

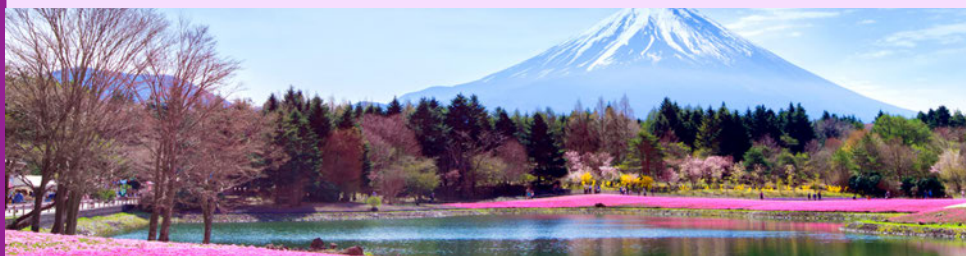
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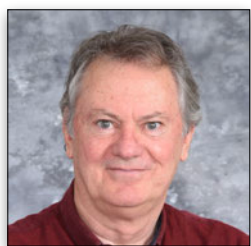
Above: The high school boys baseball team captured its 6th consecutive WJAA tournament championship in Nagoya.

Below: Pink Moss (Shibazakura) blooming in May in Shizuoka-ken.



Views from the Head of School, BILL KRALOVEC

This is the time of year where we say farewell to departing faculty. Faculty turnover is more prevalent in international schools which has its advantages and disadvantages. OIS strives to find a balance of continuity and fresh ideas. The full-time faculty turnover rate for the past 9 years has been just under 5 teachers departing and an average length of tenure of 7 years. Although there is no research or accepted data for international schools, I sense anecdotally, that our data would compare well with the best international schools in Japan. This year there are three full-time faculty members leaving and several part-time teachers as well. In next month's issue of Educator, we will feature the incoming faculty for the 2019-2020 school year.



High school English senior teacher **Paul Sommer** is retiring after 13 years at OIS. He is the founder of Tango, the student literary magazine turned newspaper. Tango celebrates its 10th year anniversary this spring

and it serves wonderfully as the voice of students. Paul appreciated being able to focus on teaching literature at

our school, which differed from previous schools where he dealt much with classroom management. SOIS students have a zest for learning and the rigor of the texts he brought to them was amazingly difficult and the students always rose to the occasion. Leaving OIS, they will be able to grasp any literary text. He will be devoting the next 18 months to complete his doctorate in film studies from Curtin University (Australia) and assist with his wife's business of producing perilla oil.



Sarah Wakefield built strong relationships with both elementary and secondary teachers during her four years as the librarian. She also updated the library website and oversaw the culling of volumes that were not being

used for students. The library is one of the first projects planned in the Senri Campus renovation project and she gave us and the architects many good ideas on the future design. She loved the small, caring community of OIS and appreciated the special relationships formed with her two children, Beau and Emma, in the CAS Babysitting Project. She will be the PYP elementary school librarian in the International School of Phnom Penh, Cambodia in 2019-2020.



Kindergarten A teacher **Nadia Kralovec** leaves after 4 years in our early childhood program. Nadia is most proud of the strong connections she made with students and parents as they began their educational journey

at OIS. Mrs. Kralovec incorporated the visual arts into her curriculum and the student work in her classroom is a testament to learning. Nadia will miss the delicious Japanese desserts. She will be teaching early childhood at the Tashkent International School, Uzbekistan next year.

Also leaving at the end of the spring trimester are part-time teachers **Nami Yamanaka**, visual arts, **Rob Lira**, music and **Teruko Clark**, Japanese. OIS appreciates the care and dedication they showed towards the students.

from the MS, HS Principal, KURT MECKLEM

The grade 12 students have now completed their DP exams so their high school career is quickly drawing to a close. They will have many people congratulating them over these next few weeks leading up to graduation but another group probably deserves just as much recognition, the grade 12 parents. Congratulations to you on shepherding your children through 12+ years of formal schooling. Anyone who has a child or was one, knows that is quite an accomplishment. There will be a reception for the families starting at 6:00 PM in the 3F conference room and the ceremony begins at 7:00 PM on the evening of Friday, June 7.

Our graduation ceremony would not be possible without the support of one other group, the grade 11 students and their parents. There is a long tradition at OIS of the junior class hosting the graduation ceremony and their parents preparing the food for the reception that follows. I would like to thank the grade 11 PTA representatives, Mr. and Mrs. Eldridge and all the grade 11 parents for their work on what I am sure will be a great ceremony and party.

As we move into June, other upcoming events include Prom (June 1), music concerts, both on campus (June 12-13) and at Maple Hall (June 4), and the SOIS Art Exhibition (opening June 5). Keep an eye on your calendar so you don't miss any important events.

Please keep in mind, too that the last day of school for middle and high school students is Friday, June 28, which is a half-day, with dismissal at 11:30 AM. Next year's grade 11 cohort have an orientation day scheduled for Thursday, August 22, and the grade 12s will have an orientation session in the morning on Friday, August 23. All other middle school and high school students return for orientation on the afternoon of Friday, August 23. Please plan any summer travel with those dates in mind.



School Calendar: June

- 1 SAT Subject Test
HS Prom: KKR Hotel Osaka, 5:00pm-8:00pm
- 3 MS Student Council Elections
- 4 SOIS HS Spring Concert @Maple Hall, 6:30pm
- 5 OIS PTA / SIS PTA Teacher Appreciation Day
- 6 ES Student-Led Conferences (*no ES classes*)
- 7 Australian Universities Fair
OIS HS Graduation Ceremony @Theatre, 7:00pm
- 8 ES *Girls on the Move* 5km run, 8:00am
SOIS Sewing Workshop @ES Art Room,
10:00am - 2:00pm (*grades 3 and above*)
- 12 PTA monthly meeting @cafeteria, 9:00am
MS/HS Wind & Band Spring concert @theatre,
4:00pm
- 12-14 OIS G11 Mock Exams @3F conference room
- 13 MS/HS Strings & Chorus Spring concert @theatre,
4:00pm
- 14 PYP Super Swim Carnival @pool,
12:00pm - 3:30pm
- 21-26 World Scholar's Cup Global Round @Beijing
- 27 OIS PTA Farewell Party and Movie Night
- 28 MS/HS End of School Year (dismissed 11:30am)

from the ES Principal, CAROLYNE MARSHALL

A reminder that the elementary school Student-Led Conferences are scheduled for Thursday, 6 June. We look forward to seeing you there!

K-G2 Cafeteria Lunch Menu**CEZARS™****KITCHEN****June**

3	Mon	Chicken Cacciatore, Garlic Butter Penne Pasta, Sautéed Green Beans, Clear Vegetables Soup
4	Tue	Honey Mustard Grill Chicken, White Rice, Steamed Green Beans, Mushroom Soup
5	Wed	Thai Green Chicken Curry, White Rice, Tempered Garbanzo & Peppers, Sweet Corn Soup
6	Thu	Tuna Bibimbap, White Rice, Kimchi, Onion Soup
7	Fri	Chili Con Carne, White Rice, Roasted Corn & Peppers, Minestrone Soup
10	Mon	Tandoori Chicken, Savory Cous Cous, Vegetables Makhani, Lemon Coriander Soup
11	Tue	Pork Shabu Shabu, White Rice, Steamed Broccoli, Tomato Soup
12	Wed	Creamy Chicken Enchilada, Roasted New Potatoes, Butter Broccoli, Mexican Beans Soup
13	Thu	Hoikoro, White Rice, Japanese Potato Salad, Orange Hinted Carrot Soup
14	Fri	Parmesan Chicken, Edamame Risotto, Honey Glazed Carrots, Clear Mushroom Soup
17	Mon	Greek Style Lemon Chicken, Spinach Rice, Greek Salad, Chickpea Soup
18	Tue	Chicken Curry Sauté, White Rice, Bean Sprout Namul, White Bean & Cabbage Soup
19	Wed	Honey Soy Chicken, Stir Fried Vegetables Vermicelli, Seasonal Green Vegetables, Sweet Corn & Egg Drop Soup
20	Thu	Okinawa Style Taco Rice, Macaroni Salad, Spinach Ohitashi, Cream of Turnip Soup
21	Fri	Meat Lovers Pizza, Spaghetti Napolitana, Green Beans, Clear Baby Corn Soup
24	Mon	Sweet & Sour Fish, Egg & Spring Onion Rice, Buttered Spinach, Chinese Vegetables Soup
25	Tue	Yurinchi (Sweet & Sour Chicken), White Rice, Steam Snap Peas, French Onion Soup
26	Wed	Pork Shogayaki, White Rice, Kimchi, Pumpkin Soup
27	Thu	Herb Grilled Chicken with Gravy Sauce, Mash Potatoes, Green Beans with Crispy Onions, Cream of Tomato Soup
28	Fri	Chicken Namban, White Rice, Sengiri Mix Salad, Asparagus Soup

Cezars Kitchen also produces three menus every month for Middle and High School students; an **International Menu**, a **Japanese Menu**, and a **Vegan, Vegetarian Menu**. You can find PDF copies of these menus [here](#).

Cafeteria News

Our beloved chef, Dale Oliver left Cezars Kitchens earlier this month. He will be the head chef at a restaurant in Osaka and hopes to someday open a restaurant of his own. The students gave him a fond farewell last week. His big smile and delicious meals will be missed by all of us. Dale was touched by the outpouring of appreciation and views his departure from SOIS as bittersweet. He promised to visit us soon.

In the meantime, operations manager for Cezars Kitchens in Kansai and Chubu, Terrence Rathmayake will be covering Dale's duties until the new chef reports in the first week of June. Terrence oversees seven Cezars Kitchen operations and will be supporting the transition. The native of Sri Lanka has worked for 12 years in Japan and seven years with the company. He previously worked at the popular Shooters restaurant in Nagoya.

The new chef will be arriving on June 6 from Australia. He is an experienced chef and is an expert baker, especially with different types of bread. We hope to add school-made bread to the menus. As the school year winds down, OIS would like to thank Cezars Kitchens for an outstanding year of service.



Chef Terrence prepares healthy meals to students daily

SOIS Sabers Sports and Activities

Sabers Sports updates from Activities Director, PETER HEIMER

Sabers Website: click [here](#)

Sabers Facebook page: click [here](#)

Sabers season calendar: click [here](#).

One more big Sabers event:

On Friday, May 31, we held our annual [Sabers high school athletic awards celebration](#). At 4:00 PM in the theater we recognize all high school teams with photos of the seasons and announcements of most valuable players and most improved players for each team. From 5:30 PM, we enjoy a light meal in the cafeteria (hosted by the SISPA), where we announce two major awards: the Dr. Fukuda Award to the top SOIS scholar athlete, both male and female; and the Outstanding Athlete of the Year Award to the best all-around Sabers athlete, both male and female. This is a fun, important event that celebrates all of the many positive aspects of the Sabers athletics program. We encourage all Sabers athletes, fans, and family to attend.

MS WJAA: Girls Softball, Boys Volleyball

The SOIS middle school softball teams traveled to Canadian Academy in Kobe, May 10-11, for the WJAA tournament, with the Sabers A team finishing 3rd in its division and the B team finishing 4th. Thank you, Coach Ogawa and Coach Yamane.

SOIS hosted the [WJAA middle school boys volleyball tournament](#) here in the Sabers gym, May 10-11. The A team finished 2nd in its division, and the B finished 3rd. Thank you, Coach Hiraoka, for coaching the teams, along with good help from a few high school players.

HS WJAA: Girls Softball, Boys Baseball

Two SOIS high school softball teams – “black” and “white” – competed in the WJAA tournament last weekend, May 17-18, at Marist Brothers in Kobe. The varsity black team finished in 3rd place, and the JV white team finished in 5th place. Thank you, Coach Hirai and Coach Hikosaka. Congratulations to the Sabers all-tournament team members: Leona Yanagi (varsity) and Hana Elsamni (junior varsity).

The high school boys baseball team captured its (at least) 6th consecutive WJAA championship in Nagoya. Thank you, Coach Sagara and Coach Algie. Congratulations to the Sabers all-tournament team members: Keita Sasaki

(who pitched a no-hitter in the championship game) and Euan Lewis.

Table Tennis:

The Sabers high school and middle school table tennis teams do not get as much recognition as other teams, but thanks to Coach Takahashi and Coach Matsushima, the two teams are popular and going strong. The teams play in a season-ending competition at Nakayama-Satsukidai Junior High School in Takarazuka City on Sunday, May 26. Good luck, Sabers table tennis players

Final MS season

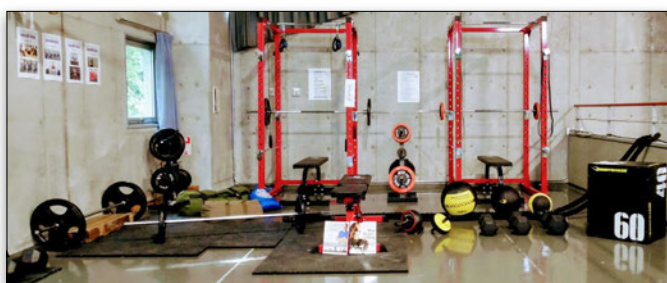
The final sports season for middle school has begun: badminton. Practices are held Tuesdays and Thursdays after school, beginning May 28. Bring your own racquet. No Saturday competitions; just fun intrasquad matches in the gym. Thank you, Coach Minakuchi, Coach Hasegawa, and Coach Yamashiro.

Sabers Shirts: still on sale

Almost out of stock. Hurry! [These make great gifts](#).

Sabers Fitness Floor

All Sabers high school students (grade 9 - 12) are encouraged to make use of the [Sabers Fitness Floor](#), upper level of the gym. We'd love to see more Sabers athletes training for strength, speed, agility, coordination, and flexibility - it's a great way to improve your performance next year. Orientation sessions held June 11, 12, 13. The Fitness Floor now features two top-of-the-line cardio machines: the Concept 2 rowing machine and the Schwinn Airdyne Pro exercise bike.



As always, thank you for your continued support of the Sabers activities program. Please contact the AD any time you need help. Please visit the AD office, room A-240, near the business office. Contact at pheimer@senri.ed.jp or at 072-727-2137.

Kwansei Gakuin News



Endo-sensei has joined Kwansei Gakuin University as an associate professor in the Research Center for Teacher Development. She is the new director of the International Baccalaureate (IB) teacher education program.

The university launched on April 1, 2019, the [IB Teacher Education Program](#) (DP), the first in the Kansai region. The program will develop educators using IB global standards. Teachers with IB training are in high demand in Japan due to the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science, and Technology (MEXT) setting a goal of reaching 200 IB programmes in local schools.

The study of the IB teacher education program consists of 4 courses:

- Introduction to the IBDP as a Model of International Education
- Teaching, Learning and Assessment I & II
- Professional Learning

The Senri & Osaka International Schools (SOIS) are one of the places for practicums because of our exemplary model international education. The first cohort of students from this program will visit SOIS to observe the field of education in February 2020.

When reflecting upon her time teaching IB Japanese language and literature at OIS, Endo-sensei commented, "I am forever grateful to the OIS community who have provided me with many opportunities to grow both professionally and personally. Without OIS I would not have been where I am and who I am today."



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Rainbow Week reflection & looking ahead

Thank you for your support for Rainbow Week last week.

We would love to hear from you! Please email your feedback about Rainbow Week 2019 and your ideas looking ahead to Rainbow Week 2020 to cmecklem@soismail.jp.

Thank you!

The Rainbow Week committee



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