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Congratulations to the Class of 2018 on their excellent IB results! The class average of 36 points is considerably higher than the world average of 30. Seven students scored 40 or more points, with two students scoring 44 points, just one shy of a perfect score. 100% of the students gained their IB Diploma, and 10 graduated with bilingual diplomas.



Views from the Head of School, BILL KRALOVEC

I would like to introduce the new faculty this year. On average, we recruit 5 new full-time teachers per year. This year's teachers are each from a different country, which shows the reach of global education OIS students experience. We are excited for their contributions to teaching and learning at OIS.



Oscar Sala, Technology Learning Coach K-12, (Canada): Mr. Sala graduated from the University of Toronto with a B.Sc. in Psychology and Criminology. He went on to earn a law degree from the University of

Ottawa and worked as a lawyer in Toronto for several years. He eventually went into teaching, spending 10 years as an elementary classroom teacher in Richmond, California. Oscar is currently working on a Master's degree from the State University of New York, Buffalo. He taught in Bangkok, Thailand and Luanda, Angola before coming to OIS.



Michelle Vogel-Sala, Counseling K-12 (USA): Mrs. Vogel earned a Bachelor of Arts in Economics from Sonoma State University in California. She is a certified school psychologist and has a Master's degree in Counseling,

Clinical Child/School Psychology from California State University East Bay. Michelle worked as a school psychologist in California, Thailand and Angola. Note that Oscar and Michelle are married and their daughter, Trinity, is in OIS grade 9.



Ingela Summerton, PYP Coordinator / Grade 3 Teacher (Sweden): Mrs. Summerton has a Bachelor of Education from Gothenburg, Sweden and taught at the International School of Gothenburg Region and other

schools in Sweden and the UK. She also worked in China and Hong Kong before coming to OIS. Ingela and her husband Malcolm are enjoying life in Japan. Mr. Summerton will be leading workshops in 3D printing this year.



Djordje Nikolic, Physical Education (Serbia): Mr. Nikolic graduated from the University of Belgrade with a Master of Science in Physical Education. He taught MYP Physical Education at the Vienna International

School before coming to OIS.

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New OIS staff, continued



Stephanie Alcantara, MYP mathematics & science (Philippines): Ms. Alcantara is an IB Diploma graduate from the Brent International School in Manila, Philippines. She has a B.S. from the University of

Philippines and is completing a Master's degree from the University of Nottingham, UK in Learning, Technology and Education. Stephanie taught in Brazil, China and Bangladesh prior to her arrival at OIS.



Anouk Bouwman, Visual Arts & Design (Netherlands): Mrs. Bouwman has completed several degrees and residencies from visual arts programs. Her two most notable are studying at the Maryland Institute College of Arts

and an Artist in Residence program in Taipei City, Taiwan. She became a teacher at the University of Reading, UK. She was teaching at Laar & Berg, an IB MYP school in Laren, Netherlands before coming to OIS. Anouk lives in Kyoto with her husband and four children.



Yuko Yukawa, Japanese Language (Japan): Yukawa sensei comes to us from the International School of Dusseldorf, Germany where she taught MYP Japanese A in grades 6-9. She also taught in Japanese

schools in Cologne and Dusseldorf for several years. Yuko graduated from the Faculty of Education of Wakayama University and is delighted to be hearing so much of the Osaka ben!



Ayako Nishikawa, Music (Japan): Nishikawa sensei graduated from the Osaka College of Music. She is a licensed music teacher for both middle school and high school. Ayako worked as a private music instructor

at OIS since 2007. She will be assisting the winds ensemble.

Esther Yoo, Learning Support (USA): Dr. Yoo returns as the learning support specialist, covering Lisa Chalensouk who is going on child care leave from September 18 - to the end of the winter trimester. Esther graduated from Occidental College with a degree in biology and later completed a Ph.D in microbiology, immunology and molecular genetics from the University of California Los Angeles.

Elementary Book Week

Our annual Book Week celebration is happening the week of October 29 - November 2. The theme this year is "Find Your Treasure." We have some wonderful events planned throughout the week to celebrate books, reading and all that it adds to your life. We will be kicking off the week with a video produced by the Grade 5 students.

We believe that reading is an essential skill and hope to foster a love of reading at home and at school in all of the languages your children know. We want to emphasize the importance of speaking and reading in students' home languages. This link has some great tips on reading a book with your child.

Students will be involved in a variety of activities during the week including DEAR (Drop Everything And Read), A Book Character Parade on Friday, "Find Your Treasure" reading challenge, "Camp Read-a-lot,", guest readers, etc. We are especially excited to kick off our first OIS Student book exchange. We also hope this week can also be a time when you make personal connections with your child or children and literacy. Happy Reading!

Book Week Committee (Ms. Dezem, Mr. Jones, Ms. Wakefield)

Mon 29 Video kickoff! Presented by Grade 5
Haunted Story Walk organized by
the Actioneers.

Wed 31 1st Annual Book Exchange!

Students will bring books in order to earn credits towards exchanging them for new (to them) books brought by other students. More information will be sent home shortly.

Fri 2 2nd annual Camp Read-a-lot

Classes will be able to go to the 3rd floor conference room where we will have a special reading camp set up for all students to enjoy reading in a comfy place.

2:40-3:30 Book Week Assembly & Book Character Parade!

Students and staff are welcome to dress in their favorite book character for the morning. We will meet in the Small Gym to share what we love about reading and books and then "parade" all the way down to the courtyard in our costumes. (Rainy day plan will end in the Genkan). Parents please feel free to join us!

from the MS/HS Principal, KURT MECKLEM

Welcome to the new school year! With the hallways and rooms full and classes already settled into routines, it feels a bit strange to welcome you to a new academic year. However, the school year is only three weeks old as I write this. Hopefully, your children have established a routine and are enjoying their return to classes.

Thank you to those parents who were able to attend Back to School Night (BTSN) last week. I realize that it is almost impossible to pick a time when everyone can attend so it is understandable if you couldn't come. One of the main goals of the evening is to start building a relationship between the teachers and parents so that we can work together to help your children reach their potential. If you weren't able to come, please don't be afraid to reach out to the teachers and introduce yourself. Whether you were able to attend or not, I would appreciate hearing your feedback. I sent out a survey last week via SOISmail. Here is the link again in case you weren't able to fill it in. In addition to BTSN, I would also like to gauge interest in MYP information session so please fill out the survey to give me that feedback, too. Thank you for taking the time to fill it in.

Please be sure that you are keeping an eye on SOISmail. There are some events coming up in the next month and while most of those events are on the <u>school calendar</u>, more information about them will be coming via SOISmail. These events include the *Measure of Academic Progress (MAP)* that all MYP students will be taking, the *PSAT* (the pre-SAT for grades 10-11 students), a workshop on colleges for grade 12 students and parents, Sports Day, Kool Sounds, etc. If you don't have SOISmail up and running there are a lot of important announcements you might miss. If you are having trouble with it, please contact the school for assistance.

Have you been wondering what happened to your child's sweatshirt? Or, perhaps you haven't seen their water bottle for a long time. It could be that the water bottle and the sweatshirt are in our lost and found. We have numerous unclaimed items, from sneakers, to jackets, to pencil cases. At the moment, much of the stuff is displayed in the genkan but it is usually stored by the elevator on the first floor near the nurse's office. Please have a look next time you are on campus, you might find that baseball cap you haven't seen since the spring.

Thank you for your efforts in helping your children get the school year started well and please don't hesitate to contact us with any questions or concerns.

School Calendar

September

- 23 Autumnal Equinox (national holiday in Japan)
- 24 Substitute holiday (no classes)
- 25 Monday schedule from 8:30am-3:30pm
- 26 G12 College Workshop for Parents 5:00pm, 3F conference room
- 27 PYP Parents Workshop
- 27-28 IBDP Biology IA Field Trip to Camp Sengari
- 28 KG School Foundation Day Elementary School Futsal Falcon Cup @Canadian Academy

October

- 3 PTA Monthly Meeting 9:00am, 3F conference room
- 6 SAT & SAT Subject Tests
- 8 OIS/SIS Sports Day
- 9 Sports Day Back-up / Monday schedule
- 10 PSAT Test (SOIS G10 & G11 students)
 - ES Parent-Teacher Conferences ES no classes
- 11-12 Elementary School (ES) Planning Days ES no classes
- 11-14 AISA HS volleyball (boys @Busan, girls @Seoul) cross country @SOIS
- Community 5km run in Kita Senri Park 11:00am
- 16 Kool Sounds music concert @Kita Senri station 4:00pm
- 17-18 Yearbook picture days
- 19 Faculty Forum half day of school
- 24 Head of School coffee morning, 9:00am @Cezars Kitchen Cafe
- 25 Fall Music Recital, 4:00pm @theatre
- 27 Onohara Halloween Festival

International Fair

IF 2018 Handicraft Booth

Beginning 15 September, the craft booth will be happy to accept donations of cotton fabric. A box for donations will be in front of the library. Anyone interested in sewing or helping out in the booth at the fair please contact:

Monica: f182062@soismail.jp

Sarah: swakefield@soismail.jp

Community, Action, Service

OIS Service Fair

Have you ever wondered how to get involved in service activities at our school, or in the community? Would you like to help but don't know where to begin?

The OIS Service Fair will be your chance to see all the great work our students and teachers do for those in need on and off campus. The Service Fair will be during the long homeroom (2:30-3:30) of October 8th or 9th, depending on Sports Day weather conditions.

A Service Fair is where students and teachers working in service activities get the chance to promote what they do, and recruit those who might want to get involved. It is also an opportunity for students who have been leading service groups to find fresh leadership. Students and teachers are also able to use this opportunity to suggest service activities they think our school or community might need.

For example, Yomawari (providing assistance to Osaka's homeless) has been a long running service activity for our school. Every year Yomawari needs new students to replace those who are graduating, or those who are becoming too busy as their academic demands increase. Another example is how one of our CAS (Creativity, Action, & Service) students has launched a project to "Green our School." They are slowly spreading a garden space throughout the campus. As these innovative students will not be here forever, they would like to promote their idea while looking for like minded students to continue when they're gone.

Some people have ideas for activities that would be of benefit to the campus or the community. Those who suggest ideas do not necessarily need to lead it, as many students are eager to find their service niche, and may pick up an idea themselves and run with it. For example Mr. Nicholl would like to see students get involved in Amnesty International. He will be at the Service Fair promoting this idea and seeing if any students would like to provide emotional support for those subject to political injustice around the world. These are only a few of the possible service activities you will find at the Service Fair.

If you have any questions, or have a service idea the community might benefit from, please contact Mr. Myers, CAS Coordinator at dmyers@soismail.jp.

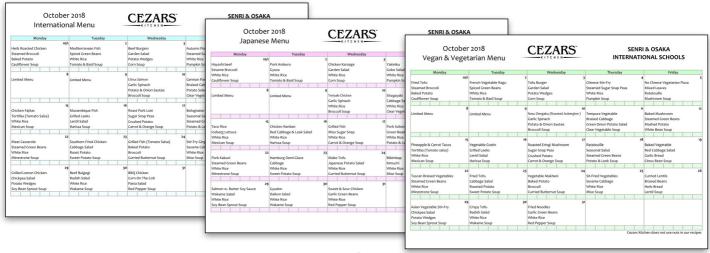


K-G2 Cafeteria Lunch Menu

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		KITCHEN
Septer	mber	
25	Tue	Stir Fry Beef & Broccoli/Chop Suey/White Rice/Hot & Sour Soup
26	Wed	Grilled Chicken w. Bearnaise & Asparagus/Carrots Vichy/Herb Baked Baby Potatoes/
		Chunky Vegetable Soup
27	Thu	Chicken Enchiladas/Mixed Mexican Vegetables/Oven Baked Corn Chips/Tomato & Bean Soup
28	Fri	Pepperoni Pizza/Ratatouille/Spaghetti Napolitano/Corn Soup
Octob	er	
1	Mon	Herb Roasted Chicken/Steamed Broccoli/Baked Potato/Cauliflower Soup
2	Tue	Mediterranean Fish/Spiced Green Beans/White Rice/Tomato & Basil Soup
3	Wed	Beef Burgers/Garden Salad/Potato Wedges/Corn Soup
4	Thu	Autumn Pork Stew/Steamed Sugar Snap Peas/White Rice/Pumpkin Soup
5	Fri	Meat Lover Pizza/Mixed Leaves/Ratatouille/Mushroom Soup
8	Mon	Special Bento
9	Tue	Special Bento
10	Wed	Citrus Salmon/Garlic Spinach/Potato & Onion Sautee/Broccoli Soup
11	Thu	German Pork Schnitzel/Braised Cabbage/Potato Salad/Clear Vegetable Soup
12	Fri	Roast Beef (Onion Gravy)/Steamed Green Beans/Mashed Potato/White Bean Soup
15	Mon	Chicken Fajitas/Tortillas (Tomato Salsa)/White Rice/Mexican Soup
16	Tue	Mozambique Fish/Grilled Leeks/Lentil Salad/Harissa Soup
1 <i>7</i>	Wed	Roast Pork Loin/Sugar Snap Peas/Crushed Potato/Carrot & Orange Soup
18	Thu	Bolognaise Past/Seasonal Salad/Steamed Green Beans/Potato & Leek Soup
19	Fri	Fish Pie/Red Cabbage Salad/Garlic Bread/Citrus Bean Soup
22	Mon	Meat Casserole/Steamed Green Beans/White Rice/Minestrone Soup
23	Tue	Southern Fried Chicken/Cabbage Salad/Roast Potato/Sweet Potato Soup
24	Wed	Grilled Fish (Tomato Salsa)/Baked Potato/Broccoli/Curried Butternut Soup
25	Thu	Stir-Fry Ginger & Honey Pork/Sesame Cabbage/White Rice/Miso Soup
26	Fri	Beef Stroganoff/Braised Beans/Herb Bread/Lentil Soup
29	Mon	Grilled Lemon Chicken/Chickpea Salad/Potato Wedges/Soy Bean Sprout Soup
30	Tue	Beef Bulgogi/Radish Salad/White Rice/Wakame Soup
31	Wed	BBQ Chicken/Corn On The Cob/Pasta Salad/Red Pepper Soup

Cezars Kitchen also produces three menus every month for Middle and High School students; an *International Menu*, a *Japanese Menu*, and a *Vegan/Vegetarian Menu*. You can find PDF copies of these menus <u>here</u>.



IB Higher Education Forum

On Thursday September 13, OIS alumna Corrine Watanabe and I held a roundtable discussion at the IB Higher Education Forum in Tokyo. The purpose of the forum was to raise awareness of the excellent International Baccalaureate graduates from international and Article I schools (local schools) with Japanese universities. With a declining number of high school graduates due to an aging population, universities here are looking for international students and opening more English language programs. The International Baccalaureate Asia Pacific office sponsored the forum.

The IB is relatively new to Japan and even though the Ministry of Education (MEXT) is supporting its growth in Article I schools, many universities do not understand the IB and set unrealistic standards for admission. Corrine shared her experiences of applying to private universities in Tokyo and North American universities. The many admissions officers present were impressed with her confidence and presentation skills, two traits the IB develops in students. It is the hope that as the IB grows, more Japanese universities will be seeking our students to matriculate at their universities. It is a competitive market for IB graduates and Japanese universities need to be more flexible and aggressive in their marketing to attract IB students to choose their programs.



The rise of the globalization of higher education can be seen with the OIS Class of 2018. Our graduates are matriculating in eight different countries, ranging from the United Arab Emirates to the Netherlands.

In the past 8 years, 22% of our graduates stay in Japan to study. Compared to North America and other countries, Japan is an inexpensive option. With national health insurance for foreign students, excellent public transport and a low crime rate, I see more foreign students coming to Japan as more English programs are started. I also expect, the percentage of our students staying in Japan to rise.

I would like to thank Corrine for helping our future IB graduates have more opportunities in the future to study here in Japan.

Sports Day: Monday 8 October

In case of heavy rain, the event will be held on Tuesday October 9. There will be regular school on Monday October 8.

Elementary School

8.30:	All elementary school (ES) students arrive to homeroom
8.45-9.40:	KA, KB, G1 & G2 @gym;
	G3, G4, G5 @pool
9.45-10.40:	All ES students to the field
10.45-11.00:	Whole school parade and closing ceremony
11.00-11.30:	Presentations and celebrations in the courtyard
11.30-12.00:	Dismissal to parents and lunch in courtyard if desired

Other Notes

- School buses will operate as usual in the morning but leave at 4.30pm for MS/HS students.
- Cezars Kitchens will be open with limited offerings (bento, A and B choices)
- Salad Bar will be open from 10:30 13:30 and Cafe from 8:00 16:00

Middle School & High School

10.30:	All middle school (MS) and high school (HS) students arrive to their homerooms
10.45-11.00:	Opening ceremony
11.00-12.45:	Morning activities: MS dodgeball, intercepter @gym, HS dodgeball, ultimate frisbee @field
12.45-13.10:	MS performance @gym; HS lunch time
13.10-13.35:	MS lunch time
13.35-14.00:	HS performance, 5 minutes per grade. 1 minute for setup
14.05-16.10:	Afternoon activities: MS/HS obstacle race, MS mukade race, HS bouhiki, MS jump rope, HS mat challenge, MS/HS tug-of-war, MS/HS relays
16.10-16.25:	Closing ceremony
16.30:	Students dismissed from school

SOIS Sabers Sports and Activities

Sabers Sports updates from Activities Director, PETER HEIMER

Welcome back to school, everyone in the SOIS community. My name is Peter Heimer, longtime English teacher at SOIS, and I am entering my eighth year as the Sabers activities director (AD). Thank you very much for your past support and I look forward to another great year of Sabers athletics. Please visit me in the AD office, room A-240, near the business office. Contact me at pheimer@senri.ed.jp or at 072-727-2137.

Sabers Website

http://sabers.senri.ed.jp

Sabers Facebook page

https://www.facebook.com/groups/SabersAthletics/

In each Educator I provide Sabers updates and reminders. Most tournament dates are listed on the school calendar and the Sabers Google calendar. For weekend schedules, reports, photos, handbooks, and everything else you want to know about the Sabers, please visit the Sabers athletics website at sabers.senri.ed.ip. Online calendars show upcoming Sabers events, times, and locations.

New season, Sabers Sign Up

The fall sports season is already up and running. Current Sabers athletes have attended pre-season information meetings and have completed the mandatory online Sabers sign up. At the meetings, we discuss the importance of commitment to an athletic team and of balance among athletics, academics, music, and other interests. We talk about eligibility requirements and costs. We emphasize the importance of appropriate behavior on and off the court, behavior that is consistent with our concept of the 5 respects and with our mission of developing "informed, caring, creative individuals contributing to a global community." We tell students that there are three kinds of sportsmanship: poor sportsmanship, good sportsmanship, and – at the very top - Sabers sportsmanship. We have high expectations of our students.

"Sabers Sign Up" is a pair of online sign-up forms – including parent permission – to be submitted prior to participation. All information and forms can be found on the Sabers website under the Forms tab. All students and parents should read the Sabers activities handbook and complete the Sabers Sign Up – only one time per school year.

Event calendar (link here)

There is much Sabers activity already. The MS baseball team and MS girls volleyball team have played their first

games. The high school volleyball teams have played in midseason tournaments in Kobe and Fukuoka. And the triathlon team continues to train and compete.

AISA tournaments (link here)

SOIS enters its tenth year of competition in the Association of International Schools in Asia (AISA). Last year the Sabers won team championships in boys volleyball, girls basketball, and girls soccer, and sportsmanship awards in girls volleyball and girls basketball. For AISA championship tournaments this fall, the Sabers girls volleyball team travels to Seoul, the boys volleyball team travels to Busan, and the running team stays here in Osaka as SOIS hosts the cross country meet. The Sabers look forward to defending our AISA championships as well as winning new ones.

AISA HOMESTAY HOSTS NEEDED

AISA cross country, 11-14 October 2018

One of the key features of AISA is the homestay system, which promotes greater intercultural communication, encourages friendly competition, and reduces travel costs. This is a reciprocal arrangement: when SOIS students travel overseas, they are homestayed there, and when overseas students travel to SOIS, we homestay them here. All SOIS families, especially those with AISA participants, are encouraged to offer a homestay. Much useful bilingual information about AISA homestays can be found in the "Homestay" section of the Sabers website.

This fall, we will homestay 28 runners (14 girls, 14 boys) from Seoul International School and Korea International School. We would very much like to show our guests true Osaka hospitality and are looking for homestay hosts. If you are able to offer a homestay, please contact the AD office.

The homestay experience can be very rewarding for both the host family and the visiting students. At past overseas events SOIS students have stayed with wonderful families who made them feel welcome and provided a local experience. Our students have been cared for very well while representing our two schools overseas and we would like to ask the SOIS community to help by hosting AISA visitors. Without the assistance of everyone in our small community we could not be a part of such exciting opportunities, and I thank you in advance for your generosity.

Again, welcome back to what will be another exciting school year. Thank you very much in advance for your support of the Sabers activities program and your cooperation with the AD office. Go Sabers!

New Students

OIS is delighted to welcome new students into every grade this trimester.

Elementary School

- KA Mion Fukui
- KA Satoshi Kamada
- KA Sebin Lee
- KA Yubeen Lee
- KA Doyun Lee
- KA Jake Nishimura
- KA Leo Ono
- KA Arisa Sukeno
- KB Alexa Erofeyev
- KB Yuten Fukui
- KB Meika Iwaki
- KB Nahye Kim
- KB Yui Minami
- 1 Miu Imoto
- 2 Aiko Joost
- 2 Juno Matsuoka

- 2 Ami Sukeno
- 3 Jimshi Yuuki Moy
- 3 Emma Lily Payne
- 3 Sophie Anne Payne
- 4 Shoot Michael Noro
- 4 Agron Sen
- 4 Taiyo Yasuda
- 5 Mako Mukai
- 5 Kanon Rose Nishioka
- 5 Osa Nishioka

Middle School

- 6 Jong Ray Oserin Holk
- 6 Yoohui Hyun
- 6 Zihe Li
- 6 Holly Miwa
- 6 Mitchell Spencer Payne

- 7 Natsumi Mochizuki
- 8 Isabelle Naomi Berg
- 8 Hwaim Hyun
- 8 Mia Amor Moreschini
- 8 Miu Sophia Watase
- 9 Koki Ogawa
- 9 Trinity Sala
- 9 Stefano Maximilian Von Saalfeld
- 10 Ryusei Takabayashi

High School

- 11 Kyubin Jang
- 11 Yu Katahira
- 11 David Sada
- 11 Riki Sampson
- 11 Aika Emily Watase
- 12 Khang Duc Le

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From the PTA: SOIS International Fair 2018

Saturday November 17, 10:00a.m. ~ 15:00 p.m.

Our theme this year is "Fun! Fun! Fun!"



★ **IF Orientation** ★ (for information about Booths, Entertainment and LipSync)

Date: Thursday October 16, 13:30-14:30 (parents mainly)

15:45-16:45 (Students, school staff and other)

Place: The conference room on the third floor

Notes: For the entertainment performers, we collect the entry fee (500yen) at the orientation

Volunteers

Please share your time with us!

Any help before the day as well as during the event will be very much appreciated. Even helping us just for 1 hour would be great!!

Please contact us at oispta-if@soismail.jp

Sports

We are offering fun games such as Foot Pressure Point Mat Race, Hit the Panel Game, Sink a Free Throw, Keepy Uppy Tennis Ball, Hook the Sweets and Tablecloth Trick in the P.E. hallway.

Anyone can join in on the day without signing up! Fees: ¥50 / game (winners will receive a prize while supplies last.)

Book sale

We will collect used books, CD/ DVD, game software (usable items only).

Bazaar

Accepts only new items for donation. They will be collected by designated boxes.

Collection Period: Thursday October 18 to

Friday November 9

Collection Place: Designated boxes near the library



Eco (PET-bottle caps)

We are not collecting PET bottle caps this year. The OIS elementary teachers are however collecting PET bottle caps for teaching purposes. Please use their collection box near the library

Thank You!