



WEEK OF:
JUNE 5 TO 9

MIDDLE SCHOOL

Friday Bulletin

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*From the
Middle School Office*

Dear Parents,

Welcome to the final Parent Bulletin of the 2016 - 2017 school year!

This week has been an eventful week, with the MS Music Finale Concert - featuring visiting artists Colby and Awu, the G5 Museum of Change, the G8 Advocating for Change day, the G8 to G9 Transition to High School event and this evening's G8 Dinner Dance! As you can see, even though the end of the school year is rapidly approaching, student learning is still very much front and center in the Middle School.

On Wednesday evening, the MS Choir, General Music, Strings and Band students performed to a full house in the FAT. This was an amazing collection of musical pieces that culminated in a goosebump inducing rendition of Colby and Awu's 'Be The Change'. We'd like to take the opportunity to give a huge shout out to:

- All our MS student performers for their numerous hours of dedicated practice and their commitment to the arts.
- All parents for encouraging students to stay the course, even when listening to them practice may have been a little painful!
- Our amazing MS Music and Choir Teaching Team (Teachers and TAs) for their creativity, constant guidance and encouragement.

If you didn't have the opportunity to see the concert, due to other obligations, please check out the links below that will take you to ISM's very own YouTube channel. Please note that the concert is in two parts:

- [Part 1: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XMVjwZ-W64](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XMVjwZ-W64)
- [Part 2: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Sqh_7omJwUk](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Sqh_7omJwUk)

Yesterday, the G8 students arrived at school dressed to impress and ready to advocate for change! They spent the full day off schedule and participated in a Model United Nations debate revolving around different social issues as they created their Grade 8 Manifesto. Check out some of the pictures below:



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**A BIG thank you
to our dedicated Dinner
Dance Committee- Grade
8 PCA Parent
Representatives:**

Mrs. Lhen Vellon and
Ms. Dedet Santos

together with

Mrs. Sylvia Malik
Mrs. Dowa Manaloto
Mrs. Katty Qua
Mrs. Charmaine Zamora

**for organizing such a fun event for-
Grade 8 students!**

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As the school year comes to a close, we would like to thank our parent community for your unwavering support. We appreciate your participation in our PCA, your attendance at parent coffees and your presence at the varied special events that take place throughout the school year. The value and importance you place on your child's education, helps to make our school a truly special place. We know that the Middle School years present a wide range of challenges and your consistent support, care and love, are invaluable to your children as they navigate these critical years. Thank you for all that you do frontstage and backstage!

The key events for the final 4 days of school can be found below as well as some key dates pertaining to the return to school in August.

THIS WEEK:

Monday, June 5th:

- **G8 Community Outreach Day:**
 - ⇒ As part of the G8 end-of-year activities, students will participate in a meaningful day focused on service learning. G8 students will be working both on and off campus, depending on the service partners they have cho-

sen. Students will return to school between 1:30 and 2:00 p.m. and will close the day by participating in a reflection exercise.

Tuesday, June 6th:

- **G8 Awards Assembly**
 - ⇒ 7:30a.m. in the FAT.
 - ⇒ Teachers will present awards for different subject areas as well as ISM's dispositions and transdisciplinary skills.
 - ⇒ Parents are welcome to come and watch if they would like to do so.
 - ⇒ Please be aware that this event is relatively informal.
- **G8 Activities Afternoon and Yearbook Signing Event:**
 - ⇒ 12:00 - 2:00 p.m. (Activity day)
 - ⇒ 2:00 - 3:00 p.m. (Yearbook signing)

Wednesday, June 7th:

- **G8 Moving On Ceremony:**
 - ⇒ Time: 16:00
 - ⇒ Location: FAT
 - ⇒ Please note that G8 students do not have school on this day. Students should arrive on campus at 3:00 p.m. sharp.

Thursday, June 8th:

- **Last Day of School!**
 - ⇒ G8 students do not come to school on this day!
 - ⇒ Dismissal for all other students is at 12:00 noon.

MS Yearbook:

Our MS yearbook is called the Salinlahi and is ready for distribution next week. Salinlahi comes from two different Tagalog words:

- Salin - meaning to pass on
- Lahi - meaning culture

So...our MS yearbook represents a 'cultural exchange' of all the different memories we have made this year and, within its pages, we strive to capture the beating heart of the MS years!

Here at ISM, the yearbooks are given to students free of charge. Each Grade Level Program Leader arranges a time within the last few days of school to distribute the yearbooks and create a time for students/teachers/TAs/secretaries/staff to sign each other's' yearbooks with warm wishes and kind words.

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The Salinlahi is created during an After School Activity run by Eugene Perez - our MS Art Teaching Assistant. This year's Salinlahi student contributors, editors and designers were:

- Gabriella Anugraha (Editor-in-chief)
- Ji Won Bu
- Mehek Chotrani
- Happy Ruth Jara
- Melissa Carol Manaloto
- Yueran Sun
- Kirk Dylan Tinga
- Eleanor Aurelila Wijaya

Thank you to each and every one of you for making this year's Salinlahi an amazing collection of memories!

COMING UP NEXT SCHOOL YEAR!

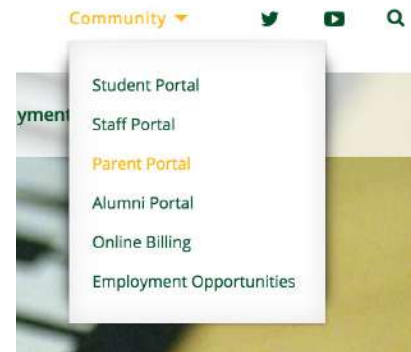
- **First day of School!**
 - ⇒ School reopens on Monday, August 7th with a full day of school.
 - ⇒ Please, strive to have your child back for the first day of school and refrain from extending your summer vacations.
 - ⇒ When booking your return flights to Manila, please remember to build in a few extra days so your child doesn't suffer from jet lag!

NEED TO KNOW NOW:

- **Report Card Access:**
 - ⇒ Teachers are currently writing the end-of semester report cards and these will be available for parents on Wednesday, June 14th.
 - ⇒ In order to access the report cards, parents will go through the ISM Parent Portal and access PowerSchool.

- **How to Access Your Child's Report Card**

1. Navigate to the International School Manila website, <http://www.ismanila.org/>
2. Select "Parent Portal" from the "Community" drop down options.



3. Login into the Parent Portal using your Parent PowerSchool account login details. If you have misplaced or forgotten your PowerSchool username and/or password please contact the Middle School Office (ms@ismanila.org) where one of our team will be happy to supply you with it.

Parent Portal Login

PowerSchool Username

PowerSchool Password

4. Access your child's Report Card by clicking on the corresponding icon by your child's name.



- ⇒ We strongly recommend that you download the PDF of your child's Report Card and keep them safe for future reference.

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- **Goodbye!**

- ⇒ To the 85 MS students who are moving on at the close of this academic year, we will miss you all! We trust you are taking away treasured memories from your ISM experience whether you have been here for just one year or you have grown up at ISM.
- ⇒ We wish you the very best of luck as you transition to new countries, cities, schools, and homes. Please keep in touch and remember you always have a home, here in Manila - Once a Bearcat, always a Bearcat!

NEED TO KNOW FOR AUGUST!

- **Schedule Distribution Information:**

Student schedules will be distributed on the following date:

- ❖ **Friday, August 4th 2017**

- ⇒ 7:30 - 9:30 = G5
- ⇒ 9:30 - 11:30 = G6
- ⇒ 11:30 - 12:00 = Break/Lunch for those manning the tables.
- ⇒ 12:00 - 2:00 = G7
- ⇒ 2:00 - 4:00 = G8

Please note that if you have children in multiple grade levels, you are allowed to come at the time when your youngest child is due to collect his/her schedule. We will also release the schedules of older siblings at this time. The schedule collection point will be just outside the entrance to the MS Guidance area.

For example:

- If you have a child in G5 and a child in G7 - both children can collect their schedules from 7:30 - 9:30.
- If you have a child in G7 and a child in G8 - both children can collect their schedules from 12:00 - 2:00

If you are unable to pick up your child's schedule on this date, students should go directly to the tables in the hallway just outside the entrance to the MS Office on the first day of school.

Supply Lists for Next School Year:

- School Supply Lists for the coming academic year are now posted on the school website.
- Please see [Parent Bulletin Issue #33](#) for the

pathway.

- We respectfully request that all students come to school on Monday, August 7th with all of these items.
- Parents are welcome to purchase the items wherever they choose. However, please be aware that the PCA arranges for National Bookstore to set up a temporary 'School Supply Store' here on campus should you find this option more appealing.

First Day of School!

- The 2017 - 2018 school year commences on Monday, August 7th
- Please note that we will send out an email before school starts with an overview for the first few days of school so student anxiety is kept at a minimum.

We wish everyone a thoroughly enjoyable vacation. Stay safe and see you in August!

Kind regards,
Rachel Harrington, Middle School Principal
Amanda Pekin, Assistant Middle School Principal

May 29 – June 7: Summer borrowing available in the MS Library

Athletics and Activities

This will be the final post for this school year and I look forward to welcoming back returning and all new Bearcats in August to another year of exciting action of sports/activities at ISM.

To all our departing faculty coaches who are moving on to new adventures thank you very much for your dedication and contribution to our athletics program and to the students you have coached and mentored during your time as an ISM coach. The time and effort you have contributed after school and on weekends has been much appreciated and best wishes as you move on to exciting new places.

This summer the main redevelopment project on the books for athletics is the refurbishment of the swimming pools. All three pools will be drained, re-tiled and have new drainage and filtration equipment installed. This is a big project and will take the entire summer break and we hope to have the project completed by the start of school in August.

ATAC season 4, all year round team training and ES/MS Activities have now concluded as of today Friday June 2. There will not be any after school training or activities next week. Thank you to all ISM Bearcats who have participated in our co-curricular athletics/activities program this year and we look forward to your continued involvement next year in your sport/activity of choice. Go Bearcats!

Tryouts for ATAC S1 sports next SY 17-18: (Soccer/ Volleyball/Cross Country) 1st season tryouts- HS Aug 7, 8, 9, MS Aug 9, 10, 11/ES (gr.1-4) Rifa soccer tryouts Aug 9, 10, 11.

Flyers and information will be available on ATAC blog, on notice boards and posted in start of school year announcements. We look forward to our returning and new Bearcats getting involved in our program in August.

Upcoming events- (full match schedule available at ATAC Game schedule)

- Aug 7,8,9 HS S1 tryouts
- Aug 9,10,11 MS S1 Tryouts
- Aug 9,10,11 ES (gr.1-4) Rifa soccer team tryouts

Our ISM Community tennis program, has now finished. The community tennis program will be up and running again next year during Sept/Oct and again in semester two from mid Feb until end of May. Thanks

To find out details of all the Bearcats matches mid week and on weekends go to the ATAC game schedule page-link is provided below and follow the instructions to find out when and where our Bearcat teams will be playing. The ATAC(Athletics) Game schedule is housed within the parent portal to ensure secure access for ISM parents <http://atac.ism-online.org/schedules/>

Please take the time to navigate the ATAC blog <http://atac.ism-online.org/> as it is our one stop shop for all information related to the competitive ISM sports program.

For our All Year Round teams- Wall Climbing, Chess, Judo, TKD, Aikido, Table Tennis -As these programs are year round it is possible for students to join during the year as long as space is available. See link to information and schedule to attend and meet the coaches. All year round sports teams See schedule for our [All year round teams program here...](#)

Please note the practice times for ATAC programs for SY 17-18 are as follows: ATAC all year round teams- 3:15-4:30. For our Sailfish swim team program please check the Sailfish blog for information <http://sailfish.ism-online.org/>

ATAC Gymnastics team practices 3:10-4:50 M/W/F All HS seasonal teams practice from 3:05- 4:50pm on their respective practice afternoons. MS seasonal teams practice from 3:15-4:45pm. In order to clear the campus prior to 5pm all after school programs will conclude by 4:50pm or earlier. The last bus is 4:55pm this is due to the ever increasing traffic concerns in our area.

Parents and students please take some time to peruse the ATAC blog it has a wide variety of information and links to our sports and activities program. If you have any questions regarding the competitive program of sports at ISM after reading the information on the blog please send an email to pekinm@ismanila.org and I will endeavor to assist you as best I can.

Bearcat Den- drop by our fantastic spirit store. There is a range of products and items to purchase including items from our service partners. Bearcat Den hours of operation- 7am-4pm Mon-Fri.

Best Regards,
Mark Pekin
Director of Athletics/Activities

A MESSAGE FROM THE OPERATIONS AND SECURITY DEPARTMENT

1. IDs for the New School Year

Parent IDs

The previously issued black and white parent IDs will continue to be valid for the new school year. Standard parent cards are issued free of charge. Parents may, however, elect to apply for a smartcard ID which will be usable with the cashless payment system introduced into the school for SY 2013-14. There will be a fee of P250.00 for a smartcard.

Applications for parent IDs can be processed through the Security Office.

Student IDs

All students will be issued with new ID cards at the beginning of the new school year. The cards will be compatible with the cashless payment system. There will be no need for returning students to visit the Security Office as we will be utilizing the photographs taken for the yearbooks.

School Passes

School passes issued to parent's employees and representatives need to be replaced for next school year. As of August 31st, 2017 (Thursday) the light green bordered passes will be invalid.

The security office is now accepting applications for new school passes, however the cards will not be available for collection before July 1, 2017. These passes will not be compatible with the cashless payment system.

Each family will be given two free school passes. Additional school passes may be obtained after paying a processing fee of Php100.00 each to the Cashier's Office.

2. Car Stickers for the New School Year

The car stickers for school year 2017/2018 will be available from the security office beginning July 1, 2017.

To obtain a new vehicle sticker please submit a

completed vehicle sticker form. Applications for vehicles registered with companies or other institutions should be supported by a letter of assignment.

Each ISM family will be issued one vehicle sticker free of charge. Any additional stickers will be issued following payment of P100 to the cashier's office.

I would like to thank all members of the ISM community for their cooperation across this school year in helping us maintain ISM as a safe and secure environment for our children.

MIKE FLYNN

Director of Operations and Security

ANNOUNCEMENT!

**LOST AND FOUND
VIEWING**

EVERY SCHOOL DAY
May 22nd to June 8th, 2017
From 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Fine Arts Theater
changing room 1123

Items uncollected after this time
will be disposed of in support of
our Service Learning Program.

**UNIFORM SHOP IS
CLOSED FROM
JUNE 13 TO JULY 21, 2017**

STARTING JULY 24, 2017
THE SHOP OPENS EVERYDAY
UNTIL SEPTEMBER 01, 2017
FROM 7:00 AM TO 4:00 PM.

To: All Parents and Company Sponsors

In anticipation of the year-end clearance for SY2016-2017, we would like to inform you of the following matters:

1. All school charges will be FINAL on May 24 , 2017 for GRADUATING while June 06,2017 for NON GRADUATING students. Please check the online billing for your final outstanding balances and settle remaining balance for clearance of SY2016-2017.
2. Only students with fully paid SY2016-2017 school fees will have their clearance forms signed by the cashier and will have access to school documents such as report cards and transcripts.
3. For incoming SY2017-2018 Pre-School 4 - to Grade 4 (old students), Section cards will be released by the Accounting Office on June 8, 2016 only if current school year (2016-2017) fees are fully settled.
4. For the purpose of clearing the accounts of students for SY16-17, please observe the following school CUT-OFFS on accepting checks from parents and sponsors :

Dollar Checks:

Dollar Check - not cleared within US territory (with corresponding fee for clearance with bank)

Grade 12 - March 27, 2017

Other Dollar checks (cleared within US check territory)

Pre – School to Grade 12 – April 17,2017

Peso Checks:

Grade12 – May 5,2017

Pre- School to Grade 11 – May 22,2017

This is to allow enough time for the checks to get cleared by the bank in time for the student clearance in June. Please also note that US dollar coins are not accepted by the cashier, however, the same can be converted to its peso equivalent to settle the remaining fees.

Other Note(s):

- Pursuant to the endorsement of the Philippine Clearing House Corporation (PCHC), please be informed that any peso check that shows or indicates on its face **any erasure or alteration shall no longer be eligible or acceptable for clearing.** The cashiers will therefore will only accept peso checks without any alteration and only checks with complete details.

- Check acceptance cut-off applies to current school year SY2016-2017 only. **Payment of tuition fee in checks for SY2017-2018 are not affected and accepted** at ISM cashier's office.

-For wire transfer and other payment related queries , kindly send a copy of the bank confirmation payment to Cashiers (esguerrae@ismanila.org or refranm@ismanila.org).

-For billing, Rhoda Villa at 840-85-22 and email address villar@ismanila.org, or Marissa Dulay at 840-85-06 or email to dulaym@ismanila.org.

Sincerely,
ISM Treasury

ISM Upcoming Events

TIANGGE

SERVICE PARTNER SALES DAY!

WHEN
JUNE 5-7

WHERE
OUTSIDE THE CAFETERIA

Papaya Academy

MAYOWN

LIFE PROJECT 4 YOUTH ...AND MORE!

YOUNG FOCUS

The graphic features a light blue background with a white crumpled paper texture. At the top, the word 'TIANGGE' is written in large, white, block letters on a teal banner. Below it, 'SERVICE PARTNER SALES DAY!' is written in teal. To the right, 'WHEN JUNE 5-7' and 'WHERE OUTSIDE THE CAFETERIA' are displayed on teal banners. Logos for Papaya Academy (a papaya), MAYOWN (a bar chart), LIFE PROJECT 4 YOUTH (a globe with people), and YOUNG FOCUS (a person on a globe) are arranged around the central text.



IB1 ART SHOW
May 23-June 2
Opening 3pm May 23

**YEAR
END
SALE**

AT THE BEARCAT DEN
April 17, 2017 onwards
Up to 50% off on selected items
Until supplies last

SEE YOU THERE!