

HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

Thursday September 7, 2017

HS Choir Retreat 2017 - Saturday: September 9, 2017

During the day, students were engaged in activities which emphasize the importance of support, trust, taking risks, communication, problem solving, and building respect towards their fellow choir members. This retreat for Kindred and Concert Choir was a special chance for its members and their teacher to make special connections with one another and create personal and group goals for the year.

The benefits of this retreat will resonate through the various concerts during this school year. A retreat is a crucial building block for any choral program, and it provides additional, uninterrupted time for instruction and bonding that is essential for a successful ensemble.

NEXT WEEK...

ES FALL FESTIVAL START-UP MEETING:

The annual TAISM ES Fall Festival is a memorable, fun-filled event for all ES students and their families, thanks to the efforts of our wonderful parents and MS/HS student volunteers. We are getting ready to celebrate this year's ES Fall Festival on Thursday, November 2, 2017. To know more about this wonderful event and to find out how you can be part of the same, please join us for the Elementary Fall Festival Start-Up Meeting on Sunday, September 10, 2017 at 8:45 a.m., in the ES Cafeteria.

Back To School Night

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TUESDAY
SEPT 12, 2017
5:30 - 8 PM
HS COMMONS

AN OPPORTUNITY TO MEET YOUR
CHILD'S TEACHERS AND LEARN
ABOUT THE CURRICULUM



Learn to Swim

Registration is on Saturday, October 21st

More information coming soon!

Total Wellness

Mondays @ 4:00pm in Fitness Room

This ASA will give female students the opportunity to work towards total wellness. Each session will consist of:

- 30-40 minute total body cardio, strength & core workout
- 5-10 minute mindfulness or relaxation session
- Set goals for the rest of the week
- Wellness tips

This is a great opportunity for anyone who doesn't have PE in their schedule this semester, for those who would like to get a head start on training for next SAISA season, or for anyone who wants to end their day feeling FABULOUS.

Your body and mind will thank you!

PRINCIPAL'S NOTE....

Dear TAISM High School Parents:

My observations from talking and thinking with students and colleagues this week provide considerable insight into what we value most in teaching and learning at TAISM. In talking with students in their English 9 classes about the personal narrative they are writing I was reminded about the importance of personal experience and pursuing your passions in learning. In various Social Studies classes I noted the importance of collaboration and students developing understanding inductively from data and personal observations. In preparation for our Parent Back-to-School night next Tuesday evening I have been reminded about the importance we place on developing relationships and communicating effectively, for adults in our community and for our students. When reviewing feedback from our professional staff and dialoguing with colleagues to develop our learner profile (for a TAISM graduate) it is apparent that life-long learning is our ultimate desired outcome for our students. The question, attributed to Ted Sizer, "what do we want our students to be like as adults?" helps me organize these and other observations.

In the near future I encourage you to learn more about teaching and learning in the high school at TAISM. At our Parent Back-to-School Night this coming Tuesday evening, September 12th, is an opportunity for you to learn more about student learning and what your students' teachers value. John Gibney, High School Biology teacher, has these thoughts:

I like to think of back to school night as a family dinner. No matter how many iMessages,

Whatsapps, or emails we send as a family, nothing replaces face to face time to talk about our goals and aspirations. At back to school night we get to discuss schoolwide and classroom academic and social goals for the year, but most significantly we get a chance to truly get to know our most important partners, parents and guardians, in our journey to help your student succeed. We hope to see you on Tuesday!

At the High School Parent Coffee on the morning of Monday, September 18th, you will have an opportunity to learn more about this year's High School Discover Oman Program and think about the learner profile we are developing. Kerry Harder, our Curriculum Director, describes a learner profile as follows.

A Learner Profile is a statement of the qualities or attributes that exemplify the highest aspirations the school has for its learners. These statements serve as a vision of learning principles, and guide both students and faculty toward these aspirations. Schools typically include a Learner Profile as part of their foundational documents, which embodies the school's mission from a student-focused perspective.

Please join us on September 18th to learn about our thinking and share your thinking. What do you want your children to be like as adults?

Sincerely,
Richard Petersen



Mr. Greg Brink (HS Math Teacher) as "Zero the Hero" celebrating the 10th day of school with the kindergarten students. He spoke to them about the importance of numbers and counted 1-100 with them.

Pic Credit: DeLana Brink (KG Teacher)

