



# International School of Ouagadougou

# Turtle Talk



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## Director's Message

International School of Ouagadougou,

January 12, 2023

### Great Restart and Great Expectations!!

Best wishes to everybody for 2023! May this year bring new happiness, new goals, and new achievements.

For the first time since January 2020, we have been able to be physically in school, “**on time**”, for the start of the second part of the school year. The last two years, due to the COVID global health emergency, we started our first week back from winter break via distance learning. This year, we are fortunate that we presently have all our teachers, students and community members virus-free after the break. That said, if your student, or somebody in your house, has a high fever, or is not feeling well (or tests positive for COVID), please keep them at home until they are better. Handwashing and temperature checks will continue to take place until further notice to ensure the health and well-being of our community.

The second quarter (first semester) ends on January 27<sup>th</sup>, and our After School Activity Program (ASAP) will be on hiatus from January 30<sup>th</sup> – February 6<sup>th</sup>.

The second part of the school year, especially the month of January, is always intense as we prepare the International School of Ouagadougou for the next academic year and for future years.

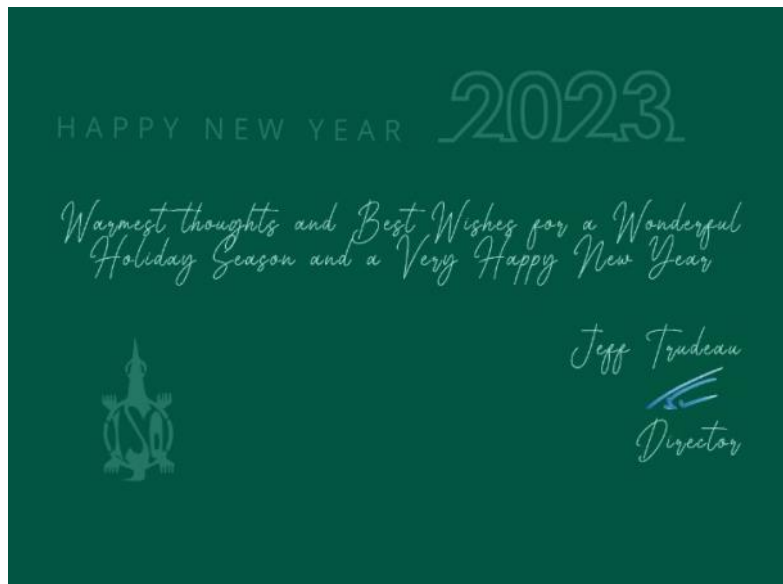
# Director's Message

Soon, the Board will approve next year's Calendar and begin looking at our Economic Fee Structure ... so we can communicate that information in due time to returning and new families. To that end, if you could assist us with our planning by filling out the “**intent to re-turn**” survey that can be found [here](#), it would greatly assist the Board and I.

As we all know, security is paramount to our community. Please note that our review, monitoring, and communication with various security officers remain ongoing to ensure that we are vigilant in our operations at all times.

Once again, **Happy New Year!** It was great to see your students – for the first time in two years -- physically back on campus on Monday morning, **well rested**, and ready to learn... allowing us to **start 2023 strong!**

Jeff



# ISO Photos Day

ISO Community,

As we do each year, this is the time we start thinking about the school photos.

This year, school photos will be taken this **Wednesday, January 25th 2023**.

Last year we did them in March, but this year, we will be doing them earlier in order to get a head start on the Yearbook.

On School Photos Day we will have:

- Class Pictures: individual and whole class
- Siblings Pictures
- Whole School Pictures

We will make them available online for you to order a printed version that you may frame!

The soft versions will be used for our 2023 Yearbook!

For this Day, please have your students dress up with Style!



# ISO New Staff Member

Hello friends and families,

I have the pleasure to inform you all of a new addition to our teaching staff. Ms. Sinead Mc Donnell, an early years Specialist teacher, will be with our K/1 classes each morning. Joining us from Ireland, she will focus on teaching English and Math to our Kindergarteners. The class will be combined with grade 1 for all other subjects throughout the day as normal. This will assist student learning by dividing the K and 1 classes for these core subjects and allow for the different needs, academic standards, and maximise the learning process. Having smaller class size and almost personal attention is a great way to ensure every student can reach their potential. The combined efforts of Ms. Cruz, Ms. Mc Donnell and Ms. Mariama will give all our young ones the best opportunity for success.

I hope you will join me in welcoming Ms. Mc Donnell to the school, for all the great work she will be accomplishing with our school. You can find her biography below.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact me.

A great start for this new year!

Yours sincerely,

**Adrian Horton**

**Lower School Principal**



Sinead McDonnell

Hi everyone!

My name is Sinead McDonnell, from Ireland. I am very excited to be joining ISO this year. I have been in the education field for more than 10 years working in Ireland, Canada and Myanmar. I am qualified in early years education, specialist needs education and Elementary teaching' specializing in the Montessori Method.

I believe in the scientific approach to education, where children learn using hands-on materials and are given the opportunity for repetition until they have mastered the lesson.

My goal is to create an environment which fosters children's intrinsic motivation to learn, gives them the foundational skills they need for future learning and the self-assurance to work independently.

Outside of school, I enjoy practicing yoga and meditation and spending time with friends.

I am looking forward to working in this great environment with a wonderful team supporting and inspiring your children to become lifelong learners.

# International University Fair



**WEST AFRICA ONLINE**

**International**

# University Fair

**MONDAY 30 JANUARY 2-4pm GMT**

**20+ unis**

**EXPECTED, INCLUDING:**



**LIVE 1-1 & GROUP ENGAGEMENT  
WITH ADMISSIONS COUNSELORS**



**EXPLORE INTERACTIVE BOOTHS &  
SAVE MATERIALS FOR LATER**



**PERSONALISED MATCHING % FOR  
EACH UNIVERSITY**



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PARTICIPATING  
UNIVERSITIES  
& REGISTER**

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# Snack Shack Menu: January



Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday	
<b>HOT MEALS are served with a choice of daily veggie or fruit, but soups are not</b>									
Chicken Carbonara w/vegetables Dip	1600	Neems W/ Chinese fried rice	1600	Chicken Pizza W/ mixed salad or W/out mixed Salad	1500 1200	Roasted Chicken W/ Tuna Salad and bread	1600	Hamburger	500
								Falafel Burger	700
								Mini Cheese Burger	750
Vegetable Carbonara w/ Veggie Dip	1100	Vegetable Brochette w/Fried Rice	1500	Pizza margherita w/ mixed salad Or w/out mixed salad	1500 1200	Sauteed vegetables w/Tuna salad and bread	1000	Hotdog (beef)	700
								Aloco OR French Fries	500
Tomato & vermicelli Soup	800	Carottes Soup	700			Tomato & vermicelli Soup	500		
<b>SANDWICHES</b>									
Tuna	900	Chocolate	800			Tuna	900		
Veggie	500	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 Box	500	Fan Chocolate	250
Cashews	500					Sugar cane	500		
						Lemonade	500		
						Bissap	300		

\*All prices are in CFA

# ISO Community Calendar

>>> January 2023



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
<b>W I N T E R B R E A K</b>						
8	9 School resumes	10	11	12	13	14 TOEFL
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24 Board Meeting 18:00	25 ISO Picture Day	26	27 End of Q2 IBDP Art Evening Last Day for ASAP	28
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