



International School of Ouagadougou

Turtle Talk



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Director's Message

ISO: The first quarter of the school year came in like a **Lion!** and left like a **Lion!**

As we are now just a day away from the end of the first Quarter, we can all feel that indeed our school year is moving very fast! After the conclusion of the first quarter we will be just weeks away from a much-needed Winter Break.

November 2021						20
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				

NOVEMBER	
1	All Saints' Day
12	Parent-Teacher Conferences/Early Dismissal
27	T3
29	ISO Holiday

December 2021						13
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18

DECEMBER	
11	Proclamation of the Republic
25	Christmas Day
20-7	Christmas Break

During the first quarter of the school year, I have received many great questions from our parent community. I would like to extend my appreciation to our **proactive parents** for using **'quality communication'** by addressing these concerns directly with me. Some of the issues I have discussed with parents, on both an informal and formal basis, are:

Director's Message



- **How close were we from hitting the 5% positivity threshold that would force the school to close for one week?** We were very close...just one or two students or faculty away from having to transition to distance learning for a week! However, thanks to both Vaccine drives, held at the U.S. Mission last month, and here in collaboration with the PTA last week, we hope that we can avoid that threshold, and continue to keep our doors fully open for our teachers and students.
- **After the Fall Break, will our students have to spend a week off campus doing distance learning before returning to the classroom?** As of today, we are 11 days COVID-Free...and we have no reported case in our community. Transmission levels in the country have dropped, and according to the CDC, we are presently categorized as a [Level I](#), low risk of transmission. Therefore, as long as we remain a Level I country, students and teachers may enter the school with the **airport requirements of a negative PCR test taken 72 hours prior to departure** -- if they travel during fall break.
- **When is the Association Annual General Meeting?** Last night, at our second Board meeting of the year, The Board of Trustees has called for the first general meeting of the association to take place on **November 23rd**. This will allow us a little more time after the break to put into motion some of the great professional training the Board received from Dr. Chris Muller, our first external consultant to ISO in over 20 months.
- **How best can we assist our students in making good choices, while improving academic performance at ISO?** Well, **you will have a chance to do that after the Fall Break on Friday, November 12th**. As I mentioned last year, research shows that students in homes where parents talked positively about school and showed interest in what their students were learning had a 42% gain over students in ones where positive parent feedback did not occur. **On Friday, November 12th**, we will have our Student-Parent-Teacher conferences (**SPTC**) that will give you a chance to strengthen our home-school partnership to ensure all students are making measurable academic achievement during their tenure here at ISO.

Once more, on behalf of the greater school community, I would like to send out a formal **“thank you”** to our entire PTA for working with us to have a successful vaccine drive. Our PTA and greater school community showed us this weekend, once again, how to **“work together for excellence.”**

This is ISO!

Have a great break! Looking forward to seeing you refreshed on Tuesday, November 2nd.

ES Costume & Movie Day



Friday November 5th is Costume & Movie Day!

Come to school
dressed in your
favorite costume!



The day will be full of fun activities including:

- A costume fashion show
- Special Games and Activities
- Movies

~Please bring **1,500 CFA** to **Mrs. Wati** before
November 5th to purchase a **snack pack** which
includes:

candy, popcorn and juice.

~Organized by the elementary student council

ISO Reading Challenge



Can ISO students read **100,000** minutes by the
12th of November?
Date: 2nd November.
Who will read more?
Elementary or Upper School

Prizes to be announced on Monday November 15th and will be awarded to:

- The entire school if the target is reached
- The division that reads the most (elementary school or upper school)
- The student who reads the most

How it works:

1. Students record the minutes they read every day on the reading log provided.
2. Parents must sign each reading log to confirm that the times are correct.
3. Raz- Kids reading can be used but must be recorded on the time chart.
4. Students submit their reading logs to their homeroom teacher or to Mrs. Linda each Friday.
5. Additional reading logs can be obtained from the library.

ISO Literacy Week



ISO LITERACY WEEK

**BOOK FAIR!
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THEME: BOOKS
BRINGS US TOGETHER!

DATE : November
8th-12th

LOCATION: The ISO
Library

Purchases may be made before and after school, during conferences and during class library time.



DAILY EVENTS:

** All the activities of the week are connected to popular children's books.*

MONDAY: **Character Day**- Dress as your favorite book character

TUESDAY: *Frog and Toad Day* – **Twin Day**

WEDNESDAY: **Book Scavenger hunt** in the library

THURSDAY: *Miss Bindergarten Gets Ready For Kindergarten Day* – **Students dress like teachers and teachers dress like students.**

FRIDAY: *Llama Llama Red Pajama/ Goodnight Moon Day* – **Pajama day**

Murder Mystery Dinner



SAVE THE DATE



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MURDER

MYSTERY DINNER



Thursday, November 18th, 2021
From 6:30 - 8:30PM



Friday, November 19th, 2021
From 6:30 - 8:30PM

ISO Auditorium



Snack Shack Menu: November



Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday	
HOT MEALS are served with a choice of daily veggie or fruit, but soups are not									
Chicken Spaghetti Casserole	1200	Fried vegetable rice w/crispy Fish capitain	1200	Tuna Pizza W/ mixed salad Or W/out mixed Salad	1500 1200	Beef brochettes w/ fried vegetable galettes	1200	Hamburger	500
								Falafel Burger	700
								Mini Cheese Burger	750
Veggie Spaghetti casserole	1000	Fried vegetable rice w/Vegetable brochettes	1000	Pizza margherita w/mixed salad Or w/out mixed salad	1500 1200	Tofu brochettes w/ fried vegetables galettes	1000	Hotdog (beef)	700
								Aloco OR French Fries	500
Vegetable tomato soupe	500	Beef vermicelli soup	700			Vegetable tomato soup	700		
SANDWICHES									
Ground beef	900	Beef sausage	1000			Ground bee	900		
Veggie	700	Veggie	700			Veggie	700		
Falafel	750	Falafel	750			Falafel	750		



SNACKS					DRINKS				
Plantain Chips	500	Mango Chips	500	Fruit Cup	500	Water Bottle	500	Fan Milk	200
Peanuts	200	Cake	500	Popcorn	100	Juices		Fan Chocolate	250
Cashews	500					Juice box	500		
						Lemonade	500		
						Bissap	300		

*All prices are in CFA

ISO Community Calendar

>>> November 2021



SUN- DAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATUR- DAY
	1 All Saints' Day	2	3	4	5	6 SAT
7	8 Q1 Reports Online Book Fair/ Literacy Week	9	10	11	12 Half day for Students 13:00-19:00 Parent- Teacher Conferences	13 TOEFL
14	15	16 18:00 Board Meeting	17	18 Murder Mysterey Diner	19 Murder Mysterey Diner	20
21	22	23 18:30 Association Meeting	24	25	26	27 T3
28	29 ISO Holiday	30				