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# BAIS Buzz

## Message from the Director

Dear BAIS Families,

What an awesome week! On Wednesday we celebrated the 100th day of school, and also had two field trips. Then, on Thursday, we celebrated Valentine's Day, with candygrams sold by our Student Council. Thank you so much to **Ms. Fatou** for her efforts in sponsoring our Student Council. And of course, the week culminated with our annual Gambia Day celebration. Thanks so much to **Mr. Badjie, Ms. Fatou, Mr. Valentine, and Ms. Sainab** for organizing, Mr. Valentine and Ms. Fatou for serving as our masters of ceremony, and of course all of our teachers who put so much effort into the class programs. We also had some prospective families who visited and were very impressed with the program and our campus. It was a truly wonderful day!

Our first **golf tournament** was a huge success! Thank you so much to **Ms. Mary Jobe** for all of her hard work in organizing this event. Thanks also to the Fajara Club for letting us use the golf course, and thanks to all of our sponsors, especially Africell, who was the title sponsor for the event. Because of this event, the Model UN trip will be much more affordable for our students. You can read more about the conference here: <https://www.bimunbarcelona.com/>

This Wednesday, February 18 is **Gambian Independence Day**. School will be closed for this important holiday. We want to congratulate all of the Gambian members of our community and send you our best wishes as you celebrate this special day!

Have a wonderful weekend!

Robert Harper, Director

## Upcoming Events

### Wed., Feb. 18

Gambian Independence Day  
No School

### Wed., Mar. 4

Professional Development Day  
12:00 Dismissal

### Thurs. Mar. 12

Art Show

### Fri. Mar. 13

Pi Day

### Th-Fri., March 19-20

Koriteh Holiday  
No School

### Sat., Mar. 28

Fun Run

### Fri., Apr. 3

Good Friday...No School

### M-F, Apr. 6-10

Spring Break...No School



# BAIS MODEL UN GOLF TOURNAMENT 2026

SPECIAL THANK YOU TO THE FAJARA CLUB  
FOR HOSTING OUR GOLF TOURNAMENT

We are deeply grateful to the families, sponsors  
& organizations who made this event possible

## SPECIAL RECOGNITION

- Africell

For their generous support & continued  
commitment to education & youth development

## WITH SINCERE THANKS TO

- Tali Logistics and Infrastructure
- Smiling Coast Agro Processing Company
- Primeforge
- The SAGNAs Family
- Sunshine Industries Limited

## GOLF PRIZES GENEROUSLY DONATED BY

Coco Ocean Resort | G7 Sports | King & Queen Show  
Boat Cruise by ECH Car Rental | Paradise Beach Club  
Roundabout Sports Bar & Restaurant | Fortador  
Regal - Holiday Apartments | 3 Chicks & a Grill  
Mani Sushi | Gusto Italian Resto & Bar  
El Sol Steakhouse & Mexican Cuisine  
Yoga Bliss Gambia | Emerald Beauty



This April, BAIS high school students will head to Barcelona for BIMUN ESADE, one of Europe's premier MUN conferences. This high-level event challenges students to solve pressing global issues using authentic UN procedures.

Model United Nations (MUN) is a transformative experience where students move beyond the classroom to master:

Communication | Strategy | Leadership

By representing different nations, our BAIS students gain a practical understanding of international cooperation and build the confidence to lead on the global stage.

**africell**



## Golf Tournament a Huge Success!

As you probably already know, last Saturday we hosted our first ever golf tournament, and it was a huge success! There were nine teams that entered. We are so grateful to all of the sponsors, as well as the Fajara Club for letting us use the course free of charge. The purpose of the tournament was to raise money for our trip to the Model United Nations conference in Barcelona in April. It was such a fun community event! Some of the regular players from the club had never had any interaction with BAIS, and the club gained some new members! All in all, it was a win-win for both BAIS and the Fajara Club. Thanks most of all to **Ms. Mary Jobe**, who organized the tournament and procured a title sponsorship from **Africell**, along with other sponsorships. Mary put so much work into organizing this event, and she has done such a wonderful job creating interest in the Model UN and in preparing her students for the conference. Hopefully our participation in a Model UN conference and the golf tournament will become an annual events!

You can see a video of the event on the BAIS Facebook Page:

<https://fb.watch/Ffbm6d6sGE/>

You can also read more about the Model United Nations conference here:

<https://www.bimunbarcelona.com/>

## New Murals!

As part of their art projects, our students have been designing and creating new murals during art class. Thank you, **Mr. Zoker**, for your leadership and for inspiring these students and helping them with their creations! Also, please remember our Art Show on March 12. I'm sure we are all looking forward to seeing what our students produce!



## **Saturday Basketball Continues**

Saturday Basketball is back in action and will continue for the next few weeks. Younger players will be at 9:00 AM and older players at 11:00 AM. As always, you may bring a friend from another school. Parents are also encouraged to participate!

## **Pi Day is Coming!**

Pi Day is celebrated on March 14th (3/14) around the world. Pi (Greek letter “π”) is the symbol used in mathematics to represent a constant — the ratio of the circumference of a circle to its diameter — which is approximately 3.14159. Pi Day is an annual opportunity for math enthusiasts to recite the infinite digits of Pi, talk to their friends about math, and eat pie!

Pi has been calculated to over 50 trillion digits beyond its decimal point. As an irrational and transcendental number, it will continue infinitely without repetition or pattern. While only a handful of digits are needed for typical calculations, pi's infinite nature makes it a fun challenge to [memorize](#), and to computationally calculate more and more digits.

Here at BAIS we will plan some fun activities on Pi Day. You can learn more about pi and Pi Day here: <https://www.piday.org/>



# 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

### Book Month!

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

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)

## 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	
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	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)

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
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## 180 PK - Grade 8 Learning Days

Quarter 1 = 45 days Quarter 3 = 43 days

Quarter 2 = 46 days Quarter 4 = 46 days

Semester 1 = 91 days Semester 2 = 89 days

## 180 High School Learning Days

Quarter 1 = 44 days Quarter 3 = 46 days

Quarter 2 = 45 days Quarter 4 = 45 days

Semester 1 = 89 days Semester 2 = 91 days

## PD Half Days = 6 days

Sep 10; Oct 8; Nov 5

Feb 4; Mar 4; May 27

**Yoga!**  
**Please note the change in times!**

## YOGA KIDS

Ages 5-8  
Saturday 12-1pm

Ages 9-12  
Saturday 1-2pm

Drop-in 600d or  
1 month 1.800d



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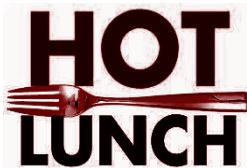
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**Social Media Update**  
**Follow BAIS on Facebook AND Instagram!**

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

Please continue to follow BAIS on Facebook. I want to thank **Mr. Michael** for all of his efforts in keeping our Facebook page updated with photos, videos, and stories. We are getting more and more followers. If you haven't started following us, please do. This will increasingly be the source for photos and videos, along with our class WhatsApp groups.

Also, we are in the process of updating and restarting our school Instagram page. We will keep you informed. This will be a student council project, under the supervision of **Ms. Fatou**. We will have important safeguards in place (no public comments, no direct messaging). When we are ready to launch, we will send out the link. This can be a wonderful way (with appropriate supervision) for our student leaders to help promote the school. Thank you, Ms. Fatou!



## February 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 : 14 lunches (Total cost: Small = D2,800 OR Large = D3,500)
- *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

February 2026	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Feb 2 - 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>Tick to order</i> Grilled Chicken With Roasted Potatoes &amp; Veggies &amp; Fruit</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>Tick to order</i> Fish Benachin Vegetables with Bissap Sauce &amp; Cake</li></ul>	☆☆☆☆☆☆☆☆☆☆ <i>Faculty PD Noon Dismissal</i> ☆☆☆☆☆☆☆☆☆☆	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>Tick to order</i> Spaghetti with Tomato Sauce &amp; Fruit Salad</li></ul>
Feb 9 - 12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>Tick to order</i> Beef Stir Fried Noodles W/ Vegetables &amp; Fruit Salad</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>Tick to order</i> Crispy Chicken W/ Baked Vegetable Salad &amp; Fruit</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>Tick to order</i> Fish in Batter With Roasted Potatoes &amp; Veggies &amp; Fruit</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>Tick to order</i> Chicken Fricasses with Pasta &amp; Fruit</li></ul>
Feb 16 - 19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>Tick to order</i> Spaghetti Bolognase &amp; Fruit Salad</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>Tick to order</i> Butter Chicken W/ Rice &amp; Vegetables &amp; Cake</li></ul>	☆☆☆☆☆☆☆☆☆☆ <i>NO SCHOOL ☺ Independence Day</i> ☆☆☆☆☆☆☆☆☆☆	<u><i>Tick to order</i></u> Beef Ragu W/ Tagliatelle Pasta & Fruit
Feb 23 - 26	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>Tick to order</i> Chicken Benachin Vegetables with Bissap Sauce &amp; Cake</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>Tick to order</i> Tagliatelle With Truffle Mushroom Sauce &amp; Fruit</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>Tick to order</i> Fish Fingers With Roasted Potatoes &amp; Veggies &amp; Fruit</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>Tick to order</i> Margarita Pizza Mixed Salad &amp; Ice Cream</li></ul>

## Gambia Day Photos!





