



# High School Newsletter

Tuesday - December 19, 2017

Dear Parents,

Merry Christmas to all of our families celebrating this blessed time of year. May you have a beautiful and safe Winter Holiday.

Looking forward to seeing you in January 2018!

Please note that during the Winter Holiday, the Reception and Business Office will be open all weekdays, except December 25 and January 1. Office hours will be 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Kevin Schafer  
Director

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL:

Dear TAISM High School Parents:

At our high school assembly earlier this morning I talked about the role of gratitude in our lives and we shared stories about people that have had a positive impact on our experiences at TAISM during the past five months. I am grateful for the hard work that our students have invested in their learning and the exceptional support provided by the adults who work with them every day. Our Student Council showed images and students shared stories depicting the many ways that our students have supported each other and contributed to creating a school culture that values growth and development. We also heard from teachers who appropriately recognized the ways in which our students contribute to creating the positive and productive learning experiences in their classrooms. We are fortunate to have your children attending TAISM.

I want to take this opportunity to express my gratitude for the support you have provided to your students and the high school this semester. As we work together to further cultivate a culture that values social, emotional, physical, and intellectual growth and development, I have witnessed your students developing a deeper appreciation for the strong connection between hard work and learning. It is with hard work and excellent guidance from our professional staff that our students have grown during the past five months. This growth has occurred in our classrooms, on our stages, in the concert hall, and on the playing fields at TAISM and elsewhere. One way we measure this growth is through students' performance on their semester exams and other culminating summative assessments, including art projects, oral presentations, and the recent band and choir concerts. Our students performances on their summative assessments and on the stage are a testament to their hard work and dedication. We are proud of what they are achieving!

Please note that the PowerSchool parent/student portal will reopen for parents and students to view semester grades and teacher comments at approximately 12:00 noon on Thursday, December 21st. To view semester grades click on "Grades and Attendance," to view teacher comments click on "Teacher Comments," and to view Behaviors that Support Learning scores click on "Standards Grades."

Each students' Semester 1 Report Card will be shared electronically on Tuesday, January 9th. We will provide hard copies of report cards upon request.

If you are traveling during the upcoming break, I hope you are safe and enjoy your time away. If you are staying in Oman, it is a wonderful time to enjoy the beautiful outdoors. It has been relatively wet and cool recently, but the forecast indicates that it will be very pleasant during the next two weeks. Regardless, it will be an opportunity to spend more time with family and friends.

I look forward to reconnecting with our students and my colleagues when we return to school on January 7th, 2018.

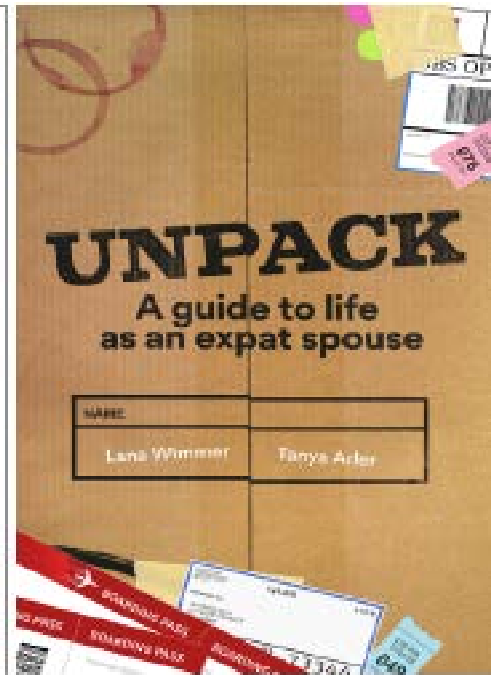
Sincerely,  
Richard





## Congratulations!

Congratulations to TAISM Parent, Lana Wimmer, who recently published a book she co-authored on the life of an expat. Lana's book, *Unpack: A Guide to Life as an Expat Spouse*, is a guidebook with straightforward answers to challenges and opportunities expats experience in their life abroad. When sharing her book's purpose she shared that she and her co-author, Tanya Arler, wrote the book "to be a resource to help expats, especially those new to the process, so they won't feel isolated." Lana's book is available on Amazon.com as well as locally at the "Let's Read" bookstore located in Al Qurm Complex. Congratulations Lana!



## TAISM International Day 2018 News

We are getting ready to celebrate our annual International Day, on Friday, March 02, 2018. The event is open to all TAISM families and their friends. There are many ways in which you can participate in this wonderful celebration.

**Represent Your Country, Share Your Cuisine!** If you are interested to be a food booth coordinator, please contact Natasha to fill up a Food Booth Team Set Up Form, before Thursday, January 18, 2018.

**Share Your Talents!** Dress up in your national costume and show off your hidden talents by being a part of the stage performances. Please contact Natasha to fill up a Stage Performance Form. The deadline for submission is Thursday, February 08, 2018!

**Vendors Are Welcome!** Registration for Vendors' Market is open until, Wednesday, January 31, 2018, on a first-come, first-served basis for the TAISM community. Please contact Natasha to fill up a Vendor Market Booth Form.

**Sponsors Needed To Raise Funds!** If you know of any company/person who would like to support this event, please contact Natasha before Saturday, January 20, 2018.

For any further information or assistance, please contact Natasha Fernandes, Parent Volunteer Coordinator, at fernandesna@taism.com or call 92953413 or visit her at school in Room No. 148.

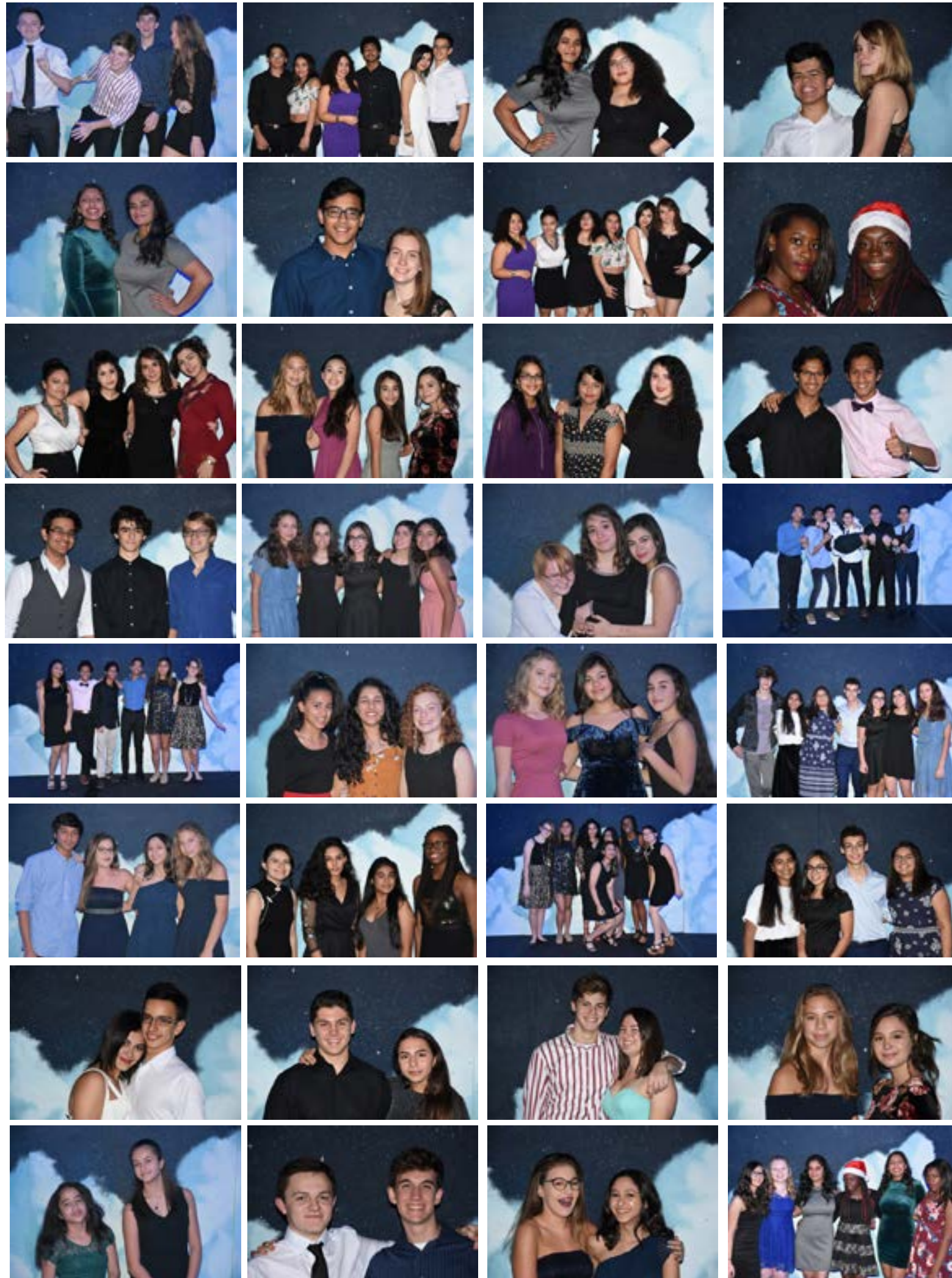
  
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# THE ANNUAL TAISM BALL

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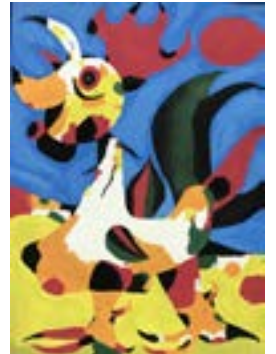


# HS WINTER FORMAL



Scenes from the Winter Formal @ TAISM. Picture Credit: Paige Spilles (Yearbook Advisor)

For their final exam, **HS Painting 1** students researched a 20th century painter and then attempted to duplicate one of their works. Can you identify any of these famous painters/paintings?



Artists: Maram Al-Busaidi (9), Sara Alawam (9), Omar Ansari (12), Eli Brink (10), Leo Castiblanco (11), Deborah Effiong (9), Nourhan Elgendy (9), Abbey McClurkin (12), Ayda Eminkahyagil (10), Dandy Isdiawan (10), Maren Lee (9), Manal Nasser Said (9), Laura Noack (10), Ana Paula Ojeda (10), Yeongeun Soh (9), Hayden Spilles (10), Mary Ann Vacha (10) & Ben Zaki (11)

Happy  
Holidays