

From the School Counselor's Desk

As we start to wind down the school year we enter into a season of testing. We have just completed MAP testing, writing assessments, and testing for our developing English-language learners. We will begin AP testing next week and it will be time for final exams very soon. If we add on our own classroom testing in each subject, SAT tests, ACT tests, etc. we see that our students are evaluated often throughout the school year. So the big questions are, "Now what? What do we do with all that data?"

Honestly, I love data. It is measurable and can be looked at from a variety of angles to help educators teach their students more effectively. It is a cornerstone of helping me do my job well. As a team, we use data at BAIS to help us personalize learning for our students. In a few weeks, we will spend a late start looking through the MAP data and comparing students 1st semester scores to their 2nd semester scores. We ask questions, such as;

- Are our students growing?
- Where are their areas of strength? Weakness?
- How can I use this information to drive learning in my classroom?
- How can I use this information to meet the needs of each individual student in my classroom?

Teachers who use testing results and develop useful assessments are able to provide corrective instruction, and give students second chances to demonstrate success. Based on testing results, we can take another look at our lesson plans and the trajectory of learning in our classrooms. This data is quite valuable in helping us meet each student where they are at in their educational journey. Data analysis provides us with a snapshot of what students know, what they should know, and what we can do to meet their academic needs. With solid analysis and interpretation of data, educators can make informed decisions that positively affect student outcomes.

We strive to offer a rigorous, academic program at BAIS but we also want to ensure no student is left behind. As well, we want to continue to challenge those students who are peaking in certain subject areas. If we better understand what our students know, we can then make sure all students are being challenged at the appropriate level.

Soon, you will be receiving your child's recent MAP scores. We encourage you to take time to look at their growth for the year and use it as a tool to help them stay challenged over the summer. As always - we highly recommend summer reading for all students! By using the MAP data you receive for your child, you may see other areas they can work on over the summer. If you are unsure how to interpret the scores or you need suggestions to help support your child, we want to hear from you! Please contact your child's teacher and they would be happy to recommend resources and talk through the MAP results with you.

When students, parents, educators, and administrators have the right information to make decisions, students excel!

Working Together,
Mrs. Paula Newell
School Counselor

MAY	
1	Labor Day – No School
2-12	AP Exams
4	Writing Assessment Scoring/ Half Day
10	Late Start
11	Vesak National Holiday – No School
12	Student Led Conference 08.00am - 12.00pm 01.00pm – 05.00pm
15	Senior Exit Interview
15	Sport Awards at 04.00 pm at the MPR
17-19	Senior Exams
19	Senior Banquet
20-23	Senior Trip
24	MS/HS Awards Assembly at 08.00 am
25	Ascension Day of Jesus Christ – No School
26	High School Graduation Rehearsal – morning
26	High School Graduation at 03.00 pm
29	Elementary Award Assembly at 07.45 am
29	MS/HS Bible Exams (6-7 period)
30	Kindergarten Graduation
30	MS/HS Exams/Half Day for Secondary

From the Fine Art Dept

The BAIS Performers would like to thank everyone in the BAIS community for their support of this year's production of *The Sound of Music*. Thank you for loaning us props and costumes. Thank you for coming to see the show and for all your words of encouragement. We are already looking forward to next year's production. Stay tuned for what is coming next from the BAIS Performers!

From the Finance Office

Currently we have five transfer payments for tuition that did not include student names or grades. We cannot credit the payments to the proper invoice if we do not know who the payment is for. If you made a transfer payment this week, **please bring your receipt or confirmation to Ibu Patty in the finance office so she can credit the proper account.**

IISSAC Swim

This weekend in Bali.

Thank you for your prayers!

SAVE THE DATE

Sports Awards -- May 15 at 4:00 PM in the MPR

Pre-Registration Parent & Student Meeting

Tuesday, May 2nd at 3:35pm in the MPR

Come to see the class schedule and courses offered during the 2017-2018 school year.

Announcements about graduation requirement

Information about Advanced Placement Courses (AP)

All 5th - 11th grade students and parents welcome

Most information will be relevant for the current 8th - 11th grades

Translation will be provided

(The tentative 2017-18 Secondary Planning Schedule will be attached to the digital copy of the BAIS Buzz)

Elite Educational Institute

College Admissions Information Session

Tuesday, May 2nd at 6:00pm in the MPR

Target Audience 8th - 11th Grade

Translation will be provided

Student-Led Conferences

Friday, May 12 8:00am-12:00noon & 1:00pm-5:00pm

All 6th - 11th grade students and parents

Goal: 100% participation

Senior Banquet

Tickets on sale now in front of the school and by the senior store during break time.

Ticket price is Rp 250.000 until May 4th and Rp 275.000 afterwards.

Come celebrate the senior class at the banquet at Novotel on May 19, 2017

CONGRATULATIONS:

Joo Young Seo is accepted to Wheaton College

Counseling News

During the next few weeks Mrs. Newell will be meeting with all students in 11th grade to start their college application process. Parents are welcome to attend these meetings or schedule an additional meeting if they have questions. If you are a parent of an 11th grade student and would like to meet with Mrs. Newell, please contact the front office and they can set an appointment!

REMINDER: AP testing begins next week. The schedule is below:

Week 1	Monday, May 1	Tuesday, May 2	Wednesday, May 3	Thursday, May 4	Friday, May 5
8AM	Chemistry, Environmental Science				United States History
12PM		Physics 1: Algebra Based	Physics 2: Algebra Based	Chinese Language & Culture	
Week 2	Monday, May 8	Tuesday, May 9	Wednesday, May 10	Thursday, May 11	Friday, May 12
8AM	Biology	Calculus AB, Calculus BC	English Language & Composition	World History	Microeconomics