

## Notes from the Elementary Principal

Dear BAIS community,

We are excited to have you come to Open House this afternoon. We'll be beginning at 2pm sharp with a BAIS video so please come join us in the MPR (Multi-Purpose Room). I will be presenting but will also be based at a table with the BAIS School Climate Surveys. Please stop by and say "hi" as you pick up this year's Survey! I look forward to seeing/meeting you.

Next Friday, September 16th, is our first quarterly DIALOGUE WITH THE DIRECTOR (and administrative team, and Student Council Leadership team). Please join us in the BAIS Library from 7:45 - 9:30 am for a review of the following:

- **Testing summaries** for the 2010-2011 school year
- **Accreditation** update
- **RENWEB** update (and how parents will be trained for 2nd quarter)
- **Mandarin & Extended Day** update
- **Student Council** update
- **Dialogue** (chat/talk) with your about your questions and concerns

Student Council will be spear-heading (leading) **BAIS community work days** on Friday afternoon, October 14th and Saturday, October 15th to extend the Sports Hall cement floors two meters on the end, and 1.5 meters on the side facing the school. Student Council members are also inviting parents to join in "getting dirty and mixing cement" along well with staff members to toil with "grunt" work. We all recognize that we are in need of a parent (or two) willing to be in charge of **QUALITY CONTROL** and call the shots on leveling the cement and joining the old slab with the new one. Wesley McKinley ([wesleymckinley@baisedu.org](mailto:wesleymckinley@baisedu.org)), Ms. Blair ([jennieblair@baisedu.org](mailto:jennieblair@baisedu.org)) and/or Mr. Cooley ([danielcooley@baisedu.org](mailto:danielcooley@baisedu.org)) would love to hear from you if you are interested in taking that important role for the weekend! Any masons or contractors out there willing to assist Student Council (and all of us at the school)?

**PROGRESS REPORTS** will be one week later than what is on the BAIS calendar. Friday, September 16th, is a half day for students as 60 of our staff and families are leaving in the early afternoon for a **STAFF RETREAT** in Lembang over the weekend (until Sunday). Administratively, we just realized that we have taken away their opportunity to grade papers and get the progress reports printed off by taking away their whole weekend to work. Please note that progress reports will now be issued on **Thursday, September 29th** instead of a week earlier on the 22nd.

We are just finishing our first week of **Mandarin I** for students in P4 through middle school. There are so many variables in getting a new program up and running and we thank you for bearing with us as we continue to pilot Mandarin I at the elementary and middle school levels. We are pleased with the amount of students taking advantage of the free "Extended Day" opportunities from 2:50 - 3:30 pm at all levels. New after-school programs will be added throughout the year during this time slot (including sports and classes). Mrs. Newell will be distributing a catalog of activities at Open House later today.

I will be attending a NICS conference at our Japan school in Nagoya the week of September 19th. I will then be going to the US to see my mother and family for two weeks following Japan and will return to Bandung on October 8th. Please contact Mr. Cooley or Ms. LaMertha for any administrative questions that may arise. I will be checking my e-mail at least every other day if you would like to write me directly.

Respectfully,

Pete Simano, Director ([petesimano@baisedu.org](mailto:petesimano@baisedu.org))

## Sept

9 Open House

16 Half Day/Staff  
Retreat

29 First Quarter  
(Progress Reports Go  
Home)

29 Music Recital  
(Assembly Schedule)

## Oct

1-31 I Love to Read  
Month

14 Half Day/ First  
Quarter Ends

14-15 BAIS  
Community Work Days  
17 SECOND QUARTER  
BEGINS

21-23 ISSAC Soccer at  
Mountainview Intl School  
in Salatiga

31 Story Book Theme  
Day

# Beyond B AIS UNIVERSITY AND COLLEGE NEWS

Save the Dates:

**TODAY, September 9th** - Last day to sign up for the October 1st SAT (visit: [sat.collegeboard.org/contact](http://sat.collegeboard.org/contact))

**Wednesday, September 28th** - StepOne testing (please see below)

**Monday, October 3rd at 6:30pm** - A representative from Calvin College will be visiting B AIS in order to conduct a seminar on "Attending University in the USA". All parents and students are invited. Please mark this on your calendar - it will be a valuable night of information!

**Wednesday, October 5th** - University College Fair in Jakarta with over 56 US schools represented. The field trip will be for B AIS 10th, 11th, and 12th grade students. We hope to also visit the US Embassy and hear information on how to obtain a Student Visa. This will be a valuable trip. More details to come.

**Monday, October 10th** at Lunch time - University of the Pacific will visit B AIS to share information about their school during secondary lunch. Parents welcome!

**Wednesday, October 12th** - PSAT at B AIS

**PSAT** - The annual PSAT will be held at B AIS on Wednesday, October 12th. This test is given to all 10th and 11th grade students. (The following is taken from the collegeboard [www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org) website) - The PSAT is a standardized test that provides firsthand practice for the SAT®. It also gives you a chance to enter NMSC scholarship programs and gain access to college and career planning tools.

The PSAT/NMSQT measures:

- Critical reading skills
- Math problem-solving skills
- Writing skills

The most common reasons for taking the PSAT/NMSQT are to:

- Receive feedback on your strengths and weaknesses on skills necessary for college study. You can then focus your preparation on those areas that could most benefit from additional study or practice.
- See how your performance on an admissions test might compare with that of others applying to college.
- Enter the competition for scholarships from NMSC (grade 11).
- Help prepare for the SAT. You can become familiar with the kinds of questions and the exact directions you will see on the SAT.
- Receive information from colleges when you check "yes" to Student Search Service.

For all B AIS 10th and 11th graders the test fee is included in the student activity fee. We are able to offer the PSAT to 9th graders for a fee of Rp. 100.000 - we have limited spots available, so if you are interested please contact Laura Berggren ASAP - [lauraberggren@baisedu.org](mailto:lauraberggren@baisedu.org).

**StepOne** helps with international guidance in education and career development. They offer measure a student's strengths and interests in order to identify their possible career matches. The test is a comprehensive study using ability and aptitude tests and an interest questionnaire with 200-250 questions. The results offer the student, and their parents, information on: if strengths match professional interests, indicate scores match with peers, help to determine future educational potential, help to determine what will best match the students interests and abilities with future careers. If you would like more information please contact Laura Berggren for a brochure.

Laura Berggren

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS! DON'T FORGET!**  
*You will want to look your best - because*  
**PICTURE DAY IS HAPPENING**  
**TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 13TH**

## NEWS *from the Music Department*

1) Clarification about concert attire - The concert attire for this year was written in the syllabi for middle school and high school; however, it was not included in the elementary parent letter. Please accept my apologies. Concert attire for the Christmas and Spring Concerts (*not* for the recitals) is as follows:

- Elementary students need to wear a white, **short-sleeve** shirt with a collar. It can either be full button-up or polo style. They also need to wear black dress pants with black shoes and socks. They will also wear batik sashes provided by the Music Department.

- Middle school students need to wear a white, **long-sleeve** shirt with a collar. They also need to wear black dress pants with black shoes and socks.

- Vocal Ensemble students will have their uniforms made within the next couple of months.

2) The September Recital is coming up! The date is Thursday, September 29th from 2:07-2:45pm. Students do not need to dress up. The recital will feature all grades from Kindergarten to 8th as well as the high school Vocal Ensemble. We hope you can come out to support the students and the Music Department.

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## Chaplain Chirp

The Lord is alive and well here at BAIS!

This week Lower Elementary Chapel has learned about the effects and characteristics of salt. They focused on Matthew 5:13 and what it means to be salty! Additionally, they learned how salt preserves things to ensure they do not become rotten!

Upper Elementary continued to focus on the "Promises of God!" They learned that God is willing and able to keep his word. They also had the opportunity to do some Bible sword drills in the book of Hebrews.

Secondary Chapel was blessed by the testimony of two students from this year's twelfth grade. The students shared their struggles with pornography and how God is helping them to overcome this pandemic that is affecting so many of our youth. The teachers shared words of encouragement and the entire secondary was given an opportunity to pray for the power found in the blood of Christ to overcome habitual sin.

We would love to have you share your testimony or assist with worship this year! If you are interested, please email me at [stevennewell@baisedu.org](mailto:stevennewell@baisedu.org).

Serving Christ with you,

Steve

2<sup>ND</sup> SATURDAY S.O.F.E.F.O.  
IN BANDUNG

SATURDAY, September 10<sup>th</sup> 4pm-6pm

High School – Nagel House near BIC

Middle School – McKinley House above PVJ

**\*Bring Your Bible and a Joyful Spirit\***

Battle of the Books

WILL HAVE A MEETING NEXT  
WEDNESDAY (9/14) DURING  
SECONDARY LUNCH

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Dear Parents,

This week in Wednesday Principal Time, the elementary students and I talked about Earthquakes and Earthquake safety. Most of the world's earthquakes happen in an area of the world called the Pacific Ring of Fire. Indonesia is part of this earthquake zone. In order to be ready in case of an earthquake, we talked about what to do when an earthquake happens at school. I would also encourage each family to talk about earthquakes and what to do if an earthquake happens while you are at home. In this week's Friday Folder, I have sent home a flyer called "ESP Focus". This is part of the Emergency Survival Program and helps students to remember to **Drop, Cover, and Hold On**. Remember practice makes perfect and practicing drills can save lives.

Thanks,  
Charity

# ESP FOCUS

**Drop,  
Cover,  
and  
Hold On!**



**Protect Yourself During Earthquake Shaking!**

Learn what to do during an earthquake, whether you're at home, work or school. Taking the proper actions, such as "Drop, Cover, and Hold On", can save lives and reduce your risk of death and injury. During earthquakes, drop to the floor, take cover under a sturdy desk or table, and hold on to it firmly. Be prepared to move with it until the shaking stops.

The area near the exterior walls of a building is the most dangerous place to be. Windows, facades and architectural details are often the first parts of the building to collapse. To stay away from this danger zone, stay inside if you are inside and outside if you are outside.

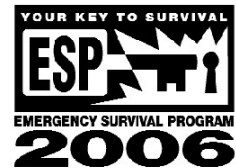
Use the information on the reverse side of this Focus Sheet to help you become more prepared. Take part in earthquake safety exercises.

**Check These Websites**

[www.earthquakecountry.info/roots](http://www.earthquakecountry.info/roots) (Earthquake Country Alliance/Southern California Earthquake Center)

[www.espfocus.org](http://www.espfocus.org) (Emergency Survival Program)

[www.redcross.org](http://www.redcross.org) (American Red Cross)



Follow the seven steps to earthquake safety from *Putting Down Roots in Earthquake Country* - [www.earthquakecountry.info/roots](http://www.earthquakecountry.info/roots).

**BEFORE:** ----- **DURING:** ----- **AFTER:** -----

<p><b>#1</b> Identify potential hazards in your home &amp; begin to fix them</p>	<p><b>#2</b> Create a disaster plan</p>	<p><b>#3</b> Create disaster supplies kits</p>	<p><b>#4</b> Identify your building's potential weaknesses &amp; begin to fix them</p>	<p><b>#5</b> Protect yourself during earthquake shaking</p>	<p><b>#6</b> Check for injuries and damage</p>	<p><b>#7</b> When safe, follow your disaster plan</p>
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[www.espfocus.org](http://www.espfocus.org)

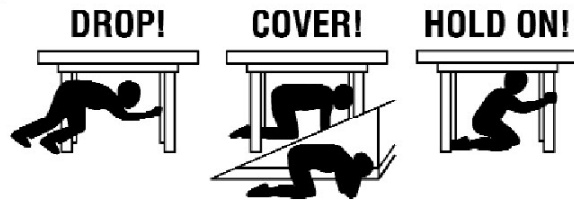
**DO NOT Head for the Doorway**



An enduring earthquake image of California is a collapsed adobe home with the door frame as the only standing part. From this came our belief that a doorway is the safest place to be during an earthquake. True—if you live in an old, unreinforced adobe house. In modern houses, doorways are no stronger than any other part of the house. **You are safer taking cover under a sturdy table or desk.**

**If you are...**

**Indoors:** Drop, cover, and hold on. During earthquakes, drop to the floor, take cover under a sturdy desk or table, and hold on to it firmly. Be prepared to move with it until the shaking stops. If you are not near a desk or table, drop to the floor against the interior wall and protect your head and neck with your arms. Avoid exterior walls, windows, hanging objects, mirrors, tall furniture, large appliances, and kitchen cabinets with heavy objects or glass. Do not go outside!



**In bed:** If you are in bed, hold on and stay there, protecting your head with a pillow. You are less likely to be injured staying where you are. Broken glass on the floor has caused injury to those who have rolled to the floor or tried to get to doorways.



**In a high-rise:** Drop, cover, and hold on. Avoid windows and other hazards. Do not use elevators. Do not be surprised if sprinkler systems or fire alarms activate.



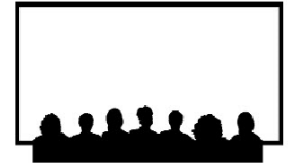
**Outdoors:** Move to a clear area if you can safely do so; avoid power lines, trees, signs, buildings, vehicles, and other hazards.



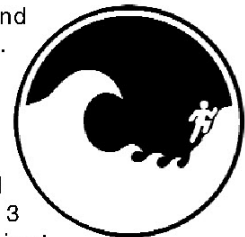
**Driving:** Pull over to the side of the road, stop, and set the parking brake. Avoid overpasses, bridges, power lines, signs and other hazards. Stay inside the vehicle until the shaking is over. If a power line falls on the car, stay inside until a trained person removes the wire.



**In a stadium or theater:** Stay at your seat and protect your head and neck with your arms. Don't try to leave until the shaking is over. Then walk out slowly watching for anything that could fall in the aftershocks.



**Near the beach:** Drop, cover, and hold on until the shaking stops. Estimate how long the shaking lasts. If severe shaking lasts 20 seconds or more, immediately evacuate to high ground as a tsunami might have been generated by the earthquake. Move inland 3 kilometers (2 miles) or to land that is at least 30 meters (100 feet) above sea level immediately. Don't wait for officials to issue a warning. Walk quickly, rather than drive, to avoid traffic, debris and other hazards.



**Below a dam:** Dams can fail during a major earthquake. Catastrophic failure is unlikely, but if you are downstream from a dam, you should know flood-zone information and have prepared an evacuation plan.

*Adapted from Putting Down Roots in Earthquake Country, published by the Southern California Earthquake Center and available online at [www.earthquakecountry.info/roots](http://www.earthquakecountry.info/roots).*



This focus sheet is produced as part of the Emergency Survival Program (ESP). ESP is an awareness campaign designed to increase home, neighborhood, business and school emergency preparedness. ESP was developed by the County of Los Angeles. The California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (OES) and representatives from Contra Costa, Imperial, Inyo, Kern, Los Angeles, Marin, Mono, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, San Diego, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, Santa Cruz, and Ventura counties; Southern California Edison; the Southern California Earthquake Center and the American Red Cross assist in the development of campaign materials and coordination of the campaign.

# WHO WE ARE AT BAIS?

- BAIS is a college preparatory **Christian School** with a Christ-centered worldview.
- BAIS is accredited with **WASC** (Western Association of Schools and Colleges) and **ACSI** (Association of Christian Schools International)
- BAIS has an **AP-based (Advanced Placement)** “American” curriculum which intentionally includes **AEROS** International standards.
- BAIS offers **7 university level AP classes**: AP English Language & Composition, AP English Literature & Composition, AP U.S. History, AP European History, AP Calculus, AP Chemistry and AP Biology. There are 3 honors classes at the high school level: English 9 H, English 10 H, and Algebra II H.
- BAIS is a member of **EARCOS** (East Asia Regional Council of Overseas Schools)
- BAIS has **61 staff** and 31 of them are ex patriot, native English speakers (**30 from NICS**).
- **89%** of our teaching staff are **licensed teaching professionals** from outside Indonesia.
- **12** of our BAIS teaching staff have **Master's Degrees (35%)** and most have graduate credit beyond their Bachelor's Degrees
- **8** of our 30 NICS staffs have served here **4 years or more**, 5 of the 8 over 7 years or more.
- BAIS has **180 students**, P3-12th grade, along with 2 additional LEP **Immersion** students.
- BAIS has **35% Indonesian**, **34% Korean**, and **18% American** students at school. BAIS students come from **12 countries**.
- There is no cap on Indonesian students who are proficient in English at BAIS.
- BAIS keeps its LEP (ESL) level to **30%** for each class.
- BAIS is a member of **ISSAC** (Indonesian International Small School Activities' Conference). BAIS culminates each sports season with a 6 school tournament at one of the participating school's campuses. BAIS offers ISSAC teams for both boys and girls in high school **SOCCER, BASKETBALL, CROSS RUNNING, and SWIMMING** (elementary and secondary) as well as **BATTLE OF THE BOOKS**.
- BAIS offers the Indonesian language at all grade levels. New this 2011-2012 school year is our High School **IMLAC** program featuring their Indonesian curriculum (and good name) and taught by one of their experienced pelatih. At the high school level Mandarin and Spanish are also offered at three levels. BAIS is also piloting a **Mandarin I** program for students from P4 all the way through 12<sup>th</sup> grade.
- BAIS continues to score above grade level (at least one class) in all grades for academic performance. SAT testing summaries are shared each September with the parents (for Scholastic Aptitude Battery and the Stanford Achievement Test).
- BAIS is focused on teaching the **"whole student"** in partnership with the parents.
- At the elementary and middle school level students take specials' classes in **Art, Music, Indonesian, Physical Education, and Computers**. Elementary students also get a period of **Library** time each week.
- BAIS has a yearly **"Week Without Walls"** service-learning event, along with a **"Spiritual Emphasis Week"**. Students are encouraged to live out their faith! BAIS has students from all six faiths recognized in Indonesia and all faiths are respected here!
- Many other events rotate through the calendar including **Family Fun Festival, Spelling Bee, Drama, Science Fair, Fine Arts Festival, Pi Day, Indonesian Culture Day, Open House, Christmas Program, and Easter Program, Awards Assemblies, etc.**
- BAIS has three high school classes which are offered for free to interested students during a new **“Extended Day Period”** from 2:50-3:30 pm. These credited high school classes are **Mandarin I, Vocal Ensemble, and Theater Arts (Drama)**.
- BAIS is launching **RENWEB**, a new web-based school management system for grading.