



## SAIS NEWSLETTER NO. 5



February/March/April 2012

**Dear Parents and Students,**

Now that Term 2 has ended we are expecting the report cards this week. In general, we can say the term has gone really well, except for one major incident which left the whole school community in shock and pain. One of our senior students, Nooran Al-Hosari, passed away in a tragic accident. Nooran was part of a group of our students who planned a Safari trip, as a farewell for high school. Unfortunately, the school was not involved in planning the trip, so enough precautions were not taken. The accident took us all by surprise. On behalf of the whole school community, we pay our warmest condolences to the family and friends of Nooran. We ask all to pray for peace and forgiveness for her soul.

Term 2 was full of events, both academic and extra-curricular. The students were involved in a Math fair and a Science fair, wrote research papers in Arabic language and in Islamic Studies, participated in Sports Days and external sporting tournaments (securing top places), and participated in IT fairs held outside the school.

As part of our ongoing partnership with Funn (Sharjah Media Arts for Youth and Children), different groups of our students have attended one of four workshops on the following topics: photography and graphic design. The experience was enriching, and students came back with a lot of useful information.

Term 3 is rather short. We encourage all our students to take their lessons seriously and study daily. This is your chance to get that A or improve on the work done in Terms 1 and 2. A couple of months time and the summer vacation will be there for you. You will then have much time for relaxation. Now is the time for work. We wish you all the best results and enjoyable learning experiences.

Regards,

Saleh Jadayel  
Principal

### *Parent-Teacher Meetings - End of Term 2*

This month, we will have two parent-teacher meetings to discuss student progress during the second term. We would like to invite all parents to attend. However, due to the large number of parents who usually attend, we would like to ask our dear parents to respect the following guidelines:

1. Limit your discussion with any teacher to less than five minutes. This will give more parents the chance to talk to the teacher.
2. Ask for an appointment next week if there are many issues that you need to discuss with a certain teacher regarding your child's achievement.
3. Do not bring your children along. Parent-teacher nights are usually crowded events. Bringing students along, serves no good goal. It only adds to the crowds, and takes away time which students could otherwise use to study or relax.

The parent meetings will take place as follows:

**Tuesday, 24<sup>th</sup> April:**      **KG1 (1:30 - 3:00pm)**  
                                         **G1-6 (6:30 - 8:00pm)**

**Wednesday, 25<sup>th</sup> April**      **KG2 (1:30 - 3:00pm)**  
                                         **G7-12 (6:30 - 8:00pm)**

### Honor Students

The following is a list of students who gained a 95% (or above) average across all subjects in term 1 marks of the academic year 2011-2012.



**1A** Sama Ali Jasim Hassan Sajwani Sajwani, Sultan Abdalla Gharib Abdalla Anbar Bloushi, Tawfiq T. T. Abushaban, Fatima Mohamed Abdelrazaq A.Abdalla Alhajri, Zaid Aref Burhan Aref Abdo, Jawaher Ali Abed Hadi Abed Hadi, Shamma Ahmad Essa Obaid Alhabsi, Muhammad Bin Tariq, Hussain Basim Saad Abdulaziz Al-Salami, Hessa Abdulmunem Rashed A.Altamimi, Haya Haidar Thamer Thamer, Mayed Mohamed Zakariya Habib Alhammadi, Dimah Muneer Jawad Al-Safi, Fatimah Abbas Abdulridha Al-Mahdawi, Hamzah Mohammed Hamzah Hamzah, Faris Ehab Abdelmuti Adil Murad, Ghayda Mohieb Saleh Mahmoud Kharseh, Saeed Adnan Hosseini, Abdalla Mohamed Ahmed Hussain Mohamed Hammadi, Aryan Bakhsh, Abdul Rahman Ahmad Jabbar Al-Khafaji.



**1B** Dany Khalil Fawaz, Sarrah Huzaifa Husain, Mayid Samir Abdelreda Abdalla Mohamed Alamiri, Madiha Hakimi, Jasim Mohamed Jasim Malalla Mohamed Banjab, Zainab Jasim Mohamed Abdelrahim Abdalla Kashwani, Eisa Ibrahim Ismail Ahmed Mohamed Alzarouni, Aysha Nasser Saif Juma Almatrooshi Almatrooshi, Mohamed Al-Azhari, Haneen Ahmed Abdalla Ismail Yousif Abdalla, Mohamad Ramadan, Fatima Hussain Jafar Ibrahim Sabir Amiri, Sara Abdulla Hasan Abdulla Omran Alshamsi, Ramzy Ralph Peter Hodgkinson, Tala Haiman El-Nahal, Salim Faisal Salim Abdelrahman Hamad Almidfa, Shaima Yousef Hussain Mohammed Alshaali.

**1C** Yousuf Mousa Mohamed Mousa Y Alraeisy Alraeisy, Latifa Mohamed Saeed Saif Ali Alduhori, Suhaila Najim, Saud Abdelaziz Ahmed Shams M.Alqeraidi Shamsi, Hussein Ezzeddine, Yousef Hussam Abdelghaffar B. Abuaisheh, Faisal Salah Ali Yousif Obaid Alqaseer, Ohood Naz, Arseny Psaras, Majed Yasser Hassan M. Abu Assi, Lina Mohamed Obaid Saeed Obaid Kannoun Shamsi, Maryam Khalifa Saif K Almuhairi, Leah Rachel Parish, Hiba Zaki.

**1D** Shamma Abdulrahman Yaqoub D. Alraeesi, Ali Ibrahim Ali Saeed Ali Khalidi, Zayed Hassan Ibrahim Alabdool Alawadhi, Zina Mohamad Shanan, Khalifa Saif Mohamed Saif Saif Alsuwaidi, Ghaith Omar Ghanim Mohd Ghanim Alghaith, Hessa Jasem Mohd Abdulkarim Alshehhi Alshehhi, Ali Mohamed Abdalla Mousa Sanqour Abdalla, Azza Khalifa Mohamed Saif Saif Alsuwaidi Alsuwaidi, Meera Mohammed Ahmed Hamad Alshamsi Alshamsi, Haya Abdulla Mubarak Nayel Mohamed Al Nuaimi, Talal Deya Mohammed Al-Badareen, Abdulaziz Arif Eissa Abed Almuhairi Almuhairi, Nuof. W. Abud, Shaikha Nour Majid Saoud L. Alqassimi, Mubarak Ateeq Mousa Jumaa Alqubaisi.

**1E** Sultan Ahmed Yahya Mohamed A.Alkamali Alkamali, Ahmed Mohamed Ali Salman Almarzooqi, Ammar Ayman Mohamed Za'ter, Hour Khalifa Ibrahim Ali Alhosani, Fares Abdalla Fayez El Gabour, Muhammad Arsh, Judy Mtawe Mohamad, Yousef Hatem Fakhri Moh'd Darwish, Tala Yehya.

**2A** Ahmed Majed Aoudi, Anastasia Zaikina, Aisha Faisal Ahmed Ali Alyassi, Ali Alrubaiy, Ahmed Obaid Ali Fadil Mohamed Bin Fadil Al Ali, Aswad Muhammad Asif, Khaloud Mohamed Hassan Ahmed Alshurafa, Dana Ibrahim Saleh Obaid Buafra, Shayaan Javed.

**2B** Omar Mohamed Ali Mohamed Tahir, Mohamed Mustafa Haji Mohamed Sharif Hajooni Zarouni, Ahmed Mustafa Haji Mohamed Sharif Hajooni Zarouni, Ayesha

Mohammad Thabet Mohammad S Alamri, Zeina Imad El-Srouji, Hamad Aqeel Mohamed Alhashim Alobeidli, Ayaana Kamal, Mahra Yousif Mohamed Ali Al-Ali, Aahan Arjun Kandoth, Shahd Ahmed Abdalla Ismail Yousif, Alma Zahir Zuhair Oada M. Al Benna, Mohamed Mousa Mohamed Mousa Y Alraeisy Alraeisy, Maism Abdulfatah Al Kazzaz, Mahra Khalifa Saif K Almuhairi, Yasmeen Riyad Khalid, Joud Khalid Barham Hamad, Maya Imad Fawaz, Hasan Watheq Abdulrahman Al-Khazraji, Hussain Tareq Abdul Jabbar Al Hashmi, Aida Arafat, Hamza Mazen Ibrahim Mohammad Assaf, Khalil El Khoury, Yousif Elias Yousef El Khoury, Mubariz Haris Khan.

**2C** Amalia Kourken, Sara Ibrahim Yousif Mohamed Naseer Hashmi, Sundus Waleed Abdo Al-Hammadi, Khadija Mohsen, Adam Sajed Sabih, Kareem Odeh, Ali Rashid Ali Hamad Ali Al Mezaini, Ziad Tamer Moustafa Mohamed Abdelaty Badr, Alyaa Farqad Abd Hadi Alharjan, Mashaal Ali Abdulhadi Al Hrjan, Rashid Salahuddin Mustafa Ahmed M. Sharif.

**2D** Majd Abdul Rahman Agha, Layan Deya Al-Badareen, Dana Ahmed Habib Hasan Ahmed, Ali Onaisse, Sarah Ahmed Mahmoud Ramadan Al Ali Al Ali, Ahmed Salim Ahmed Ibrahim Alkayay, Abdulaziz Khaled Juma Hussain Alshaali Alshaali, Fatima Mohamed Darwish Ahmed Hussain Mazmi, Rashid Monir Mahmoud Abdel-Salam Al-Sharif, Leen Ma'en Khalaf M. Malkawi, Abdulrahman Ali Ahmed Khalfan Mesfer Al-Ali, Hasan Mohammad Khalil Dabash, Lara Hamadi, Alya Ahmed Saeed Mohamed Saeed, Khalid Talal Salim Abdalal Alsaabri.

**2E** Salim Saif Mohamed Saif Alsuwaidi, Yusra Ahmed Hassan Ahmadi, Saad Nazem Kayali, Amro Essa Farouk Nasser.

**3A** Jassim Ali Hussain Hamdoon, Salim Ahmed Salman Alsalman Al-Ali, Shaikha Hind Salah Sultan Ahmed Almualla, Sultan Khalid E.A.Alharthi, Aalya Mohamed Jasim Malalla M Banjab, Maaz Ghias, Al Yaziya Mohamed Rashid Matar Alsuwaidi, Karim El-Tamer, Sultan Majid Mohamed Juma M.Alghawi Alali, Lea Fawaz, Ayman Sahyoun, Maya Musa Osman, Layan Fayad, Maryam Yousef Hussain Mohammed Alshaali, Yasamin Mohammed Abd Al Kader Al Azawi, Batoul Dakroub, Shahd Adel Mohammed Alansari Alattar.

**3B** Mohamed Hany Mohamed Abou El Ghiet, Christian El Khouri, Sara Fahad A. A. Ahmad, Andrew David Suryawanshi, Syed Muhammad Azeem Ur Rahman, Layana Mohamad Al-Jichi, Lana Ramadan, Rahaf Emad Al-Ayedi, Arya Bakhsh.

**3C** Ahmed Abdel Naseer Saleh Amin Mashaly, Faisal Othman Arafa Al-Ayedi, Zander Isaiah Jordan Umayam Zantua.

**3D** Laith Mhd. Ayman Alharbali, Yousef K. S. Abufool, Mohamed Asam Amin Ahmed Almulla, Saif Talal Salim Abdalla Hassan Alsabri.

**3E** Reem Hussain Jafar Ibrahim Alameeri, Hemyan Abdulaziz Khalaf Abdulla Alrifaye, Ola Adel Mostafa Ali Ahmed, Musabeh Sultan Musabeh Sultan Alktebi, Humaid Abdelsalam Mohamed A.Abdelrahman Alali, Hassan Sultan Hassan Ibrahim Hassan Althahab, Yasmeen Mohammad Yousef Fares Yousef, Alya Khaled Saif Salem Almheiri, Shaza Haris Khan, Rashid Mohamed Hassan Ahmed Hassan Alshurafa, Ahmed Sami A.Saher, Zain Khalid Ahmed Mahmoud Abu Hijleh.

**3F** Zaina Mohammed Farouq Al-Jallad, Ibrahim Sultan Mohamed Matar Alsouqi Alsuwaidi, Ahmad Rami Sarhan Abdul Ghani, Ziad Haitham Ziad Younes, Shaima Mohamad Haji Al Najjar, Hessa Mohamed R.Binturkya Alfalasi.

**4B** Dana Hesham Adnan Hendieh, Carlos Sarkis Arotine, Gaith Mohamed Ali Yousif Obaid Alqaseer, Arjun Harish Kumar, Ananya Kandoth, Zuha Arab Sabbagh, Abdul Haseeb Khan, Shaikha Naema Majid Saoud K K Alqassimi.

**4C** Saif Haider Hammoodi Al-Shukri, Mayed Abdulrahman Yaqoub Dad K.Alraeesi, Daniel Mokhammad, Zaid Basel Talal Mohammad, Jieying Wu, Zoie Skylar Umayam Zantua.

**4D** Mary Anwar Al Nassr Alha, Hamdan Rashid Ibrahim Khamis Ali Almazmi Almazmi, Noura Abdelaziz Ahmed Ibrahim Alhawai, Khadeeja Ali Abdul Hussain Fakhridin.

**4E** Rashid Abdullah Yagoob Abdullah Alshaer Al Ali, Ahmed Abdullatif Ibrahim A.Alghuroubti, Sara Ali Eisa Mohamed Yousif Zamzam.

**5A** Amna Mohammed Ahmed Hamad Alshamsi Alshamsi, Lamis Elhaj, Rwan Osama Ahmed Khalafalla, Shaikha Mira Salah Sultan Ahmed Almualla.

**5AA** Fatma Mohammad Ali Abdulla Abdooli, Gisou Chizari Fard, Jenny El Soury, Lin Sadalddin Benchi, Sara Bahaeddin Mohd Abdulaal Alqedrah.

**5B** Ahmed Ali Mohamed Ali Mohamed Alrasheed, Husham Ali Husham Husham, Mohammad Ziyad Suleiman Majdoub, Suood Samir Abdelreda Abdalla Mohamed Amiri.

**5C** Abdul Aziz Ahmad Osman.

**6A** Carol Elias Yousef El Khoury, Khawla Ali Mohamed Ahmed Alhammadi, Leena M Fares, Mariam Abdulsalam Taher Ali Alhammadi, Tala Mazen Ibrahim Mohammad Assaf.

**6AA** Alia Adel Mostafa Ali Ahmed, Lea Abboud, Shandita Bhowmik.

**6C** Ahmad Rahhal.

**6D** Abdalla Hassan Khalifa Abdalla Salem Almarer, Mohamed Nabil Abdalla El Sayed Saad, Mohammad Abdul Kader Ghawi, Saif Abdelrahman Saif A.S. Binhindi Alshuwaihi, Yazan Mohieb Saleh Mahmoud Kharseh, Youssef Nabil Abdalla El Sayed Saad.

**7A** Ayah Abdulkader Ghawi, Darin Abdel Nasser Saleh Amin Mashaly, Jana Arab Sabbagh.

**7AA** Anjali Harish Kumar, Tamanna Mansoor Kalantari, Tania Mansoor Kalantari.

**7D** Kamel Aladdein Kamel Samara, Saeed Ahmed Juma Rashed Alkaabi.

**8A** Lian Riyad Khalid.

**8AA** Dania Khalil, Hadeel Oussama Atallah, Nida Mohammed Abdul Ghani, Razan Osama Ahmed Khalafalla.

**8C** Sami Al Desia, Yousef Mufadal Hussein.

**9A** Al Shaimaa Adel Aly Ahmed Ghonemy, Ghareesa Maktoum Rashid K.Bu Ghanim Al Suwaidi, Nada Taryam Ali Salim Almheiri, Rewan Abdelnasser Saleh Mashaly.

**9AA** Danna M. Fares, Mira Al Bishtawi, Sidra Aman Vohra.

**9C** Hussein Mohamad Haji Al Najjar, Neloy Nupur Kumar Bhowmik, Rageed Rahhal.

**10AA** Alyassar Anwar Al Nassr Alha, Amira Ahmad Basel Alzaim, Rand Zeyaid Abdlelah.

**10B** Karim Moustafa Fathi Moustafa Younis.

**10C** Mohamed El Khatim Osama Ahmed Khalafalla Ahmed, Salman Mohamad Salman.

**11A** Dana Hussam Abdelghaffar Abuaisheh, Mariam Massri.

**11AA** Fatena Z. M. Sadeq.

**11B** Hadi Abbas.

**11C** Bilal Zafar, Hamza Syed Khaja Saifuddin, Hassan Shahid Sheikh, Omar Fadil Obaid Mohammed I. Almuhairi Abumuhair.

**12A** Bayan Nasser Mahmoud Hamdan, Dana Fawaz, Lexian Teng.

**12AA** Julia Osama Naim Hanna, Samantha Rahhal, Shouq Moamen Mohammed Almasoud.

**12B** Abdul Wahab Hassan Sahyoun.

**12C** Abdalla Abdelreda Abdalla Mohamed Amiri, Ahmad Mamoun Kallas, Karam Chaban, Mark Nashaat Helmy Yacoub, Rami Abboud.



### Requests to Parents

Due to limited parking slots in the school's parking area inside the school gates, we experience a lot of traffic congestion usually at the beginning and at the end of the school day. To add to this, the entire movement of traffic in and out of the school gets obstructed when a car is double parked and the driver is not available to move the vehicle. We request you not to leave your vehicle unattended if it is not parked in a parking slot. Please also communicate this requirement to your drivers.

While our support staff (book/uniform store and office boys) is more than willing to help our parents/students; we, however, ask you NOT to visit the school with any request for help on Fridays. Our support staff is on duty Sunday - Thursday (7:30am to 4:00pm) and

on Saturday (9:00am to 2:00pm). We believe and you will agree with us that they do deserve Friday as a day of complete relaxation.

We thank you for your support in the above matters.

### **SAIS Students Excel in Sports**

1. The following HS girls won two bronze medals at the Soccer Tournament held under the patronage of the UAE Sports Association at Dubai National School on 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> November 2011.

Anjali Harish Kumar (7AA), Dayana Aksianova (8AA)



The other participating students were Tamanna Mansoor Kalantari (7AA) Al Yazzyeh Abdulla Salem Ali Obaid Bindaen Almehairi (8AA), Alanoud Ibrahim Ali Ibrahim Sabir Ameerri (8AA), Farah Hafez Fouad Moustafa (8AA), Vesile Guzelel (9AA), Yara Ammar Alul (11AA), Dana Fawaz (12A), Suat Guzelel (12AA), Kholud Hussein Hamad (12AA), and Jumanah Adel Mohammed Lutfi Alansari Alansari (12A).

2. HS Girls won 2<sup>nd</sup> place, a silver cup and silver medals at the Soccer match held at Philadelphia school on 8<sup>th</sup> January.

Thank you Ms. Laure Adib Habib for your leadership in the above two victories. Well Done Girls!

3. Under the patronage of the UAE Sports Association, a Football tournament was held at Al Ittihad School with 26 schools participating. SAIS won 1<sup>st</sup> place in the 'Under 11' category and second place in the 'Under 15' category.

Thank you Mr. Amer Al Nattor for leading our boys to victory in this tournament. Congratulations Boys!



**From the desk of Wing A Coordinator (Grades 1-4), Ms. Deborah Anne Mustafa**

Asalaam alaikum dear parents,

We have had an exciting new year! Field trips to the Sharjah Discovery Centre were ongoing in January and February, where the children explored and played with hands on manipulatives, and were amazed at how things work. But mostly it was such fun to see their



enthusiasm upon return from the trip. When I asked one third grader how her trip was, her response was, "wow". That one word says it all!



Across the school we celebrated **International Day**, and it was thrilling to see all the children dressed in the colors and costumes of the countries they studied. This year there were studies about Canada, China, India, Jordan, Mexico, Morocco, Palestine, Spain, Syria, and Thailand. It is always good to learn about other cultures and countries, but especially for our children raised in a global community such as the UAE.



More fun was had with **Sports Day** last Thursday. Children were matched in colored teams and participated in relay races and obstacle courses. It was great to spend the day outdoors and have physical activity. Though some teams "won" medals, please tell your children they are ALL winners for participating and using good sportsmanship.



**Reading** at home has been a huge success across the school and I would like to thank you all for supporting this effort. We will continue our all school reading logs this term. A real picture of success is when a child can turn off a screen and entertain him/herself with only a book and a little bit of 'quiet time'.



In addition to awarding the honor roll for term 1, we celebrated the reading log winners for the month of February. Borders Bookstore gift cards were awarded to the top readers in the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grades listed below. Congratulations to all of you!

- 3A Layan Fayad
- 3B Lana Ramadan
- 3C Ahmed Abdul Naseer
- 3E Shaza Haris Khan
- 3F Khalifa Abdulla
- 4A Laura Hallal
- 4B Ananya Kondoth
- 4C Mayed AlRaeesi
- 4D Dana Hilles
- 4E Sara Ail Zamzam

Assemblies last month centered on **recycling** and trash removal, additionally, a paper artist from India came and demonstrated how paper can be used for making various sculptures and toys. Such as flowers, swords, towers, etc... Needless to say the books he sold were such a hit we ran out. When he returns to town, we will be sure and let the children who didn't get to purchase the books know, so that they have a chance to do so.



Unfortunately **bullying** is an ongoing problem in most schools around the world, but we at SAIS would like to make sure that the children know we will **NOT** tolerate bullying in any form. Our upcoming assemblies will focus specifically on being kind towards each other both verbally and physically. The grade 4 classes will do a presentation on this subject.

*\*\*\*Below are some links on the subject of bullying and teaching kindness to children. Parents, these links are meant for you to have a look at so as to educate you and your children on this matter and find ways to counter act bullying at school. I really like the PBS link, as it has activities for children as well as information for parents.*

<http://pbskids.org/itsmylife/friends/bullies/>

<http://kidshealth.org/parent/emotions/behavior/bullies.html>

<http://www.mcgruff.org/#/Main>

*Some other reminders we would like you to take note of are:*



**Earth Day** will be observed at school Sunday, April 22. We are going GREEN on this day. Please send your children in grades 1-6 to school in a green shirt. Activities and curriculum will center on caring for our earth and our community. More information will follow from your child's classroom teachers. *\*\*\*Parents, if you have an expertise or know someone who can present or help on this day, kindly contact me. I'm specifically interested in people with special knowledge in organic gardening, bee keeping and honey making, bird care, and farming. This is a regular school day as far as timing.*



Please remember to pack **healthy foods** for your child and **water or money** for water now that the days are getting warmer. ***Candy is not a sufficient breakfast or lunch meal.*** Unfortunately, we see some of the children eating chips and candy for their meals regularly. Snacks should be "healthy" as should the meals. Please do not send candy to school with your children! Not only are there no nutrients in it, it rots the teeth.

Try to keep the salt and sugar intake at a minimum. Below is a list of healthy snack ideas, and some links on the importance of child's healthy diet.

Fruits, cut veggies, breads, crackers, cheeses, boiled eggs, nuts and dried fruits, dates, and dips such as hummus, and yogurt.

[http://www.helpguide.org/life/healthy\\_eating\\_children\\_teens.htm](http://www.helpguide.org/life/healthy_eating_children_teens.htm)

<http://www.livestrong.com/article/85873-advantages-eating-children/>

<http://ezinearticles.com/?Benefits-of-Healthy-Eating-For-Kids&id=3588448>



**Please pick up your children at the appropriate time!** It is not ok to leave your children at school unsupervised when they are dismissed at 1:15 and picked up at 3:15. You must collect your children at 1:15 when they are dismissed. Your children are to wait either with their teacher in her room, or in my office, not in the reception area downstairs.



Kindly remember to phone the office if your child will **NOT** be riding the bus on a specific day. There have been occasions when the driver or the office is not informed of this and as a result delays the scheduled departure of the fleet, while we wait to find the missing child.



Finally, if you would like to arrange private tutoring for your child for term 3, you may speak with the school accountant, Mr. Safeer about arrangements. If at any time you have questions or concerns about your child, feel free to stop by my office or give me a call. I would be happy to discuss the matter with you.

*Warmly,*

*Deborah*

*From the desk of Wing B Coordinator (Grades 5-8 Girls), Ms. Carole Abboud*

Term 3 has started and it seems it is going to be another busy term. Talent Show, IT and Art Fairs, Field Trips, and many other events are scheduled for this term.

I hope that the middle school girls will have a wonderful time preparing for the term events especially that they are currently passing through the early adolescent period, which is one of changes in the physical body, and brain development.



This period is a time when your child will be asking: "Who am I?" Your daughter needs help finding meaning and purpose in life.

- **Micheal Gurian** author of *Nurture the Nature: Understanding and Supporting Your Child's Unique Core Personality* (Jossey-Bass 2007)

Thus, one of my major concerns as a middle school coordinator is to serve a vital role in maximizing student success and help nurture adolescents who will become part of the good fabric of tomorrow's world.

Collaboration between administration and parents is an essential factor to provide our students with a comfortable and successful learning environment. If you wish to discuss any issue related to your daughter's academic performance or behavior, do not hesitate to contact me on the following number 06- 54 888 93.

On the other hand, we are trying our best at SAIS to instill in our students necessary lifelong skills to enable them to become responsible members of tomorrow's society. Thus, promoting students' artistic skills and global awareness skills are our utmost priorities. The girls have been doing a great job decorating the middle school building and keeping the learning environment healthy and clean. I would like to congratulate 8AA and 5AA for winning the bulletin board competition and 7AA for winning the cleanliness competition for the months of February/March. Keep up the good work girls!

Regards,

Carole Sarkis Abboud

*From the desk of Wing C Coordinator (Grades 9-12 Boys), Mr. Toufic Khachab*

One remaining term and the school year will be over. So, I want to remind students to work harder in hope of achieving better results. I would also like to draw your attention to the fact that Term Three accounts for 40% of the total yearly average. Art Fair will be held in the gymnasium on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> of May.

The teachers -parents meeting will take place soon. I want to ask parents to attend the meeting to follow up with teachers about their kid's progress.

During the month of May, some students in Grade 12 will take an externally generated examination for the Advanced Placement Program (commonly called AP). This is a program offering college level courses in various subject areas, which gives students advanced placement in the subject(s) they sit for when they enter colleges and universities in the United States.

It is important to relay to parents the success of recent events at the school. Our International Day for 2012 was extremely well organized by Section Coordinators. The students demonstrated the true meaning of internationalism through music, food and clothing. The day was well attended by all sections of the school.

High school sports day for this year have been very ably organized by the members of the physical education department. Sport is a big part of any school program and sport days help to promote the image of a healthy body, healthy mind.

Students are expected to attend school regularly and on time. Genuine reasons for lateness must be telephoned in ahead of a student arriving at school and/or a letter explaining a student's lateness must accompany the child.



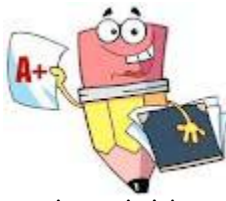
After a student has had an unexplained lateness on 5 occasions in the course of one term, the coordinator's secretary of the section will contact the parents. On the sixth occasion of a student arriving late to school, the student will get break detention for every time he /she is being late.

I noticed lately some students not wearing proper uniform. So I want to remind the students that wearing jeans, fluorescent colored shoes and colored jackets are not allowed.

*Please talk to your child about the importance of being punctual to lesson and wearing school uniform.*

**From the desk of Wing D Coordinator (Grades 5-8 Boys), Mr. Kassem Zayour**

I would like to congratulate all our students for the successful events like the sports day, math fair, and science fair. Congratulations to the winners.



We are all aware of the tremendous value in having the home and school working together to help our children build character. The family is certainly the key, providing the foundational standards of good conduct. Schools have a strong supportive role to play in character building. We must not only help the children become literate and well informed, we must also help them develop responsibility and strong personality.

*From the desk of Wing E Coordinator (Grades 9-12 Girls) & Career Guidance Counselor, Ms. Noha Naamani*

### **In loving memory**



The last week of February has indeed been a sad and difficult time for SAIS especially in the High School Girls' Section. We have all lost a daughter, a sister, and a good friend. The memory of Nooran Ahmed AlHosary will live in all of us in SAIS. We wish to dedicate all our successes and moments of achievements to her. May you rest in peace sweet Nooran.

### **Emirates NBD "Become a banker for a day"**

Six of our Accounting students have been chosen to participate in the Emirates NBD Bank activity to assume certain positions and handle tasks in one of the Emirates NBD banks branches in Sharjah. This activity serves to introduce these students to the world of banking and give them a better idea about the daily tasks and chores involved in a typical day's work in a bank. The students who participated in this event are:

- Reema Al Muhairi
- Sara Salim Alajeel
- Hassa Saleh Jadayel
- Majed Mohamed Zarouni
- Abdullah Hamad AlShueihi



### **High School Girls Trips**

High School Girls made good use of the beautiful UAE winter weather in the past month and visited Dubai's Children City in Creek Park.

- Grade 11 girls' trip took place on the 7<sup>th</sup> of February
- Grade 12 girls' trip took place on the 9<sup>th</sup> of February
- Grade 9 girls' trip took place on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of February
- Grade 10 girls' trip took place on the 5<sup>th</sup> of March



### **Rochester Institute of Technology Competition**

A group of 15 students participated in a knowledge and design competition on March 15 in RIT. Last year SAIS came in first place amongst 11 schools and 1 lucky student won a scholarship to RIT worth 100,000 Dhs. The experience this year was very rewarding academically, but less so in terms of prizes.

### **Zayed University representatives visit Sharjah American International School**

Representatives from Zayed University visited SAIS on April 11 to give a small presentation about their university. A few parents attended.

### **Al Ghurair University representatives visit Sharjah American International School**

Representatives from Al Ghurair University will be in SAIS on April 17 to give a small presentation about their university. Parents are welcome to attend.

- 10:30 to 11:00 Al Ghurair University session for grade 12 boy
- 11:00 to 11:30 Al Ghurair University session for grade 12 girls



### **Napo Registration for all UAE nationals**

- **CEPA English**

We would like to draw your attention to the importance of checking your son/ daughter's applications for the Napo registrations. Kindly encourage the students whose applications are still missing all or certain documents to complete their applications, so is the case with students whose applications are missing their personal photos and please note that the photo should be **colored, recent and scanned** and therefore it can be sent to NAPO only through email or uploaded on the student portal before the **15th of April 2012**. As for students who haven't registered for any CEPA English exam in the first group **OR** have registered but didn't attend the exam, their names will be **automatically registered** for the 2<sup>nd</sup> CEPA exam administration on the 26<sup>th</sup> of May 2012 and this will be their one and only chance. As without the CEPA English grade students will **NOT** be accepted into any of the 3 federal institutions and abroad scholarships.

- **CEPA MATH:**

**There is only one chance for this exam and it will be held on the 28th of April 2012,** Students will be **automatically registered** for this exam, i.e. Any student who has applied and has **completed his/her application before the 15th of April 2012** will be eligible and therefore registered for taking this exam.

**Please note** that Both CEPA English and Math exams are mandatory requirements for all Emirati and Mother National students who would like to join one of the 3 federal institutions or abroad scholarships through the Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research.

As for students who didn't register on the student portal ( [www.napo.ae/2012](http://www.napo.ae/2012) ) , their names won't be on the school portal([www.napo.ae/schoolportal](http://www.napo.ae/schoolportal) ), therefore we kindly ask you to encourage them to register and complete their applications before the 15<sup>th</sup> of April, otherwise unfortunately they will not be able to register for and attend both CEPA English and Math exams and therefore will **NOT** be accepted into any of the 3 federal institutions and scholarships.

**Important Note:** Students with applications that have missing documents **AND** students who didn't attend one or both CEPA English and Math exams will **NOT** be accepted into any of the 3 federal institutions and scholarships.

### **Lead America Summer Conferences**



A number of students from SAIS have been nominated or awaiting to be nominated to attend the Lead America Conferences in the US this summer.

At a time when many of your students are facing important choices such as what colleges to apply to, what to study and what career to choose, Lead America gives them the chance to explore their future aspirations and discover what inspires them most. Nominated students will discover how to enhance the essential leadership skills they possess, and more importantly, learn how to apply those skills toward their future. Lead America alumni generally demonstrate a renewed engagement in, and responsibility for, their own learning. All Lead America Conferences are college-accredited and held throughout the summer at universities most students have only dreamed of visiting. Students may choose from prestigious campuses including Stanford, Columbia, Johns Hopkins, UCLA, Arizona State, Babson, and many others. Our unique conferences allow students to work in small groups, learning the importance of teamwork and cooperation as they gain valuable insight from distinguished faculty.

High school students from across the globe come together to experience college life at its best. They live on campus, while investigating what they want to study in college or pursue as a career. **High school participants can earn college credit for attending.**



A Lead America Conference can be a life-changing experience for students who have good academic results and demonstrate the potential to develop into aspiring young leaders. Students can gain enormous confidence. Students generally return from their Lead America Conference more self-assured and more aware of their true potential after the experience of working and living with a diverse group of like-minded peers.

**For more information, please check the website: [www.leadamericaINTL.org](http://www.leadamericaINTL.org)**

### **The UAE Inter-School Business Challenge Competition held at Heriott Watt University Dubai.**

Twenty three students from SAIS participated and got certificates of participation in the competition last Saturday April 14, 2012 at Heriot Watt University, Dubai campus.

- Grade 12 A: Tamara Al Mola, Hala Alami, Asma Al Soussi, Bayan Hamdan, Lexin Teng, Rand Shabib, Dana Fawaz, Arwa Fares, Sheikha Futoon AL Moalla, Deema Aga, Shahad El Dokki.
- Grade 12 AA: Kholud Hamad, Ranim Nahle.
- Grade 12 B: Abdul Aziz Al Shomali, Omran Al Hajiri, Zaid Toufic, Rami Al Soussi, Hassanein Al Yassin, Aws Al-Rubaye.
- Grade 12 C: Mark Nashaat.
- Grade 11 AA: Raghad Al Ali, Yara Alul, Dina El Sharif.

Lexian Teng, Bayan Hamdan, and Ranim Nahle (one SAIS team) won one of the four parts of the competition. Lexian Teng scored 20/20.

### **From the desk of Wing F Coordinator (KG1 & KG2), Ms. Dionne Zantua**

Our annual KG Fun Day was a success! Teachers & students from Pippen Park have joined us on this occasion which included face painting, play dough, painting and crafts activities. To top it off, a delightful paper cutting show mesmerized us all as pieces of paper were used to make beautiful works of art. It was a fun day indeed! Thank you students, parents and teachers for participating in our annual International Day. It was delightful to see beautiful displays of costumes from around the world. We also appreciate parents who have brought sumptuous foods and treats for our students to share.

For our Term 2 field trip, our students went to the Sharjah Aquarium. They had the opportunity to experience and learn about the various marine wildlife in UAE and in the surrounding areas. They were also able to see colorful displays of various marine animals in their natural habitats. The highlight of our trip was the undersea walk through the Arabian Gulf tunnel where you can peer skywards to see the fish above you in six meters of seawater.

To all the dear mothers of KG1 and KG2, thank you for gracing us with your presence during our Mother's Day celebration on March 21st. You all are loved and appreciated.



Our Reading Buddies Program has commenced! In collaboration with the ES department in an effort to promote literacy, students from grades 1-4 will visit KG classes to read books and "buddy up". It is our wish that this will promote reading pleasure among our students.

Here are the recipients of our February Character Counts program's character focus "Fairness":

KG1A: Budour Alzarouni, Jana Tarhini, Mohammed Jassem Alzaabi, Abdulrahman Kanoun and Abdulrahman Ali

KG1B: Reem Khadim, Hind Abdel Rahman Al Ali, Hour Al Jesmi, Meera Al Marzouqi and Rawdha Al Marzouqi

KG1C: Ghalia, Mansour, Shaikha Fareed Saleh, Nabil & Mahra

KG1D: Hanin Alaydi, Saif Nasser Al Matroushi, Hamdan Al Sharif, Farah Hamad and Abbas Kassem Zayour

KG2A: Amna Alkayay, Maryam Ansari, Mohammed Eissa Alsuwaidi, Rashed Al Shamsi and Rashid Albalooshi

KG2B: Salem Al Awadhi, Khalfan Alnuaimi, Mayar El Banna, Mayed Alshuweihhi and Moza Al Khayyal

KG2C: Ahmad El Rabah, Cristeen Asim, Hamda Raeesi, Hassan Abdalla and Malak Hilles

KG2D: Salim Al Alqaydi, Ghala Almarri, Furkanakhmed Akchaev, Zayed Tahir and Maryam Abdel Nasr

KG2E: Khalid Ginawi, Mohammad Ali Jubran, Hassan Faisal Hassan, Kareem Khafagy and Mohammad Hussein

For the month of March, the character focus is "Caring" and is characterized by Karina the kangaroo. Being caring means:

- Be kind
- Be compassionate and show you care
- Express gratitude
- Forgive others
- Help people in need



Teachers will be discussing this character in class and will constantly be observing for students who demonstrate this character. These students will be awarded on our next assembly in April.

Kindly remember that dismissal time for all KG is at 1:20 pm. Early pick up is reserved for emergency and appointments only. Please know that each class period is important.

Please, do not hesitate to contact me for any suggestions or comments at 06-5380000 or 06-5381780.

Sincerely,  
Dionne Pauline U. Zantua