

The Director Welcome Letter

Welcome to the American International School in Conakry ! Thank you for visiting our website and taking an interest in our school.

We are excitedly looking forward to starting the new school year and seeing your child in person on Monday, August 23rd.

Teachers and Assistant Teachers will be reporting back to our Nongo Campus on Monday, August 16th for a week of orientation, planning meetings, training and classroom setups. During Orientation Week, teachers, assistant teachers and staff members will conduct a "field trip" to the U.S. Embassy for the first time in the school's existence. While we recognize that our school is private and independent of the U.S. government, we greatly appreciate the special supportive relationship we enjoy with the U.S. Embassy.

On Thursday, August 19th, all staff, teachers and students are invited to be tested for Covid-19 on campus beginning at 9am as a preventive measure. Otherwise, staff, teachers and students will be asked to present proof of their negative Covid results from their recent travel. In the meantime, our classrooms are being updated with improved plexi-glass dividers, air filtration systems and additional handwashing stations thanks to a grant from the U.S. government. We anticipate wearing masks on campus at least through January 2022.

We hope that your child is reading this summer. Those in our Primary School showing proof of having read 10 books will be awarded **AISC Gecko Super Reader** certificates at our first Friday Assembly on Friday, August 27th. In Middle School, we are asking students to complete five books, in high school three. Please provide your teacher or homeroom teacher with proof of your completion of these books with a short book report (title, author, summary of the main characters and story problem), poster, or other creative project upon returning to school on Monday, August 23rd.

This year we expect to enjoy the same success in placing our seniors at highly-ranked American and Canadian universities. Our 2021 class of five graduates gained admission to over twenty universities in North America. In our high school, we will be offering elective courses in Conflict Resolution, Drama, Statistics, and Piano. Depending on health restrictions, we plan on conducting several overnight field trips for our high schoolers. We will once again be offering our very popular Clubs Program during the school day during our second and fourth quarters based on students' interests and teachers' availability to facilitate. In Theater Arts, plans are already underway for our musical theater performance in the spring.

We will conduct a baseline MAP Assessment in Math and English Language Arts in 10th grade in early September. We will continue to chart out our units and plan our lessons based on the AERO Standards.

Nearly all of our teachers will be returning to AISC this school year. We welcome **Ms. Ontrance Senzanje** (2nd Grade) and **Mr. Mamadouba Daffé** (part-time French Teacher).

Please place on your calendar our "Back-to-School Night" event on Friday, September 3rd. Additionally, we will be conducting elections for the officers of our 2021-22 Board of Trustees and for our Parent-Teacher Association that evening.

Our school's mission is to develop intellectually audacious, socially responsible citizens of the world, and our goal is to prepare our students for university, a rewarding career, or... anything.

Many thanks to our parents for their unwavering support. See you on August 23rd... with your face masks on! In the meantime, enjoy the rest of your summer vacation!

Onward and upward!

Mark Dempsey, Director