



# WELCOME BACK TO KAS!



## Superintendent's Message

Dear KAS Community,

I welcome everyone back for another school year at KAS. I am very excited to return and work with everyone as the superintendent. I enthusiastically look forward to a successful year.

There will be several important events throughout the year where we will celebrate the great KAS family atmosphere together.

One of the most important events will be writing our school self-study report in preparation for a visit in 2018 from the Middle Schools Association (MSA) from the United States and the Council of International Schools (CIS) from the United Kingdom. This work will be directed at improving KAS in all areas. We will soon be sending a comprehensive survey that you will be able to complete in English or Arabic. This survey will help guide us in assessing how we are doing at KAS and what are the important issues we need to address.

This year an important personal goal for me will be to actively communicate with everyone to better serve all constituents. I have an open-door policy and I welcome you to stop by the administration office so that I can get to know you.

We have renovated the grade 1 through grade 4 classrooms and our high school Science laboratory. Please be sure to view them when you have a chance.

We will continue the parent information seminars this year and a schedule of topics and dates will be posted on our website.

Sincerely,

**Steven Alexander**  
KAS Superintendent

## Excitement! Anxiety! Curiosity! Fear! Bravery!



All of these emotions are felt by students on the first days of school, especially our little friends who might be coming to school for the first time. These emotions are normal and build skills and friendships that will last throughout their school year.



Our lively classes are filled with smiles and laughter, questions and more questions, and maybe a few tears, all of which make for a very exciting day. Our Early Childhood staff graciously accepts this outpouring of emotion as we have an overflowing love for all our students. We look forward to the new school year and all the memories that are to be made!

**Sarah Boyer**  
Pre-Kindergarten Teacher

## Letter from the Middle & High School Principal

Dear Parents, Students and Friends,

It is my pleasure to welcome you all back to another great year at Khartoum American School. I hope you have all had an enjoyable and relaxing summer holiday with family and friends. I would also like to welcome new teachers and new students to our school.

It has been great to see all our returning students come back to school full of excitement and enthusiasm for learning and for the new school year. I am delighted to report that we have enjoyed a very positive start to the new academic year. I am extremely pleased with how quickly our students have settled into their classes and I am particularly impressed by the manner that they are conducting themselves and applying themselves to their studies.

We know and understand that communication is the key to a successful year.

We hope that you will find our website helpful and informative. Most of the information that you will need can be found on our website which we keep updated throughout the year. Please make sure that you read our Student Parent Community handbooks. We also continuously update our school calendar by entering dates and activities that are happening at KAS. Additionally please check Engrade and Edmodo for information regarding what is happening in your child's classes. If you do not have access to Engrade, please send us an email.

Please know that our doors will always be open to our community. Feel free to call upon us if you have any questions or concerns. We are looking forward to seeing you all at Back to School Night, which will take place on Wednesday, August 23 at 6:30pm.

I am honored to be the Middle and High School Principal at KAS. It is truly a privilege to be part of a community where teachers, students and parents care for each other and strive to build positive relationships that support the academic and social growth of all students.

With my very best wishes for a successful school year!

**Susan Boutros**  
Middle & High School Principal



## Welcome from ICT Department at KAS

On behalf of the KAS Information and Communication Technology (ICT) department, I would like to welcome all new students and parents wishing you all the success throughout this school year.

For returning students and parents, we welcome you back and assure you that we are here to help you gain the technology skills that you need for your future.

The ICT department at KAS strives to support teachers, students, and all the school community with any issues that are related to information and communication technology. I would like to take this opportunity and share with you our technology mission statement, which is also listed on our school's website under the section/ ICT department.

### Technology Mission Statement:

Khartoum American School envisions the use of technology to enrich and foster a learning environment where students:

- Are engaged in their learning process through a challenging curriculum that focuses on inquiry-based learning and promotes critical thinking.
- Are being prepared for their next level of education.
- Are achieving the skills of competence that are required for the workforce of today and the future.

KAS is a one-on-one laptop school from grade 3-12. Included in this are our virtual learning management (VLMS) systems that help to communicate with students and parents. Elementary teachers use Edmodo and Middle and High School use Engrade. During our back to school night you will have a chance to learn more about these two different VLMS.

### Our ICT team includes:

Mr. Hani Bahgat is the IT System administrator

Mr. Magdi Saeed: Database Administrator/Website Developer

Mrs. Egbal Mohamed: Technology Coordinator/Computer Teacher.

Our ICT team is pleased to be a part of KAS and we are here to help and support students' learning.

Looking forward to meeting all of you and wishing you a successful school year.

**Egbal Mohamed**

Technology coordinator/Computer Teacher



**Please collect your car pass sticker for the new school year 2017 - 2018**

To **Run The Gauntlet** means to place one's self at risk of attack from all sides, either physically or verbally. It is of Scandinavian origin. In the 1600s the Swedish military would punish soldiers or sailors by forming two lines of men, each armed with a short length of rope or a baton. The offender was then forced to run down between the lines, while his comrades beat him as hard as they could. The Swedish word for passageway is 'gantlope' and this was later anglicised to 'gauntlet' by the English military, who discovered this form of punishment during the Thirty Year War (1618-48). The practice was abolished in 1813 but remained a method of public school bullying well into the 1900s.

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