th September

2019

Calendar

Monday, September 16	Open meeting with Primary Principal, Mr. Andrew Powell, Primary Principal's Office, 8-9 am G3 Parent Info Session, MPR, 2:45 pm
Tuesday, September 17	Director's Open Meeting with parents, Director's Office, 8-9 am Meet and Greet with G10/11 parents, Secondary Building - Arabic and English pods, 2:30-4 pm G4 Parent Info Session, MPR, 2:45 pm
Wednesday, September 18	G5 Parent Info Session, MPR, 2:45 pm
Thursday, September 19	G5 Miss Carolyn Assembly, Auditorium, 1:15-2:15 pm
Monday, September 23	Open meeting with Primary Principal, Mr. Andrew Powell, Primary Principal's Office, 8-9 am
Tuesday, September 24	Director's Open Meeting with parents, Director's Office, 8-9 am
Thursday, September 26	Service As Action and Interdisciplinary Learning in the MYP (G6-10), Auditorium, 8-9 am G4 Miss Natasha Assembly, Auditorium, 1:15-2:15 pm
Sunday, September 29	Academic Honesty and Referencing (G6 – 12), Auditorium
Monday, September 30	Open meeting with Primary Principal, Mr. Andrew Powell, Primary Principal's Office, 8-9 am

A Message from the Director



Beloved IAA Community,

A massive welcome back! These past few weeks have been a celebration of seeing all your beautiful faces after a long summer break and we couldn't be happier. From the wildly energetic first day, with balloons and a folk 'Zafeh' to the IB Recognition & Welcome Reception; the school is surely buzzing with positivity and festivity.

I am proud to announce that we have enrolled 176 new students and 38 new educators to our IAA family. We are now a community of 1,503 very unique people. May it continue to grow and may our kids continue to flourish under our wings.

Communication is at the base of every tight community. We strongly believe in the power of open communication and so as we do every year, my door is open **every Tuesday Morning** throughout the year from 8am – 9am welcoming all (without appointment) to discuss matters related to making IAA grow better and stronger.

More so and in spirit of community, I encourage you all to participate and attend as many school events as you can. You are part of our community as much as our students and it is pivotal to have the continuous support of all members of our family.

Here is to yet another successful and fantastic year!

Warmest Regards,

Hana Kanan Ed.D.

Director

Primary School News

Dear Parents,

It has been a great start to the year, and it has been fantastic to be able to meet our new students and reconnect with our returning families. There has been lots of positive energy on campus and our students have clearly been happy to reconnect with classmates and teachers. I'm looking forward to a wonderful year ahead.

Prior to the commencement of classes, we held a general parent information session for new families, and we have commenced specific grade level presentations, which continue this week. Our TAs are available to provide childminding if needed and the list of upcoming sessions is as follows:

Sunday, September 15 th	G2 Parent Information Afternoon in the MPR @ 2:45pm
Monday, September 16 th	G3 Parent Information Afternoon in the MPR @ 2:45pm
Tuesday, September 17 th	G4 Parent Information Afternoon in the MPR @ 2:45pm
Wednesday, September 18 th	G5 Parent Information Afternoon in the MPR @ 2:45pm

Our counsellors and Arabic staff are present at the sessions should you have any questions about their programmes or roles. During the course of the school year, should you have any issues of concern, I encourage you to take them up with the teacher concerned or our counsellors should you require their support. As in previous years the Leadership Team in the Primary is open to meeting with you when you feel that after trying to resolve a matter at the classroom/ counsellor level, further support is warranted. Mr Walid, Ms Melinda, Ms Alia, Ms Anna and I are available on a Monday morning from 8am for drop-in visits.

A school wide goal this year is to work towards being a more inclusive school. Dr Richard Tapajna is leading this initiative and your children may have noticed him observing classes over the past couple of weeks as he develops an understanding of our procedures and practices. We look forward to him working with teachers on specific pedagogical practices that will improve learning for all of our students.

As we commence the school year I would like to congratulate the following students that have been selected as prefects:

Jude Saadi (Head Girl)	Nasser Abu Ragheb (Head Boy)
Gabriella Gourgournis	Kareem Ghnaimat
Lara Matraji	Adam Abu Lughod
Noor Asali	Abdullah Abu Halimeh

We have an incredible group of students who both strive and demonstrate positive leadership amongst their peers. Over the coming weeks there will be opportunities for students to be elected in formal leadership

positions through Student Council and House Captain elections. There are also opportunities through our Community Action Service (CAS) and Peer Mediator programmes.

Wishing you a wonderful week.

Yours sincerely,

Andrew Powell
Primary Principal



Secondary School News

Dear IAA,

Welcome back to another school year!

We would like to extend a special welcome to our new students, families and staff. We are excited to continue working together to make IAA a warm and welcoming place where students can realize and achieve their full potential. Students are encouraged to participate in school activities and leadership opportunities. Finally, we wish our students the best for a very successful school year.

A busy two weeks already!

- **Elections for Student Representative Council**

Now that the Head Boy and Head Girl have been elected, this week we have elections for class representatives for the Student Representative Council. We wish those students who put their names forward all the best. We applaud them on their courage to stand in front of their peers and teachers to present their ideas and initiatives for this academic year.

- **Information sessions for MYP and DP**

Our Information sessions for parents have been running since the first week. We would like to thank all those parents who have come to school to meet teachers and find out about the curriculum and pastoral protocols.

- **Extracurricular Activities**

Our extracurricular activities continue to offer a nice balance between athletics, enrichment activities and academic support. Activities that have already started include Athletics (where we had amazing numbers of students attend the first try-outs), Model United Nations and the cast for this year's drama production *DNA* has already been chosen.

As activities come on line they will be promoted to students through Moodle and at Registration. Where activities require additional payment, letters will be sent home and when activities require late busses for those using the service this will be arranged. We encourage our students to take part in our activities, since they can further develop their creativity, communication, leadership and social skills. Stay tuned for further information!

Looking ahead

- **Grade 10/11 Meet & Greet – Tuesday 17th September, Theatre and MPR at 2.30 pm**

This will take place on Tuesday 17th September. There will be brief introductions to both programs before parents have time to meet the teachers of these grades in the Theatre Foyer.

- **MYP Meeting for Interdisciplinary Learning and Service As Action – Thursday 26th September, Theatre at 8.00 am**

This is the last of our specific Middle Years Programme meetings and deals with two very important aspects of the programme. Interdisciplinary Units and Service as Action units are delivered from Grade 6 to 10. Parents who wish to know about these unique aspects to the IB are invited to attend.

Yours Sincerely,
Mr. Martin and Ms. Zena



Sports News



We have just wrapped up try outs and I am so pleased with the amount of potential we have in this school. Our students always show great commitment and enthusiasm when it comes to sport and we are lucky enough to have a wide range of experienced coaches and trainers to help aid our wonderful athletes!

We look forward to seeing you all in our sports complex and best wishes to everyone in this upcoming athletic year.

**Kind Regards,
Coach Samer**

Library News



The Libraries would like to welcome all students for 2019-2020. We are very pleased to offer the IAA communities the best resources possible for students to love reading from PreK through Grade 12.

This year, the libraries are focusing monthly on UN Sustainable Development Goals. For the months of September and October, we will incorporate books and readings in both Arabic and English that address the goals of zero poverty and zero hunger. In addition, we will continue to teach life skills such as how to care for books and how to find books in the library.

This year, we are hosting the 3rd Jordanian School Librarians Conference from 2-3 November. Our keynote speaker will be Ibtisam Barakat, a Palestinian-American author who has written two young adult novels, *Tasting the Sky: a Palestinian Childhood* and *Balcony on the Moon: Coming of Age in Palestine*. IAA parents have the opportunity to hear her speak on Saturday evening, the 2nd.

We are also working on our celebration of summer readers. Over 150 students participated last summer, and over half of those finished their summer reading sheets. Please stay tuned to the Summer Reading WhatsApp for upcoming details.

As always, feel free to stop by any of our libraries to get acquainted with the programs and resources we have.

**For the Libraries,
Ms. Kathleen**