



SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

March 8, 2018

International Day Recap

Dear TAISM Community,

On behalf of TAISM, I wish to thank all of you for your exceptional contributions to the 20th annual International Day celebration which was held this past weekend. The efforts of our parent volunteers, from the planning to the implementation of the day, demonstrate a collaborative spirit which remains a cornerstone of our school's success.

The proceeds from International Day 2018 will be utilized to support co-curricular (after school) programs at TAISM.

Congratulations to Natasha Fernandes (Parent Volunteer Coordinator), her team of country coordinators, and to all who participated in this annual event.

With Sincere Gratitude,
Kevin Schafer, Director



Trimester 3 in the Middle School



Sunday marks the beginning of trimester three, the start of new wheel courses, and the beginning of a very important portion of our school year. The third trimester is a time for **connection** and involvement for students. Whether students are participating in our SAISA track and field season (where we have over 60 MS athletes), finishing up soccer, training hard in swim club, or thinking about playing MS basketball (which starts after spring holiday), there are many opportunities for students to be active and stay fit. Additionally, with a wide range of ASA options, from Robotics to Serenade (choral activity) to Art Workshop, there should be after school activities that suit many interests (see our ASA calendar in this newsletter).

The third trimester is also a time for **dedication** and hard work. In all classes, the progression of rigorous and engaging learning activities continues. Through students' continued development in their behaviors that support learning (engagement, perseverance, organization, preparation, and collaboration), they will continue to learn and achieve, finishing their school years strong. This hard work will lead to the third trimester also being a time for **celebration**.



Culminating celebrations of learning, such as the grade 8 Drama Performances on May 8th, the MS/HS Choralation Concert on May 21, and the MS Band Concert on May 28th will have students learning, in these classes, on full display. It will also be a big trimester for our 8th graders as they will celebrate their learning with an end-of-year project fair, and as we recognize the conclusion of their middle school years and transition to high school, at our MS Celebration Assembly on June 6th. Throughout the third trimester, we will also find ways to celebrate TAISM's 20th anniversary (1998-2018), which is an important moment in the life of our school.

Finally, the third trimester is a time of **transition**. Whether your student is transitioning to high school, a different school, or the next grade, recognition that transition is not an event, but instead a process, is important for us. In the middle school, there are many planned transition activities in trimester three. We learn about high school with our 8th graders and provide opportunities for them to get to know the program, teachers, and students. Our work with the rising 6th graders will begin this trimester and all students will have opportunities to build their RAFT through our Home Base program, as we get closer to the end of the year (activities which allow for Reconciliation - I am sorry, Affirmation - Thank You, Farewell - saying goodbye, and Think destination).



Third Trimester will be an exciting time in middle school! We look forward to continuing to partner with you to provide a quality educational experience for your child.



Middle School Student Council - Grade Level Representatives for Term 2 Now accepting nomination forms!

We soon say a big thank you to our first term Grade Level Representatives for their service and positive contributions to Student Council. As the term comes to a close, we would like to acknowledge Yaseen Sherif in Grade 7 and Joy Kang in Grade 6 for their work as Grade Level Representatives.

This week, during Home Base, students learned about the Student Council opportunities that lay ahead for the remainder of the school year. For example, supporting the Empty Bowls fundraiser, working with Ms. Natasha, our Parent Volunteer Coordinator, to support Staff Appreciation Week and finally, planning the end of year MS party. It will be a busy second half of the year for the Grade Level Representatives!

Middle School students are now encouraged to submit their nomination forms. Forms require a parent and principal signature and are due to Mrs. Callaway by Thursday, March 15, 2018. Please consider speaking to your son or daughter about this student leadership opportunity.

How can we design for comfort & function while minimizing negative impacts? Prof. Knebel from GUTech helped grade 7 with sustainable design project planning.



15TH ANNUAL TAISM FESTIVAL OF CHOIRS

A Door Opens

MARCH 17, 2018

BOSCH CENTER
 DR. NICOLE LAMARTINE, GUEST CONDUCTOR
 MR. KYLE PEDERSON, GUEST COMPOSER

FREE ADMISSION
 WHILE TICKETS LAST
 AT TAISM RECEPTION



SCHOOL MEAL PLAN - WEEK Beg 11/03

DAILY LUNCH COMBO MAIN+SIDE+DESSERT+DRINK

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
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MS After School Activities

Math Lab/MASH - Math assistance for Mr. Johnson's and Mr. Campbell math students.

Makerspace - Calling all scientists & engineers! Do you have a design you want to build, an experiment you want to test, or want to learn a skill or two? Bring your goals to the makerspace to collaborate with peers and get support to develop your ideas and expertise.

Power Hour - Want to work on your homework before you go home? Need some help from a teacher? If you answered "yes" to either of these questions, Power Hour might be for you. Power Hour is a quiet, supervised homework time where you will have access to a laptop, if needed, and teacher assistance.

Chess Club - No sign-up needed. Join the chess club in the HS Commons. If you beat Mr. Gibney - Mrs. Gibney will give you a tasty treat.

Art - An artist's workshop can include many things: a painting and drawing studio, illustration tips, sculpture, calligraphy or craft. Come join me and explore all kinds of artistic mediums as we get CREATIVE!

SALSA - (Spanish Afternoon Language Session ¡Arriba!) - Come to review your notes, to ask questions and get extra help, read a Spanish book, play a Spanish game, or to just practice using our familiar apps (Duolingo, Quizlet, or Sr.Wooly).

Serenade! - This is open to any student who loves to sing and enjoys being a day maker! Each week we will meet to create a Serenade, (similar to a singing telegram) honoring a theme that will connect our messages with the recipients of our songs. Participants will collaborate in small groups to create and arrange their Serenade and then we will share these as random acts of kindness to people in our community. Please sign up with Ms. Brink to join a Sunday session.

Robotics - Sign up with Mr. Johnson if you are interested in robotics after school (3:30-5:10). Students new to robotics are welcome to join as well.

Listen Up - Join Mr. Callaway in a read-aloud followed by a guided question-answer session at the end. Genres change each week and each session is dedicated to one short story. You don't need to come to every session. Check it out on Sundays after school.

Empty Bowls - Every Wednesday and Sunday (except Sunday, April 15th) after school in the ceramics room. Be a part of this initiative where students sell hand-made bowls to raise money for fighting hunger. Students make ceramic bowls during the ASA and host a soup lunch in early May. The proceeds will go to an organization which fights hunger, such as Action Against Hunger (last year's recipient).