



## DECEMBER 2018 & JANUARY 2019 NEWSLETTER

**Semester One Exam Days –January 17th, 20th, 21st, 22nd & 23rd, 2019 - Regular School Hours will be in effect**  
**Last Day of School before the Winter Break—Thursday December 20th, 2018**  
**First Day Back to School after the Winter Break— Tuesday January 8th, 2019**

### SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

**December 4th—Middle School Girls vs. Teachers Matches during Break / High School Bake Sale / Students' Auditions for the Winter Carnival Talent Show**

**December 5th—High School Girls vs. Teachers Matching Break / High School Bake Sale / Students' Auditions for the Winter Carnival Talent Show**

**December 6th—Middle School Soccer and Basketball Tournament with BRS**

**December 14th—Dover Winter Carnival— 11:00am-7:00pm**

**December 16th—Parent Advisory Committee Meeting**

**December 17th—Elementary School Spelling Bee**

**December 19th—Middle School Spelling Bee**

**December 20th will be the last day for students**

**December 21 to January 7, 2019 Winter Break**

**January 8, 2019 first day of school after Winter Break**

**January 20th, 2019—Parent Advisory Committee Meeting**

**January 25, 2019 to February 2nd Semester Turn Around Days —Students do not attend school (normal working days for staff)**

### Semester One Exams

Semester one exams are being held after the Winter Break this year. Semester one exam days are scheduled for January 17, 20, 21, 22 & 23. January 24th has been scheduled as a day to accommodate students who have missed exams. Only students who are required to write a missed exam are to attend school on this day. Exam schedules will be sent home with students and will be posted on the school website. Exams will be administered in the time block of 8:00am—10:30am. Students return home following exams each day. Wednesday, January 23rd will be the last day of school for students. Only students who have to complete a make up exam will be expected to come to school on January 24th. Student busing will not be provided to students who will be completing a make up exam. Please note the schedule for Arabic, Arabic Social Studies and Religion will be shared once the dates are announced by the Ministry. Revision classes for the Ministry Exams will be provided once the schedule is posted.

### November Book Fair

Our first book fair was held from November 18th to 25th and was a great success for all grade levels. The KG department added over 80 new books from all different genres to its library. Very soon, KG students will get the chance to read these new stories in class! We want to thank all our wonderful, loving grandparents that came out this week to read stories with the students. Your love and support are what make Dover such an awesome school and community!! For our Elementary students, we packed up our gear and prepared our staff, students, and their parents for a wilderness adventure filled with exciting new books from popular publishers. The Book Fair also featured special skits, activities and games. Every

student visited the fair, and parents also stopped by to see the complete selection of books for every member of the family. Book Fair goals included encouraging the love of reading. Teachers have submitted “recommended” books and students had “wish lists” for books that would enrich their home libraries.



### Dover Christmas Carnival

Dover will host its 1st Christmas Carnival on Friday December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2018. This will be a fun day for Staff, Families and Friends. There will be food, games, face painting, shows and lots of entertainment. The Carnival will be from 11:00am till 7:00pm and there will be no entrance fees. Our senior students will be in charge of the Game Center that will include inflatables, mazes, climbing, trampoline and much more. Hope to see you all there!

### Spelling Bee

Our annual Spelling Bee will be held throughout the month of December. Students from Elementary and Middle School will get the chance to participate in this competition on December 17th for Elementary and December 19th for Middle School. Names of the winners will be posted in the February 2019 newsletter.



### Please Note

**The last day of school for all students before the Mid-Year Break is January 23rd. Only those students who need to complete a make up exam will be required to attend school on January 24th. School busing will not be provided on January 24th. School will resume on February 3rd, 2019.**

### Mawled El Nabawi

Before we head off to the Winter Holidays, we wrapped up the last week of November with our Mawled El Nabawi celebration on Monday November 26th. Our Arabic Social Studies and Religion teachers continued to talk how it is celebrated all over the world. Our students took part in two amazing storytelling performances, told and performed by Grade 4 and 5. They were also visited by **Arouset El Mawled, portrayed by Noura El Tagi, Grade 5B**, who invited the students to “*show what they know*”, asked them questions about the special occasion and offered traditional treats. A big thank you to Noura. Students were encouraged to participate by dressing in their galabeyas.

### Sports Partnership

DAIS has entered into a sports partnership with British Ramesses School (BRS). Various sports events and tournaments will be organized for boys and girls in middle school on Dec. 6th. Examples of sports competitions will include football & basketball. The purpose of this partnership is to enhance our athletic skills, sportsmanship and school pride through healthy competition. Events will be organized by the various P.E. heads representing each school. We are looking forward to this ‘sports’ collaboration between international schools in our area.

### Video Conferencing with Students Around the World— ( Coordinated by Ms. Heba Ayoub)



Dover Grade 12 students have participated in a video conference with ‘peers’ from Good Shepherd School in Palestine over the past month. This video conference focused on the essentials of dialogue. Students practiced the skills of effective dialogue to enhance

the experience of exchanging information and expression of thoughts and feelings and extended their learning experience beyond the classroom walls. On December 6th, the Grade 11 & Grade 12 students will have another video conference with students from Lake’s Community School in Chicago—USA to share ideas concerning culture and education with students from around the world.

### Middle School Clubs—Starting Semester 2

Our Middle School Clubs this year will start in semester 2. Specific outcomes for the clubs include fostering self-esteem and confidence, supporting the academic curriculum and providing opportunities to socialize as well as opportunities for relaxation and enjoyment. Further details pertaining to the clubs will be outlined in a separate letter to the parents.

### Christmas Around the World

Christmas traditions vary greatly from continent to continent, but our students don't need to take a trip around the world to learn about them! We will bring the different holiday traditions to them during the week leading up to our Winter-Break, on Dec. 18th, 19th, and 20th. Elementary students will enjoy learning important facts through comprehension questions, recipe ideas, crafts, and other fun activities and games!



### Parent Advisory Council

The Parent Advisory Council met on November 18th and discussed a number of issues. The members were provided a copy of the school wide draft policy for bullying “A Better Me” for their feedback / suggestions as a response for accreditation. The meeting also tackled student safety during drop off and pick up, school fees, SAT Exams, AdvancEd Surveys and school calendar events. The next meeting will take place on December 16th, 2018 at 8:00am.

### Middle School Class Representatives 2018-2019

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| * 6A—Lojine Mahmoud      | * 6B—Mariam Hatem  |
| * 6C—Marwan Osman        | * 7A—Lilia Tamer   |
| * 7B—Sara Adbullah       | * 7C—Shahd Mohamed |
| * 8A—Malak Khaled Ismail | * 8B—Zeina Mahmoud |
| * 8C—Mariam Wael Elkateb |                    |

### DECEMBER Trips:

*Grade 1 to "Kawalees" to see Pinocchio-Sun 9th, Dec*

*Grade 2 to "Kawalees"- to see Pinocchio-Trip to be rescheduled*

*Grade 3 to "Kawalees"-to see The Sound of Music-Wed 5th, Dec*

*Grade 4 to "Kawalees" to see The Sound of Music-Tues 4th, Dec*

*Grade 5 to the Pyramids at Giza—Monday 3rd, Dec.*

### High School Student Council Members 2018-2019

High School Student Council this year started off with their first event. The High and Middle Spirit week will be starting on the upcoming week (Dec. 9th—13th). The members are:

- \* Hussein El Messery (Grade 12) - President
- \* Joumana Rashed (Grade 12) - Vice President
- \* Hannah Shoukry (Grade 11) - Vice President
- \* Mariam Salama (Grade 10) - Treasurer
- \* Arwa Khodair (Grade 10) - Secretary
- \* Janna Nader (Grade 10) - Public Relations
- \* Mark Girgis (Grade 9) - Public Relations

### Fun Fact

*The music we hear each morning from the Elementary lines comes from the “composer” the children are studying that week.*

