

High School News

Thursday, June 8, 2017

GOODBYES....



Robert Jackson
2001 - 2017



Jacqueline Mallais
2010 - 2017



Melissa Boehman
2015- 2017

It is with great sadness that we bid farewell to these wonderful high school teachers.

After 16 years of teaching Social Studies in the high school, Mr. Jackson will be returning to the United States. Madame Mallais, who has been our French teacher for the past 6 years, will be taking up a new administrative post at an international school in South Korea. Ms. Boehman, who has been teaching English for the past two years, is relocating to Belgium.

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.

Registration Dates for the 2017-2018 School Year

August 16: New and Returning Student Registration (Last Names A-J)

August 17: New and Returning Student Registration (Last Names K-Z)

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

Key dates on the 2017-2018 Calendar:

August 16th and 17th	Registration Days
August 20th	First Day of Classes
December 19th	Last Day of 1st Semester (Noon Dismissal)
January 7th	First Day of Classes 2nd Semester
March 29th - April 7th	Spring Holiday
April 8th	Class Resume
May 31st	High School Graduation Ceremony*
June 7th	Last Day of 2nd Semester (Noon Dismissal)

**Note that the HS Graduation Ceremony for the TAISM Class of 2018 is now scheduled for 8:00 pm on Thursday, May 31st, in the Bosch Center. This is a change from what was published previously.*

You may view the 2017-2018 parent calendar [here](#)

Special Notes:

September 2017

- **Eid Al Adha:** The school will not be in session from Thursday, August 31 through Monday, September 4. These holidays are definite for TAISM, and families shall plan accordingly. Any additional days that may be announced by the Omani Government will also be taken. However, we will not know the decision regarding the exact days until immediately before the Eid Al Adha holiday begins.
- **Islamic New Year:** The school calendar shows this as “lunar” which indicates that the actual date for Islamic New Year will be announced by the Omani Government just prior to the day of the holiday. Therefore, the date of Thursday, September 21 is tentative, and will only be observed as a non-school day if announced by the Omani Government.

November 2017

- **Thanksgiving (America):** The school will not be in session on Thursday, November 23. This holiday is definite for TAISM.
- **Prophet Mohammed’s Birthday:** The school calendar shows this as “lunar” which indicates that the actual date for Prophet Mohammed’s Birthday will be announced by the Omani Government just prior to the day of the holiday. Therefore, the date of Thursday, November 30 is tentative, and will only be observed as a non-school day if announced by the Omani Government.
- **Oman National Day Holidays:** Normally, two days are scheduled by the Omani Government for National Days, and they occur sometime after the National Day (18th of November). The school will not be in session on the days announced as National Day Holidays. We will inform families once the Omani Government makes its announcement (normally just a few days before the holidays).

December 2017

- **Winter Holiday:** The school will not be in session from Wednesday, December 20 to Thursday, January 4. Classes will resume on Sunday, January 7. This holiday is definite for TAISM.

March 2017

- **Spring Holiday:** The school will not be in session from Thursday, March 29 through Thursday, April 5. Classes will resume on Sunday, April 8. This holiday is definite for TAISM.

April 2017

- **Prophet’s Ascension:** The school calendar shows this as “lunar” which indicates that the actual date for the Prophet’s Ascension holiday will be announced by the Omani Government just prior to the day of the holiday. Therefore, the date of Thursday, April 12, is tentative, and will only be observed as a non-school day if announced by the Omani Government.

NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear TAISM HS Parents:

In the first High School Newsletter of the school year, published on August 25th, I wrote "I am excited to be working with our very talented and professional staff who are here to support all of our students and their learning. During our first three days of school I have had the opportunity to meet and get to know many of the students and I look forward to getting to know all of them in the coming days. ... I look forward to a wonderful year of learning and growth for your children, our students, at TAISM." It is now 9 1/2 months later and I have learned so much about and from our students. I have witnessed their learning and growth this year, and I am very proud of the contributions our professional staff have made to support that development.

As I wrote to the High School staff recently, I have many strong and lasting memories from the 2016-2017 school year. It makes sense to me that the overarching theme for my memories is firsts. The first day of classes on August 23rd, 2016. My first SAISA, first TAISM Terry Fox, first Discover Oman, first TAISM Musical, first Festival of Choirs, first TAISM Graduation Ceremony ... and the list goes on. However, the strongest images are of your children in classrooms engaged in learning. Your children have been encouraged to think critically and creatively, to explore their voice and pursue their passions. Your children have been challenged to develop new understandings of important ideas and new skills that will be of value throughout their lives. They have grown and developed intellectually, emotionally, socially, and physically.

I am very proud that our staff and community have demonstrated a strong commitment to our mission to "develop ethical, responsible, and globally conscious life-long learners" and our Core Beliefs.

*The purpose of education is to enable all students to develop their intellectual, emotional, social, and physical potential to the fullest.
A broad-based (liberal arts) education is best*

suiting to providing students with an understanding of humankind's intellectual traditions and accomplishments, strengthening their powers of thought, judgment, and aesthetic appreciation, and preparing them for responsible citizenship.

All students are capable of achieving academic success. Therefore, within the framework of the school's standards, teachers adapt their educational practices to the needs of students.

A close relationship among students, parents, faculty, and administrators enhances the educational process.

TAISM's location in the Sultanate of Oman offers unique and invaluable learning opportunities for all members of the school community.

This commitment has been evident through both our curricular and co-curricular programs. Our Mission and Core Beliefs have been alive and well for our students this year.

While the coming weeks may pass slowly at times, it will soon be early 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.

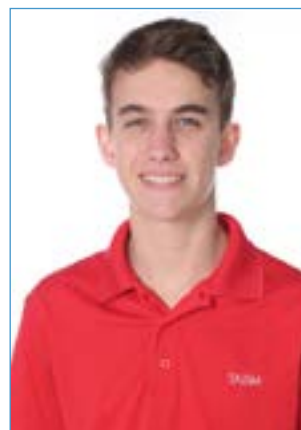
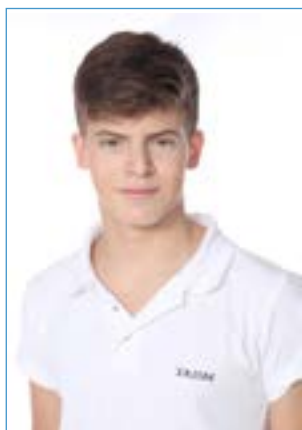
Thank you for the many contributions you have made to TAISM this year.

Sincerely,
Richard Petersen
High School Principal



ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Congratulations to the 2017-18 Student Council Executive Board:
The results from the recent student body elections are in and we have a new and enthusiastic executive board to lead StuCo in the coming school year.



Serena Lee (President); Juan Quintana Lopera (Vice President); Jack Spilles (Treasurer) & Ethan Brink (Secretary)

Mr. Robert Fix will continue to advise this group of student leaders. The rest of us are looking forward to helping them achieve their goals in the coming year.



The festival features Germany's one of the world leading boys choirs, Windsbacher Knabenchor

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