

From the School Chaplain's Desk

SEW Has Arrived!

The Venerable Tenzin Priyadarshi, founding director of the Dalai Lama Center for Ethics and Transformative Values at MIT is quoted as saying, "Spiritual experiences are as real as awake moments. Like with love, kindness, compassion, fear, surprise — there are stories around these powerful experiences, but no metrics." He added that there is a tendency to polarize secular versus religious life. "Life is really both, but people are just not paying attention," he said. (<https://hms.harvard.edu/news/spirituality-and-healing>)

We at BAIS wholeheartedly agree that a healthy life revolves around physical, mental, social, and spiritual well-being. Therefore, we set aside the week of American Thanksgiving as a time for your students to focus their attention on their personal spiritual well-being. That week is upon us once again!

Next week, the students will leave the books in their lockers, turn off their devices, lock the classroom doors and set out on a journey of spiritual rediscovery. As you know, when we are confronted and overwhelmed with the responsibilities of the day, it becomes quite easy to postpone our personal devotion time and neglect our spiritual health. By setting aside this week of self-examination, we hope to model to the students the importance of spiritual health and eternal well-being. After all, it was Plato who is quoted as saying, "An unexamined life is not worth living."

As always, SEW activities are open to the entire BAIS community. We encourage everyone to join us for praise and worship, speaker sessions, VBS activities, small group discussions, and personal moments of reflection. You can find the SEW schedule on the next page. I hope to see you there!

Blessings in Christ,
Steven Newell
BAIS Chaplain

NOVEMBER	
21-23	Spiritual Emphasis Week
23	Half Day
24-25	Thanksgiving Holiday
DECEMBER	
2	Christmas Production
7	Late Start
12	Maulid Nabi National Holiday
14-15	Final Exams for Secondary
15	Second Quarter Ends

SOME IMPORTANT INFORMATION DURING SEW WEEK

- DURING THE SEW, THE LUNCH TIME FOR **BOTH ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY WILL BE AT 10.50 AM**. THE SECONDARY LUNCHES WILL BE AT THE SPORT HALL AND THE ELEMENTARY LUNCHES WILL BE AT THE MPR.
- The following activities were approved and will take place during SEW:
Boys' basketball practice with Coach Natalie
Swim lessons with Coach Henry
These coaches will notify their BAIS athletes regarding schedule changes, if any.
- Practice for the Elementary Christmas musical on Monday from 02.45 – 04.00 pm

SEW Schedule

Elementary

Monday & Tuesday

7:45-7:55 Home Room
8:00-8:25 Combined Worship
8:30-8:50 Opening Rally
8:55-10:30 Sessions
10:30-10:45 Closing Rally
10:50-11:40 Lunch
11:45-11:55 Home Room
12:00-12:25 Combined Worship
12:30-12:50 Opening Rally
12:55-2:25 Sessions
2:30-2:45 Closing Rally
2:45 Dismissal

Wednesday

7:45-7:55 Home Room
8:00-8:25 Combined Worship
8:30-8:45 Opening Rally
8:50-10:25 Sessions
10:30-10:55 Combined (closing) Worship
11:00-11:15 Closing Rally
11:30 Dismissal

Secondary

Monday & Tuesday

7:45-7:55 Home Room
8:00-8:45 Combined Worship
8:45-8:55 Transition & Break
9:00-10:00 Speaker Sessions
10:00-10:10 Transition & Break
10:15-10:45 Small Group
10:50-11:40 Lunch
11:45-11:55 Home Room
12:00-12:40 Combined Worship
12:45-12:55 Transition & Break
1:00-2:00 Speaker Sessions
2:00-2:10 Transition & Break
2:15-2:45 Small Group
2:45 Dismissal

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8:00-8:45 Combined Worship
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9:00-10:00 Speaker Sessions
10:00-10:10 Transition & Break
10:15-10:30 Small Group
10:30-11:30 Closing Worship



ANGEL GIFT TREE for the BALI CHILDREN'S HOMES

Dear Students, Parents, and Teachers,

We will have our annual Angel Gift Tree for the Bali Children's Homes again this year. In case you have never participated in this event, it is a tangible way to share Christ's love at Christmas with a group of children, youth and staff who live at the Bali Children's Homes. Mr. and Mrs. Paese have been affiliated with this Christian orphanage for many years. Even though they are not at BAIS anymore, we want to continue the tradition of love and generosity from BAIS to Permata

Bali Children's Homes. This year the names and ages of children, youth and staff at the homes will be posted in the secondary hallway near room 202. To take part in this event you or your child can choose the name, and be sure to register with Ms Dickman so that we know you will buy that person a gift. Then buy a gift or several small gifts for this child, teen, or adult that cost around Rp 100,000.00 total. Wrap the gift, put a Christmas card inside to the recipient, and put the name tag given to you on the front of the wrapped package with your name and the recipient's name on it.

Please bring your labeled gift to Ms Dickman in room 201 by Friday, December 9, 2016. We need the gifts by then because they will be sent in the mail to the children's homes in time so that they will arrive for Christmas! Students must have their parents' permission in order to choose a name. This event is open to teachers and parents as well. Look for names up in the hallway during the week of SEW and following.

Thank you for sharing the love of Jesus with those less fortunate than you. If you have any questions please ask Ms Dickman. Parents, if you wish for your child to participate in this activity please send an email giving permission, or please complete the form below and return it with your child.

Thanks so much for sharing,
Jana Dickman-- janadickman@baisedu.org

-----Please complete:
_____ in grade _____ has my permission to choose a name from the Angel Tree. I agree to purchase a gift for the child or staff member in the amount of Rp 100,000.00 and bring the gift to the library by December 9.
Parent's Signature _____

sound of music Announcement

There is NO Sound of Music rehearsal scheduled for next week on Wed, Nov 23. The next Sound of Music rehearsal is on Wed, Nov 30.

11/30 (4:00-6:00) Elem. (4-5 only)	Scene 4, 5, & 6 The Lonely Goatherd Song	Rolf Von Trapp Children Maria Elementary Ensemble (from 4-5) Captain Frau Schmidt Max
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