



THE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL IN GENOA
SINCE 1966

Friday 23rd January, 2015

Dear Parents,

As we approach the end of the first semester, I am writing what is mostly an informational message to keep you updated with the events at the school.

PLEASE TAKE A FEW MINUTES TO:

- 1) Visit our website- It is constantly updated
- 2) Read the Director's message

Student Exchange Program:

Would you consider an exchange opportunity for a whole semester?

Some of you may be aware that this year we started an exchange program with a school in Maine in the

United States. Eight of our students in the high school, accompanied by two ISG teachers, went to the United States for two weeks in October of the first semester. Our guests from the school in Maine will be arriving with us and staying with their host families in April of this year. We are very much looking forward to having our guests here and return the hospitality and the welcome that our students had in the USA.

On the same note, our partner school in the USA has asked us to see if there is any interest for any of our families in grades 9 or 10 to have a full semester exchange where one of our students goes to stay with a host family in the USA and one of their students comes to live with our host family here. If you are interested and would think of this as a viable opportunity for your son or daughter, please let us know. We will be sending more information about this over the next couple of weeks.

Holding up our values, we need your support:

We must continue to work to ensure that our students are held to high values. In a recent committee meeting with parents at the school, we asked, "What do we want our students and graduates to take from their experience at ISG?" The main words and concepts that came up during the meeting is that we want our students to be:

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Open minded, Understanding of other cultures, Able to adapt, Able to question, Principled, Caring, Reflective, Knowledgeable, Thinkers, and Good communicators.

In addition to the above, we need our students to understand the importance of respecting each other's space, learning how to line up without shoving or pushing, understanding the importance of taking your turn, and to understand the importance of following rules and laws, because at the end of the day, when we take care as individuals, we serve ourselves and those around us.

I do not know a better way to have our students and children understand the importance of these actions other than us teachers, parents and siblings, being a role model every day of every minute, demonstrating constantly that this is what we believe and what we practice. **We need your help. We at school constantly work hard to be role models and demonstrate how to follow rules and consistent expectations. Parents need to also help us by following the rules themselves and enforce rules with their children while on ISG grounds and hopefully outside.** If we are all addressing this all the time I think we have a better chance of being successful.

Morning Drop off and Afternoon pick up

We all know and are aware that we have a very tight area outside the school for dropping off and picking up students. However, it is my hope that we all have one goal in mind which is the **individual and collective safety of our children.** Over the last few years, we have diverted the traffic and changed one road to a one way street when it has been a dual carriageway since Roman times. We have put pedestrian cross roads. What is missing is us taking care of each other.

Each of us needs to sacrifice a few extra minutes in the morning and in the afternoon to support each other and be patient. The safety of all the children is important.

Please do not park on the pedestrian walkway up the road

Please do not double park on the bridge

Please do not park or make a U turn in front of the school by the dumpsters

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We need your support. Otherwise, we may be in a situation where we pay a very expensive price with the life of one of our children.

After School Court Yard and Front Yard

We love having our students and families enjoy the courtyard after school. You are very welcome from 3:45 till 5:00 pm to use the courtyard and front yard. However, the children need to be actively supervised at all times. **Children are not allowed on their own outside without direct supervision from a parent or a guardian.**

Additionally, parents are expected to enforce school rules during play:

Children safety comes first

Children can play in any manner that is respectful of others.

Children need to use the slide appropriately from the correct side

Children are only allowed in the front yard that is paved not on the hill next to the wall

Your support is much appreciated.

Wednesday January 28th, 2015

Early Release day for professional development:

Wednesday 28th of January will be our first opportunity to have the staff professional development.

Students will have lunch at school at will be dismissed at 12:30. Cairo car has been informed.

I wish you all a wonderful weekend,

Samer Khoury

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Venerdì 23 Gennaio, 2015

Cari Genitori,

Un follow-up alla newsletter di Venerdì, vi scrivo per tenervi aggiornati con il nostro programma nel caso ci fosse un'ulteriore chiusura della Scuola:

1) Ri-programmazione delle Conferenze con i genitori

Le conferenze per i genitori sono state riprogrammate in due serate:

Lunedì 1 Dicembre (tutta la scuola dal PS al 12 Grade)

Mercoledì 3 Dicembre (tutta la scuola dal PS al 12 Grade)

Queste due serate saranno per tutti i genitori degli studenti della scuola Primaria e Secondaria e si terranno dopo scuola dalle 4:00 fino alle 21:00. Gli insegnanti saranno disponibili per quattro ore entrambe le serate.

Vi potete registrare su Parent Conference come sempre. Le iscrizioni saranno aperte da Mercoledì 19 Novembre dalle 10:00.

2) Mercoledì 26 Novembre uscita anticipata cancellata

Sacrificare gli aggiornamenti del personale non è l'opzione migliore, perché sono molto importanti e sono totalmente dedicati alla formazione. Abbiamo anche l'obbligo nei vostri confronti e dei nostri insegnanti di attenerci al programma. Tuttavia a causa di queste circostanze estreme, l'uscita anticipata di Mercoledì 26 Novembre è stata annullata. Di conseguenza sarà una giornata di scuola regolare. Cairo Car sarà informato.

3) In caso di un eventuale altra chiusura

Stiamo cercando di pianificare un programma nel caso la scuola dovesse chiudere nuovamente per allerta meteo e permettere agli studenti di avere accesso al programma e lavorare da casa. Vi preghiamo di notare però che per questo tipo di organizzazione avrete bisogno di un accesso Internet.

Ciò comporta:

Scuola Elementare - Grade Kindergarten al Grade 5

a) Tutti gli insegnanti potranno accedere agli account di posta elettronica dei genitori

b) In caso di chiusura della scuola, gli insegnanti saranno in grado di assegnare il lavoro per gli studenti inviando un messaggio di posta elettronica alla mail dei genitori.



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Scuola Secondaria - Grade 6-12

- a) Nelle prossime 48 ore, tutti gli studenti dei Grade 6-12 avranno un indirizzo di posta elettronica assegnato dalla scuola.
- b) Questo indirizzo e-mail deve essere utilizzato solo per le questioni relative esclusivamente alla scuola e deve essere controllata regolarmente.
- c) Creeremo lezioni on-line tramite Google aula.
- d) Nel corso di questa settimana, tutti gli studenti avranno accesso alle loro classi.
- e) In caso di chiusura della scuola, gli insegnanti e gli studenti avranno accesso alle loro classi da dove verrà inviato il lavoro e gli studenti avranno l'opportunità di lavorare con i loro insegnanti.
- f) Siamo certi che saremo in grado di impostare questo programma entro Lunedì, 24 Novembre.

Grade 11 e 12 IB diploma:

Sulla base delle materie, gli insegnanti per il diploma IB potranno convocare gli studenti un Sabato dove i ragazzi potranno recuperare il lavoro.

4) Aggiunta di giorni per l'anno scolastico

Nel caso dovessimo disporre ulteriori chiusure della scuola e nuove interruzioni del programma, porterò all'attenzione del Consiglio le esigenze accademiche e la possibilità di aggiungere giorni di insegnamento.

5) Ipotetica Allerta 2 con gli studenti presenti a scuola

- a) Gli studenti rimarranno a scuola sotto la supervisione degli insegnanti.
- b) Manterremo il contatto con i genitori e tutori tramite e-mail, il sito web della scuola e Facebook. Stiamo cercando di organizzarci per inviare messaggi tramite SMS a tutti i genitori.

Grazie

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