



PHSA Newsletter

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From the School Director's Office

Welcome back to school! I hope that everyone had a wonderful and relaxing Eid Holiday week.

As we continue with our preparation toward the IB authorization process, I wanted to remind everyone of the IB Mission statement and how deeply it resonates with our purpose at Pledge Harbor School.

"The International Baccalaureate aims to develop inquiring, knowledgeable and caring young people who help to create a better and more peaceful world through intercultural understanding and respect. To this end the organization works with schools, governments and international organizations to develop challenging programmes of international education and rigorous assessment. These programmes encourage students across the world to become active, compassionate and lifelong learners who understand that other people, with their differences, can also be right."

What goal could be more desirable than developing a better and more peaceful world? How can we at Pledge Harbor contribute to a society that stresses intercultural understanding, and the need to develop internationally minded students? How can this goal be achieved? Through our curriculum choices and activities, we aim to educate our students to become caring, knowledgeable, inquiring, helpful students who consciously make decisions through the lenses of understanding and respect. The IB Organization works with schools, governments and international organizations to develop challenging educational programs which rigorously assess learning. The organization communicates closely with the school to ensure that standards are maintained through the involvement of external examiners and student projects that are shared with the community.

How can this goal be achieved? This can happen through the educational programme of an organization whose vision is to develop students to deal with the challenges of the future. Yet, the question now is how can we know the challenges of the future? How far into the future are we looking? The mission statement does not determine how far but leaves it to the students to develop their natural curiosity, to explore concepts and issues that have local and global significance, exercise initiative in thinking critically and to act with integrity and honesty. We aim to develop our students to be **thinking, risk-takers**, willing to challenge these problems through **communication** and **principled** action. It is of importance to us that the students understand how to achieve personal well-being for themselves and others through intellectual, physical and emotional balance.

Please consider reading the book, High Noon: 20 Global Problems, 20 Years To Solve Them, by Jean-Francoise Rischard, published in May 21, 2003 as it outlines some major issues facing our world which need to be addressed through reflection.



From the Principal's Office

Hello PHSA Community,

Firstly, I welcome everyone back from the Eid break! I, along with a select few faculty and staff members, remained in Bangladesh during the vacation. We all enjoyed a wholesome, family-styled Eid Dinner celebration here on campus.

Everyone made it back safely and we are happy to see the campus alive and busy with students, staff, and faculty members once again. The PHSA culture is full of many different beliefs, norms, and events. One common theme here at Pledge Harbor is recognizing the great things that occur on campus. In light of this fact, Mr. Holman will be managing the new Project Parade Program. As a part of this program, there will be a student selected from each grade level (3rd to 11th) to present their work in front of the entire school every other Wednesday morning during assembly. The students will each have two minutes to speak about their project and showcase the results of their hard work. The weekly collection of student work will then be displayed around campus so that everyone has a chance to admire the excellent exhibition. The objective of this program is to provide an additional outlet for our students to receive project-based recognition for their creativity and academic fortitude.

Our PHSA First Year Teacher (FYT) Mentorship Program started this week. Each FYT has been assigned a teacher mentor (experienced teacher) who will assist them in their new journeys as educators. The aim of the program is to ensure constant development of our faculty and to enhance the overall educational environment of PHSA.

Our academic department heads completed a two day professional development seminar with me and Dr. Lalima Jenckes, our Curriculum Coordinator this week. We discussed many different topics concerning their roles as pedagogical leaders within the school. The topics and seminar objectives were based on the course offered at the American Council of Education (ACE) Department Head Leadership Training Academy in Washington D.C., USA. The purpose of this seminar was to achieve a strategic goal which was established by Dr. John Jenckes, our School Director, to increase the instructional leadership density within our school and community.

All in all, our first week back from break went off without a hitch. I am glad that we've returned to our dynamic routine as we keep our focus on the students and their development, safety, and learning.



Message from the Athletics Director

The first ever Panther's Push-up challenge was a huge success. As a school, we set the goal to complete 30,000 push-ups before EID break! In what was truly a school-wide effort we had people from all parts of the school, campus and corporate, participate. This challenge highlighted the importance of setting goals, a lesson that we all can benefit from. When tasks seem unmanageable having a target and setting smaller goals will often make that impossible goal possible. As a school we completed 33,243 push-ups!!

We have a busy athletic schedule for the next two-weeks. On the weekend of October the 23rd we are competing in the ISD High School Invitational Swim Meet, the Sunbeam's Super Cup Football Tournament, and the Sunnydale games Cricket tournament. On the weekend of October the 30th we will be participating in the 4th Sunnydale Games, with teams entered in the Handball, Football, Table Tennis and Cricket tournaments. We are excited to give our students these opportunities to compete against themselves and other schools. Go Panthers!

#Sunbeams Super Cup Football Tournament October 23, 2014 Team Rosters

Under-14 team

- Shoh
- Nuzhat
- Alamin
- Meftah
- Rezwan
- Utsha
- Rabib
- Daiyan
- Safat

Coach: Mr. Mrinal
Cell: 01921254004

Under-16 team

- Zahin
- Omi
- Imran
- Nafee
- Tanvir
- Rakib
- Kaisar
- Ayas
- Yuma

Coach: Mr. Monwar
Cell: 01711000224

School bus will leave Thursday 23rd @ 6.30 am to Uttara

Sunnydale Cricket Tournament October 23, 2014 Team Rosters

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| - Arian | - Asif | - Adib |
| - Shaheer | - Rohan | - Mahib |
| - Minhaz | - Rafi | - Munim |
| - Wasi | - Ador | - Shabab |
| - Kayes | - Ishrat | - Toufiq |
| - Siyam | - Rakin | - Shouvik |

Coach Imtiaz; Cell: 01767846078

Sunnydale Games 2014 Team Rosters

Football 30 October 2014

- Shoh
- Nuzhat
- Ayas
- Yuma
- Meftah
- Rezwan
- Utsha
- Alamin
- Radith
- Daiyan
- Alvin

Coach Monwar
Cell: 01711000224

Table Tennis 30 October 2014

- Rifat
- Yuma

Coach Mrinal
Cell: 01921254004

Handball 30 October 2014

- Shariar
- Talha
- Tazwar
- Shovik
- Siam
- Dhrubo
- Rakin
- Rohan
- Sami
- Zubair
- Sabah
- Ajmain
- Tarek
- Saki
- Kayes
- Sadi

Coach: Mr. Rodriguez
Cell: 01777 380 892

October 2014

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	1

BBQ Night at PHSA



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