

From the Director's Desk

Dear BAIS Community,

Welcome to the 2017-2018 school year!! We are so thankful that you have chosen BAIS to partner with you in the education of your child(ren). We are excited to focus this year on our theme verse of John 15:5 where Jesus tells us, **"I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit. Apart from me, you can do nothing."** We look forward to abiding in God everyday and remembering that as a school, as administration, as support staff, as teachers, and as students, bearing fruit requires an attitude and position of abiding in Him! This theme will be discussed throughout the school year, exploring what that means for students in each grade, from PreK 3 to 12.

As many of you know, all students here at BAIS will be challenged to grow in four specific areas; these areas are known as our Expected Student Outcomes (ESOs). Our ESOs are as follows: Biblical Application, Active Living and Learning, Informed and Innovative Thinking, and Social Responsibility. They intentionally address more than just academics because we firmly believe in the value of students growing beyond mere content knowledge. Our purpose is to prepare students to have thoughtful and productive careers, be loving and caring family members, and of course become well educated and active members of society. Above all we strive to soak all that we teach in the truth of God's word for none of the other areas of growth are of eternal value otherwise.

So as we begin the journey of the 2017-2018 school year, I ask that each of you pray for your student and their teachers specifically on a daily basis. Our prayer is that the time here for your students is challenging and rewarding. And I pray at the end of the year, the fruit that produced from their efforts is clear.

May the God of Peace richly bless you and your family this school year.

Sincerely,
Karl Nielsen
Director

Battle of the Books (BOB)

BOB is starting up again soon! BOB is a fun book-based trivia team. Secondary students, please stay tuned for information about our first meeting.

In the meantime, feel free to work on reading the books!

1. *Sense and Sensibility* by Jane Austen
2. Daniel from the Bible
3. *The Hound of the Baskervilles* by Arthur Conan Doyle
4. *Year of Impossible Goodbyes* by Sook Nyul Choi
5. *The Two Princesses of Bamarre* by Gail Carson Levine

AUGUST	
17	Indonesia Independence Day National Holiday
23	Late Start
SEPTEMBER	
1	Idul Adha National Holiday
4-15	MAP Test
6	Late Start
15	Staff Retreat/Half Day
18	Mid Quarter Grades Updated on Power School
20	Late Start
21	1 st Muharram National Holiday

6. *Among the Hidden* by Margret Peterson Haddix
7. *On the Edge of the Dark Sea of Darkness* by Andrew Peterson
8. *Lords of the Earth* by Don Richardson
9. *The Bronze Bow* by Elizabeth George Speare
10. *The Fellowship of the Ring* by J. R. R. Tolkien

Ms. Clarissa Ribbens
Battle of the Books

Drama Club Announcement

An informational meeting for all students who are interested in this year's drama production will be on Wednesday, Aug 16 at 4 PM in the MPR. Come find out about this year's play *Dorothy in Wonderland*. I will give you the audition packet along with the rehearsal calendar. Performing in this year's production is open to all elementary and secondary students. Elementary parents, please have at least one parent representative at this meeting, thank you. Secondary Students, if you are interested in the technical aspects of making a film, this year's production aims to incorporate film. I am looking for a filming crew. If you are interested in being part of the film crew, please come to this informational meeting as well.

See all you Drama/Film Peeps on Wednesday!

Ms. Beth LaMertha
Drama Coordinator

Technology Dept Announcement

Parent Portal URL: <https://ps.baisedu.org/>

Student/Parent PowerSchool Learning URL: <https://bais.learning.powerschool.com/>

The username for the PowerSchool Learning for parent would be the same as the the username that they created in PowerSchool Parent Portal during the Back to School Event.

The default password for all the parent accounts is **bais1!**

Any scheduling changes that we do on our PowerSchool School Information System will take about 24 hours to synchronize and reflect on PowerSchool Learning.

If you don't have the information to logon to PowerSchool because you weren't here for the Back To School Event, then please email me at amudhanr@baisedu.org and I can send you that information. Please mention your child's name and grade on that email as well so I can easily look up the information and respond to you quickly.

Thanks!

Mr. Amu W Ramappa
Technology Director

After School Activities

We are excited to offer some additional after school activity options for students this year! A variety of activities will be offered in three seasons. Please check your email and PowerSchool next week for a full list of season one activities with details.

Activity registration is next week and season one activities begin Monday August 21.

If you are interested in sponsoring an after school activity for season two, please contact Mr. Powers, justinpowers@baisedu.org or Ms. Dias, diasnatalia@baisedu.org for details.

Mr. Justin Powers
Athletic Director