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Thursday, May 19th 2016



"Much Ado About Nothing"



Shakespeare Comes Alive!
Congratulations Students and Mr. Metcalf

Dear Parents and Guardians,

With two weeks to go until the end of the 2015-2016 school year, the children and the staff are completing units of study, preparing for and taking end of the semester exams, and completing projects. There is a great deal of excitement and energy on the campus!

At the close of a semester there also may be some concern on the part of students regarding whether they feel they have enough time to complete their work and prepare for exams, particularly in the case of Middle and High School Students. We ask your support in talking with your child about organizing a study and activities calendar she or he can use over the next two weeks. The calendar can help a student set aside time in their busy daily schedule that can be dedicated to completing their work and for study for exams. In creating a 'semester-end' personal calendar, it is also important that they build in time for relaxation and seeing friends. Creating such a calendar often helps lower anxiety and concern about time management.

If your child is anxious or very concerned about how they are managing end of year school responsibilities, you can also suggest that they (and you if you wish) meet with their teachers and/or school counselor to discuss their concerns. This is also the time of the year at international school's when friends and families will be transferring to a new country and leaving Khartoum. And of course, all of our seniors will be leavening our great school. This too can cause concern or anxiety.

Here again, I encourage you to make sure that students build in time over the next weeks to be with and say goodbye to their classmates and friends. Our counselors are ready to help you and your child if you are experiencing concerns about leaving or saying goodbye to children and families you have befriended.

We want to reach out to everyone at this time of the year and support the entire KAS Family during this time of transition.

I wish you a pleasant day.

Sincerely,

Dr. Rob Beck
Superintendent



Dear Parents, Students and Friends,

The end of the school year is fast approaching and it is always a very busy and exciting time for our students and their teachers.

After many weeks of tireless rehearsing, our Shakespeare Drama Elective students and Grade 9 & 10 Literature students had their production, "Much Ado About Nothing", last Monday and Tuesday. The play was a great success and it was greatly enjoyed by the audience that consisted of students, parents, staff and friends. Our English and Drama teacher, Mr. Michael Metcalf with the support of Ms. Sara Abugarga, directed the play. I would like to congratulate our teachers and students on this outstanding performance. We would like to thank the radio station, Vision 101.3 FM, for giving us the opportunity to advertise our production.

This year marks 400 years since the death of William Shakespeare. Throughout the world people are commemorating the death of the most famous writer in English Literature through performances, programs, exhibitions and other creative activities. To be part of these worldwide celebrations, Khartoum American School staged a rendition of Shakespeare's Scottish Play, "Macbeth" in the first semester and for the second semester the students chose Shakespeare's romantic comedy, "Much Ado About Nothing".

High school students are very busy working on final projects for some of their courses and studying for exams. High school exams are going to take place on May 23 and May 24. We wish our students a lot of success.

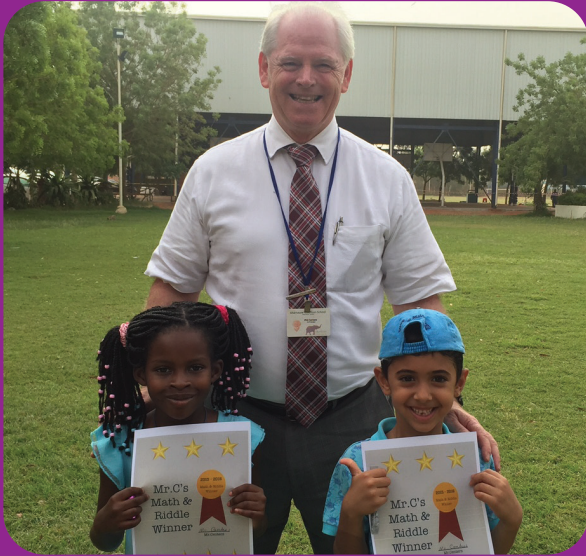
I wish all our students a very successful end of the school year.

Susan Boutros
Middle & High School Principal



Math & Riddle Masters

This Week's Winners



Kibe Bellege
Grade 1

Joshua Iskander
Kindergarten



SAYING OF THE WEEK

***Dead In The Water** means an idea or scheme has no momentum and no chance of success. This is a nautical expression, dating back to the days of the sailing ships. On a windless day, with nothing to propel the vessel, a boat sitting motionless in the sea, was known as 'dead in the water', going nowhere.*

Minette van der Bijl

High School/Middle School English Department



High School Exam Week Schedule – May 2016

	Monday, May 23	Tuesday, May 24	Wednesday, May 25
9:00 – 10:30	English 9 & 10 Pre-Calculus 11 Math Studies 1 Gr. 11 AP Physics/ Physics 12	Biology 9 Algebra II 10 Integrated Math 2 Gr.10 African Studies 11 Graduation Practice 12	Geometry 9 Integrated Math 1 Gr. 9 Modern History 10 Graduation Practice 12
11:00 – 12:30	Chemistry 10 Chemistry 11 English 12	Ancient World History 9 African Literature 11 English Language 11	(make-up exams) HS Swim Party

Important Notes:

- This will be a "Week 3" in the schedule.
- Sunday will be a HS study day – Please see schedule below. Non-core classes will not meet at any point during this week. Middle school classes continue as usual.
- Language and elective classes, where applicable, will hold exams during regular class periods the week prior to exams.
- Students are required to arrive at 8:00am for advisory as usual.
- Students who do not have an exam during the second block should leave at 10:30.

HS Study Schedule for Sunday, May 22:

- Period 1: Free Study Time (Students can see their teachers on a drop-in basis)
- Period 2: Core F
- Period 3: Core B
- Period 4: Core H
- Period 5: Core D
- Period 6: Free Study Time (Students can see their teachers on a drop-in basis)