
WEEKLY NEWS

The International School of Bergen

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Learning for Life

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From the Director's desk.....

Today's newsletter is being sent electronically to all those who have requested this. If you receive a paper copy and would like to be added to the electronic mailing list, please send me an e-mail at june@isob.no. Also, if you would like to be removed from the electronic mailing list, please let me know by e-mail.

PARENT INFORMATION EVENING - TONIGHT

Our first opportunity for parents to learn more about the plans we have for the forthcoming school year will take place this evening. The programme for Lower School (preschool through Grade 5) will start at 17:00 in the Baptist Church, just across the street from ISB

The programme for Upper School (Grades 6 through 10) will start at 18:00, also in the Baptist Church.

This is an important evening for all parents to familiarise themselves with the academic programmes and the classroom routines, so this is an event that all parents should make every effort to attend.

WELCOME BACK BARBECUE
The PTO Committee will be sponsoring a **WELCOME BACK**

BARBECUE tomorrow, Friday, September 7th from 15:00 until 16:30. All parents and students are invited and encouraged to come along and meet one another, the staff, and members of the PTO and Board of Trustees. **The PTO needs volunteers to help set up from 13:30, to help clear up after the event and others to bake cakes and donate them. PLEASE NOTE THERE WILL BE NO AFTER SCHOOL SUPERVISION ON FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 7th DUE TO THE BARBECUE.**

CHARITY FUN RUN - FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 7TH
Information has been sent home regarding our annual Charity Fun Run in aid of ISB's SOS Children's Village in Murmansk, Russia. We still need some parent volunteers and, of course, all the students would appreciate some encouragement from supporters around the course.

NO SCHOOL MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 10TH

Please note that the school will be closed on Monday. This is due to the fact that the Slettebakken School is used as a polling station in the local elections. However, the teachers will be using the day for planning and in-service training.

GRADES 8 AND 9 ELECTION PROJECT

Students in Grades 8 and 9 visited the booths representing the various local political parties yesterday as part of a project in their Norwegian classes connected to the topic of elections and democratic processes.

PARKING AT ISB

Parents are reminded that the area outside the school gates is a **no parking zone**. It is important that the view of the crosswalk for other drivers is not blocked by parked cars. Parents should NOT park in the staff car park. This car park is already under capacity as it serves two schools. We recommend that parents park in the Sletten shopping car park and deliver/collect their children from there.

CLASS LISTS

As soon as we have received all the Student Data sheets, we will be able to update our class data lists. We will then ensure that each class receives a list of contact details for all members of the class. Please let us know of any changes in your contact details which occur mid-year.

PERSONAL NUMBERS

When foreign nationals arrive in Norway, there is normally a

period of time before they are issued with a personal number. If you have arrived in Norway within the past year and have not yet informed the school of the personal numbers allocated to your children, please let the school office know these as soon as possible. ISB needs these numbers for a variety of reasons through the year. Thank you.

AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITY PROGRAMME

Within the next couple of weeks we will be finalising the details of a programme of after school activities. We hope to be able to offer activities after school on three days of each week. So far, it looks as though the activities will be: choir, circus school and drama club. Look out for more information coming home soon.

COMMUNITY NOTICE BOARD

If you wish to advertise items for sale or wanted, or if you know of a house to rent, why not post the information on our Community Notice board in the main entrance hall? We

already have some theatre events advertised if you were wondering what to do on one of those wet Saturdays. Also posted here is an advertisement from a Norwegian /American family looking for a daycare provider for their young son. New this week is a poster from a local church group advertising some activities.

UPCOMING EVENTS

September 6: 17:00/18:00
Parent Information Evening

September 7: Charity Fun Run

September 7: 15:00 - 16:30
Welcome Back BBQ

September 10: No school.
Teacher Planning Day

WHAT'S ON IN BERGEN

Bergen Food Festival is taking over the harbour area this weekend. The festival starts tomorrow and combines the celebration of food traditions within stockfish, seafood and farm produce. There is local produce for sale, but also free tasting samples are usually available. Yumm.....

FINALLY,.....

ISB hosted the first visit yesterday from a group of student teachers from the University of Bergen. We will host a further four visits before the Christmas vacation. The students were given a general introduction to the school by Mrs Murison, an introduction to the Middle Years Programme by Ms Boniface and an introduction to the work of the school counselor by Mrs Lonnberg. They then spent some time observing classes in Grades 5 through 10. ISB is very proud to have been selected as one of only twelve schools in this region to become a designated partner school with the School of Education at the university. In addition to hosting visits from students on short visits, we will also at some stage in the future have students on teaching practice. ISB will benefit from having access to, and developing stronger links with a very strong research community and to a local partner school, Tertnes videregående skole.