



Our Core Values

- ∅ Respect for all
- ∅ Hard Work
- ∅ Honesty
- ∅ Responsibility
- ∅ Social Awareness
- ∅ Compassion

Dear Parents

March has been another very busy month for our teachers and students. In addition to preparing for the end of the term, our community have been actively involved in a range of sporting tournaments, festivals, rehearsals, workshops and practices.

I hope you enjoy this penultimate newsletter as the end of Term swiftly approaches.

Open Day March 2019

Saturday 2nd March seemed to be a normal school day for many of our students and teachers. Our students took much delight in touring the campus with prospective parents. From exploding experiments to an Art and Design exhibition, student work was showcased and admired on our Open Day. A very big thank you to all students, teachers, ancillary and grounds, security and administrators for making the Open Day a huge success.



Reporting

Reporting is an integral part of the learning process. The purpose is to promote a positive attitude to learning and assist the improvement of student learning by: Reporting to parents on student progress is an essential part of the home / school partnership and plays a vital role in raising student attainment. The aims and guiding principles of reporting are common to all departments.

Broadly speaking, assessment at International School of South Africa is a combination of summative ('assessment of learning') and formative ('assessment for learning') in order to monitor learning / knowledge and understanding / application of real-life concepts in lessons.

Full diagnostic reports

Reporting is used to provide students and parents with up-to-date information about the progress a student is making in the context of their potential ability. It is the subject teacher's responsibility to ensure that comments are accurate, constructive and supported by evidence. A target is also provided to ensure that student's progress from their current level of attainment. Full diagnostic reports are issued at the end of each term.

Summative assessment

Summative assessment is used to measure learning over a medium to long period of time and generally occurs in a more formal context. This form of assessment will include the following:

- End of topic assessment; towards the end of a topic or series of small topics, students will complete an activity that assesses learning over a period of weeks. This may be in the form of a test, a practical assessment or any activity appropriate for the subject and content learnt.
- End of year examinations; all students (excluding Form 5 (IGCSE, Lower 6 (AS) and Upper 6 (A Level))) will complete a test that assesses learning over the whole academic year. In order to standardise results, all test scores will be converted to a uniform mark scheme and will form the basis of yearly examination reports.

Designing and grading of assessments

All tests will be designed using the relevant 'Key stage 3 assessment booklet', IGCSE and A Level criteria to ensure questions are differentiated in difficulty. Upon completion, students will be awarded a grade (from A* to E). A failure to meet the minimum expected requirement will result in an unclassified (U) grade and is an indication that the student has failed the examination.

Record keeping

The Head of Department is responsible for establishing and maintaining a record of all summative assessment / results for all students. This is carried out in a way that is manageable and understandable by a variety of users. The Director of Studies and Form Tutor have oversight of results.

Formative assessment

Formative assessment will take place in every lesson. Teacher assessment is part of the formative assessment process and includes classroom observations of student's responses, work, performances, practical tasks and recorded marking of classwork and homework.

Arts Festival reminder

The long awaited Arts Festival has finally arrived. We are looking forward to the Music Concert on Friday at 18:30, the Drama Matinee on Saturday afternoon from 14:30 – 15:30 and the Visual Art Exhibition taking place over two days.



Inter House Athletics 2019

“Let our talent speak for us”

These are the words spoken by one of our very own athletes. The International School of South Africa is a school that is over-flowing with talent. On the afternoon and early evening of 20th February 2019, the majority of our students took part in the Inter-House Athletics meet.



There was good camaraderie amongst the athletes, and many new friendships were built. During the events, the athletes worked hard, showed commitment and dedication and most importantly had fun, regardless of winning or losing.

“If you feel as though you have a natural talent for something, then pursue it and make something out of it”. This statement was made by our very own Tiyamike Kawoloka. And I believe every student that took part did just that!

Results:

Eagles – 404 points

Falcons – 404 points

Hawks – 361 points

We would like to thank the teachers for their support and the school for giving our athletes the opportunity to shine.

By Mrs M Stander

Pictures please

Soccer Report 2019

The U16 and U 19 Soccer teams for boys and girls too part in the American International School of Johannesburg Seven-aside Soccer Tournament last weekend. The tournament was attended by international schools from Mozambique, Angola, Democratic Republic of Congo, Swaziland and Cape Town.

The matches we planned start on Friday afternoon but due to the rains on that wet afternoon play was restricted and only half the first matches were played. Using a rearranged schedule of matches, games resumed at 07:30 on the Saturday morning. Our teams played in the group stage matches and all the four teams made it to the knock out matches.



Unfortunately the girls' teams were knocked out of competition at quarter final stage. The boys' teams were more resolute and qualified for the semi-final matches. Unfortunately the U19 Boys Team lost 2-0 to the American School of Angola. Their bronze match was against the hosts, AISJ. The boys gave the hosts some football lessons and walloped them 4-0 to clinch the bronze medal in the U19 Boys section.

The U16 Boys team had a game with our perennial rivals Waterford in the Gold Medal match. After regulation time, the teams were inseparable and headed for the dreaded penalty shootout. Our boys converted all their three penalties and Waterford only managed to score just one of their penalties. This sparked jubilation as our contingent broke into song and dance in celebrating a fine performance by our soccer teams in Johannesburg.

This week the U15 Soccer boys head to Bloemfontein for their annual Brebner High School Soccer Tournament. We wish the team good luck and hope they would emulate their older brothers and return home with some silver ware when they return next week Tuesday.

By Mr Jeffrey Munatsi
MIC Soccer

FOURWAYS VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT 2019

ISSA U16 GIRLS VOLLEYBALL TEAM REACHES QUARTER FINALS

The International School of South Africa Girls U16 Volleyball team participated in the Fourways Volleyball Tournament. The girls were excited to take part and were determined to prove their mettle against the teams from the region. First match was against Waterford High School (Swaziland). The match was tough as the opponents played a very defensive game. Our team, captained by Tawananyasha Makudo and ably supported by Nicole Chitashu, tore the team apart with a deserved 25-12 victory.

In the second game, the girls played the host team, Fourways High School. The match was tough, but again our girls played like the typical high spirited students they always are! They won the match by a convincing 25-16. Another match to the good.



We then met a determined Midrand High School. The girls looked a bit tired. Who could blame them! They had only managed four days of practice and so, they did not have that much stamina for three successive competitive games. The game was tough, the girls played very well, but they succumbed 25-23. It was that close

The final match in this round of 16 was against Jeppe Girls. The girls, smarting from the Midrand defeat, were in no mercy mood. From the onset, the players went on a rampage. They won decisively 25-8 and secured a place in the quarter finals.

They were paired against Fourways High School A side. This was a tough call. Again, thanks to the able leadership and combined team spirit of the players, the girls took

the game to the hosts. Although beset with exhaustion, they fought hard. It was not to be, however, as they narrowly lost 25-22.

A big thank you to Ms Mandondo who supported and accompanied the girls as the female representative. Her moral support was essential and kept the girls going. Another kudo to the accompanying form 6 students: Songobele Mulenga, Neta Phiri, Gamuchirai Tsara and Lovumako Matopula who came to support the girls all through the event. Well done to the girls.

By Mr Nyamunda (Coach and Manager ISSA Volleyball 2019)

Prefects 2019

At the beginning of every year we make the same resolutions we failed to realise from the previous year. Every year we say, "This is my year", and every year we end exactly where we started. This year will be different. This is 2019 - the year of our School Prefects. This year our recipe to success is more than just general spirit or revival of the school. This year our key ingredient is Involvement. We will be on the sports field, in the classroom, centre stage and in the boardroom to hear all of your voices, discuss them and make positive change. Through involvement we will create more communication between parents, students and management so that we can all work together cohesively for greater improvement in 2019. Our vision is to get every student enjoy their school journey and be happier.

This year we pledge to be open minded and considerate of every person's ideas and situations when devising plans for future development. We pledge to represent all students of the school community fairly and justly. This year we pledge to make 2019 a year for the history books - the International School of South Africa is the place to be.

The prefect body would like to **thank everyone** for their support. We hope that we will continue to work together for all future endeavours.

By The Prefect Body.

Interhouse Bridge Building 2019

Bridge Building is one of the exciting events on our annual school calendar. We decided to hold this event in the first term to allow us time to prepare for the Provincial Competitions which are usually held in May. The main purpose of this contest is to promote three key life skills:

- Teamwork
- Communication
- Problem-solving

As a school, this speaks to our motto of "holistic education" and a quest to produce a "life-long learner". Bridge Building at our school is run in two age groups which are Juniors (Form 1 – 4) and Seniors (Form 5 – 6). We strongly encourage gender equality in the participating teams. Each team consists of four members. In this competition, the task was to build the strongest bridge using the given resources which includes twenty-five sticks, glue, pegs and strings. Each team receives identical materials and work within the same time frame of three hours.



Our competition started at 12:00 with the actual construction of the bridges and ended at 16:50 when we broke the last structure. Perhaps the moral of this event is that "creating is more difficult than destroying". It took the students a lot of time to construct but only a few minutes to test (break) their structures.

We congratulate the Hawks Team for winning the competition. They managed to maintain their top spot from last year. They were closely followed by the Eagles in the second position and the Falcons in the third position.



We would like to thank all participants for their courage in taking up the challenge to represent their houses. We also extend our gratitude to Mr Eddie Van Der Heiden for his generous support of our school for being the judge for our competitions since we relaunched the event in 2009. He is a great inspiration to our students. We cannot conclude this report without extending our sincere gratitude to Mr Ben Mthimunye who worked tirelessly with the students to make the competition a success.

Senior Debating

On Monday, 3 March 2019, the senior students of the International School of South Africa battled it out in the debating arena (theatre) to be titled the reigning champions of debate. There were three bloody battles.

Round 1: Falcons vs Eagles

On the topic: “teachers should be allowed to contact students via social media.

Sides clashed with impassioned speeches on the topics of predatory relationships by Kealeboga Molete of Eagles, socio-economic statuses by Tshepiso Ramodimoosi of Eagles and integration of technology within education by Talitha Taruvona of the Falcons. But ultimately, the Eagles came out victorious.

Round 2: Hawks vs Falcons

On the topic: “Celebrities get away with more crime.”

The Hawks swung first with a rigorous argument laying bare how idolising celebrities lead to ignoring their crimes. However, the Falcons punched back noting that the justice system was designed to treat all members of society fairly. A flurry of punches ensued with names like R.Kelly and Oscar Pistorius dropped. The battle continued for five speeches until a knockout rebuttal from Nkosi Titus of Hawks, ultimately winning them that battle.

Round 3: Eagles vs Hawks

The Eagles were back this time taking the proposition stance for the topic, “Teachers should be allowed to contact their students via social media.” This was a tight battle. Teeth were knocked out by Resego Musarwe of Hawks and blood being drawn by Tanatswa Nemato of Eagles. Students were on the edge of their seats until finally...

Eagles were named champions!

We congratulate our first time speakers: Bontle Bereng, Talitha Taruvona, Songobele Mulenga, Tiyamike Kawuloka, Nkosi Titus, Clio Gabriel, Thato Motsatsi, Joseph Zirimenya

And a special mention to our Best Speakers:

1st – Tshepiso Ramodimoosi

2nd – Thato Motsatsi

3rd – Resego Mosarwe

We look forward to the upcoming Junior Debating and we hope the students will continue to sharpen their analytical as well as oratory skills which will usher them to the world of the 21st Century.

By Tanatswa Nemato and Tshepiso Ramodimoosi (U6)

The Commerce Department at ISSA

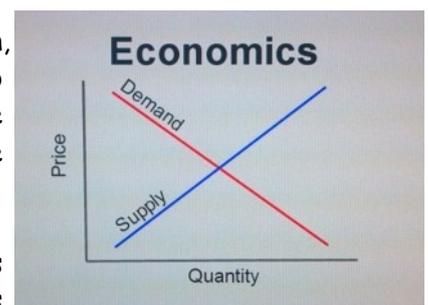
The Commerce Department at ISSA consists of the following three departments:-

Economics

Economics is a social science that deals with the study of the production, distribution and consumption of goods and services. The subject has two broad branches namely micro-economics where the unit of analysis is the individual agent (such as a household or firm) and macro-economics where the unit of analysis is an economy as a whole.

Studying Economics enables us to learn more about how the world works as it helps us gain knowledge about the impact that decisions have on firms, industries and nations.

Economics is taught at IGCSE, AS and A Level by Dr A. Bosman.



Business Studies/Business



Business Studies is a subject that deals with the operation and organisation of modern business enterprises. The subject covers each feature of a business firm, such as how a firm will be affected in different business situations. The main areas of study in the subject include business organisations, their various features, structure and functioning, marketing, operations management, human resource management.

Business Studies is taught at IGCSE by Mrs N. Buys and Mr D. Ncube. Business is taught at AS and A Level by Mrs N. Buys.

Accounting

Accounting is a branch of mathematical science that is concerned with the financial information about a business entity to users such as shareholders and managers. The financial communication that is studied under the subject is generally in the form of financial statements that show in the terms of money the economic resources under the control of the management. Studying Accounting enables a student to learn and discover the various causes of successes and failures of different business enterprises.

Accounting is taught at IGCSE, AS and A Level by Mr D. Ncube.



Upcoming Events

15th – 16th March: Arts Festival

16th March: Brebner U15 and U17 Tournament @

22nd – 24th March: International School of South Africa U19 Basketball Festival

27th March: 18:00 for 18:30 V-Show (Talent show)

29th March: Last day of term. Reports issued. **08:30 Parent Teacher Conference Form 1 – A Level**

29th March: TedX Mafikeng

Yours Faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Ms Y Makhan'.

Ms Y Makhan
Acting CEO/HeadTeacher: Senior School