

BAIS Note from the Guidance Counselor

Testing. It's a term that we hear a lot, especially around schools. Why do we test? What's the purpose of it?

Well, let's look into it. We use MAP Testing results as a tool for teachers to know how to better serve and educate students in the classroom. Those results will also help us prepare students for the next grades and the next standards they will be learning. We as a staff are always wanting to prepare students for what comes next. Those MAP Test results lead students into being better prepared for university admissions tests like the SAT or ACT test.

Another way we prepare students to be ready for the SAT is by using the PSAT. The PSAT is offered to students in grades 8, 9 and 10. This is the preliminary or practice version of the SAT, with questions asked on their grade level. Students in these grades will have the opportunity to take the PSAT during the second semester. Please keep your eyes open for that information.

In 11th grade the school provides a test called the Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test or known as the PSAT/NMSQT. This test is designed for students in the first semester of their 11th grade year. We want all 11th and 12th graders to be ready and comfortable with the SAT when it comes time for them to take university entrance tests.

Some of the benefits of this test are for students to understand what the testing environment will look like on test day. They will feel more comfortable and confident using the paper Scantron answer sheets, otherwise known as "fill in the bubbles". They will understand the time constraints of each section of the test, along with understanding how to follow the spoken directions given to them during the proctoring of the test. Another great benefit is that students will see that they are meeting the benchmark of their grade level.

OCTOBER	
2	SAT Test
9	ACT Test
13	NMSQT/PSAT Test (11 th Grade)
14	1 st Quarter Ends/Half Day
15-20	Mid Semester Break
21	Second Quarter Begins
29	Elementary Report Cards Go Home
NOVEMBER	
4	Parent Teacher Conferences (03:00pm – 07:00pm)
5	Parent Teacher Conferences (08:00am – 12:00pm) – NO SCHOOL
19	Mid Quarter Grades on PS
24	Half Day
25-26	Thanksgiving Holiday

As I've spoken with current 12th graders about their PSAT/NMSQT experience, JunHa Kang said, "I like how the PSAT gives you an estimate of your SAT score." Maelgwyn Hallatu said, "Taking the PSAT prepared me for what to expect during the SAT. The SAT just had harder questions."

Thank you,

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BAIS FACILITIES USE

As part of the new normal, after October 4th, BAIS will allow the use of its facilities (swimming pool, sports court, and soccer field) without the need to book a reservation. Please remember the following:

- Facilities are for BAIS family only (BAIS students, siblings, parents, and BAIS staff).
- All health protocols must be followed.
- Priority will be given to the BAIS Activities Department.
- We will re-evaluate the facilities usage at the end of October.



The poster features the BAIS logo at the top left, with the text "Bandung Alliance Intercultural School". The main title "AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS" is in large white letters. Below it, "LIMITED SPACE AVAILABLE*" is written in smaller white text. A list of activities is provided: Badminton, Basketball, Battle of the Books, Bicycling, Fit and Fun, Pickleball, Running, and Swimming. To the right of the list are circular icons representing each activity: a person badmintoning, a basketball, an open book, a person on a bicycle, a badminton racket, a person running, a heart with a pulse line, a person swimming, a basketball, and a pickleball with a paddle. At the bottom, it says "Stay tuned for more information!" and a small note: "*WE ARE LIMITING TO 8-10 STUDENTS/CLUB".

SUBSTITUTE TEACHER INQUIRY

Are you interested in serving as a substitute teacher at BAIS? We are looking for qualified candidates within our BAIS parent community to help cover occasional classroom teaching needs as they arise. Please visit [this link](#) to submit an application. After submitting the form, you will be notified via email by a member of our office team regarding the status of your application, along with details about compensation. Please note that the submission of this application does not indicate your acceptance as a substitute.

Together,

BAIS Administration Team