



International School Yangon Newsletter

October 30 (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 Parents and Students,



If you were unable to attend the International School Yangon An Evening of Lights last Saturday evening you missed a wonderful event. I just can't imagine how many hours went into planning this well orchestrated evening. Thank you in particular to Daw Roza and her planning committee Daw Mi Mi, Daw Wai Wai, Daw Hla Hla Nyunt, Daw Khin Myat Swe and all of the involved Myanmar parents for all of their hard work. Thank you to the Myanmar parents for their generous donations to make An Evening of Lights such a success. The food and performances were enjoyed by all. Thank you to the student groups who practiced and did such a fine job performing. Thank you our ISY art department for organizing the art displayed that evening. Thank you to Aye Lwin, U Lwin, Sonny and their crews for all of their hard work preparing for the event and cleaning up after the event. Thank you to everyone who made this night such a spectacular celebration of the Myanmar culture.

On another matter we have some changes to tell you about regarding the ISY school calendar. Due to a low turn out of teachers attending the EARCOS conference in Manila this year, we have decided to have school on Thursday, March 25 and on Friday March 26 rather than closing school as was shown on the school calendar. Previously these days were holidays for the students. March 29 will remain a holiday however. Also we have changed the ending date for the school year to Friday, May 28 rather than ending school at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, June 1 and asking students and teachers to come back after a weekend. High school graduation is now scheduled for Thursday, May 27. Attached you will find a revised yearly calendar.

Have a great weekend!

Sincerely,

Tim Travers
Interim Director

Meet with Mr. M&M

Hello Elementary Parents. We extend many thanks to the ISY Myanmar community for presenting us with "An Evening of Lights" last Saturday evening. It was a wonderful celebration of Burmese music, dance, crafts and food. The night sky was clear and beautiful. Our ISY high school students looked extremely classy in their traditional clothing and they did a superb job as hosts and dancers. The dance program, representing many of Myanmar's cultures, was extraordinary. My favorite part of the evening was the delicious food! There were many hundreds of very happy people in attendance. Can you imagine feeding that crowd?



I would like to invite everyone to visit the Elementary Art Show in the Art Annex (behind the administration building). It is a stunning collection of artwork produced by the elementary students in Ms. Hetherington's art classes. There is a wealth of remarkable artwork on display, in quite a number of styles and mediums. It is very inspiring and well worth the visit. If you are at school for any reason, be sure to stop by and enjoy the show!

We have a few more announcements of important events. The Halloween parade today was quite an occasion ...ghouls and goblins everywhere! We had a lot of fun. Everybody please remember that next Thursday, November 5 is an early dismissal day for students. We will not have lunch that day and students will need to be picked up at 11:40. Friday, November 6 is a holiday and there will be no school.

Thank you all very much very your support and enthusiasm. ISY is a great place for our students because of you. Please know that you are welcome to visit the office any time you have a concern or suggestion.

Mr. Martin-Muth, Elementary Principal

Japanese Parents Association

International Day
Organizational Meeting

16th November 2009
(Monday)

1:30pm ~ 3:00 pm,
PTA room

For Enquiry:
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**Middle-High school
Badminton Club with
Mr. Nguyen every Saturday
afternoon in the lower
court! It will start on
Saturday, November 14
from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. All
welcome!**

Greetings from the ISY athletic department,

Middle school volleyball has begun with approximately 50 students, sixth through eighth grade participating. A few matches have already been scheduled with the hopes of a few more to come before the season ending tournament on Saturday December 12 at YIS. Here are the dates for matches so far. November 18 against ISM @ ISY, December 2 against YIS @ ISY and December 9 against ISM @ ISY.

High school soccer is continuing their hard work and have had a few matches against some of the other International schools in town and look forward to a few more before heading to Jakarta for the SEASAC soccer tournament on the weekend of November 5-8. You can always read more about SEASAC on the ISY website. Or by going to www.seasac.org

High school volleyball had a “clean sweep” in the volleyball tournament last week with both the boys and girls taking first place in the “B” and “A” divisions. Both teams have gained an enormous amount of skill this season and continue to improve by playing as a team, two very important aspects of the game as they continue to prepare for the SEASAC volleyball tournament the weekend of November 5-8 being held in Bangkok

YISL(Yangon International Softball League) practices have begun with coaches Just and Deragon back at it again this year with high expectations for both squads in the very long YISL season. YISL runs from November until March at which time the teams will be ready for the SEASAC softball tournament being hosted by RIS on the weekend of March 20-22 Players that are trying out should check out the YISL rules and schedule posted on the ISY website. After you have signed in go to the high school section click faculty and then click on Tom Just and at the bottom of the page you can see the information.

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 Chinthies!

An Evening of Lights

On behalf of the ISY community, I wish to express my profound appreciation to our Myanmar families and friends for sponsoring the cultural event, 'An Evening of Lights'. Your personal commitment was incredibly helpful and made the event very successful. We are very grateful and appreciate all the work you put into the planning, organizing, setting up the facility for the evening, and for your generous contributions and time given for the event. The performance, the foods, and the crafts bazaar, all went into making this evening a memorable one.

*Thank you from all of us.
You truly did a wonderful job!!!!*

Daw Roza Win



OCTOBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
				SEASAC Soccer / Volley Ball Early Dismissal	SEASAC Soccer / Volley Ball NO SCHOOL	SEASAC Soccer / Volley Ball 7:30 - 1:30 pm SAT
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SEASAC Soccer / Volley Ball						8:00 - 12:00 PM TOEFL

2009-2010 International School Yangon Calendar

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * = Vacation or no school for designated students = Early Dismissal - Teacher Inservice () = Parent/Teacher Conferences-Early Dismissal | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> = Teacher Conference or Teacher Workday △ = Term BEGIN and END |
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<p>August 1New Staff Report to School</p> <p>August 3 Full Staff Orientation</p> <p>August 6 School Opens</p> <p>August 11 Board Meeting</p> <p>August 14PTA Welcome back Tea</p> <p>August 26 - 27..... ISY Open House</p> <p>September 7 No School - Labor Day</p> <p>September 8 Board Meeting</p> <p>September 16 PTA Meeting</p> <p>October 2End of 1st Quarter - 41 days</p> <p>October 5 - 9October Break</p> <p>October 13 Board Meeting</p> <p>October 14 PTA Meeting</p> <p>October 15 - 16Parent /Teacher Conference</p> <p>October 24 Myanmar Cultural Evening</p> <p>October 29 ES Candle Light Read Aloud</p> <p>November 4 PTA Meeting</p> <p>November 5Early Release</p> <p>November 6No School</p> <p>November 10 Board Meeting</p> <p>November 26 (½ day) Early Release – Thanks Giving</p> <p>November 27No School - Thanks Giving</p> <p>December 2 PTA Meeting</p> <p>December 5 International Day</p> <p>December 8 Board Meeting</p> <p>December 10Winter Concert (Sedona)</p> <p>December 18End of 2nd Quarter – 48 days</p> <p>December 21 – Jan 8No School - Holiday Break</p> <p>January 11 School Resumes</p>	<p>January 12 Board Meeting</p> <p>January 13 PTA Meeting</p> <p>January 23 PTA Kick Off Cook Out</p> <p>January 29 MS/HS Olympiad</p> <p>February 3 PTA Meeting</p> <p>February 9 Board Meeting</p> <p>February 15No School - President’s Day</p> <p>February 27 PTA Annual Fund Raising Dinner</p> <p>March 3 PTA Meeting</p> <p>March 9Board Meeting</p> <p>March 12End of 3rd Quarter – 44 days</p> <p>March 18Parent/Teacher Conferences</p> <p>March 29No School - EARCOS Conference</p> <p>April 6 Board Meeting</p> <p>April 7 PTA Meeting</p> <p>April 12 –16No School – Thingyan</p> <p>April 28 Spring Concert (Sedona)</p> <p>May 5 PTA Meeting</p> <p>May 11 Board Meeting</p> <p>May ? AGM</p> <p>May 27High School Graduation</p> <p>May 28Last Day of School Students – 47 days</p> <p>May 28Last Day of School for Teachers</p> <p>June 1Summer School Begins</p> <p>In-service dates will be announced.</p> <p><i>Events on the 2009-2010 school calendar are subject to change. Changes will be noted on quarterly student-parent calendars and School Newsletters.</i></p>
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