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MONTH AT A GANCE (K-12 All School Event; PS = Primary School; ES = Elementary School; MS = Middle School; HS = High School; DAAPA; MESAC/EAC)

Welcome to the SPOTS calendar. We encourage parents to check weekly as occasionally dates or times may change.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	WEEKEND
JANUARY, 2016					
24 PS/ES Day 7 MS/HS Day 7	25 PS/ES Day 8 MS/HS Day 8	26 PS/ES Day 9 MS/HS Day 1	27 PS/ES Day 10 MS/HS D ay 2	28 PS/ES Day 1 MS/HS D ay 3	29 30
PS Parent Engagement Week / PS Love Your Library Week / HS Semester Exams					
WWW Parent Meetings (3:00 pm) Abs Adv 6 - Rm 24 Thailand - Rm 22 Phil Diving - Rm 120 Kenya - Rm 46 U14 B/G Soccer v ASD @ DAA 4:30pm start	PS Parent Coffee Morning 8:00 am PS-ES Conf. Rm. Guest speaker Belen Settembri, Exec. Leadership Coach Topic: The Third Culture Child WWW Parent Meetings (3:00 pm) Kalba Camp Rm 16 Sri Lanka Rm 32 Laos Rm 138 London - Rm 128 PADI Diving - Rm 42 Camps International Rep Availabel at Reception regarding May Week trips drop-off and pick-up (Cambodia, China and Vietnam trips) U14 B/G BB v UAS @ DAA 4pm start	PS Parent Coffee Morning 8:00 am The Scientific Process Participate in an authentic classroom learning experience	MS Parent Coffee Morning 8:00 a.m. PS-ES Conf. Rm. JV G/B BB v DC @ DAA 3:30pm start	ES Grade 5 Course Registration Forms due Grade 9 May Week Initial Payments Due WWW Parent Meetings (3:00 pm) Phil Sailing - Rm 130 AA7/8 - Rm 12 DAAPA IFF Country Rep Planning Meeting 8:00 am – ES-PS DAAPA ESPS Pizza Day DAAPA Movie Night RSVP requested VB Soccer v ACS @ DAA 4pm start VB/G BB v ACS @ DAA 4pm start VG Soccer v ACS @ ACS 4:30 pm start	JV B/G BB v GAA @ DAA 10am start U14B/G soccer v GAA @ DAA 11:30am start Var B/G BB v GAA @ GAA 8am depart VG Soccer v GAA @ DAA 10 am start U14 B/G Soccer v GAA @ DAA 11.30am
FEBRUARY, 2016					
31 PS/ES Day 2 MS/HS Day 4	1 PS/ES Day 3 MS/HS Day 5	2 PS/ES Day 4 MS/HS Day 6	3 PS/ES Day 5 MS/HS D ay 7	4 PS/ES Day 6 MS/HS D ay 8	5 6
MS/HS Semester 2 begins JVB soccer v ACS @ DAA 4:30pm JVG Soccer v ACS @ ACS 2 pm leave U14B BB V ASD @ ASD 4pm start U14G BB V ASD @ DAA 4pm start	VB BB v GWA @ GWA 4:15pm start VB Soccer v ACS @ ACS 2pm leave VG BB v GWA @ DAA 4:30pm start	ES Track and Field Day IB Night - Informational Meeting for Grade 10 Parents 7:00 pm DAA Auditorium	MESAC JV Soccer Tournament at DAA MESAC Senior Fine Arts at ACS Abu Dhabi MESAC JV Basketball at AES India PS Sports Day		

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ALL SCHOOL NEWS

FROM THE SUPERINTENDENTS' OFFICE

Dear DAA Families,

As this is my first SPOTS message of 2016, I would like briefly wish everyone in DAA's community a happy New Year! Two weeks ago I asked Matthew Wilding, DAA's deputy superintendent, to write this message, and to brief our community on the various security provisions that you have no doubt have noticed around the campus. We have been working steadily to improve DAA's security and our systems for over a year.

I would also like to thank our entire community for your patience and compliance with the Parent-School Contract that you were obliged to sign recently. This was a non-negotiable KHDA mandate. Even after DAA reached 98.7% compliance, we were told that certain critical KHDA services would remain "frozen" until we reached 100% – for example, when we hire a new teacher for 2016-17, we must acquire KHDA approval for that teacher before we can obtain a UAE work visa for that person. That's why we needed to push so hard and with such urgency to be at 100% compliance.

We have started working on DAA's 2016-17 school calendar, but we are waiting on new KHDA directives, which we have not yet received. I appreciate that many families want to finalize travel plans for the summer – above all, you need the start date for the new school year. I do not anticipate dramatic changes from last year, but I know it's unlikely that I will be able to formally confirm anything until March or even April when KHDA finally approves our calendar. I appreciate that this is a frustration for families, as it helps to book flights for far away destinations sooner rather than later. Please be assured that I will share information with you as soon as I possibly can.

I leave this coming week for Boston where I will be attending a teacher recruitment fair. This is how international schools like DAA select and hire most of their teachers. The recruiting season in international schools hits its peak in January and February, when DAA's principals, assistant principals, and I do most of our hiring for the following year. There will be nearly 700 seasoned international educators attending the Boston/Cambridge fair, and my job is to convince the best ones to join us at DAA in August 2016. Many of the teachers attending this recruitment fair currently work in other international schools around the world or in public districts in the US. In addition to the training and experience DAA requires, we're also looking for teachers who have the right mindset about children and learning. We want teachers who, above all, love working with children – compassionate educators who see every student as a unique person. We also want teachers who motivate and inspire students to give their best efforts in everything they do. The most brilliant teachers, in my opinion, are the ones who inspire a student to give her greatest effort and realize her potential, even on smaller tasks and assignments, not because of a grade or incentive, but because the pride, self-confidence, and integrity that child develops are their own enduring reward.

Last week, DAA was visited by nearly a dozen inspectors from the Dubai School Inspection Bureau. These inspectors came from around the world and spent four days evaluating and making judgments about every conceivable aspect of DAA's programming. DSIB has inspected schools around Dubai for eight years, and we remain proud that DAA is the only American curriculum school in Dubai thus far to receive the highest overall rating of "outstanding." This year's results will be made public by KHDA later in the school year, and while we have been given provisional results from last week's inspection, I am not allowed to disclose specifics until KHDA has released its report. However, I can share that we were very pleased by the feedback offered by the inspection team, as they noted the advances we have made in areas we are trying to improve. Their particular praise for DAA focused on how we do not rest on our laurels, as "outstanding" schools sometimes do. There's no complacency at DAA and its teachers and school leaders are determined to compare themselves against the best international schools in the world, not only to other schools in Dubai, the UAE, and the Middle East. Thank you to those parents who completed the DSIB survey and to those of you who were interviewed by inspectors. Your support and feedback are very much appreciated.

There are great things happening at DAA, as this edition of SPOTS will surely reveal. Things never seem to really slow down around this school! My best regards again to your families as we begin 2016. I think we have another terrific year in front of us.

Kind Regards,
Jim Hardin



DAAPA NEWS

DAAPA (DAA Parents Association) is an active parent association dedicated to enriching the lives of DAA students and community, promoting cooperation between DAA parents, staff and administration and spreading the "culture of kindness" that is at the core of DAA's values. All parents/guardians of DAA students are *automatically* members of DAAPA.

DAAPA IN PRIMARY SCHOOL / ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

ES/PS Pizza Day - Thursday, January 28th January: Be sure to fill the forms (already sent out) and return them with exact change, latest by Tuesday 26th January, as we will not be able to take orders after that or on the day itself. Price will cover pizza slice(s), juice, and yoghurt for each child.

ES/PS Family Movie Night: "Big Hero 6" - Thursday, 28th January, 6 - 8 PM, in the ES Pitch: Come and enjoy a fun night out with the children and their classmates under the stars. Admission is free. Pizza and hot-dog sales will start at 5:30pm and the popcorn is complimentary. Don't forget your chairs or picnic mats, blankets. Also do RSVP to stayintouchwithdaaes@gmail.com so we know how much food to prep.

Supermom/dad Volunteers: We really need your help on Pizza day to organize the pizza distribution and also on Movie night to handle the popcorn, corn dogs stand and other food stations. To get involved, drop us a mail at stayintouchwithdaaes@gmail.com

Reine Assad & Sherry Farid
Vice President ES & PS

**International
Food Festival**

A fun evening with

CULTURAL
SHOWS

FOOD
GAMES

ART
SOUK

Friday, Feb 19, 2016

4 PM until 7 PM

Location: DAA Campus

Entrance Fee: DHS 30.00

(3 and younger are free)

This event welcomes the DAA Community only.

Watch this space for ticket sale dates and times.



CALLING ALL COUNTRY REPS:

Sign-up sheets are put up in the ES Reception.
We now have 22 confirmed countries as shown on the image below.

Is your country represented?

If not, join us and showcase your country at this amazing festival.

You can also email

Kavita - kavitadaapa@gmail.com / Samar - samarh-02@hotmail.com

Deadline to sign up extended to: 26 Jan 2016.

Questions? Join us for our next planning meeting on Thursday, January 28
at 8:00 a.m. in the PS/ES Cafeteria.

The IFF is our biggest event of the year!

It can only be successful with your support.



Book Your Table at the Art & Craft Souk at IFF:

On Friday, 19th February, is our most popular event of the whole year, the International Food Festival. With up to 3000 people attending, you just can't miss it! So book a table to display and sell homemade jewelry, crafts or art (no food or commercial products for sale allowed. DAA community only.). For more details, or to book one of the limited tables, please drop us an email at shery.farid@yahoo.com

PRIMARY POINTS (Kindergarten 1 - Grade 2) *Make sure to read the corresponding DAAPA NEWS section of this issue of SPOTS for all the latest Primary School parent sponsored events!*

FROM THE PS PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Dear PS Parents,

Playground After School: For the safety of all children, we ask that any student staying after school to enjoy the playground has a supervising adult with him/her on the playground.

Love My Library Week:

- Wednesday, the 27th from 8:00-8:30 enjoy a library tour that will include information on family library accounts, resources for parents, and an overview of the library curriculum and activities.
- After school on Sunday, Monday, Wednesday and Thursday join us from 2:50-3:20 for a range of fun activities including read alouds, a treasure hunt, a trivia contest, board games and more. !

Parent Engagement Week:

Enjoy the opportunity to gain a deeper understanding of your child's academic experiences at DAA. Please view child's teacher blog where she will be communicating with you the day and time of the instructional block that you are invited to join the class.

Parent Coffee Mornings: (Yes, two!)

- Monday, Jan 25th: Belen Settembri is a DAA mother of two who works as an Executive Leadership Coach. In her workshop, she will explore what parents can do to support their children who are being raised in a culture other than their home country. She will equip parents with the strategies to help their children embrace the advantages of being a Third Culture Child.

From Belen Settembri: *"Because true belonging only happens when we present our authentic, imperfect selves to the world, our sense of belonging can never be greater than our level of self-acceptance."* In the expat life we live, belonging and connection get new dimensions. In this workshop, we will start to explore what we can do as parents to support our children to embrace the advantages of being Third Culture Kids and still be able to connect to the power of their own emotions and vulnerability.

- Tuesday, Jan 26th: 8:00-9:00 Please join us for an an opportunity to participate in an authentic learning experience that is similar to the scientific process children follow in the classroom. Be ready to have fun while working in small groups.

Sports Day: On February 4th classrooms will be divided into four teams, with each team wearing a different color T-shirt that they should wear on that day. Grade levels have a specific time in the day in which they will be enjoying the activities. Classroom teachers will be posting detailed information on their blogs.

Upcoming Events:

- Jan 24-28 Love Your Library Week
- Jan 24-28 Parent Engagement Week
- Jan 25 Parent Coffee Morning - Raising a Third Culture Child
- Jan 26 Parent Coffee Morning - The Scientific Process
- Feb 4 Sports Day

Respectfully Yours,
 Laura King and Nathalie Salameh
 PS Administrative Team



ELEMENTARY ESSENTIALS (Grades 3-5) *Make sure to read the corresponding DAAPA NEWS section of this issue of SPOTS for all the latest Elementary School parent sponsored events!*

FROM THE ES PRINCIPAL'S DESK

It's an exciting time in the ES! Have a look below to discover all the great upcoming events! In particular, please note that there are several events happening on Thursday, January 28th. See below for more details.

From the Library: Mark your calendars! **January 24-28** the PS/ES Library will be celebrating **Love My Library Week**. Come and join us after school from 2:50-3:20 Sunday, Monday, Wednesday and Thursday for a range of fun activities including read alouds, a treasure hunt, a trivia contest, board games and more. PARENTS please join us for a tour of the library on Wednesday, the 27th from 8:00-8:30. The tour will include information on family library accounts, resources for parents, and an overview of the library curriculum and activities. Please join us!

Grade 5 Course Option Sheets: Please be reminded that Grade 5 Course Option Sheets are due on **Thursday, January 28th.**

From our Grade 5 Team: Let the 5th Grade Desert Safari fun begin! As mentioned before, this trip is a highlight of the school year for many of our students. We are happy to partner with Ecoventure again this year. **Please join us, Thursday, January 28th, at 7:50 a.m. in the ES Conference Room,** when DAA will be hosting an informational meeting for parents facilitated by the company. The agenda for the meeting covers the following:

- trip explanation
- timeline of events leading up to the trip
- important deadlines
- important forms
- ipad registration

Ecoventure and teachers will also be available to answer questions you may have. This is a very important meeting, please make every effort to attend.

In addition, this week we will be sending out a SMS to notify you of the meeting. If you do not receive the SMS please inform your child's teacher. It is important that we have a working telephone number for you for purposes of the field trip.

Looking forward to seeing you then,
The 5th Grade Team

JR. EAC: For parents with a child participating in Jr. EAC Track and Field, keep up with all the important details on the [JR. EAC blog](#).

ES Musical, Little Mermaid Jr.: Cast lists have been posted. Please check the blog <http://littlemermaidjrdaa.blogspot.ae/> for all important information.

Still have questions? Contact Mr. Andrew or Ms. Fabrizio--in the PS Music Rooms a.arcello_daa@gemsedu.com - j.fabrizio_daa@gemsedu.com

Lost and Found Items on Display: Please note lost and found items will be on display in the foyer from February 8-15th, after that unclaimed items will be donated to charity. In order to assist us with getting your child's lost items returned, please ensure that any item your child brings from home is clearly marked with their name.

DAAPA Event Reminders:

1. DAAPA Pizza Day – Thursday, January 28th. DAAPA pizza lunch will be on Thursday, January 28th. Order forms were sent home on Thursday. All orders are due on Tuesday morning, January 26 with exact change please. NO orders will be accepted on Thursday.
2. DAAPA Family Movie Night – Thursday, January 28 @ 5:30 pm. DAAPA will be hosting a family movie night on Thursday, January 28. Gates open around 5:30 with the movie starting at sunset. Admission and popcorn are free. Pizza, hotdogs/corn dogs and drinks will be available for purchase. Bring your mat or bean bag to get comfy. If you are attending, kindly RSVP to stayintouchwithdaaes@gmail.com.

Other Upcoming Events:

- February 2nd ES Track and Field Day. Please plan to come out and cheer on the students!
- February 7-11 ES Parent Engagement Week. More details will be available next week.
- February 15th ES Parent Coffee Morning

Have a great week ahead!
Roberta Wiens and Kit Wilding

MIDDLE SCHOOL MESSAGES (Grades 6-8) *Make sure to read the corresponding DAAPA NEWS section of this issue of SPOTS for all the latest Middle School parent sponsored events!*

FROM THE MIDDLE SCHOOL OFFICE

MS Coffee Morning:

Our second coffee morning of 2015-16 will take place on Wednesday, January 27th at 8:00 a.m. in the ES Conference room. We will host a discussion and give parents tips on how to go about keeping our students safe while online. Please mark your calendars!

Semester 1 Reporting:

One week to go and our students will have survived through the first semester of the year! They have been very busy taking semester tests and other projects and assignments. The beginning of the new semester on Jan. 31st is a time to reflect on academic progress to date. With this in mind, our first formal academic report of the school year will be emailed out on Thursday, February 4th. We recommend taking some time to review the report with your child in order to celebrate successes and discuss areas where improvement may be recommended. We wish all students a highly successful semester 2!

Library Notices:

Please be aware that report cards will not be sent out to those who have overdue library books. Notices have been sent out for missing books.

Week Without Walls:

Parent trip meetings are scheduled for the week of January 24th and will start at 3:00pm in designated classrooms. Please see the date and location for your specific trip below. The only local trip that will have a meeting is PADI Diving.

WWW Trip	Meeting Room	Parent Meeting
Grade 6		
Kalba Camp	Room 16	Mon, Jan 25
Absolute Adventure 6	Room 20	Sun, Jan 24
Grade 7		
Philippines Sailing	Room 130	Thurs, Jan 28
Laos	Room 138	Mon, Jan 25
Grade 7/8		
London	Room 128	Mon, Jan 25
Absolute Adventure 7/8	Room 12 (band room)	Thurs, Jan 28
Philippines Diving	Room 120	Sun, Jan 24
Sri Lanka	Room 32	Mon, Jan 25
Grade 8		
Thailand	Room 22 (art room)	Sun, Jan 24 th
Kenya	Room 46	Sun Jan 24 th
Grade 6/7/8		
Padi Diving	Room 42	Mon, Jan 25

Sports Day:

Staff and students are looking forward to our 3rd annual Sports Day on Wednesday, February 10th. Students should come to school dressed in their color house shirts, PE shorts, running shoes and a refillable water bottle. We also strongly suggest they wear a hat. Please ensure that students put on some sunscreen in the morning and bring extra to re-apply throughout the day. Thank you in advance to our parent volunteers for helping us run activities!

Step-Up Day (grade 5):

Thank you to all those 5th grade parents who attended our middle school informational meeting. We had a wonderful time with the 5th grade students as well when they came over to visit us on this past Wednesday afternoon. We look forward to welcoming them to our division. Please be reminded that course selection forms should be returned to their classroom teacher by Thursday, January 28th.

MIDDLE SCHOOL MESSAGES , continued

FROM THE MIDDLE SCHOOL OFFICE, continued

Step-Up Day (grade 8):

High School Counselors will meet with all 8th graders during Life Skills on February 7th to go over some transition advice. On Thursday, February 11th, students will attend an 'Elective Showcase' in the morning. All parents and students are invited to an informational meeting with the High School Counselors in the afternoon at 1:30 p.m. in the auditorium.

HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL:

The middle school are excited to team up with the high school for the production, "High School Musical Jr." in February. Tickets go on sale on Wednesday, February 10. You can pick up your tickets from the MS office or in the commons area at lunch. There are 4 shows: Wed. Feb. 17th at 3:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. and again on the 18th at 3:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. We hope everyone in the DAA community can come along and experience a great show. "We are all in this together!"

Warmest Regards,
MS Admin

Joan Wiens and Luke SpencerWarmest Regards,

Dubai American Academy
HIGH SCHOOL
HS AND MS 2016
PRODUCTION OF
Disney
HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL JR
4 PERFORMANCES
WEDNESDAY 17 FEBRUARY
3:30PM AND 7PM
THURSDAY 18 FEBRUARY
3:30PM AND 7PM
DAA AUDITORIUM
TICKETS 30 AED
PROCEEDS GO TO DAA CHARITIES
GEMS EDUCATION
Book by David Simpatico
Based on a Disney Channel Original Musical
Movie Written by Peter Barsocchini
Songs by Matthew Gerrard & Robbie Nevil
Ray Cham, Greg Cham & Andrew Seeley
Randy Petersen & Kevin Quinn
Andy Dodd & Adam Watts
Bryan Louiselle
David N. Lawrence & Faye Greenberg
Jamie Houston
Music Adapted, Arranged and Produced by
Bryan Louiselle
BACKGROUND CREDIT: (a href="http://www.daa.gov.ae/our-activities/charities/10073.html">http://www.daa.gov.ae/our-activities/charities/10073.html) Designed by Freepik.com

HIGH SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS (Grades 9-12) *Make sure to read the corresponding DAAPA NEWS section of this issue of SPOTS for all the latest High School parent sponsored events!*

FROM THE HIGH SCHOOL OFFICE

The depARTment: Students created their own Fantasy hybrid creatures based on their studies of the biological features from different animals and contemporary artists such as Terry Whitlatch, who designed all the characters in Star Wars. You can see they have been extremely creative with fantastic and very professional looking results.



IB Theatre Workshop was held at DAA this weekend.



From January 21 to January 23, DAA hosted an IB Theatre Arts Conference operated by ISTA (Intl. Schools Theatre Association). This is the third time in four years that the IB/ISTA have used DAA for training and festival purposes.

The training focused on the new IB Theatre Arts Curriculum which is cutting edge and puts creativity and world theatre traditions firmly at its core. We were fortunate to have Ruccina Ballinger present as a guest artist. Ruccina is a world renowned Balinese Theatre specialist and has lived in Bali for thirty years.

In addition, Topeng Dance Theatre and Wayang Kulit (Indonesian Theatre) were workshoped as well as Kathakali Theatre from India. The IB leaders present as well as the ISTA rep (Mr. Tom Scott) never fail to be impressed at the calibre of theatre and arts at DAA. We are thrilled that they choose DAA as their school of choice year after year.



The Fashionistas

GEMS Makers Day fashion show is being held on February 6th, and Ms. Cara Ritchie is helping to organise HS students to enter.

Of the event Ms. Ritchie said that, *"if my students are anything to go by, the idea of showing off and wearing the clothes/pieces they have created is making them very excited!"*

Students have been sent application forms that need to be submitted by Thursday 28th Jan and then they will be given more information.

DAA are looking to enter in 3 main categories: innovation, upcycled and modest/arabic inspired - there will be a best in category for each and an overall winner on the day. Each collection should have a title and no more than 10 outfits/pieces per collection - every school can enter as many collections as they wish.



Approches to Learning Update: This year the HS's report cards will include a an assessment on students' Approches To Learning (ATL). All students have ATL grades currently posted on engrade; students have also assessed themselves with regards to how they approach learning. You can learn more about ATL from a student-produced video here: <https://youtu.be/jyPnpjRoeGc>

Exam time!

HIGH SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

FROM THE HIGH SCHOOL OFFICE, *continued*

May Week trips for 9th graders: A reminder for parents interested in signing up their 9th graders for one of the international trips during May Week. The initial payment of Dhs4500 is due Thursday, January 28. Payments can be made in the HS/MS accounting office. A Camps International Representative will be set up in the front reception Monday during drop-off and pick-up times to answer questions regarding the Cambodia, China and Vietnam trips. They can also be emailed at annabelle@campinternational.com. Questions regarding the Italy trip can be sent to t.sakole_daa@gemsedu.com. Information for each trip and instructions for signing up can also be found here.

Sophomore Career Conference: Dubai American Academy (DAA) will be hosting our annual Career Conference on Wednesday, March 2, 2016, which is run specifically for our Sophomore Students. While students are in the thick of course registration and deciding what IB classes are best for them, we are happy to provide these same students an opportunity to learn about different careers and job paths. We ask that you please click on the following link to complete the short survey to let us know if you can contribute to this Career Conference. You can either volunteer yourself as a speaker or share contact information of someone you know who would be willing to speak at the Career Conference. Please RSVP no later than Monday, February 1st, 2016. on this link - [DAA Career Conference 2016 Volunteer Form](#)

QUICK REFERENCE TO SEMESTER ONE EXAMS 2016

(10:30 - 12:00 in AUD)

IB I Exams (Grade 11)

TIME	Jan 24	Jan 25	Jan 26	Jan 27	Jan 28
Classroom	Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs
8:00 -9:30	Psychology	Economics Biology 11/12	Spanish	Arabic	Computer Science Geog
Auditorium	BREAK	BREAK	BREAK	BREAK	BREAK
10:30 -12:00	Math SL Math St Math Ap	DT Chemistry HL/SL	ESS	SEHS Physics * Conflicts	Music Conflicts
Classroom					
10:30 - 12:30	Math HL		Biology HL / SL		

* conflicts all in Auditorium on January 27- 28 (10:30-12:00)

Grade 9 + 10

TIME	Jan 24	Jan 25	Jan 26	Jan 27	Jan 28
Classroom	Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs
8:00 - 9:30	Math 10 History 9	English 10 Science 9	Science 10 English 9	History 10 Math 9	Geog Conflicts
	BREAK	BREAK	BREAK	BREAK	BREAK
10:30- 12:00	French II, III, IV	Spanish II, III, IV	Arabic I, II, III, IV Native 9/10	Conflicts	



ATHLETICS AND ACTIVITIES

EAC

Emirates Athletics Conference

SEASON 2 SPORTS & ACTIVITIES:

Varsity Basketball	Boys Coach Mr Moffett & Girls Coach Mr Rodgers
JV Basketball	Boys Coach Mr Ghosn & Girls Coach Ms Bonner
U14 Basketball	Boys Coach Mr Grant & Girls Coach Ms Cantu
Tennis (JV & V)	Boys Coach Ms Eversteyn & Girls Coach Ms Olson
Varsity Football	Boys Coach Mr Murry & Girls Coach Mr Willett
JV Football	Boys Coach Mr Hill & Girls Coach Ms Grant
U14 Football	Boys Coach Mr Erickson & Girls Coach Mr Russell
Cross Country (U14, JV & V)	Coaches Mr Plotz and Mr Gardner
Senior Fine Arts	Coaches Mr Downey, Ms Acheson, Mr Quinto and Mr Hopkins

UPCOMING MATCHES HOME & AWAY

Friday 22nd January

Tennis Boys and Girls Invitational @ ASD

Saturday 23rd January

U14 Soccer Tournament Boys and Girls @ Raffles World Academy (Boys AM, Girls PM)

U14 Basketball Boys and Girls v ACS @ ACS 10am

Sunday 24th January

U14 Boys and Girls Soccer v ASD @ DAA 4.30pm

Monday 25th Jan

U14 Girls Basketball v UAS @ DAA 4pm start HS Gym

U14 Boys Basketball v UAS @ DAA 4pm start ES Gym

Wednesday 27th Jan

JV Girls Basketball v DC @ DAA 3.30pm

JV Boys Basketball v DC @ DAA 4.45pm

Thursday 28th Jan

VB Soccer v ACS @ DAA 4pm

VG Basketball v ACS @ DAA 4pm

VB Basketball v ACS @ DAA 5.15pm

VG Soccer v ACS @ ACS 4.30pm start

Saturday 30th Jan

JV Girls Basketball v GAA @ DAA 10.00am

JV Boys Basketball v GAA @ DAA 11.15am

Var Boys and Girls Basketball v GAA @ GAA 8.00am depart

U14 Boys and Girls Soccer v GAA @ DAA 11.30am

VG Soccer v GAA @ DAA 10am

MESAC (MIDDLE EAST SOUTH ASIA CONFERENCE)

All Junior Varsity and Varsity athletes and Academic Games participants! Coaches have made their final selections and we congratulate the named teams who will be representing DAA. If your child has been selected, the travel letter (from their coach) explains the costs of flights and visa requirements. It is the responsibility of the family to arrange visa's for international trips.

JV Soccer, Senior Fine Arts and JV Basketball: Payment should have already been made to the High School Accounts office (near main reception). If you have not paid, please do so by Monday 25th January.

V Soccer, Tennis, Cross Country, V Basketball: Payment must be made to the High School Accounts office (near main reception) by Tuesday 26th January.

ATHLETICS AND ACTIVITIES, continued

It is a MESAC requirement that all squad participants in all activities be prepared to house visiting athletes. This season we are hosting JV Soccer. It is expected that DAA team parents to open their homes to house athletes from ASDoha, ABA Oman, ACS, Abu Dhabi and AES, India. We still required 25 families to house visiting athletes from the 3rd February - 7th February. Yvonne Sidani is the lead coordinator of housing. Please contact her directly Y.SIDANI_DAA@gemsedu.com for any questions or concerns.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING MESAC ATHLETES:

JV Basketball - American Embassy School, India Feb 4th-8th

Depart Dubai 4th Feb EK 516 @ 10.05am. Arrive India 14.45pm

Depart India 8th Feb EK 511 @ 10.35am. Arrive Dubai @ 13.00pm

Yara Mersi	Nader Freiha
Hana Shehadi	Michael Madi
Jude Elobaid	Tamer Madi
Paige Elizabeth Philippi	Alex Shehadi
Makeda Melkie	Samir Moghrabi
Lidia Errico	Justin Salem
Thuraya Abdul Hamid	Maximilian Ries
Romy Dahi	Mustafa Saygi
Tamara Lawand	Ruishi Li
Nour Soliman	Faisal Al Ghriwati

JV Football - Dubai American Academy, UAE Feb 4th-8th

Girls	Boys
Dena Abtahi	Jack Wilding
Gina Bagnulo	Marius Potma
Vania Constantinou	Karan Sil
Reem Hagleali	Edoardo Arminente
Selma Hajjali	Greg Lagousakos
Maya Hamade	Alex Kubbinga
Malin Ludvigson	Mohamed Abdel Salam
Charlotte Ege	Francois Rioux
Keely Perkin	Romiz Eman
Aya Sayegh	Willy Ngorage
Tamara Schoeib	Henri Lormuseau
Mina Song	Roopak Mallick
Yumna Sultan	Walt Knappel
Sarah Yaghi	Tarek Fakhoury
Jiwon Park	Andrew Assi
Cean Oh	Niels van Unen

Senior Fine Arts - American Community School, Abu Dhabi Feb 4th-8th

ART	DRAMA	BAND	CHOIR
Alia Elreay	Chloe Sommerin	MinJi Kim	Ishika Bandyopadhyay
Johan Lee	Dana Alkalali	Jude Haddad	Min Jeong Ju
Alexandra Mortensen	Fernando Alarcon Lisci	Oksana Nikitenko	Shaylah Alkeshi
Alyanna Devera	Jonathan Teklit	Min-Geun Yoon	Dil Sen
Myriam Hara	Adam Thorp	Kyueon Jeon	Sebastiaan Beck
Rei Mukai	Mills Hoyt	Kyungmin Chung	Savannah Middleton
		Stefanie Oughourlian	Sofia Okroglic
		Gijun Kim	Andrew Riad

ATHLETICS AND ACTIVITIES, continued

Varsity Football - American School of Dubai, UAE Feb 10th-14th

Girls	Boys
Sarah Shehadi	Abdelrahman Abbas
Madison Perkin	Tarek Amin
Maria Ludvigson	Karim Awar
Vrindha Sathi Kumar	Joshua Dix-Hill
Isabelle Sicre	Ayo Fernandez
Seejin Lee	Pablo Gomez-Bestue
Alina Ali	Ahmed Hamed
Zeena Qadumi	Mahmoud Hekal
Chanbin Lee	Faiz Manjy
Nadia Sultan	Hussam Matalaka
Jana Jaradat	Adam Mezqueldi
Diala Talaat	Mikail Rahman
Laya Sumrein	Nigel Scholten
Valeria Carrillo	Karim Talaat
Faye Smits	Zach Weins
Mariam Abdelaziz	Andre Wyss

Varsity Basketball - American School of Doha, Qatar Feb 10th-14th

Depart Dubai 10th Feb QR 1023 @ 13.30pm. Arrive Doha 13.35pm
 Depart Doha 14th Feb QR 1010 @ 12.00pm Arrive Dubai @ 14.10pm

Girls	Boys
Lorrena Areosa	Ian Njoroge
Sabrina Areosa	Nemanja Popovic
Valentina Ventricelli	Xin Liao
Hannah Madani	Tarek Adawi
Thalia Safar	Faris Mersi
Cassidy Hardin	Jamie Freiha
Roline Dahi	Tareq Shakhshir
Emilie Courtot	Marwan Elkady
Hana Churay	Sameer Shehadi
Androniki Defteraiou	Anshull Raghuram

Tennis - American British IB World School, Oman Feb 10th-14th

Depart Dubai 10th Feb WY606 @ 12.25pm. Arrive Muscat 13.40pm
 Depart Muscat 14th Feb WY605 @ 10.20am. Arrive Dubai @ 11.35am

Girls	Boys
Claudia Garcia Villalon	Michel Katrib
Ayra Thanveer	Dagmawi Gebreyes
Selen Dirik	Eshaan Lumba
Karina Samji	Ashwin Vivekanandh
Konstantina Hara	Pranav Sathyamoorthi
Yaashna Punia	Nakul Shankar
Mekdi Gebreyes	Ajay Nischal
Damla Gundogdu	Rishab Vivekanandh

Cross Country - American British IB World School, Oman Feb 11th-13th

Depart Dubai 11th Feb WY606 @ 12.25pm. Arrive Muscat 13.40pm
 Depart Muscat 13th Feb WY611 @ 20.35pm. Arrive Dubai @ 21.50pm

Girls	Boys
Lilian Ruegg	Tobias Lundgren
Lara Smits	Alexander Veraart
Elif Tirkes	Aakar Chatha
Luca Kastner	Dani Rogmans
Hiba Abdullah	Hashem Bkayrat
Dimitra Valtetoioti	Shrey Thapar
Mieke Schoemann	Zeyad Irsheid
Fenna Grasso	Rahil Bhatnagar

ATHLETICS AND ACTIVITIES, continued

UPCOMING U14 TOURNAMENTS:

U14 Basketball GEMS Invitational @ GAA Friday 12th Feb
U14 Soccer GEMS Invitational @ GWA Friday 12th Feb

HIGH SCHOOL EXAMS & SPORT TRAININGS: Please note that with High School Mock exams coming up from the 17th Jan - 27th Jan, sport training sessions held by coaches are not compulsory. We understand that this is a time where students should focus on their studies and exam preparation. However, we encourage students to keep communication open with their coaches and to inform them if they will not be at training.

NEXT WAVE BASKETBALL AND VOLLEYBALL CLUB IS BACK!!!

Coach Alexander is opening the doors for skill development, technique training and commitment. This club is open to any U14 and JV athlete who wants to refine their skills or improve their performance to make DAA teams.

THIS CLUB WILL SUIT YOUR CHILD IF:

- If they missed out on making a school team
- If they have a weakness that needs to be improved
- If they are not a starting player
- If they are committed to improve

EVERY TUESDAY (PM) and FRIDAY (AM)

STARTING this Tuesday 26th January and this Friday 29th January

WHEN: Every Tuesday HS GYM
 ▫ 2.00pm - 3.30pm VOLLEYBALL
 ▫ 3.30pm - 5.00pm BASKETBALL

Every Friday ES Gym
 ▫ 9.00am - 10.30am VOLLEYBALL
 ▫ 10.30am - 12.00pm BASKETBALL

Please email Coach Alexander your interest: alexjalex2003@yahoo.com

STAY IN TOUCH – DAA LEOPARDS!

Twitter: Follow us @DAALeopards
Instagram: Follow us @DAALeopards

Please continue to check our DAA Athletics Website @ www.gemsdaa.com for up to date information, match schedules and upcoming tournaments. Go to the home page and click on 'Athletics'

There are links to all calendars with Matches and MESAC Tournaments for the year!

I encourage all parents, students and teachers to come and support our Leopards both on and off the sporting field!

Emily Rentsch
Proud Athletic Director | Dubai American Academy



Cafeteria Menus

Meal Choice	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
	Arabic	Mexican	International	Chinese	Italian
Vegetarian Diet	Okra Stew	Vegetarian Chilli	Mixed Vegetable Stew With Chickpeas	Veg chopsuey	Eggplant Marinara
Non -Vegetarian - Main Course	Kufta With Grilled Tomatoes & Potatoes	Beef Chilli	Grilled Fish	Sweet & Sour Chicken	Beef & Eggplant Marinara
Side Vegetables			Mixed Vegetable Stew With Chickpeas	Veg chopsuey	Steamed Broccoli Florets
Grains / Starch	Vermicillie Rice & 2 Small loaf of Arabic Bread	Tomato Rice & Nachos	Mashed Potatoes or White Rice	Vegetable Fried Rice	White Rice
Pasta Station	Fusilli Colors	Spaghetti With Marinara	Chicken Pasta Bake	Vegetable Noodles	Fettuccine With Mushroom Sauce

