# From the BAIS Director's Desk

Dear BAIS Community,

As the end of our first quarter is quickly approaching, I want to review the first quarter and share key administrative goals for this year.

During the first quarter our teachers have invested a great deal of time outside of their classroom and planning time learning how to navigate new technology structures that have been put in place. The two main systems BAIS has adopted are Rubicon Atlas and PowerSchool. Rubicon Atlas is a software system that allows our team to map out and organize their year long plans. It is also a place where teachers within the larger NICS organization can share ideas. This is software that our parent community will not see but that plays an important role in supporting our faculty as they seek to practice sound pedagogy with students.

The second piece of technology, the PowerSchool suite, is ultimately designed to better integrate our back office needs such as attendance, grading, and printing reports. This system facilitates easier interaction and communication between teachers, parents, and students. The rollout of this has not been as smooth as we would have preferred, but in the long run we know that PowerSchool will play a valuable role in maintaining a close partnership with our parent community as well as be a valuable tool to enhance student learning. Now that these two pieces are in place and functioning well, BAIS is well equipped with our curriculum and school management systems for years to come.

Our goal this year as an administrative team is to listen well to the BAIS community. I want to invite you, members of the parent community to come to us with ideas, concerns, encouragement, and/or suggestions. Our team has already had several formal and informal gatherings with many of you in

**OCTOBER 13** First Quarter Ends/Half Day Second Quarter Begins/I Love to 16 **Read Begins** 16-Picture Make Up Day **17** 18 Late Start 20 Report Cards Go Home 26-**IISSAC Soccer at Wesley** 27 **NOVEMBER** 1 Late Start Parent Teacher Conference 2 03:00pm - 07:00pm Parent Teacher Conference 3 08:00am - 11:00am Mid Quarter Grades on Power 6 School **15** Late Start 20-Spiritual Emphasis Week 22 22 Half Day 23-Thanksgiving Holiday 24

order to share information and ideas as well as to respond to your questions and hear your concerns. We look forward to sharing many more times like this with you throughout the year. It is our desire to meet the needs of your children and to serve you well.

Thank you for choosing BAIS!!

Karl Nielsen Director

#### SAT TEST

We are excited to be hosting the SAT test on Saturday, October 7, 2017. We will have over 60 test takers on the BAIS campus during the testing period. This is the largest group we have had sit for an SAT test to date. Therefore, we have decided that it is best for the integrity of the test and for the students taking the test to have a quiet campus.

Only test takers and teachers will be allowed on campus during the testing period. Families and students may begin to use the campus after 2:00 p.m. Please note this closure is for the entire campus. This is a great opportunity for outside students and families to see our beautiful campus. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Mr. Jeremy Thomas Secondary Principal



### FROM THE SCHOOL COUNSELOR

On Monday, October 30, the University of British Columbia will be coming to our campus to give a presentation during secondary lunch (12:21-12:57) 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 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 <a href="https://www.you.ubc.ca">www.you.ubc.ca</a>

### **Attention Juniors**

**PSAT/NMSQT** will be this Wednesday, October 11th Testing is required for all BAIS Juniors and begins promptly at 7:45AM. Please be:

- well rested and have a healthy breakfast before you come to school.
- on time to school.

### Dear Parents:

I am excited to announce that our new math curriculum has arrived. The staff has worked hard to check in the books and get them covered so the teachers and students can start using them right away. There were a couple classes that still had some missing books, and we are working with the distributor to get those books shipped as soon as possible. Overall though, we are excited to start using these new programs. If you have any questions about the changes we have made to the math program over this last year, please email me or stop in at my office. Sincerely,

**Charity Sianturi** 



# -----DRAMA PRACTICE--

## October 11, 2017

4:00 - 6:00 PM

Scene Three: The Tin Man's Arrest

Everyone in this scene must come to practice

- Tin Man
- Humpty Dumpty
- King of Hearts
- Rook
- Pawn
- Extra Chess Pieces



# **Athletics & Club News**

#### **IISSAC Soccer**

- Both our guys and girls will be playing in a round robin tournament at BIS Saturday!
- · Games start at noon.
- Please come out and support your BAIS Eagles.
- Check the BAIS Public Calendar and BAIS Pep Club Facebook page for updates.
- Season's Record: Boys 6-3 / Girls 6-1

BIS Tournament, Oct. 7	
Game Time	Game
12-12:35	BAIS Boys vs. Football Plus Boys (team 2)
12:40-1:15	BAIS Girls vs. Football Plus Girls
1:20-1:55	BAIS Boys vs. Pelita Nusantara
2-2:35	BIS Girls vs. BAIS Girls
2:40-3:15	BIS Boys vs. BAIS Boys
3:20-3:55	BAIS Girls vs. Pelita Nusantara
4-4:35	BAIS Boys vs. Pelita Nusantara

#### **After School Activities**

Upcoming Middle School Basketball game, Oct. 10<sup>th</sup> @CBCS -4pm
 Please come out and support your BAIS Eagles.

### **Elementary Clubs/Activities**

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.

## Club Highlight of the Week: Dorothy in Wonderland

- This year's drama production is well under way!
- Elementary and secondary students have been preparing for opening night, April 19<sup>th</sup>.
- The production is being directed by Miss Beth LaMertha. She (dramatically) proclaims, "I love that this year's production has so many elementary kids working with so many secondary students. It's going to be... SO GREAT!"
   Multiple teachers and parents are also involved in the productions preparations.



- Senior, Heemin Jang is this year's stage manager. She observes, "It has been a great blessing for me to see
  the progress of every actor and crew through efforts and continuous practices. Looking forward to seeing
  more progress throughout the year!"
  - Spoiler Alert: Fifth grader, Darren Lie, playing the role of Humpty Dumpty thinks, "it's cool that I have a part in this year's drama but it is kind of funny that I die. Getting the part was important to me."
- The drama performers practice every Wednesday at 4pm.
   Keep your eyes on the BAIS Buzz for updates, changes, and more information!

Mr. Justin Powers Athletic Director

## **School Portrait Makeup Day**

If you missed having your school ID photo taken during the Back to School Kickoff, no worries. School pictures will be taken **Monday and Tuesday, October 16th and 17th.**Secondary, stop by the upstairs computer lab during break time or lunch time for your picture.

