



High School News

Wednesday - June 6, 2018

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Dylan Dwyer
2016 - 2018



Samantha Dwyer
2016 - 2018



Joost Guttinger
2010 - 2018

It is with great sadness that we bid farewell to these wonderful high school teachers. After 2 years of teaching instrumental music & ceramics in the high school, Mr. & Mrs. Dwyer will be returning to the United States. They will be welcoming Baby Dwyer into this world in the summer.

Mr. Guttinger joined TAISM eight years ago as the HS PE Teacher, and more recently has been working as the Information Technology teacher in the high school. Mr. G will be returning to Holland

We wish them the very best in their future. We would also like to take this opportunity to wish all our departing students and families, the very best in life.

Dear TAISM Parents:

As the 2017-18 school year comes to a close I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your ongoing support of your child's education in partnership with the school. For those families who are relocating, we offer our best wishes as your children progress onward in their education. For those returning, we look forward to seeing you at the Student Final Registration on August 26-27.

Please note TAISM's office hours for the summer 2018 listed below.

Sincerely,
Kevin Schafer, Director

TAISM Office Hours during Summer

During Ramadan (June 10-June 13): Office hours will be from 8:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m.

Eid Holidays (June 14-18): School offices will remain closed from June 15 to June 17 in observance of the Eid Al Fitr Holidays. Offices will reopen on Monday, June 19

After Eid (June 19- July 31): Office hours will be from 8:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. School offices will be closed on July 23 in observance of Oman Renaissance Day

August 1 onwards: School offices will resume its normal operating hours from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.

Registration Dates 2018-2019 School Year

9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon
& 1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.

August 26:
New and Returning Student Registration
(Last Names A-J)

August 27:
New and Returning Student Registration
(Last Names K-Z)

August 28:
First Day of School (Day 1)



Dear High School Parents:

Over the past two weeks I have had the honor of being a part of TAISM's rich traditions associated with graduation for the class of 2018 and the end of the school year for all of our students. At the Graduation Ceremony on Thursday, May 31st, we honored our graduates and celebrated their achievement of this very important milestone. The speeches delivered with poise by graduates Ethan Brink, Fatma Al Tai, and Juan Quintana Lopera demonstrated the TAISM Mission to develop "ethical, responsible, and globally conscious life-long learners." Each graduate has many reasons to be proud of their individual accomplishments and of their contributions to the TAISM community. I am excited for them as they move on to new learning opportunities.

Last Tuesday evening we hosted a Senior Iftar for grade 12 students and their families. At the Iftar parents and families shared prerecorded messages of support and encouragement, there were slide shows that celebrated each of the seniors, and former TAISM Social Studies teacher Mr. Robert Jackson and High School Principal Mr. Keith Boniface sent video messages that honored the past, present, and future learning of this wonderful group of 45 TAISM students. On Thursday morning we hosted our annual High School Awards Assembly in the Bosch Center for the Performing Arts, I suggested to the high school students that one way to pursue a life of learning is to continue to Wonder, Wander, and Lead (through your actions and the way you treat others). Our students wonder, they explore, and they lead.

In addition to these existing traditions, we held our first TAISM Senior Walk on Tuesday, May 29th. I am hopeful that this event will become a tradition at TAISM as well. Each senior walked through the school hallways along with a kindergarten partner. We created this partnership to represent the link between the start of school in kindergarten and the completion of school at the end of grade 12. As the students walked through the school the other

students, all of our teachers and staff, and many parents, had the opportunity to celebrate and honor our graduates. The images of the Senior Walk elsewhere in the newsletter capture some of the joy and reflect some of the appreciation that members of our community have for the accomplishments of others. My favorite story from the day is one that KG teacher Ms. DeLana Brink tells. During afternoon recess following the Senior Walk, several KG students were found playing a game they called "Going to College" on the playground. They will be ready when their turn comes!

While the coming weeks may pass slowly at times, it will soon be August and school will be in session again. Most of our current students will return to TAISM, but several will move on to new schools and new surroundings. Regardless of the circumstances, I hope the coming weeks are filled with joy and good health, and that August sees each of us ready to embark on a new school year filled with anticipation and a will to excel.

Thank you to all of the teachers and staff members, past and present, and to the parents and other community members who have contributed to the positive experiences our students had learning at TAISM this year.

with gratitude,

Richard Petersen
High School Principal



Senior Walk: Tuesday - May 29th:



Drama Class performance: Tuesday - May 29th



Ms. Hovland's drama class' last performance for the year.
Pic Credit: Kris Hovland

Graduation Iftar: Tuesday - May 29th:



Awards Assembly: Thursday - May 31st:



Last Thursday, at the End of Year Awards Assembly, students were recognized for their achievement in subject areas. The Graduation Master of Ceremony, the Graduation Speaker and the Outstanding Senior were also recognized at this assembly.

Graduation of the Class of 2018: Thursday - May 31st:



Announcements:

Dear TAISM Community,

On May 4, 2018 the TAISM Gala Ball: Fire and Ice was held at the Grand Hyatt Hotel. It was a wonderful evening of celebrating TAISM's 20th Anniversary with friends, parents and colleagues. Thanks to all who attended and to our generous sponsors who supported the evening. Over RO 5000 was raised from this event. These funds are being allocated to support the after school sports program in the Elementary, Middle and High Schools for the coming school year.

We hope that you who attended had a wonderful evening and experienced the – ever so famous – TAISM community spirit. We look forward to seeing you again at next year's TAISM Gala Ball 2019!

With thanks,
Kevin Schafer, Director



A special THANK YOU to the group of parent volunteers who helped organize the gala ball, and to our wonderful sponsors: Please click [here](#) to view all photos from the ball.



In recognition of the exceptional work done by the bus drivers and monitors for the school year 2017-18, TAISM and the contracted transportation company, Sahban United LLC, awarded the drivers and monitors a certificate and a letter of appreciation on Monday, June 4, 2018.



Names of the recognized drivers and monitors are as follows:

- Ali Al Yaqoobi
- Saif Al Jalboobi
- Dawood Al Shukaii
- Abdullah Al Sinaidi
- Saif Al Yaqoobi
- Jennifer Clive
- Mercy M
- Mumtaz S
- Sathy Babu
- Fathima Roshana



Wishing you a safe and relaxing summer and we look forward to seeing you in August. To the families who are relocating, please take our best wishes with you...stay in touch.

