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BAIS BUZZ

Message from the Director

Dear BAIS Families,

The year is flying by! We are nearing the end of the first quarter. Report cards will be e-mailed to parents on Tuesday, November 5, and Parent-Teacher Conferences will be Thursday, November 7. MAP test results will also be emailed with report cards.

Please see the important safety update regarding arriving to and leaving from school when dropping off and picking up children.

The PTO Halloween party is right around the corner! **Please see the signup sheet and plan to join in.** A big thank you to the PTO for organizing this event!

November also is **Book Month**. This is always an important part of the school year. More information will be sent by e-mail.

High School families, please remember our College Night on Tuesday evening, October 29. This is designed to be an informational session for high school parents and students as they begin the process of selecting and applying to universities. It's never too early to start thinking about universities!

Remember that school is closed next Thursday and Friday, October 24 and 25. I hope that everyone has a safe and enjoyable break. An abbreviated Buzz will go out on Wednesday.

Robert Harper, Director

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Upcoming Events

Thurs. & Fri., Oct. 24 & 25
 BAIS Holiday...No School

Tues., Oct. 29.
 College Night, 6:00.

November...Book Month

Fri., Nov. 1.
 Celebration of Learning, 11:40
 Halloween Party, 6:00.

Mon., Nov. 4.
 School Board Meeting, 6:00

Tues., Nov. 5.
 Report cards go home

Thurs., Nov. 7.
 Parent-Teacher Conferences



Report Cards/ Parent Teacher Conferences

On Tuesday, November 5, report cards for the first quarter will go home. MAP test results will go home with the report cards. On Thursday, November 7, we will have Parent-Teacher conferences during the school day. **A Google form will be shared next week for parents to use to schedule their conferences.** There are no classes on that day; instead, students will accompany their parents to the conference. If neither parent is unable to attend because of work or other reasons, please contact your child's teacher to schedule at another time.

Important Safety Notice Pick up/drop off procedures

Please remember that, before and after school, the front gate is for students who arrive on foot or by bicycle only. **Car riders are to be dropped off and picked up at the back gate only.** This is not a new policy. Drivers who try stop or park at the front gate will be waived around to the back. In addition, please exercise caution at all times, as we have several children who arrive and depart on foot and on bicycles. Thank you so much for your cooperation in this.

School Board Update

The next School Board meeting has been moved to Monday, November 4. On Sunday, the Board will visit the Brusubi land site for further inspection and evaluation. Thank you again to our Board members who gladly give of their time for the benefit of BAIS! Our Board Members are Fady Ghanim (Chair), Fady Hocheimy (Vice-chair), Kris Murray (Treasurer), Yassin Senghore, Enya Braun, and Eric Mehler (U.S. Ambassador's representative).

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PTO Update/ Halloween

Mark your calendars! Our highly anticipated Halloween Party will take place on **November 1st, from 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM**. Get ready for a night of spooky fun, creative costumes, and plenty of tasty treats!

Signup: [☰ BAIS Halloween Party 2024 - Volunteer NOW](#)

We need your help to make this event extra special! If you're interested in volunteering, please reach out to **Mary Jobe** via WhatsApp at **+1 401-573-6199**, or message **Jeremy Ogusky** at **+1 248-219-8779**. There are still lots of opportunities to get involved, and we'd love to have you on board!

They'll send you the sign-up sheet and keep you updated on all the planning details.

Let's make this Halloween party unforgettable!

Mary Jobe

Book Month at BAIS!

November is Book Month here at BAIS! The entire month will be filled with fun activities to promote reading, culminating in a special event to reward students if they meet their goals. A separate email attachment is going out with The Buzz...please be sure to read it!

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High School Field Trip to Banjul International Airport

The High School have been studying a unit in Environmental Science called Weather and Climate.

As a curricular field support , the High School Students will be visiting the Weather Station at the BanjulInternational Airport on Wednesday, October 23 from 9.00 to 11.00 am.

The objective of the trip is to observe the tools used by meteorologists and how the reports are made for weather forecast news and how these reports support the aviation sector

Service Learning Field Trip to Bakau School

On Monday, October 28, the high school Service Learning ASA group will go in the morning to the Bakau School. This trip will help give high school students ideas about their community service project.

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Musical Update from Mr. Emmanuel

BIG ANNOUNCEMENT

The musical for the 2024/2025 school year has been decided!



Please mark your calendars for two important events:

1. On November 12th and 14th at lunch -- **Final Auditions/Permanent roles**
2. On **Friday February 21st** - the Big Show **BAIS Musical 2025!**

The venue will be communicated in due course.

Notes:

All students K-G8 will be part of the Musical.

- 1) We have learned 6 out of 14 songs that are needed for the musical.
- 2) We have assigned tentative roles to students in the play so far; the final roles will be decided after the open auditions.
- 3) We have sent a link in the whatsapp platforms for parents to sign up for the auditions.

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College Counseling Corner

College Night

Are you interested in learning about the international college application process? Do you want to know how to set your child up for success for college applications? The BAIS College Night is here to answer your questions. Join us at 6:00 PM on Tuesday, October 29th for an information session and question-and-answer session about colleges. During this event, I'll be sharing information about what the college application process looks like today for colleges around the world and will be available to discuss how to prepare for college. It's never too early to start thinking about college, so parents of children of any age are welcome! I'm looking forward to seeing you there! Please RSVP to me at aepifano@baisgambia.org.

College and Career Panel

Would you like to share your college experiences or career trajectory with students? Do you know any current or recent college students who would like to inspire BAIS high schoolers? To support our high school students, we are looking to host our first college and career panel. The date and time will be announced at a later date. We also hope to have speakers come to class and discuss their careers with students.

If you would like to be part of this exciting opportunity, or if you know anyone who you think would be a good fit, please email myself--the college counselor--at aepifano@baisgambia.org. Thank y'all so much in advance for your help and support!

Ms. Angie

Saturday Football Update

Saturday Football Club continues tomorrow. We are making one big change. **Students may invite friends from other schools tomorrow.** We especially would like to see more older players come and join us. Remember that we will cancel if we have bad weather. If you do not receive a message that we are canceling, we will proceed as scheduled.

Schedule: -

Grades 1 to 4: 9:00 AM – 10:00 AM

Middle & High School (Grades 6 to 12): 10:15 AM – 11:30 AM

Grade 5 may choose either group, based on their size and skill level.

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Chess Meetup in Fajara

**SATURDAY
CHESS
MEETUP!**

**19 3PM - 6.30PM
OCTOBER, 2024**

**AT ICE LAND ICE CREAM
PARLOUR (NEAR HOLY
FAMILY CHURCH)**

FOR MORE INFO +220 261 6769 // 254 2657

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THE SISTERS OF CHARITY

Hello Chess Friends! It's time for another Saturday Chess Meetup at Ice Land Ice Cream Parlour (right next to the Holy Family Church) Bring your family and friends and have fun with us! We can't wait to see you all!! 👤 👤 👤

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Staff Spotlight

Makuena Lintsa



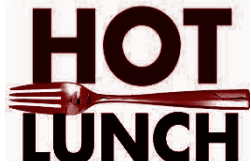
I'm Makuena Lintsa, the Grade 4/5 homeroom teacher at Banjul American International School—and a proud mom of a Pre-K student here! This is my second year at BAIS, but my teaching journey began over 15 years ago. My career in American international schools started back in 2010, soon after I graduated with a Bachelor of Education. Since then, I've gained a background in Learning Support and completed my Master's in Teaching Mathematics, which allows me to approach learning with a focus on both support and enrichment.

In our class, I teach Physical, Social, and Emotional Learning (PSEL) along with Language Arts, where we are currently reading *Esperanza Rising* to sharpen analytical skills and exploring the Universal Declaration of Human Rights to foster empathy and critical thinking. In Math, we're focused on number sense, place value, and operations, with Grade 5 students diving into decimals and Grade 4 concentrating on whole numbers. In Science, we're exploring Physical Science based on Grade 5 NGSS and AERO standards, engaging students with hands-on, inquiry-based learning. Social Studies this term includes units on production, distribution, and consumption, along with essential themes like time, change, and continuity, and the influence of science, technology, and society.

Outside the classroom, I enjoy connecting with fellow educators about teaching and discussing ideas that spark curiosity about the world. In my downtime, I love reading, spending quality time with family, sampling pastries, and traveling to discover new cultures.

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October 2024

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 : **17 lunches** (Total cost: **Small = D3,400 OR Large = D4,250**)
- **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

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Sept 30 - Oct 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tick to order Vegetarian Curry, Rice & fruit 🍷 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tick to order Fish fingers, baked vegetables, cream/cheese & fruit 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tick to order Chicken and grilled pepper Fajitas & cake 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tick to order Fried noodles, beef, vegetables & fruit
Oct 07 - 10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tick to order Creamy Spaghetti, w/ basil olive oil, & fruit 🍷 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tick to order Grilled fish with rice & butter-lime sauce & fruit 	☆☆☆☆☆☆☆☆☆ Faculty PD Noon Dismissal ☺ ☆☆☆☆☆☆☆☆☆	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tick to order Chicken Tagine with Coucous & fruit
Oct 14 - 17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tick to order Beef burgers, fries & fruit 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tick to order Spaghetti, tomato sauce, cheese & fruit 🍷 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tick to order Fish Benachin, vegetables, bissap sauce & fruit 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tick to order Creamy mushroom chicken pasta & fruit
Oct 21 - 25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tick to order Fried noodles, beef, vegetables & fruit 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tick to order Vegetable Lasagna & fruit 🍷 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tick to order Fish fingers, baked vegetables, cream/cheese & fruit 	☆☆☆☆☆☆☆☆☆ NO SCHOOL ☺ ☆☆☆☆☆☆☆☆☆
Oct 28 - 31	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tick to order Creamy fish & mushroom tagliateli pasta & fruit 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tick to order Beef Benachin, vegetables & fruit 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tick to order Grilled chicken, baked vegetables, salad, & fruit 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tick to order Margarita Pizza Mixed Salad & Ice Cream 🍷

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Future Doctors and Nurses!



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