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Important Update about the Christmas Concert

Dear Parents,

Thank you so much for your support for BAIS as we slowly return to in-person activities while continuing to respond cautiously and safely to Covid-19. Ms. Taruna and the Fine Arts Committee are excited about the upcoming Christmas concert, but due to increased student enrollment, we have had to make adjustments to the concert plans in order to maintain appropriate social distancing. Fortunately, the new *pavilion will be ready in time for the Christmas concert. Therefore, to maintain appropriate social distancing and safety protocol, we will have two concerts in the outdoor pavilion.



The concert will still be held on December 10; however, families will be invited to attend **only one** of the two concerts. Family invitations for which concert to attend will be sent out by Tuesday, Dec 7.

The PACE Christmas Bazaar will still take place on the Sports Court. Please plan to attend the bazaar either before or after your concert time.

The first concert will be from 4:00-4:55, after which preschoolers and kindergarteners will go home (or stay with their families) and not participate in the second concert. Preschool, Kindergarten, and Grade 1 families will be invited to attend this concert time.

The second concert will be from 5:15-6:00. This concert will be a bit smaller because only grades 1-6 will be performing, but since we have the online version already, those who would like to see the preschoolers and kindergartens may watch them on YouTube. Grade 2-Grade 6 families who do not have preschoolers, kindergartners, or 1st graders will be invited to attend this concert. **Students in grades 1-6 should bring a small snack to eat in between concerts.**

We hope that this sudden change will not cause too many issues or inconveniences. Thank you for your understanding and support as we try to have a safe and fun event.

*If torrential rains roll in before the event, the outdoor concert may need to be canceled. In this case, parents will be notified ahead of time and all concert songs will be available for view on the BAIS YouTube channel.

* Secondary families and students are welcome to attend the PACE bazaar between 4:00-6:00.

Unfortunately, only families of students in grades Pre-K to 6 can attend the live concert because of Covid-19 protocol numbers. However, we will be releasing a digital version of the concert on the BAIS YouTube channel, so any secondary families that would like to watch the concert can do so through the BAIS YouTube channel.

Calendar update

Monday, February 28, 2022 has been changed to a red letter day (Isra Miraj) and Tuesday, March 1, 2022, will be a regular school day.



BAIS Times reflects on thankfulness

What do we have to be thankful for? Personally, it often seems that whatever I have is insufficient. During online school, I didn't have my friends, so I promised that I would be thankful if only we went in person again. During hybrid school, I felt exhausted from transitioning between school and home every day, so I promised that I would be thankful if only my place of learning was a constant. Now that school is fully in-person, I despise waking up early and actually having to look semi-decent every day, and I realize that all circumstantial promises of thankfulness prove to be void of sincerity. However, when thankfulness is rooted in non-circumstantial things, sincerity abounds. Thankfulness can be found everywhere and every day when we stop basing it on our own situations. Thankfulness in the sky, thankfulness in food, thankfulness in plants, and above all, thankfulness in the One who oversees all of the perpetually changing circumstances of life, yet never changes Himself.

In celebration of sincere thankfulness, The BAIS Times, BAIS's student-led newspaper, held a school-wide submission contest during the month of November for students to submit images and short descriptions

of what they are thankful for. To view the submissions from students of all ages, check out the link below. The BAIS Times is genuinely thankful for all of the support and encouragement we have received since our founding at the beginning of this school year. We hope to continue publishing articles that inspire curiosity and foster a community of appreciation for journalism here at BAIS.

Link to The BAIS Times' website: <https://thebaistimes.wixsite.com/newspaper>

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