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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
NOVEMBER, 2015					
15 PS/ES Day 10 MS/HS Day 4	16 PS/ES Day 1 MS/HS Day 5	17 PS/ES Day 2 MS/HS Day 6	18 PS/ES Day 3 HS Day 7	19 PS/ES Day 4	20 21
Parent School Contract and Emirates ID updating available in the MS/HS lobby.					
PS/ES Bookfair					
			MS Parent Teacher Conferences	MS Parent Teacher Conferences ----- HS Parent Teacher Conferences ----- DAAPA PS/ES Pizza Day ----- DAAPA PS/ES Movie Night	
22 PS/ES Day 5 MS/HS Day 8	23 PS/ES Day 6 MS/HS Day 1	24 PS/ES Day 7 MS/HS Day 2	25 PS/ES Day 8 MS/HS Day 3	26	27 28
HS Drama Production "Love and Information" 7:00 p.m. AED 25 / DAA Aud	HS Drama Production "Love and Information" 3:30 p.m. AED 25 / DAA Aud		Annual HS Thanksgiving Celebration	Thanksgiving School Holiday	
NOVEMBER/DECEMBER, 2015					
29 PS/ES Day 9 MS/HS Day 4	30 PS/ES Day 10 MS/HS Day 5	1	2	3	4 5
		Martyrs' Day No School	 UAE National Day No School		
6 PS/ES Day 2 MS/HS Day 6	7 PS/ES Day 3 MS/HS Day 7	8 PS/ES Day 4 MS/HS Day 8	9 PS/ES Day 5 MS/HS Day 1	10 PS/ES Day 6 MS/HS Day 2	11 12
PS Winter Showcase (details to follow)					
	DAAPA HS Annual Christmas Lunch	ES Winter Concerts (details to follow)			

FROM THE REGISTRAR'S OFFICE: If you are moving out of the country or leaving DAA after the Winter Break you are kindly requested to inform the Registrar's office before November 15th.

For PS/ES you can email to Mona Mourad - m.mourad1_daa@gemsedu.com

For MS/HS you can email to Tanya Schroeder - t.schroeder_daa@gemsedu.com

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ALL SCHOOL NEWS

FROM THE SUPERINTENDENTS OFFICE

Dear DAA Families,

I would like to begin my message this week with very sincere congratulations to the many deserving students and teachers around DAA who have recently concluded major competitions, both athletic and academic. When I wrote two weeks ago, the results of season-ending competitions in volleyball, swimming, and academic games were unknown. Results are now in and I'm pleased to congratulate DAA's varsity, junior varsity, and U-14 students, who performed well in local and MESAC conference tournaments and meets. MESAC champions included Jibola Ajayi's Varsity Olympiad Team in Academic Games and Ryan Erickson's JV girls volleyball team. DAA's Athletic Director, Emily Rentsch, provides a detailed description of DAA's results later in this edition of SPOTS, and I encourage you to spend a few minutes enjoying the photos and reading about our students' performances. I'd also like to thank the coaches who worked with our students over the first two months of the school year. The financial compensation for taking on coaching responsibilities is not great, particularly given the hours a coach or sponsor invests in his or her team. They do it for the love of the game and because they hold deep convictions about the value of sport and competition for young people. Thank you.

As we begin Season 2, I'd like to remind parents why it's so important to encourage your children to participate in sports and/or other activities at DAA. A growing body of research about participation in sports, for example, contends that participation results in higher academic achievement, higher self-esteem, and fewer behavioral problems. Many studies focus on the effects of sports on the five Cs – competence, confidence, connections, character, and caring – and on the lifelong benefits of playing sports – the discipline of training, the importance of teamwork, how to lead and follow, and how to lose with grace and class. Sports played a critical role in my own youth once upon a time, and I wouldn't trade those lessons learned for anything.

Thank you to all parents who took the time to complete the two surveys we released recently – the first concerned PH7, DAA's new catering company, and the second concerned Threads, GEMS's new uniform supplier. The results from these surveys have already been shared with PH7 and Threads, as well as with GEMS, and I will meet with representatives from both companies in the next two weeks.

Also, thank you to all parents who attended PS and ES parent-teacher conferences or who will attend MS and HS conferences later this week. The relationships you form with your children's teachers are important, so I would like to offer you the following advice to all MS and HS parents prior to this week's conferences:

- Talk to your son or daughter beforehand about how things are going in each class.
- Take time to understand how grade level standards and expectations work.
- Make a list of questions or talking points before the conference.
- Don't be afraid to ask for clarity.
- Ask what you can do, specifically, to help your child.
- Share personal insight about your child that will help the teacher work with him/her more effectively.
- Make sure you know how to check on your child's progress.
- Find out the best way to communicate with the teacher.
- Develop a positive working relationship with your child's teacher.
- Leave the conference on a good note!

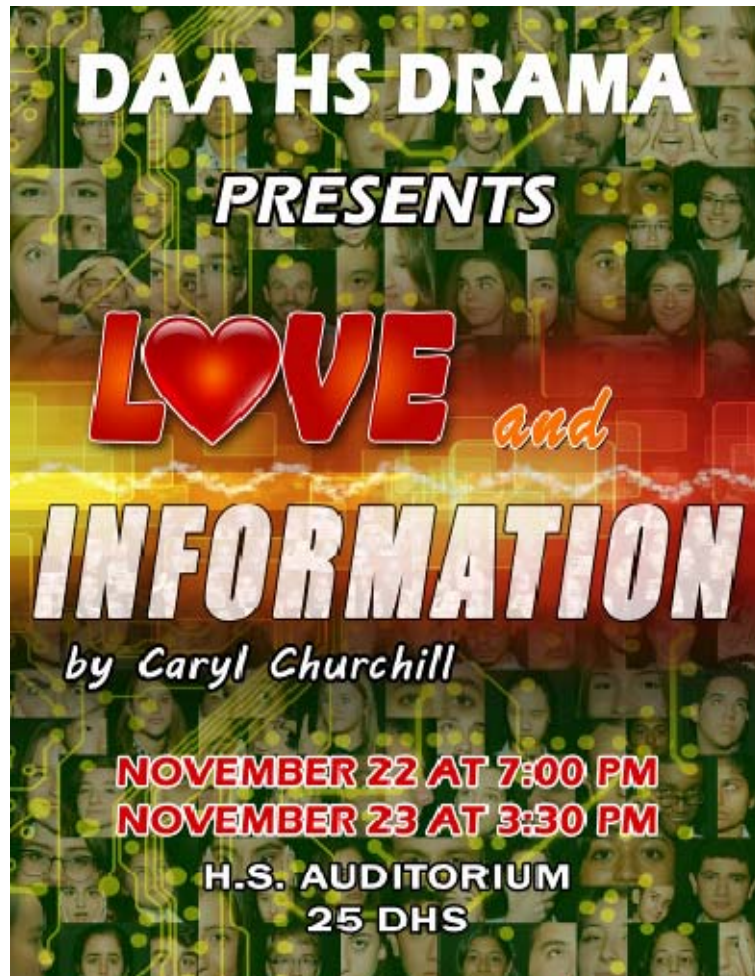
Before I write my next SPOTS message, we will have celebrated American Thanksgiving on Thursday, November 26. Of the many holidays Americans have either adopted or invented over the years, Thanksgiving is special and has always been my favorite. It's the one holiday that reminds us to count our blessings and to be grateful for the many good things in life that we enjoy – most importantly, friends and family. Specific information will be provided by principals and classroom teachers, as each division observes Thanksgiving traditions a little differently. In particular, the annual Thanksgiving lunch in our High School is special. This lunch is always held in honor of our support staff who keep DAA running strong each day. We thank DAAPA for their financial support of this popular tradition, which I think goes a long way toward reinforcing our Culture of Kindness.

FROM THE SUPERINTENDENTS OFFICE, *continued*

Our next major celebration will be the following week for UAE National Day. School will be open on Sunday, 29 November, and our school-wide celebrations for National Day will occur on Monday, 30 November. It was formally announced that the holidays to celebrate Martyrs Day and the 44th National Day for the government sectors, ministries, and schools across the UAE will extend for three days from 1st December to the 3rd December. School will resume on Sunday, 6 December.

Finally, it's only fitting with Thanksgiving approaching that I thank my faculty and my leadership team for their remarkable effort, dedication, and commitment in the current school year to-date. The demands on teachers at high-performing schools like DAA are intense and our pace can be exhausting. The weeks between the Eid holiday in September and the winter holiday in December are especially intense – perhaps 'unrelenting' is a better choice of words. I think it's worth asking why DAA's teachers are willing to give so much. I assure you it's not they're overpaid or because they can't find work elsewhere. DAA's teachers are willing to give so much because they love working their students – that is, your children. That matters a great deal, I think, to the ethos and culture of a school. The quality of the relationships between teachers and students is noticeable in so many ways. I have a son who graduated from DAA two years ago and a daughter who is currently in Grade 11. My son is about to enter his third year of university in January (thanks to IB credit) and continues to tell me how well he was prepared at DAA for his tertiary studies. I have never ceased to be amazed by the dedication not only of my children's teachers, but also from the principals, assistant principals, coordinators, secretaries, aides, and others who have supported them. My wife and I consider ourselves very fortunate to work at DAA, but also to have our children attend school here.

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.

DAAPA in the PRIMARY SCHOOL / ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

ES/PS Pizza Day - Thursday, November 19th November

The long anticipated pizza day is one that most of our children look forward to. Pizza order forms have been sent home this week. Be sure to fill and send them back with exact change maximum by Tuesday 17th November 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.



NOW SHOWING ... HOME

Movie starts @ 6:15/sundown @ soccer field elementary

CORN DOGS AND PIZZA WILL BE SOLD AT THE EVENT

FREE POPCORN

Bring your bean bag, beach chair or mat to make yourself comfy!!

Children must be supervised by an adult at all times.

ES/PS Family Movie Night: "HOME" - Thursday, 19th November, 6 - 8 PM, in the ES Pitch

The weather is just too good to stay indoors now and that's why we're having our first family movie night. 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.

Decorating for UAE National Day - Monday, 23rd November, 8 - 11 AM

Calling all ladies to help us transform the ES foyer in honor of National day. We will start straight after drop off time and continue for a few hours. If you have an hour or two to spare come and join in the amazing team spirit, make new friends and help turn the foyer into yet another fantastic original work of art.

Got a question about a PS or ES DAAPA event? Just send us an email to stayintouchwithdaaes@gmail.com and we'll be happy to help.

Reine Assad & Sherry Farid
Vice President ES & PS

DAAPA NEWS, contined

DAAPA IN THE MIDDLE SCHOOL

Thank you to the parents that came to the Grade 8 Coffee Morning last Monday. Special thanks go to the 2 mothers that have stepped up to be the Grade 8 representatives Zohreh Safai and Carla Tabet.

We are still looking for a Grade 6 representative. If interested please email your intention with your full child's name and your contact information to Stephanie at stayintouchwithms@gmail.com

Lastly, if you want to be included in the DAAPA communication list, please send your contact information with your child's name and grade level to the same address provided above.

DAAPA Middle School Team
Stephanie Noren and Alzeta Strazimiri

DAAPA IN THE HIGH SCHOOL

Dear High School parents,

Thanksgiving is around the corner and the High School Senate is organizing the annual Thanksgiving Appreciation Lunch, which will take place on Wednesday, 25 November. They are meticulously planning every detail and they are very creative and professional.

We were wondering, if we the parents can support them by offering an apple pie or a pumpkin pie. If you wish to contribute, please sign up at www.daaparentconnect.com by Sunday, 22 November.

Please reserve on your calendars December 7, for our DAAPA HS Annual Christmas Lunch. We'll play Secret Santa before enjoying a sumptuous Christmas Lunch. A letter with full details is coming up.

DAAPA HS Committee
HS VP & Communications

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,

With the onset of Fall weather, we may wake to mornings that are a bit cool. If your little one would like to wear a hoodie, please be aware that only DAA hoodies are allowed. If you have not yet purchased one, they are available at Threads.

Call For Donations To Our Thanksgiving Baskets

In the spirit of the American holiday of Thanksgiving, we would like to thank the men and women who work so hard to keep us safe and our school clean and well-maintained. Please consider donating to our Thanksgiving baskets. We will divide up the goods to share them equally among our fantastic support staff. We have a large number of staff so smaller gifts of multiple items are greatly appreciated.

Please bring your donation to your child’s classroom teacher by November 23rd, 2015.

Ideas of possible gifts:

- **Toiletries:** mouthwash, toothbrushes, shampoo, deodorant, nail clippers, hair elastics, Q-tips, body wash, loofahs
- **Drink mixes:** instant coffee or tea
- **No-cook items:** popcorn, chocolate or individual wrapped candy, mints, canned goods
- **Basics:** laundry detergent, soap, face towels, sewing kits
- **Luxuries:** eye masks, ear plugs, shower shoes (flipflops), flashlights (no batteries)
- **Travel sized games:** decks of cards, arts and craft supplies, stationary

“Let us be grateful to the people who make us happy; they are the charming gardeners who make our souls blossom.” - Marcel Proust

Upcoming PS Events:

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| 1. | Book Fair | Mon the 16th
Tues the 17th
Wed the 18th
Thurs the 19th | 11:00-3:30
7:30-2:00
7:30-3:30
7:30-3:30 |
| 2. | November 19 | DAAPA organized Pizza Day – you should receive an order form through your child’s take home folder. If you would like to order, please return form along with exact change by Tuesday, November 17 th . | |
| 3. | November 19 | DAPPA Movie Night “Home”
Gates open around 5:30 with the movie starting at sunset. Admission and popcorn are free. Pizza, hotdogs/corndogs and drinks will be available for purchase. Bring your mat or bean bag to get comfy. | |
| 4. | November 26 | Thanksgiving Break - No School | |
| 5. | December 1,2,3 | UAE National Holiday - No School | |
| 6. | December 6 | Report Cards are sent home | |

Have a lovely weekend,
 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

Thank you to everyone who was able to come out and line the track for our **ES Parade of Nations!** We were so happy for the little break in the weather so that our parade could go ahead. It was a great day of learning about the work of the UN and celebrating our many cultures at DAA! Check out our pictures!



Character Counts in the ES! This year we have decided to create 'feature' weeks over the course of the year to highlight the character traits of the Character Counts Program. The purpose behind this is to keep the Character Counts traits at the top of our students' minds throughout the year. The first feature week is coming up soon - the week after next - and the theme will be Caring and Citizenship. There are several activities planned for this week, check out your child's classroom blog for more information.

MAP Testing Results: MAP testing results will be sent home with your child on Sunday. Please consult with your child's teacher if you have any questions after receiving the results.

From the Library: The fall Bookworm Book Fair will be held next week in the ES Conference Room. Parents are welcome to shop with their children before or after school, or during their child's scheduled class visit. Labeled envelopes will be sent home with students if parents would like to send money so their children can purchase books. The average cost of a book is 50 dirhams.

- Monday, Nov.16 - 11:00am - 3:30pm
- Tuesday, Nov. 17 - 7:30am - 2:00pm
- Wednesday, Nov 18 and Thursday, Nov 19 - 7:30am - 3:30pm

If you have any questions, please email Sarah Mollenkramer at s.mollenkramer1_daa@gemsedu.com

DAAPA Pizza Day and Movie Night: Mark your calendars! Next Thursday, November 19th, is DAAPA Pizza Day (order forms have been sent home in your child's take home folder) and ES DAAPA Movie Night. Look for more details in the DAAPA portion of this newsletter.

Junior Emirates Athletic Conference (Jr. EAC): Our Jr. EAC soccer season came to a close last weekend, but we wanted to show you a few photos of the tournaments because we are so proud of all of our Jr. EAC athletes. Go Leopards! Please check out our photos on this page.



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

Parent-Teacher- Student Conferences:

We are pleased to invite you to the Middle School Parent-Teacher-Student Conferences on November 18th and 19th from 7:45 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. In order to fully support our students in taking responsibility for their learning and progress, we ask that they attend all conferences with you.

Please make the bookings on a computer, iPhone or Android phone, but not a BlackBerry, as there have been rare inconsistencies with this in the past. The booking system can be found on this website: www.schoolbookings.net – please use the following event code: **GKB7K** . Should you require more information or support please visit www.gemsdaa.com.

We look forward to seeing you here on campus!

Week Without Walls:

Thank you parents for completing payments for WWW 2015! We are in the final process of finalizing all trips and should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Middle School office.

Life Skills:

Students across grade levels were engaged in lessons this past week or are going through them next week in support of our ongoing Anti-bullying campaign. Excellent discussions are taking place in these classes with students reflecting on their own behaviors while learning valuable life lessons focusing on mutual respect and compassion for others.

MAP Results:

The MAP test results will be distributed and sent home with students on Sunday and Monday through the English classes. An SMS will be sent home on Monday reminding parents to expect them.

Warm regards,
Joan Wiens and Luke Spencer
MS Admin Team



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.....?

How does this work?

During Advisory on Sunday this week Grade 12 students took part in activities taken from an adventure-style program, Project Adventure. These team-building activities are designed to be engaging because they require student to work together to come up with innovative solutions to complex problems.



Raw talent in Atrium Spotlights: This year, the new Student Council Spirit Coordinators, Evan Phillips and Roline Dahl, have produced some exciting Atrium Spotlights with many more to come. Their philosophy is simple: to create an environment where DAA spirit is obvious and something the whole school can get involved in, right at the heart of the school building.

An atrium spotlight is generally a performance, be it musical, theatrical or sports related during first break. They are designed to provide an opportunity for talented DAA students to showcase.

Although, this week we had two incredible teachers: Mr. Wiens, and Mr. Tschumperlin go head-to-head in a lip-syncing contest - teachers picked a song, and lip-synced to it. The winner was chosen using our DAA student clapometer



CAS at your Service

Tim Tschumperlin our new IB CAS Coordinator and has been busy so far this year working with students on Service Learning Initiatives. For instance,...

THE CAS WEBSITE: Our students are doing a lot of great things in CAS this year. With so much going on at DAA, it is easy to miss out on some of their accomplishments. *"One of my goals this year is to not only keep the community informed of what CAS is all about, but to spotlight our students. I have created a CAS Website where you will be able to find this information. Just go to www.tschumperlin.net to see general information as well as photos of our students in action."*



THE ANIMAL SANCTUARY TRIP:

On November 6, 27 DAA students traveled to the Posh Paws Animal Sanctuary for a community service trip. Students did everything including cleaning cages, washing ponies, petting cats, walking dogs and even chasing ducks! All the pictures are on the CAS

Website but you can see a couple here.



If you have any questions about the CAS program at the High School, do not hesitate to contact Tim and check out the new CAS Website through the link above.

HIGH SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS, continued



Discussion on technology between students and admin
ITGS, or IT in a Global Society, is an IB class in which students explore the profound relationship between individuals and the technologies we use whether seen or unseen.

One of the topics we were exploring was the idea of using technology to monitor employees. Students researched current events that involved employee monitoring to some extent, interviewed teachers, and then interviewed our HS Principal, Mr. Scott Schaffner and the Assistant Principal, Mr. Paul McMahan.

Scott and Paul engaged in a lengthy and candid Q&A session with the kids leaving them with a real world and authentic understanding of how administrators in our school view this technology. They also walked away from it learning more about their own administrators and a feel for hierarchical relationships. An enduring understanding that the students could take with them was the importance of trust in the workplace and how privacy is treated by people in different sectors.

Five minutes after finishing the session, Mr. Jim Hardin, our superintendent, also joined the conversation. Although it was completely unscripted, Jim echoed both Paul and Scott's sentiments regarding trust and privacy. Students were able to contrast these opinions with those of executives in other fields giving them a real world basis to ground the rest of their learning on.



Lights, camera, action!

DAA Drama Students Work at DUCTAC on Tech and Innovation at a Professional Level

Over four days last month, Seniors Shaylah Al Keshi and Fernando Alarcon Lisci along with Juniors: Felix Heumann, Zeena Qudami and Gnebe-Awa Diouf operated the tech on their own for Danu Theatre's production of I Am Yusuf and This Is My Brother- a Palestinian play by Amir Nizar Zuabi at DUCTAC Theatre. The play featured in Gulf News, The National and 7Days. The play was an absolute sell out and received standing ovations. Testament to the high calibre of work of these students and their maturity that they can work as theatre professionals. Together, they operated the lights (117 cues), sound effects, music cues, and projections. Actors interacted with the projections. Felix Heumann acted as a tech manager and received excellent feedback from the theatre staff. Congratulations to all students involved!



HIGH SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS, continued

Who says fashion goes out of style?

On Monday 11th November, 10 students from G9 and 12, led by the CAS project team of Suniya Sarwar, Momina Hashim, Manaal Kashif and Isabella Abushscara presented a recycled fashion show to a huge crowd of educators attending the "What Works Makers" conference at the Emirates Aviation University in Academic City.

Their creative constructions made from old 'Inspire' magazines, newspaper, bubble-wrap, plastic bottles, trash bags and old IB papers were met with whispers of "*these kids are really creative*" and "*what a brilliant idea*". The purpose of promoting recycling was definitely not lost and as they sashayed (carefully) down a flight of stairs and around the atrium, there was no doubt that the project was a success and the students were an innovative bunch!

Their new and improved collection will be showcased at a similar conference for GEMS in February AND look out for the recycled clothing challenge in advisory!

What coming up.....?

HS Parent conferences THIS WEEK, November 19

We are pleased to invite you to the Middle & High School Parent-Teacher Conferences. In order to facilitate ease and efficiency, we will be using an online booking system for both the Middle and High School. This system will allow you to schedule and manage your appointments in advance of our conference days. Please do the bookings on a computer, iPhone or Android phone but not a BlackBerry as there have been rare inconsistencies with this in the past.

The below web link will take you to our event sign.

<https://www.schoolbookings.net/code?code=GKB7K>

(Alternatively, www.schoolbookings.net enter event code **GKB7K**)

The system is user friendly, however, should you require more information/support please see the our website - www.gemsdaa.com.

High School conferences will take place on November 19th from 7:45 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

MUN in Paris (November 21-23)

This is the second international MUN conference of the academic year and it provides students the opportunity simulate the workings of the United Nations in the "City of Lights", Paris.

Over three days students will debate, discuss and form alliances over international problems and issues that are facing the world today such as; the question of Peace building in post-conflict zones, measures to reduce income inequality in developed nations and monitoring the use of bio-technology.

It's theatre time! (November 22-23)

The Dubai American Academy High School Drama presents "**Love and Information**" by playwright Caryl Churchill. It is a thought provoking play fit for this time, broken up into seven scenes, each directed by the students themselves. Scenes are short, stories change often, this new age theatre reflects the "snapchat society" of today, making it applicable to our own lives.

- Where: DAA Auditorium
- When: Sunday, November 22 - 7PM
- Monday, November 23 - 3:30PM
- Tickets are 25 AED each

Follow us on Instagram to see pictures from behind the scenes! @love_and_information_daa

NOTE: Thanksgiving on Thursday, November 26 – No School





ATHLETICS AND ACTIVITIES

EAC

Emirates Athletics Conference



MESAC RESULTS:

"Leadership, like coaching, is fighting for the hearts and souls of men and getting them to believe in you" Eddie Robinson

We welcome back our Athletes and Academic Games participants from Season 1. There were some great results which directly compliment all of the hard work, time and dedication both coach and athlete put in throughout the season.

SWIM TEAM:

- JV GIRLS: 1st Dubai, 2nd Doha, 3rd ABA, 4th AES, 5th DAA, 6th ACS
- JV BOYS: 1st Doha, 2nd Dubai, 3rd ACS, 4th AES, 5th ABA, 6th DAA
- V GIRLS: 1st Doha, 2nd Dubai, 3rd DAA, 4th ABA, 5th ACS, 6th AES
- V BOYS: 1st Dubai, 2nd Doha, 3rd ACS, 4th AES, 5th DAA, 6th ABA

- Overall: 1st Doha and Dubai, 3rd ACS, 4th AES, 5th DAA & ABA

JUNIOR VARSITY VOLLEYBALL:

- GIRLS: 1st DAA, 2nd ACS, 3rd Doha, 4th Dubai, 5th ABA, 6th AES
- BOYS: 1st Dubai, 2nd Doha, 3rd ACS, 4th ABA, 5th AES, 6th DAA

VARSITY VOLLEYBALL:

- BOYS: 1st Dubai, 2nd Doha, 3rd DAA, 4th ABA, 5th ACS, 6th AES
- GIRLS: 1st Dubai, 2nd Doha, 3rd AES, 4th ACS, 5th DAA, 6th ABA

ACADEMIC GAMES:

- JV Academic Bowl: 1st Doha A, 2nd DAA A, 3rd ACS B
- V Academic Bowl: 1st Doha A, 2nd ACS B, 3rd Doha B

- JV Olympiad Team: 1st ABA A, 2nd AES A, 3rd Doha A
- V Olympiad Team: 1st DAA A, 2nd ACS B, 3rd AES A

Individual Olympiads:

- JV Math Challenge: 1st Minseung Ku DAA
- V Math Challenge: 2nd Kshitij Seth DAA
- V Spelling Bee: 1st Ashwin Vivek DAA, 2nd Nidhi Upadhyay DAA

Overall

- JV Team: 1st ABA, 2nd AES, 3rd ACS, 4th Doha, 5th DAA, 6th Dubai
- V Team: 1st ACS, 2nd Doha, 3rd DAA, 4th AES, 5th Dubai, 6th ABA

ATHLETICS AND ACTIVITIES, continued

IT'S A BIG SEASON 2 OF SPORTS & ACTIVITIES: tryouts are well underway and nearly complete: We have had an overwhelming number of students sign up and attend trials. Thank you to all athletes who registered correctly. Final team squads should be posted early next week.

SEASON 2 MESAC (MIDDLE EAST SOUTH ASIA CONFERENCE)

All Junior Varsity and Varsity athletes and Fine Arts participants! Locations of MESAC tournaments for Season 2:

Varsity Basketball	Feb 10th-14th	American School of Doha, Qatar
JV Basketball	Feb 4th-8th	American Embassy School, India
U14 Basketball	Friday 12th Feb	GEMS Invitational @ DAA
Tennis (JV & V)	Feb 10th-14th	American British IB World School, Oman
Varsity Football	Feb 10th-14th	American School of Dubai, UAE
JV Football	Feb 4th-8th	Dubai American Academy, UAE
U14 Football	Friday 12th Feb	GEMS Invitational @ GAA
Cross Country (U14, JV & V)	Feb 11th-13 th	American British IB World School, Oman
Senior Fine Arts	Feb 4th-8th	American Community School, Abu Dhabi

We had such wonderful DAA host families for Season 1! Once again we express a very big thank you to all DAA families who really showed such warmth and hospitality to our Season 1 athletes!

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 Football. I will be asking DAA team parents to open their homes to house athletes from ASDoha, ABA Oman, ACS, Abu Dhabi and AES, India. We have 128 athletes to house from the February 4th-8th 2016. Yvonne Sidani is the lead coordinator of housing. Please contact her directly Y.SIDANI_DAA@gemsedu.com for any questions or concerns.

SEASON 2 TRAINING TIMES AND LOCATIONS

X COUNTRY TRAINING TIMES	
	Time of session
Sunday	3.00-4.30pm
Monday	3.00-4.30pm
Tuesday	No training staff PD Day
Wednesday	3.00-4.30pm
Thursday	No training
Friday	Time & location TBC
Saturday	Time & location TBC

TENNIS TRAINING TIMES			
Girls Morning	Girls Afternoon	Boys Morning	Boys Afternoon
-	3.00pm-4.30pm	-	4.30pm-6.00pm
-	4.30pm-6.00pm	-	3.00pm-4.30pm
No training staff PD Day			
-	4.30pm-6.00pm	-	3.00pm-4.30pm
-	3.00pm-4.30pm	6.00am-7.15am	-
9.30am-11.30am	-	7.30am-9.30am	-
-	-	8.00am-10.00am	-

DAA SOCCER TRAINING				
Full Synthetic 6.00am-7.15am	1/2 Synthetic 3.00pm-4.30pm	1/2 Synthetic 3.00pm-4.30pm	Full Synthetic 4.30pm-6.00pm	Grass Field 3.00-4.30pm
V Boys	JV Girls	V Girls	JV Boys	U14 Boys
V Girls	JV Boys	V Boys	JV Girls	U14 Girls
No training staff PD Day				
JV Girls	V Girls	JV Boys	V Boys	U14 Boys
JV Boys	V Boys	V Girls	JV Girls	U14 Girls
Full Synthetic 9.00am-11.00am	Full Synthetic 11.00am-1.00pm	Full Synthetic 1.00pm-3.00pm		
U14 Girls	U14 Boys	JV Girls		
JV Boys	V Girls	V Boys		

ATHLETICS AND ACTIVITIES, continued

DAA BASKETBALL TRAINING					
	HS Gym 6.00am-7.15am	HS Gym 3.00pm-4.30pm	HS Gym 4.30pm-6.00pm	ES Gym 4.15-6.15pm	Outdoor BBall 3.00-4.30pm
Sunday	JV Boys	JV Girls *	V Girls *	V Boys	U14 Boys
Monday	V Girls	JV Boys *	V Boys *	JV Girls	U14 Girls
Tuesday	No training staff PD Day				
Wednesday	V Boys	JV Girls	JV Boys	V Girls	U14 Boys
Thursday	JV Girls	V Girls	V Boys	JV Boys	U14 Girls
	HS Gym 9.00am-11.00am	HS Gym 11.00am-1.00pm	HS Gym 1.00pm-3.00pm	HS Gym 3.00pm-5.00pm	
Friday	JV Girls	JV Boys	U14 Boys		
Saturday	V Boys	V Girls	U14 Girls		
* = 3.00-4.00pm JV only. 4.00-5.00pm combined. 5.00-6.00pm V only					

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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!

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<p>Jumeirah:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GEMS Jumeirah Primary School AED 725 per week & AED 200 per day <p>Al Sufouh:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GEMS Wellington International School AED 825 per week & AED 250 per day <p>Mirdif:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GEMS Royal Dubai School AED 650 per week & AED 150 per day 	<p>Dubai Silicon Oasis:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GEMS Wellington Academy (Silicon Oasis) AED 725 per week & AED 200 per day <p>Satwa:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GEMS Wellington International School AED 650 per week & AED 150 per day <p>Springs/Meadows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dubai British School AED 650 per week & AED 150 per day
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Camp Timings:

Registration & Sign in 08:15 to 08:45	Activities 09:00 to 13:30	Pick-up & signout 13:30 to 13:45
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Please bring every day:



Swimming Kit



Water Bottle



Snacks



Packed Lunch

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Cafeteria Menu

PH7 Menu					
November (week 1 & 3) 2015					
	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
PASTA STATION	Mac & Cheese	Farfalle w/Tomato Sauce	Spaghetti with Meat balls	Chicken Pasta Bake	Beef Lasagna
VEG PROTEIN	Mexican 3 beans	Chickpea curry	Vegetable Korma	Veg Lasagna	Dal
NON VEG PROTEIN	Chicken Fajita	Kufta with Grilled Tomatoes & potatoes	Baked Fish	Chicken Supreme	Chicken tikka Masala
SIDE DISH	Mexican Sautéed Vegetables		Beetroot Salad	Sweet Corn	Steamed Broccoli
STARCH/GRAIN	Tomato Rice	White Rice	Mashed Potatoes	Peas rice	Safron Rice

CAFETERIA MENUS

