

BAIS Buzz

Message from the Director

Dear BAIS Families,

We already have so much going on here at BAIS! Our first round of After School Activities will begin next Thursday, September 19. The schedule and sign up form were emailed yesterday and are also included in today's Buzz. Please register by Tuesday. **There is no cost for any of these activities.**

Also, I am excited to announce that **Saturday football will begin next Saturday, September 21!** Grades K-4 will have their session from 9:00 to 10:00, and grades 6-12 from 10:15 to 11:45. Grade 5 students can choose either group, based on their size and ability level. **There is no cost for this activity.** Having coached high school football (soccer) and basketball for over 15 years, I appreciate the value of sports like these on a child's physical, emotional, and psychological development, so I am excited to see this starting back again at BAIS!

Scholastic Book Club orders should be returned by next Friday, the 20th. We hope to have those delivered in time for Book Month in November. More information about Book Month will be published soon.

A summary of our Child Protection Policy is included in this issue. A copy of the entire policy is available to anyone who requests it

Have a wonderful weekend! **Remember that there is no school Monday.**

Robert Harper, Director

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Upcoming Events

Mon., Sept. 16

Prophet's Birthday Holiday
No School

Thurs., Sept. 19

After School Activities begin

Fri. Sept. 20

Celebration of Learning
11:40-12:10

Tues. & Thurs., Sept. 24 & 26

Writing Diagnostic Tests

Sat., Sept. 21

Saturday football begins

Mon., Sept. 30

MAP Testing begins



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Scholastic Book Orders

Students should have received a flyer regarding Scholastic Book Club book orders. To order books, simply make a list of books you would like to order and return it to your child's teacher or the office with the money. As the prices are in British pounds, please use an exchange rate of GBP 1 = GMD 92. The deadline for ordering is next Friday, September 20. This is a wonderful opportunity for parents to get new books for their children ahead of Book Month in November.

PTO Update

Thank you to all of the parents who came out yesterday evening for our first meeting for the Parent Teacher Organization. We had twenty parents and teachers who attended...an awesome beginning! Many ideas were shared. It was exciting to see the energy and enthusiasm! The first PTO event will be our annual Halloween party on Friday, November 1, after early dismissal. More information about planning meetings for that event will be shared when available. If anyone is interested in getting involved, please contact Jeremy Ogusky at jeremyogusky@gmail.com.

Advanced Placement Opportunities

Hello BAIS families,

I hope everyone is having a good week! I am serving as the High School's AP coordinator and am excited to share updates on the program. As part of our effort to expand AP access, we are offering four AP courses this semester--many of them for the first time. Ms. Amal will be teaching AP Precalculus. Mr. Jain will be teaching AP Biology. Mr. Will will be teaching AP World History and AP U.S. Government and Politics. This is just the beginning of AP curricular offerings at BAIS and we hope to offer students more AP courses in the future. See here for a full list of AP courses: <https://apstudents.collegeboard.org/courses>

If there are any courses that you would like to see come to BAIS, please feel free to reach out to me!

Ms. Angie

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Service Learning Update

With the upcoming start of After School Activities, we wanted to share some more information about the Service Learning opportunity. This year the activity will be connected to the environment and sustainability. Students will have a chance to work together to direct the exact project that they will be doing. Ms. 'Makuena and I will be supporting students as they plan and carry out the project over the course of this trimester and the winter trimester. Students as young as Grade 3 may participate. As a reminder, high school students must complete a service learning project as a graduation requirement.

We look forward to seeing you at the ASA!

Ms. Angie and Ms. 'Makuena

Saturday Football is Back!

Saturday Football Club is Here! We are thrilled to announce the launch of our Saturday Football Club, starting 21st September! This club offers a fantastic opportunity for students from Grade 1 to 12 to develop their football skills, stay active, and have fun with their peers.

Training Schedule: -

Grades 1 to 4: 9:00 AM – 10:00 AM

Middle & High School (Grades 6 to 12): 10:15 AM – 11:45 AM

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

Our sessions are designed to accommodate all skill levels, from beginners to advanced players. Each training session will focus on essential drills to improve coordination, ball control, passing, and teamwork.

Younger students will participate in fun, skill-building activities that nurture their love for the game, while older students will experience more advanced tactical training and small-sided games.

In addition to drills, we will also incorporate fitness exercises to boost agility and stamina, ensuring that our players stay fit and healthy both on and off the field.

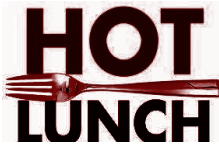
Come join us for an exciting football experience, where teamwork, fun, and skill-building come together.

We look forward to seeing your child out on the pitch!

Mr. George

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August & September 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

Aug/Sept 2024	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Aug 27-30	☆☆☆☆☆☆☆☆ Summer Break ☆☆☆☆☆☆☆☆	<input type="checkbox"/> Tick to order order Fish in Batter, French Fries, Salad & fruit	<input type="checkbox"/> Tick to order Chicken Croquette French Fries, Salad & fruit	<input type="checkbox"/> Tick to order Beef Benachin, vegetables & fruit
Sept 02-05	<input type="checkbox"/> Tick to order Beef Bourguignon Mashed Potatoes & fruit	<input type="checkbox"/> Tick to order Margarita Pizza Mixed Salad & Ice Cream	<input type="checkbox"/> Tick to order Crispy Chicken with Avocado & Tomato salad (& fruit)	<input type="checkbox"/> Tick to order Potato, bell pepper and cheese wraps & fruit
Sept 09-12	<input type="checkbox"/> Tick to order Chicken curry with rice Chocolate Cake	<input type="checkbox"/> Tick to order Grilled Fish in creamy sauce Vegetables Mashed Potatoes (& fruit)	☆☆☆☆☆☆☆☆ Faculty PD Noon Dismissal ☺ ☆☆☆☆☆☆☆☆	<input type="checkbox"/> Tick to order Spaghetti Bolognese (& fruit)
Sept 16-19	☆☆☆☆☆☆☆☆ NO SCHOOL ☺ ☆☆☆☆☆☆☆☆	<input type="checkbox"/> Tick to order Fish Curry Couscous & fruit	<input type="checkbox"/> Tick to order Fried Noodles w/ Beef, Vegetables (& fruit)	<input type="checkbox"/> Tick to order Chicken Wrap, Plantain & fruit
Sept 23-26	<input type="checkbox"/> Tick to order Fish Benachin Vegetables & fruit	<input type="checkbox"/> Tick to order Grilled Chicken, French Fries, Salad & fruit	<input type="checkbox"/> Tick to order Meatballs with mashed potatoes & fruit	<input type="checkbox"/> Tick to order Margarita Pizza Mixed Salad & Ice Cream

Please contact Ms. Leah for any Hot Lunch inquiries and allergy information (7744477)

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New Staff Spotlight

Sainab Njie



I have several years of experience working in a primary school in England, starting as a Learning Support Assistant and later transitioning to a teaching assistant. Supporting children in reaching their potential has always been incredibly rewarding for me, and I'm passionate about being part of their learning journey.

I'm excited to be working in the library, where I hope to inspire a love of reading in the children. It's a privilege to help them discover the joy and wonder of books, and I look forward to encouraging them in this new role.

I'm also thrilled to join the team at BAIS—everyone has been so welcoming, and I can't wait to be part of this wonderful community.

Outside of work, I'm a mother of four, and I enjoy reading, colouring, playing board games, cooking, dancing, and taking leisurely walks. At home, I love doing creative hairstyles for my daughters, which has become a fun, bonding activity for us.

I look forward to meeting all of you when I officially start soon!

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**After-School Activities
September - October 2024**

Dear BAIS Families,

We will begin a new session of after-school activities (**ASAs**) next **Thursday, September 19th**, for all students from **Kindergarten through High-School**. The eight-week sessions will last until **Thursday, October 31st**.

- Timing: **3:15 to 4:10pm**
- Days: **Thursdays and/or Mondays.**
- Pick Up: **4:15 pm**

Please note that students are not allowed to wait on campus while a sibling is attending an ASA. They must register in an ASA themselves or be picked up at 3:15 pm as normal.

How to register:

- **Deadline: Wednesday, September 18th**
- Follow this link: [BAIS T1 ASA Registration](#).
- Complete the form for each BAIS child.
- Send any questions via email to: gshyngle@baisgambia.org

Monday	Lead Facilitator	Location
K-HS: Fun With Football	Mr. George & Mr. Joe	Football Field
HS: Model United Nations	Ms. Halima	G2
G3-HS: Service Learning	Ms. Angie/Ms. Makuena	Arts & Craft Classroom
K-G5: Scavenger Hunt	Ms. Hala	K1
Thursday	Lead Facilitator	Location
G4-HS: American Football	Mr. Will	Football Field
G4-HS: Homework Lab	Ms. Danielle	Library
K-G4 Art & Craft	Ms. Elin / Ms. Kiran	G3 Classroom
G2-G5 Piano For Beginners	Mr. Emmanuel	Music Patio
G2-G5 Volleyball	Mr. Badjie	Volleyball Court

Additional activities may be scheduled on other days for MS/HS

NOTES

- All activities will cap at 15 students unless otherwise noted.
- Activities need five students to run. Any students signed up for an activity with fewer than five students will select a second choice.
- **Sign-ups are on a first-come, first-served basis and ONLY through the Google Form.**

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Child Protection Policy at BAIS

A Summary

Child abuse and neglect are of growing concern in schools throughout the world and can lead to serious short- and long-term psychological, physical, and emotional consequences for those affected. Child abuse and neglect are violations of a child's human rights and are obstacles to the child's education as well as their physical, emotional, and spiritual development. The Banjul American International School endorses and adheres to the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child (1989), of which our host country, The Gambia, is a signatory.

International schools must safeguard the welfare of students and children using facilities or sponsored programs. They must provide a safe environment for healthy growth. Educators, staff, and administration have a unique opportunity to identify signs of child abuse or neglect. They have a moral, ethical, and professional obligation to provide help and protection to the child in need.

The Child Protection Policy at BAIS aims to ensure that all members of the Banjul American International School (BAIS) community help to keep children safe by:

- Fully understanding and being aware of the issues surrounding child abuse and neglect
- Fully upholding the Child Protection Policy set forth by BAIS
- Assuming the irrefutable responsibilities as contributing members to the safety of BAIS students, as well as visiting children
- Being empowered and knowledgeable to enact said policy if a student has been identified as at risk or having been a victim of child abuse or neglect
- Communicating the commitment to safeguarding the wellbeing of children at BAIS, within the community, and to the greater Gambian community

BAIS employees and contractors must report suspected child abuse or neglect incidents when they believe a child has suffered or is at risk. Reporting will follow administrative regulations and be handled with sensitivity, potentially reporting to local authorities or child protection agencies.

BAIS aims to provide a safe environment for students experiencing abuse or neglect, preventing or detecting abuse early. They train teachers, administration, and staff in recognizing signs, understanding school policies, reporting procedures, and assuming full reporting responsibilities, ensuring a proactive approach to child abuse and neglect prevention.

Any report of child abuse, including potential reports against a member of the BAIS staff will prompt a full investigation following a carefully designed course of due process, keeping the safety of the child at the highest priority.

To further protect against child abuse and neglect, BAIS will provide prevention, rights, and empowerment lessons to students, will distribute this policy annually to families, will provide adequate training for all employees, will make every effort to ensure the safety of children when hiring and training new staff, and will review the policy annually for compliance and effectiveness.

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Celebration of Learning!



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Welcome New Students!



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