

Letter From The Elementary School Principal

Dear Elementary School Families,

After School Activities:

Please note that after school activities will not take place during the last week of school. Please make arrangements to ensure your child is picked up at 3:15pm.

Report Cards:

Report cards will be sent home to all parents via PlusPortals and in hard copy on Friday June 17th.

Sports and Splash Day:

Please note that June 17th is the last day of school and that all students will be dismissed promptly at 12:00pm. In celebration of the students' many accomplishments over the course of the school year we will hold a "Sports and Splash Day". The day will be packed full of fun activities and games including: a slip n' slide, bounce houses, athletic matches, special treats and more! Please ensure your child comes to school prepared with the following: a bathing suit, swim shoes, a hat, a water bottle and sunscreen.

Summer Learning:

The summer holiday presents an excellent opportunity to provide your children with the boost needed to ensure they retain all of the learning that took place during the academic year. Please remember that access to digital learning platforms such as Starfall (for Pre-K students) Raz-Kids and Mathletics will remain available and accessible to students during the summer months. Please contact your child's teacher if you need additional copies of their login credentials.

Additional ways to keep the learning going include:

- Visiting a library
- Visiting a local museum
- Going on a nature walk
- Researching and following a recipe to cook a new dish with your child (this will allow them to practice reading, measurement, etc.)
- Doing a fun STEAM project



Best Regards,
Ms. Mixon
Elementary School Principal

Letter From The Upper School Principal

Dear Upper School Parents,

It has been a **productive** year for Upper School. One of the highlights of the year was the **Graduation Ceremony, May 28**. It was an opportunity to **celebrate** the accomplishments of our 11 Seniors, and **launch them on their path forward** in life. Parents, teachers, and friends joined in the auditorium to share in this moment of **pride and optimism**. It was a great chance to recognize all the elements that go into educating our young people. **I am grateful** to have been part of this process this year at ISO.

As usual, there have been a number of events in the past month to **display student learning, and prepare for next year**. The **Celebration of the Arts (COTA)** took place on the evening of Friday, May 20. This provided an opportunity to view students' art work, and display their musical talent in a band performance. Whenever we have these events, it serves as a reminder of **the important role the arts play in child development**. Also, our IB Theater students offered an entertaining evening Thursday, June 2, as they performed short plays that required stage design, script writing and acting. On Tuesday, May 31 students and Grade 10/11 parents were invited to an informational evening covering **graduation requirements and college admissions**. Here, our counseling team provided a detailed **road map for success** towards graduation and beyond.

On Wednesday, June 15 Upper School will hold an Awards Ceremony. There students **will be recognized for academic achievement** for Semester 2. We also be giving a special "The Spirit of the Turtle" Award to the students who **best exemplified the values** we hold as important here at ISO. One student each from Middle and High school will be recognized. It promises to be an enjoyable assembly. And, in yet another example student excellence, **Sophomore Jade Zougmore and junior Nelly Gogohounga** have been awarded a **full-scholarship to participate in the AFS Global STEM Accelerators** online exchange program. They were selected out of more than 1,000 young women worldwide interested in STEM and sustainability. **Finally, there will be a schoolwide Sports Day June 17 with a 12:00 dismissal**. This will give students a chance to compete in fun, organized athletic events to close out the school year.



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I am working on **refining and implementing several initiatives** with the staff that will be joining Upper School next year. You can find the new staff on this [link](#). I believe that those initiatives will **enhance the learning experience** for your children next year. I will share these with you at the appropriate time. I would like to thank the parents for their support during this past year. I am hopeful that we will continue to **work together constructively** in the coming year. Please enjoy a restful summer break.

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Associate Upper School Principal



Grade 12

Congratulations to our first graduating cohort! We are very proud of you.

I will be in touch with our “alumni” on July 5th to share their results, but they received their PIN to log into the IB website and see their results on July 6th.

Keep your eyes open for a last chance to give feedback on our DP. A survey will be sent out to both students and parents before the end of the school year.

Best of success in this next chapter of your life.

Grade 11

Meetings with parents and students are being held until Monday, June 13th. With Ms. Sanfo and Ms. Soubeiga, families are discussing college options. With Ms. Pichette, we are looking at predicted grades for this first year and deciding on the next steps in the DP. Those are very important meetings to ensure each student’s success and we are glad everyone is participating so eagerly.

Grade 10

Ms. Pichette met with each grade 10 student to confirm their course selection for grade 11. Following our admission process, these choices were validated by the current students’ teachers and a letter was sent out to each family last Friday, June 3rd. Ms. Pichette scheduled meetings with each parent that requested one in order to further confirm this course selection.

A reminder to all incoming Juniors and Seniors in the DP: The first school day of the 2022-2023 school year is Thursday, August 18th. There will be 2 days of orientation for the students. We cannot emphasize enough the importance of being present on the first day of school. Missing a few school days at the beginning of the year can seriously impact the student’s performance.

Enjoy safe and fun holidays, and get some good rest for what promises to be another exciting year!

Marie-Hélène Pichette

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