

# OIS Educator

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*The classrooms, corridors, fields and shared spaces are full of the sounds and colours of students returning to school after the summer break. We are delighted to welcome many new students and their families to the OIS community this trimester; see the back page for the full list.*

## *Views from the Head of School, MYLES JACKSON*



It is wonderful to be able to write a few words here as the new Head of School for OIS. Many readers will be curious about what I might wish to do to improve learning in the school, so I thought I would use my first OIS Educator article to talk

about some of my beliefs about education.

Learning something new is such a pleasure isn't it? The buzz of excitement that we feel when we recognise our progress always gives us energy and motivation for more learning. It is a feeling that I would like all at our school to feel, every day and in every lesson. When that is happening consistently, then we know we have a really great school. So my aim as a school leader is to try and focus at all times on improving learning, both personal learning and academic learning. Everything that I do as the Head of School is intended to improve some system, or practice, or feature of our school in some way.

Personal and academic learning need to be given equal emphasis because teachers usually discover early in their career that there is no strict dividing line between the two domains. This is because, for example, academic success for some students may require them to learn more

about getting on with other people. Or on the other hand, personal issues that are causing problems for some students may have their roots in the academic difficulties that they are experiencing. For this reason, educators need to be mindful of both aspects of our learning and see them as an integrated part of being a successful learner.

In order to express the above ideas as an aim and put it in a single sentence, I have begun to share with OIS teachers and students the following sentence:

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***Our aim is to try and ensure that all students feel happy, safe and supported in school so that they are able to maximise their learning.***

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Wellbeing is deliberately put before learning, because if people are not happy they cannot learn well, or they may not learn at all. This means that if we do not have outstanding pastoral care in our school, then the learning in our school will always be less than optimal. Of course, despite our best efforts, learners may still experience difficulties but I believe our aim should always be for every student to experience the pleasure of learning, in every lesson, every day.

What do you think? I would love to hear your thoughts and ideas on these topics. Please feel free to let me know.

*from the MS, HS Principal, KURT MECKLEM*

At the end of the summer when the teachers come back to campus to start preparing for the new academic year, the school seems a desolate place. Without the students, it is just an empty building. Now that we've been back in school for a couple of weeks, the building is alive again with students in the halls, the field, and of course the classrooms. It makes a big difference when your children are back with us and I want to thank you for entrusting us with the education of your child for the next school year.

The start of the school year usually means that a lot is happening and this year is no different. Teachers have been busy getting routines established in classes. Our counselor, Ms. Michelle Vogel and Deputy Head of Campus, Mr. Steve Lewis have been spending a lot of time organizing the *Kansai Regional University Fair* ([KRUF.JP](http://KRUF.JP)) which will be held on our campus on September 12. About 125 universities will be in the gym from 3:30 to 5:30 and this is a unique opportunity to meet with admissions officers and get information about colleges around the world.

We also have 19 new students in the middle and high schools and we have been working hard to make them feel welcome. There are also a few new teachers who

were introduced in the June [Educator](#) and whom you will have the opportunity to meet at our Middle and High School Back to School Night (BTSN) on September 19. Being a new person in a new school and in many cases being in a new country is never easy. I hope you will take the opportunity to introduce yourself to our new community members when you are on campus. The PTA welcome event scheduled for after school on Thursday, September 19 is a perfect opportunity to come meet new people and reacquaint yourself with those of us who have been here for longer.

Thursday, September 19 is also when we are scheduled to have our annual Back to School Night. Registration will start after the PTA party and we will begin in the theater at 5:30. BTSN, like all important events, is already on your school calendar but make sure to note it on your personal calendar, too. This is a great opportunity to get to know your children's teachers and understand what your child will be studying over the course of the school year. I will send more information via SOISMail so please keep an eye on that account.

Thank you again for giving us the opportunity to work with you and your children this school year. Having them back in the building has sure made a difference to the atmosphere on campus. I'm looking forward to another great school year and please stop by to say hello next time you are here.

## ***The Rugby Boy:*** by *Leanne Entwistle, PE Specialist*

On Monday 2nd September the Grades 3, 4, and 5 students were very lucky to be superbly entertained by Mr. Sean Murphy- "The Rugby Boy", a professional comedian, coming all the way from Australia.

Through an interactive, informative and funny performance the students learnt a little about other countries and the upcoming Rugby World Cup here in Japan. They jumped around, learnt new words, actions and little games from other countries and challenged The Rugby Boy and each other in a series of hilarious activities. All this was designed for the love of movement and fun. It was a wonderful international understanding experience.

A special Thank you to Sean for providing this performance free of charge and to Mr. Kaz Sakanaka for hosting Sean during his visit. Thank you!



# Sabers Sports & Activities

Sabers Sports updates from Activities Director, PETER HEIMER

### Sabers Website

- Want to know which Sabers teams are playing where and when? Be sure to check out the [Sabers season calendar page](#) on the Sabers website.
- Want to know the tournament results of past Sabers teams, boys and girls, middle school and high school? Who was named to a WJAA or AISA all-tournament team? Past Dr. Fukuda scholar athlete and Sabers athlete of the year award winners? Simply go to the [Sabers history page](#).
- [Vintage Sabers team photos?](#)

### Sabers Facebook page

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/SabersAthletics/>

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](mailto:pheimer@senri.ed.jp) or at 072-727-2137.



School Calendar: September	
12	Kansai Regional University Fair @gym
13-14	WJAA HS Boys Volleyball @FIS WJAA HS Girls Volleyball @MBIS
19	OIS MS/HS Back-to-School Night
20	SOIS MS Social Event
25	OIS G12 College Workshop
26	ES Futsal Tournament @CA
27-28	WJAA HS Girls JV Volleyball @SOIS Falcons HS Boys Volleyball @CA

## Health & Safety

Are You a Health and Safety Professional?

If you have a background and training in Health and Safety, we would like to hear from you. At SOIS we always wish to improve safety and so we would very much like to discuss issues with you and use your input to further improve our campus and our practices.

If you would be able to help us, please contact:

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## Safety First



# SOIS INTERNATIONAL FAIR 2019

The International Fair will be held from 10:00am to 3:00pm on Saturday November 16. The theme for this year's fair is *Beautiful Harmony*. The entertainment will include activities such as:

- Singing or performing as a solo or group!
- Lip Sync Battle
- Booths
- Sports & Games
- Book sale
- Bazaar

Please apply to participate in any of these, and let's enjoy the day together! Volunteers are also needed on the day of the fair, so please contact us at [oispta-if@soismail.jp](mailto:oispta-if@soismail.jp)

The 2019 SOIS International Fair Committee



## Sports Day: Monday 14 October

In case of heavy rain, the event will be held on Tuesday October 15. In that case, there will be regular school on Monday October 14.

### Elementary School

- 8.30: All elementary school (ES) students arrive to homeroom
- 8.45-9.40: KA, KB, G1 & G2 @gym;  
G3, G4, G5 @pool
- 9.45-10.40: All ES students to the field
- 10.45-11.00: Whole school parade and closing ceremony
- 11.00-11.30: Presentations and celebrations in the courtyard
- 11.30-12.00: Dismissal to parents and lunch in courtyard if desired

### Middle School & High School

- 10.30: All middle school (MS) and high school (HS) students arrive to their homerooms
- 10.45-11.00: Opening ceremony
- 11.00-12.45: Morning activities: MS dodgeball, interceptor @gym, HS dodgeball, ultimate frisbee @field
- 12.45-13.10: MS performance @gym; HS lunch time
- 13.10-13.35: MS lunch time
- 13.35-14.00: HS performance, 5 minutes per grade. 1 minute for setup
- 14.05-16.10: Afternoon activities: MS/HS Tamaire, MS/HS Bouhiki, MS/HS Tug-of-War, HS Leapfrog, MS/HS Relay Races
- 16.10-16.25: Closing ceremony
- 16.30: Students dismissed from school

#### Other Notes

- School buses will operate as usual in the morning but leave at 4.30pm for MS/HS students.

# K-G2 Cafeteria Lunch Menu



## September

2	Mon	Pasta Bolognese, Vichy Carrots, Sun Dried Tomato Focaccia, Vegetable Consommé
3	Tue	White Fish Tempura with Ankake, Steamed Broccoli, White Rice, Green Lentil Soup
4	Wed	Loco Moco, Pan Fried Egg, White Rice, Celery & Coconut Soup
5	Thu	Miso Pork, Japanese Radish & Carrot Salad, White Rice, Roasted Pumpkin Soup
6	Fri	Grilled Salmon, Garlic Green Beans, Seasoned Brown Rice, Bean Sprout Soup
9	Mon	Tomato Bacon Pasta, Steamed Mixed Vegetables, Baguette Bread, Cauliflower Soup
10	Tue	Pork Shabushabu Salad, Spinach Ohitashi, White Rice, Greek Potato & Celery Soup
11	Wed	Juicy Beef Burgers, Cajun Vegetable Medley, Potato Wedges, Tomato & Basil Soup
12	Thu	Wok Vegetables, Steamed Snap Peas, White Rice, Hot & Sour Soup
13	Fri	Mongolian Beef, Wok Style Bok Choi, White Rice, Garlic Chive Soup
17	Tue	Katsu Don, Mix Shredded Salad, White Rice, Vegetarian Laksa Soup
18	Wed	Beef Bulgogi, Mixed Greens, White Rice, Ginseng Soup
19	Thu	Keema Curry, Sunny Side Egg, White Rice, Japanese Vegetable Broth
20	Fri	Spaghetti & Meatballs, Eggplant & Tomato Bake, Herb Bread, Mixed Bean & Vegetable Soup
24	Tue	Taco Meat, Steamed Mix Vegetables, White Rice, Hot & Sour Soup
25	Wed	Grilled Chicken with Tarragon Dressing, Vichy Carrots, Herb Baked Baby Potatoes, Chunky Vegetable Soup
26	Thu	Soy Buttered Chicken, Namul, White Rice, Tomato & Bean Soup
27	Fri	Pepperoni Pizza, Lemon Garlic Roasted Broccoli, Spaghetti Neapolitan, Modenese Soup
30	Mon	Beef Stroganoff, Cauliflower w. Carrots, Buttered Noodles, Corn 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](#).

August & September 2019 International Menu		CEZARS KITCHEN		SENRI & OSAKA INTERNATIONAL SCHOOLS	
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
BBQ Chicken Grilled Greens Corn Bread w. Honey Tomato Soup	Baked Cod w. Salsa Verde Steamed Mixed Vegetables Mashed Potatoes Cream of Corn Soup	Tandoori Chicken Spinach Peas White Rice Roasted Pumpkin Soup	Green Bean w. Roasted Garlic Baked Potatoes French Onion Soup	Beef Lasagna Steamed Broccoli Homemade Focaccia Clear Vegetable Soup	
Pasta Bolognese Vichy Carrots Sun Dried Tomato Focaccia Vegetable Consommé	Chicken Fajitas Tomatoes & Salsa Mexican Rice Green Lentil Soup	Loco Moco Pan Fried Egg White Rice Celery & Coconut Soup	Orange Chicken Broccoli Sauce Fried Rice Roasted Pumpkin Soup	Grilled Salmon Garlic Green Beans Seasoned Brown Rice Bean Sprout Soup	
Tomato Bacon Pasta Steamed Mixed Vegetables Baguette Bread Cauliflower Soup	Greek Moussaka (Beef) Baked Summer Squash Grilled Vegetable Cous-Cous Greek Potato & Celery Soup	Juicy Beef Burgers Cajun Vegetable Medley Potato Wedges Tomato & Basil Soup	This Green Vegetarian White Rice Hot & Sour S		
No School	Malaysian Coconut Chicken Curry Grilled Vegetables w. Lime Vinaigrette Pita Bread Vegetarian Laksa Soup	Grilled Chicken w. Tarragon Dressing Vichy Carrots Herb Baked Baby Potatoes Chunky Vegetable Soup	Chicken Ench Meat Sauce Over Baked Tomato & B		
Beef Stroganoff Cauliflower w. Carrots Buttered Noodles Corn Soup					

August & September 2019 Japanese Menu		CEZARS KITCHEN		SENRI & OSAKA INTERNATIONAL SCHOOLS	
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Breaded Fish w. Tar Tar Sauce Cucumber Salad White Rice Tomato Soup	Hayashi Beef Seasoned Spinach White Rice Cream of Corn Soup	Pork Hokkaido Kani White Rice Butter-garlic Soup	Chicken Kanjuro Green Bean w. Ginger & Garlic White Rice French Onion Soup	Cauliflower Steamed Broccoli White Rice Tomato & Vegetable Soup	
Donni Hamburg Steak Sunny Side Egg White Rice Vegetable Consommé	White Fish Tempura w. Ankake Steamed Broccoli White Rice Green Lentil Soup	Miso Tofu Miso Ramen White Rice Celery & Coconut Soup	Miso Pork Japanese Radish & Carrot Salad White Rice Roasted Pumpkin Soup	Grilled Chicken w. Ponzo Sauce Seasoned Green Beans White Rice Bean Sprout Soup	
Hayashi Beef Cabbage White Rice Cauliflower Soup	Pork Shabu-shabu Salad Spinach Ohitashi White Rice Greek Potato & Celery Soup	Yukihiko Chicken Cucumber Salad White Rice Tomato & Basil Soup	Wok Vegetables Steamed Snap Peas White Rice Hot & Sour	Pork Chop Onion Salad White Rice	
No School	Katsu Don Miso Shredded Salad White Rice Vegetarian Laksa Soup	Honey Mustard Chicken Ankake Pickles White Rice Creaming Soup	Keema Curry Sunny Side White Rice Japanese So		
No School	Taco Meat Steamed Mix Vegetables White Rice Hot & Sour Soup	Chop Suey Wakame Salad White Rice Chunky Vegetable Soup	Soy Buttered Noodle White Rice Tomato & B		
Butterfry Mix Corn Salad White Rice Corn Soup					

August & September 2019 Vegan & Vegetarian		CEZARS KITCHEN		SENRI & OSAKA INTERNATIONAL SCHOOLS	
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
BBQ Chicken Grilled Greens Corn Bread w. Honey Tomato Soup	Grilled Veggie Portio w. Salsa Verde Steamed Mixed Vegetables Mashed Potatoes Carrot Soup	Tandoori Chz. Pao Balls Spinach Potatoes & Peas White Rice Butter-garlic Soup	Cauliflower Bake Green Beans w. Roasted Garlic Baked Potatoes Clear Vegetable Soup	Veggie Lasagna Steamed Broccoli Homemade Vegan Focaccia Clear Vegetable Soup	
Pasta Neapolitan Vichy Carrots Sun Dried Tomato Vegan Focaccia Vegetable Consommé	Vegetarian Falafel Tomatoes & Salsa Mexican Rice Green Lentil Soup	Vegetarian Loco Moco Pan Fried Veggie Egg White Rice Celery & Coconut Soup	Grilled Tofu w. Orange Sauce Broccoli Sauce Fried Rice Roasted Pumpkin Soup	Grilled Sertan Garlic Green Beans Seasoned Brown Rice Bean Sprout Soup	
Tomato Garden Pasta Steamed Mixed Vegetables Baguette Bread Cauliflower Soup	Vegan Moussaka Baked Summer Squash Grilled Vegetable Cous-Cous Greek Potato & Celery Soup	Juicy Vegetable Portio Burgers Cajun Vegetable Medley Potato Wedges Tomato & Basil Soup	This Green Vegetable Curry Vegetarian Lasagna White Rice Hot & Sour Soup	Mongolian Vegetable Steew Wok Style Bok Choy White Rice Carly Chive Soup	
No School	Malaysian Coconut Vegetable Curry Grilled Vegetables w. Lime Vinaigrette Pita Bread Creaming Soup	Tofu Bulgogi Miso Ramen White Rice Greening Soup	Vegetable Stir Fry Roasted Pumpkin White Rice Japanese Vegetable Broth	Spaghetti & Vegan Meat Balls Eggplant & Tomato Bake Herb Bread Mixed Bean & Vegetable Soup	
No School	Steer Fry Beans & Broccoli Grilled Tofu White Rice Hot & Sour Soup	Grilled Tofu w. Tarragon Dressing Vichy Carrots Herb Baked Baby Potatoes Chunky Vegetable Soup	Veggie Bean Enchiladas Vichy Carrots Over Baked Corn Chops Tomato & Bean Soup	Vegetable Deluxe Pizza Lemon Garlic Roasted Broccoli Spaghetti Neapolitan Modenese Soup	
Sofian Stroganoff Cauliflower & Carrots Garlic Chive Noodles Corn Soup					

## **SOIS Music Event: Kool Sounds @ Kita-Senri**

Students from SOIS will perform an exciting range of songs and instrumental pieces in front of Kita-Senri station on October 8. Please join us at our annual Kool Sounds concert for an entertaining afternoon of world music!

**10月8日**

# **Kool Sounds**

## **クールサウンズ@北千里**

**FEATURING**

関西学院千里国際中等部高等部  
関西学院大阪インターナショナルスクール  
の生徒がお届けするワールドミュージックをお楽しみください。

**16:00--17:30**

**At DIOS Kita Senri**

**Students will sing and play world music  
Please enjoy!**

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## Notes from the Elementary School

### Class Blogs

Each grade in elementary school has its own website, which provide a great way to follow what is happening in your child's classroom. Check in regularly for access to the class calendar, recent photos, and other information from the teachers.

You can access the websites using these links:



Class Blog	Links
• KA	<a href="#">here</a>
• KB	<a href="#">here</a>
• G1	<a href="#">here</a>
• G2	<a href="#">here</a>
• G3	<a href="#">here</a>
• G4	<a href="#">here</a>
• G5	<a href="#">here</a>

OIS G1 Class Portal Home **Class News** Parent-School Information Photo Gallery Video Gallery Useful Information Learning Links Interesting Reads

### Class News

Sept. 6, 2019

Thank you for attending our Back to School tonight. Hopefully you walked away with a better understanding of our class. I look forward to working with you as partners in your children's education.

This week, we created our classroom agreements, and learned to manage and the kids were able to take real ownership in decisions made. We've been referring to the agreements often to ensure they are being adhered to.

We've been using picture books in our read alouds that support the traits of the PYP learner profile.

In our unit of inquiry, we have discussed how some vehicles move on land, by water and through the air.

This unit of inquiry provides a wonderful opportunity for engaging in open discussions with your child. Here are some ways you can help with the unit at home:

- Providing your child with the opportunity to take the lead in planning an outing using public transport. They would need to determine the most efficient route to your destination.
- Assisting with reading and interpreting train, subway and bus lines.
- Comparing and contrasting transportation systems that you have encountered in your home country or your travels.

Please note that you will need to access the sites whilst logged in to you SOISmail account on your web browser. If you are unsure about how to do this, please take a look at some instructions [here](#).

## School Beautification: Summer of 2019

The school Beautification team and Garden clubs would like to thank all the students, teachers, administration, guards, and parent volunteers who help keep our school beautiful. This is especially challenging in the summer heat when few people are around!

We have gardens and live plants in many places at SOIS and we hope to have more to help green and beautify our school. Green areas includes places in the playground, the genkan, the courtyard, the 3,4,5 porch, across from the elevator and in front of the science department. It has taken a whole community of

dedicated people to make it fun, beautiful, and a learning experience for all. We even have goldfish and medaka to make our learning environments fun.

And we would like to send a BIG THANK you to the people who make our space green, clean, and beautiful for active learning. Here are some pictures of the Elementary students in their spaces enjoying the flowers and vegetables in the playground and helping clean the goldfish tubs in the 3,4,5 porch! Ms. Henbest (Art) and Ms. Rumble (Science) would welcome other student and parent volunteers, so come on in!



## Welcome New Students!

OIS is delighted to welcome new students into every grade this trimester.

### Elementary School

KA Erica Anaori  
 KA Maelyn Fujita  
 KA Takuto Hamaguchi  
 KA Karen Park  
 KA Tianshi Shi  
 KA Furui Xu  
 KA Tomonori Yamamoto  
 KB Xiao Han Dong  
 KB Charles Liening  
 KB Taku Shimada  
 KB Kai Siddons  
 2 Eilis Ahearne  
 2 Luiza Maria Carvalho

2 Colby Warford  
 3 Minatsu Chimura  
 3 Ohyeon Kwon  
 3 Dianna Schmutz  
 4 Eoin Ahearne

### Middle School

6 Kate Brown  
 6 Hiro Nakajima  
 6 Masaki Ogida  
 6 Annabelle Siddons  
 6 Chu Qi Wang  
 7 Anju Manfred  
 8 Haeyeon Jang

8 Sakurako Senno  
 9 Benjamin Jackson  
 9 Lois-Ann Loafmann  
 9 Hana Manfred  
 9 Miyabi Sugimoto  
 10 Ken Kitamura  
 10 Hana Wager

### High School

11 Sean Doman  
 11 Michelle Hagmann  
 11 Jina Lee  
 11 Akif Ur Rahman  
 11 Jamie Yoshikawa-Jenkins

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