

From the BAIS Secondary Principal's Desk

Dear BAIS Community,

Sometimes I am asked the questions, "Why is BAIS an Advanced Placement (AP) school with an American curriculum? Why don't we do the International Baccalaureate (IB) if we are an international school?" The following information addresses these two important questions.

At BAIS, we strive to prepare our students beyond-to be successful in their next phase of life at university and beyond to be servant-leaders who make a global impact. The school believes that the best way to do that is via an academic program that is American based. Historically, the United States has been the hub of postsecondary education and a large percentage of our students attend colleges and universities in the United States.

While the IB has some specific requirements and structures in place for the program to be internationally minded, our school's decision to be American based still allows for and encourages connections to the local Sunda culture, Indonesian culture, and international culture. Teachers integrate a global perspective into their teaching in order to meet our students' needs and to facilitate relating content and skills to real-life scenarios. This is very important because our graduates will be the next generation of global leaders!

College and university placement is very important to our community. It is true that if you have already determined that your student will attend a university in Europe, the IB is the most common choice for those universities. For colleges and universities in the United States, an American curriculum supplemented with Advanced Placement courses is the most common track to these schools. It is important to know, however, that colleges and universities do not practice exclusive admissions processes. BAIS students are eligible for admissions to schools in Europe (and elsewhere!) just as IB students are eligible for admissions to schools in the US. Completing AP courses will more likely lead to receiving college credits, thus decreasing the total cost of attending university. Often, AP students are able to graduate a semester or even a year early. Considering the average tuition rate for private colleges in 2017-2018 was just above \$34,000, graduating early can drastically reduce the cost of an undergraduate degree!

In the US, students can receive college credit for AP and IB courses. AP tests are scored out of 5 points and IB courses are scored out of 7 points. It is much more likely that students will get college credit for AP compared to IB. If you research specific university admissions policies, in order to receive credit for college courses through IB exam results, students need to score a 6 or a 7 on those exams. Additionally, it is often the case that only IB Higher Level (HL) courses are eligible for credit. Students typically are allowed to take only three IB HL in the two-year diploma program (11th & 12th grade). Unfortunately, according to the most recent data from the IB, only 30% of students score a 6 or 7 on their HL classes worldwide - and they can only take three HL classes! AP students can take as many AP tests as they wish, 42% of students score 4 or 5 which is almost always enough for credit. Approximately 67% of students score 3-5 and even a score of 3 can often qualify for college credit. [Please see this link to search for a specific university.](#) The following is a snapshot of UCLA's AP credit policy and IB policy:

AP Credit Policy at UCLA (This is just a small portion of UCLA's policy):

JANUARY	
31	Late Start
FEBRUARY	
14	Late Start
16	Chinese New Year
23-25	IISSAC Basketball
28	Late Start

Inter-school community spelling bee will be on March 7, 2018. More information will be coming home next week.

Exam Title	Min. Score Required	Number of Credits	Equivalent Course
Art History	3	8	-
Biology	3	8	-
Calculus AB	3	4	-
	5	4	MATH 31A
Calculus BC	3	8	-
	3	8	-
	4	8	MATH 31A/Calculus
	5	8	MATH 31A/Calculus
	5	8	MATH 31A/31B
Calculus BC: AB Subscore	3	4	-
	3	4	-
	5	4	MATH 31A

IB Credit Policy at UCLA:

Students completing only IB certificates (courses) will be awarded 8 quarter units (5 1/3 semester units) for each IB Higher Level examination passed with a score of 5 or above. The university does not grant credit for certificates in Standard Level examinations. Students completing the International Baccalaureate (IB) diploma with a score of 30 or above will receive 30 quarter units (20 semester units) total toward their UC undergraduate degree. Higher Level examinations may be used by UC campuses to satisfy local general education or other major requirements.

Another challenge posed by the IB is that course registration usually happens in the middle of the tenth grade year. At that time, the student is committed to the two year program. My experience with teenagers is that they often change their minds. Sometimes their interests and passions change between 10th grade and 12th grade. Because each course is a two-year course, there is little flexibility to change courses during the program. With the AP, students can pick and choose how many tests they wish to take and they may switch courses every year.

The AP also has a culminating diploma called the Advanced Placement International Diploma (APID). [The diploma requirements can be found at this website.](#) A key difference between the IB DP diploma and the APID is the increased flexibility in meeting the requirements for the APID. If a student is gifted in math but does not show great aptitude in science, the student has the ability to focus on math courses and can forego AP exams in science. The IB requires students to take at least six core courses in:

- Language and Literature
- Foreign Literature
- Social Studies
- Science
- Math
- The Arts

Three of those six courses must be at the HL level. While that ensures students take a course in each subject area, it makes it challenging for students to do well when they are not gifted in a particular area of study. An interesting note is that students may choose not to take a course in The Arts if they double-up in another subject area. AP's flexibility in earning the APID is another attractive feature.

In summary, the two programs are unique. Each one has its own advantages and both are great educational programs. BAIS is convinced that our current program offering an American curriculum with Advanced Placement opportunities provides the best learning experiences for students and provides the flexibility that our students need. It opens doors to undergraduate studies around the world (as evidenced by student acceptances in the US, Europe, Singapore, Hong Kong, New Zealand, and Australia) and provides appropriate training for our graduates to become the next generation of global leaders! We appreciate partnering with your family in this important endeavor.

Blessings,

Mr. Jeremy Thomas
Secondary Principal

DRAMA PRACTICE

Jan 24, 2018	Scene Nine: The Great Oz	Fish Footman, Frog Footman, Dorothy, Wizard, Lion, Alice, Scarecrow, Mad Hatter, Dormouse, March Hare
4:00- 6:00pm	Scene Ten: A Mad Adventure	

CONGRATULATIONS to Bethany Chun!
She has been accepted to Wheaton College in the
United States.



MATH DEPARTMENT NEWS

Hello everyone!

BAIS has learned of an opportunity to join the ***World Mathematics Invitational*** this February. The preliminary round will be held on ***Saturday, February 24, 2018*** at ***Sekolah Bina Persada, Bandung*** and is open for ***all students*** from grade 1-11. If you are interested, please contact me, ritaharsono@baisedu.org, sending your full name and current grade before ***February 9***. The admission fee is 200,000 rupiah per student. We will send further details once we have the list of participating students.

Thank you,
Ibu Rita Harsono
Math Teacher

BUSINESS OFFICE

Reenrollment Reminder

Before the Christmas holiday, we have sent the 2018-2019 reenrollment form. Please complete the reenrollment form and return it with the appropriate fees to the BAIS office on or before ***Friday, March 2, 2018***. The reenrollment form can be collected in the school office, on the school website, and is also attached in the email you received for this edition of the BAIS BUZZ. Your child's reenrollment for the ***2018-2019*** school year is secure when this form and the accompanying payment have been received. Payment can be made by bank transfer or cash to the finance office.

The bank account information is the following:

Bank Name: PT Bank Permata
Bank Address: Jalan Merdeka No. 66, Bandung
Account Name: Yayasan Bandung Alliance Intercultural S
Account #: 809-01-8415
Swift Code: BBBAIDJA

Please note after March 2, 2018 your child's seat in class is no longer secure. Some classes are close to their student limit, so please reenroll promptly to ensure your student's seat. The 7,000,000 IDR non-refundable reenrollment deposit will be applied towards the student's fall 2016 tuition. After March 2, 2018, only 5,500,000 IDR of the 7,000,000 IDR deposit will be applied towards the student's fall 2018 tuition.

We appreciate your support! If you have any questions, please stop by the office at any time.

BAIS CFO

BAIS CLINIC INFO

Diphtheria Vaccination

These past few months, there has been an outbreak of Diphtheria disease in Indonesia, and few cases reported in West Java. Diphtheria vaccination is vital to reduce the risk of further outbreak.

Our BAIS' staff have already had their Diphtheria vaccination booster this week. I recommend all BAIS' parents and students receive a booster as well. BAIS' Clinic is working together with Biofarma (the company that produce vaccine in Bandung) next week to give vaccination here at BAIS' Clinic. Please contact dr. Mayke through email: maykerosalina@baisedu.org or clinic for further information regarding the date and time for Diphtheria vaccination in BAIS' clinic

(Protect yourself. Protect others - get immunized.)

Dr. Mayke
BAIS Clinic



SECONDARY

A HONOR ROLL

Middle School

Budijono, Melissa
Chandean, Sherine
Gunaman, Angel
Hallatu, Maelgwyn
Jeong, Hayeon
Jung, Jaeha
Kim, Lydia
Kusmana, Stephanny
Lee, Karen
McCulloch, Talitha
Nielsen, Rachel

Oh, Jeong Won
Park, Eunpyo
Park, Ji Hyeon
Sung, Yulim
Suwandi, Mischka
Tantowi, Clarine
Tanu, Josephine
Tanudjaja, Thaniel
Thomas, Kai
Willson, Tori

High School

Boccaccio,
Annelise
Byun, Da Ae
Chandean, Valerie
Chun, Bethany
Darmamulia,
Daniel
Gunthorpe, Oliver
Hartono, Jessica
Heo, Jang Hun
Hirianto, Jessica
Hirianto,
Samantha
Hong, Jun Seon
Jeong, Haram

Jung, Heemin
Kartarahardja, Devlin
Kim, Josiah
Ko, Kevin
Ko, Kirstie
Kwon, Gyeong Min
Lee, Dong Jun
Limandibhratha,
Sergio
Lin, Ruizhi
Lukmanjaya, Wilson
Muljadi, Crystal
Nielsen, Emily
Nix, Daniel

Noh, Hamin
Primandaru, Rio
Sastra, Jason
Sastra, Vincent
Seo, Joo In
Shin, Jane
Sinaga, Deo
Sinaga, Kathlyn
Son, Gyu Ha
Sutandi, Lukas
Tanu, Angelia
Tanudjaja, Tivara
Tjut, Bryan
Walker, Paul
Wiarta, Fedeline
Winesa, Guinevere

B HONOR ROLL

Middle School

Baig, Rayhan
Beintema, Sandor
Hartono, Michael
Kang, Junha
Lee, Sangwha
Lo, Fallon
Nam, SangYun

Purnomo, Moreno
Seo, Minwoo
Sinaga, Odelyn
Sutandi, Hanna
Tedjasukmana, Ralf
Willson, Tyler
Woo, Huiso

High School

Astian, Haydn
Chandean, Beltra
Lee, Sung Chun
Lee, Sung Ha
Madeline, Jane
Mulyawan, Nicholas
Purnomo, Audy

Setiabudi, Clifford
Sugono, Andrew
Tantowi, Chloe
Tenandar, Jordan
Victoria, Kyla
Widjaya, Ivanna
Yurianto, Emily

ATHLETIC & CLUB NEWS

ISSAC

- Our BAIS Eagles will be competing at a basketball tournament at CBCS this coming week.
- Our BAIS Eagles are undefeated.

Boys: 6-0

Girls: 2-2

After School Activities

- Season Two Clubs are continuing until February 23.
- If you have any ideas for an after school activity for Season Three contact Ibu Dias, Mr. Powers, or Mrs. Loewen. Season Three starts March 5 and ends May 18.

Elementary Clubs/Activities

- Young Tigers Invitational is this Saturday, Jan. 20 from 8-10 here at the BAIS Soccer field. All students 6th grade and younger are welcome to join the BAIS team for free. Contact Ibu Dias to register.

School-Wide Competition

- Next Saturday, Jan. 27, BAIS will host a Swimming Invitational. Use the QR Code, Google Form (<https://goo.gl/forms/8r3MukfMjJHHiblp2>), or contact Pak Henry to register. Registration ends Jan. 22.
- Thanks for all the entries in the 2018 IISSAC Swim Logo Competition. A winner will be announced soon.



Keep your eyes on the BAIS Buzz for updates, changes, and more information!