

The American International School of Jeddah

August 13, 2020



Dear Parents, Students, and Friends of AISJ,

On Sunday the teaching faculty returns to AISJ to prepare for a stellar year. I should note that our teachers have not been idle over the summer. You should know that they have been deep in study and personal reflection on how best to meet the needs of your children over this next year. They are learning solid academic tools that will help them to deliver content online and in person. They are engaged in studying how to develop resilience and emotional maturity in young people. They have been talking to one another and engaged in classwork to overcome the educational challenges of COVID. In short, summer break has been fruitful for these educators. Sunday will be the first official day back for faculty, but the teachers have not even really left.

As I'm sure you are aware, we are still expecting to hear an announcement from the Ministry of Education

regarding plans for reopening. In preparation, we have fully cleaned the school, added signage, installed hand sanitizers, and prepared "socially distant" classrooms that give students some extra space (see photos below). We are ready to receive your children back into school. As soon as we hear from the government, we will let you know about our additional protocols for face to face learning. In the meantime, please get your family ready for August 23-27, during which we will discuss protocols, routines, and begin learning with our students online. Hopefully, this will lead to a safe return on August 30.

Looking Forward,

Robert S. Jackson





Dates to Remember

August 16-20 : Teachers Return for Professional Development and Preparation

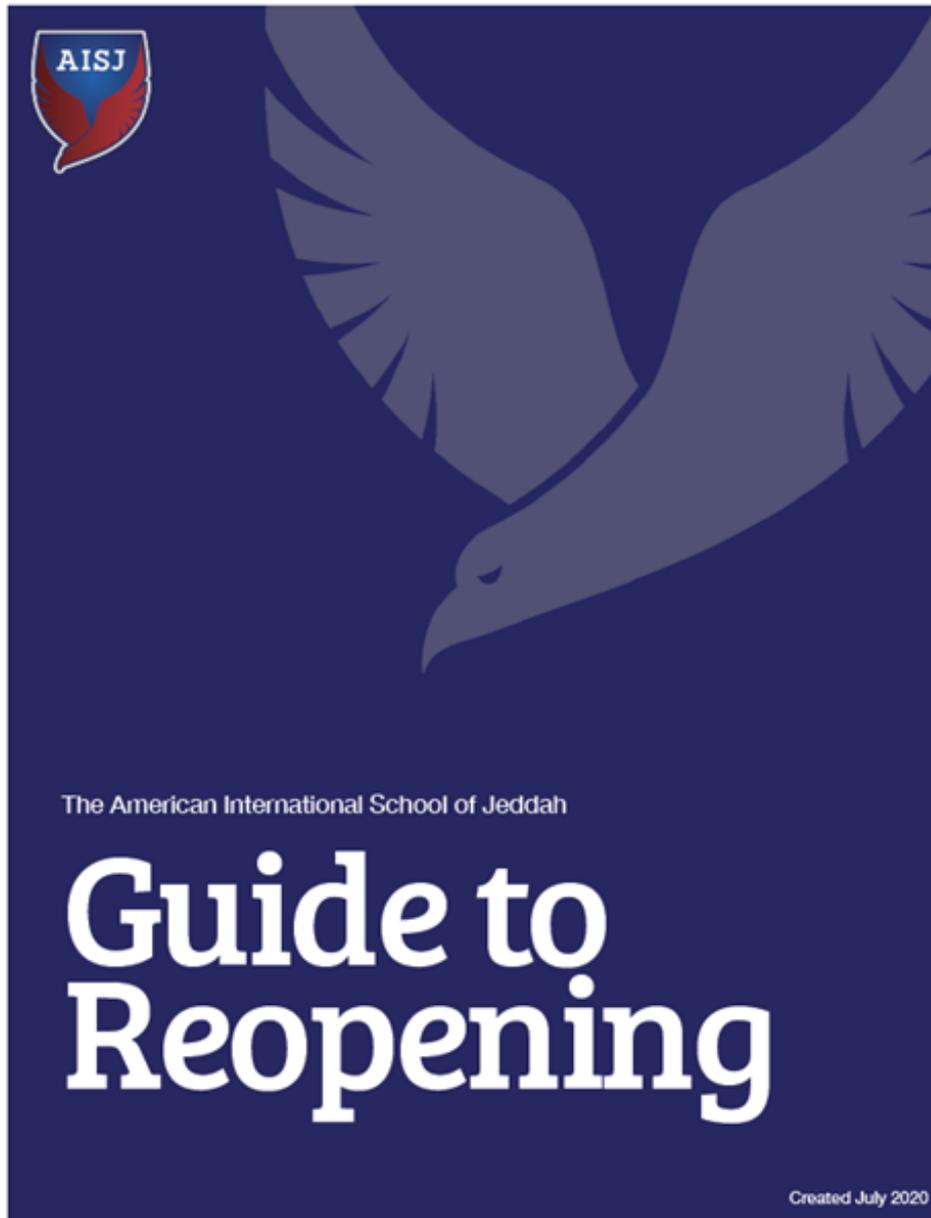
August 23 : Student Orientation Day

August 24-27 : Online Return for a Safe In Person Reopening. First week of school.

[2020-21 Calendar](#)

[Reopening Guide](#)

The AISJ Reopening Guide serves as our blueprint on maintaining exceptional instructional quality while adapting to the changing health and safety needs of Jeddah. As the guide is updated to reflect new, unforeseen challenges, AISJ will notify families and students. Please click on the photo to view the whole guide.



Tuition & Fees Invoices

The Tuition and Fees Invoices for the first Semester 2020-2021 are now available in the Business Office and they

will be sent via email to all parents by Sunday, August 16th, 2020.

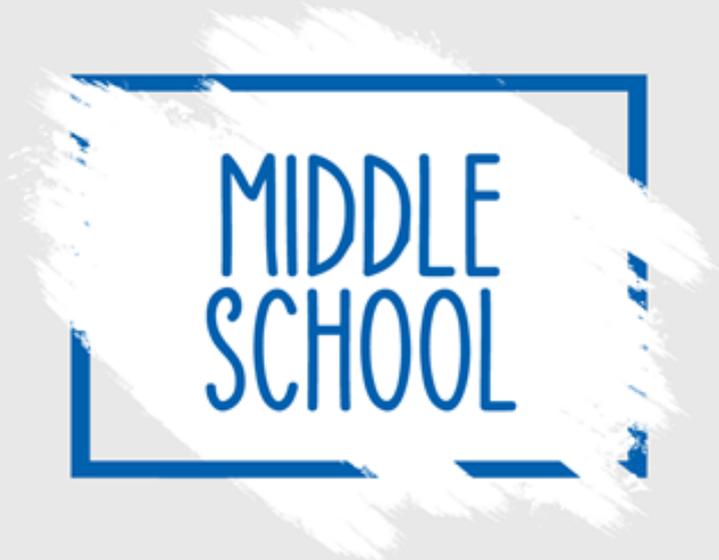
The deadline for the first-semester bill is August 30th, 2020. If you made a payment via bank transfer, please send proof of bank confirmation to fradieddine@aisj.edu.sa

Elementary School Update

On Thursday, August 20, parents will receive a welcome letter from their child's classroom teacher introducing themselves and inviting parents and students to a welcome session on Sunday, August 23.

The logo features the words "ELEMENTARY SCHOOL" in a bold, red, sans-serif font. The text is centered within a white rectangular area that has a rough, brush-stroke-like border. This white area is set against a light gray background.

**ELEMENTARY
SCHOOL**

The logo for Middle School features the words "MIDDLE" and "SCHOOL" stacked vertically in a blue, sans-serif font. The text is centered within a white rectangular area that has a rough, brush-stroke-like border. This white area is set against a light gray background.

MIDDLE SCHOOL

Middle School Update

In Middle School, schedules are traditionally shared with students during Orientation Day. This year students will receive their schedules via email on **Sunday 23rd August** at 8:00 am.

**We have been working with our Tech Team to fix some RenWeb and Schoology issues.*

High School Update

High School students should have received a copy of their schedule from Ms. Dima. We ask that each student review it and compare it to their Four Year Plan to make sure that they are getting all of their required courses completed for a successful graduation in the future. (The Four Year Plan

page can be found on page 2 of the [High School Course Catalog](#).)



Check out this keychain he made after setting this machine up this week!

Gloforging in High School

This year, students in Mr. Morehouse's class will be able to use our new Gloforge Laser Cutter. This machine uses a precise laser to cut or engrave items as designed by our computer software. Students will be able to work through the design process in his class and submit drawings whether we are face-to-face or virtual, for Mr. Morehouse to use the Gloforge.

Parent Webinar Series

Join parents across the NESAs region to hear from distinguished specialists and to explore and learn new strategies in support of your child as a learner.

Years of research reveal that schools that partner with parents positively impact student growth and achievement. This series will address child development within the context of family and school.



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Additional information about the Parents as Partners webinar series, including the ZOOM link, will be announced in a future newsletter.



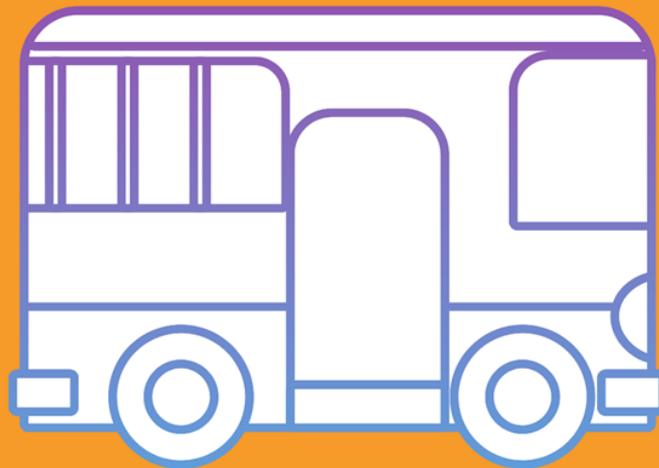
Car Stickers

Click [here](#) to get your new car ID sticker for the upcoming school year. Remember that ID stickers are required for faster entry onto the school grounds. Kindly fill out one form per family. The School will distribute up to three car-stickers per family. If your family requires more than three car-stickers, please send a request to our security office at:

aalotaibi@aisj.edu.sa

lkhalaf@aisj.edu.sa

Transportation Announcement



Please click [here](#) to provide contact information for your compound van, bus, or car. Your help ensures that we will be able to distribute materials (safety posters, for example) and directions to drivers in a timely manner.



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