

BAIS Buzz

Message from the Director

Dear BAIS Families,

Last week I had the opportunity to attend a workshop for heads of schools looking to offer the **International Baccalaureate Diploma**. It was very exciting to be able to attend and to develop a vision for how we can become authorized to offer the I.B. diploma here at BAIS.

The I.B. is universally recognized and respected by universities around the world as a leading college preparatory program. It develops well rounded students who have strong critical thinking, research, and intercultural skills. The process for becoming authorized to award the I.B. diploma is long and challenging. It will require more work from our teachers, but we are blessed to have teachers who are eager to put in the extra effort and take on the challenges that this will bring. We believe that offering the I.B. diploma will provide greater opportunities for our graduates and will make our school even more attractive to prospective families.

On Tuesday night, six of us will leave for the **ECIS conference** in Sintra, Portugal. This is a wonderful opportunity for those teachers, and I'm sure they will be eager to share their experiences when they return. **Please remember that school will dismiss at 12:00 Wednesday, and BAIS will be closed Thursday and Friday. There will not be a Buzz next week.**

Please also be sure to read the information about the **PTO**. Parents play such an important role in organizing important events during the year, the first of which will be our **Halloween Party on Saturday, October 31**. Please get involved with the PTO.

Finally, please see the notice about tuition payments. Also please remember that the Board's policy of late fees will be strictly enforced.

Have a great weekend!

Robert Harper, Director

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Upcoming Events

Wed. Sept. 30

Professional Development Day
12:00 dismissal

Thurs & Fri Oct. 1 & 2

BAIS Holiday

Mon. Oct. 5

After School Activities Begin

Mon.-Fri., Oct. 12-16

Map Testing K-5

Mon.-Fri., Oct. 19-23

Map Testing 6-8

Sat., Oct. 31

Halloween Party



What is the International Baccalaureate Diploma?

The process for becoming authorized to offer the International Baccalaureate Diploma is very lengthy and rigorous. The process usually takes at least a year. It is very much like the process for becoming accredited with the Middle States Association. In fact, it is probably even more rigorous. All of our HS teachers will have to go through training for their subject areas, as well as those who will supervise the Theory of Knowledge (TOK) program, the Extended Essay (EE), and the Creativity, Action, and Service (CAS) program. In addition, **Ms. Amal Alfa** will go through additional training to be our IP Diploma Program Coordinator.

From ibo.org...

The International Baccalaureate Diploma is a rigorous, externally assessed program for students in grades 11 and 12. Through the DP, schools are able to develop students who:

- have excellent breadth and depth of knowledge
- flourish physically, intellectually, emotionally and ethically
- study at least two languages
- excel in traditional academic subjects
- explore the nature of knowledge through the programme's unique [theory of knowledge course](#).

International research shows that there are many benefits to choosing the DP over other high school curriculums. For example:

- DP students enroll, persist and graduate at higher rates than the national average in a [study about postsecondary outcomes of DP graduates in the United States](#).
- IB students studying at higher education institutions in the United Kingdom have greater odds of achieving positive higher education outcomes than their A-level peers, [according to a study comparing student performance](#).
- On average, DP alumni reported higher capacities for a variety of 21st-century skills compared to their non-DP counterparts [according to a study in Asia-Pacific](#).

Halloween is Coming!

Halloween has always been one of the highlights of the first semester here at BAIS and is our first community-wide event. Not only is it our first major event for our community, we also have many visitors who join us. Our PTO always does such a wonderful job organizing this fun event, but they need as much help from all of you as possible. **Please see the information below and join the WhatsApp group.**

From the PTO

BAIS PTA – Get Involved!

At BAIS, we have a long tradition of parents volunteering their time, ideas and energy to make school life more fun and our community stronger. As a small school, we rely on every helping hand — and every contribution, big or small, makes a difference.

We're looking for parents to join our Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) and help with events such as our Halloween party, Fun Run, Christmas celebrations and Teacher Appreciation Week — as well as any new ideas you might have!

You don't need lots of time or previous experience. Come along, share your ideas and help make things happen.

 Want to get involved? Join the PTO WhatsApp group by contacting **+44 7823 767340** on WhatsApp to be added to the group.

After School Activities Start October 5

The first round of After School Activities will begin **Monday, October 5**. The schedule and registration form will go out in the WhatsApp groups **today**. The deadline to register is **Wednesday, September 30**. Spaces in many of these activities are limited and are available on a first come, first served basis. Please complete the registration as soon as possible.

From the Business Office

Please remember that first semester tuition payments are now due and that the deadline is September 30. **Any outstanding first semester payments after September 30 will be assessed a 5% late fee on the unpaid balance.**

BAIS Teachers to attend ECIS Conference

From September 30 to October 3, many of our teachers will have the opportunity to attend a conference hosted by the Educational Collaborative for International Schools (ECIS) in Lisbon, Portugal. The topic of this conference will be **"The Human Edge Summit—Preparing School Communities for an AI Age."** In addition to other presenters, our teachers will have the opportunity to hear Newbery Award-winning and best-selling children's author [Renee Watson](#). They will also have the opportunity to network with other teachers from American/international schools. This will be the first time in many years that several of our teachers have had the opportunity to attend a conference, and I'm sure they will be eager to share their experiences when they return.

From Dr. Kim

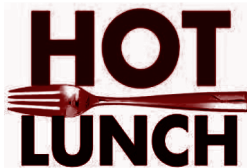
CONGRATULATIONS TO THE STUDENTS RECOGNIZED FOR MEETING THE IREADY SUMMER CHALLENGE!



*We are so proud of Sadie, Antoine, Gibby,
Gabriel, Eva, & Jaya!*

Way to keep your learning going over the summer.





October 2026

STUDENT NAME _____

Class _____

PARENT CONTACT Name: _____ Phone _____

ORDERING INSTRUCTIONS

1. Choose Portion Size:

☐ Small - 250 Dalasi☐ Large - 300 Dalasi

2. Choose how you will order:

☐ **Tick here to order all the lunches for this month.**Full Period : **16 lunches** (Total cost: **Small = D4,000 OR Large = D4,800**)☐ **Tick here to order lunches by the day.**

By the day:

1. Tick the days desired in the chart below

2. Multiply x D 250 (small) or D300 (large).

3. Write in here: **Total # lunches:** _____ **x Cost per portion** _____ **= D**

3. Get money and form to BAIS OFFICE

October 2026	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Oct 5 - 8	☐ <u>Tick to order</u> Beef Stew W/ Rice & Veggies Dessert: Fruit Salad	☐ <u>Tick to order</u> Margarita Pizza Mixed Salad Dessert: Ice Cream	☐ <u>Tick to order</u> Fish Fingers W/ French Fries & Salad Dessert: Cake	☐ <u>Tick to order</u> Creamy Mushroom Chicken Penne Pasta Dessert: Fruit
Oct 12 - 15	☐ <u>Tick to order</u> Grilled Chicken W/ French Fries & Veggies Dessert: Fruit	☐ <u>Tick to order</u> Beef Ragu W/ Tagliatelle Pasta Dessert: Fruit Salad	☐ <u>Tick to order</u> Fish in Batter W/ Roasted Potatoes & Veggie Dessert: Fruit	☐ <u>Tick to order</u> Chicken Fried Rice W/ Veggies Dessert: Fruit
Oct 19 - 22	☐ <u>Tick to order</u> Baked Ziti W/ Veggies Dessert: Fruit	☐ <u>Tick to order</u> Fish Benachin Vegetables W/ Bissap Sauce Dessert: Cake	☐ <u>Tick to order</u> Spaghetti Bolognese Dessert: Fruit Salad	☐ <u>Tick to order</u> Crispy Chicken W/ Baked Veggies Salad Dessert: Fruit
Oct 26 - 30	☐ <u>Tick to order</u> Pasta With Creamy Tomato Meatball Sauce Dessert: Fruit	☐ <u>Tick to order</u> Chicken Cutlets with French Fries Dessert: Cake	☐ <u>Tick to order</u> Shepherd's Pie Dessert: Fruit Salad	☐ <u>Tick to order</u> Fish Brochette W/ Potato Salad Dessert: Fruit

Grade 4/5 Visits the Cashew Factory!





