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Parent News

Tuesday, 7th September 2021

A Message from the Director

Dear Parents,

Allow me to welcome all of you to the new academic year 2021/22 at IAA! We are thrilled to be partnering, collaborating, and joining efforts with you and your children as we soar into another exciting and fruitful educational journey. As we step into a new school year, we should all think of renewed hope, new opportunities of exploration, reflection, growth, and gratitude. Whether you are a returning family, a first-time family, or a family transferring from another school, your children will find unlimited opportunities to enjoy this school year by learning, exploring, and engaging together. Thank you for being a special member of our IAA family!

Despite the fact that we have had a very smooth start last week, we continue to take all necessary steps in maintaining the safety and wellbeing protocol for the entire school; I am now pleased to announce that all staff members are fully vaccinated! It is crucial to adhere to the COVID-19 guidelines by constantly encouraging your children to practice social distancing and reminding them to wear their masks, to guarantee a safe environment for our community at all times.

Additionally, allow me to emphasize the importance of being prompt when picking up your children to minimize further disruptions to our teachers' duties. I would also like to assure you that our primary focus for the time being would be identifying, filling, and overcoming any learning gaps our students might have developed in Math and Literacy, through a devoted instructional plan to ensure they are back on track and ultimately, excelling academically.

On another positive note, a few remarkable achievements were recognized last week in a beautiful ceremony held at our beloved campus! The Class of '21 top IB achievers were celebrated and honored due to their outstanding success, which was most certainly worthy of celebration. It was indeed a reflection of the rewards that can be achieved through hard work, persistence, determination, and discipline. It is now the time to anticipate and witness the success that is awaiting our 12th cohort, the Class of '22! May they have a great year ahead; I cannot wait to celebrate another group of extraordinary students.

As you are aware, a productive and a prosperous school year cannot be achieved without your continuous and constant support, engagement, and feedback; it is the culmination of the combined efforts of students, teachers, parents, and school as a whole that always guarantees the desired successful outcome. Therefore, I strongly urge you to virtually participate in our school events and activities in order to build a solid relationship with the school and become more acquainted with it. Moreover, all meetings with staff members including myself could be conducted over Zoom; links will be provided upon request.

I look forward to a blessed, safe and a fulfilling year ahead!

Kind regards,

Hana Kanan, Ed.d

Director

Primary School News

Dear Parents,

A warm welcome to the 2021–2022 Academic Year. We have started it successfully, and I hope the rest of it continues that way. Thank you for supporting your children during these unique times of the global pandemic.

We will continue to navigate the new norm in education and make significant improvements to enrich our school community's delivery of teaching and learning that will have a lasting impact on students' educational attainment. I know for sure that we are all in this together. Therefore, your support at this stage is invaluable to our school community. I hope that the challenges we face from the global pandemic will end with a fruitful solution for everyone.

That said, I am exceptionally proud of our outstanding students and colleagues during these times. Their resilience and perseverance give us hope. We aim to emphasise interactive teaching and learning sessions with our students to promote active learning that enables critical thinking and holistic well-being, leading to positive outcomes.

I look forward to the school resuming more activities and events, once the Ministry of Education directs that it is safe to do so.

Yours sincerely,
Dr. Omolola Wright-Odusoga

Secondary School News

Dear Parents

What a wonderful start to the academic year. It is so nice to have students and staff back on campus and to feel the school buildings alive with energy and positivity. Thank you for your support throughout the first week.

Meet and Greet

This week, on Tuesday 7th September, Grade 11, 9 and 7 parents have time on Zoom to meet the pastoral and academic teams involved with their children this year. Letters have been emailed home with information and the appropriate zoom links. We look forward to seeing you there. The week after, Tuesday 14th September, it is the turn of Grade 6, 8 and 10.

Covid Protocols

Unfortunately, it is still a fact of life that we have to dedicate space to this!

1. Masks – we are very happy with the level of adherence to the mask protocols in school. Please do reinforce how important it is for your children to carry on being very careful; to continue to wear their masks and to think about physical distance.
2. Random Testing – we will be starting this week, testing small numbers of students (and staff) on Mondays and Wednesdays.
3. Monitoring our children for symptoms – please continue to monitor children and should there be any symptoms then keep your child at home and test. Should any students test positive, please do inform the school nurse as soon as you can.

Other News

Head Boy and Head Girl

Congratulations to our new Head Girl and Head Boy for 2021/2022. We will be electing the Student Representative Council this week and we wish the whole team a really productive year ahead.

Teambuilding and Sports for Grades 6 to 8

To celebrate coming back to school last week we ran some teambuilding and sporting activities for Grades 6 to 8. Feedback was very positive and the smiling faces of the students said it all!

Co-curricular and sporting activities

Given the latest ruling from the MOE re student participation being limited to those who have been vaccinated, **we are delaying our tryouts and activities to give parents the opportunity to start the vaccination process.** More information will be released next week.

Multi-grade discussions on what it means to be a student at IAA

Over the past week we have had some very productive and illuminating discussions. The groups have been composed of students from all grades and led by our students in Grade 11 and 12. Topics included: our values, our mission and vision, our rights and responsibilities and what it means and why it is important to have an international outlook. We hope your children enjoyed them and hope it helped remind them of what it means to be a part of our community.

Overall, we have been very pleased with the start to the school year. We have found a new rhythm and valuable learning is taking place. Thank you again for your support.

Yours sincerely

Mr Martin and Ms Zena

Library News

Welcome back to a new school year! We are all very excited to be back in school and thrilled to have our students back in the libraries. Along with information literacy, library skills, research skills, use of resources, and digital citizenship, a big focus in our libraries this year will be on reading and getting the students back into that routine. We will be planning events in the libraries so watch out for more information throughout the year. The KG and Primary libraries will begin checking out books to students this week. We will also be celebrating the achievements of our students who participated in the Summer Reading Challenge at the end of the month with gifts and certificates. I'd like to welcome our new secondary librarian, Ms. Melissa Cline, to our team. She has already met many of your children and is enthusiastic to work with them and support their education. The libraries are here to support your children's learning, so please don't hesitate to reach out. Have a wonderful week!

Sports News

Week one of school was a week full of fun and sports. We had the pleasure to run a 3 day sports day marathon for grades six to eight. Students came over to the sports complex for two hours and enjoyed team building games, track and field events and much more. It has been proven that physical activity increases cognition and enhances academic performance, and we at IAA, always look to maximize student potential with the latest studies and research.