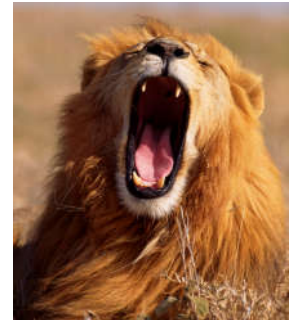




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FROM MR. REMISCH:

The first of our trial lunches in our search for a new caterer for the cafeteria takes place next week. Please remember that all students, parents, staff and members of JFC and Neiderheid communities are all welcome to join us and provide us with feedback. If you would like tickets for either or both lunches, please contact Grete at grete.timmons@afnorth-is.com or 045-527-8201. The cost is 3.70 per lunch. Deadline for the first lunch is Mon 16 Jan. See page 2 for more info



GUIDANCE INFORMATION:

End of year exams are from 6—16 June 2017. Specific exam schedules for each grade will follow at a later date. Please note these dates while you make family travel plans as students are expected to participate in their exams as scheduled.

High school students who are taking classes in the American section will be involved in mid-term exams next week in those specific subjects. Students have been given relevant information by their teachers.

Application deadlines for universities and colleges world-wide are coming up really soon (and in some cases have already passed). If you need any assistance tracking down deadline information, or need any help with any aspect of the application process, don't hesitate to contact Ms. Lunney

Application deadline for OUAC was 11 January. Be advised, that there may be up to a two-week delay before you hear back from universities to acknowledge receipt of your application. Application deadline for OCAS is February 1, 2017.

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Brunssum, December 2016

Dear Parents

As you may have heard the AFNORTH International School is in the process of changing the food service at the school. The reason for this change was the continuous feedback received from the school community regarding the quality of food. Another reason was the huge amounts of food ending up in the garbage on a daily basis. AFNORTH International School believes in providing a healthy lunch for a fair price contributing to a sound 21 Century learning environment concept.

Based on this concept the directorate has been given the permission to start a process of change in the catering service. Currently there are two catering services still in the running to obtain the new contract which will be in place at the beginning of school year 2017-2018. These companies will provide a service of warm meals with fresh ingredients, prepared on site, at a price of €3.70 (grade 6 and up) and €3.20 (elementary classes). All meals will be healthy and nutritious according to international food standards.

In order to give all a chance to try out and provide feedback on the new caterers and their food, the directorate has asked the companies to cook at the school for one day so that we can get an impression of the new service and of course a taste of the food. This means that on the following days there will be **NO AAFES** service but instead a meal provided by one of the two companies.

19 January 2017	Sodexo	Tickets can be purchased till 16 January
26 January 2017	Spiesberger	Tickets can be purchased till 23 January

What does this mean?

On these particular day(s) you may opt for using the food service at school or you have to provide your children with a homemade lunch.

In order to use the service one must buy a ticket at your national office for one or both days. Tickets will be available starting 9 January. Cost € 3.20 (elementary classes) and €3.70 (grades 6-12)

Parents are allowed to eat with their children on these particular days as we would like to have your feedback. If you would like to make use of this option please buy a ticket.

The school will be asking all those who have purchased a ticket for one or two days to fill out a feedback form which will be provided.

Middle School Spelling Bee



IMPORTANT CONTACT INFORMATION:

ATTENDANCE: Canadian-Attendance@afnorth-is.com or +31 (0)45 527 8391

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CAFETERIA MANAGER: DUYZINGSM@AAFES.COM

GUIDANCE COUNSELLOR: MARIA.LUNNEY@AFNORTH-IS.COM

DATES TO REMEMBER

Staff Day (no students)	20 Jan
Early out @ 14:00	16 Feb
Carnival Break	27 Feb—3 Mar
Early dismissal @ 14:00	7 Apr
Spring/Easter Break	10 –21 Apr
King's Day—No School	27 Apr
Ascension Day	25 May

Parents, please ensure your MS/HS student carries his/her bus pass at all times. In addition, students 14 and over wishing to go to the Teen Center on JFC need to have their NATO ID card, as all vehicles are subject to search, and all ID cards will be checked.



Please be aware that all our Middle School teachers are away on this field trip. There is no supervision at school for students who do not attend. If your student does not attend the trip, he/she will have to stay home.

AFNORTH Middle School Parent/Sponsor Permission for a Study Trip

AFNORTH MHS is planning a study trip that will involve students in activities away from the school premises. The trip complements our curriculum and is based on instructional objectives. The trip has been carefully planned and will be made under the supervision of SE/MS school staff. Your son/daughter is invited to participate. Information about the trip is provided below.

Description of Study Trip: **"Technopolis"**

Date(s) of Trip: Feb. 1, 2017, Wednesday

Educational Purpose of Trip: Enhance the study of 21st Century skills, MS Science Standards

Itinerary: Students will travel to the Technopolis Museum in Mechelen, Belgium, the hands on science museum which allows students to interactively explore many different concepts in science, mechanics, physics and technology.

Mode of Transportation: Bus and walking

Estimated Departure Time: 0910

Estimated Return Time: 1630 Parents will need to pick up their students at AIS. We will notify the school when we depart and we will again notify the school when we are a ½ hour from arrival. You will be able to call the guards for information. 0031-45-5278388

Sack Lunch **Required:** XXXX Yes You must bring a sack lunch to eat in their lunchroom. One drink will be provided in the lunchroom. (No Energy Drinks, NO GUM) – Electronics are permitted on the bus, but only cameras are allowed in the building.

Expenses Needed: 8.50 Euros per person. We will NOT be shopping. This is a Middle School grade field trip only.

Other Information: This money is due on or before Jan. 26, 2017 Thursday. Appropriate clothing for being outside and walking. NO LATE PERMISSION SLIPS ACCEPTED.

Parent/Sponsor- Please complete this form, sign it, and return it promptly. Return to Mr. Wilson (6), Mr. Padron (7), and Mrs. Seitz (8) by Jan. 26, 2017, Thurs. along with the 8.50 Euros.

* Mr. Thomas (6), Ms. Dallaire (7), Mr. Lafleur (8) - Can. Section

Parent/Sponsor Name: _____
(Printed)

Work Unit: _____

_____ I give permission for my child (full name of student) _____ to take part in the study trip described above.
(Printed)

_____ I do not wish my child (full name of student) _____ to take part in the study trip described above.
(Printed)

Date: _____ Parent/Sponsor Signature: _____

Home Address: _____

Duty Phone: _____ Home Phone: _____

Name of Emergency Contact: _____ Phone: _____
(Printed)

_____ I will volunteer to be a chaperone. PLEASE NOTE: AFNORTH MH School children only on the trip. An AMHS staff member will confirm your participation as a chaperone and answer any questions that you may have.

AIS College Night 2017

Tues., Jan. 24th from 17:00 – 19:00 in Cafeteria

Schools to be represented include:

University of Nevada, Las Vegas (UNLV)

Northern Arizona University

University of North Texas

East Carolina University

South Carolina State University

Ecole Hôtelière de Lausanne

Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University

Howard University

Trinity Washington University

Bethel University

Florida State University

University of West Florida

University of Wisconsin-Madison

Penn State

International Business School of Barcelona ESEI

Maastricht University

UNC Pembroke

University of Maryland University College

UMUC NTC

Abilene Christian University

University of Oklahoma

University of Wyoming

Educational Organizations:

Schinnen Education Center and GK Education Center

Scholarship Organization:

American Spouses' Club

****Embry-Riddle presentation in VTC room (B1.1) at 18:00****

*****Food sales for the general public and "Green" Room with snacks for the representatives!*****