#### Osaka International School of Kwansei Gakuin

# Educator 12 September 2015



#### New OIS Faculty 2015-2016

#### **Trevor Jones (Grade 5 teacher)**

My name is Trevor Jones and I am originally from Canada, but I have spent the past 6 years in Singapore, most recently at Stamford American International School. My two children, Ethan and Elina are students in the elementary school. I'm very excited to be joining the school community and learning more about the Kansai area as I previously lived and taught at an international school in Tokyo. It should be an exciting year working with the students and I'm really looking forward to preparing them for the Middle Years Programme.

#### Jennifer Egan (Grade 3 teacher)

Jennifer Egan is originally from upstate New York but now resides in North Carolina. Jennifer has a Masters in Elementary Education from Wheelock College and a BS from Babson College. She has taught in Aruba, Guatemala, the U.S., Croatia, and China. Jennifer is here with her husband, David, a science teacher at OIS and their two young children, Owen and Matea. She enjoys traveling, hiking and cooking. "I feel so lucky to be living in Japan and working at OIS. Everyone has been so welcoming."

#### Nadia Kralovec (Kindergarten A teacher)

I am not new to Japan, but new to working at the school in a full time capacity. People at the school and Japan are friendly, kind and quiet. I really enjoy riding my bicycle and the clean air of Minoh. My favorite place to visit in Japan is Mount Daisen. The parents of OIS are very nice and I am looking forward to being the first OIS teacher for the 12 KA students!

#### Sarah Wakefield (OIS Head Librarian)

Sarah previously was a librarian in Peru, South Africa and Venezuela, prior to coming to OIS. She is the mother to twin 4-year olds, Emma and Beau, who are in KA. Japan has been very welcoming. I have never felt so out of sorts and yet so supported at the same time. From the airport, to the hotel, to the school and staff, everyone has gone out of their way to make me and my family feel welcome and to help understand me, and help me understand even though I have yet to learn a bit of Japanese. I am soaking up the newness of everything, making decisions about my house, putting two kids on my bicycle and trying foods that I have not had before. Teachers have been helpful and also open to working with me to take over the program and also to build on what has been started. As a family and as a teacher I am still finding my new "normal." I can't wait to spend some time exploring the city and the country of Japan. We are enjoying the greenness of the city and the warm weather (although I understand it's usually quite a bit hotter). I'm excited to have all four seasons and a winter as I have not had either really for over 10 years! I'm hoping my kids will get a chance to see and play in the snow as I did in my childhood.

#### Daniel Ligon (elementary music teacher and HS choir)

Daniel taught for many years at the International School of Kenya and prior to that in the Congo. "Coming to Japan has exposed me to a new way of looking at life, different from my history in Africa. The biggest differences I have experienced are how clean everything is (including parking garages!); how quiet the airports, trains and buses are; the endless amount of skyscrapers mixed in with green spaces so that this big city feels like a suburb or small town. Coming to SOIS is a great experience for me thus far and getting into "elementary mode" a welcomed change in my career. I look forward to dancing and singing along with the elementary and providing my own professional musicianship with the High School Choir.

#### Jeremy Welburn (MYP mathematics and science teacher)

Jeremy hails from the state of Oregon, USA and he taught at the International School of Beaverton before coming to OIS. "I have been extremely impressed by how OIS and SIS welcome new staff members to Japan! I certainly feel that I have been brought into a new family here. The students are polite and respectful, displaying a natural appreciation for education. There is a very exciting, energetic feeling throughout the building. When walking around the area near the school, people are polite & friendly. I have enjoyed seeing the unique architecture throughout the Osaka area. Overall, I feel like this is a home away from home."

#### David Haske (DP chemistry & MYP science teacher)

Hi, my name is David Haske and I am a new MS/HS science teacher at OIS. I am from the east coast of the United States and am a graduate from the University of Richmond with a degree in chemistry. I have spent 15 years as an environmental chemist and another 15 years teaching science in such countries as Aruba, Guatemala, Croatia, and China. I am married to third grade teacher, Jennifer Egan. We are all excited to be part of the OIS community and we look forward to exploring and experiencing all that Japan has to offer.

#### Carolyne Marshall (Elementary school principal and PYP coordinator)

Please see "from the desk of the elementary school principal, Carolyne Marshall" on page 3.



#### **NEW STUDENTS**

#### **Elementary School**

- KA Matea Haske
- KA Farah Junaputra
- KA Liu Michael Kai KA - Lisa Kawakami
- KA Joseph Lira
- KA Kanata Miyabayashi
- KA Kouta Ogawa
- KA James Robertson
- KA John Robertson
- KA Yamen Sulaimani
- KA Beau Wakefield
- KA Emma Wakefield
- KB Mizusa Hayashi
- KB Jessica Matsui
- KB Donovan Schneider
- G1 Hana Horii
- G1 Miriya Horikawa
- G1 Dan Nishimura
- G2 Alona Boock
- G2 Grace Gong
- G2 Grace Gong G2 - Owen Haske
- G2 Owen Haske
- G2 Elina Jones
- G3 Misaki Imoto
- G4 Karni Boock
- G4 Ethan Jones
- G5 Minori Kawaguchi
- G5 Hyo-Jin Kim

#### Middle/High School

- G6 Kyle Doman
- G6 Erika Hatsuda
- G6 Claire Kitamura
- G6 Joshua Kitamura
- G6 Jeffrey Tsang
- G7 Bo Min Kim
- G7 Kei Kondo
- G8 Nanami Hasegawa
- G9 Sebastian Illing
- G9 Yi Dan Jian
- G9 Sarah Kitamura
- G10 Nils Hebach
- G10 Emma Wong
- G11 Yuroo Achit
- G11 Taizo Heimer
- G11 Hannah Kamada
- G11 Jonathon Kwok
- G11 Chie Sakano
- G11 Silojuan Raul Silva
- G12 Andrew Ballard



### from the desk of the head, Bill Kralovec

The start of the school year is a very busy time for faculty and the leadership team here at OIS. New schedules, new students and programs, means lots of work setting up programs and activities. This first *Educator* letter from me will highlight some of the initiatives.

For the 2015-2016 school year, I am asking the community to focus on **caring.** The word is in our school mission statement: Informed, **caring**, creative individuals contributing to a global community.

It is also one of the traits of the International Baccalaureate Learner Profile and our Student Learning Results. The IB definition of this trait is as follows:

We show empathy, compassion and respect. We have a commitment to service, and we act to make a positive difference in the lives of others and in the world around us.

Faculty are finding ways bring caring into their classrooms this year. We believe that educating students to be caring is just as important as the academic portion of their schooling. Parents can reinforce this with their children at home. We hope to make a difference in our own lives and the lives of the disadvantaged our society.

We are welcoming several new students to our high school courtesy of the Global Futures Program (GFP). The students are international and are here on student visas specifically to study at OIS. They live in the dormitory and we are trying to make OIS their home away from home. They bring so much to our school, being both ambitious students and coming from a different culture. It is the responsibility of all of us, students, teachers and parents, to make sure they have a good experience and feel comfortable at school and in the dormitories. It is a big challenge for young people to be on their own for the first time. We have students from Mongolia, China and the UK in the GFP program this year. We are looking for families willing to serve as host families on weekends for GFP students. Please let me know if you are interested.

This is our 25th anniversary of the school and that means the building is also 25 years old. Much work occurred over the summer to make the place look better. LED lighting systems were installed throughout the school, really brightening the place. Walls were painted and many areas with wear and tear were replaced or fixed. New carpeting was installed in the grades 1 and 2 pod and any loose tiles were replaced on the outside of the building. Crews also power washed the cement courtyard near the small gym.

Finally, the IT department is busy redesigning our school's website. We plan to convert to the revamped web pages sometime in 2015.

# from the desk of the middle/high school principal, KURT MECKLEM

After almost three weeks of school, we have settled into a routine here on campus. When the teachers came back to an empty campus a little over a month ago things didn't feel "routine". With empty rooms and no students, the campus seemed barren. It is amazing what a difference a few weeks and several hundred students can make to a place. I would like to welcome everybody back to what promises to be another strong school year!

Before looking ahead though, I would like to congratulate last years' seniors for having a strong finish to the year. We once again had very strong results in the IB Diploma which is not only a testament to the work of the students but also that of the teachers who supported them. We are looking forward to another strong class again this year.

There are some important dates to keep in mind as we start this year. On September 17, the middle and high schools will have their annual Back to School Night (BTSN). You should have received a message about this in your school "SOISMail" account. Prior to BTSN starting in the courtyard at 3:45pm the PTA will be hosting a new family welcome event to which everyone is invited. So if you can come early, it will be a good opportunity to meet some of the new and returning parents.

If you didn't get the SOISMail message about BTSN then you probably need to get your account set up. If you are having trouble doing this, please contact the tech support office at school at <u>SOISMailSupport@senri.ed.jp</u>. It is important that you have your SOISMail account working properly as most of the information about events happening at school come through the SOISMail system. While you can find the major events listed on the official school calendar more details and other important information will come through the mail system in the days leading up to the event.

Other events to note on the calendar are the holidays on September 21 and 22 when there won't be school and Sports Day on October 10. Sports Day is on a Saturday but it is a school day and students are expected to attend.

I look forward to working with you this year. If you have any questions or concerns you can always make an appointment with me by calling the office or emailing me at <u>kmecklem@senri.ed.jp</u>. If you have questions or concerns about a particular class it is always best to contact the teacher directly first. All teachers email addresses are their first initial and last name @senri.ed.jp.

Have a great year!

# from the desk of the elementary principal, CAROLYNE MARSHALL

I'm delighted to have joined the elementary section of Osaka International School. As teachers and students we have started the school year thinking about how to build a community of learners. The Grade 5 students planned and led the first assembly of the year reminding everyone that to create such a community it is essential to be caring — a PYP learner profile attribute at the core of our mission statement that we are highlighting this year.



As leaders of the elementary school, Grade 5 prepared a quiz to help younger students remember how to get along with one another. Each grade level was asked questions to suit their school experience. I was very impressed by the thought with which the Grade 5 students prepared their questions, as the following example by Mio, Jine and Tomoka demonstrates:

Grade 2 — if you see someone alone what will you do? A: Go invite her to play with you and your friends. B: Pretend not to notice. C: You are wanting to help her but... D: Tell the teacher

Mr Jones and I will continue working with Grade 5 to help them develop their leadership skills further in the coming weeks.

I have also enjoyed working with Grade 3 to create mobiles of personal qualities that each individual contributes to their class community. A number of the students created images of brains and smiling mouths to remind themselves to be thinking communicators. I have certainly found that the communication skills of the students have been very helpful to me as I have been challenged by the labyrinthine complex of the campus. I have had to become an inquirer when unable to find my way and a number of students have been very helpful with directions.

Coming from a large international school in Luanda, Angola — a very dry area — I have been struck by the lush greenery of Osaka. Gardens have always been a passion of mine and I look forward to working on various green areas of the campus with the students. One of the joys of elementary schools is helping the green shoots of learning flourish.

#### K-Gr. 2 SET LUNCH MENU - CAFETERIA



MONDAY 14 September hamburger steak & sausage saute

**TUESDAY 15 September** spaghetti with meat sauce

WEDNESDAY 16 September curry rice

THURSDAY 17 September fried chicken

FRIDAY 18 September hashed beef and rice

WEDNESDAY 23 September soy sauce-flavored ramen

THURSDAY 24 September pan-fried noodles

FRIDAY 25 September pork-cutlet sandwich

MONDAY 28 September rice casserole with hamburger steak

TUESDAY 29 September kitsune udon (Japanese wheat noodles with deep fried bean curd)

WEDNESDAY 30 September focaccia pizza

THURSDAY 1 October miso-flavored ramen

FRIDAY 2 October teriyaki burger

MONDAY 5 October pork cutlet

TUESDAY 6 October hamburger steak with cheese

WEDNESDAY 7 October au gratin meat

THURSDAY 8 October spaghetti with corn cream

FRIDAY 9 October curry rice

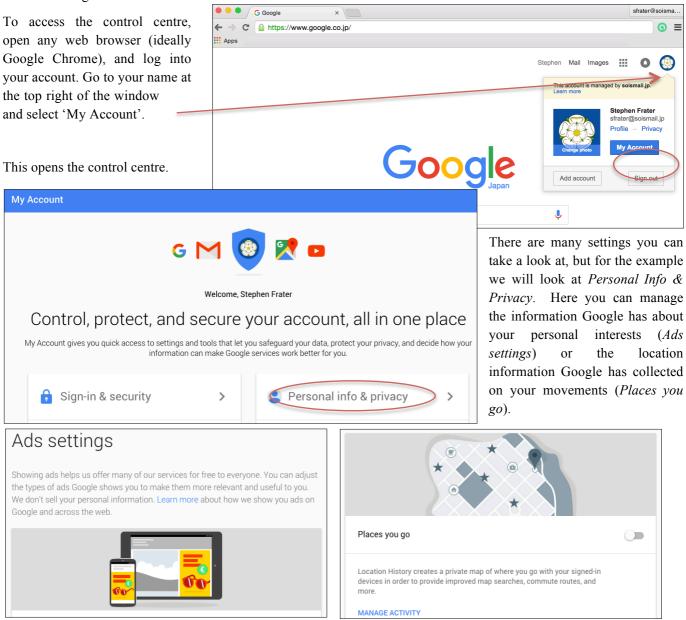


#### **OIS Tech Corner from Stephen Frater: Google Account and Privacy Settings**

Google recently made a useful change to the way users can access and control the settings and privacy options on their accounts. This is applicable to anyone who uses Gmail, SOISmail, YouTube, Google Maps, Google+, Google Drive, Google Earth, and so on, which is effectively all our students and most parents.

Google has created a single control centre where you can adjust the amount and type of data about you that Google keeps and uses; this includes the terms you search for on Google search, the videos you watch on YouTube, even the places you go when you are carrying a device such as a laptop or smartphone. It also tracks your interests and personal profile to ensure that online advertisements are 'tailored to you'.

By default, many of these tracking options are turned off for SOISmail accounts, however many students and parents also have personal Gmail or YouTube accounts that need to be managed by each individual. I strongly recommend that everyone looks at the current settings on their account at least once, and hopefully once every few months after that, to ensure that you are in control of the type and amount of information that Google holds about you. It is another example, like passwords, of finding the right balance between convenience, security, and privacy, but at least make sure you are the one making that decision.



Take some time to review and adjust some of the other settings in the control centre until you are satisfied with the balance between privacy and convenience they offer. Finally, take a moment to review the *Sign-in & security* options too, in particular the option of being notified if anyone logs into your account from a new computer of smartphone. A few minutes on this may save you a lot of time and worry later on if ever your account is compromised. Stephen Frater

### SABERS SPORTS UPDATE by Peter Heimer, activities director



#### **Contact information**

Welcome back to school, everyone in the SOIS community. My name is Peter Heimer, longtime English teacher at SOIS, and I am entering my fifth year as the Sabers activities director (AD). Thank you very much for your past support and I look forward to another great year of Sabers athletics. Please visit me in the AD office, room A-240, near the business office. Contact me at <u>pheimer@senri.ed.jp</u> or at 072-727-2137.

#### Sabers athletics website: sabers.senri.ed.jp

In each *Educator* I provide Sabers updates and reminders. Most tournament dates are listed on the school calendar. For weekend schedules, reports, photos, handbooks, and everything else you want to know about the Sabers, please visit the **Sabers athletics website** at <u>sabers.senri.ed.jp</u>. Online calendars show upcoming Sabers events, times, and locations.

#### New season: information meetings, Sabers Sign Up

The fall sports season is already up and running. Current Sabers athletes have attended pre-season information meetings and have completed the mandatory online Sabers Sign Up. At the meetings, we discuss the importance of commitment to an athletic team and of balance among athletics, academics, music, and other interests. We talk about eligibility requirements and costs. We emphasize the importance of appropriate behavior on and off the court, behavior that is consistent with our concept of the 5 respects and with our mission of developing "informed, caring, creative individuals contributing to a global community." We have high expectations of our students.

"Sabers Sign Up" is a series of 3 online sign-up forms to be submitted prior to participation. All information and forms can be found on the Sabers website under the Forms tab, Student forms. All students and parents should read the Sabers activities handbook and complete the Sabers Sign Up – only one time per OIS school year.

#### **Events: September**

The MS baseball team opened its season with large victories against CA and Nagoya here on the SOIS field. The MS girls volleyball teams won its first matches against Nagoya. The high school girls volleyball team hosts an invitational tournament this weekend, while the HS boys volleyball team is playing in a tournament in Kobe. The HS tennis team is in full swing and the running team competes on many Sundays. As you can see, there is much Sabers activity already. Please check the Sabers website for more details.

#### AISA tournaments, 16–17 October 2015

SOIS enters its seventh year of competition in the Association of International Schools in Asia (AISA). Last year saw the Sabers win the team championship in boys volleyball (for the 3<sup>rd</sup> straight year) and sportsmanship awards in tennis and swimming. For AISA championship tournaments this fall, the Sabers boys volleyball team travels to Yokohama, the tennis team travels to Seoul, and the girls volleyball team hosts four schools here at SOIS. The Sabers look forward to defending our AISA championships as well as winning new ones.

#### Thank you

Again, welcome back to what will be another exciting school year. Thank you very much in advance for your support of the Sabers activities program and your cooperation with the AD office. Go Sabers!

#### AISA HOMESTAY HOSTS NEEDED

#### AISA girls volleyball, 15–18 October 2015

One of the key features of AISA is the homestay system, which promotes greater intercultural communication, encourages friendly competition, and reduces travel costs. This is a reciprocal arrangement: when SOIS students travel overseas, they are homestayed there, and when overseas students travel to SOIS, we homestay them here. All SOIS families, especially those with AISA participants, are encouraged to offer a homestay. Much useful bilingual information about AISA homestays can be found in the "Homestay" section of the Sabers website.

This fall, we will homestay 20 female volleyball players from Seoul International School and Korea International School. We would very much like to show our guests true Osaka hospitality and are looking for homestay hosts. If you are able to offer a homestay, please contact the AD office.

The homestay experience can be very rewarding for both the host family and the visiting students. At past overseas events SOIS students have stayed with wonderful families who made them feel welcome and provided a local experience. Our students have been cared for very well while representing our two schools overseas and we would like to ask the SOIS community to help by hosting AISA visitors. Without the assistance of everyone in our small community we could not be a part of such exciting opportunities, and I thank you in advance for your generosity.

#### Musical Top Hat



School has received a special ticket offer for an upcoming production of the London West End musical "Top Hat" that will be playing at the Umeda Arts Theatre from 16 to 25 October. The performance is in English with the full West End cast. Fliers for the discount tickets (only in Japanese) are available here: <u>student & parent tickets</u> and here: <u>adult tickets</u>. The biggest discount is on the S ¥13000 tickets which are available for ¥5000 for students and accompanying parents. To get the discount tickets must be bought over the phone using the code on the fliers.

# International Fair 2015 to be held on November 14<sup>th</sup> (Sat.) 10:30a.m. ~ 15:00p.m.

Our theme this year is "SMILE"



# WANTED!

- 1. **Booths applications** / Due on September 18<sup>th</sup> at 21:00 : There are opportunities for any OIS PTA member to have a booth at the Fair to sell items or food, or to offer games or other activities. Please join us by having a booth.
- To all Booth representatives: We will have a SIS and OIS combined Booth meeting on October 13<sup>th</sup> from 10:40~12:00 at the 3F Conference Room.
- To student Booth representatives: We will have Booth meeting especially for student-run booths on October 13<sup>th</sup> from 15:45~16:45 at the small Cafeteria.
- 2. Entertainment application / Due on September 18<sup>th</sup> at 21:00 : We are looking for students, parents, graduates or other community members who would like to perform a talent on stage.
- 3. MC's(in English) : We would be very pleased to have parents, guardians, students or graduates who are interested in being Master of Ceremonies, even if it is only for a short period of the festival. If you are interested or if you can recommend someone, please contact us!
- 4. Donation Goods / From September 24<sup>th</sup> to October 30<sup>th</sup> : Collection box for Donation in front of the library
- Only new items, please! Alcohol, Cigarettes and used clothes are NOT accepted.
- We are also looking for used books, CDs, and DVDs which are in good condition. This is for the BOOK Sale Booth for G9.
- 5. Eco (Pet bottle) cap / From September 24<sup>th</sup> to October 30<sup>th</sup>: Collection box for Ecocaps in front of the library: We are collecting <u>clean and dry</u> caps from PET bottles. Last year, we collected 30,000 bottle caps. A polio vaccine takes 840 caps. Please help us to collect caps for vaccines again this year. We will not collect caps on the day of the Fair. Please donate caps within the specified time frame.
- 6. Volunteers : We need volunteers for preparation and set-up, help during the festival, and clean-up, even if it is only for a short period. Because some of the things that need to be done require some physical strength, we would particularly welcome some male volunteers.
- The day before the Fair (Friday, Nov.13<sup>th</sup>, roughly 15:30~18:00): Setting up the stage for the Entertainment(physical work)
- The day of the Fair (Saturday, Nov.14<sup>th</sup>): Setting up the Donation Goods Sale and salespeople for the Booth.
- Helper at the back stage for the Entertainment.
- Clean up on the day of the Fair (roughly 15:00~17:00): taking down the stage (physical work), clean up at the Cafeteria and Booths.

All applications (booths, entertainment and volunteers)will be accepted only by <u>e-mail.</u> <u>Please check your family's soismail account.</u> The announcement mail with links to the necessary application forms was sent out on September 1<sup>st</sup>.

If you have any questions, please contact to <u>oispta-if@soismail.jp</u> or OIS IF Representatives.

**Important Note!** There will be **NO PARKING** for the public or parents (some accommodations can be made for booth leaders; please arrange this in advance with the IF committee). Please use public transportation. There will be free buses running between the school and Q's Mall / Senri-Chuo and Kita-Senri. There are also Hankyu buses. We thank you in advance for your understanding and cooperation.

### 2015.9 2015 SOIS International Fair Committee

# SOIS International Fair 2015



11月14日(土)開催!! 10:30~15:00

SMILE

~笑顔いっぱいの楽しいフェアに,

夏休みも終わり、いよいよ秋学期がスタートしました。 2015年度 OIS/SIS 合同インターナショナルフェアが開催されます。 楽しいフェアを開催するため、皆さまのご協力をよろしくお願いいたします。

\* 全ての申し込みは、9月1日に配信済の、SOISメールにて受付いたします。 期日厳守でお願いいたします。

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お申込み、お問い合わせは : インターナショナルフェア委員会 oispta-if@soismail.jp 又は各学年 | F委員まで

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# **ALL SCHOOL PRODUCTION 2016**

The All School Production (ASP) for this school year will be Grease. The original 1971 musical is set in 1959, in Chicago Illinois. It was a Broadway and West End hit for many years. Grease was made into a movie in 1978 starring John Travolta and Olivia Newton-John. The soundtrack features American rock and roll songs and deals with the working-class youth subculture of the time, "the greasers" hence the name. We will perform the school version, which is more suitable for teens and children, but maintains the immortal songs we know and love.



Auditions will take place in October after sports day and it they are open to all SIS and OIS students from grades 3 -12. Performances take place in the theatre February 4, 5 and 6, 2016.

# KG UPDATE

# United Nations seminar held! ~A meeting with Ban Ki-moon, Secretary-General of the United Nations~

Kwansei Gakuin University held a 10-day seminar (August 15-24) in New York, USA. The seminar was aimed at students who are interested in working for the United Nations or other international organizations.

This seminar has been established as part of the international educational program. This year was the 18th time it has been held. The theme for this year was "70th An...niversary of the United Nations ~ Thinking About the Changing Role of the Evolving United Nations."" The 20 students who participated this year visited the United Nations' Headquarters, as well as the United Nations' Japanese Government Representative Office, and attended lectures by the United Nations and Japanese Government Officials.

During the program, the students were able to engage in cultural exchange with Master's students from Colombia University and members of the New York division of the Kwansei Gakuin Association. It was an opportunity not only to think about a career in the United Nations or in international organizations, but also to think about pursuing a Master's degree or working in global business. Furthermore, the students who visited the United Nations' Headquarters had the opportunity to meet Ban Ki-moon, Secretary-General of the United Nations.

The students who completed the program were very enthusiastic, saying things like "I want to work for the United Nations in the future!" and "I am seriously thinking about completing my Master's degree in the United States."



The OIS *Educator* is published approximately once a month for OIS parents. We no longer provide hard copies to parents, however, those who wish to receive paper version, please contact Ms Aotani (caotani@senri.ed.jp).

The next Educator is scheduled to publish on 9 October.

## SCHOOL CALENDAR

September 12 \*ACT Test @SOIS

September 17

\*PTA Welcome Party, 3:45pm-5:00pm @courtyard

\*MS/HS Back to School Night, 5:00pm September 21

\*Respect for the Aged Day - No school September 22

\*Substitute Holiday - No school

September 23 \*Autumnal Equinox - School in Session

September 23- 27 \*Bangkok International String Festival @International School Bangkok

September 28 \*KG School Foundation Day \*OIS/SIS G7 science & art excursion to Marine Site at Iwaya in north Awaji Island

September 30 \*G12 College Workshop, 5.00pm @3F conference room

October 1 \*Monday Schedule

October 3 \*SAT I.& II Tests @SOIS

October 9 \*ES Futsal @CA

October 10 \*OIS/SIS Sports Day

### **IMPORTANT NUMBERS**

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