

BAIS BUZZ

Message from the Director

Dear BAIS Families,

The first semester ended today. **Semester 1 reports** will go home Friday, January 30.

Saturday Basketball will begin continue tomorrow. Younger players will meet at 9:00. However, the times for older players has changed from 11:00 to 12:00. Please remember that you may bring friends from other schools. Parents are also welcome to play!

The calendar for 2026-27 has been set and is also inside the Buzz.

New information about exciting upcoming events in art and music are also inside the Buzz.

Have a wonderful weekend!

Robert Harper, Director

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Upcoming Events

Mon., Jan. 26

School Board Meeting, 6:00.

Fri., Jan. 30

CoL...Hosted by Grade KG
Semester 1 Reports Go Home

Wed., Feb. 4

Staff Development Day
12:00 Dismissal

Fri., Feb. 6

Golf Tournament

Sat., Feb. 7

CoL...Hosted by Grade Pre-Kinde

Wed., Feb. 11

100th Day of School

Fri., Feb. 13

Gambia Day Celebration

Wed., Feb. 18

Gambian Independence Day
No School



Staff Spotlight...Mr. Sang Jain

I have practiced teaching for over thirty-five years, 18 of which have been at BAIS, which started in 2000. I am a Gambian and I hold a BSc. (Honors) degree from Usman Danfodio University of Nigeria, majoring in Chemistry and Biology.

In the course of my career, I have served as Principal at Apple Tree International School, Head of the Science Department at Gambia College, Training Coordinator at SOS Training and Production Center and Examination Administration at West African Examination Council. These experiences built my skills in teaching, research and direct student engagement, ultimately inspiring me to focus fully on teaching and educational administration.

As a science teacher, I am in constant pursuit of better ways to impact knowledge and spark the flame of curiosity in my students. I try to make science content more personal by linking it to students' lives. Learning science, personally, is more than gaining content knowledge. It is about helping the students identify with science, which is essential to their success.

My experience was reinforced by the training program I attended at the University of Cambridge, in U.K. in 2016, and AERO CONFERENCE in 2024, in the USA.

I returned to BAIS in September, 2025, teaching a variety of science subjects, in the middle school and high school. I am excited to be back, after eight to nine years of absence.

Mr. Sang Jain

BAIS Model UN GOLF TOURNAMENT

BAIS

BANJUL AMERICAN INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

FEBRUARY 7, 2026 - STARTS AT 9AM

Fajara Club Golf Course

9 Hole Tournament - All Welcome! Regardless of skill level and age, and non-members of the Fajara Club are also invited.

To benefit BAIS high school students traveling to Barcelona for a Model United Nations Conference BIMUN Esade in April!

D1,000 PER PLAYER
PLAYERS IN GROUPS OF 4
Celebratory meal and prizes for the top 3 teams to follow!

SIGN-UP TODAY!

Contact: Ms. Mary Jobe - WhatsApp:
+1401-573-6199 or 220-723-6986

Model UN Class to Attend Barcelona Conference!

Dear BAIS Community,

The Model United Nations class is thrilled to announce their upcoming MUN Conference in **Barcelona this April** , where students will debate real-world issues and represent countries in an international forum.

To help make this opportunity possible, we are hosting a **fundraiser golf tournament** at the Fajara Club on **February 7** . Everyone is welcome to join and enjoy the day!

We are also seeking **sponsors from local businesses** . Ideally, each of the nine holes will be sponsored by a different company. Sponsors will have the opportunity to **advertise at their hole** , have their **name featured in the event pamphlet** , and be **acknowledged at the celebratory meal** following the tournament.

If you own a business or know someone who would like to help our students attend this conference, please **contact me or Mr. Robert** . Your support will make a meaningful difference in our students' educational experience.

Thank you for helping our students reach their full potential!

Warm regards,

Mary Jobe - Whatsapp +1401-573-6199 or 220-723-6986.

Music Update

Yesterday, Mr. Sekou and I welcomed to BAIS Mr. Mustafa Dirier, the director of Maarif School, and Mr. Jonathan Warner, the director of Marina, along with the music directors of their respective schools, to begin to plan a collaborative musical event in the spring. The date for this event will be **Saturday, May 16** , so please mark your calendars accordingly! I am looking forward to seeing what our music directors organize. It will be wonderful to see our students all performing together. Stay tuned to the Buzz for updates!

Road Update

Some of you may have noticed improvements to the turn off from Atlantic Blvd. onto the side road when you come to drop off and pick up your children at the back gate. A few weeks ago, some concerns were raised about the condition of the road. In the last several days, Mr. Chris and Mr. Isaac visited the road department, and they were very cooperative in addressing the issue. Improvements are not yet completed; we are in the process of having heavy machinery come to compress the larger rocks further, and more fill will be added and spread farther down the road. We hope to have this completed in the next few days. Thank you, Ms. Leah, Mr. Chris, and Mr. Isaac for taking care of this!

Saturday Basketball Change in Times

Saturday basketball will continue tomorrow. Younger players will go from 9:00 to 10:00. However, the time for older players is moved to 11:00-12:00. Remember that students may bring their friends from other schools. Parents are also invited to play! See you tomorrow!

Art Update

The BAIS Art Exhibition is to take place on Thursday, March 12, 2026, at the school campus. This exhibition is meant to showcase the creative skills of the students at BAIS from the pre-kindergarten to high school. The students will be showcasing artwork on collage canvas, painting, textile, and many more.

This art exhibition is meant to bring parents and students from different institutions and from BAIS to see the creativity of our students. The artwork will be auctioned, and we hope to have a great turnout from everyone!

Mr.Zina



BAIS 2026-2027 School Calendar

Approved December 8, 2025

August 2026

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

17 TAs & New Teachers report to work
24 All Teachers report to work
25 TBC - Prophet's Birthday

February 2027

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28						

19 class days
3 Faculty PD (12pm dismissal)
18 Gambian Independence Holiday

September 2026

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			

22 class days
1 - School Opens
9 Faculty PD (12pm dismissal)

March 2027

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

18 class days
3 Faculty PD (12pm dismissal)
TBC 10 Koriteh/ Eid Ul Fitr
Holiday, Approximate date - BAIS will observe the date confirmed by Govt of Gambia
26 Good Friday
26- 2 Spring Break

October 2026

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

Book Month!

20 class days
1- Book Month begins
7 Faculty PD (12pm dismissal)
22-23 BAIS Holiday
31 End of Quarter 1 (42 days)

April 2027

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	

20 class days
8 End of Quarter 3 (46 days)
1-2 Spring Break

November 2026

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					

21 class days
4 Faculty PD (12pm dismissal)
26 Thanksgiving Holiday-noon dismissal

May 2027

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

18 class days
3 Labor Day
17 Eid ul Adha/ Tobaski
Holiday, Approximate date - BAIS will observe the date confirmed by Govt of Gambia
25 Africa Day
26 Faculty PD (12pm dismissal)

December 2026

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

9 class days
11 Dismiss for break
Dec 11-Jan 4 - Winter Break

June 2027

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

14 class days
17 End of Year Ceremony & Graduation
17 Semester 2 Ends (45/91 days)
18 Last Day (12pm dismissal)
21 Teacher Work Day

January 2027

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31						

20 class days
4 Classes resume
22 Semester 1 Ends (45/87 days)

July 2027

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

180 PK - Grade 8 Learning Days

Quarter 1 = 45 days
Quarter 2 = 46 days
Semester 1 = 91 days

180 High School Learning Days

Quarter 1 = 44 days
Quarter 2 = 45 days
Semester 1 = 89 days

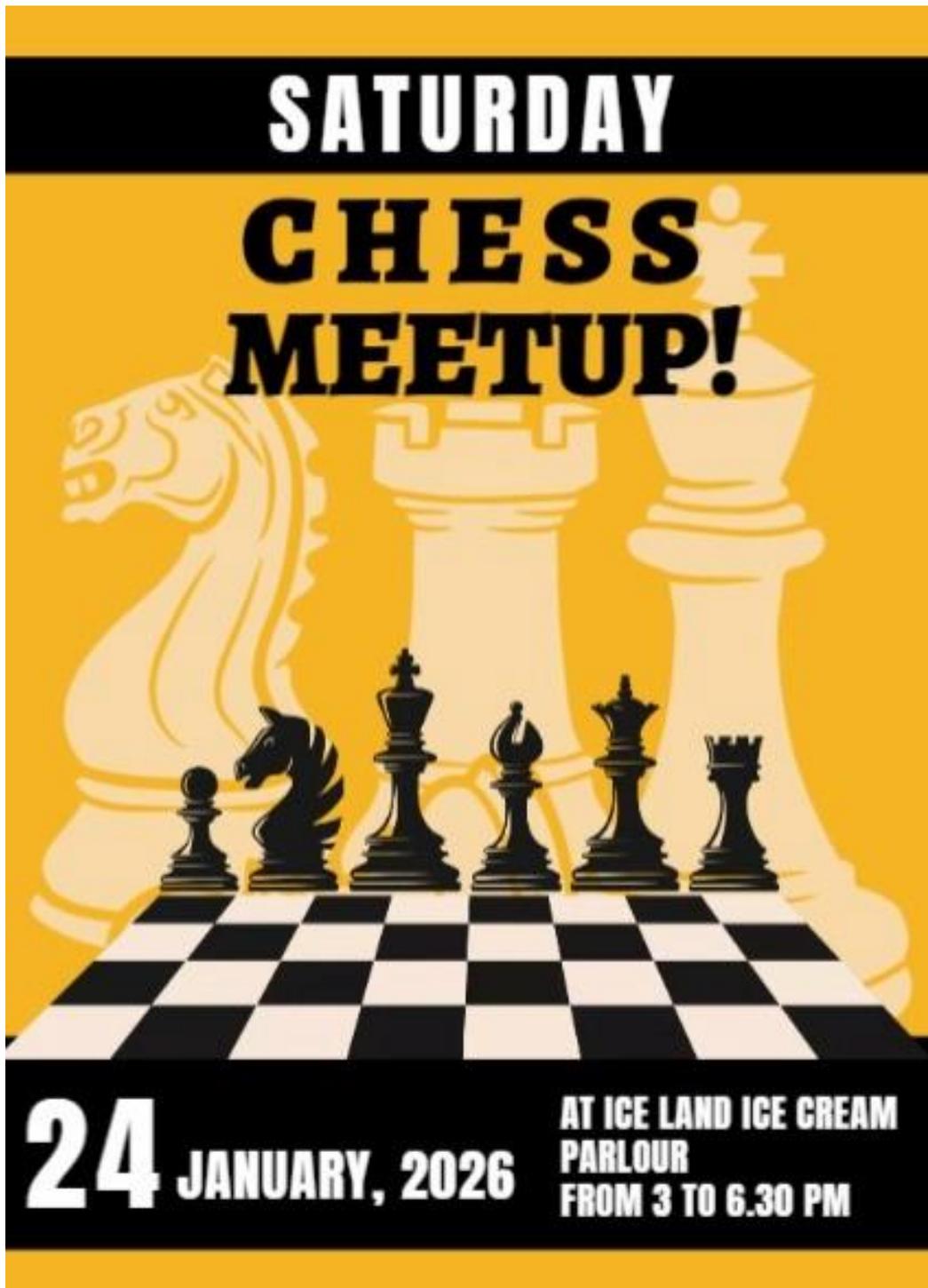
PD Half Days = 6 days

Sep 10; Oct 8; Nov 5
Feb 4; Mar 4; May 27

Quarter 3 = 46 days
Quarter 4 = 45 days
Semester 2 = 91 days

Chess Update

Hello Chess Friends! It's time for another Saturday Chess Meetup! Join us on the 24th at Ice Land Ice Cream Parlour from 3 to 6.30 PM for an afternoon full of fun, chess, and ice cream!! We can't wait to see you all!



Yoga!



YOGA KIDS

Class for
Age 5+

Every Saturday 1-2pm

Drop-in 600d or
1 month 1.800d

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To Book: +44 7739 754673
hello@alinajaberyoga.com

Personalize Learning All the Way!
Dr. Kim & Mr. Michael - iReady Parent Night Presentation

For those who missed the iReady parent night held by DR. Kim and Mr. Michael, here are the links to that presentation. This is a great instructional tool for our K-8 students!

Be on the lookout for more learning tips and tools in Dr. Kim's next Parent Newsletter.

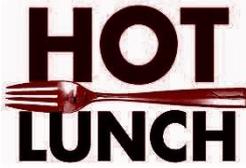
→ [iReady Parent Night Presentation PDF - CLICK HERE](#)

→ [iReady Handout from Presentation - CLICK HERE](#)

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!**



January 2026

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 2026	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Jan 5 - 8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Tick to order</i> Fish Fingers With Roasted Potatoes & Veggies & Fruit 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Tick to order</i> Grilled Chicken W/ Coconut Curry Rice & Cake 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Tick to order</i> Tagliatelle With Truffle Mushroom Sauce & Fruit 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Tick to order</i> Crispy Chicken W/ Baked Vegetable Salad & Fruit
Jan 12 - 15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Tick to order</i> Beef Stir Fried Noodles W/ Vegetables & Fruit Salad 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Tick to order</i> Spaghetti with Tomato Sauce & Fruit 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Tick to order</i> Chicken Benachin Vegetables with Bissap Sauce & Cake 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Tick to order</i> Fish in Batter With Roasted Potatoes & Veggies & Fruit
Jan 19 - 22	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Tick to order</i> Beef Ragu W/ Tagliatelle Pasta & Fruit 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Tick to order</i> Fish Brochette with potato Salad & Fruit 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Tick to order</i> Spaghetti Bolognese & Fruit Salad 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Tick to order</i> Chicken Tagine with Rice & Vegetables & Fruit
Jan 26 - 29	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Tick to order</i> Chicken Fried Rice with Vegetables & Cake 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Tick to order</i> Margarita Pizza Mixed Salad & Ice Cream 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Tick to order</i> Beef Burger, French Fries W/ Cucumber Salad & Fruit 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Tick to order</i> Crispy Chicken W/ Baked Vegetables Salad & Fruit

Grade 1/2 Hosts CoL



iReady Stars!



Grade 4/5 Learn About Predators and Prey in The Gambia!



Grade 3 Learns About Water!

