From the Secondary Principal's Desk

Dear parents,

BAIS faculty and staff arrive every school day and spend time from 7:10-7:30 participating in devotions, prayer, worship, and mentoring. This week our school chaplain, Mr. Newell, led staff through a series of Christian Education Units (CEU) focused on spiritual counseling and biblical integration. A revelation from this week for me is connected to one of our Expected Student Outcomes (ESO), biblical application. BAIS students will "Understand what the Bible teaches and demonstrate ways to apply biblical truth to all areas of life."

While observing classes this week, I had the pleasure of witnessing students in Bible 10 having a serious, deep conversation about the qualities of true Christians. The question posed was, "How can a person be a Christian if they do not act differently - if they do not pray, do not serve, do not go to church - if they act just like every other person? Is that type of person a real Christian?" Students were explaining and defending their perspectives on the topic while integrating scripture into their answers. These students demonstrated they know the Bible and know how to apply it to authentic situations. I was impressed!

During Mr. Newell's instruction this week, a speech by Dr. Todd J. Williams, the president of Cairn University, was examined. Dr. Williams explained that biblical integration is not an add-on. Citing Romans 12:2 "Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is--His good, pleasing, and perfect will" the point was made that biblical integration can only occur through integrated people whose lives are saturated by scripture. It oozes out of them.

Biblical integration is not a way that *we* try to connect everything or make sense of everything in the world. Biblical teaching recognizes that, from Colossians 1, "He is before all things and in Him all things hold together." It is Christ that hold all things together, and because we are sinful, failed, and flawed, integrated people must come into submission to Him.

MARCH			
10	Third Quarter Ends /Half Day		
13-17	Week Without Walls		
17	Half Day		
20-24	Spring Break		
28	Seclusion Day		
29	Late Start		
31	Report Cards Go Home		
APRIL			
7-9	IISSAC Badminton and Cross		
	Country		
12	Country Late Start		
12	Late Start		
12 14	Late Start Good Friday National Holiday		
12 14 17-28	Late Start Good Friday National Holiday MAP Test (K-12)		
12 14 17-28 20-22	Late Start Good Friday National Holiday MAP Test (K-12) Drama Production		
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Integration is a journey. I was proud this week hearing and watching our 10th grade students demonstrate biblical integration. Next week is Week Without Walls. What an awesome opportunity to showcase the BAIS integrated community...for Christ's glory.

Blessings,

Mr. Jeremy Thomas Secondary Principal



ATHLETICS Need:

Our 2017 IISSAC Elementary Swim Team -- AKA The Grey Squad -- is looking for *two* volunteer adult supervisors to assist Head Coach Nichole Willson during swim practice. All willing servants, please express interest via email to Athletics@baisedu.org.

Thank you for helping to ensure the safety and success of our little swimmers!

Ms. Linnette Vasquez Athletic Director

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Ms. Alynthia Penn

sound of music announcement

3/11 (9:00-3:00) Saturday practice No elementary ensemble this week	Morning (9 AM -12 PM): Scenes 1-7 Lunch: 12 PM - 1 PM Afternoon (1 PM - 3 PM): Scenes 8-12	All Cast and Crew must be here. You need to be at school 15 minutes before your rehearsal time starts. You need to bring lunch and snacks and something to occupy your time when you are not on stage (such as homework). You may leave once all your scenes are finished.
Wednesday 3/15 (4:00-6:00) This is Week Without Walls so you need to return to school from your team activity so you can be at practice.	Scenes 10-12	Frau Schmidt Max Captain Maria Von Trapp Children Saengerbund Trio Fraulein Schweiger German Officers Herr Zeller Schreiber Rolf The Nuns Nun Ensemble
3/28 (9:00-3:00) Holiday practice	Morning (9 AM -12 PM): Scenes 1-7 Lunch: 12 PM - 1 PM Afternoon (1 PM - 3 PM): Scenes 8-12 Note: No Elementary Ensemble	All Cast and Crew must be here. You need to be at school 15 minutes before your rehearsal time starts. You need to bring lunch and snacks and something to occupy your time when you are not on stage (such as homework). You may leave once all your scenes are finished.