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Guidance Corner

Dear Parents

As 2017 comes to a close, I would like to thank the AIS students, parents and staff for the many ways that you contribute to the spirit and vibrancy of our school community. Whether it be your participation and cheerleading for sports teams, signing up for the Geography Bee or the upcoming Improv games (see flyer page 6) , recommending new clubs, volunteering at the Christmas Fayre or assisting one another with homework and assignments, we are grateful.

At this time, I would like to extend warm holiday wishes to all of you. Enjoy the well-deserved break and see you in the New Year!

All the best,

Ms Lunney



AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Attention to all middle school students that have signed up for the after school clubs, beginning after the fall break. The sessions are listed below.

Floor Hockey– Wednesdays

Improv/Drama– Thursdays

Christmas crafts– Thursdays

There will be no clubs on Wednesday, December 13, as it is an early dismissal day. The last day of clubs will be Wednesday, December 20.

Please remind your child to sign up for the after activity bus BEFORE 14:00 every time. If they are not signed up for the bus (and other arrangements have not been made) , they will not be allowed to participate in the activity.

ATTENDANCE POLICY:

We request you notify our offices by email or telephone by 9:00. Absences will be excused after receipt of the parent's email or phone call. **Please use only the following email to report absences: Canadian-attendance@afnorth-is.com.**

When a Middle school/High school student will be absent for 3 consecutive days or more, the parent must complete and sign a Preplanned Absence Form at least a week before the absence. This form can be downloaded from the [web site](#) or picked up from the office.

The student will collect homework assignments from all of his/her teachers and the principal's approval / signature. The student/parent will provide the office with a copy of the

STUDENTS ARE NOT PERMITTED TO LEAVE THE SCHOOL WITHOUT AN EMAIL OR PHONE CALL FROM PARENTS AHEAD OF THE EVENT!

IMPORTANT CONTACT INFORMATION:

ATTENDANCE: canadian-attendance@afnorth-is.com or +31 (0)45 527 8201

GENERAL OFFICE MS/HS: jolaine.thibodeau@afnorth-is.com or +31 (0)45 527 8201

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CONTACT THE OFFICE FOR CAFETERIA RELATED QUESTIONS AND ISSUES



DATES TO REMEMBER

Early dismissal @ 14:00	13 December
Early dismissal @ 12:25	22 December
Christmas break	25 Dec—5 Jan
No school for Middle and High school students	19 January
Early dismissal	9 February
Carnival break	12-16 February
Early dismissal	23 March
Easter break	26 March—6 April

Parent Connection

Weekend Fun

Looking for a weekend family outing? Take advantage of the Christmas markets and events around Germany, Netherlands and Belgium. I have attached in the email the information on the timings and locations.

School: An everyday thing

Make sure your child knows you expect them to attend school every day, even if she's "too tired" or "needs a break". Review the school attendance policy together and discuss acceptable reasons to be absent (illness, family events). All information can be found on the [website](#).

Tip: Point out that even missing one day can lead to lots of make-up work-that might make it less appealing to miss class time.

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Stay on top of math

Since each new math concept builds on previous ones, it's important for your middle grader to keep up. These strategies can help.

■ **Work backward.** When she's not sure how to approach a homework problem, suggest that she look for a similar problem that's already solved in her book or online. By starting with the answer, she could do the sample problem in reverse to see how each step led to the solution.

■ **Pinpoint mistakes.** Encourage your child to pay careful attention when teachers go over returned assignments and tests. That way, she can learn where she made errors and how to correct them. If she's still confused, she should arrange to meet with her teacher. 👍



Worth quoting

"The important thing is not to stop questioning" Albert Einstein

You are invited to an

IMPROV MATCH



GRADE 7 VS GRADE 8

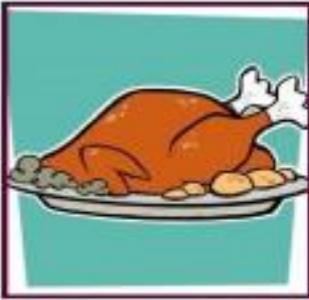
WHAT: Improv match between grade 7th and grade 8th

WHY: To celebrate the Improv Club
and the beginning of the holiday season

WHO: All Middle School Students and their parents

WHERE: In the cafeteria

WHEN: Wednesday, December 20th, 14h00



AFNORTH CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

THURSDAY DECEMBER 21ST

Celebrate the holidays with a delicious catered meal including turkey, potatoes, gravy, peas, carrots and dessert



Tickets are €4 each and can be purchased at your National Office or the Business Office from December 6th—13th.



Parents are welcome to join us. **PLEASE BUY YOUR TICKETS EARLY, NO TICKETS WILL BE SOLD AFTER DECEMBER 13th**

We will have a donation box available in the Cafeteria for charity. We will donate the proceeds of the donations/luncheon to a children's charity in India.

Elementary Children-Please place the money in a sealed envelope labeled Christmas lunch with your child's name and the number of tickets you would like to purchase.

The cafeteria will only serve the Christmas lunch, so students must purchase tickets or bring a lunch from home.

If you have any further questions, please contact your National Office.



Dear Parents,

On behalf of all of us in the Canadian section, I would like to wish you a wonderful holiday season with all the joys that family and friends can bring. Best wishes for a happy new year. We're looking forward to working with you again in 2018.

