# From the BAIS Secondary Principal's Desk

#### Dear parents,

It seems like just yesterday when BAIS opened its doors to welcome in the 2017-2018 school year. Now we are already closing out the first quarter of school! It has been affirming to see students growing in myriad ways during these past nine weeks of school. Teachers have been creating lessons and learning experiences that challenge and engage students. When students, teachers, and parents are all partnering together, the community goes from be compartmentalized and isolated to becoming synced gears in a well-built machine. It has been exciting to watch it happen this school year!

As first quarter comes to a close, there are some reminders that need to be communicated. Secondary students will not be receiving a hard copy report card this quarter. With BAIS utilizing PowerSchool, the Learning Management System, students and parents can access their grades in real time, whenever they wish. Additionally, final grades will not be calculated until the end of first semester and will be weighted with the first semester at 80% and the semester exam at 20%. If a student has an overall average of 95% and a final exam grade of 90%, the student's final grade for first semester would be 94% based on the following calculation. It looks complicated but is actually quite simple.

Final Grade = (Sem. 1 Avg.)(Weighted Percentage) + (Sem. 1 Exam)(Weighted Percentage)

Final Grade = (Sem. 1 Avg.) (.80) + (Sem. 1 Exam) (.20)

Final Grade = (95(.80))+(90(.20))

Final Grade = 76 + 18 Final Grade = 94%

OCTOBER			
16	Second Quarter Begins/I Love to Read Begins		
16- 17	Picture Make Up Day		
18	Late Start		
20	Report Cards Go Home		
26- 27	IISSAC Soccer at Wesley		
NOVEMBER			
1	Late Start		
2	Parent Teacher Conference 03:00pm – 07:00pm		
3	Parent Teacher Conference 08:00am – 11:00am		
6	Mid Quarter Grades on Power School		
15	Late Start		
20- 22	Spiritual Emphasis Week		
22	Half Day		
23- 24	Thanksgiving Holiday		

The final grade calculation will occur at the end of the semester in December. Hard copy report cards will be issued at the end of first semester one and at the end of second semester. Students will receive the reports in January and June.

There have been a few parent meetings recently where graduation planning, specifically related to math was brought up. This is a good opportunity to let you know the pathways to progress through the secondary Math curriculum. Registration for next year's courses will begin in April and teacher recommendations are a key factor in joining an honors course.

BAIS Math Pathways				
Students who love Math <u>and</u> are gifted in that area might take the following progression:	Students who are enjoy math <u>or</u> are somewhat gifted in that area might take the following progression:	Students who do not necessarily enjoy Math or those not particularly gifted in that area might take the following progression:		
Math 6 Advanced	Math 6 Advanced	Math 6 Advanced		
Math 7 Advanced	Math 7 Advanced	Math 7 Advanced		
Algebra I Honors	Algebra I	Algebra I		
9th Grade - Geometry	9th Grade - Geometry	9th Grade – Geometry		
10th Grade - Trig Functions	10th Grade - Algebra II	10th Grade - Algebra II		
11th Grade - AP Calculus AB	11th Grade - Pre-Calculus	11th Grade - Trigonometry and Accounting		
12th Grade - AP Calculus BC or Statistics	12th Grade - AP Calculus AB or AP Statistics	12th Grade - Transition to College Math & Statistics		



Photo by Jang Hun Heo

Courses being offered depend on the number of students registered, master schedule constraints, and classroom allocation.

It was my pleasure during a recent faculty meeting to present an award to a secondary faculty member. Mr. Julian received the Stanford University Teacher Tribute award. He was nominated by an alumnus, Mr. Ricky Toh, who graduated in 2017 and currently attends Stanford. Please congratulate Mr. Julian.

BAIS appreciates the effort that it takes for students living in Bandung to attend school at our campus in Kota Baru. We recognize that recent construction and demonstrations have increased traffic - making it challenging to arrive on time, especially on Monday mornings. Please consider departing your home 10-20 minutes early in order to ensure students arrive to their first class on time and ready to learn. Thank you so much for partnering with BAIS! Blessings,

Jeremy J. Thomas, M.Ed.

#### FROM THE SCHOOL COUNSELOR

- On Tuesday, October 24, 10th-12th graders will be joining college preparation workshops from 1:00-2:00 taught by representatives from universities around the world. From 2:00-2:45, parents are welcome to join a mini college fair.
- UBC (University of British Columbia) is rescheduling their visit to Wednesday, November 1 so as not to coincide with IISAAC. They will give a presentation during secondary lunch (12:41-1:16) in Mr. Powers' room (204) to any high school students and parents who are interested. Here is a bit more about UBC:
   The University of British Columbia, founded in 1908, is a global centre for research, teaching, and learning, and is consistently ranked among the most prestigious international institutions, and one of the top 40 research universities, in the world. Each year more than 60,000 students pursue their education at UBC's two locations a coastal campus in Vancouver, on Canada's spectacular Pacific coast, and the beautiful Okanagan campus in the interior of BC. Students from more than 160 countries study in undergraduate, postgraduate, and professional programs at UBC that lead to internationally recognized degrees in comprehensive fields of study across the spectrum of disciplines. Learn more at www.you.ubc.ca

Ms. Kelly Wakefield School Counselor

#### FROM MATH DEPT

Congratulations to Jeremy Budijono, Melissa Budijono, Zefanya Amadeo Sinaga, and Josiah Kim for their achievement in AMC 2017 contest.

We are glad to announce the result of AMC (Australian Math Competition) 2017 Contest which was held on Thursday, July 27, 2017. More than 3,000 students were involved in the contest all around Indonesia. We have four students who represented BAIS in the contest: Jeremy Budijono (grade 4), Melissa Budijono (grade 7), Zefanya Amadeo Sinaga (grade 9), and Josiah Kim (grade 11) with the following result.

Name	Result	Details
Jeremy Budijono	Distinction	Top 15% achievement
Melissa Budijono	Credit	Top 50% achievement
Zefanya Amadeo Sinaga	Proficiency	Passing
Josiah Kim	Distinction	Top 15% achievement

Congratulations one more time! BAIS is proud of you! Solideo Gloria!
Ibu Rita Harsono
Math Teacher

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#### FROM THE ACCREDITATION TEAM

#### Dear Parents,

We need your feedback. Last week, the staff presented our findings in regards to our accreditation to each other and we wanted to share those with you. If you could just take about 30 minutes to watch through the presentations and then give us feedback about the areas that we have identified as areas of needing improvement that would be great. We would like to make sure that we are focusing on improving the school in the areas that you, as our constituents, feel are important. If you want more information about what accreditation is please keep reading below or you can just jump down to the link at the bottom of this article to access the video and survey.

Accreditation is the process of becoming officially recognized and approved of by an outside accrediting body. It also provides the opportunity for us as a school to assess and identify the areas where we are strong and the areas that we need to continue to improve in. This coming March (2018), the school will be visited by a team of educators representing the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) and Association of Christian Schools International (ACSI) for an accreditation visit. They will be taking a thorough look at the policies, practices, and future plans of BAIS to determine whether or not to re-accredit the school.

Starting last school year and over the past couple months, the faculty and staff have used rubrics provided by ACSI to assess the school's strength's and weaknesses. It was these findings that we presented last week.

Please use the following link to the Google Form in order to watch the presentations and then give us feedback about the areas you think are most important to focus on. <a href="https://goo.gl/forms/OmEOiccISNj6Q8sj2">https://goo.gl/forms/OmEOiccISNj6Q8sj2</a>

Thank you for your support,
Mr. Travis Julian, Steering Committee Chair

## **CLEAN UP JABAR DAY**

A big THANK YOU to those who showed up on Sunday, October 8th for Clean Up Jabar Day! At sites all over Jawa Barat, people joined to pick up trash for two hours. Here in front of BAIS we began with a small group and ended with a larger group of people who joined the effort:) See the before and after group photos!

Let's all remember to dispose of garbage in the proper receptacles

and do our best to keep Jabar green and clean!

We will see you next time for Clean Up Jabar Day!

Ms. Jana Dickman



## **PACE Leadership**

The past two weeks have seen the volunteering of our Homeroom Parents and the election of our PACE Leadership Team. Our PACE Leadership Team for the 2017-2018 school year are:

Ibu Fifi Hermawan

Mrs. Kate Kim

Mrs. Deborah Gunthorpe

#### BAIS Homeroom Parents 2017-2018

PS 3: Ibu Yoan (Louis' Mom)

PS 4: Ibu Su Min (Dae Ho's Mom) & Ibu Jong Pil (Ye Eun's Mom)

Kindergarten: Ibu Shela (Stefanie's Mom) & Ibu Ja Kyung (David's Mom)

Grade 1: Ibu Hani (Azariah's Mom)

Grade 2: Ibu Sane (Glenn's Mom)

Grade 3: Ibu Ika (Gwen's Mom)

Grade 4: Ibu Linda (Kezia's Mom) & Ibu Ling Ling (Jeremy's Mom)

Grade 5: Ibu Silvi (Yves's Mom) & Ibu Davina (Ji Seong's Mom)

Grade 6: Ibu Sung Hee (Jaeha's Mom) & Ibu So Yeon (Huiso's Mom)

Grade 7: Ibu Murni (Clarine's Mom) & Ibu Christina (Karen's Mom)

Grade 8: Ibu Heidy (Steffy's Mom) & Ibu Sonya (Odelyn's Mom)

Grade 9: Ibu Mega (Audy's Mom) & Ibu Venny (Neal's Mom)

Grade 10: Ibu Yuliani (Nicho's Mom) & Ibu Nura (Kyla's Mom)

Grade 11: Ibu Sonya Walker (Paul's Mom)

Grade 12: Ibu Kim (Joo In's Mom)

Thank you for being willing to serve the BAIS community in this role!!

Mr. Karl Nielsen

**BAIS Director** 

BAHASA INDONESIA CLASS UPDATE



Nevri Chandrani Nooringhati will finish her teaching time at BAIS at the end of first quarter. She has worked in the Indonesian language program for more than one year and appreciates the way she has been accepted into the BAIS community. She has enjoyed her time teaching both students and teachers at BAIS. Ibu Nevri's first baby is due at the beginning of November. We pray for her and her husband as they experience the blessings and challenges of having a child. She will be replaced by Pak Carolus in the classes she currently teaches. Congratulations Ibu Nevri!

My name is Carolus Tulas Adi Nugroho. Usually people call me Carolus. I was born in Sukoharjo, Central Java on the 17<sup>th</sup> August 1994. I did my formal education in Solo from Kindergarten through High School, but then I went to Bandung to acquire my Bachelor's degree. I got my Bachelor's degree from Bandung College of Social Welfare in 2016.



## **DRAMA PRACTICE**

October 18, 2017 4:00 - 6:00 P.M.

ALL CAST MEMBERS must come to practice to be measured and fitted into costumes.

You may go home once your measurements are done, but everyone must come to practice!

## **Athletics & Club News**

#### **IISSAC Soccer**

- No games today, Oct. 13<sup>th</sup>
   Check the BAIS Public Calendar and BAIS Pep Club Facebook page for updates.
- IISSAC Tournament October 27<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> in Malang!
- Season's Record: Boys 6-4 / Girls 6-2-2

#### **After School Activities**

- Middle School basketball played CBCS Tuesday, Oct. 10.
   It was a tough 48-51 loss. Miss Fulwood affirms, "I am proud of them, they fought hard despite all the obstacles that were stacked against them in every situation and game. To me, they are a good team, they never guit but persevere with all their heart."
- 8<sup>th</sup> grader, Karen Lee, firmly attests that the game at CBCS was "fun but challenging."
- Upcoming Middle School vs. Staff/Parents Basketball games: October 23<sup>rd</sup>
   Please come out and support your BAIS Eagles.

## **Elementary Clubs/Activities**

- Elementary parents, please complete the After School Club Inquiry Forum in your email. Please feel free to contact Mr. Powers or Ibu Dias with questions or suggestions.
- BAIS Swimming Invitational, Nov. 11
   Registration for BAIS students and staff kids FREE!!!
   Registration starts Oct. 16. Please contact athletics@baisedu for more information.

## Club Highlight of the Week: DIY Science Club

- The "Do It Yourself Science Club" is a club that allows secondary students to put the scientific method into practice. The club members choose topics to study and create their own experiments to test their knowledge and challenged preconceived notions.
- Senior JunSeon Hong was motivated to start the science club because he observed, "during science class we do a lot of labs but the students are limited to what the teacher wants and after we have to write lab reports."
   Taking the initiative, he said, "I wanted to make science more interesting and less of a burden, so I started the club."
- BAYLAR
- Staff sponsor, Miss Janna Dickman thinks, "It's cool that they named it *DIY Science* Club because they really are 'doing it themselves.'"
- Eunice Kosim says, "It's fun trying to experiment with different colored smoke bombs."

The DIY Science Club meets every Tuesday at 2:45-4.

Keep your eyes on the BAIS Buzz for updates, changes, and more information!

Mr. Justin Powers
Athletic Director