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BSZ NEWS



Word from the Head Teacher

Dear BSZ Community,

An excellent school year is in progress. I am happy to be back at BSZ along with all our staff. I am happy to see new faces as well as many returning students. This school year, we can look forward to students excelling in education and choosing to be kind. These are the goals for us all. We have recruited staff that can provide expertise needed to improve the learning capacity of students. You will notice that there will be an increase and consistent flow of communication in various forms (email, whatsapp, letters, and messages). Ms. Engaisi is our new full time Communications/Admissions officer. She and I will be working closely together to get you the most information as possible. Please read the newsletters as it will have a lot of details regarding current and upcoming events. We will send a newsletter home twice a month via whatsapp and a hard abbreviated copy home.

Please be aware of dates and changes in this year's daily schedule. Thus far, it has been working out great and students have already adjusted to the changes. Next weekend is Parents Day/Welcome back (7th Oct. 10-12 pm). You will receive more details on this event shortly.

Enjoy the start of a new school year.

Unkonda Diawara,
Head Teacher

Word from Upper Primary Coordinator

Dear Upper Primary Families,

It is my delight to welcome all existing and new families back from the summer holidays. We have had a wonderful week in the Upper Primary. Students were welcomed with smiles from their teachers and from other students. We have modified our daily schedule to accommodate a 30-minute break in the morning and lunch for Years 3-6. This small change gives students more time to eat and play. Students were all given syllabi to have signed and returned. This document is to help parents stay up to date with the topics students will learn, classroom rules and procedures. Please read it thoroughly and keep as a reference. Additionally, some of you may already know, Ms. Engaisi is now the Communications/Admissions Officer. Ms. Mishelle has taken her place as the English Teacher for Years 3-6, in addition to being the Year 6 homeroom teacher. Mr. Gharib is the Year 3 homeroom teacher, Science, and Gym teacher. Mr. Saxon will continue to be the Math teacher, however, he and Mr. Gharib will share the Science duties. Mr. Ahmed who was new at the end of last school year, is returning as the Kiswahili teacher, and now sharing the role of Social Studies with me (Mr. Gilbert). Lastly, Ms. Asha who is back from maternity leave will be in charge of the library on a fulltime basis.

I look forward to seeing you soon,
Gilbert Swai Damasi
BSZ Upper Primary Coordinator

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Upcoming Events

◆ Parents' Day
Saturday, October 7th
10 am -12 pm

Word from Lower Primary Coordinator

Dear Lower Primary Parents,

Wow I am so happy to see all returning and new students to the Nursery through Year 2 classes. I hope you all had an exciting summer, either at BSZ's summer camp or elsewhere. This year we welcome some new faces to the teacher staff in Lower Primary as well. Ms. Jessie who started in August and worked the summer camp is in Nursery with Ms. Zahara. Ms. Lisette who was here during the final week of the summer camp is working with students teaching English. She is also running the English Club and Personal Health Social Education Special. You can find out more about the new teachers below. Some of you may also know that I am the Year 1 teacher. Ms. Fatma the former Nursery Assistant will be helping me in Year 1. Ms. Lisette and Ms. Ashura are working the Reception class.

We have planned an exciting year of academic activities for all students in Nursery to Year 2. Please stay tuned.

With kind regards,
Ms. Janine Salinas
BSZ Lower Primary Coordinator



October Community Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
24	25 All Teacher Orientation	26 All Teacher Orientation	27 First Day of School for all Students	28	29	30
1	2 All Student Assessment	3	4 All Student Assessment	5	6 All Student Assessment	7 Parents Day/ Welcome Back
8	9 Specials Start	10	11	12	13 Upper Primary Spelling Bee	14 Nyerere Day School Closed
15	16 After School Activities Start	17	18	19	20 Lower Primary Bumble Bee	21
22	23 Library Week	24	25 Library Week	26	27 Swim Day/ Library Week	28
29	30 Library Week	31 Last Day of Library Week/ Storybook Parade				

Important Dates

All Lower Primary Assessments (On Entry): **October 2nd -6th**
 Parents Day/ Welcome Back: **October 7th**
 Specials Start—Reception to Year 6: **October 9th**
 After School Activities Start Reception to Year 6: **October 16th**