

BAIS Buzz

Message from the Director

Dear BAIS Families,

On Tuesday, we had visitors from the British High Commission. More information is inside The Buzz!

We are still investigating the feasibility of offering **swimming** during the next round of ASAs. That information will be shared as we learn the different options. The Fajara Club has agreed to the use of their pool, and we are also looking at the Tropic Garden, just down from the school and where we have previously had swimming.

Please note the update regarding the School Board. Board meetings are open to parents. I am grateful to our board members who gladly sacrifice their time in order to serve.

The back road has been cleared, and we are now using the back gate again.

Have a wonderful weekend!

Robert Harper, Director

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Upcoming Events

Sat., Sept. 28.

Saturday football

Mon., Sept. 30.

School Board Meeting, 6:00.
 MAP Testing begins

Fri. Oct. 4.

Celebration of Learning, 11:40

Thurs. & Fri., Oct. 24 & 25

BAIS Holiday...No School

British High Commission Visit to BAIS

On Tuesday, representatives from the British High Commission visited BAIS. The British Government has just approved Banjul as a post where they can now send families with children over 12 years old. Our guests toured the campus and asked several questions about all aspects of our school and programs, especially learning support, and they were very impressed with what they heard and saw. Although it will likely not happen soon, it is possible that, in the future, this could lead to more students for the middle and high schools.

Traffic Update

The fallen tree limbs that were blocking the back road have now been cleared. You may now use the back gate as before.

School Board Update

Our next School Board meeting will be next Monday, September 30, at 6:00 PM. Parents are welcome to attend. In addition, the Board finance committee met last Monday to review the budget for the year and to discuss other plans for the year. The Board also has a governance committee which meets regularly to ensure that we have proper policies and procedures in place. Our Board members volunteer much of their time to fulfilling their roles and responsibilities, and the school is fortunate that they are willing to serve.

PTO Update

Get ready for a spooky good time! Our Halloween Party is happening on **Friday, November 1st, from 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM**. It's going to be a fun-filled evening with costumes, games, and treats—so mark your calendars!

Want to get involved in the planning? We'd love your help! If you're interested in joining the planning team, please reach out to Mary Jobe on WhatsApp at +1 401- 573 6199 or message Jeremy Ogusky at +1 248 219 8779. They will provide you with the sign-up sheet and add you to the group.

Let's make this a Halloween to remember!

Thank you,

Mary.

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Student Council Elections

Today during CoL we heard speeches from candidates running for Student Council. marks the start of Student Council elections. The election itself will happen on Monday the 30th. We're looking forward to seeing the democratic process in action! Here are our candidates!



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Health Update

Although there are no major health issues to be concerned about at this time, elementary teachers are reporting a higher incidence of students having sore throats, bad coughs, stomach aches, and so on. Various bugs often make their way through a school classroom. Please join us in being diligent to emphasize to children to wash their hands regularly and to never drink out of the same glass or container. As always, children who have a fever should stay home. If a child here at school has a fever, their parents will be called to come and collect them.

Hearing and Vision Screening, continued

Hearing and vision screening by Opticalia was completed this week for grades PK-3. On Tuesday we will complete the screening for grades 4-12. Each child should receive a report to take home.

Saturday Football Update

Saturday Football Club got off to a good start last week, in spite of the weather! Going forward, we will send out a message if we cancel because of weather. If you do not receive a message that we are canceling, we will proceed as scheduled.

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.

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Staff Spotlight

Mr. Badjie

Bonjour...A salam malekum!



I am the BAIS French teacher and Gambian Studies focal point. I am Gambian and have taught French for many years in various institutions in the Gambia, including Alliance Française and the University of The Gambia. I hold teaching certificates in French didactics / pedagogy and a Master's Degree from Limoges University (France).

I joined BAIS eight years ago from teaching adults from the University of Gambia. I must confess that it was a bit of a challenge to handle the lower grades in terms classroom management and transition. I confided with the director then and benefitted from the support from colleagues to improving with this. This is one of the things BAIS does best.

Every year looks different at BAIS, and this requires one to be flexible, and to quickly adapt to new setups. I particularly like collaborating with colleagues in designing and teaching units. We are a small school and many times one's duties, responsibilities or role expands quickly to areas one did not think off. Such was the case when I was made Chair of the Finance during the reaccreditation of the school. A good experience, indeed!

My goal is to maintain an environment where the French language will be spoken even outside the classroom. I particularly like seeing students from all grade levels shine during our Celebration of Learning. One notable achievement of the French curriculum is the HS French Literature program which was developed a few years ago and which will produce its first graduands this year.

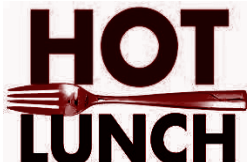
As the Gambian Studies focal point, I would like to promote the local culture in the school. I look forward to supporting the final draft of the program on Learning about the Gambia and implementing it these coming years.

On a personal note, I am married and my wife Isabelle and I are blessed with three children who were or are currently BAIS alumni. When I am not teaching, I enjoy volunteering for my community and others in rural Gambia. I work with several youth groups and also serve as Board Chair of a local nursery school. I was also a Board member of Alliance Française for many years. My passion for children inspired me to initiate of a summer camp for kids of an organization that I am a member. My hobbies include gardening, camping, volleyball and frequent travels to my ancestral village.

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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

Sept/Oct 2024	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Sept 30 - Oct 3	• Tick to order Vegetarian Curry, Rice & fruit ☺	• Tick to order Fish fingers, baked vegetables, cream/cheese & fruit	• Tick to order Chicken and grilled pepper Fajitas & cake	• Tick to order Fried noodles, beef, vegetables & fruit
Oct 07 - 10	• Tick to order Creamy Spaghetti, w/ basil olive oil, & fruit ☺	• Tick to order Grilled fish with rice & butter-lime sauce & fruit	☆☆☆☆☆☆☆☆ Faculty PD Noon Dismissal ☺ ☆☆☆☆☆☆☆☆	• Tick to order Chicken Tagine with Couscous & fruit
Oct 14 - 17	• Tick to order Beef burgers, fries & fruit	• Tick to order Spaghetti, tomato sauce, cheese & fruit ☺	• Tick to order Fish Benachin, vegetables, bissap sauce & fruit	• Tick to order Creamy mushroom chicken pasta & fruit
Oct 21 - 25	• Tick to order Fried noodles, beef, vegetables & fruit	• Tick to order Vegetable Lasagna & fruit ☺	☆☆☆☆☆☆☆☆ NO SCHOOL ☺ ☆☆☆☆☆☆☆☆	☆☆☆☆☆☆☆☆ NO SCHOOL ☺ ☆☆☆☆☆☆☆☆
Oct 28 - 31	• Tick to order Creamy fish & mushroom tagliateli pasta & fruit	• Tick to order Beef Benachin, vegetables & fruit	• Tick to order Grilled chicken, baked vegetables, salad, & fruit	• Tick to order Margarita Pizza Mixed Salad & Ice Cream ☺

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Pre-kinder Happenings



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