

Thursday, July 03, 2008

Dear Parents,

I would like to begin by congratulating all the students for their achievements this past year and to wish everyone a healthy, relaxing and well-deserved summer holiday. I would also like to congratulate our graduating class and wish them all the very best in their future endeavours.

At ISA, however, we are hard at work preparing for the start of the new academic year which begins in September. We enclose a copy of the revised calendar which incorporates all the activities and trips for primary, middle and high school. It is our philosophy that, as one school, we bring together students, parents and teachers to share in the students' learning and development through activities that allow for healthy competition and an easy transition from one school to the other.

In order to incorporate the programme fully throughout I.S.A., the primary school will follow the same schedule as the middle and high school. The school hours will therefore be 8:30 a.m. to 3:50 p.m.

Our calendar for the year includes a week-long break during the first week of March where trips will be organized, giving the students and their families, along with staff members, the opportunity to enjoy some of the sports offered in the winter months.

In September, we are also opening the doors of our new Melina's Junior Kindergarten within walking proximity of ISA's first Melina's. These Nursery and Pre-Kindergarten pupils will be able to enjoy all the benefits of an international, inquiry-based programme in a safe and caring, English-language environment.

The I.S.A. building on Artemidos Street is presently receiving a face-lift with painting and maintenance to classrooms and labs. An anonymous donor has given the school three electronic *Clever Boards* which will be installed in the science laboratory, the IT lab and a classroom. Acquisition of new computers will further improve our IT department, and a computer station in the library will also enhance research and study skills facilities in that area.

The clubs and tutorials that were introduced last year will continue with a greater selection of activities and interests for our students. Through the House System we plan to incorporate 'theme' weeks with guest speakers, open discussions, and hands-on activities for students to become critically aware of the social and environmental issues of the world around them.

The school uniform for next year has a wider choice of trousers and skirts, and includes a fleece college jackets and zip-up padded vest for the winter months. By adding these items, the attire of the students will cater for all weather conditions.

Finally, due to popular demand, the P.E. department is offering after-school sport activities on Fridays for parents and staff.

Once again, I wish everyone all the best for the summer and look forward to seeing you in September.

Best regards,

C. N. Dardoufas