



DECEMBER 2019 & JANUARY 2020 NEWSLETTER

Last Day of School before the Winter Break—Thursday December 19th, 2019

First Day Back to School after the Winter Break— Wednesday January 8th, 2020

Semester One Exam Days –January 19th, 21st, 22nd & 23rd, 2020 (January 16th — Start of Gr.11 & 12 Exams)

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

December 15—17:
Arabic Exams
(except for Gr.9)

December 15—19:
High School Spirit
Week

December 16: Par-
ent Advisory Com-
mittee Meeting

December 19:
Christmas Divisional
Celebration

December 19: Last
day for students
before the Winter
Break

**December 20—
January 7, 2020:**
Winter Break

January 8, 2020:
First day of school
after the Winter
Break

January 8—16: Re-
view Days

January 12—16:
Computer, French &
German Exams

January 16: Start of
Grade 11&12 Semes-
ter Exams

January 19—23:
Semester Exams

January 20: Study
Day (no students)

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

Semester One Exams

Semester one exams this year are being held after the Winter Break. Semester one exam days are scheduled for January 19, 21, 22 & 23. January 20th has been scheduled as a study day. Only students who are required to write a missed exam are to attend school on this day. Student bus- ing will not be provided to students who will be completing a make up exam on January 20th. Exam schedules will be sent home with students and will be posted on the school website, RenWeb & Google Classroom. Exams will be administered in the time block of 8:00am—10:30am. Students return home following exams each day. Thursday, January 23rd will be the last day of school for students. Please note that the schedule for Grade 9 Arabic, Arabic Social Studies and Religion exams will be shared once the dates are announced by the Ministry. Revision classes for the Grade 9 Ministry Exams will be provided once the schedule is posted. This year, the Grade 9 Arabic Ministry exams will be held in the International Modern School—Sayed Galal.



November Book Fair

A Dover tradition of holding the annual book fair continued this year. It started on November 24th until November 29th. Six publishers participated in the book fair. The books ranged from classics to modern literature. The collections displayed addressed all the age groups in Dover. The Book Fair also featured special activities and games. There were four main activities our students took part in: block puzzle, floor puzzle, story-telling by high school volunteers to KG and elementary school students, and the photo booth. Classes would tour the book fair and stay at the different stations during their tour. The high school volunteers were awarded a book each in appreciation of their efforts.



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.

DAIS MUN 2019

This is the third year we held the Model United Nations at Dover. Our seniors from the sociology, psychology and political science classes were responsible for leading the MUN both academically and logistically with their teachers’ support. Grade 11 students were divided among 3 councils: the Security Council, the ECOSOC, and the UNHCR.



They discussed topics related to nuclear power proliferation, child protection and refugees. They came up with resolutions and voted on them based on the policy of the country they represented. It was an interesting way to introduce to our students how the real world operates. They were asked to learn about the different countries’ positions and efforts regarding topics discussed in their councils. Our seniors were very well prepared as mentioned by our juniors’ testimonies after the event. Our seniors demonstrated their true caliber by being responsible and dependable throughout the event. Our juniors were dressed to the tee; they were excited and showed great speech and debate skills. They were able to identify their allies and enemies and come up with a resolution on the topic at hand. It was an event that showcased our students’ speech, writing, collaborative work and critical thinking skills.

Parent Advisory Council

We are still looking for volunteers to join this group. Interested parties may email Ms. Asmaa Abu Al Azm, the assistant to Mr. Chuck (asmaa.abualazm@daisagy.com). Within the email please provide your name , the number of years you have been with DAIS and the grade(s) your child(ren) is currently attending.

School Evacuation Drill—December 3

School Evacuation drills are very important to ensuring the safety of all our students. DAIS's first drill this year was held on December 3rd. All students successfully evacuated the build, but with this being our first drill of the year, the response time was not as quick as what we were aiming to achieve. A good response time for our building is approximately three minutes. Our first drill found our last students exiting the building at just under five minutes. Students and staff reviewed the importance of the drill and why respond time is an important element to the safety of us all. Two more drills will take place throughout this academic year.



Student Late Policy

Research has proven that *'time on task'* is directly related to student achievement. Student attendance at school along with focused attention on the work, greatly increases student performance. Given our main goal is to support and increase student achievement, the number of times students were late for class was a great concern. With implementation of the student late policy, DAIS found a dramatic drop in the number of students who arrived late to school and class. As in the past, the school will not accept students entering the building after 8:15 A.M.. Early dismissal of students will also be discouraged. Students who are late for school or class will be disciplined using a progressive approach. The following will be applied:

1. First Late: the student will receive a verbal warning.
2. Second Late: the student will receive a written warning and the parent will receive an email.
3. Third Late: the parent will be invited to attend a meeting to review the situation.
4. Fourth late: the student will be suspended from the school for one day.
5. If a student continues to be late, then she/ he will be sent home for the day. Continued regular tardiness from school may lead to greater consequences.

If a family has an emergency, then they are asked to connect with the school to discuss the issue.

High School Spirit Week

DAIS student council held its spirit week from Sunday December 15th to Thursday the 19th.

The proposed days were:

1. Wacky Day
2. PJ Day
3. Character Day
4. Twinning/ Opposite gender day
5. Christmas Theme



Leaving the School Premises after School Hours:

Students who attend remedial groups after school or who have any after school activities may NOT leave without the permission of an administrator. Once a student leaves school grounds, they will not be allowed to re-enter the school. Students who leave without permission will face disciplinary action.

Christmas Divisional Celebrations

On Thursday December 19th, all students will have a special celebration of Christmas. Kindergarten and elementary students will attend school dressed in Christmas colors. Kindergarteners will sing Christmas carols in the auditorium. Through the week, they will try out recipes of different cultures with our teachers. Santa has a book, as a Christmas gift, for each student. Classes will rotate visiting neighboring homeroom teachers for activities such as storytelling, crafts, drama and baking. Elementary students will have in-class Christmas themed activities and dish parties. Middle school students are going on a trip to Fayoum. As for high school students, they will be having secret Santa and in-class celebrations on Thursday December 19th during the last session. If the weather permits, seniors will be travelling to Alexandria on the trip postponed from last week.



Child Expo & Science Fair—Location: Dusit Thani Lakeview Hotel

On Saturday, November 23, 2019, Science Crafts and The Child Expo came together to create the biggest Science Fair held between Egypt's international schools for students of all grades. Inspiring students to experience science beyond the limitations of text-books. Students' representatives, from DAIS had the chance to participate in this enormous event. The fair provided an opportunity to unleash their innovation, and test their ability in a real-life professional experience. It was a perfect exposure to new scientific mindsets and brilliant ideas from other schools. The unique experience of presenting their projects in front of many spectators and having them evaluated by expert judges of all fields, had also a great impact building a strong self-esteem. We would like to recognize our students for the great efforts they have exerted.



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Dover Student Representatives at the Child Expo Science Fair

Elementary School:

Abou Bakr Moula / Malek Mohamed / Sajda Hassan / Jowana Belal / Youssef Elsherbini

Middle School:

Nadine Anas / Helen Keylada / Heaven Wessam / Malak Mashaly / Haidy Hany / Adam Mohab

High School :

Mehmmet Ali / Mariam Daa / Mariam Salama / Mostafa Ashraf / Abdelrahman Roshdy

DAIS High School Student Council

What is a Student Council?

A Student Council is a representative structure through which students in a post-primary school can become involved in the affairs of the school, working in partnership with school management and staff and parents for the benefit of the school and its students.

Why have a Student Council?

Students have a valuable contribution to make to the effectiveness of their school and their involvement in the operation of the school is itself a valuable part of the education process for the students. A Student Council provides an opportunity for students to engage in a structured partnership with teachers, parents and school managers in the operation of their school. Research indicates that Student Councils can improve academic standards and reduce dropout rates in Schools. Student Councils can create a sense of ownership of the school and its activities among the student population. The establishment of a Student Council gives students an opportunity to acquire the sort of communication, planning and organizational skills which will be of benefit to them in their future lives.

The role of the Student Council:

The main role of a Student Council is "to promote the interests of the school and the involvement of students in the affairs of the school, in cooperation with the board, parents and teachers". A Student Council will set its own objectives, which will vary from school to school. Some general objectives could include:

- ⇒ To enhance communication between students, management, staff and parents
- ⇒ To promote an environment conducive to educational and personal development
- ⇒ To promote friendship and respect among pupils
- ⇒ To support the management and staff in the development of the school
- ⇒ To represent the views of the students on matters of general concern to them



Names of Student Council Members:

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| * Marwan Adel Grade: 9A | (Public Relations) |
| * Zeina Mahmoud Grade: 9B | (Secretary) |
| * Ahmed El Sayed Grade: 9C | (Secretary) |
| * Mazen Hossam El Din Grade: 10A | (Public Relations) |
| * Sama Ehab Grade: 10B | (Treasurer) |
| * Hala Hesham Grade: 10C | (Treasurer) |
| * Ahmed Wael Grade: 11A | (Public Relations) |
| * Shahd El Shranouby Grade: 11B | (Public Relations) |
| * Nelly Attia Grade: 11C | (Vice President) |
| * Mariam Salama Grade: 11C | (President) |



Dover Winter Carnival

This year's Winter Carnival was a great success. Families and friends of our dear students came together in a day filled with activities, talents and fun! Our Talent show revealed endless talents. We send out a thank you to the fourteen student contestants who provided an excellent showing of DAIS talent. First place winner was awarded to Zeina Ayman who sang, second place was awarded to Judy Wali who also sang and third place went to Mariam Tamer who provided a very entertaining hip hop dance.



Health and Safety Policy—Students Who have a Fever at School

This time of year is flu and cold season. This is a reminder that it is the school policy for any child who is found at school to have a fever, they must be picked up immediately by a family member. Students who have been sent home with a fever are to be home for three days. When returning to DAIS, they are to be seen by the school clinic before returning to class. These procedures are being put in place to ensure the health safety of all children at DAIS. We extend our thanks for your understanding and support for this procedure.

Student Fees—30% due December 15th, 2019

DAIS would like to take this time to thank all parents for their continued support of our school. Without this support, we certainly would not have the resources and program necessary for our student success. Also, just a friendly reminder that payment of the new section school fees (30%) was due by Sunday December 15th, 2019. ***If you have not settled the payment yet, please make sure you do so at the earliest. If you wish to discuss this issue please contact Ms. Rita on 01060132229 or email her to rita.nabih@daisegy.com.***

Thank you for your continuous cooperation and have a Wonderful break!

