



Note from the Principal's Desk

Dear students, staff and families,

I am thankful that so many of you came to our secondary parent/student meeting this week for high school pre-registering. We were glad to hand out our new Student Planner, update you on the high school staffing, next year's schedule and the process for pre-registration. We know that building an excellent academic program is our top priority and we hope that you see us building on success and adding more academic rigor. Family support is key to student success and I really appreciate your part in helping our students set their post-secondary goals.

I so enjoyed going to the BIS swim meet this past weekend and seeing the BAIS fan base cheering on our team. It is wonderful seeing the mixture of ages and the array of community supporting our students. Swimmers – you did a great job as you prep for the IISSAC swim meet!

We have ushered in fourth quarter this week and can't believe how quickly this 09-10 school year is flying by. Report cards will be heading home tomorrow.

I am sorry that a few of the AP dates were listed incorrectly in last week's BAIS Buzz. Here are the correct dates for this year's exams:

- Mon. May 3rd: US Government and Politics (8:00 am)
- Wed. May 5th: Calculus AB & BC (8:00 am)
- Thurs. May 6th: English Literature & Composition (8:00 am)
- Fri. May 7th: US History (8:00 am)
- European History (12:00 pm)
- Tues. May 11th: Chemistry (8:00 am)

In this BAIS Buzz we will be introducing a few of our new teachers. We celebrate that we have all of our teachers hired for next year and have been able to publish our schedule. Please go to our website to get the latest Buzz in Indonesian and Korean and, while there, check out next year's calendar and our Student Planner. Thanks for being part of BAIS.

Have a great weekend.
Sincerely,
Pete Simano, Director

MARCH

25 Third Quarter Report Cards Go Home

APRIL

2 Good Friday National Holiday

5-9 Easter Break

15 BAIS Gallery Night

16 Fine Art Festival/ Half Day/ Spring Concert

17-18 IISSAC Swim and Cross Country at NJIS Jakarta

19-23 Stanford Testing

30 Fourth Quarter Progress Reports Go Home

New Staff Brief



Steven and Paula Newell and their family will be arriving at BAIS from Pennsylvania where they both have been teaching at a Christian academy. They have four children: Andrew, 17 who will be a senior; Tori, 13, who will be entering 8th grade; Reba, 10, who will be entering 6th grade and Will, 7, who will be entering 2nd grade. Mr. and Mrs. Newell both coach and sponsor different clubs at their current school. Andrew plays basketball and soccer, and plays the guitar and sings. He is a member of the school's praise

band and drama club. Tori plays volleyball and basketball and has a great desire to be involved in music and drama. Reba loves to read and looks forward to playing basketball; and Will is a typical playful 1st grader. They are all VERY excited to come and be a part of the BAIS family later this summer. Mr. Newell will be our new Chaplain, Spanish and 9th grade Bible teacher. Mrs. Newell will be teaching European History, be our new Activities Coordinator, and be doing pastoral counseling.



Hello, BAIS Community! My name is **Bryn Rice** (pronounced "Brin"), and I am the new vocal music instructor. A native of East Tennessee, I am currently finishing my Bachelor of Music in Music Education degree at Tennessee Tech University (which is in the middle part of the state). I have to testify to God's omniscience - it is amazing how He has used my past experiences to lead me to BAIS. As I have learned to use my voice for His glory, He has continually taught me about worship. God has also given me teaching opportunities with students of all ages (from children's choirs at church to a collegiate men's chorus). Through these experiences, I have developed a passion to study and teach God's desire for

Spirit and Truth worship (John 4), and that is the passion that I prayerfully bring to BAIS. My other Christian interests include apologetics, Koine Greek, philosophy, and working together as Christ's Body. My leisure activities include reading, exploring the depths of classical music, and spending time outside in God's creation. Soli Deo Gloria!



Introducing **Amudhan and Hani Ramappa**: Hani and I come from two different background (Indonesia and India), very different cultural beliefs, but are made one in Christ. We are both graduates of Azusa Pacific University, and yes, that's where we met. I graduated in 2006 with Applied Computer Science and Hani graduated in 2008 with her MBA in International Business. We are now blessed with a baby boy Hananiah, born in June 2009, and he is thrilled to move to Indonesia. (actually, he doesn't have a clue). Moving to Indonesia is going to be the first big adventure for us as a family, and we are looking forward to see what God has in store for all of us, which includes you.

Hi! I'm **Clarissa Ribbens** and I'm very excited to begin teaching 1st grade at BAIS! I grew up in Alaska (my favorite place ever) with my wonderful family; Mom, Dad, Joel-21, Daniel-15. Right now I am living and subbing in Wisconsin to spend some time near my Midwestern relatives. I love being outdoors, exploring and traveling, being with people, reading, sports, and learning new things, especially history, biology, culture, geology, lit, and the arts. I'm very happy that God's path is taking me to a place which combines three things I love: teaching, experiencing foreign cultures and my faith.





David and Bethany Lytle are coming to us from Nashville, Tennessee. Mr. Lytle grew up as a TCK in Panama. He has a M.A. in History and a B.A. in Bible and History. Mrs. Lytle grew up in Alabama and is certified English teacher, having taught from 2005-2007 as well as this year. She has a B.A and a M.A. in English. They have a little boy, Issac, who is about 8 months old. Mr. Lytle will be teaching our high school AP History classes along with American Govt., Economics, and World History. Mrs. Lytle will be teaching English 9 as well as raising Issac. They are both excited to come to Indonesia.



Hi, my name is Yuhei Taguchi, and I am currently finishing up my Art and TESL degree at Trinity Western University, in Canada. My dream, from the moment I graduated BAIS, has been to teach. At that time, I wasn't sure where I would end up teaching, or whether I would actually become a teacher. But God has made that clear to me in the last few months, and I am very VERY excited to be able to teach at BAIS. I can't wait to see some familiar faces as well as meet new friends and come home.

BAIS Fine Arts Festival April 15th & 16th

BAIS is celebrating the arts during the 2009-2010 school year, and we would like to invite all families to appreciate, participate, experience and see creativity in our community at BAIS.



- *BAIS Gallery night - April 15th - 5pm*
All are invited to view the showcase of art going on at, and through, BAIS. Group work, individual created pieces, class projects, staff art work, local jewelry, spread of various cultural snacks, music and other performances will be displayed throughout the school during the evening. Starting at 5pm, we hope you will stop by to enjoy the art of our community. If any parents or students would like to share their created art on this night please contact Laura LaPierre, lauralapierre@baisedu.org
- *All School Fine Arts Festival Day*
This day is set aside specifically to enjoy, learn and experience art in new and known forms. As an all school activity, this annual event will use the whole day to focus on the fine arts. More updates to come about what your child will be participating in, regarding workshops etc.

Please contact Laura LaPierre or Josh Ransom for more information, and stay updated through info via BAIS Buzz