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Principal Message:



Welcome back to a new school year! This year, while I was visiting home, I was fortunate to spend some time with a Native American storyteller where I learned the story of how the Pacific Northwest Tribes came together to push up the sky. In the story, the tribes had to learn to work together with a common goal and a common mission to *yahoot* (lift) the sky, which was too low for them to walk without bending. The tribes came together to lift the sky together and create a space to stand tall. This year it will take all of us working together, like the tribes did. Parents, students, teachers, and school staff, we will come together to make 2021-22 a great school year.

I'm excited to be back with you this year, and I look forward to welcoming students back to our campus very soon.

Assist Principal Message: Mr. Robert Marto



Welcome to the 2021-2022 school year at Al-Bayan International School. I'm honored to facilitate the academic, personal, social, and emotional growth of all middle and high school students this academic year. Similarly, I'm eager to ensure that each student develops the college and career readiness skills essential for real-world success. At BIS, we believe that a student-centered, whole-child approach will best prepare students to achieve their potential and maximize their learning experience. Our diverse and talented team of international educators are committed to providing differentiated instruction and relevant assessments to best meet the individual needs of each student.

Building strong partnerships with BIS staff, families, and community members are key components for achieving student success. In particular, I look forward to collaborating with school stakeholders to support Al-Bayan International School's mission, objectives, common expectations, and good habits. Most importantly, our middle school and high school team will foster a safe and welcoming environment for students and families, and consistently empower students to thrive academically, develop character, and make a positive community impact.

I look forward to working with you throughout the 2021-2022 academic year to yield continued success in our Middle and High School programs!

Dates to Remember & Important Notes:

MS/HS Orientation for online learning on Tues. Aug 31 at 7 pm. Whole School Orientation Drop-in on Thurs. Sept 2 from 1- 3 pm. Links will be sent later.

Online Classes: Sept 5 - Sept 23

Family Orientation for in-person learning on Sun. Sept. 19 till Thurs. Sept. 23, more details to come out soon.

First Day of On Campus Learning Sunday Sept 26

HS Counselor: Mr. Mohamed AlSabawi



Mr. Mohamed is from Canada. He will be the high school counselor at BIS. He graduated from the University of Victoria in Canada with a Masters in Educational Psychology.

He has worked with special needs children in Canada and has worked in schools in Kuwait.



MS Generalist: Mr. Brad Parker



Mr. Brad graduated from Brock University, he has 15 years of experience as an educator in both the private and public forums. He leads by example in his classroom as he himself loves learning and trying new things. He teaches with energy to foster students' naturally inquisitive nature.

Mr. Brad loves what he does and that shows through his enthusiasm and learning.

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Fairy Hub

We're excited to tell you that BIS is now using a new app/ website to help make the back-to-school supply list chore easier for our teachers and families. All students can buy their supply list through Fairyhub.

This will be available shortly and you will learn more from the school level administration.

Important Notes about COVID Vaccination



BIS Students who get the vaccine, please email the school nurse on felsy.robert@bis.edu.kw. heba.abouharb@bis.edu.kw.

Send her the vaccine note for confirmation.

Uniform Center

Student uniforms are mandatory for all BIS students. The new Uniform Center is located at BBS campus on Beirut Street, near gate 6. The Uniform Center will only be opened for pick up of the online ordered school uniform or for exchange. **You can exchange or pickup uniforms on Sat. 10 am – 3 pm or on Tues. 3:30— 6:30 pm.** Uniforms can only be purchased online, through the Uniform Center online portal. Please click here. We encourage you to start to prepare your child(ren) now to wear the uniform online, but it will only be required for in-person learning.



We are happy to announce the launch of BIS App!

Emails were sent to your emails.

Tips for Starting the School Year

From the Counseling Office

Use an Academic Planner

Get in the habit of writing assignments in them while you are still in class





Use Color Coding

This will allow you to see at a glance which classes require the most attention on a given day, week, or month. The colors work as an "eye opener" to focus your attention on what needs to be done.

Schedule Weekends

If you set aside blocks of time for work during the weekend you'll see clearly that there's plenty of time left for other things you want to do.

Set Up a Work Space

Prepare a space in which to work with a full set of supplies; this will be a real time and energy saver and will help prevent procrastination.

Consider Your Sound Track

Some people need white noise to concentrate effectively, others music, others complete silence. Know what works and let it work for you!



Start Small and Finish Big

It's always better to be ahead than to be struggling at the last minute!



Break down big projects into small, manageable parts—and give each one a deadline.

BIS Memory Book for SY 2020-2021 is available Now

You can get your memory book from BIS reception office, Ms. Masooda is available from 7:00 am - 2:30 pm from Sunday to Thursday. Payment is KD 15 cash only.

The 2021-2022 calendar is attached to this email and can also be found on the school's website.



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