



International School Yangon Newsletter

November 6 (Friday), 2009.

Our Mission for the school year of 2009-2010 is the International School of Yangon is a community that is committed to excellence. We inspire students with a challenging, international education, based on an American curriculum, in a nurturing learning environment that promotes responsibility and respect. We aim to develop socially engaged, self-motivated, creative, compassionate individuals who will be a force for positive change in their communities and the world.

From the Desk of the Director

Dear ISY Community,

As usual we have numerous events happening at ISY for the students and faculty. Please watch our calendar for all of the events in November. This week we have a professional development day on Thursday afternoon November 5th for our faculty. School is in session until 11:30 a.m. for the students. Friday, November 6th is a school holiday.



For those parents, students, and Board members who are on our school wide committees, we have our committee meetings beginning at 3 p.m. on Monday, November 9th. Please contact your committee chair person for the location of the committees.

We have a school Board meeting beginning at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 10th in the ISY library. Parents and students are always welcome to attend.

This week our 8th grade students and teachers returned from the Week Without Walls trip to Bagan. We had a Model MUN students and teachers return from a conference in Cairo. Our volleyball players and coaches headed out to Bangkok yesterday for the SEASAC tournament. Today we have our soccer players and coaches going to Jakarta for the SEASAC tournament. Good luck to ISY! We have our 6th grade and 7th grade WWW trips scheduled to go on their adventures in the upcoming weeks.

When you add all of the activities together along with all of the activities and instruction going on in the classrooms, you can see that we have a very busy and vibrant campus.

Thank you to everyone for your continuous support of your children and of our efforts to provide a world class education at ISY.

Sincerely,

Tim Travers

Interim Director

SPORTS NEWS

ILBC will be hosting a swim meet on Saturday November 21 at the Kokkine swimming pool from 10:00am -

1:00pm. Age groups for the event are for both boys and girls Under 10, Under 12, Under 14, 15 and above (open for HS). The following races will be held Breaststroke, Backstroke, Freestyle, Butterfly, Individual Medley, Relay-if enough members of the same age group are available. If you are interested please see Mr. T Just for a permission slip and more information.



Middle School / High School

Greetings parents and community members,



I am returned from an enriching and rewarding trip with the Eighth grade students in Bagan. Learning about Myanmar history firsthand, with an enthusiastic and energetic group of 36 students, was a wonderful experience. Their concern for the historical parts of Myanmar and the traditions and culture of the country were obvious. I was delighted to see how well they attended to the needs of the rural school we visited and enjoyed how they spent time with the younger students. While there, we contributed funds for a scholarship so two needy students could continue their education at the school. Any ISY community member would have been very proud of the efforts and compassion of our grade eight team. Kudos to all the students for a job well done on the whole trip. Big thanks to U Win, our Myanmar Studies expert and trip coordinator, for making everything run so smoothly.

On Wednesday the HS held a Pep Rally at lunchtime to see off the SEASAC varsity teams to Bangkok (Volleyball) and Jakarta (Soccer). Our sports teams are very dedicated and active and this event gave them a chance to include all our students in the excitement of their trip. Good luck to the teams and coaches Mark Deragon, Nick Sturmey, Clark Stroupe and coach/Athletic Director Tom Just. Go Chinthes!

Upcoming trips include a High School Robotics Team on its way to Bangkok and the Grade seven trip to Kyaik Hto, both later this month. After the Holiday break in December, the entire HS will break from February 8-13 for the HS Week Without Walls trip. If your son or daughter is in HS you can look forward to their exciting experiential learning and community service activities during this week away from school.

Jim Gerhard

MS/HS Principal

Middle-High school Badminton Club with Mr. Nguyen and Ms. Florence Scheercousse every Saturday afternoon in the lower court! It will start on Saturday, November 14 from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. All welcome!

Japanese Parents Association International Day Organizational Meeting 16th November 2009 (Monday) 1:30pm ~ 3:00 pm, PTA room For Enquiry: Ms. Kiyomi Takehara Ph. 09 5034903

Meet with Mr. M&M

Although your children spend many hours at ISY every week, the time they spend at home doing school-related work is just as important. By helping your children learn and practice good study habits, you'll do a lot to help them succeed in school.

Have a set time to settle down:

Having the same start-time for homework every day promotes consistency. Many families have their children start their studies as soon as they get home from school. Others wait until after dinnertime. The key is to have a routine and to stick to it.

Create a study space:

Every family needs the basic "ingredients" for studying and doing homework: a workspace with good lighting, the tools needed to complete the work (e.g., paper, pencils, markers, ruler), basic reference materials available either online or in print (dictionary, encyclopedia, and atlas). Keeping all the materials in one area makes it faster and easier to get work done.



Turn off the distractions:

Your child's study area should be distraction-free during study/homework time. That means the TV, music, and computer games should be off—or out of view. Kids may say they have no trouble studying with the TV or music on, but studies show that distractions make it difficult for children to retain what they've learned.

Make day-by-day lists:

Keep track of what needs to be done by creating a daily check-off list, and posting it in a prominent place (e.g., on the refrigerator or another public space). Write in things that are due the next day, as well as longer-term work (such as upcoming projects or tests). Make a big deal out of every item crossed off.

Most of our ISY students love to do schoolwork. The key to high achievement is consistency. If you follow these tips, your children will be able to perform at their very best.

Mr. Martin-Muth, Elementary Principal

Greetings from the ISY athletic department

Middle school volleyball had their first match of the season at ISY on Wednesday against ILBC, it was a good learning experience for all involved. The next MS volleyball match will be Wednesday November 18 at ISY against ISM. Please stop by ISY to watch the action if you have the time.

High school soccer and volleyball are participating in their respective SEASAC tournaments this weekend. Soccer is in Jakarta while volleyball is in Bangkok. You might want to check out the SEASAC website (www.seasac.org) to see if they are keeping up to date information at either tournament.

As soon as the soccer and volleyball teams return, ISY jumps right into the second SEASAC season. Events that ISY could participate in during this season are boys and girls basketball, girls touch rugby as well as boys and girls tennis. The basketball teams have coaches in place but both rugby and tennis are in need of adult supervision. We have many interested students for both of these activities, but lack the coaches. If you know of anyone with experience in coaching tennis or touch rugby, ISY would love to hire them as a coach for the season.

As always, if you have the time, come and watch any of the sports teams during the school year, I know you will be thrilled at the ability of YOUR ISY athlete.

Please do not hesitate to contact me either here at school or by email at: tomjust@isy.net.mm if you ever have any concerns, comments or suggestions for the physical education program or the after school sports activities for both the middle and high school.

GO Chinthes!



International Day country Rep meeting

Wed., Nov. 11, at 3:00 in the MPR.

Only 3 weeks to go ...

See you there!

NOVEMBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
8 SEASAC Soccer / Volley Ball	9	10	11	12	13	14 8:00 ~ 12:00 PM TOEFL
15	16	17 Gr-7 Kyaik Hto Trip	18 Gr-7 Kyaik Hto Trip	19 Gr-7 Kyaik Hto Trip	20 Gr-7 Kyaik Hto Trip	21

CACMUN Conference

By Edward and U Seok

On the 20th of October, ten ISY Model United Nations delegates departed to Cairo, Egypt to represent our school at the 31st CACMUN conference. Unlike other trips that our school participated in, the Cairo MUN group travelled furthest away



from campus, giving ISY students

the chance of meeting other students from all over the world.

We met students from Azerbaijan to South Africa and from Sudan to Ethiopia. We had a fresh experience that opened our eyes in many different ways. During the tough but



fruitful three days of conferencing, we tackled different issues from the current world economic crisis, H1N1 pandemic, water disputes in Palestine and Israel, to the reformation of the Security Council. We were lucky enough to take some time out to visit the Egyptian Museum, the Great Pyramids of Giza, and have a sunset camel ride through the desert.



Although this trip may have been tiring, it was emotionally invigorating, innovative, and exciting. But most importantly, we all grew as individuals and we become very close as a group.

THERE IS A SEASACMUN IN KL, MALAYSIA IN MARCH 2010. FEEL FREE TO JOIN

OUR NEXT EXCITING JOURNEY TO MALAYSIA.



Change of Venue & Date for Winter Concert

The Winter Concert originally scheduled on the school calendar on Sedona has now changed to Dec. 9th 2009 at the Inya Lake Hotel.

