November 8th , 2026

# WEEKLY BULLETIN



# General Director

AIS is proud to be part of a global community of schools that learn from one another. Our work with organizations such as the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC) connects us with educators around the world, and it lets us both share our own experience and bring new ideas home to our students.

This past week, we were proud to send three members of our team abroad. Congratulations to Ms. Ivy Delaney, Ms. Kerrianne Hartell and Ms. Monica de Dios for representing AIS on a global stage at the NEASC International Symposium, held at Schule Schloss Louisenlund in Germany. Together, they explored how neurodiversity and multilingualism connect, and how international schools can build more inclusive and accessible English as an Additional Language (EAL) programs. We are proud of their commitment to professional growth and international collaboration, and we look forward to the ideas they bring home to better support the diverse learning and language needs of our students.






As part of our work with NEASC, we were also pleased to welcome a visiting team of educators from Costa Rica, Spain, Brazil and Chile. They spent time looking at learning and teaching at AIS, and their insights will help guide us as we continue to improve and extend our impact.
Thank you to everyone who made these experiences possible. They remind us that our students benefit when we learn alongside schools from around the world.



# Monthly Calendar and Upcoming Events

## General Upcoming Events:

**November 8th - 14th** - ISR Model United Nations
**November 20th:** ECP Thanksgiving Celebration
**November 21st** - AIS Pickleball Tournament at Club 14
Registration FORM
**November 25-27**: Fall Break No Classes




## Calendars:

For monthly calendars please see ***HERE***

Please find the 2026-27 School Year at a Glance calendar ***HERE***

For a detailed version of this school year's events, click ***HERE***

Please find the November cafeteria menu ***HERE***

If you would like to add the AIS Events Calendar to your personal calendar, please see ***HERE***

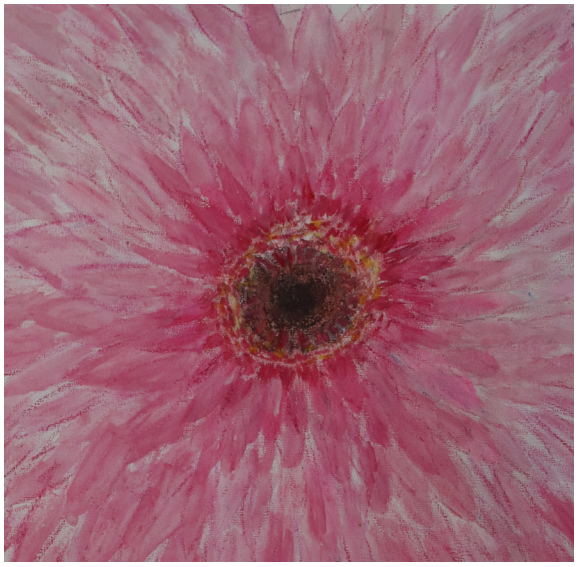
If you would like information on how to join the AIS Whatsapp Channel please see **HERE.**



# Secondary School

*Lauren Streifer and Michelle Acker Perez*

Arts Night is a highlight of our year, a chance to celebrate the creativity of our secondary students. Visual Art students exhibit their work, while our music, drama, and dance students take the stage to share what they've been rehearsing. Each piece reflects their curiosity, their willingness to take risks, and the hard work it takes to bring an idea to life. It's a reminder of how much our students have to say, and how powerfully they say it through art.  Congratulations to all of our artists and a sincere thank you to our Art Teachers!









# Primary School

*Natalia Zmaczynska and Sadie Rhinesmith*

As the sun came through the campus on Thursday morning, students excited to share their successes with us filled the tables in the cafeteria. This month's Breakfast with Principal was filled with academic success, stories of helping others, and recognition for acting ethically in everyday moments at school. Witnessing how students live out the three pillars in primary is a joy and we are excited to extend our congratulations to the newest cohort of Breakfast with Principal participants: **Nur Hashim, Madeline Sosa, Josue Batres, Chris Gómez, Lázaro Rubén Díaz Valladares, Zohany Itzayana Ríos López, Valeria Betzabe Pérez Ramirez, Dulce Rebeca Ramos Sajché, Otto Konstantin Hesse Ehm, Alondra Jazzlyn Medina Vásquez, Diana Sofia Jerónimo García, Selah Lin Lake Morford, Giuliana Baltodano Chamorro, Jorge Andrés Jarquin Chavez, Carlos Antonio Jarquin Chavez, Ramon Andres Montoya Polanco, Beatriz Rose Bach, Eva Isabelle Marín Legris, Gamal Hashim Bermudez, Mía Isabela Jiménez Martínez**

















# Early Childhood Program

*Luis Carrillo*

We have successfully completed our first trimester. I am impressed with all the students' growth week by week. A big shout-out to all the teachers for their impressive work in ensuring high-quality, engaging learning activities that impact our young learners.

Thank you for celebrating your child´s growth with us. Teachers have set students' goals for the next trimester. We are thankful for a fantastic AIS community where parents and teachers work together to maximize our young learners' learning impact.











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# Service Learning

*Michelle Acker Perez and Sadie Rhinesmith*

Books are magical windows into worlds of wonder and imagination, but they're also vehicles that bring people together, connecting readers through adventures and amazing facts. This Friday, we saw just that during Reading Buddies. Students found their buddies early in the morning, eager to greet each other and dive into the pages together. Laughter and wonder filled the hallways as they explored stories side by side and strengthened their friendships. Serving others isn't only about giving; it's about connection and building relationships, which is at the heart of Reading Buddies at AIS.









# Athletics and Extracurricular Activities

*Maria Elena Valencia*

AIS Boys' and Girls' Varsity & Junior Varsity (JV) Soccer Teams

## Basketball

We would like to congratulate our Varsity and Junior Varsity Basketball teams on finishing an extraordinary season with high honors. Thank you to each student-athlete for your commitment, hard work, and for playing with so much heart in every game.
Our most sincere gratitude goes out to our parents and the entire school community. Your constant presence and unwavering support made all the difference for our athletes, turning every moment into an unforgettable experience.
We wish you all a well-deserved break and look forward to welcoming you back for the next season. We are deeply proud of our basketball teams!

## Soccer

Upcoming Soccer Events & Season Details
We are excited to kick off our next soccer season!
Season Dates: Monday, November 9 – Thursday, February 18
Practice Schedule: Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays from 4:00 PM – 5:30 PM

## Our Coaching Staff

Girls' JV Soccer: Sean Cunningham / Wilmer Lorenty
Girls' Varsity Soccer: Wilmer Lorenty / Sean Cunningham
Boys' Varsity & JV Soccer: Carlos Carrillo
Learn more about our coaching staff:
Coach Biographies Document

## Seasonal Tournaments

Copa Maya (Colegio Maya de Guatemala)
Dates: November 9 – January 28
Participating Teams: Boys' Varsity U18; Girls' Varsity & JV unified "Team A" and "Team B"

## Copa CEJUSA

Dates: November 29 – December 4
Participating Team: Boys' Junior Varsity

## Copa AIS

Dates: February 8 – February 18, 2027
Participating Teams: Boys' & Girls' Junior Varsity and Varsity

## Athletic Uniforms

If you need to purchase official AIS team uniforms, please visit the main school reception desk for complete ordering information. Orders can be placed Monday through Wednesday between 8:00 AM and 3:30 PM. Standard uniforms are delivered two weeks after the purchase process is completed.

# SPORTS SCHEDULE

## WEEK OF NOVEMBER 9–14

### MONDAY, NOVEMBER 9 — 3:00–4:00 PM

- **Dance Club (Grades 1–4)** — Choreography rehearsal for final showcase "100% Rhythm".
- **Artistic Gymnastics (Grades 1–2)** — Routine integration for final showcase "100% in Action".
- **Boys' Soccer (Grades 9–12)** — Tactical drills by positional lines.

### TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10 — 3:00–4:00 PM

- **Dance Club (Grades 5–6)** — Choreography rehearsal for "100% Rhythm".
- **Artistic Gymnastics (Grades 3–4)** — Routine integration for "100% in Action".
- **Girls' Soccer (Grades 9–12)** — Finishing on goal, defense-to-attack transitions, and game phase management.

### WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 11 — 2:00–3:00 PM

- **Dance Club (Grades 3–4)** — Choreography rehearsal for "100% Rhythm".
- **Artistic Gymnastics (Grades 1–2)** — Routine integration for "100% in Action".
- **Track & Field (Grades 6–8)** — Time trials.

### WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 11 — 3:00–4:00 PM

- **Girls' Basketball (U14)** — Friendly match vs. Club Mapaches.
- **Dance Club (Grades 1–2 & 5–6)** — Choreography rehearsal for "100% Rhythm".
- **Tae Kwon Do / Link Program (Grades 1–4)** — Forms challenge.
- **Girls' Soccer (Varsity & JV "Team A")** — Copa Maya tournament match.
- **Girls' Soccer (Varsity & JV "Team B")** — Copa Maya tournament match.
- **Boys' Varsity Soccer** — Copa Maya tournament match.

### THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 12 — 3:00–4:00 PM

- **CrossFit (Grades 9–12, Co-ed)** — In-house event "Hybrid Race AIS 0.1".
- **Artistic Gymnastics (Grades 3–4)** — Routine integration for "100% in Action".

### SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14 — 3:00–4:00 PM

- **Girls' Soccer (Varsity & JV "Team A")** — Copa Maya tournament match.
- **Girls' Soccer (Varsity & JV "Team B")** — Copa Maya tournament match.
- **Boys' Varsity Soccer** — Copa Maya tournament match.

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# Health and Wellness

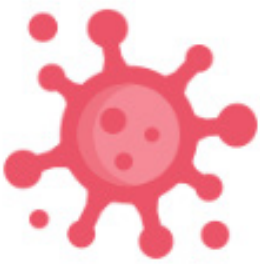
*Nurse Carolina*

During the school year, various viruses can circulate and cause colds, flu, or stomach illnesses.
To keep our students and staff healthy, let's remember to follow these simple measures recommended by the CDC.

**Wash hands frequently with soap and water.**
**Cover coughs and sneezes with your elbow or a tissue.**
**Keep spaces well-ventilated and clean.**
**Get vaccinated according to medical recommendations.**
**Stay home if you have symptoms such as fever, cough, vomiting, or diarrhea.**

if your child has symptoms such as nasal congestion, fever, or cough, please do not send them to school until they are feeling better.





# Support Program

## *Learning to value our differences*
## *By Ms. Marissa*

One of the most valuable aspects of our AIS community is its diversity. Being surrounded by people from different cultures, languages, personalities, and backgrounds gives us the opportunity to learn from one another. However, it also means learning to recognize our differences, understand different perspectives, and respect the needs, values, and experiences of others.

According to the Greater Good Science Center, parents play an essential role in helping their children overcome biases and develop positive relationships with people who are different from them. The love, care, and sense of security children receive at home provide an important foundation for building these connections.

### How can we encourage this at home?

1. Encourage diverse friendships. Let's encourage our children to build friendships beyond their usual social circles. We can organize playdates, invite classmates over, or help them participate in activities outside of school. While we naturally tend to connect with families we have more in common with, it's important to intentionally create opportunities to get to know others.
2. Share books and stories. Books are a wonderful way for children to learn about different experiences and begin questioning biases. We can also share personal or family stories about times when we have faced differences or prejudice and how we overcame those situations. You can find children's book recommendations at Social Justice Books.
3. Create experiences that broaden their perspectives. Especially with teenagers, we can encourage participation in cultural events, community activities, or service opportunities that expose them to experiences different from their own. Most importantly, take time afterward to talk about the experience: What do we have in common with these people? What did we learn from our differences? How can we continue building connections with them?
4. Lead by example. As parents, it's also important to recognize our own biases and be willing to challenge them. Our children notice not only what we say, but also how we act and interact with others. Expanding our social circles and finding common interests with people from different backgrounds is one way to put into practice what we want to teach.

Teaching children to value diversity starts with our own actions. Every friendship, conversation, and experience we encourage can help our children grow with greater empathy, respect, and openness toward others.