

BAIS Buzz

Message from the Director

Dear BAIS Families,

As I see photos from former friends and colleagues back in the States, and announcements of school closings due to snow, I am continually grateful to be living on the Smiling Coast! My friends and colleagues are soooooo jealous!

As was already announced to the middle school and high school, Mr. Will Hoverson is leaving us to go back to Chicago to care for his parents. Mr. Will brings an energy and passion to teaching that equals any teacher I have ever known in my 45 years in education. Marlow Murray said it best during CoL today: "Mr. Will makes learning fun." We will miss him, and we wish him all the best as he returns to Chicago.

On Tuesday evening, I will leave to go on a recruiting trip to the US to meet prospective teachers and tell them all about our wonderful school and community. More details inside the Buzz. Sadly, I did not bring an overcoat to Banjul!

Have a wonderful weekend! Basketball players, come join us tomorrow!

Robert Harper, Director

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Upcoming Events

Sat. Jan. 25
 Saturday Basketball

Mon. Jan. 27
 School Board Meeting

Mon. Feb. 3
 Report Cards go home

Wed. Feb. 12
 Professional Development Day
 12:00 dismissal

Fri. Feb. 14
 Gambia Day Celebration

Wed. Mar. 12
 Professional Development Day
 12:00 dismissal



PTO Update...Gambia Day

BAIS Gambia Day is February 14 and we will be having a community communal potluck at the event. The PTO will be sending out a potluck dish sign up. The dishes should be Gambian food only and can be main courses, side dishes, drinks, anything really. If you do not want to bring food, you can contribute to a catered lunch that Freddy will cook. He is the caterer for BAIS hot lunches. If you want to contribute to the catered lunch, please check with Leah. Thank you!

Jeremy Ogusky

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!

Volunteers Needed

Please remember that Dr. David Bateman will be coming from the U.S. to lead a staff development workshop in the area of special needs. His wife will be accompanying him. I am looking for volunteers to agree to take Ms. Bateman around Banjul during the school day and show her some of the interesting things there are to see here. If you are willing and able to volunteer for one of the days, please let me know. This would be such a big help and an opportunity to share with our guests what a warm and welcoming community the BAIS family is.

Saturday Basketball Update

Last Saturday we had a fun start to Saturday Basketball! Times for the younger basketball group will remain the same...9:00-10:10. Older students will be from 1:00 to 2:00 PM. This is in response to a request from the high school. Please feel free to invite your friends from other schools, as long as it doesn't get too crowded. Parents are also invited to come out and assist as well, so plan to come out and be a part of this fun activity. If I can still play at my age, so can some of you! Come out and join in the fun!

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Teacher Recruiting Update

Next week I will travel back to the United States to attend the overseas teacher recruitment fair at the University of Northern Iowa. While I am not at all looking forward to being in Iowa in January (current temperature: **-22!**), I am excited about talking to teachers about our wonderful school, welcoming community, and the amazing place where we live. This fair, run by the Overseas Teaching Services department of the University of Northern Iowa was started in 1976 and is the oldest in-person international school recruiting fair. I have personally attended this fair 4 times as a candidate and as a recruiter. Over 350 candidates are registered, and I have already been in correspondence with several who have great interest in our school. You can read more about the fair here: <https://teachoverseas.uni.edu/history-our-services>

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Chess Update

Hello Chess Friends! It's time for another chess meetup! Join us this Saturday the 25th from 3pm to 6.30pm at Iceland Ice Cream Parlour! Whether you'd like to challenge yourself against some of our stronger players, have a game just for fun, or learn how to play from someone from our team, while enjoying a delicious sweet treat! For more information contact: +220 261 6769 We look forward to seeing you all for another incredibly fun afternoon!

SATURDAY
CHESS
MEET-UP!

SATURDAY, JAN 25TH, 3PM - 6.30PM

**At Iceland Ice Cream Parlour,
near Holy Family Church
(Stadium Highway)**

**All ages and levels welcome! We
have a team who can teach you!**

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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"/> <i>Tick to order</i> Vegetable kolhapuri with rice & fruit ☺	<input type="checkbox"/> <i>Tick to order</i> Roast Chicken, with Fries, Vegetables & fruit	<input type="checkbox"/> <i>Tick to order</i> Shepherd's Pie & fruit	<input type="checkbox"/> <i>Tick to order</i> Fish brochettes with sauteed vegetables & fruit
Jan 13 - 16	<input type="checkbox"/> <i>Tick to order</i> Spaghetti with tomato sauce & fruit ☺	<input type="checkbox"/> <i>Tick to order</i> Crispy chicken with fries, salad, & fruit	<input type="checkbox"/> <i>Tick to order</i> Beef & sauteed vegetable wraps with salad & fruit	<input type="checkbox"/> <i>Tick to order</i> Fish Benachin, vegetables & fruit
Jan 20 - 23	<input type="checkbox"/> <i>Tick to order</i> Chicken Piccata with vegetables, rice & fruit	<input type="checkbox"/> <i>Tick to order</i> Grilled fish with baked vegetables & fruit	<input type="checkbox"/> <i>Tick to order</i> Pasta with meatballs in tomato sauce & fruit	<input type="checkbox"/> <i>Tick to order</i> Margarita Pizza Ice cream & fruit ☺
Jan 27 - 30	<input type="checkbox"/> <i>Tick to order</i> Fish Fingers with fries, salad, & fruit	<input type="checkbox"/> <i>Tick to order</i> Spaghetti Bolognaise & fruit	<input type="checkbox"/> <i>Tick to order</i> Chicken fried rice & fruit	<input type="checkbox"/> <i>Tick to order</i> 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 Beach Field Trip!



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Grade 3 Paleontologists!



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