



High School News

Thursday - May 10, 2018

From the Principal:

Dear TAISM High School Parents:

I want to express my gratitude to the many parents who volunteered their time and energy to make this year's Staff Appreciation Week at TAISM such a wonderful time for our staff! Thank you for the appreciation shown two weeks ago and for the support and collaboration present throughout the school year. The week served as another example of the TAISM Core Belief that "a close relationship among students, parents, faculty, and administrators enhances the educational process." This collaborative spirit contributes positively to student growth and learning in both our curricular and co-curricular programs.

As I have written the last two weeks, this is a time of year when we think more about transitions and how transitions impact our students and their families. It is also a time when we reflect on the school year and celebrate the accomplishments and achievements of our students in the many, many forms available to them at TAISM. I want to highlight a few examples of recent and upcoming events that we have for students at TAISM, and to recognize the time, energy, growth, and talent demonstrated by our students.

- *High School Musical*, performed by our drama students under the direction of Ms. Kris Hovland and her team, in the Bosch Center on April 26th, 27th, and 28th, was a highly entertaining event for community members of all ages. Approximately 35 of our high school students were involved either as performers or as part of the crew.
- The High School Jazz Band and Concert Band Concert "Bayou Breakout!" on Thursday evening, May 3rd, was an inspiring night of music performed by our 13 member jazz band and 45 member concert band under the direction of Mr. Dylan Dwyer.
- Our Community Service students, with the guidance of Ms. Keya Lahiri, hosted the annual Oman Down's Syndrome Association day at TAISM on Saturday, May 5th. This event brings together many of our students and staff and families from throughout the Muscat area, and represents one way for our students to connect with our host country.
- Many of our Grade 10, 11, and 12 students have been completing AP Exams this week. The AP Exams will continue through May 17th. The AP Program is an important aspect of our academic program and presents a very rigorous, college level experience for our students while still in high school.

Upcoming events:

- The MS/HS Choralation Concert at 4:30 pm on Monday, May 21st will be a wonderful display of our students' achievement in choir. I encourage you to attend this concert.

- The Advanced Drama class will stage "Our Town" at 4:30 pm on Wednesday, May 23rd in the TAISM Performance Hall. This will be an opportunity for the Advanced Drama students to demonstrate their skills in front of a live audience.

End of year timing:

- The last day of regular classes for our Seniors will be in two weeks on Thursday, May 24th. During the week of May 27th the Seniors will be focused on their TAISM Senior exams on Sunday, Monday and Tuesday, graduation rehearsals on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, and the Graduation Ceremony at 8:00 pm on Thursday, May 25th.
- Our Grade 9-11 students will continue attending classes on our regular schedule through Thursday, June 7th. Semester exams for our Freshmen, Sophomores, and Juniors will be on Sunday, June 3rd, Monday, June 4th, and Tuesday, June 5th. The last day of school for Grade 9-11 students will be on Thursday, June 7th. We will dismiss school at 12:00 noon on June 7th.

The combination of curricular and co-curricular opportunities for students at TAISM allows our Learner Profile to shine most brightly in our students!



I hope you are well, and staying cool!

Richard Petersen
High School Principal

Dear TAISM Parents,

We are pleased to announce that our High School Graduation Ceremony will take place on Thursday, May 31. If you would like to attend the graduation ceremony, please inform the Receptionist in the Director's Office and collect your graduation invitation which will serve as your entrance ticket to the ceremony.



Ramadan Guidelines at TAISM

The Islamic Holy Month of Ramadan will begin this year on Thursday, May 17. For our Muslim students at TAISM we understand that the decision of fasting is individual, based on age and the decision of families. Students who are fasting will be provided an area to go during any break or lunch period. Some may also choose to access the Prayer Room. Other students shall be asked to follow these guidelines:

Middle School: We will designate the MSLC and outdoor spaces as places students and staff can eat or drink during lunch. Students will have the MSLC only as the designated area for snack. Water can be consumed in class, but not the hallway.

High School: We will designate the HS Commons and outdoor spaces as places students and staff can eat or drink during lunch. Students will have the HS Commons

only as the designated area for snacks. Water can be consumed in class, but not the hallway.

On the Busses: Food is not to be consumed on the bus (this is the normal guideline). If students need to use water, they should do so discreetly, not in view of the general public.

TAISM holds regular school hours through the Holy Month of Ramadan, and normal school attendance procedures apply. For further clarification regarding Ramadan guidelines in the MS or HS please contact the school Principals.

For everyone observing the Holy Month of Ramadan, we wish you a meaningful and blessed season.

Board of Directors Announcement:

The Annual General Meeting of the TAISM Association has been rescheduled from May 8, 7:00 p.m. to May 22, 5:00 p.m. in the MS Learning Commons.

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MAY 21

**ADVANCED
DRAMA
PRESENTS:**

"OUR TOWN"

A PLAY IN THREE ACTS
BY THORNTON WILDER
MAY 23RD

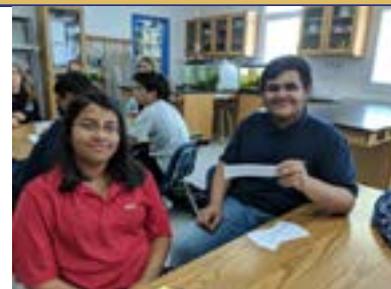




9th graders model evolution by natural selection: 9th Grade Biology students used models to explore evolution by natural selection while pretending to be birds eating different colored moths



9th graders model birth and death of genes: 9th grade Biology students modeled the blood of icefish which has gained an antifreeze protein and lost the hemoglobin gene. This helped students see that the birth and death of genes leads to evolution.



AP students mindfulness: Mrs. MacDonald led AP Biology students in a test anxiety seminar where students learned ways to cope with test related stress. AP Biology students are excited for their exam on May 14!



Scenes from High School Band's Spring Concert.

Picture Credit: Nicole Becx (TAISM PR)



Scenes from last weekend's TAISM Ball *Fire & Ice*.

Picture Credit: Nicole Becc (TAISM PR)



HIGH SCHOOL COMMUNITY SERVICE

TAISM High School Community Service hosted its eighth annual event for children of the Oman Down Syndrome Association (ODSA) on May 5. Over 150 people participated in this event which was supported by parents, teachers and students.

Our sincere thanks to all the volunteers, we could not have done it without your support! A special thanks to Pizza Hut for supplying Happy Meals for the event.