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# BAIS Buzz

## Message from the Director

Dear BAIS Families,

**Santa is on his way!** Please remember our annual PTO Christmas Party tomorrow from 4:00 to 6:30 PM. Thanks so much to **Christel Oomen** for organizing. Please see the flyer and additional information inside the Buzz, including a link to a signup sheet.

Our elementary and middle school students have been rehearsing for their musical performance tomorrow, and they sound awesome! Thanks to **Mr. Sekou** for all his work with our students to get them ready for this performance, and also our classroom teachers. The production is centered around "A Christmas Carol". You won't want to miss this performance!

Today we welcomed to campus Mr. Matthew Hilton, the Regional Security Officer at the U.S. Embassy, and Ms. Sara Norton, the Assistant Regional Security Officer, who toured the campus. Their feedback was very positive. A grant from the U.S. State Department also is funding the new razor wire on top of the walls. We are tremendously grateful for the assistance we get from the Embassy and the State Department.

Field trips continued here this week at BAIS. I want to thank our teachers for organizing this, and especially **Mr. Edward Badjie**, who coordinates all of them as our Gambian Studies coordinator. We have amazing field trip opportunities; this is just one of the special things about living here and going to school here.

Finally when we come back in January we will have an orientation session for I-Ready for parents. More details will follow soon.

Have a wonderful weekend!

Robert Harper, Director

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## Upcoming Events

**Sat., Dec. 6**  
PTO Christmas Party

**Mon., Dec. 8**  
Kinder Toy Drive Ends

School Board Meeting

**Fri., Dec. 12**  
Last day before Winter Break  
No CoL...optional class parties

**Mon., Jan. 5**  
School Resumes

**Fri., Jan. 23**  
Semester 1 Ends



## Santa is Coming to BAIS!

Dear PTO & Helpful Parents!

Here are some great ways you can help out with the Holiday Party **tomorrow**, December 6!  
Any contribution is welcome, no matter how big or small 🌟 🌟

- 🌲 Photography!
- 🌲 Bring food or drinks!
- 🌲 Lend Christmas light or decorations!

It would be very helpful to fill out the Google Doc (especially for food and dessert!!) but you can also reply to this message or DM me 😊

[https://docs.google.com/document/d/1\\_f7c3qrJxHDL5iFplwVsIGsAAbhtBVi3sG3QiheP8Ks/edit?tab=t.0](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1_f7c3qrJxHDL5iFplwVsIGsAAbhtBVi3sG3QiheP8Ks/edit?tab=t.0)

*Christel Oomen*





## Kindergarten Toy Drive!

The kindergarten students are on a toy drive mission! They are looking out for old toys that may not be used by your kids anymore. if there are any, kindly pass it on to Ms Hala! Many students have already brought toys. **The deadline to bring toys is Monday, December 8.** Thank you, **Ms. Hala**, for organizing this!



## **Staff Spotlight...Mr. Muhammad Njie**



Mr. Njie has been teaching at all levels and to all ages for more than thirty years, fifteen of which have been in the Atlanta area in Georgia, U.S.A. His teaching career started as a Language Arts teacher in the Bibb County Public Schools in Macon, Georgia after he graduated from Mercer University in 1988 with a B.A degree in English and Sociology. He went on to take post graduate Teacher Certification courses at Mercer University to obtain Georgia Teacher's Certificates in English and Social Studies (K-12). In 2015, he decided to take his talents abroad by teaching English to ESL Learners in China and Korea. From teaching public school students, international students, adult learners and university students, he has cultivated effective ways of inspiring and guiding English Language Learners. Mr. Njie teaches middle school and high school English at BAIS.



## Grade 3 Visits NAWEC Water Plant

Our Grade 3 students visited the NAWEC Water Plant in Sukuta yesterday as part of our unit on "Water Around the World." This trip supported their learning on the importance of freshwater and ways we can conserve it. The visit truly enlightened the students. They were able to see how freshwater is cleaned, processed, and delivered to our homes. They showed great curiosity, asked thoughtful questions, and were highly engaged throughout. It was a truly fruitful and meaningful learning experience for them.

*Ms. Kiran*





## Grade 4/5 Visits Makasutu Forest

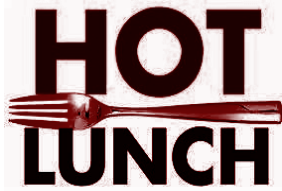




## Follow BAIS on Facebook!

<https://www.facebook.com/BAISGAMBIA>

Check our Facebook page for more photos and updates! I really want to thank Mr. Michael Seefried for revitalizing our Facebook page. More and more, that will be the source to go to for photos of school happenings and events. Thank you to **Mr. Michael!**



## December 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 : **8 lunches** (Total cost: **Small = D1,600 OR Large = D2,000**)
- ***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

December 2025	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Dec 1 - 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><i>Tick to order</i></b> Chicken Burger, French Fries W/ Cucumber Salad &amp; Fruit</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><i>Tick to order</i></b> Spaghetti with Tomato Sauce &amp; Fruit</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><i>Tick to order</i></b> Fish Benachin &amp; Vegetables with Bissap Sauce &amp; Cake</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><i>Tick to order</i></b> Creamy Mushroom Chicken Penne Pasta &amp; Fruit Salad</li> </ul>
Dec 8 - 11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><i>Tick to order</i></b> Beef Ragu W/ Tagliatelle Pasta &amp; Fruit Salad</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><i>Tick to order</i></b> Fish in Batter With Roasted Potatoes &amp; Veggies &amp; Fruit</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><i>Tick to order</i></b> Grilled Chicken W/ Coconut Curry Rice &amp; Cake</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><i>Tick to order</i></b> Margarita Pizza Mixed Salad &amp; Ice Cream</li> </ul>
Dec 15 - 18	☆☆☆☆☆☆☆☆ <b>NO SCHOOL 😊</b> <b>XMAS BREAK</b> ☆☆☆☆☆☆☆☆	☆☆☆☆☆☆☆☆ <b>NO SCHOOL 😊</b> <b>XMAS BREAK</b> ☆☆☆☆☆☆☆☆	☆☆☆☆☆☆☆☆ <b>NO SCHOOL 😊</b> <b>XMAS BREAK</b> ☆☆☆☆☆☆☆☆	☆☆☆☆☆☆☆☆ <b>NO SCHOOL 😊</b> <b>XMAS BREAK</b> ☆☆☆☆☆☆☆☆
Dec 22 - 25	☆☆☆☆☆☆☆☆ <b>NO SCHOOL 😊</b> <b>XMAS BREAK</b> ☆☆☆☆☆☆☆☆	☆☆☆☆☆☆☆☆ <b>NO SCHOOL 😊</b> <b>XMAS BREAK</b> ☆☆☆☆☆☆☆☆	☆☆☆☆☆☆☆☆ <b>NO SCHOOL 😊</b> <b>XMAS BREAK</b> ☆☆☆☆☆☆☆☆	☆☆☆☆☆☆☆☆ <b>NO SCHOOL 😊</b> <b>XMAS BREAK</b> ☆☆☆☆☆☆☆☆



## **iPad Pro for sale**

We're selling an iPad Pro 11-inch (2018) in Space Gray — WiFi + Cellular with 64GB of storage. It's in excellent condition, has a screen protector already installed, and comes with a carry case. This iPad is still fast, powerful, and perfect for school, work, travel, or entertainment. Asking around \$240 or best offer. If you're interested, please contact Dr. Kim on WhatsApp at +1 720 352 0124.



