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MONTH AT A GLANCE (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
MAY, 2016					
15 PS/ES Day 3 MS/HS Day 1	16 PS/ES Day 4 MS/HS Day 2	17 PS/ES Day 5 MS/HS Day 3	18 PS/ES Day 6 MS/HS Day 4	19 PS/ES Day 7 MS/HS Day 5	20 21
IB Exams					
	Grade 10 Parent Informal Talk with Guest DAA HS Counselor Shana Russell 9:00am Jumeirah Islands Club House RSVP required	DAAPA Annual Teacher Appreciation Lunch			
22 PS/ES Day 8 MS/HS Day 6	23 PS/ES Day 9 MS/HS Day 7	24 PS/ES Day 10 MS/HS Day 8	25 PS/ES Day 1 MS/HS Day 1	26 PS/ES Day 2 MS/HS Day 2	27 28
IB Exams	Annual Parent Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast	PS Coffee Morning "How to Foster Learning Over the Summer" HS Spring Concert	MS Spring Concert	ES Grade 3 Poem in your Pocket Day	
MAY/JUNE, 2016					
29 PS/ES Day 3 MS/HS Day 3	30 PS/ES Day 4 MS/HS Day 4	31 PS/ES Day 5 MS/HS Day 5	1 PS/ES Day 6 MS/HS Day 6	2 PS/ES Day 7 MS/HS Day 7	4 5
	JV & V End of Year Sports Celebration 5-7 pm / HS Gym RSVP by May 22 https://docs.google.com/a/gemsdaa.net/forms/d/1_NblsnlbIFhbJ1E-rS37zWxrb7oO9oXB4moF8PeyuvE/viewform?c=0&w=1		U14 & JEAC Teams Sports Celebration 3-4:30pm / MSHS Pool RSVP by May 22 https://docs.google.com/a/gemsdaa.net/forms/d/1p6xyOmWCRTqxr1bap_92Oe_DMHus0w6F4dxEJE95XE4/viewform?c=0&w=1	Graduation Class of 2016 ES Grade 5 Parent-Student Coffee Morning Last day to pre-order MS/ES/PS yearbooks	
6 PS/ES Day 8 MS/HS Day 8	7 PS/ES Day 9 MS/HS Day 1	8 PS/ES Day 10 MS/HS Day 2	9 PS/ES Day 1 MS/HS Day 3	10 PS/ES Day 2 MS/HS Day 4	11 12
Ramadan timings in effect. 8:30 am – 1:30 pm All Grades					

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ALL SCHOOL NEWS

FROM THE SUPERINTENDENTS' OFFICE

Dear DAA Families,

As you know, earlier this week I wrote to inform you of DAA's 2015-16 DSIB inspection result and the associated fee increase for 2016-17. I would have communicated this information to you earlier this spring, but KHDA prohibits schools from sharing their inspection results until reports for all schools are made public. Thus, I was unable to inform you about our fee increase as that could not be made public until DAA's inspection result was official.

I do appreciate that another fee increase is hard news for many families. With the quality of life we enjoy in Dubai comes the high cost of living we experience here. The cost of a private education for the children of expat families is a major factor in that cost of living, to be sure, especially when families are self-paying or when employers cover only partial tuition concessions. I assure you that I am keenly aware of these considerations, and it pains me every time we lose a student because our tuition has risen too high.

However, I also want to reiterate the commitment of GEMS Education to reinvest in DAA's facilities and programming. I reported in my letter that GEMS has committed to renovating and improving DAA's facilities and campus over time. Those works will begin this summer. GEMS has also committed to supporting our strategic efforts to improve our educational programming. This investment in DAA, I believe, will allow us to continue our efforts to make this an elite school.

While some of you may have already taken the annual parent satisfaction survey released by GEMS, I would like to take this opportunity to encourage all parents to share their feedback. The survey asks that you rate the 11 statements below on a 10-point scale:

1. I am happy with my child's progress at school.
2. I am satisfied that the quality of teaching supports my child's individual learning needs.
3. The school offers strategies and opportunities for families to support learning at home.
4. I am happy with the way the school supports my child's personal and social development.
5. The school provides guidance so my child knows what to do to do to improve in school.
6. The Leader of Head of the school has a positive impact on the school.
7. There is effective communication between the school and home.
8. The school makes my child want to learn.
9. I feel it is important for my child to learn Arabic at school.
10. I would recommend this school to others.
11. Overall, I am satisfied with the school.

Feedback from this survey is collected by the Senior Manager – Parental Relations at GEMS, which makes this a great opportunity for parents to share their concerns directly with GEMS. Results from the survey will be shared with DAA in June. In particular, the final open-text question on the survey, which follows below, offers parents an opportunity to share concerns. I would be very grateful if each family could take time to respond to the survey, as your feedback can only help DAA become a better school.

Is there anything else you would like to tell us about your school?

You can access the survey through this link: <https://start.yougov.com/refer/vfCwpjffVXGG6l>

If you have not, I encourage all parents to read DAA's 2016 inspection report, which can be accessed via this link: <http://www.khda.gov.ae/en/DSIB/Reports?isSearched=1>. Written for parents, this report will give you a better understanding of DAA's strengths and its weaknesses.

ALL SCHOOL NEWS, contined

FROM THE SUPERINTENDENTS' OFFICE, continued

Briefly, I would like to commend the High School on another successful May Week. It takes a great deal of effort and time to coordinate everything that has happened for students in Grades 9, 10, and 11 over the last few days. IB1 students gain invaluable time with their HL teachers, tenth graders experience internships that reveal so much about the professions they are considering, and ninth graders have the opportunity to engage in meaningful cultural and service-oriented experiences, which we hope provide them with perspective on their own lives. Please see the High School Highlights later in this edition of SPOTS for more detail!

I hope I will see many of you at this afternoon's DAAPA Car Boot Sale. It promises to be a great event, and I would like to thank the creative and dedicated ladies behind it. I can pretty much guarantee that you'll come home with something that you didn't know you needed!

Thank you for your continued support, and please take a few minutes to take that survey!

Kind Regards,
Jim Hardin



TRANSFER CERTIFICATES

Please be aware that we require at least 4 (four) weeks' notice if you are planning to leave the School. This time is needed to ensure there is no delay in producing all your child's documents and ensuring these are available on his/her last day of attendance. If you know you will be leaving the School at the end of the academic year, we ask you to please complete the following Transfer Certificate (TC) process now:

- Sign in to <http://oasis.gemseducation.com> with your username and password.
- Go to 'Requests'
- Click on 'T/C' Request to start process
- Click on 'Click here' to apply for TC

Once you've completed the Transfer Certificate request you will receive an automatic email acknowledgement. Please confirm the collection date for the leave pack with the Registrar's office.

LOST AND FOUND

Please be sure to check the lost and found for any items which may have been left at school.

All items remaining at the end of the year will be donated to charity over the summer. Thank you.

BOOK DONATIONS WANTED

*Do you have books you do not need anymore?
Are you moving and want to pack less?*



Please bring your gently used books to Smitha or Atefeh at one of the Reception Desks. As a Boy Scouts of America Eagle Project grade 10 student Mills Hoyt is collecting used books for a library he is creating for the Elite English School in Deira. The children attending this school are the children of laborers and they do not have a school library or the resources to create a library. Books from KG - First grade level are wanted the most but any books are acceptable!



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 GENERAL ELECTIONS

The DAAPA Family includes all of the parents of DAA students! However, there is a group of parents who plan activities and events for the school community outside of the academic curriculum. These parent volunteer to be elected for specific jobs within the Executive and Standing Committees, so that planning and implementation of events such as the International Food Festival, the Teacher Appreciation lunch, the Winter Wonderland, the Pumpkin Patch, Movie Nights, Grade 5 and Grade 8 Completions plus many other grade-level events, can provide added fun for the DAA community. It is a wonderful opportunity to meet other parents and work alongside each other to provide extra-curricular fun for DAA students, teachers, and parents.

Elections will be held after the Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast on Monday, May 23rd this year.

The following positions are open and ready to be filled by YOU! Nomination forms and position descriptions are attached to the SPOTS email this week.

Executive Committee Positions

- President
- Vice President
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Financial Operations Coordinator
- Primary School Vice President
- Elementary School Vice President
- Middle School Vice President
- High School Vice President
- Hospitality/Food and Beverage Coordinator
- Publications and PR
- IFF Chair

Standing Committee Positions

- Elementary School Communications Coordinator
- Middle School Communications Coordinator
- High School Communications Coordinator
- Leopard's Den Chairperson
- Friends of Fine Arts Chairperson
- Pizza Day Coordinator
- Booster Club Chairperson
- Homeroom Parent Coordinator
- Photographer

If you would like to know more about any of these positions, please inquire via email to samarh-02@hotmail.com

DAAPA ANNUAL TEACHER APPRECIATION LUNCHEON

The **Annual Teacher Appreciation Luncheon will be held on Tuesday, May 17th**. If you would like to contribute your time, culinary skills, or both to show your appreciation for our amazing staff at DAA, please complete and return the volunteer form attached to this issue of SPOTS. This is an annual event and we rely solely on our volunteers to provide a special luncheon for our teachers – one that reflects the diversity of our school population. For further information contact Connie at conniechelas@gmail.com. Thank you.

DAAPA NEWS, continued

DAAPA IN THE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

ES Foyer Decoration: on the 1st of June we will decorate the ES Foyer for the Holy Month of Ramadan ! Please you are invited to come and help us spreading the lanterns and the joy of giving!

DAAPA IN THE MIDDLE SCHOOL

DAAPA is hosting Teachers Appreciation lunch on Tuesday May 17. We kindly ask that you register your interest to contribute, via email address: daaparentconnect@gmail.com

Thanks to the mothers that came to help with pizza day last Monday and thanks to kids and families who purchased them. Money raised will go towards grade 8 completion events.

Grade 8 graduation package will be sold on the 18/19 May during lunch time in Middle School commons area. The package costs 100 dhs. More info on the graduation festivities to follow.

From DAAPA MS Team
Stepanie Nooren and Alzeta Strazimiri

DAAPA IN THE HIGH SCHOOL

Grade 10 Parents: Please join us for an **informal talk on Monday, 16 May 2016, 9:00am at the Jumeirah Islands Club House**. Shana Russell, our DAA Councillor, has kindly offered to impart her knowledge of what the next two years has in store for our children entering the IB Diploma/Certificate, as well as key pointers on how we can better support and guide them. Breakfast will be on offer at 60Dhs per person (croissants, cereals, fruit & coffee/tea) so please RSVP by no later than Saturday, 14 May, 12:00pm to daaparentconnect@gmail.com



CAR BOOT SALE

Friday May 13th @ 5pm - 7pm

Thank you for registering for DAAPA's very first Car Boot Sale, we're very excited to be hosting this event and wish you all a wonderful afternoon. Now just a few logistical pointers. If you are a participating seller, kindly read these carefully.

1. Sellers MUST be DAA community members (parents, teachers, or staff). Your DAA ID must be on display.
2. Sellers' Car must display the DAA Decal otherwise it will not be allowed access.
3. Sale location will be the MS/MH parking lots, both the left and right one, and spots will be allocated on a first come first serve basis.
4. Sellers access will be from 3:45 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. After that no vehicles will be allowed in for safety purposes.
5. Public will be allowed access from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.
6. Sellers can only start exiting from 7:30 p.m. onwards to ensure safety of pedestrians and children.
7. All sale items are allowed except live animals, illegal products, and pirated or brand imitations. Homemade products are most welcome.
8. Children are solely your personal responsibility. Please ensure they are supervised at all times.
9. There will be booths selling water, fresh healthy juices and frozen yogurt. Please remember to keep your children and yourself hydrated in the afternoon heat.
10. If young children (PS or ES) will be personally selling stuff, we highly recommend their money box and cash is supervised by an adult at all times.

Questions? Please contact Sherry ([050-7749050](tel:050-7749050))

Happy bargain hunting!
DAAPA Team

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,

Ramadan school hours will begin on Sunday, June 5th. The information below will be helpful in your planning. Please note that in addition to the adjusted student hours, the timeframes that staff will be on campus will also be adjusted. This is especially important to note because this means that before 8:00 a.m., there will be no staff supervising the playground or in the halls. For the safety and security of students, please do not drop off your students before 8:00. This request is also made keeping in mind that these adjusted timeframes are in accordance with the Ministry of Education's decree of Ramadan school operation hours. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding with these changes to our schedule.

Morning

- 8:00 a.m.- Playground open
- 8:15 a.m.- Hall ropes released - all students go to class
- 8:30 a.m.- Period 1 Begins

Afternoon

- 1:25 p.m.- Hall ropes released
- 1:30 p.m.- End of school day
- 1:45 p.m.- Busses leave campus
- 2:00 p.m.- Teachers leave campus

Tuesdays will have the same timings as Sun-Thurs. The only early dismissal day in June will be the last day of school, Monday June 27th.

ORDER YOUR PRIMARY SCHOOL YEARBOOK FOR 2015-2016 NOW!

Our Yearbooks are being pre-ordered, and if you would like to purchase one, please complete the form that was sent home with your child and return it with AED 80 (please send the exact amount) to your child's homeroom teacher by **June 2, 2016**. Orders placed after June 2 will be charged at AED100. Yearbooks will be distributed during the last week of school.

Please note that the Elementary school will have their OWN yearbook and can be ordered at the ES OFFICE.

Upcoming Events:

- May 24 PS COFFEE MORNING - "How to Foster Learning Over the Summer"
- June 2 Last Day of ASA's
- June 2 Last Day for Kid Care Program
- June 2 Yearbook Orders Due
- June 5 Ramadan Begins



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

Dear Parents,

ES Parent Coffee Morning: Thank you to all that were able to attend our Parent Coffee Morning on Monday, May 9th when we learned more about "Transitions" with Dr. Afridi. As always, the information presented was very meaningful and relevant and we have had many positive comments about the presentation. A very special thank you to Dr. Afridi.

Poem in Your Pocket Day:

Third graders are practicing their poems for **Poem in your Pocket Day**, coming up May 26th. Not only is this a fun event which builds students' enthusiasm for poetry, repeated reading of a text is also a great way to improve reading fluency. Be sure to listen to our volunteer poetry readers as they take the microphone in the foyer at the end of the school day on the 26th.

Book Fair:

The spring Bookworm Book Fair is almost here!

Location: ES Conference Room / Dates: June 13 – 16

- Monday, June 13 10:30am - 1:30pm
- Tuesday, June 14 8:30am - 1:30pm
- Wednesday, June 15 8:30am - 1:30pm
- Thursday, June 16 8:30am - 1:30pm

ES Yearbook Orders: It's that time of year to pre-order your 2015 - 16 DAA ES Yearbook!!! To reserve your copy please return the **order form** (sent home with your student) **AND 80 aed to homeroom teachers no later than JUNE 2, 2016**. Any orders received after June 2nd will cost 100 aed. Please note, this yearbook will only include classes and activities of Grades 3, 4, and 5 and will be distributed the last week of school.

Illness and Medication: Please ensure that any medicine coming to school be brought immediately to the health office and may only be administered by our health office professionals.

News from Ms. Allison (Jr. EAC): Check out the all the news about Jr. EAC basketball on the [Jr. EAC](#) blog link, or email Ms. Allison: a.deakin_daa@gemsedu.com. Thank you for your continued support of our sports programs!

Grade 5 Completion Ceremony: The Grade 5 Completion Ceremony will be on **Wednesday, June 22nd** for all Grade 5 students. Parents of Grade 5 students are invited to join the ceremony at 8:30am in the auditorium. Invitations will be sent home with students with more information shortly. The dress for for Grade 5 students on this special occasion will be 'smart': collared shirts and dress pants for boys; modest dresses/skirts for girls (no bare shoulders), dressy sandals or shoes.

Please note that as part of our Grade 5 year end activities, we will also have a **Parent Student Coffee Morning on June 2nd**. This will be an opportunity for students to show their LipDub to parents and receive their DAAPA completion gifts. Later that day, students will enjoy a pizza lunch and dance party. This will be a dress down day for Grade 5 students. Dismissal time will be 2:45pm.

Have a great week ahead!
Robert 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



MUN in the Middle School:

Saturday, April 30 was the very first Middle School MUN conference at Dubai College and it was fantastic! Our grade 8 & 9 delegates represented Gambia, France, Belgium, Norway, Pakistan, Egypt, Iraq, China & Austria. Although it was daunting at first, by the second session they were all naturals, interjecting plenty, sharing their brilliantly written clauses and debating



important topics- even if China did veto every suggestion put forth. We are very proud of all the participating delegates and we will definitely be using this experience for the DAA conference on May 19-20. Well done to all involved :)

Yearbooks:

Middle School yearbooks can now be pre-ordered from the front reception. They will be selling for 80 AED up until June 2nd. After this point, the price will be 100 AED.

Grade 8 Completion Ceremony:

Our Grade 8 Completion Ceremony will take place on June 16 at 12:15pm. The dance will run from 7-9pm that evening. All grade 8 students will have an opportunity to buy their graduation package **on May 18th and 19th** at lunch. The package price is 100AED and includes the graduation t-shirt, Stu Williamson photo of your student receiving their certificate, farewell gift and all dance expenses. An official invitation to parents will be sent home soon.

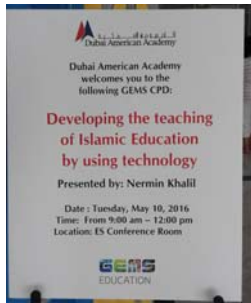


HIGH SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS (Grades 9-12) *Make sure to read the corresponding DAAPA NEWS section of this issue of SPOTS for all the latest High School parent sponsored events!*

FROM THE HIGH SCHOOL OFFICE

What just happened.....?

- **Islamic Education and Technology**



Our Islamic teacher, Mrs. Nermin Khalil, held a Professional Development workshop on Tuesday in the ES Conference Room at DAA. It was entitled *Developing the teaching of Islamic Education using technology*. Participants came from several GEMS schools.

- The second week of **IB exams** concluded this week. The last exam will be Friday, May 20.
- This week was **MayWeek** with the Grade 9 students on Service Trips, Grade 10 on Work Experience and the Grade 11 students focused on their academics.



All reports from all the **Grade 9 Overseas trips** have been really positive. Students are travelling this week in China, Vietnam, Italy, and Cambodia. Please find below a series of photos that we received from the International Service trip to China. More pictures from MayWeek will follow in the next full SPOTS when all the students return.



HIGH SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS, continued

Below are some students waiting to get involved in the Local Trip to Hint Hunt here in Dubai. Hint Hunt gives students a chance to work together problem solving.



- **Important Announcement about UAE equivalency**

The number of universities in the UAE is constantly growing and expanding educational opportunities for those who wish to stay in the country. While some government institutions are open to UAE nationals only, many foreign universities have opened campuses in the UAE. From many of these universities you can receive a diploma upon graduation that is just as valuable as if you had attended the university on its home campus.

The Application Process Universities in the UAE generally require National Secondary School equivalency granted by the Ministry of Education in addition to your high school diploma. This includes the following requirements:

1. take and pass classes and exams for Arabic or Arabic as a Foreign Language (Arabic B) every year you attend high school in a GCC country
2. for Muslim students, take and pass classes and the exams for Islamic or Special Islamic every year you attend high school in a GCC country
3. achieve at least a 400 on the Math section of the SAT Reasoning Test
4. achieve at least a 500 on the international paper-based TOEFL

Many universities only look at the grades from your last 3 years in high school.

Keep in mind that although a school may post a June or July application deadline, many of these are on a rolling basis and seats may fill up long before the official deadline.

Should you have any questions, please contact your child's counselor.

HIGH SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS, continued

What's coming up.....?

- Don't forget the annual **Parent Appreciation Breakfast** on Monday May 23 at 8:00 a.m. This year it is being hosted by the High School.
- The **Senior Prom** will be held at the Waldorf Astoria Palm Jumeirah on May 27th starting at 7p.m.

Follow @LeopardPrideDAA

Do you follow all of the High School news on Twitter? Did you know that important information is shared regularly including:

- due dates and other important DAA news
- parenting advice
- IB information
- educational research
- technology usage

and more!

This is the start of a great article, recently posted, that will really make you think:

"We all know why it exists, but the grade-point average is one of the more destructive elements in American education.

Success is about being passionately good at one or two things, but students who want to get close to that 4.0 have to be prudentially balanced about every subject. In life we want independent thinking and risk-taking, but the G.P.A. system encourages students to be deferential and risk averse, giving their teachers what they want."

Follow @LeopardPrideDAA on Twitter to read more!



HIGH SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

QUICK REFERENCE TO SEMESTER TWO EXAMS 2016

(Updated Schedule.)

IB I Exams (Grade 11)

TIME	June 15	June 16	June 19	June 20	June 21	June 22	June 23
Classroom	Wed	Thurs	Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs
8:30 - 10:00	History ITGS	French	Psychology	Economics Biology 11/12	Spanish	Arabic A Arabic B HL /SL	Computer Science Conflicts
Classroom	BREAK	BREAK	BREAK	BREAK	BREAK	BREAK	BREAK
11:00 - 12:30	Business	English SL English 11	Math St Math Ap	DT Chemistry HL/SL		SEHS Physics	Music Visual Arts HL/SL Conflicts
Classroom							
11:00 - 1:00		English HL	Math HL Math SL		Biology HL /SL ESSL		Theatre Arts HL/SL

Grade 9 + 10

TIME	June 19	June 20	June 21	June 22	June 23
Classroom	Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs
8:30 - 10:00	Math 10 History 9	English 10 Science 9	History 10 English 9	Science 10 Math 9	Conflicts
	BREAK	BREAK	BREAK	BREAK	BREAK
11:00- 12:30	French II, III, IV	Spanish II, III, IV	Arabic I, II, III, IV	Native 9 and 10	Conflicts





ATHLETICS AND ACTIVITIES

EAC

Emirates Athletics Conference

JV & V END OF YEAR SPORTS CELEBRATION!

The DAA Athletics Department would like to sincerely invite all Season 1, 2 & 3 Junior Varsity and Varsity participants, coaches, parents and DAA Alumni to attend the end of year sports celebration. This is a time where we can enjoy the hard work, success, triumphs and challenges that students, coaches and parents contributed to our athletics program in a relaxed environment. Beverages and food will be provided throughout the event. I hope to see you all there!

- WHEN:** Monday 30th May
WHERE: High School Gym
TIME: 5.00pm - 7.00pm (doors open at 4.30pm)
WHO: All Season 1, 2 & 3 Junior Varsity and Varsity participants, parents and coaches!
 All DAA Alumni also welcome to attend! Please just RSVP using the link below
WHY: Sports Awards: Scholar Athlete Award and Athlete of the Year
 Season 3 Participants - MIP, MVP and Coaches Awards
 Farewell our leaving Seniors
 Farewell leaving DAA Coaches

- RSVP:** Sunday 22nd May (for catering and awards purposes)
 Use this link to RSVP: <http://goo.gl/forms/wzttv700QG>

**U14 & JEAC SPORT TEAMS - END OF YEAR POOL PARTY**

DAA Athletics would like to invite all Season 1, 2 & 3 U14 and JEAC participants and coaches, to a fun end of year Pool Party to celebrate their achievements and dedication to the Athletics Program. Hot dogs, drinks, popcorn will be provided free of charge to athletes, thanks to The Spot.

- WHEN:** Wednesday 1st June
WHERE: High School Swimming Pool
TIME: 3.00pm - 4.30pm
WHO: All Season 1, 2 & 3 U14 athletes and JEAC athletes.
WHY: Cool off! Have some fun and remember the good times of 2015-2016

- RSVP:** Sunday 22nd May (for catering purposes)
 Use this link to RSVP: <http://goo.gl/forms/mBs1VwDrA8>

MESAC ATHLETIC & ACTIVITIES SCHEDULE 2016-2017

In preparation for next school years activities, please see the table below. I am excited to announce that next year there will be the addition of **MESAC Golf during Season 1 open to all Grade 8 - 12 students**. DAA will also be hosting 3 MESAC events: JV Volleyball (housing required), JV Basketball (housing required) and Track & Field (No housing needed). Please note that if your child takes part in any JV or V MESAC team at DAA next year, they will be required to house guest athletes from Abu Dhabi, Oman, India and Qatar. If you cannot house, your child cannot be selected for a MESAC team.

ATHLETICS AND ACTIVITIES, continued

Season	MESAC Event / Activity	Dates	Host School
1	JV Volleyball	November 9 - November 13	DAA - UAE
1	Varsity Volleyball	November 9 - November 13	ABA - OMAN
1	JV & Varsity Swimming	November 9 - November 13	ASDubai - UAE
1	JV & Varsity Academic Games	November 9 - November 13	ACS - UAE
1	Open Golf	October 19 - October 22	AES - INDIA
2	JV Soccer	February 1 - February 5	ASDubai - UAE
2	JV Basketball	February 1 - February 5	DAA - UAE
2	Senior Fine Arts	February 1 - February 5	ASDoha - QATAR
2	Varsity Soccer	February 8 - February 11	ACS - UAE
2	Varsity Basketball	February 9 - February 13	AES - INDIA
2	Open Tennis	February 8 - February 12	ABA - OMAN
2	Open Cross Country	February 9 - February 11	ABA - OMAN
3	Forensics	April 14 - April 18	AES - INDIA
3	JV Softball / Baseball	April 12 - April 15	ASDubai - UAE
3	Varsity Softball/Baseball	April 12 - April 16	ASDoha - QATAR
3	JV & Varsity Badminton	April 12 - April 16	ACS - UAE
3	JV & Varsity Track and Field	April 12 - April 15	DAA - UAE

HOUSING COORDINATOR FOR 2016-2017

We also have a changing of the guards with our DAA Housing Coordinator for Athletics. Yvonne Sidani is retiring not from DAA, but from the position after dedicating many, many years to the role. I cannot thank her enough for her time, commitment and passion towards the Housing Coordinator role. It is often a thankless job, but your efforts have not been overlooked.

Although it is sad to say goodbye to Yvonne, I would like to introduce our new DAA Housing Coordinator, **Nashmia Saleem starting in 2016-2017**. For parents with Middle and High School students, your child will know her as the ever smiling Attendance Coordinator. We will be working together next year in providing housing solutions for DAA MESAC hosted events. If you have any questions or queries, please do not hesitate to get in contact: nashmia.saleem@gemsdaa.net

SUMMER TRAINING CAMP FOR TRACK & FIELD ATHLETES:

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

Cafeteria Menus

Meal Choice	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
	English	Mexican	Indian	Italian	Chinese
Vegetarian Diet	Tofu & Mixed Vegetable Sautee	Bean Burrito	Vegetable Paneer Masala	Vegetable Lasagna	Stir Fried Vegetables
Non -Vegetarian (Main Course)	Fish Fingers	Beef Burrito	Chicken Tikka Masala	Chicken Supreme	Chicken & Vegetable Stir Fry
Side Vegetables	Mixed Vegetables & Tofu Sautee		Vegetable Paneer Masala	Mix Roasted Vegetables	
Grains / Starch	Potato Wedges or White rice	Tomato Rice & Tortillas	White Rice & Paratha	Peas Rice	Corn Rice
Pasta Station	Chicken Pasta Bake	Spaghetti with Vegetable sauce	Fusilli colors	Fettuccine with mushroom sauce	Penne Pasta & Arrabiata sauce

