For ATTENDANCE concerns, please contact the HS Office (Sam Ramos or Laurie Atilano) Tel: 840 8650 / 840 8653 Email HSOffice@ismanila.org

For **GUIDANCE** concerns, please contact Bella, Eloisa or Jasmin Tel: 840-8655 / 840-8660

Dear Parents.

The last few days have seen the high school halls alive with the sound of dance, drama and artistic endeavors, as ISM hosts IASAS Cultural Convention 2013. If you have any time available to watch some of the fabulous performances, then please check out the IASAS schedule. You will not be disappointed. The ISM Drama performance, an original piece of work, set during the Japanese occupation of Manila during World War Two, will close the convention at 2:20pm on Saturday. The URL for the live feed is: http://community.ismanila.org/livestream/

You will find in this bulletin a status report of ISM's college acceptances. We provide this list of where our seniors have applied and been successful at this time of the year, so that you can get a sense of how well the Class of 2013 is doing and also as one measure of how well we are doing as a school. I am very pleased to report that we are delighted with our acceptances to date.

The senior class has been very busy as much of their IB work has culminated in final internal assessments being due. The good news is that in almost all cases the internal assessment is completed and students can now focus on IB Mock Exams, which start on March 20th and of course the actual IB/AP exams, which start on May 2nd.

At this time of the year there are many high school activities on the go, here is a selection:

No Homework weekend this weekend

MAP testing will start on Monday March 4th

Battle of the Bands Finals – Saturday March 9th.

BEIMUN – our MUN students will attend the Beijing MUN Conference – March 13-17

IASAS Softball exchanges March 15-17

ISM track meet March 16th

ISM Vex Robotics Team in Bangkok - March 21-24

The most important task of an international school administrator is to staff the school with the very best teachers that can be sourced from around the world. Again I am very pleased to report that the HS is now fully staffed for next school year with an incredibly talented group of new teachers. We are always sad to say goodbye to teachers and I will comment on departing teachers in a later post, but I did want to take this opportunity to briefly introduce our new hires for August 2013.

ALICIA DUELL - HS Library Media Specialist coming from Chicago, USA

IAN DUELL - HS Social Studies husband of Alicia

HAI HO - HS Math - coming from Suzhou, China

PRADEEP MALIK - HS Physics, coming from Bangkok

RACHEL MALIK - HS English, wife of Pradeep

ANDREW MAWER- HS Chemistry, coming from the UK

PETER REEH- HS Physics, coming from the UK

CHRISSANE ROSELEIP - HS Math, coming from Taipei, Taiwan

FRANSIEN HOWARTH - HS PE, coming from Bangkok

JAIME MARTINEZ- HS Math, coming from the ISM MS

Our next HS Parent Coffee will be on Tuesday, March 12. The general theme will be technology and the plan to have everyone in HS BYOD in SY 2013-2014. (In case you're not sure...bring your own device!)

Now, I'm off view the IASAS art and watch the next round of fabulous dance and drama.

Kind regards

William R. S. Brown High School Principal

HS CALENDAR:

Monday, March 4:

MAP Testing (Measures of Academic Progress)
IB2 Theater IA Orals

Tuesday, March 5:

MAP Testing
IB2 Theater IA Orals
IB2 Film Production Portfolio DUE

Wednesday, March 6:

Student Late Start MAP Testing IB2 Theater IA Orals Academic Bowl (Brent)

Thursday, March 7:

MAP Testing
IB2 Theater IA Orals
IB2 Computer Science Dossier Draft Due

Friday, March 8:

MAP Testing IB2 Theater IA Orals SIP 3

UPCOMING EVENTS:

March 12: HS Parent Coffee 9:30am (LT)

March 20-March 27: IB2 Mock Exams (schedule

posted at the end of bulletin)

March 19-March 20: Gr. 9 Geography Field Trip March 28-April 9: School Holiday—No School

MESSAGE FROM THE FINANCE OFFICE:

Dear ISM Parents:

This is a reminder to please view and check the ISM Web Online at http://community.ismanila.org/d/2/ for the latest update on your billing statement and settle any remaining balance of account(s).

Please note that the 2nd semester Tuition fee for SY2012-2013 was due last December 07,2012 while other school fees on your billing statements are already due as billed. For those who haven't settled yet, we appreciate your immediate settlement of the accounts.

For related billing and payment questions including any username and password concerns, please call **840-85-22**/ **840-85-06**/**840-85-12** and look for RHODA VILLA (Accountant) or MARISSA DULAY(Treasury Supervisor) and Elmer Esguerra (Cashier). You can also email us at villar@ismanila.org or dulaym@ismanila.org. and esguerrae@ismanila.org.

FROM THE COUNSELING OFFICE:

A group of 18 US universities representing the Colleges That Change Lives will be participating in a College Fair on Monday, March 4, during lunch in Lofthouse C. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend.

"Colleges That Change Lives" is a designation given to 40 selected liberal arts universities that are widely recognized for changing positively the lives of their students and exceeding the lvy League and major universities in producing winners. These schools were first identified in Loren Pope's book Colleges That Change Lives in 1996. CTCL colleges focus on teaching as well as providing a supportive community for their students. In the introduction to the second edition of his book, Pope wrote "This book will help youths of many levels of academic aptitude find catalytic colleges that will change their lives, help them find themselves, raise their aspirations, and empower them." Come and learn more about these powerful universities that may be a great fit for your child. You can also visit their website at www.ctcl.org.

Additionally, one of the CTCL university representatives will present a session for parents on the value of a liberal arts education, 12:15-12:45 p.m. in Lofthouse C.



ISM hosts the 31st IASAS Cultural Convention (Art/ Dance/ Drama)! IASAS Cultural Convention: A Brief Guide to Performances

IASAS Cultural Convention has finally arrived and the first performances are staged on Thursday, February 27th. Here is a brief outline of the shows on offer. The information we have for each is limited to programs and conversations about technical requirements but this is what can be gleaned so far:

- ISM Dance- Nang Mamatay Ng Dahil Sa (To Die For): An exploration of females who when instrumental in the Philippines Revolution.
- AS Drama- Macbeth: One of Shakespeare's most well-known plays edited to 45 minutes
- SAS Dance- A piece responding to concentration camps during World War Two. (Sensitive subject matter; please consider age of students attending.)
- JIS Drama- A Harold: This is the name for a long form improvised performance so be prepared for anything! (Generally a comic storyline.)
- ISKL Dance- Mad As Hell: Looks at problems within society and promotes the idea that the public should be "Mad As Hell" rather than accept such things. (Sensitive subject matter explored; please consider age of students attending.)
- SAS Drama- Eat, Play, Love: A series of seemingly unconnected scenes that pull together around the title.
- ISB Dance- Noir: An exploration of film genre Noir which was popular in the 40's and 50's and its possible connections to today's world.
- ISKL Drama- The Ned Warriors: An example of the Futurist and Neo-Futurist genres. This type of theatre celebrates living in the present and demands that society throws tradition aside. A definite celebration of comedy with a sense of humor.
- TAS Dance- O2CO2- Our connection with oxygen and carbon dioxide. There are few details beyond pictures of bubbles and the tech details promise a great ending.
- ISB Drama- ex-POE-se- An expressionist- style play that explores the writing of Edgar Allen Poe. The director has said this is suitable for 13 years and above.
- JIS Dance- IODOS: One for keen scientists as states of matter, synthesis, displacement and decomposition are all represented through Dance.
- ISM Drama- Pearl of the Orient: An exploration of characters living through the Japanese occupation of Manila during World War Two. T
- Art Exhibition in Fine Arts Gallery: The variety of art on offer is too wide and varied to be summarized here so please pop in at any stage from the opening at 5.30pm on Thursday until 12.30pm on Saturday.

Below is a revised copy of the schedule. Please note that timing is precise and latecomers will not be admitted. House doors close 3 minutes before show begins:

AFTERNOON SHOW	TIMINGS	EVENING SHOW	TIMINGS
Theatre Opens	12.30pm	Art Exhibition Opening	5.30-6.25pm
ISM Dance performs	12.45-1.05pm	Theatre Opens	6.25pm
Set change	15mins	JIS Drama performs	6.40-7.25pm
TAS Drama performs	1.20-2.05pm	Set change	7.25-7.40pm
Set change	15mins	ISKL Dance performs	7.40-8.00pm
SAS Dance performs	2.20-2.40pm	Hosts pick up delegates at FAT	8.00pm
Theatre cleared	By 2.55pm		

	DAY TWO:FRIDAY, 1* OF MARCH					
AFTERNOON SHOW	TIMINGS	EVENING SHOW	TIMINGS			
Theatre Opens	1.25pm	Theatre Opens	6.25pm			
SAS Drama performs	1.40-2.25pm	ISKL Drama performs	6.40-7.25pm			
Set change	15mins	Set change	15mins			
ISB Dance performs	2.40-3.00pm	TAS Dance performs	7.40-8.00pm			
Theatre cleared	By 3.15pm	Hosts pick up delegates at FAT	8.00pm			

AFTERNOON SHOW	TIMINGS	EVENING	TIMINGS
Theatre Opens	12.30pm	Hosts pick up delegates at FAT	8.15pm
ISB Drama performs	12.45-1.30pm		
Set change	15mins		2
JIS Dance performs	1.45-2.05pm		
Set change	15mins	***	
ISM Drama performs	2.20-3.05pm		

If you can't make it to ISM to catch these shows, tune into the live feed here: https://sites.google.com/a/ismanila.org/iasas-cultural-convention-art-dance-drama-2013-ism/

IASAS AUDIENCE CODE OF CONDUCT

While we welcome the ISM community to enjoy these performances and the Art Exhibition, we would appreciate you taking into consideration the following recommendations:

BE ON TIME: You will notice that timings are very precise. This is because the theatre is in use the whole day for technical rehearsals. There is no time allowance for lateness. With this in mind you must arrive before the start time. Latecomers will be refused access, even if you have a child performing.

SWITCH IT OFF: These plays are the culmination of months of hard work, please turn all phones off. It is an expectation of all audience members to adhere to this. You will not be able to leave to take a call during any performance. IASAS is very serious about this rule and it is considered the height of bad manners to admit audience members who are not aware of this. We want to make a good impression as the hosts and lead by example.

NO PHOTOGRAPHY: We have a team of student photographers and a photography expert taking photos. We are also videoing all performances and copies of these will be available via the Fine Arts Office. Flash photography is distracting. **CONSIDER CONTENT:** These performances were developed with HS audiences in mind. While most performances are family friendly, we advise discretion when bringing MS audience members to watch. The ISB Drama group has already advised that their performance on the Saturday morning is not suitable for those students less than 13 years of age. MS students, who want to watch JIS Dance and ISM Drama, will be admitted to the theatre at 1.30pm.The ISKL Dance and SAS Dance also address sensitive issues that will require parental guidance for those under 13.

FROM THE COUNSELING OFFICE:

SUBJECT: Grade 11 Parent/ Counselor Meetings

Dear Grade 11 Parents,

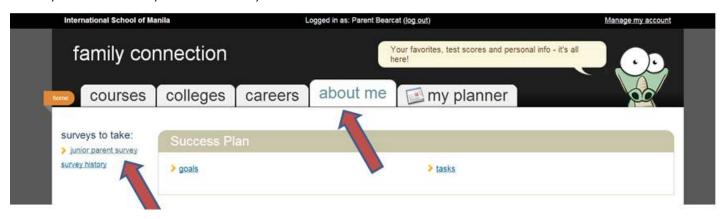
In March and April, the counselors will begin accepting appointments with all grade 11 parents to discuss and plan for life after ISM, including individual goals and criteria for college selection. These meetings will include the parents, student, and counselor. Appointments should be made at a time convenient for everyone to attend, typically before or after school or when the student has a Study Hall or other free period. Meetings are expected to last 45-60 minutes and will be scheduled only after the parent has completed the Junior Parent Survey in Naviance: Family Connection.

To make an appointment or get instructions about accessing Naviance: Family Connection, please contact Bella Velasco at 840-8655.

Sincerely,

Grade 11/12 Counselors

Lisa Ball, David Birchenall, Jennifer Melton, and Curt Nichols



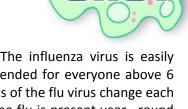
FROM THE CLINIC:



TIME TO SIGN UP FOR THE 2013INFLUENZA VACCINATIONS

Vaccination Day -March 13th Wednesday Last day to sign up/pay- March 6th Wednesday Price Php - 480.00

Vaccine – GSK Influenza vaccine



Influenza or commonly known as 'flu' 'trangkaso' is caused by the influenza virus. The influenza virus is easily transmitted through things you touch or in the air we breathe. Flu vaccine is recommended for everyone above 6 months old. Getting the flu shot should be done annually because the circulating strains of the flu virus change each year, hence the composition of the vaccine is updated annually. For tropical counties the flu is present year -round with peaks during the months of July – September.

Everyone with a valid ISM ID may participate in this vaccination session. Order forms are available at the Cashier office or by visiting the Clinic. Please complete the form and make your payment to the Cashier. Payment for these vaccinations must be made to the cashier department by no later than Wednesday 6th of March .The vaccines will then be ordered and no further registrations will be accepted.

If you would like to discuss the vaccine or have any questions please contact Jowell Custodio or Claudette Bekedam Clinic direct number: 840 8581/82 at the Clinic. Email: clinic@ismanila.org

FROM THE ATAC OFFICE:

3rd Season sports practice schedules (Badminton, Softball, Track & Field and MS Mixed Touch) is available...see practice schedule via the ATAC blog schedules pages or school notice boards

http://atac.ism-online.org/schedules/hs/

IASAS Track and Field April 10-14. Housing letters for the IASAS Track and Field event are now available via the ATAC blog please sign up early to house a visiting track athlete in April. We need to house 150 athletes. Teams arrive the day we return from spring break so deadline for return of letters is March 15th in order for us to confirm all housing assignments prior to the holiday starting. For general information about housing at IASAS tournaments see the housing and hosting page....http://atac.ism-online.org/iasas/iasas-housing/

ISM Summer Sports Camps information will be coming out next month. Announcements will be placed in the parent bulletins and all information will be available on the summer camps page on the ATAC blog. Stay tuned for more information next month!

Today after school March 1 our girls jv and varsity softball teams will play Brent at the MS field. Games start from 3:30pm

Friday March 8 is the ISM Twilight Track meet with Brent and Faith. Meet starts at 3:15pm and runs till about 7:30 pm. We need some parents to volunteer for timekeeping/marshalling duties if you can assist please contact pekinm@ismanila.org

Saturday March 2 is the second Track meet of the year at Brent for our MS/HS track and field teams. Good luck to all competitors.

ISM Aquathon sponsored by the Sailfish Swim Club is this Saturday check the sailfish webpage for details.

A great way to stay in touch with the ISM ATAC program is to subscribe via RSS feed to the ATAC blog and also to follow via twitter (see twitter feed on the blog home page). Each Monday I will post the weeks happenings and highlight important events for students and parents information on the ATAC blog and in the regular Friday parent bulletins.

GAME SCHEDULE PDF: (access to game schedule information) Information about all mid-week/weekend fixtures for ISM teams can be found via the ATAC blog. Please note the game schedule does change often due to involvement with many local schools so please check the page regularly to find out the latest information of where and when the Bearcats teams are playing. Click on schedules tab or the Bearcat logo to be directed to the power school secure site

http://powerschool.ismanila.org/public/

You will need your power school user name and password to access the game schedule pdf.

HS Student registration for ATAC activities: (new for school year '12-13) A Google doc registration is now available for all HS students who will take part in any ATAC seasonal sports teams, MUN and Cultural Convention programs. Please take the time to complete this online registration for activities that you plan on joining this school year. Please access the form via the HS Student Registration tab found under the Helpful Shortcuts bar on the ATAC blog home page. *please note this is for HS students only and you must use your school email addresses to access the link. Personal gmail or hotmail addresses will not allow you to access the page.

BEARCAT DEN: http://atac.ism-online.org/bearcat-den/

Our Bearcat Den is open for business, please drop by to check out the range of Bearcat products. We have a great team of volunteers who run the den and are always looking for more people to help out. If you are interested in joining a fantastic group please contact any of our den members during den opening hours. We have a new volunteer coordinator thanks so much to Carolyn for stepping forward to take on this role. If your interested in joining the Den volunteers please contact Carolyn Ching for details carolynqching@yahoo.com. We are always looking for new volunteers and encourage parents from ES/MS to join our group.

Regular Opening Hours for the Bearcat Den: Wed and Fridays from 11:30am – 1:00pm and each afternoon from 2:30-4pm.

FROM ADMISSIONS & ADVANCEMENT OFFICE:

Dear Parents,

Please be reminded that keeping your contact information updated is vital to facilitating communication with the school. If you would like to view/change any of the details on your current record, simply follow the steps below.

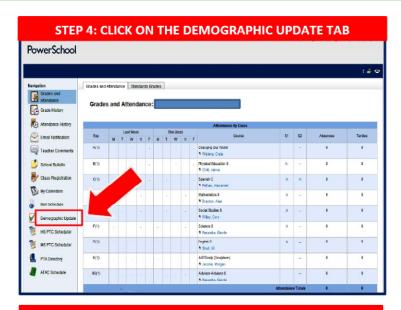
- STEP 1: GO TO www.ismanila.org
- STEP 2: GO TO QUICKLINKS AND CLICK POWERSCHOOL



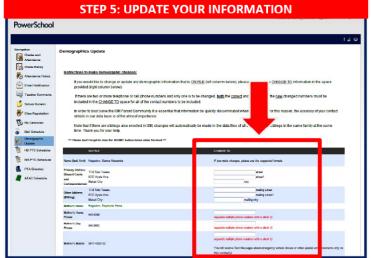
• STEP 3: LOGIN



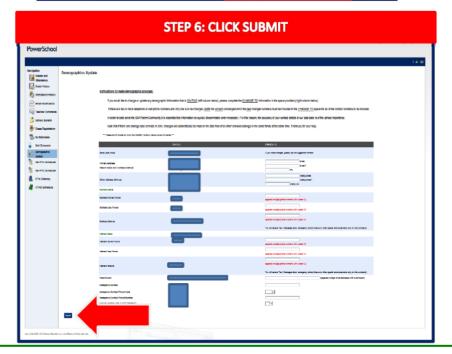
• STEP 4: CLICK ON THE 'DEMOGRAPHIC UPDATE' TAB



• STEP 5: UPDATE YOUR INFORMATION



• STEP 6: CLICK 'SUBMIT'



Withdrawal Procedure for Students Leaving ISM

For those students who will be withdrawing from International School Manila this year, the following procedure applies:

Parents are obliged to inform the School <u>officially</u> through a WITHDRAWAL NOTIFICATION FORM, <u>before the second Friday of May</u>, if their children will not be returning to ISM.

Failure to do so will lead to a deduction of US\$1,000 from the Facilities Upgrade Deposit (FUD), in compensation for having held a space for the child and thus preventing the School from offering that space to another child prior to the summer holiday break.

The Withdrawal Notification Form can be obtained from the Admissions Office or directly from the ISM website www.ismanila.org under Admissions > Re-Enrollment & Withdrawal > Withdrawal

STEP 1: Return the <u>Withdrawal Notification Form</u> to the Admissions Office or scanned and e-mailed as an attachment to admissions@ismanila.org.

- Upon receipt of the <u>Withdrawal Notification Form</u> by the Admissions Office, a copy will be forwarded to the appropriate School Office and the Finance Office for their action.
- The School Office, upon receipt of the <u>Withdrawal Notification Form</u>, will initiate the student clearance procedure which requires a Middle or High School student to have the <u>Student Clearance Slip</u> signed by the indicated teachers and offices for clearance. For Elementary students, the Elementary Office will handle the withdrawal clearance.
- Note that school transcripts and records will be available from the particular school office approximately fifteen working days after the child's last day of attendance at ISM. Please coordinate directly with the particular School Office if you require other arrangements.

STEP 2: If required, and when completed, the <u>Student Clearance Slip</u> must be taken to the Cashier's Office. Only <u>after</u> the Cashier has received and signed the completed clearance form will the child's transcript or school records be released from the Elementary, Middle or High School Office. Please note that <u>one</u> copy of the transcript is provided free of charge, additional copies cost P100 each, payable at the Cashier's Office before release. Please coordinate directly with the particular School Office if you require more than one copy of school records.

STEP 3: In order to receive your Facilities Upgrade Deposit or FUD (formerly the Special Project Deposit) refund, the following must be submitted to the **Cashier's Office:**

- 1) Signed Student Clearance Slip
- 2) Signed Facilities Upgrade Deposit Certificate

Please note that the FUD refund will not be released before your child's last day of school and may take up to thirty (30) days. Only the person whose name appears on the FUD Certificate may claim the refund at the Cashier's Office. Please call the Cashier at 840-8506 if you have questions regarding your FUD Certificate.

Please allow the withdrawal process to go smoothly by starting the process early. Thank you for your help and understanding.

If you will be withdrawing before the end of the school year and wish to receive your child's YEARBOOK please submit the appropriate form to the School Office. The forms are available through the web site: Admission > Re-Enrollment & Withdrawal>Withdrawal

Elementary School Yearbook: <u>ALAALA</u>
 Middle School Yearbook: <u>SALINLAHI</u>
 High School Yearbook: <u>KAWAYAN</u>

Sincerely,

Stephanie H. HagedornDirector of Admissions & Advancement admissions@ismanila.org

University/ College Acceptances As of February 28, 2013

Aberystwyth University (2) The American University of Paris

The Arts University College at Bournemouth Wallisdown

Aston University

Ateneo de Manila University (4)

Bath Spa University (2) University of Bath Boston College

Bournemouth University (2) University of Brighton (2)

University of British Columbia (10) University of California at Irvine (3) California Lutheran University University of Cambridge (2)

Capital University
City University (2)
Coventry University
Drexel University
University of Dundee
Durham University
University of East Anglia

Eckerd College

Edinburgh Napier University University of Edinburgh (3)

Elon University University of Exeter George Mason University Georgetown University

Georgia Institute of Technology (2)

University of Glasgow Heriot-Watt University (3) University of Hertfordshire

Hofstra University University of Hong Kong

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (10)
Imperial College of Science, Technology, and Medicine

Johnson & Wales University Kwantlen Polytechnic University

Lancaster University (2)
University of Leeds (6)
University of Leicester
University College London (3)
Loughborough University
Loyola Marymount University
University of Manchester (6)
University of Mary Washington

McGill University

Michigan State University (3) University of Michigan

New York University

New York University - Abu Dhabi

The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (2) Pennsylvania State University, University Park (5)

University of Pennsylvania (2) University of the Philippines (2)

Purdue University (4)

Queen Mary, University of London Royal Holloway, University of London

Saint Louis University, Madrid

Salisbury University
University of San Francisco
Santa Clara University

Savannah College of Art and Design (2)

School of Visual Arts University of Sheffield Skidmore College Smith College Sophia University

University of Southern California

University of St. Andrews Stanford University Stetson University University of Stirling (2) University of Surrey University of Sussex Syracuse University

University of Tennessee, Knoxville

Tufts University

University for the Creative Arts at Canterbury

University of Kent (4) University of Oxford

University of the Arts London University of Warwick (2) University of Waterloo (4)

The University of Western Ontario University of Westminster (2)

Wheaton College

University of Wisconsin, Madison

Yale NUS College Yale University York University University of York (3)



