

SPOTS



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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
OCTOBER 2016					
23 PS/ES Day 3 MS/HS Day 1	24 PS/ES Day 4 MS/HS Day 2	25 PS/ES Day 5 MS/HS Day 3	26 PS/ES Day 6 MS/HS Day 4	27 PS/ES Day 7 MS/HS Day 5	28 29
JEAC Soccer Grade 4 Boys: DAA @ GWA 3:30-5:30 * Grade 4/5 Girls: DAA @ GWA 3:30-5:30 * Grade 5/6 Boys: DAA vs. GWA HOME @ DAA 3:30-5:30 *	PS United Nations Day Celebrations MS WWW Registration Packages due by 7:45am	DAAPA PSES Pumpkin Collection Drop-off/pick-up PS/ES Foyer	DAAPA PSES Pumpkin Collection Drop-off/pick-up PS/ES Foyer JEAC Soccer Grade 4 Boys: DAA @ CAS 3:30-5:30 * Grade 5/6 Boys: DAA vs. CAS HOME @ DAA 3:30-5:30 *	MS UN Day Celebrations HS Juniors Movie Night	Nancy Crosser Swim Meet @ ASDubai
OCTOBER/NOVEMBER 2016					
30 PS/ES Day 8 MS/HS Day 6	31 PS/ES Day 9 MS/HS Day 7	1 PS/ES Day 10 MS/HS Day 8	2 PS/ES Day 1 MS/HS Day 1	3 PS/ES Day 2 MS/HS Day 2	4 5
MS Spirit Week					EAC Final Tournament Golf team (Els Course in Dubai)
Innovation Day Diwali All Grades dismissed at 12:00 noon	Costumes PS Fall Parade ES Fall Parade	Twin Day	Heroes vs. Villains	Jungle Safari MS Fall "Glow in the Dark" Dance 6-8pm MS Commons	
6 PS/ES Day 3 MS/HS Day 3	7 PS/ES Day 4 MS/HS Day 4	8 PS/ES Day 5 MS/HS Day 5	9 PS/ES Day 6 MS/HS Day 6	10 PS/ES Day 7 MS/HS Day 7	11 12
ES Book Fair / PS Book Fair					
			MS WWW Payment Due MESAC Varsity Volleyball depart to Oman MESAC JV Volleyball teams arrive to DAA	PS United Nations Day Celebrations MESAC Swimming at ASDubai MESAC Acad. Games ACS, Abu Dhabi	MESAC JV Volleyball Chmpship Day at DAA MESAC Swimming Finals Day at ASDubai
13 PS/ES Day 8 MS/HS Day 8	14 PS/ES Day 9 MS/HS Day 1	15 PS/ES Day 10 MS/HS Day 2	16 PS/ES Day 1 HS Day 3	17 PS/ES Day 2	18 19
	PS Coffee Morning 8-9am PS Conf Rm		MS Parent Teacher Conferences	MS Parent Teacher Conferences HS Parent Teacher Conferences	

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ALL SCHOOL NEWS

Dear DAA Families,

Thank you to the parents who have been contributing to our efforts to celebrate the change of season. There appears to be a Pumpkin Patch growing in the PS/ES building! The atriums and hallways around the school are being festively decorated for fall, and we're grateful to all the parents who assisted with this. Our students and teachers work hard, and it's a pleasure to take a step back now and again to smile, laugh, and simply have fun.

Thank you also to the PS and ES parents who visited DAA last Wednesday and Thursday to attend parent-teacher conferences. Those conferences are so important to establishing strong, positive relationships with your children's teachers. A healthy, collaborative home-school partnership makes an enormous difference to your child's experience at school, and I encourage parents to nurture that relationship with their children's teachers. I would also like to thank those parents who attended divisional Coffee Mornings in recent weeks, and to the principals, counselors, and teachers who planned the meetings. Attendance at these events really shows what kind of engaged, supportive parents we have here at DAA!

Why is the positive energy of a school so important? Last summer I read an interesting book that sharpened my perspective on this question. The book is called *The Happiness Advantage*, and it was written by a psychologist named Shawn Achor. I was vaguely aware of Achor already because he had given an especially popular TEDTalk a few years ago, but I wasn't expecting the impact his book would have on my thoughts about culture, leadership, and DAA's community. Let me share one small excerpt from Achor's book:

"... a fundamental shift in the field of psychology is underway. For untold generations, we have been led to believe that happiness orbited around success. That if we work hard enough, we will be successful, and only if we are successful will we become happy. Success was thought to be that fixed point of the work universe, with happiness revolving around it. Now, thanks to breakthroughs in the burgeoning field of positive psychology, we are learning that the opposite is true. When we are happy – when our mindset and mood are positive – we are smarter, more motivated, and thus more successful. Happiness is the center, and success revolves around it" (p. 37).

That is, to be sure, one of the greatest challenges for any school: How do we keep the mindset and mood of our students and teachers positive? There are complicated answers to that question, but I know the support we receive from our parents, especially the phenomenal parents who actively engage in DAAPA, contribute significantly to that positivity.

On that note, I would like to thank and congratulate DAAPA for putting together a terrific event at Wild Wadi. It was special to be at the park with only other members of DAA's school community. Our students were having a lot of fun, and it appeared parents were, too! DAAPA volunteers do so much for the school, and I am not sure they always get the credit and recognition that they deserve. Thanks to their efforts, and to DAA families' willingness to attend, the event was a great success.

And while I'm at it thanks also to the ladies who run the Leopard's Den and The Spot! The Leopard's Den provides PE uniforms and other DAA spirit-wear through their shop in the Middle and High School. Running this shop is a major, ongoing commitment, and I really appreciate the dedication and creativity of the ladies who keep it going. It's a great service to our school that ultimately benefits DAA's students. I'd also like to thank the ladies who run The Spot. Three years ago I recall attending a basketball game where the centerpiece of our concession stand was an automatic drip coffee maker sitting on top of a folding chair. We've come a long way thanks to the dedication, generosity, and energy of our families. The Leopard's Den and The Spot donate their profits to support students around the school, and I really appreciate their committed generosity!

There are a lot of good things happening at DAA, as you'll surely note in this edition of SPOTS. Thank you for your continued support and for choosing to be part of DAA's community.

Kind Regards,



Jim Hardin,
Superintendent



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.

WILD WADI NIGHT FOR DAA (SPONSORED BY DAAPA) RETURNS

WILD WADI NIGHT what great fun!! DAAPA would like to thank all of the families that joined us "under the stars" at Wild Wadi last night. It was great to see so many happy children. We hope that you everyone had a wonderful evening. We are sure that you slept well! We look forward to seeing you again next year!



DAAPA in the ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

FALL PUMPKIN PATCH: For those who have preordered pumpkins, kindly note that pick up will be on Tuesday and Wednesday, October 25th and 26th. We'll be waiting for you in the Patch!

PS ES Movie Night: SAVE THE DATE! We are planning our first movie night of the year on Thursday, November 17th. Movie night at DAA has become quite the popular event! Watch this space for more details.



THE LEOPARDS' DEN

The Leopards' Den is the school spirit store, operated by DAAPA and located in the High School building. Leopards' Den is open Sunday to Thursday from 7:15 – 8:00 a.m. & in the afternoon from 2:30 to 3:15 p.m., however we're closed on Tuesday afternoons! We sell **ALL the Middle & High School PE Uniforms, MS Color House Shirts, DAA hoodies and athletic wear.**

New stock of hoodies has arrived! Sizes available from age 7 to extra large. AED 180 each.

Kindly note that Leopard's Den is a cash only store.

DAAPA BOOSTER CLUB

The Booster Club is a part of DAAPA that supports the Athletics, Fine Arts, and Forensics competitions in which DAA students participate. The Booster Club is operated out of **The SPOT**, located in the High School gymnasium, and provides refreshments to students, coaches, teachers, and parents after school on Wednesdays or during most home games and tournaments.

**The SPOT is now open every Wednesday after school!!
Stop by to grab a snack or just say hello!!**

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,

As a parent, I used to look forward to attending parent teacher conferences. I loved hearing the teacher describe my child as a learner and community member. It gave me insights into their life apart from me and how they were developing as a little person. It helped me to be more specific in my home support to them, as well as to praise, and of course, generously hug them for all their efforts. Thank you for attending your child's Parent Teacher Conference. I hope that you too left equipped with ideas about how to support them in their learning.

PS United Nations Day Celebrations, Monday October 24th, 2016

On Monday, October 24th the students of the Primary Division will be honoring United Nations Day. The purpose of UN Day is to promote international togetherness and awareness among children worldwide.

Students are invited to dress in clothing of their home country, an outfit that represents their heritage, or even of a country they've lived in. Another option is for students to wear the colors of their national flag. They may choose to bring other comfortable clothes to change into after our celebration.

The UN parade will start at 8:00 a.m. with KG1. All classes will exit through the main lobby. Thank you parents for standing to the side as students exit. We will have over 700 students exiting through the front doors, so if you opt to wait in the lobby for your child's class, you may not be able to easily exit to the field. Instead, parents are encouraged to stand outside to capture a photo of your child exiting. Please do not stop class lines for photos or ask your child to step out of line. After students go around the track once, students will then return to their classrooms for pictures and activities. Please see your child's classroom blog for more information about this day.

Fall Festival

If you and your child are busily preparing a costume for the 31st, please keep in mind that they will be sitting on the carpet, playing at recess, and participating in PE. Thus, costumes should be comfortable, weather sensitive, and safe. Below are guidelines to ensure a safe and happy day for all:

- Students in costume must be able to independently use the restroom
- No gory or scary costumes
- No replicas of weapons
- Avoid masks as these can pose a safety issue.
- Regular shoes or trainers, must be worn (No flip flops, high heels, or shoes without backs)
- Avoid long hemlines that could be stepped on and cause tripping
- Costumes should allow for students to comfortably sit on the carpet

Upcoming Events:

Oct 24	UN Day
Oct 30	Diwali Holiday - 12:00 pm Student Dismissal
Oct 31	Fall Parade
Nov 6-10	Book Fair
Nov 14	PS Parent Coffee

Respectfully,
 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

Dear ES Parents,

It was great to see so many of you at our Hopes and Dreams Parent Conferences this past week.

Our partnership with you in your child's education is important to your child's learning and we appreciated the opportunity to meet with so many of you. In fact, in the Elementary School alone we had 1,122 booked appointments over the two days! Thank you!

When you came to the school for your conference, you probably noticed the fantastic autumn decorations in the foyer. Well, once again, this was the work of our DAAPA moms! If you haven't seen it, you need to stop by and have a look at the amazing decorations that have been put up.

Thank you, DAAPA!

MAP Testing: MAP testing will end next week. For more information about MAP testing, please refer to last week's SPOTS or to the information previously sent home.

Student Council News (Ms. Connors and Ms. Rhonda): Firstly, Ms. Connors and Ms. Rhonda would like to thank all students that tried out for this year's student council. Preparing a speech and speaking in front of your peers takes a lot of bravery and shows us that we have so many students who take their citizenship of DAA seriously. We thank you for that.

During our first meetings we created our 2016-17 slogan of **Putting Student Power to Work**. Student council's initiatives all have to do with YOU! The student. This means that just because you are not directly involved in student council this year, doesn't mean you are not involved at all. This year students will have more say and more power to make decisions that will make elementary school's DAA the best it can be!

In the upcoming months student council representatives will include their classmates voices in charity work, animal conservation and the highly anticipated Spirit Week! If you would like to find out more about what Student Council is up to, check out our blog at <http://daesstudentcouncil.blogspot.ae/>.

Upcoming Events:

Sunday, October 30th: 12pm dismissal in honor of Diwali.

October 31st Fall Costume Parade: The traditional fall costume parade lives on in the ES! **Students are invited to come to school in costume on Monday, October 31st (no scary costumes, blood and gore or weapons) and all will participate in a fall costume parade around the school track shortly after drop-off.** Parents as well as the Middle/High School staff and students are invited to line the large track and watch. PS/ES students, with their classes, will make one full lap of the track and return to class. Please come and join the fun (feel free to participate by wearing a costume)! We look forward to seeing you there!



ELEMENTARY ESSENTIALS, continued

Thursday, November 10th will be United Nations Day in the Elementary School. The ES UN Day is an opportunity for us to celebrate our cultural diversity at DAA, something we are truly proud of! ES students may come dressed in their country's traditional dress or the colors of their country's flag.

The morning will begin with a Parade of Nations (similar to the parade that starts the Olympic Games) around the track. All children from grades 3-5 will be walking in the parade in groups with other children from their same country. Parents are invited to join us on the main field between 8:05am and 8:30am to watch the Parade of Nations. We ask that you please stand on the inside of the track to watch. Hope to see you all there cheering on the many United Nations of DAA!

Jr. EAC (ES Coordinator James Anaya): If your child is involved, please check this [link](#) for all the details! We had a full week of matches that were played on Sunday and Wednesday.

Congratulations to all those who participated. We always want to do well in our matches but the mission of JEAC is to strive to build sportsmanship and good character. It's most important at this stage in life for our children; to build strong minds and bodies. So, please encourage your children to represent DAA well and build our community of student-athletes with our goals and mission.

Get ready to see some more action this week as we take on two teams again this week in our matches.

JEAC SOCCER MATCHES:

*All times are approximate and subject to change.

Grade 4 Boys:

- Sunday, Oct. 23 DAA @ **GWA AWAY** 3:30-5:00 *
- Wed., Oct. 26 DAA @ **CAS AWAY** 3:30-5:00 *

Grade 4/5 Girls:

- Sunday, Oct. 23 DAA @ **GWA AWAY** 3:30-5:00 *

Grade 5/6 Boys:

- Sunday, Oct. 23 DAA vs. **GWA HOME** 3:30-5:00 *
- Wed., Oct. 26 DAA vs. **CAS HOME** 3:30-5:00 *

Enjoy the week ahead!

Roberta Wiens and Kit Wilding
ES Admin Team



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



WWW Registration

WWW: The students were greatly excited this past week as they were able to spend time looking over the WWW options. On Thursday they picked up their registration number and packages. **All packages are due back to the middle school office by 7:45a.m. on Monday, October 24th.** Any packages delivered late, not filled in properly (missing signatures), missing 2 passport and residence visa copies (if going international) and/or without the 150 AED registration fee, will have their registration number removed. Please be reminded that we do not give change so ensure the 150 AED is in exact cash. As soon as we have all students allotted on a trip, we will send out notification letters to parents along with specific trip activity waiver forms. These must all be filled in and returned with payment to our middle school accounts office by November 9th. Be sure to visit the [WWW website](#) to get further information.

UN Day Celebrations: We will be celebrating UN Day on Thursday, October 27th. Students are encouraged to wear traditional dress or flag colors from their home country for the day. Please make sure that all outfits meet the school dress code requirements. (No shorts, spaghetti straps, tight clothing or ripped jeans)

DAA News Nation: We are fortunate this year to have our Innovate 8 class put together a weekly news announcement for the students. We will post this weekly on Edmodo for all students and parents to see. Here is a direct link to the [news channel](#) so you can hear about the amazing things happening in the middle school. Please feel free to subscribe to the Youtube channel!

Innovation Day: We are happy to announce that we have scheduled our first Innovation day of the year for Sunday, October 30th, the start of our Spirit Week. This will be a half day of school as dismissal is at noon in celebration of Diwali. Please take some time to go through the [Innovation Day Presentation](#). Students will sign up next week. They will be required to bring certain supplies depending on the activity they choose. Students may wear their school uniforms, color house shirts or PE kit for the morning. We expect this will be another great learning day for students and staff!

Spirit Week: Spirit week is fast approaching! We will be celebrating DAA Spirit from October 30th to November 3rd.

Day	Theme	Activity
Sunday	Innovation Day	Students select from a list
Monday	Costumes	Trick or Treat game with a candy guess and an pumpkin bean bag toss.
Tuesday	Twin Day	Three-legged races and balloon pass
Wednesday	Heroes vs. Villains	Dodgeball and pillow fights
Thursday	Jungle Safari	Bake sale and green screen opportunities

Be sure to come to the dance on Thursday evening (November 3rd) from 6-8p.. This years theme is GLOW IN THE DARK! Break out the neons and glow sticks and get ready to dance in the dark. Tickets are on sale in the commons at lunchtimes during Spirit Week for 25 AED and at the dance door for 30 AED.

JEAC SOCCER MATCHES: *All times are approximate and subject to change.

Grade 6 Boys:

- Sunday, Oct. 23 DAA vs. **GWA HOME** 3:30-5:00 *
- Wed., Oct. 26 DAA vs. **CAS HOME** 3:30-5:00 *

Looking forward to some great costumes and fun activities!

Warmest regards,
Joan Wiens and Luke Spencer, MS Admin

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.....?

- **It should be called Artitecture**

Students have used their photos from the field trip to Bastakia quarter to design their final piece based around Islamic architecture. Here the students are working large scale using their knowledge of perspective drawing before adding in color texture and detail.



- **What is your regime like?**

Students are taught to take charge of their own health and fitness. They are taught how to design their own workout regimes. In the fitness unit students chart goals and reflect on how they perform.



- **More universities come a-callin'**



It is university season for Seniors as they finalize their college lists, and some have already submitted early applications last week. In the coming weeks students will have numerous opportunities to visit with university and college representatives from the UK, USA, and other European countries. College visits are announced to students via Naviance and the Facebook page.

The first semester of Grade 12 is an especially busy time for students. Time management is important, so please remind your student get enough sleep during this busy time. Proper nutrition and sleep can also assist in having a clear mind.

- **More clubs then ever**

Club Fair was a huge success again this year with over 45 clubs and charities represented. There were culture clubs, sports clubs as well as the academic and support clubs. Check out the clubs and charities website at <http://daaclubsandcharities.weebly.com/>



HIGH SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS, continued



New DAA get a slice of the action

The Student Council along with the HS counseling office held a pizza lunch for the new DAA students to check in with them to see how they had settled in. It was held during both lunches on Thursday.

They were all Complicit(e)

Britain's Best Theatre Company Spends a Day at DAA on October 11, with 52 Drama students who were fortunate to spend a whole day with "Complicite", described as the UK's number 1 theatre company according to The Times Newspaper. Complicite are a multi-award winning Theatre Group who have worked with Rowan Atkinson, Jude Law and Benedict Cumberbatch.

They have been nominated and have won countless awards including three Olivier Awards, The Tony Awards and The Edinburgh Fringe Festival. Founded in 1983 by Annabel Arden, Fiona Gordon, Marcello Magni and Simon McBurney, the Company is now led by Artistic Director McBurney OBE and Producer Judith Dimant MBE. Complicite began life as a collective and this spirit of collective enquiry, of collaborative curiosity, has driven the work throughout its history.

The Company brings together performers, designers, writers, artists and specialists from diverse fields to create unique works of theatre centering on movement and collaboration – a process now known simply as "devising." Complicite are part of the IB Theatre Arts Curriculum. The IB students now approach their collaborative IB assessment invigorated and inspired. A "once in a lifetime" experience as Syune Tsughuryan put it. The workshops were free of charge to students thanks to DAA and took almost a year in the planning.



HIGH SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS, continued

What's coming up.....?

■ Diwali celebrations

What: Diwali is "festival of lights".

Who is organizing the event: South Asian Culture Club

When: Sunday, October 30

Where: High School

Why: The South Asian Culture Club hopes to inform the student body of the origins of this well-known celebration! Though originally a religious festival, today Diwali is celebrated by people all around the world, irrespective of religion.

It is an official holiday in India, Pakistan, Nepal, Myanmar, Fiji, Guyana, Malaysia, Mauritius, Singapore and Trinidad and Tobago. The festival gets its name from the row (avali) of clay lamps (deepa) that people light outside their homes, to symbolize the inner light that protects us from spiritual darkness.

● College Applications deadlines are fast approaching

The counseling office will be holding after school college application workshops. Please see the list of workshops and dates. Location TBD. Please check the DAA HS Counseling Office's Facebook page for further information.

- Oct. 31- UC/CSU App Workshop, 3-4PM
- Nov. 7- UCAS App Workshop, 3-4PM
- Nov. 14-Canada/Other European App Workshop, 3-4PM

● Stay informed – website is a one-stop shop

Check out our DAA Community website, where you can find High School information at <http://www.gemsdaa.com/?q=hs>

The HS Handbook, Program of Studies and the **College Handbook** can all be found here also at the bottom of the page with all the information you need.

See you on campus!
Scott Schaffner and Paul McMahon,
Your HS Admin Team





ATHLETICS AND ACTIVITIES

EAC

Emirates Athletics Conference

After what seems like only a few short weeks off work for maternity leave, I am back in the driver's seat just in time to plan our upcoming home MESAC event, JV Volleyball!

I would like to express my sincere thanks to **Tim Tschumperlin** for stepping in as the acting Athletic Director position while I was away. He juggled many hats, put our fires and ran league matches all while still teaching his classes, running the CAS program and being an active dad! Thank you Tim!!!

So what's been happening in Athletics? This weekend was our end of season EAC (Emirates Athletics Conference) final tournaments. Congratulations to our Varsity Girls Volleyball, JV Girls Volleyball, JV Boys Volleyball and Middle School Girls Volleyball teams for making the top 4 teams and taking part in these events. Our entire Swim Team also competed at GWA for the EAC event.

Here are the results for JV Volleyball EAC:

JV VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT

GIRLS:	BOYS
1st ASD	1st ACS
2nd ACS	2nd ASD
3rd GWA	3rd GWA
4th DAA	4th DAA

UPCOMING EVENTS :

Saturday 29th October	Nancy Crosser Swim Meet @ ASDubai
Friday 4th November	EAC Final Tournament Golf team (Els Course in Dubai)
Wednesday 9th November	MESAC Varsity Volleyball depart to Oman
Wednesday 9th November	MESAC Junior Varsity Volleyball teams arrive to DAA
Thursday 10th November	MESAC Swimming starts at ASDubai
Thursday 10th November	MESAC Academic Games depart for Abu Dhabi, ACS
Saturday 12th November	MESAC Junior Varsity Volleyball Championship day at DAA
Saturday 12th November	MESAC Swimming Finals Day at ASDubai
Sunday 13th November	MESAC Varsity Volleyball return from Oman
Sunday 13th November	MESAC Academic Games return for Abu Dhabi, ACS (late evening)

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, a travel letter explains the costs of flights and visa requirements. It is the responsibility of the family to arrange visa's for international trips. Payment must be made no later than by **23rd October** to the High School Accounts office (near main reception).

We need your help! It is a MESAC requirement that **all** squad participants in all activities be prepared to house visiting athletes. This season **we are hosting Junior Varsity Volleyball**. We ask DAA team parents to open their homes to house athletes from ASDoha, ABA Oman, ACS, Abu Dhabi and AES, India. We have 80 athletes to house from the **Wednesday 8th November - Sunday 13th November**. Nashmia Saleem is the lead coordinator of housing. Please contact her directly nashmia.saleem@gemsdaa.net for any questions or concerns.

ATHLETICS AND ACTIVITIES

JV AND V SWIM TEAM:

Hosted by the American School of Dubai, UAE
 Thursday November 10th - Saturday November 12th
 COST OF TRIP: 60 AED
 Coaches: Tara Lewis, JP Smit & Elizabeth Beukenkamp

Congratulations to the following MESAC swimmers!

JUNIOR VARSITY GIRLS		JUNIOR VARSITY BOYS	
Keely Perkin	Grade 10	Abhi Sharma	Grade 9
Jada Chalouhi	Grade 9	Marek Kai	Grade 8
Victoria Bergeli	Grade 8	Tommaso cervini	Grade 8
Tamara Tesfai	Grade 8	Al Hassan Salama	Grade 8
Rosa de Vera	Grade 8	Jacopo Pizzuto	Grade 8
Laetizia Hanna	Grade 8	Mert Saygi	Grade 9
VARSITY GIRLS		VARSITY BOYS	
Lidia Errico	Grade 11	Francois Geertsema	Grade 11
Floriane Chirouze	Grade 11	Francois Rioux	Grade 11
Jude Haddad	Grade 11	Alex Kubbinga	Grade 11
Victoria Langenbach	Grade 11	Akram Ibrahim	Grade 10
Vania Constantinou	Grade 10	Simon Thorp	Grade 10
Cean Oh	Grade 10	Chengyuan (Diego) Cai	Grade 11

JV VOLLEYBALL

Hosted by the Dubai American Academy, UAE
 Thursday November 10th - Saturday November 12th
 COST OF TRIP: 60 AED
 Coaches: Desirae Matthew and Mary Fuglie

Congratulations to the following MESAC volleyballers!

GIRLS TEAM		BOYS TEAM	
Sofia Ventricelli	Grade 8	Cy An	9
Azza Thanveer	Grade 8	Bahram Gandhi	9
Nil Altinordu	Grade 8	Kareem Hamwi	10
Malin Ludvigson	Grade 9	Daniel Hamze	10
Amber Susee	Grade 9	Yoon-Jae Hong	9
Sarah Madani	Grade 10	Maximilian Ries	10
Isabel Rostock	Grade 10	Mohamed Abdel Salam	10
Hana Shehadi	Grade 10	Nakul Shankar	10
Zayna Dembinski	Grade 10	Quentin van Unen	9
Nicole Applin	Grade 10	Imaad Zahir Khurshid	10

ATHLETICS AND ACTIVITIES

ACADEMIC GAMES

Hosted by the American Community School, UAE
 Depart Thursday November 10th by bus to Abu Dhabi
 Return Sunday evening November 13th by bus to DAA
 COST OF TRIP: 60 AED
 Coaches: Jibola Ajayi, Lars Atkinson & Tim Tschumperlin

Congratulations to the following MESAC academic gamers!

GIRLS NAME		BOYS NAME	
MinSeung Ku	Grade 11	Ian Joe	Grade 8
Kainaz Gandhi	Grade 11	Ishaan Dureja	Grade 9
Ashwati Nair	Grade 12	Jihong Min	Grade 9
		Sami Geier	Grade 10
		Sunkweon (Chris) Im	Grade 10
		Shrey Thapar	Grade 11
		Aakar Chatha	Grade 11
		Badis Khiari	Grade 11
		Mahmoud Sobier	Grade 11
		Mohit Garg	Grade 10
		Felipe Cuellar	Grade 12
		Kshitij Seth	Grade 12
		Anitej Banerjee	Grade 11

V VOLLEYBALL

Hosted by the American British IB World School, Oman
 Depart Wednesday November 9th WY606 @ 12.25pm
 Return Sunday November 13th WY605 @ 11.35am
 COST OF TRIP: 765 AED
 Coaches: Mike Freeson, Miro Bruan & Stephanie Gierl

Congratulations to the following MESAC volleyballers!

GIRLS NAME		BOYS NAME	
Yara Elzein	Grade 11	Adam Mezqueldi	12
Natalya Baakza	Grade 11	Andre Wyss	12
Claudia Villalon	Grade 10	Ayo Ladak	12
Hannah Madani	Grade 12	Josh Torres	11
Valentina Ventricelli	Grade 12	Justin Salem	11
Julia motta	Grade 11	Mikail Rahman	12
Cassidy Hardin	Grade 12	Moustafa Manialway	12
Alexis Gates	Grade 12	Pablo Gomez-Bestue	12
Diala Talaat	Grade 11	Tarek Fakhoury	11
Julia Adamczyk	Grade 12	Ammar Kamran	11

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MESAC GOLF LEOPARDS in India this weekend!

We wish all of our Golfing MESAC Leopards the very best success as they compete in the first official MESAC golf event hosted by the American Embassy School, New Delhi, India.



Final MESAC Golf Results:

1. AS Dubai
2. AS Doha
3. AES
4. ACS
5. DAA

DAA Team members:

1. Ethan Debruyn
2. Mahika Duseja
3. William Wilding
4. Parth Gautam
5. Karanveer Singh Judge



LEOPARDS IN ACTION:

Swim Team competing at Hamden last weekend! NEW DAA RECORDS: Congratulations swimmers!

Tomasso Cervini beat his Francois Geertsema in the 100m Breaststroke. New record: 1:15.15

Victoria Bergali beat Anouque Berghuis in the 100m IM. New record of 1:11.86



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STAY IN TOUCH - DAA LEOPARDS!



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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

Athletic Director | Dubai American Academy



WEEKLY MENUS

CAFETERIA MENUS

Menu Week 4: October 23-27, 2016

WEEK 4

SUNDAY THAI			
Chicken Coconut Curry			
Vegetable Coconut Curry	PASTA	Rainbow Fusilli	
White Rice	SOUP	Minestrone	
	SALADS	Lentil	Potato 
MONDAY INTERNATIONAL			
Fish Tempura			
Tomato Green Bean Stew	PASTA	Spaghetti in Tomato Sauce	
Onion Rice	SOUP	Mushroom	
	SALADS	Russian 	Pasta 
TUESDAY AMERICAN			
Beef Sloppy Joes			
Veg Sloppy Joes			
Sweet Corn	PASTA	Penne Arabiatta	
Oven Roasted Potatoes	SOUP	Lentil	
	SALADS	Red Slaw	Waldorf 
WEDNESDAY EMIRATI			
Breaded Chicken Tenders			
Vegetable Thereed	PASTA	Mac 'n' Cheese	 
Broccoli Forest	SOUP	Cream of Broccoli	
Potato Wedges		SALADS	Coleslaw  Oriental
THURSDAY INDIAN			
Chicken Stew			
Daal	PASTA	Beef Lasagna	 
Aloo Gobi	SOUP	Vegetable	
Saffron Rice	SALADS	Chickpea	Sweet Corn
Chapatti			



 Gluten

 Dairy

 Egg

 Tree Nuts

 Peanuts

 Soya

 Shellfish

 Fish