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Subject: Winter Vacation and other important Information

Dear Valued Parents,

Greetings from the Al Ain Juniors School!

We hope that you all are keeping well and are in good health.

We are extremely pleased to come to the satisfactory completion of the current academic term and wish to thank you all for your understanding and cooperation in going through these difficult times to continue to impart un-interrupted education to your wards.

The previous few weeks of this term have been quite eventful with the bi-annual and extensive IRTHIQUA INSPECTION from ADEK followed with the 50th UAE NATIONAL DAY celebrations and concluding with the end-of-term exams.

IRTHEQUA INSPECTIONS FROM ADEK

We are glad to share the following positive feedback received during the recent IRTIQUAA INSPECTION from ADEK. Some of the positive observations conveyed by the inspection team are

- High student achievement in CBSE Grade 10 & 12 /Cambridge board exams for IGCSE, AS and A levels.
- Good performance by our students in International bench mark exams like ASSET exams in Indian System/GL Assessment in British Curriculum for Grades 3 to 9 were the indicators of positive growth.
- Students were observed to be confident in articulating opinions. They are self-reliant in leading the morning assemblies, special events like thematic month activities.
- Subject knowledge and consistent planning are few among many strengths of teachers in AJS.
- Strategies to minimize the emergence of challenging behaviors and recognize appropriate student behaviors are fundamental to the school's behavior management system. Student attendance is above 95% and rated as outstanding.
- Leaders have a clear vision, direction and are committed to UAE priorities. The caring, collaborative spirit induced by the leaders with partnership with parents and community have brought a school-wide positive atmosphere.

The final report is expected to be received from ADEK soon.

50TH UAE NATIONAL DAY CELEBRATIONS

As UAE has completed the Golden Jubilee since its formation, we at Al Ain Juniors school are equally proud to complete more than THREE DECADES (32 years) since inception and for contributing to the growth of this great country.

The 50th National Day events celebrated in our school have once again demonstrated the incredible strength of our special and diverse community. Students and staff have produced inspiring works of art expressing their love and pride of the UAE and our school community came together to celebrate the historic occasion of the Golden Jubilee in our unique way. As we all understand that learning to love is a prerequisite to have love of learning, AJ school culture collectively nurtures both. Thank you for your part in nurturing your wards for bringing joy into our classrooms each and every day.

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As we now move into the long-awaited Winter Break, Kindly note the following important information.

- **VACATION SCHEDULE FOR A.Y. 2021 – 2022:**

Please see below important dates about the vacation schedule:

Holiday or Vacation for Students	Last working day for students	Holiday Break Dates	School reopening day on
Winter Vacation	Thursday 9th December 2021	12th to 30th December 2021	Monday 3 rd January 2022

Note: Spring and Summer schedules will shared as soon as we receive necessary guidelines from ADEK for making necessary adjustments.

- **SCHOOL OFFICE TIMING DURING WINTER VACATION**

➤ **School Office Timing (From 12th to 30th Dec'21) - 8:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.** (Sunday to Thursday).
School safety guidelines will apply.

➤ **School Fees** - We highly commend the parents who kept their fee payment record up to date and have paid all their dues on time.

➤ **Modes of Payment:** Those who are still having fee dues, kindly pay and clear all dues through the following methods

1) Nexopay app, 2) Bank transfer, and 3) On-site transaction

Parents of the students with **Fee Dues** are requested to clear before 30th December 2021 (Thursday) to avoid the following consequences:

- Term 1 report card will not be issued.
- Tuition Services will be suspended till the outstanding amount is paid in full from **10 January 2022.**

- PLEASE IGNORE IF ALREADY PAID.

- **REVISED WORK WEEK & WEEK-ENDS FROM JAN'21:**

We would like to share the following initial announcement from ADEK about the new work week. The UAE government and the Department of Education and Knowledge (ADEK) have changed the work week to become 4 and a half days effective from **1 January 2022**. The half working day will be on Friday while the new weekend will be on Saturday and Sunday.

This change will be applicable to all schools in Abu Dhabi.

We will be sending a circular with more details in the next few days.

As you are aware of the UAE Govt decision about the changes in the new Work Weeks and week-ends effective 1st Jan'22, we are working closely with ADEK and authorities to provide arrangements of revised school timings which are best suited for the school and the parents.

Revised changes in school timings and other related details will be notified to you as soon as possible, once we get approval from authorities.

- **WINTER HOLIDAY ASSIGNMENTS:**

The details of the winter assignments are provided by your respective class teachers. Different activities have been planned for each grade level. Students are requested to complete the set task and submit it to their respective teachers according to their assigned deadlines.

BLUE SCHOOLS INITIATIVE:

As communicated earlier, we would like to remind parents of the important benefits that the school and students can have when we reach the “BLUE TIER” level. Which is achieved when more than 85% of its students are fully vaccinated.

- Physical Distancing: Physical distancing will be removed for students and hence all students can attend school every day.
- Remove masks outdoors for students
- Field Trips: All field trips are allowed
- Events & Extra-curricular Activities
- All events are permitted (school assemblies and graduation ceremonies etc)
- Inter-school extra-curricular activities with other “BLUE” schools (i.e. sport tournaments, competitions etc)

Currently, the school is on a **Yellow Tier level** as we have just over 50% of students physically attending the school are vaccinated. It is our aim to reach the **Blue Tier level** (85% or more). We highly encourage parents to be proactive in getting the COVID vaccine administered for your children so that they are better protected and they can fully enjoy the vaccination privilege in the school.

On behalf of Al Ain Juniors School, we wish to express our warmest gratitude to all the parents for the incredible support given to us this entire term and earlier.

Wish you all happy & safe holidays and a very Happy New Year 2022.

Best Wishes
AJS Administration