

High School News

Thursday - February 8, 2018

Last Weekend:



SAISA TOURNAMENT

Feb. 8-10, 2018



SAISA Varsity Boys Soccer
Lincoln School (LS)
Kathmandu - Nepal



SAISA Varsity Girls Basketball
American International School of Chennai (AISC)
Chennai - India

Watch the action at www.saisaleague.org

TAISM HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETICS SEASON III EVENTS CALENDAR



HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL			HIGH SCHOOL SOCCE		
Level	Coaches	Tournaments	Level	Coaches	Tournaments
Varsity Boys	Nick Wood	SAISA Apr 19-21, 2018, TAISM	Varsity Girls	Scott Brink	SAISA Apr 19-21, 2018,
JV Boys	Josh Takayoshi		JV Girls	TBA	OSC, Colombo

HIGH SCHOOL TRACK & FIELD		
Coach	Tournaments	
Jeremy Newman	SAISA Apr 19-21, 2018, ACS, Arman	
Asst.-Tawnya McCurkin, Zakaria Makri		

HS STUDENT COUNCIL PRESENTS

S A D I E

HAWKINS

Valentines Dance

FEBRUARY 15TH, 2018

From The Principal's Desk:

Dear TAISM High School Parents:

The last few weeks have been a busy and productive time for our students and teachers in the High School. The events associated with Terry Fox were wonderful additions to an already busy schedule that included hosting TAISM's annual MUN Conference, the Hoffman Memorial Children's Home Soccer Camp Fundraiser, the student directed staging of "The Haunting of Chip Lake Lodge," and the ongoing Learn to Swim program that several of our high school students teach each Saturday morning. These events were important aspects of our co-curricular program, and throughout this time our main focus remained on the academic learning associated with the classes our students are currently enrolled in.

We are finishing the fifth week of the second semester and the natural rhythm of the semester means that our students are now encountering relatively major assessments and assignment deadlines more than when we returned to school in early January. It is always important that we engage in timely and effective communication between home and school, and work together to support students in their academic learning. I encourage you to reach out to your student's teachers and/or our high school counselors if you have any questions or concerns. I will also be asking our teachers to reach out to parents should there be any developing concerns about a student's engagement or performance at school. That said, it is a bit quieter on campus at the end of this week and the start of next week because approximately 30 of our high school students are at the Season 2 SAISA tournaments hosted this weekend in Kathmandu, Nepal and Chennai, India. Our girls basketball team is in Chennai and the boys soccer team is in Kathmandu.

I want to thank the parents who attended the High School Parent Coffee Morning on Monday, February 5th. You can find the presentation from that session posted on the High School page at parents.taism.com. A highlight from the session was the presentation by our high school Science teachers about the impact that the Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS) are having on science learning for our students. Chris Glenz, Shawn Kelly, and John Gibney shared information about the standards, with their focus on assessing what students are able to do with the knowledge and skills they develop through their learning, and the inclusion of so-called Science and Engineering Practices and

Cross-Cutting Concepts in the curriculum. Chris, Shawn, and John then engaged the parents in a science problem solving experience to model one of the types of learning experiences they create for students in their classes. The parents were given the challenge of designing and conducting a short investigation to determine which substances could pass through a semi-permeable



membrane, and then use evidence from their experiment to justify their answer.

While time was limited, I believe the parents experienced the type of learning that engages students, creates a long-term interest in Science, and helps students develop the thinking skills required to be successful and productive students and citizens. I encourage you to ask our Science teachers about NGSS so you can learn more about the impact these ideas are having on our students' learning.

Please note that high school students will be traveling for Discover Oman in just 10 days, on Sunday, February 18th. If you have not done so already, please take a few minutes to complete the online permission form that Mr. Kelly emailed recently. We are excited for the opportunity to lead our students on explorations throughout Oman!

Sincerely,
Richard Petersen

Coming Up....

Discover Oman

Feb. 18-22



HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL

AUDITIONS
Monday - Feb. 12
Tuesday - Feb. 13

Disney Channel Original Movie



These botanical illustrations, demonstrate Drawing 1 and 2 students newly learned skills in manipulating, blending and transitioning tonal values.

Pic Credit: Mr. Ray Montoya (Art Teacher)



Left: Scenes from SAISA Pep Rally for the traveling Boys Soccer & Girls Basketball teams.



Right: Mr. & Mrs. Brink pose as the Zero Heroes for Kindergarten on the 100th day of school last Wednesday.



Terry Fox Campaign of Courage a Success! THANK YOU, TAISM!

Our Terry Fox Courage Campaign, raising money for cancer research in Oman, culminated last Thursday afternoon with the Terry Fox Courage Pep Rally and 11th Annual TAISM Terry Fox Run. Students sat with their Courage Buddies during the pep rally, where the results of our fundraising efforts were announced: Together we raised an amazing 5500 OMR - a TAISM record!

After stretching and warming up during the pep rally, students, staff and parents enjoyed the beautiful, breezy weather while running for a good cause. Parent volunteers prepared a wonderful, healthy picnic for all participants in the outdoor area - a lovely way to celebrate the finale of our community efforts.

Many, many thanks to all participants, volunteers, and organizers. Every single donation makes a difference. #TAISM Courage!



Coming Up Later:



AMIS HONOR CHOIR FESTIVAL JOHN F. KENNEDY SCHOOL, BERLIN FEBRUARY 28 - MARCH 4, 2018

These twelve students will travel to Germany end February to participate in this festival. They will be accompanied by Melanie Brink (MS/HS Choir Teacher) & Mr. Luther Rauk (Athletics Director)

Ethan Brink - Bass; Leo Castiblanco - Tenor; Ananya Chawla - Alto; Ahmed Farag - Bass; Aakrit Gokul - Tenor; Anne Griffin - Soprano; Raj Hamlai - Bass; Heer Jagwani - Alto; Emma Larson - Soprano; Annika Leewarner - Alto; Juan Quintana Lopera - Tenor; and Tom Wilson - Bass.



It's less than a month before one of the biggest events is hosted at TAISM – **The International Day 2018**, to be held in March.

The event is open to all TAISM families and their friends.

So far, the following nationalities are hosting a food booth at this year's International Day – Oman, USA, Algeria, Bahrain, Canada, China, Colombia, Egypt, Germany, Greece, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Iraq, Italy, Japan, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Libya, Malaysia, Mexico, Morocco, Nigeria, Norway, Pakistan, Palestine, Peru, Poland, Qatar, Romania, Spain,

South Korea, Sudan, Syria, Turkey, UAE, Ukraine and Venezuela.

If your country is a part of the above list and, if you would like to be a part of that food booth, then please contact Natasha Fernandes (Parent Volunteer Coordinator) for details of the food booth coordinator.

There are slots available in our stage performance program, which plans to showcase the various talents within our TAISM community. Last date to submit a Stage Performance form has also been extended to Tuesday, February 13, 2018.

Registration for Vendors' Market is still open for all until Tuesday, February 13, 2018. Hurry! Book your table now!

To get forms or to submit completed forms, or, for any further information/assistance, please contact Natasha Fernandes, Parent Volunteer Coordinator, at fernandesna@taism.com