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BAIS Buzz

Message from the Director

Dear BAIS Families,

Happy New Year! It was great to get back to BAIS and see everyone! As my friends and relatives back in Tennessee battle snow and icy roads this weekend, I am even more grateful to be here in The Gambia!

The next couple of months are full of activities. Saturday Basketball will start tomorrow. Our next round of ASAs will begin Monday. The PTO will meet this Tuesday evening. Musical rehearsals will also begin next week, with the musical scheduled for Friday, February 21. We will celebrate Gambia Day here at school on Friday, February 14.

February 11-13, Dr. David Bateman, an expert in the area of special needs, will be here to conduct workshops and work directly with our staff. Dr. Bateman's visit is funded by the grant from the U.S. State Department. More information is inside the Buzz.

Our enrollment continues to grow, with 81 students currently enrolled, and four new students scheduled to arrive in the next few days!

Have a wonderful weekend!

Robert Harper, Director

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Upcoming Events

Sat. Jan. 11

Saturday Basketball begins

Mon. Jan. 13

ASAs Begin

Tues. Jan. 14

PTO Meeting, 6:00 PM

Fri. Jan 24

Semester 1 Ends

Mon. Jan. 27

School Board Meeting

Mon. Feb. 3

Report Cards go home



From the Business Office/ Tuition Reminder

This is a reminder that second trimester tuition payments were due on **November 20**. If you have already paid...thank you!! If you have not yet paid, please see Ms. Leah in the business office as soon as possible to make arrangements for payment. Thank you!

PTO Update

The next PTO meeting will be Tuesday, January 14, at 6:00 PM in the school library. This will give our parents who work the opportunity to attend. Please plan to attend! The PTO needs more volunteers!

Staff Development/Learning Support

We are excited that Dr. David Bateman will be here Tuesday through Thursday, February 11-13 to conduct training for all of our staff in the area of special needs and learning support. That Wednesday is a half-day professional development day. Dr. Bateman is a former professor at Shippensburg University of Pennsylvania in the Department of Educational Leadership and Special Education where he taught courses on special education law, assessment, and IEP implementation/development. Dr. Bateman has been a classroom teacher of students with learning disabilities, behavior disorders, intellectual disability, and hearing impairments. He has recently co-authored the following books: *A Principal's Guide to Special Education (4th ed.)*, *Developing Educational Meaningful and Legally Sound IEPs*, and *Current Trends and Issues in Special Education*, *A Teacher's Guide to Special Education*, *Special Education Law Case Studies*, and *Special Education Leadership: Building Effective Programming in Schools*. Dr. Bateman will present workshops for our faculty, visit classes, and work with individual teachers on how to more effectively meet the needs of students with special needs.

As many of you may know, Danielle Shulkin, our Learning Support Leader, has to return to the United States. She will, however, continue to work with our teachers and students remotely. Dr. Bateman's visit is even more beneficial, given this situation.

Dr. Bateman's visit is made possible by the grant from the U.S. State Department. Meeting the needs of students with special needs has become an area of increased emphasis by the State Department, and we are grateful to be able to benefit from that.

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Chess Update



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Saturday Basketball Starts Tomorrow

Tomorrow, January 11, we will begin Saturday basketball at BAIS. The format will be similar to how soccer was...younger players from 9:00 to 10:00, and older players from 10:15 to 11:15. BAIS students are allowed to bring friends, as long as it doesn't get too crowded. Parents are also invited to come out and assist as well, and I understand that we have a few that were avid players also! So plan to come out and be a part of this fun activity

School Board Update

Our next School Board meeting will be Monday, January 27. I want to again thank our board members Fady Ghanim, Fady Hocheimy, Enya Braun, Yassin Senghore, Kris Murray, and Eric Mehler, who not only so generously volunteer their time to fill those roles, but who also do so in such a professional and collegial manner.

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**After-School Activities
January - March 2024**

Dear BAIS Families,

We will begin our second session of after-school activities (ASAs) on Monday 13th January 2025, for all students from Kindergarten through High School. This session will last until Monday 3rd March 2025.

- Timing: 3:15 to 4:10pm
- Days: Mondays and/or Thursdays.
- Pick Up: 4:15 pm
- **Please note that students ARE NOT allowed to wait on campus while a sibling is attending an ASA. They must either register for an ASA or be picked up at 3:15 pm as normal.**

How to register:

- **Deadline:** Friday 10th January 2025
- Follow this link: [BAIS T2 ASA Registration](#).
- Complete the form for each BAIS child.
- Send any questions via Email to: gshyngle@baisgambia.org

Monday	Lead Facilitator	Location
Fun With Basketball (MS-HS)	Mr. George & Mr. Joe	Basketball Court
Garden Club (G4HS)	Mr. Jain	Garden Area
Service Learning (G3-HS)	Ms. Angie/Ms. Makuena	Art Room
Sand Painting(K-G2)	Ms. Abie Cham/Ms. Awa	Pre-K Area
Thursday	Lead Facilitator	Location
Lego Club (K1)	Ms. Hala	K1 Room
Beadng (G2-G5)	Ms. Elin	Pre-K Room
NASA Explorer Club (G3-G6)	Ms. Kiran	G3 Room
Yearbook Club	Ms. Amal	Library

Additional Activities may be scheduled on other days for MS/HS

PLEASE NOTE

- All activities will cap at 15 students unless otherwise noted.
- Activities need five students to run. Any students signed up for an activity with fewer than five students will select a second choice.
- **Sign-ups are on a first-come, first-served basis and ONLY through the Google Form.**

Many thanks,

Mr. George Shyngle

After School Activities Coordinator

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January 2025

STUDENT NAME _____ Class _____

PARENT CONTACT Name: _____ Phone _____

ORDERING INSTRUCTIONS

1. Choose Portion Size:

☐ Small - 200 Dalasi

☐ Large - 250 Dalasi

2. Choose how you will order:

☐ Tick here to order all the lunches for this month.

Full Period : 16 lunches (Total cost: Small = D3,200 OR Large = D4,000)

☐ Tick here to order lunches by the day.

By the day:

1. Tick the days desired in the chart below

2. Multiply x D 200 (small) or D250 (large)

3. Write in here: Total # lunches: _____ x Cost per portion _____ = D _____

3. Get money and form to BAIS OFFICE

January 2025	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Jan 6 - 9	<input type="checkbox"/> <u>Tick to order</u> Vegetable kolhapuri with rice & fruit 🍌	<input type="checkbox"/> <u>Tick to order</u> Roast Chicken, with Fries, Vegetables & fruit	<input type="checkbox"/> <u>Tick to order</u> Shepherd's Pie & fruit	<input type="checkbox"/> <u>Tick to order</u> Fish brochettes with sauteed vegetables & fruit
Jan 13 - 16	<input type="checkbox"/> <u>Tick to order</u> Spaghetti with tomato sauce & fruit 🍌	<input type="checkbox"/> <u>Tick to order</u> Crispy chicken with fries, salad, & fruit	<input type="checkbox"/> <u>Tick to order</u> Beef & sauteed vegetable wraps with salad & fruit	<input type="checkbox"/> <u>Tick to order</u> Fish Benachin, vegetables & fruit
Jan 20 - 23	<input type="checkbox"/> <u>Tick to order</u> Chicken Piccata with vegetables, rice & fruit	<input type="checkbox"/> <u>Tick to order</u> Grilled fish with baked vegetables & fruit	<input type="checkbox"/> <u>Tick to order</u> Pasta with meatballs in tomato sauce & fruit	<input type="checkbox"/> <u>Tick to order</u> Margarita Pizza Ice cream & fruit 🍌
Jan 27 - 30	<input type="checkbox"/> <u>Tick to order</u> Fish Fingers with fries, salad, & fruit	<input type="checkbox"/> <u>Tick to order</u> Spaghetti Bolognese & fruit	<input type="checkbox"/> <u>Tick to order</u> Chicken fried rice & fruit	<input type="checkbox"/> <u>Tick to order</u> Potato Cheese balls, sweet chilli sauce, cucumber and tomato salad & fruit 🍌

Please contact Ms. Leah for any Hot Lunch inquiries and allergy information (7744477).

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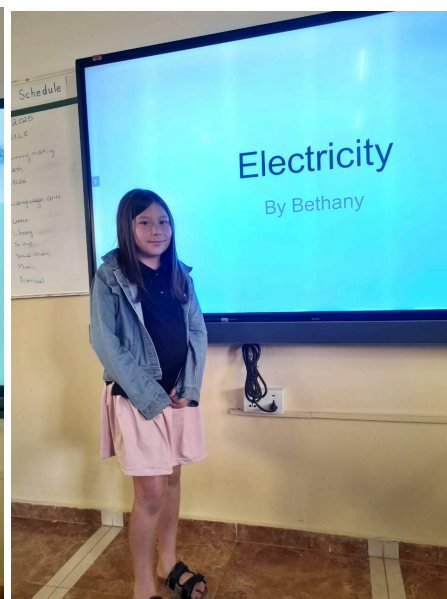
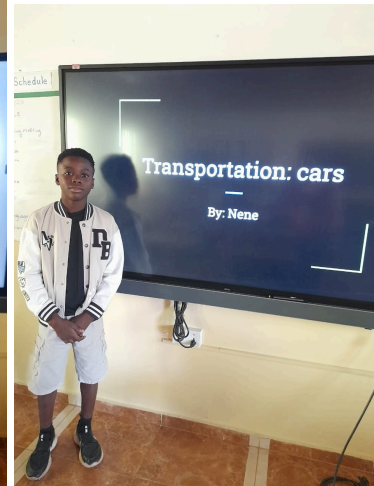
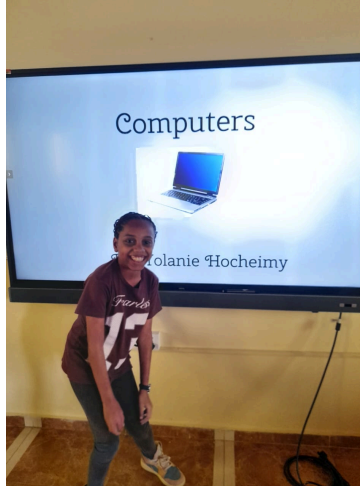
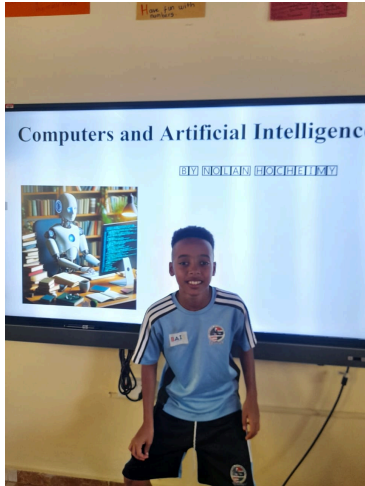
Pre-K Happenings



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Grade 4/5 Presentations



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