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Parent-Teacher Conferences

Children do better in school when parents get involved. Attending parent–teacher conferences is one way to be involved and help your child succeed.

A parent–teacher conference is a great opportunity to:

- * discuss your child's progress
- * share your child's strengths and needs
- * work with the teacher to help your child do well in school

The Basics

Parent–teacher conferences happen twice a year. They're brief meetings, lasting about 10–20 minutes. NAIS set aside specific dates and times for conferences, but if they conflict with your schedule, try to find another time that works. If you can't make it into school, ask your child's teacher if you can schedule a phone conference instead.

Before the Conference

Some parents track their child's schoolwork and progress and already know what they need to talk about with the teacher. If not, in the weeks ahead of a conference, check in with your child about how they're doing on homework and in each subject. Review homework and any recent projects, tests, quizzes, report cards, or progress reports. Write down questions or topics you'd like the conference to cover.

During the Conference

Teachers meet with parents in back-to-back meetings. At the meeting, remember to make the most of this time by focusing on your child's learning, take notes and get contact information from the teacher and ask what the best form of contact is.

After the Conference

To follow up after the meeting contact the teacher if needed with any questions you didn't have time to ask.

Remember that you and your child's teacher have the same goal: To help your child succeed in school.

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Life at NAIS

Elementary School Kindergarten & Grade 1



Kindergarten and Grade 1 at NAIS is a magical time for young children. Building upon the strong foundation of each child, the children are engaged daily in strong curriculum, arts, and other enriching activities. The change that happens in Kindergarten and 1st Grade at NAIS is astounding!

A day in the life of a Kindergartener & 1st Grader at NAIS includes a balanced program that teaches literacy, phonics, high frequency words, fluency, and comprehension to name a few. Writing skills are also learned.

The Kindergarten & 1st Grade math program includes sorting, patterns, numbers, the calendar, time, measurement, money, addition and subtraction, shapes and problem solving. They learn these concepts in more depth and in such a way that is meaningful in their world.

Throughout the day, children are enriched with science and a study of cultures.





Life at NAIS

Elementary School

Grades 2 – 5



Life in Elementary School is pretty fantastic! Students continue to enjoy time with their classmates and primary teachers as well as continuing to interact with special subject teachers throughout their day. From Book Club in the first grade to the second grade play, from pen pals in third grade to research papers in four & fifth grade. Students begin to take on more and more responsibility and grow as independent thinkers and learners.

The Elementary School day is a busy one but continues to emphasize exploration, connection, compassion and community.

Field trips also play a key role in creating an authentic inter-curriculum experience for our students. Understanding more about the world around them provide our students an opportunity to comprehend and apply concepts they are learning about in the classroom.

Kindergarten – Grades 1-5 recently visited the Ann van Dyk Cheetah Centre in Brits. Our students had a wonderful time.



Life at NAIS

Elementary School

Grade 2 & 3

Math lesson-tally marks-car colors.



Group work and practical measuring.



Reading and writing.



Life at NAIS

Elementary School

Grade 4

Healthful Living on the benefits and challenges of group work.



Master chef.

Our students had to split up in teams and work together to create some unforgettable dishes. They did not disappoint. It was delicious!



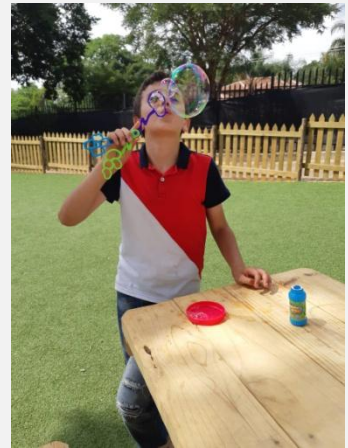
Life at NAIS

Elementary School

Grade 5



Bubble Science Experiment.



Examples of states of matter: solid, liquid and gas.



Math Lesson



French Lesson



Life at NAIS

Middle School

Grades 6 - 8

The Middle School expands on the recurring themes of community, culture, confidence, compassion, and continuity from the Elementary School curriculum. Building on the strength of program from the Elementary School, Middle School students continue to grow in their analytical and critical thinking skills as well as continue to develop their fine art skills.

Middle School students focus on four **core subject areas: Language Arts, Math, Science, and Social Studies**. Students also study **Art, Spanish, French or Arabic, Music, IT, and Physical Education**.

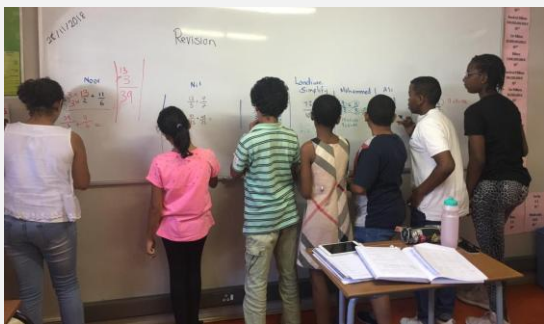
Grade 6 & 7



Art – making a Rooster



Solving some Math problems



Teamwork



Life at NAIS

Middle School

Grades 8

School life is a better life. School life is a very enjoyable experience. There is a lot of fun and education which acquire ethical principles of life.

Math Time



Spanish class



PE Class



Life at NAIS

High School

Grades 9 - 12

High School life. Probably the happiest time of your lives. High School is a place where young teens mature and learn responsibility. It is a place where students get trained to take on bigger challenges in life. Teachers will usually have higher academic expectations. They want to help you get into college; in return, they expect you to work hard and improve your skills.

English class with Ms. Smith



PE Class



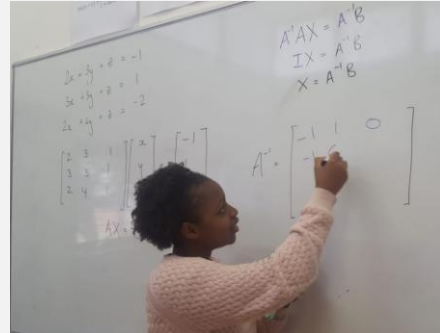
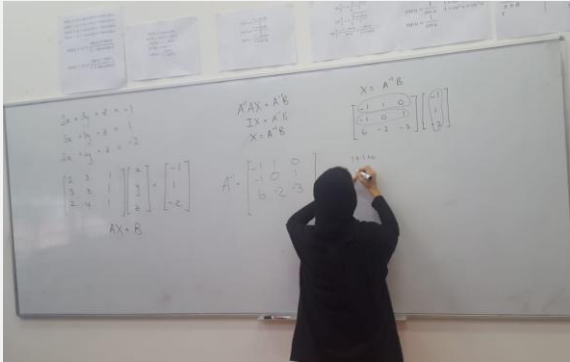
Getting ready for class with
Mr. Olivier



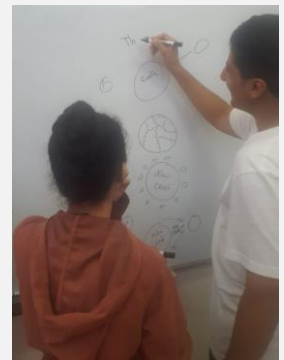
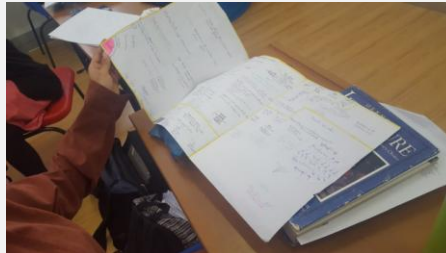
Life at NAIS

High School

Solving problems in Pre-Calculus



Earth Science students summarizing a lesson



Chemistry experiment





School Life

School is a daily routine for us.
In the morning, we're sure to make a fuss.
Even when the sun is still not up,
Here we are, awake at 6am sharp.

We feel that school is such a bore.
We feel that school is such a chore.
Parents say, "School's great! Now, go!"
We say, "Well, what do you know?"

Late a minute and we have to run.
Eyes half open, shoelaces undone.
We reach school and we see our friends.
Immediately, the torture ends.

We have a chat and go with the flow.
Then the bell rings; it is time to go.
We may at times find school stressful.
To have some fun, we have to bend some rules.

Teachers teach us and give us a helping hand.
They're forever ready to listen and be a friend.
They have built much confidence in us.
Just not when they are being really harsh.

Over the years of education,
Never have we had so much learning with action,
Such as camps, experiments, and activities.
We've learned so much and even saved some trees.

A wise teacher once said aloud -
Success is failure turned inside out,
So stick to the fight when you're hardest hit.
Rest if you must, but don't you quit.

Some may see school as a torture chamber.
Some cannot wait for the holidays in December,
But it depends on how we look at school.
Honestly, positively, school is cool!





Important Dates

21 March: Human Rights Day – No School

29 March : Parent-Teacher Conference Day

Birthdays

15 March – Mr. Bernard Snyman

19 March - Ms. Ellen Stewart



Upcoming Dates in April

18 April – May 01: Autumn Break

Birthdays

23 April - Ms. Xidi Somoza



EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES PHOTOS

Swimming



Ballet



NAIS KIDS

