## From the BAIS Director's Desk

This past week, BAIS again was able to experience the benefits of being part of the Network of International Christian Schools. Mrs. Sianturi and I attended the Annual Leadership Conference in the USA where all seventeen Directors of NICS schools across the globe and several accompanying principals gathered to discuss issues in NICS and in education in general. We both were challenged by pointed spiritual encouragements, effective leadership principles, and methods to measure academic excellence.

In addition to the personal growth benefits that we both were able to enjoy, I was again reminded of the assistance that NICS provides in the areas of recruitment and reducing overall operational costs because of our collective size. Insurance costs for our staff are significantly reduced because of this partnership, recruitment costs are reduced, and retention of staff is increased due to quality training and orientation provided by the Home Office for new teachers prior to arriving in Indonesia. It is truly a blessing to be a part of NICS because of the professional development opportunities and business advantages.

But the most significant benefit is that we are linked in to a large body of believers that are all supporting and praying for one another. We had the opportunity to be individually prayed for and encouraged by those who understand the challenges of international education. We were able to share about God's faithfulness in each of our schools and celebrate with fellow brothers and sisters in Christ.

In light of that, I would like to share with you prayer requests for three schools. Please join me in praying for these schools as we know that there are communities all over the world praying for us as well.

Malaysia - a brand new school is set to open in August of 2018. Pray for all the final preparations.

Venezuela - pray for the school there as the country is under severe duress due to economic, and political turmoil.

China - pray for the school in China as there has been an increase in government scrutiny in all they do.

It is a privilege to be part of the NICS community, and I am looking forward to being back in our BAIS community early next week!

In Christ, Karl Nielsen BAIS Director

MARCH	
8	Dialogue with the Director in the LIBRARY at 08:00 – 09:30pm
8	Forensics Club/Choral Class Performance Night 04:00 – 08:00pm
9	Third Quarter Ends
12	Fourth Quarter Begins
12-16	Week Without Walls (No Hot Lunch Provided)
16	Half Day
17	Seclusion Day
19-23	Spring Break
28	Late Start
29	Report Cards Go Home
30	Good Friday National Holiday
APRIL	
6	Music Concert at 05:30pm in the MPR
11	Late Start
16-27	MAP Test
19-21	Drama Production
25	Late Start
27-29	IISSAC Swimming/Badminton
27	Half Day for Students

## PSAT for 8/9 and PSAT 10

#### Return signed letters and payment by Monday the 5th.

The purpose of this test is to help start preparing students for collegiate exams during their 11th and 12th grade years of high school. The exam will not count as a grade. It will simply be a tool that you and your child can use to help them prepare for the SAT exam coming up in several years.

#### **Exam dates:**

Registration for all students - Wednesday, March 7<sup>th</sup> at 2:50pm in the MPR PSAT 8/9 - for 8th and 9th graders - Thursday, March 8<sup>th</sup> PSAT 10 - for 10th graders - Friday, March 9<sup>th</sup>

If you are interested in having your student take the PSAT 8/9 or the PSAT 10 please sign and return the letter that was sent home with students on Monday. There is a cost of 100,000Rp to cover the exam. Reminder, this is optional.

For more information please email melissahall@baisedu.org

#### **BAIS CLINIC** info

BAIS is working together with Biofarma (vaccine factory in Bandung) to give Diphteria vaccination (Td Vaccine) or Td booster for students and their family. If you would like to have the vaccination, please contact dr. Mayke through email: <a href="maykerosalina@baisedu.org">maykerosalina@baisedu.org</a> or to the BAIS' clinic for further information regarding the date and time for diphteria vaccination.

Protect yourself protect others get immunized

Thank you, dr. Mayke

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## Congratulations to Sergio Limandibhratha & Bryan Tjut!

**Sergio** has been accepted to the following schools in the United States:

- The University of Denver He has been named a Chancellor Scholar and awarded a \$26,000 scholarship.
- Universtiy of California, Irvine He has been selected to be part of the Campuswide Honors Program.

**Bryan** has been accepted to the City University of Hong Kong.

Please make sure to celebrate with the students when you see them around campus! Give them a high-five or a pat-on-the-back.

Ms. Melissa Hall School Counselor

## Math Dept News

- CONGRATULATIONS to Josiah Kim (Grade 11) Bronze Medal Winner at TIMO (Thailand International Mathematical Olympiad) final round in Bangkok, Thailand!
- BAIS has learned of an opportunity to join the Singapore and Asian Schools Math Olympiads (SASMO) this March. The contest will be held <u>Saturday</u>, April 7, 2018 at <u>SDK BPK Penabur Banda</u>, Bandung and is open for <u>all students</u> from grade 2-11. If you are interested, please contact me, <u>ritaharsono@baisedu.org</u>, sending your full name and current grade before <u>March 9</u>. The admission fee is 200,000 rupiah per student. We will send some further details once we have the list of students participating.

Thank you.
Ibu Rita Harsono
Math Teacher



We are so excited about this year's Week Without Walls. In a little over a week 15 teams of students will be branching out all over Bandung to serve others. Our goal is to shine the light of the gospel and share the love of Jesus with our community. We want to ask that you be in prayer for all of our teams in three ways:

- 1. Pray for their safety as they travel and serve.
- 2. Pray that those we are serving would find encouragement through our time with them.
- 3. Pray that God would work in our students and deepen their relationship with Him as they serve others.

Your child should have brought a permission slip home on Tuesday of this week. Please make sure that is completed and returned as soon as possible.

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## DRAMA REHEARSAL

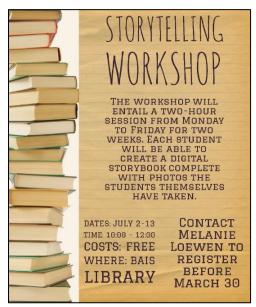
Mar 7, 2018

4:00-6:00

Scene Thirteen: The Trial

Scene Twelve: Croquet

White Rabbit, Knave of Hearts, Queen of Hearts, Scarecrow, March Hare, Five, Alice, Tin Man, Lion, Mad Hatter, Dorothy, Toto, Glinda, Knight, Seven, Cheshire Cat 1, Tin Man, King of Hearts



On **Wednesday, March 7**, BAIS will be hosting the Kota Baru Interschool Spelling Bee beginning at **8:00am**. Parents are welcome to come and support their spellers.

Participating spellers are encouraged to dress neatly by wearing batik. We are excited for this opportunity to build relationships with other schools in our community!

# Pre-School Enrollment for 2018-2019 School Year

Preschool Assessment and Parent Meeting Day

### Friday, March 16th at 12:45pm

We are inviting parents and students to enroll for school next year. Don't forget the Enrichment Hours.

For more information, please email <u>admissions@baisedu.org</u> or call Ibu Leony in the Front Office.

Make sure to submit a school application before March 13<sup>th</sup> to participate in this assessment day.

## WWW Donation

#### Parents,

One of the WWW groups will visit two houses for kids with cancer in Bandung. They will donate used children's books (in Bahasa Indonesia is preferable) and school supplies to the children. The recipients of these items are the kids that range in age from toddlers all the way to 14 years old.

If you would like to be involved in the project, please drop the items to Ibu Srie in the front office. Please make sure that the items are in good condition. Thank you for considering this, I know the kids will appreciate all the help that they can get.

## Why do we host a yearly Spelling Bee?

BAIS Elementary once again has the opportunity to host the Kota Baru Community Spelling Bee. We started this Spelling Bee 10 years ago as a way to get to know some of the other schools in Kota Baru. Our students have the opportunity to compete and earn a chance of recognition for excellence in spelling. We at BAIS love to provide experiences that showcase our students in various areas whether it is athletics, the arts, or in academics such as a community-wide Spelling Bee. Good luck to all our BAIS Elementary spellers.

Mrs. Charity Sianturi Elementary Principal

## **Athletics & Club News**

### **IISSAC**

- We are proud of our IISSAC basketball and cross-country teams!
   BAIS girls placed 6<sup>th</sup> and the boys team got second place!
   Thanks to all the parents, teachers, and Eagle fans that went Salatiga and watched the games online.
- Senior Crystal Muljadi and junior Paul Walker were the BAIS MVPs of the IISSAC Tournament.
- Congratulations to our cross-country runners that medaled!

5k: Karen Sinaga 4th place

3k Boys: Ollie Gunthorpe 1st - Kai Thomas 3rd - JiSeong Shin 5th

3k Girls: Petra Thomas 3rd – Ludia Jeong 4th

• A sincere thanks to all the time, energy, and effort the seniors and their parents gave to BAIS and the basketball program this season.

Thank you to all the fans that came to the Senior Basketball Game Tuesday.

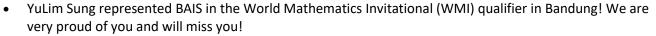
EAGLE Victory: 53-43

- IISSAC Swimming and Badminton start March 5<sup>th</sup>!
- Due to bad weather, Swimming Tryouts will finish Monday, March 5<sup>th</sup>! Thank you for your cooperation.
- IISSAC Badminton final tryout Monday, March 26<sup>th</sup>! Students invited to practice are expected to be at practice this coming Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday. practice time: 3:45-5pm.

## After School Activities

- Thanks to all those that signed up for after school clubs and activities this week.
- Junior Josiah Kim earned a bronze medal at the Thailand International Mathematical Olympiad (TIMO) in Bangkok.
- Jayden Budijono participated in the WOSAMAC Math Competition and Jeremy Budijono, got 5<sup>th</sup> place at the same competition in Yogyakarta this past Sunday! Great Job Boys!!!

We are proud of you boys!



- BAIS' MUN Team will compete in the PMUN Competition March 1-2.
- Registration for the April 7 BAIS Swim Invitational is open.

The QR Code provided will allow you register for the invitational.

## **Elementary Clubs/Activities**

- Season Three After School Activities start March 5<sup>th</sup>!
- Our BAIS community is amazing!

Parents, staff, and staff spouses,

Thank you to all of you who have volunteered to lead our school's clubs and activities.

We are only able to offer extracurricular activities because of your commitment and dedication to our community.

It is much appreciated!

BAIS' Teacher Choir will practice Wednesday, Feb. 28<sup>th</sup> at 7am! Keep your eyes on the BAIS Buzz for updates, changes, and more information!

