

Friday 20th September, 2024

Dear ISB Community,

I hope you all enjoyed a relaxing Chuseok holiday with friends and family. Since this was a short two-day week, there will be no newsletter today. Normal service will resume next Friday. In the meantime, here are some important updates:

Board Update

Last night, the ISB Board of Governors held its first meeting of the academic year. During the meeting the Board reviewed and approved the appointment of three new Board members. These new members are parents who participated in the nomination and election process during the AGM. However, they could not be formally elected at that time due to the absence of a quorum.



Ms. Andrea Nikcevic has joined the ISB Board as a Parent Member. She has two children currently attending the school (one in Elementary and one in Secondary) and has been living in Busan since September 2023. Andrea's husband serves as an Officer in the United States Navy, and prior to their move to Busan, the family spent five years in Italy. Andrea is also Vice President of the Busan Military Community's Family Readiness Group (FRG). Andrea holds dual nationality from the USA and Serbia.



Mr. Timothy Paolini has joined the ISB Board as a Parent Member. He has one child currently enrolled in Elementary School. Tim is a graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy, where he earned a B.S. in Economics. Following his graduation, he served for nine years as a CH-53E pilot in the U.S. Marine Corps. After leaving the Marine Corps in 2015, Tim pursued further studies and earned his Executive MBA from NYU in 2019. He currently holds the position of Global Lead for ChromeOS Flex and New Market Development Lead for the Asia Pacific and EMEA regions at Google. Tim is a U.S. national.



Mr. Yong K. Cha has rejoined the ISB Board as a Parent Member. He has two children currently attending ISB (one in Elementary and one in Secondary). Yong Cha brings extensive experience from both the military and corporate sectors, serving as Special Advisor for Korea Affairs to the Commander of the U.S. Seventh Fleet since 2019. He holds an M.S. in Operations Research from the Naval Postgraduate School and a B.S. in Aviation Management. Yong Cha previously served as Chair of the ISB Board of Governors during the 2018-2019 school year. Yong Cha is a U.S. national.

To view all Board Members for the 2024-25 academic year or to find out more about the roles and responsibilities of the ISB Board of Governors please visit the [Governance Page on the ISB Website](#).

Parent Workshop Reminder

You are warmly invited to our upcoming Parent Workshop titled '**Evidencing Learning: Tracking and Assessing Student Progress at ISB**', taking place on **Wednesday, 25th September at 8.45 am**. In this session, we will explore the strategies and tools we use at ISB to assess, record, and track student learning. You'll learn about our evidence-based approach to measuring student progress and how this data informs teaching and supports student success.

Our IB Coordinators, Jennifer Fenton, Solène Matsushita, and Nico Gysbers will lead the session. It will be followed by the PTA coffee morning, and all are welcome to join.

[Please click this link to register your attendance.](#)

Join Us for ISB International Day 2024!

The PTA invites you to International Day on **Saturday, 19th October, from 10.00 am to 2.00 pm**.

This exciting event celebrates the diverse cultures within our school community. Explore country booths, sample international foods, and take part in fun activities for the whole family. Visitors can collect stamps in a special "passport" to win raffle prizes. A highlight of the day is the flag parade at 1:00 pm., with the event concluding at 2:00 pm. Pre-sale tickets are available for 15,000 KRW until Wednesday, 16th October, or you can purchase them on the day for 20,000 KRW. Bring your family and friends for a day of delicious food, fun, and celebrate our community of global citizens! This event is a key fundraiser for the PTA, helping support activities throughout the year. Sign up to [volunteer by clicking this link](#). To purchase [tickets click this link](#).

Dates For Your Diary

- Monday 23rd September - Battle of Busan, HS Volleyball
- Tuesday 24th September - Battle of Busan, MS Football
- Wednesday 25th September - Parent Workshop and PTA Coffee Morning
- Friday 27th September - ISB Career Fair
- Saturday 28th September - SKAIS ES Divisional Football Tournament at ISB
- Saturday 28th September - ISB Community Run (Pale de CZ at 7:30 am)

Remember that all upcoming events and activities can be accessed by visiting the [ISB Community Calendar](#) on the [School Website](#).

Have a great weekend!

Yours faithfully,



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Head of School