

Notes from the Director

Finals are almost upon us in secondary! It's hard to believe that the first semester is almost over. Students, try to get 8 hours sleep each night next week before testing and don't cram last minute for these exams. Eat a good breakfast and do your reviews, but you need to be well rested for the exams. We pray with you that the information that you have learned this year will easily be recalled and you will show on paper and in presentation what you have mastered. Elementary, have a great last week as you close up the quarter and celebrate Christ's birth in story and party.

We are happy to have Mr. and Mrs. Durham back in Kota Baru and we will have an update to their status available within the next week. Please continue to pray with us for healing for Mr. Durham.

Tonight is the annual Christmas program, and we look forward to hosting you in our MPR for a showcase of talent and celebration. This is always a highlight of my year, and I look forward to seeing the students perform.

We are excited to report that our accreditation self-study document is almost ready to go to print. As a whole staff and DAC, we have researched all of our practices, examined all of our policies and made a continuing school improvement plan (CSIP) for the next six years. The visiting accreditation team will arrive after mid-semester break to look at all of our documentation, interview us about any questions they have, and confirm if we are on track with our continuing school improvement plan. If the plan needs to be

adjusted, the team will let us know and add recommendations.

Lastly, we have hired our native Mandarin speaking teacher, Ms. Hermione Zhang. She will be joining us in August of 2012 and is coming to us from our sister school in Kunming.

She has never left China and is looking forward to working with us in Indonesia. Our plan is that Ms. Zhang will teach the advanced level classes at BAIS including advanced elementary, advanced middle school, and Mandarin 3 in the high school. Pak Alberd will continue with Mandarin 1 and Mandarin 2 in high school as well as pick up the intermediate level of middle school. Ibu Felly will teach beginning Mandarin I for preschool through 8th grade. Middle school will have three teachers for three sections next year (beginning, intermediate and advanced).

Please continue to have a great start of the Christmas season. I pray that you are blessed this holiday with good health, safety, and great fellowship as we reflect on the promise of Jesus.

Respectfully, Pete Simano, Director

DEC

9 Christmas Concert at 7 pm

14 Late Start

14 MS/HS Bible Exams
6th-7th Period

15-16 MS/HS Exams
Half Day for Secondary

16 Second Quarter Ends/Half Day

19 Christmas Break Begins

BEYOND BAIS... COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY NEWS

Save the Date: **Monday, December 12th at 3:30pm**

A representative will be here to talk about Singapore post high school options...featuring: Nanyang Fine Arts School and EASB, a school for hospitality and business. Come listen in the Lower Elementary computer lab.



MS SOFEFO CHRISTMAS

Come for games, Retreat Slide Show, Christmas carols, time with God,.....and a scavenger hunt!
Drop off at MCKINLEY'S and pick up at PVJ. You MUST be picked up by a parent at 6pm,
We will NOT allow any students to stay in PVJ alone.
Saturday, Dec. 10th, 4pm-6pm
All of YOU can come and bring a friend!



HS SOFEFO CHRISTMAS

It's an Ole Fashioned Christmas
at the Nagel's house
Saturday, Dec 10th, 4pm-6pm
Come dressed as your favorite Christmas movie character - Prizes for best dressed.
White Elephant gift exchange. See Mr. Berggren for more information.



SOFEFO survey

To all MS and HS parents and students:

Hi, Those of us on the SOFEFO team would like your input on the timing of SOFEFO. Is Saturday afternoon a good time? What would be better? We especially want to hear from students who aren't able to attend SOFEFO because of the schedule. We are eager to serve the MS and HS students the best that we can, so we would appreciate your input. **Please email clarissaribbens@baisedu.org with suggestions!**

Thanks,
~your SOFEFO team.



LIBRARY NEWS

Dear parents and students:

Semester break is almost here! That means that your library books will be due back to the library on the **16th of December** so that we can account for all of our books. Please make sure they're not late, so you don't have to pay any fines.

I would also like to let you know that the library will be open again from the 19th until the 22nd of December. It will then reopen on the 2nd of January. During those times, feel free to come by the library to check out books. This is a great time for students to read books over the break because they're bored. It's also a great time for parents to come and check out the many novels we have in stock. No need to buy books when you can just check them out! Finally, I would like to point out to you our new library system along with our library website. From your home computer, visit <http://library.baisedu.org>. From there, you are able to browse our catalog of books to see what the library has even before you come to BAIS. Students from 4th to 12th grade are also able to login to the website using their normal username and password that they use to login to computers at school. While logged in, students can place holds on books for either Ibu Pauline or me to prepare before you arrive at BAIS. A student can also click on the Destiny Quest link on the left hand side. Destiny Quest is designed for kids to take a look at the most popular books and the newest books in our library. There are many more features that can be used with our new system. We encourage you to explore the new website now! We also encourage you to read, read, and read!

Hope you have happy holidays!

From, Mr. Kelley, Librarian

GRADE 6 WINDOW

Starting Middle School can be a challenge, and Grade 6 has certainly risen to meet these demands and expectations. They are learning to work together and communicate well with their teachers. Highlights so far have been the field trip to the Kota Baru Sun Dial, and the team-building games that followed. They have also enjoyed a Middle School ice-skating excursion. Grade 6 is a fun-loving, confident, hard-working and talented class which has already performed for Elementary Story Book Day and the Poetry Out Loud competition. As a school community, we look forward to more contributions from Grade 6 to the life and spirit of BAIS!

Ms. Klevjer

PARENTS - ADVERTISING OPPORTUNITY AT SCHOOL!

We want to put a canvas (outdoor flexi) on two sides of our sports hall from where the blue wall ends to the ground for use during basketball season.

We want to offer this opportunity to 5 parents, at 1 juta each, advertising on this canvas for your business in support of the BAIS Eagles. We would love to have your company logo along with a saying for our BAIS athletes - like "Go BAIS EAGLES" or "CIMB Niaga supports BAIS athletics", etc.

Pak Diyan will be the contact for the money and the logo. You can write him at diyanyap@baisedu.org

ATHLETICS ACTIVITIES

Middle School Boys Soccer: The boys will have an end of season game this Saturday on the BAIS campus at 8am. Come and cheer our Eagles on!

High School Basketball: High School basketball officially begins January 11th, but optional practices have started! Please remember - if you plan on trying out for basketball, you MUST have a physical turned in to the athletic office by 3pm on January 11th. If one is not turned in, you will not be allowed to try out!

Blessings!

Paula Newell

Activities Director

Dear BAIS community,

I sent out a much detailed letter to our community this morning but in case you didn't receive it I would like to give you an update on the Durham family. With much prayer and seeking God's wisdom, we have talked together and wish to share the following with you:

- Mr. and Mrs. Durham and their family will leave mid January for the US to establish a new home and community for them
- Mr. Durham will be here the first week of second semester at school to say goodbyes, speak in secondary chapel, and help his classes get set up for second semester
- BAIS will hire a long-term sub with math experience to follow Mr. Durham's yearlong and lesson plans (hopefully they can overlap)
- BAIS is trying to get Mr. Durham set up as a Northstar teacher (the NICS online school) to continue to teach his advanced classes from the internet (this looks positive). The long term substitute can help with problems in class but Mr. Durham will continue to teach, grade, and be in e-mail contact with the students from afar.
- Mr. Cooley will host a special meeting by the end of next week with parents who want to know the second semester plans (including a long-term substitute teacher and Northstar). He will write you directly about this meeting.
- Many of you have asked about our BAIS insurance and we do have good insurance (Aetna) and the Durham family will continue with coverage (I know you are asking in love)

Families and students, please be assertive in saying your goodbyes and share your memories and how much each person means to you. The Durham family has their hope for the future (tomorrow, next week, next month, and the years to come) grounded in God's promises and in the saving grace of Christ (eternity with God without tears, pain and suffering). Mrs. Durham is looking forward to see God's beauty in what is to come. They have peace and asked that I share with you today. We have already talked to all the students. Please continue to pray for and with them.

Blessings, Mr. Simano