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"We have a hunger of the mind which asks for knowledge of all around us, and the more we gain, the more is our desire; the more we see, the more we are capable of seeing."
– Maria Mitchell, Astronomer

ALL SCHOOL

ISH Welcomes New Students

ISH welcomes new students Sahar Himmati (Kg I), Sara Hemmati (Kg1) and Soheil Hemmati (Gr-1).

Sun Protection Guidelines at School

As the hot summer weather has started, protection against the sun becomes more important. The following guidelines are being implemented. Parents are asked to support these efforts to minimise negative effects of the hot sun.

- Physical Education lessons are now held in shaded areas, with most PE classes held in the swimming pool. Students return from PE lessons cool and refreshed.
- Students stay in shaded areas during both the morning break and the lunch break.
- Headaches are often caused by dehydration. Drinking water is essential for good health. There is plenty of good drinking water available for the students to drink and it is good to see students making use of this drinking water.
- Some students bring water bottles to school. All drinking bottles should be labeled with the student's name.
- Students should wear sunscreen when they are in the sun.

Seating Arrangements on School Buses

To help create a better commuting experience on the school buses, Elementary School students are now being seated together at the front of buses, with Secondary Students being seated together at the back of buses. Elementary School students who wish to sit with their older Secondary School siblings in the back of buses may do so.

ISH is on the Web

Past issues of ISH News are available at www.ishyd.org

Submissions to *ISH News* may be sent to ish@ishyd.org

Dates to Remember

3-14 March	IGCSE Mock Exams
3-17 March	IB Mock Exams
9 March	Elementary School Photographs
9 March	Concert by a Dutch quartet at Sunset Lake for Grades 6, 7, 8, 9, & 11 by Sunset + picnic lunch (11:00am – 1:00pm)
14 March	Grade 6 Field Trip in ICRISAT (8:30am – 10:40am)
15 March	Grade 10 Students 1 st Day of School After Mock Exams
17 March	Extended Essay Workshop for High School Teachers New to ISH and for Grade 11 Students (9:55am-2:40pm)
18 March	Grade 12 Students 1 st Day of School After Mock Exams
18 March	Secondary School Trip to Lahiri Resorts (8:30am-2:00pm)
19 March	Elementary School Production
20 March	High School Formal Dinner & Dance (7:00pm – 10:30pm)
24 March	Elementary & Secondary School Parent-Student-Teacher Conferences (2:50pm-6:00pm)
25 March	Secondary School Parent-Student-Teacher Conferences (2:50pm-6:00pm)
26 March	Secondary School Photographs
31 March	College Counseling Session for Grade 10 Students & Grade 10 Parents (2:00pm-2:40pm)
31 March	IB & IGCSE Information Sessions for Grade 8 Students, Grade 10 Students, Parents of Grade 8 Students, & Parents of Grade 10 Students (2:50-4:15)
2-9 April	Holiday
17 April	Secondary School Production, 2:00pm-4:00pm

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Elementary School Production

The Elementary School production this year will be *The Jungle Book*. The production will take place on Friday, 19 March. Practices are on in full swing and each child's presence in school every day is essential to ensure the smooth running of the rehearsals.

Elementary School Photographs

The official school photographer will be in the Elementary School on Monday, 9 March to take class photographs and a photograph of all the Elementary School students. These photographs may be purchased through the school office later in the school year.

Concept Baskets

At the Elementary School Production on 19 March, ISH will revive the "Concept Baskets" that were planned for the Christmas Bazaar.

A few changes to the concepts had to be made to consolidate contributions and prepare some very enticing items to be raffled off. There will be many items that will be enjoyed by parents and children alike, including vouchers for some favourite activities and some special venues.

The Concepts will be: Sports, Creative Learning, Zen, and Family Fun Night.

Lottery tickets for the Concept Baskets will be for sale the day of the event for 50 rupees per ticket. Discounts for multiple tickets will be available. After purchasing tickets, there

will be an opportunity to choose which of these baskets is most of interest and to enter the drawing for that particular basket.

Any questions about the Concept Baskets may be directed to Ms. Padmaja Yalamanchi of the Parent-Teachers Association (PTA).

ISH Toddler Group

Responding to demand, ISH is presently exploring the possibility of restarting a Toddler Group. The ISH Toddler Group would be for children between the ages of 18 months and 3 years. Those interested to enrol their child(ren) in such a program should contact Mrs. Anja Dargatz, the Admissions Officer, as soon as possible so that ISH can ascertain whether it is viable to restart the ISH Toddler Group. Mrs. Dargatz may be reached at 3071-3872 or by e-mail at ish@ishyd.org

SECONDARY SCHOOL

Secondary School Photographs

The official school photographer will be in the Secondary School on Friday, 26 March to take class photographs and a photograph of each Secondary School student. These photographs may be purchased through the school office later in the school year.

Mock Exams for Grade 10 and Grade 12 Students

The Grade 10 and Grade 12 students have completed their first week of Mock Exams. The Mock Exams provide students, parents, and teachers with an indication of the strengths and weaknesses of each student's skills and understandings. They also provide Grade 10 and Grade 12 students with a better sense of the exam conditions of the IGCSE and IB Exams that are held later in the school year.

To help students in the Mock Exam preparation process, ISH will provide Grade 10 and Grade 12 greater flexibility with their timings at school. Beginning on Monday, 8 March, the Grade 10 and Grade 12 students need not be at school for the whole of the regular school day. Instead, on days that they have Mock Exams, Grade 10 and Grade 12 students whose parents wish their child to travel by non-school transport may arrive at ISH after the usual start of the school day (8:15am) and may leave before the usual end of the school day (2:40pm/3:40pm).

To avail themselves of this flexibility, the parents of Grade 10 and Grade 12 students should contact the Transportation Coordinator, the student's bus monitor, *and* the Secondary School Office *in advance* to inform them that the student has permission to arrive late and/or leave early on particular Mock Exam days.

When making transportation arrangements, it is important that Grade 10 and Grade 12 students be ready to enter the exam rooms 10 minutes before any Mock Exam.

High School Formal Dinner & Dance

The Student Council (STUCO) is making plans for a High School Formal Dinner & Dance on the evening of 20 March. The Dinner & Dance will be open to all High School students (students in Grades 9-12). Details of the Dinner & Dance will be supplied to High School students and their parents shortly.

Secondary School Trip to Lahiri Resort

On 18 March, the day after the last Mock Exam, the Secondary School will offer a field trip to Lahiri Resort. Such field trips are important for the social and athletic development of students.

ISH has negotiated a special arrangement with Lahiri Resort such that the cost of the field trip to Lahiri Resort for each Secondary School student will be 850 Rs/per person. Students who wish to participate in the day out at Lahiri Resort should pay that 850 Rs to the Secondary School Office no later than Friday, 12 March.

For this 850 Rs, students will have the opportunity to do swimming, water slides, beach volleyball, boating, rock-climbing, and a rain dance. Students will also be provided lunch and a soft drink.

Naturally, a group of teachers will be chaperoning the trip.

The charge is necessary because ISH does not build the cost of such trips into the school fees.

In addition to these activities, students may participate in the extra activities below at the costs below.

- Paintball: (Rs 300 per person)
- Bowling :(Rs 200 per person per game)
- Snooker: (Rs 150/per hour per person)
- Pool: (Rs 75/per hour per person)
- Table tennis: (Rs 30/ball)

Although Lahiri Resort does have a video game arcade, students will not be allowed to play video games at the games arcade.

Students need not participate in any of these extra activities and students are advised not to bring more than 500 Rs extra. Students will be responsible for holding on to any cash they bring with them and to paying Lahiri Resort directly for any of these extra activities.

Lahiri Resort is less than a 30 minute bus ride from ISH. Transport to/from Lahiri Resort will be provided by the school. More information about the Lahiri Resort may be found at www.lahariresorts.com

Secondary students whose parents opt for them not to attend this field trip to Lahiri Resort on 18 March will stay at home.

Secondary students going on the field trip to Lahiri Resort should be sure to bring:

- A cap/hat for protection from the sun.
- Sun tan lotion
- A swimsuit
- A towel
- Comfortable clothes
- Appropriate footwear

Any queries regarding the trip may be addressed to Mrs. Martin or Mr. Gibbons. Mr. Gibbons' e-mail address is e.gibbons@ishyd.org
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