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BAIS BUZZ

Message from the Director

Dear BAIS Families,

Only one Monday left! It seems that the older I get, the more rapidly the school years pass!

What a wonderful day BAIS had Wednesday at the Coco Ocean! Our **Model United Nations** team did such an outstanding job of representing BAIS, with an audience that included several ambassadors and other members of the diplomatic community. I am so proud of all of them, and for **Ms. Mary Jobe** and all of her efforts to start and grow this program. Programs like this really elevate BAIS in the community, and especially our high school.

Our **Student Council Lock-In** is **tonight**. Thanks so much to **Ms. Fatoumatta Jobe** for organizing, and for other staff members who volunteer. Please read the reminder in the Buzz about what students should bring...and not bring.

Today at CoL, our **Grade 4/5 class** did an outstanding job of singing the National Anthems of The Gambia and the United States. The class will sing the anthems again next Friday, at both the midday ceremony as well as the Graduation Ceremony that evening. We are so proud of them as well.

Please remember our **End of the Year Ceremony** on the BAIS music patio next Friday, June 19 at 11:30. Promotion certificates will be presented to each student in grades PK-11. Then, at 6:00 PM that evening, we will hold our **Graduation Ceremony** at the Coco Ocean Hotel. Seniors will receive their diplomas, Grade 8 students will be presented with certificates graduating from middle school, Presidential Academic Awards will be awarded in Grades 4-12, and citizenship awards in grades 1-12. Our student chorus will sing the U.S. and Gambian National Anthems. Please mark your calendar!

Have a wonderful weekend!

Robert Harper, Director

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Upcoming Events

Fri., June 12

STUCO Lock-In, 5:00 PM

Fri., June 19

End of Year Ceremony PK-12
BAIS Music Patio, 11:00

Graduation Ceremony
Coco Ocean, 6:00 PM

Mon. June 22

Summer Camp Begins



A Proud Milestone for BAIS Model United Nations

Wednesday afternoon was a very special occasion for our high school students as they participated in the first-ever BAIS Model United Nations Conference. Chaired by Ms. Mary and Ms. Becky Taylor, Political and Economic Chief at the U.S. Embassy, student delegates represented their assigned countries with enthusiasm, professionalism, and diplomacy.

Throughout the conference, delegates debated the human rights implications of mass surveillance technologies, with particular emphasis on the right to privacy. Working collaboratively, students drafted and debated clauses while practicing the skills of negotiation, public speaking, critical thinking, and international cooperation.

We were honored to welcome an exceptional group of guests, including Robert Anderson, Deputy Chief of Mission at the U.S. Embassy; Ambassador Imma Roca i Cortés of the Delegation of the European Union to The Gambia; Ambassador F. Türker OBA of the Turkish Embassy; Ambassador Klaus Botzet of the German Embassy; Olivia Hildebrand of the British High Commission; Karl Frédéric Paul, UN Resident Coordinator; along with many other diplomats, friends, and family members of the BAIS community.

Our students made us incredibly proud as they conducted themselves with maturity, confidence, and professionalism throughout the conference. Their thoughtful contributions and respectful debate demonstrated the very best of BAIS.

We look forward to building on this success and continuing to grow the BAIS Model UN Program in the years ahead.







Student Council Lock-In 2026

BAIS Student Lock-In: A Night to Remember!

The BAIS Student Lock-In is here! Tonight, students from Kindergarten through High School are invited to enjoy a fun-filled night of games, food, movies, and (for Grades 2–12) a supervised overnight stay on campus!

This special event is all about building friendships, making memories, and celebrating the end of the school year, all in a safe and structured environment.

Here's what you need to know:

- **Permission slips** should have been returned this week.
- The evening kicks off at **5:00 PM** with outdoor games, followed by pizza and juice at **6:30 PM**, and movie time at **7:00 PM**.
- Students in **K–Grade 1** will enjoy the evening activities and head home at **9:00 PM** (after the end of the movie).
- Students in **Grades 2–12** will stay the night on campus, with boys and girls sleeping in separate supervised spaces.
- **Pickup is at 9:00 AM tomorrow**, after breakfast and morning playtime.

A full packing checklist will be included with the permission slips to help families prepare.

Safety is our top priority. We'll have at least 10 staff members volunteering throughout the night. The teachers that will be sleeping over and supervising the girls are Ms. Sainab, Ms. Fatou and Ms. Nora. Mr. Valentine, Mr. Isaac and Mr. Palmer will be responsible for the boys. Mr. Robert will be on-site overnight for emergencies and support, including the BAIS guards as always.

We know it's a big step for some families, especially for our younger students, so rest assured that your children will be in caring, capable hands for a night full of joy, laughter, and community spirit.

Student Lock-In Packing Checklist

Essentials:

- Sleeping bag or blanket
- Pillow
- Toothbrush and toothpaste
- Refillable water bottle
- Pajamas or comfortable sleepwear
- Change of clothes for the next day
- Socks and underwear
- Personal hygiene items (e.g. deodorant, face wash, etc.)
- Snacks
- Slippers / flip flops / crocs

Optional Items:

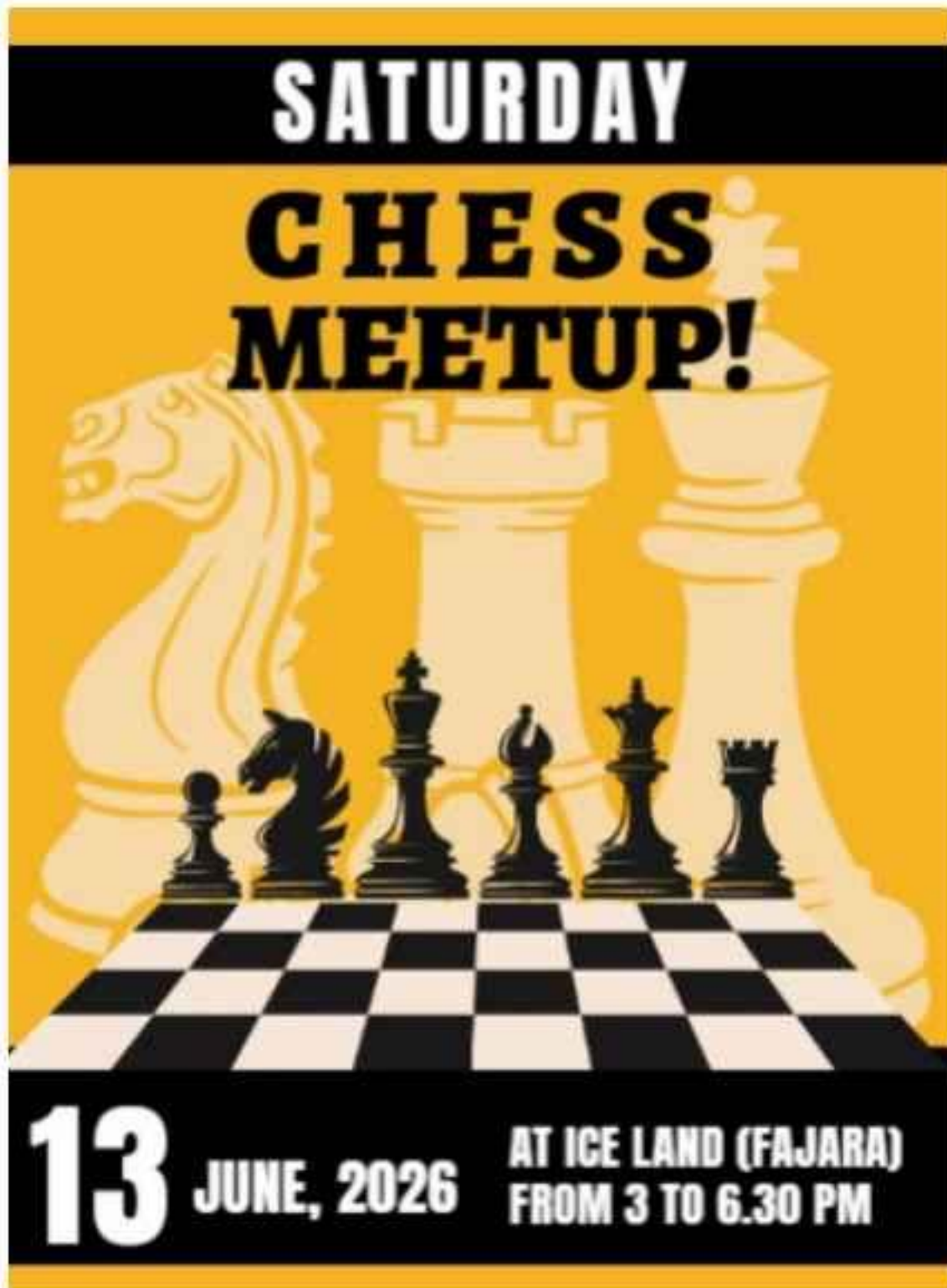
- 1 Stuffed animal
- Phones (MS and up only) and tablets
- Books, card games, or board games
- Eye mask or earplugs (for light/sound-sensitive sleepers)

Do NOT Bring:

- Large electronics (laptops, gaming consoles)
- Phones for students grade 4 / 5 and under
- Expensive or valuable items
- Energy drinks or caffeinated sodas
- Anything that could be disruptive or inappropriate

Chess Tomorrow at Ice Land!

Hello Chess Friends!! We're finally back with another Chess Meetup happening this Saturday, the 13th at Ice Land (Fajara)! Join us from 3 to 6.30pm for an incredible afternoon full of fun, chess, and ice cream! We look forward to seeing you all! P.S. we've got a surprise 🤫

A vertical poster for a chess meetup. The background is yellow. At the top, a black horizontal bar contains the word "SATURDAY" in white, bold, sans-serif capital letters. Below this, the words "CHESS MEETUP!" are written in large, bold, black, sans-serif capital letters. The background features faint, large-scale illustrations of chess pieces: a knight on the left, a rook in the center, and a king on the right. In the foreground, a black and white checkered chessboard is shown, with several black chess pieces (a pawn, a knight, a king, a bishop, a queen, and a rook) lined up on the board. At the bottom, a black horizontal bar contains the date "13 JUNE, 2026" in white, bold, sans-serif font, followed by the location and time "AT ICE LAND (FAJARA) FROM 3 TO 6.30 PM" in white, bold, sans-serif font.

SATURDAY

CHESS MEETUP!

13 JUNE, 2026 **AT ICE LAND (FAJARA)**
FROM 3 TO 6.30 PM



Summer Camp 2026

The Ultimate
Summer Experience



Lots of:

- Indoor Activities
- Outdoor & Water Games
- Art & Creative Activities
- Interactive Games
- DIYs & Swimming

Ages
4-15

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WEEKLY

22nd June - 23rd July
9am - 12pm

What to bring? A snack and a water bottle.

For More Information Please Contact:

Mr. Isaac - 6939206

Ms. Leah - 7744477

Mr. Valentine - 7898872



Register Today

The BAIS SUMMER CAMP is back again! 🎉

Give your kids a summer to remember! ✨

The BAIS Summer Camp offers the perfect blend of learning 📖, creativity 🎨, fun 🎮, and friendship 🤝 in a safe and engaging environment.

From exciting activities and games 🏃 🌐 to arts and crafts 🎨, team building 🤝, and educational fun 📖 ✨ — every day is designed to help children grow, explore, and shine! 🌈

Afford your child this unique opportunity to:

- ✨ Make beautiful memories
- 👉 Build confidence
- ❤️ Forge friendships
- 🎉 Enjoy an unforgettable summer experience!

⚡ Slots are filling up quickly!

👉 Hurry, Register now!!!

Register here!!!

<https://forms.gle/zhd4R3pBXWpGguS69>

Upcoming Important Events

June 12-13	Student Council Lock-In
June 18	Moving Up Day/Field Day
June 19	11:30...End of Year Ceremony, BAIS Music Patio 6:00...Graduation Ceremony, Coco Ocean
June 22	Summer Camp Begins

Re-enrollment Form 2026-27

Please complete the re-enrollment form on the next page and return to the office as soon as possible. It is important that we get this information as soon as possible so that we can more accurately plan for next year. Hard copies of the form will also go home next week.



Enrollment Intentions Form 2026-2027

To: **BAIS Parents**

From: Robert Harper, Director

In order to plan with accuracy for class combinations, staffing and tuition for the 2026-2027 academic year, please note your intentions below, sign and return the form to the BAIS Office as soon as possible.

Due Date: March 13, 2026.

Enrollment Plans:

Parent name: _____

Child(ren) at BAIS: _____

Tick all that apply.

We will continue residence in Banjul and **all our child(ren) will continue at BAIS in 2026-27.**

We will continue residence in Banjul but one or more one child(ren) will **not** continue at BAIS in **2026-27** because _____

An additional child / children will join BAIS from our family in **2026-27** in grade _____

Our family/child will leave Banjul/BAIS at the end of **2025-26.**

I have a replacement at my organization. S/he is bringing _____ children to Banjul.

We are currently unsure about whether we will be in Banjul next year. We should know our definite plan by this date: _____

Other situation: _____

Comment: _____

Your Signature: _____

Date: _____

– Return this form to the BAIS Office – Thank you –

Social Media Update
Follow BAIS on Facebook AND Instagram!

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

<https://www.instagram.com/baisgambia/>

[Click here to see a video of Beach Day 2026.](#)



June 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 : 10 lunches (Total cost: Small = D2,000 OR Large = D2,500)
- **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

June 2026	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
June 1 - 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Tick to order</u> Spaghetti Bolognese & Fruit 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Tick to order</u> Crispy Chicken W/ Fries & Veggies & Fruit 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Tick to order</u> ☆☆☆☆☆☆☆☆ Faculty PD Noon Dismissal ☆☆☆☆☆☆☆☆ 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Tick to order</u> Fish in Batter With Roasted Potatoes & Veggies & Fruit
June 8 - 11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Tick to order</u> Chicken Tagine with Rice & Vegetables & Fruit 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Tick to order</u> Meatballs With Creamy Tomato Sauce W/ Pasta & Fruit 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Tick to order</u> Grilled Fish With Roasted Potatoes & Veggies & Fruit 	☆☆☆☆☆☆☆☆ Student-Led Conference ☆☆☆☆☆☆☆☆
June 15 - 18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Tick to order</u> Creamy Mushroom Chicken Penne Pasta & Fruit 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Tick to order</u> Shepherd's Pie & Fruit Salad 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Tick to order</u> Fish Benachin Vegetables with Bissap Sauce & Cake 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Tick to order</u> Margarita Pizza Mixed Salad & Ice Cream ☺ Expect a Special Treat from the Chef ☺

PizzaPalooza and CoL photos!









