

Letter From The Lower School Principal

Hello, Lower School friends and family,

Thank you, everybody! It is always hard to switch to online education with minimal warning, but you all assisted with the transition as best as possible. Although not ideal, your young students continued to learn and make the best of an interesting situation. All students will receive extra training at school as we move forward, so if we need to make a switch in the future it will be even easier! Both [SeeSaw](#) and [Google Classroom](#) platforms are ideal and were utilized very well by the teachers to keep the lessons flowing. Both hyperlinks above could help you to understand and assist on these platforms. If you have any questions or observations please reach out to me and together we can make it better for the future.



Student Council elections are underway! The Student Council helps to make better connections with students and school expectations. Students have opportunities to organize events and further direct activities at school. They will help share student ideas, interests, and concerns about the daily running of the school, and help make the changes we need to make. This year we have several jobs for our Student Council:

President - Audrey

VP- Election on Friday 14, 2022

Secretary - Vhukhudo

Treasurers - Sara and Anaya

Events organizers - Yannick, Aurel, Kennedy, Olivia, Aurore, Gabriella, and Tanayaa

Sporting event organizers - Akim, Hanna, David, Carter, Jean-Paul, Ralph, Oscar, Dylan, and Wendkuni

Creative agents and marketing - Philippe, Moussou, and Gitika

As her first event in the office, President Audrey would like to invite all students to **dress up for Halloween on Friday, October 21, 2022**. Come dressed as any character or something spooky, however, please make it comfortable for a day in the classroom.



In Lower School, the **SeeSaw** platform is used to help demonstrate how your young students are doing, with video clips and photographs taken by teachers or even self-assessed on a weekly basis for a more immediate understanding of how your child is currently doing. Report Cards will be available in **Plus Portal** on the last day of the term and the end of the first quarter, Friday, October 21, 2022. Plus Portal is used to offer a printable version that demonstrates to yourself and possible future establishments the academic progress your child has made during each year at ISO. Mr. Arnold has been sending out [this link](#) to assist with logging on.

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Report cards only go so far, every day take a few moments to ask your child about their day. [Heick](#) (2022) recommends wording the question differently each time to elicit deeper responses. “What about your classes today surprised you” may make for a better conversation and demonstrate to your child that you value the importance of education and lifelong learning.

Thank you so much for entrusting us with the education of your loved ones. Please reach out if you need anything, I will do my best and ensure we are delivering the best education possible.

Yours sincerely,

Adrian Horton, Lower School Principal



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Dear Upper School Community,

As recent events demonstrate, **we must always prepare for the unexpected**. In the past month we have conducted a **Fire Drill, Safe Haven Drill and will have a Lockdown Drill** later this week. All these represent contingencies that benefit from having established routines in place. Research reveals that **the mind reverts to practiced routines when a threat is presented**. We will continue to practice to ensure these routines become well embedded. We take the **trust** you have placed in us to keep your **children safe** very seriously.

Friday, September 16, 2022 marked the first time ISO had hosted an athletic event since the onset of the pandemic. The ISO Stallions **prevailed over Zogona FC in a thrilling 4-2 match**. Several parents, students and teachers were in attendance to support our students. ISO will be hosting a second match **Friday, October 14, 2022 @ 15:30 to conclude Spirit Week against Petrine Academic**. Parents are welcome to attend. We ask that you **notify the school in advance for security purposes**. Please join us for the fun and excitement.



Friday, October 21, 2022 will signal the end of quarter one. The conclusion of quarter one offers an opportunity for **parents, students and teachers to reflect on progress**. Please have a discussion with your children about their grades and how they might improve when they become available. You can be sure that we will reflect on our instructional practices and recalibrate using Q1 data and MAP tests. **Parent/Teacher Conferences on November 5, 2022** will be an excellent opportunity to collaborate with your child's teacher, comparing notes and plotting a path forward.

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ISO teachers participated in a **Professional Development Day September 23, 2022**. The day targeted two important areas. During the morning we received an excellent **presentation from our Counselor, Laurence Traore, on Social-Emotional Learning**. It was a stark reminder that we must always remember that **supporting the entire child** leads to growth in all areas. During the afternoon teachers received guidance from an outside consultant on how **to maximize the use of MAP data**. It signals our renewed committee to data driven instruction.

An important event will be occurring next week. On **Thursday and Friday, October 20th and 21st @ 18:30**, the **Grade 10 theater class will present the Murder Mystery Dinner Theater production of “Dinner at 8, Dead at 9”**. This is an enjoyable evening of dinner and drama as student show off their acting skills. Tickets will available at the Reception Desk for 6000 cfa. Don't miss it!!!!!!

My continued **appreciation for your feedback and support**. Please have an enjoyable and restful Fall Break.

Best Regards,

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IBDP Contribution

CAS. Creativity. Activity. Service. A fun element of the DP that gives students the opportunity to develop new skills, discover new interests and work with others in or outside the community.

With the help of the Seniors acting as advisors and mentors, the grade 11 students have been introduced to various elements of CAS weekly. Each student submitted a proposal for a CAS experience which has either been approved or is on hold until our first interview, between October 11th and 13th.

Grade 12 students continue undertaking interesting CAS experiences, documenting them and reflecting on their challenges and successes.

To show the importance of CAS in the DP journey, each month I am giving voice to one or two students who will briefly share with us the various opportunities that such experiences have opened for them as an individual or for their group.

Antonio Kambiré, grade 12 - CAS project CMath

With a group of students at ISO, I founded CMath to promote mathematics in Burkina Faso. Some activities that we have been working on include managing a few math clubs in local schools, creating a website for the translation of materials from English to French, and organizing the first mathematics Olympiad in the country. This last activity reunited over 5,000 students over the past two years and we were able to collect more than \$20,000 in sponsorships. Our organization was recognized in several international competitions, including the GSL Global Goals competition and CAS Trips. As the project leader, I have also been awarded the Rise for the World scholarship for creating the organization's website, which will give me access to very generous higher education funding. Next year, CMath is looking to expand the reach of our activity even further, through our participation in the International Mathematics Olympiad, and the organization of a training camp during the upcoming school year.



Paarth Pathak, grade 12 - CAS experience

During my multiple travels around the country with my parents, I observed the precarious conditions in rural schools. The nature of education in Burkina Faso, how the students are being taught and especially the lack of reading books across grades and subjects in rural schools is what motivated me for this CAS experience. It is a fact that to build a better world, we need to read more.

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Reading expands the vocabulary of students, it improves their focus and gives them a different world view. It also ensures academic success. With this in mind, I decided to provide support to education in one school in Toussiana, namely, the Lycée Privé Lazare Somé. I collected enough funds to purchase two laptops and more than 500 school books pertaining to Middle school programs. With these books, students will be able reinforce their in-class learning for many years to come.



Marie-Hélène Pichette

Murder Mystery Diner

Diner at Eight, Dead by Nine

Date: Thursday October 20 & Friday October 21 2022

Time: 06:30pm

Price: 6.000 FCFA



PTA Welcome Back BBQ



International School of
Ouagadougou

WELCOME BACK BBQ

A great opportunity to meet all
ISO community and socialize!

Saturday October 15th @ 13:00
In ISO Auditorium

Parents, please bring dishes that would
suffice for 8 people

**Lower School
brings dessert**

**Upper School
brings side dish**

Drinks, snow cones, barbe à papa,
popcorn and games will be available

