



Friday Flash

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Dear Parents

This has been a trying week. Thank you for your continued trust in ICSA - student safety is something we take seriously and we are thankful for the various security sources providing real, confirmed information. As you have read and many of you have seen, there is an increased security presence around the school and this will remain in place until the situation dies down. The various security sources have been very helpful in determining accurate information from rumors. We will continue to use these to make the best decisions with regards to ICSA.

At the last Board meeting, an ad hoc Security Committee was formed. We will meet at least weekly but more if needed. The purpose is to make sure we have the best information on issues and how these affect the students and the ICSA community.

Please know, though, that you can decide to pick up your child at any time you feel the need to regardless the information and communication coming from the school.

*****What to do if you cannot pick up your child during an emergency (roads are blocked, etc.):***** Send us an email letting us know the name of the person who will be picking them up. Do not call us - we cannot let a student leave the school without some form of written consent. It is during trying times that we must adhere to these safety regulations the most.

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How ICSA communicates in such times: Text

UPCOMING DATES

January

20: Half Day/Teacher In-Service
(Service Learning)

24-27: HS Final Exams

25: IB Meeting

27: Q2 Ends

30: Q3 Begins

30: Grade 10 Parent IB Info Session -
Phase 1

February

6: Reports Cards to Parents via
RenWeb

7: PTO Meeting (3:15 pm)

8: Parent-to-parent talk

9: Upper School STEM Fair #1

10: Upper School Awards Ceremony

13: Board Meeting (6pm)

14: Lower School Career Day

15: Half Day/Teacher In-Service

15: Upper School Awards Ceremony

17: Talent Show

24: AAAHCM Assembly

27: Counselor Corner w/Parents

messaging with our [webpage](#), [Facebook](#) page and email being secondary. We know that parents do not want to receive too many SMS so we reserve using these to when we feel it necessary.

Lower School Career Day Invitation: We are hosting a career day for Lower School students (ages 4-10) to expose them to a variety of professions while they begin to think their own educational and career plans. This will take place on *Tuesday, February 14th, from 8:00-10:15am*. If you are interested in taking part and would like more information, please email Ms. Fomengia (cfomengia@icsabidjan.org).

Pool: Due to the difficulty in securing a loan, we have been prevented from moving quickly on construction of the Sports and Arts Complex. So, the Board looked at the other buildings on our Master Plan. Due to the fact that ICSA does have the funds available for a pool, the Board this week decided to move forward with this project with all due celerity. I know this will please many parents and even more students. I will provide more details as they come available.

WAISAL Soccer Tournament: We are hosting this 14 team event in April and are very excited about it as teams from Nigeria, Burkina Faso, Senegal, Ghana, and Mali will be coming to play against our Boys and Girls team. At the end of the weekend our throats will be sore from cheering and our hands raw from clapping!

When we go to these events (we are going to Ouagadougou in a couple of weeks for basketball), the parents at the host school open their doors to one, two, or even three athletes - this helps keep costs down and provides an excellent opportunity to learn from someone from a different place. In the near future, we will be asking the same from the ICSA parent community. Please keep attuned to further details.



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