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SUBJECT: YEAR END CIRCULAR

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Dear Valued Parent,

Summer time is at its peak! We are going to culminate our school year with student involvement into preparing themselves for the Baseline assessments that will happen in the first month after the school reopens. We thank you for your support and cooperation and we will be starting a fresh our **28th Academic session on 10th September, 2017.**

Looking Back & Forward

What has happened so far?

Academics: We are moving forward with the reaffirmed vision of “**nurturing our young people to be achievers of extraordinary determination, who set right goals in areas of education, morality, attitude, and ethics and values.**”. This year we embarked with measuring of students learning outcomes in relation to Student Competence framework that extends the tradition and strengths of the school and that responds to needs of integrating competences and values into our teaching and learning. Our school curriculum has gone through remarkable school-based developments for the upcoming academic year. This is aimed at providing a holistic curriculum of secondary education to meet the needs of the future.

Our goal for our school is that our students acquire the values and life skills essential to live and to serve in tomorrow’s world. During the current academic year, there have been many changes in curriculum design and pedagogies responding to the situation. Strategies of special groupings are employed in Languages, Mathematics and other subject areas to cater for the full range of needs. Many teachers used their spare time to organize make-up lessons and CARE sessions to take care of individual students’ learning needs. We give our heartfelt appreciation to each one of them for their professional dedication. We also thank the CONNECT PARENT TEAM for their participation and feedback towards school improvement. In view of the increasing number of students with special educational needs (SEN), a SEN team has been formed this school year and a SEN teacher has been appointed to cater to the needs of SEN students.

Children to Children - Our Sports day theme was in line with the **Year of Giving initiative**, our student body participated by donating sports gears and equipment via the Red Crescent .

School wide Student led conference was held to allow students to share their work, learning goals, achievements demonstrating ownership and responsibility for their learning. The purpose of student-led conferences is to open the eyes of students to their own learning and to help them take personal responsibility for their progress.

Hosted Inter school Arabic competition – showcasing student’s excellence in Arabic language. About 10 schools participated and AJB grabbed the overall champion’s trophy.

Math and Physics Quiz Contests – intra school quiz contests ensured our students remain always ahead of the rest in terms of intellectual and cognitive development.

Youth Earth Summit – students participated in the summit and presented their school action plan on being a sustainable school.

Eco Summit - students participated in the summit and presented the school audits and projects on sustainability

Abu Dhabi Reads – school conducted Mannequin Challenge to create awareness among students about the importance of reading and also hosted its annual Reading Restaurant – Inviting parental cooperation in strengthening students reading habits and introducing new authors and books.

Innovation week – was conducted to bring out students scientific, inquiry, literacy and art skills and talents

AJMUN – was hosted to allow mock committees discuss and understand the global issues

Scratch competition - The programming competition gave our students an opportunity to apply their innovative thinking skills to create a variety of applications including (but not limited to) educational games, science and cultural apps, mobile and web-based tools: all for learning purposes.

International Collaboration: Grades 5 & 6 collaborated on a British council project with a international school in INDIA – on wastage of food/importance of saving food.

“100 days of positive education”: The school has successfully implemented and will continue with the initiative of Ministry of happiness with various activities. The objective of the initiative is to instill positive education practices in schools.

School wide Behaviour Program:

We sincerely thank all our parents of Grades 1 to 9 for attending the parent engagement evenings conducted throughout the year on the above subject. We dearly appreciate your feedback and support in bringing about the amendments in our discipline and behaviour policy. School has seen growing positive impact on student behaviour and conduct.

What is to come?

Academic: Our students will be working on various curricular projects, enrichment events & activities throughout the year that will be initiated from September 2017. Students will have ample opportunities to participate and utilize skills learnt during lessons.

Council of Happiness- We will be introducing the Council of Happiness to our already existing student councils, which were established this year and hope to improve on the students' happiness quotient in the school and during their lessons.

International Collaboration: Grade 3 & 4 students shall collaborate with an international school in India on a project OUR CULTURE. The aim of the project is to familiarize the learners with various aspects of the cultural heritage of a country (UAE, Sudan, Egypt, Pakistan, Srilanka, Philippines, India etc.

Moral Education Program: In line with UAE's national agenda, MEP- moral education program will be rolled out from September for KG to Grade 9. Forty minutes per week will be dedicated in the timetable towards helping our children learn range of important values which will further enhance their holistic development

Teaching & Learning: For academic year 2017-18- Digital Resources will be introduced for English & Math to support our students' needs in learning. School is investing in **Collins** and **Math space** digital resources to impact on student attainment and progress.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Final Report Cards – Grades 1 to 9 and collection of miscellaneous certificates and other documents

You have been made aware from time to time, that as per the ministry rules (with effect from 2012-13) the final report cards are issued through **ADEC eSIS** (Enterprise Student Information System) and would show an average of all three assessment components of the all three terms for Grades 1 to 8. For grade 9 school based forecast marks will be issued.

1. First time entries for Subjects for the CIE Examinations for Grades 9 to 11, should submit the Entry form before July 4, 2017.

Entry Forms are available at the Front Office from 18th June, 2017.

2. Results for the CIE Examination, May/June 2017, will be available online on 10th August, 2017. Login Ids are available at Student Affairs from 18th June, 2017.

In view of summer vacation approaching fast, we request the parents to collect and avail themselves in procuring the following documents before the school closes.

1. Bonafide certificate for the purpose of passport/visa renewal
2. T.C. if the student has to leave the country during the summer vacation
3. **To Confirm the student enrolment for AY 2017/2018:**
 - Clear all fee dues (2016-17)
 - **Registration fees : to confirm the students enrollment for AY 2017/2018**
 - Submit the Updated expired Emirates ID (EID)
 - Submit the Premises ID (PID)

Open House (Grade 1 to Grade 9) is scheduled on Wednesday, 5th July 2017 between **8:30 am to 10:30 am.**

SCHOOL FEES AND DOCUMENTATION: We highly commend and are grateful to the parents who kept their mandatory documentation (EID/PID) up to date and have paid all their dues on time.

The parents of the students with lapses in submission of mandatory documents (EID/PID) and pending fee are asked to clear them before 22nd June 2017 to avoid the following consequences.

- The results (Report Cards) for 2016-2017 will not be released to the relevant students.
- Any official letters from school – payment invoice, bona-fide letters, conduct certificate etc. will not be issued.
- Annual fee, books & uniform fee will not be collected from such parents.
- Such students may not be promoted and may be removed from the school with notification to the **Ministry /ADEC**, who will not allow document and fee defaulters to join any other school, until the dues are settled in the previous school.

Kindly take serious note of the above and cooperate.

Summer Vacation The last day of school from **Grades 1 to 9 and 11 & 12** will be **Thursday 22nd June 2017**. Students of **Grades 1 to 12** will report back to school on **Sunday 10th September 2017**

INFORMATION FOR NEW ACADEMIC YEAR 2017-18

School Office Closure and Opening: School Office will close for summer break from 7th July 2017 to 2nd September 2017. The school office will commence work for the new academic year on 3rd September 2017.

Office timing from 2nd July 2017 to 6th July 2017 – 8:00 am – 2:00 pm

School Timings: Grades 1 to 12 - 7:30 a.m. to 1:50 p.m. Kindergarten - 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Bus Transport: If your child is availing the bus transport facility, the school will contact you informing the bus number, driver and the bus supervisor of your child during the first week of September.

House Colours: AJB takes many statistics into consideration in determining the house colours of the students. This is in order to keep a proper balance of the numbers of male and female students and their age ranges within the four houses of the school. Therefore, we strongly discourage parents from requesting changes in house colours of the students as well.

New Class Lists: The new class lists will be available in school in the first week of September, as parents come to school for the books and uniforms. The class lists are made giving careful consideration to the demographic details, the number of boys and girls in a class (from KG to Gr.12), students' learning styles and learning aptitudes. AJS recruits the best possible teachers after a screening process by the Human Resources and Academic departments and we believe that learning happens through good student centered teaching and not through a preferred teacher. Therefore, we strongly advise you to abstain from making requests for change of sections. The decision of the school will remain final.

Baseline Assessment (for Grades 1 to 12): Students of all Grade levels are required to make a study schedule to revise their topics done in previous grade level for all the Core and compulsory subjects. The Baseline Assessment shall take place **from 17th to 21st Sept 2017** for **Grades 1 to 12**. These will be part of their formative assessments and impact on forecast grades and will facilitate target setting for students. This good practice will help the students to utilize their summer break in a focused manner and ultimately to do well in their class academically.

Note: **Please find Topics and details of Baseline assessments attached to this circular. Baseline Assessments should be taken with a serious mindframe to ensure enhancement in individual students' grades and learning targets.**

BOOKS / UNIFORM SALES DATES:

Kindly note these are tentative dates according to Eid Al Adha Holidays announced, confirmation SMS will be sent to you in August 2017.

AL AIN JUNIORS SCHOOL - British System					
Book and Uniform Sale Schedule for the academic year 2017-18					
Grade	Date	Day	Type of Sale	Timing	Venue
Kg to Grade 2	4/9/2017	Monday	Full Set Sales	8:00 am to 3.30 pm	Al Ain Juniors School Premises (AJS)
Grade 3 to 6	5/9/2017	Tuesday			
Grade 7 to 9	6/9/2017	Wednesday			
Grade 10 to 12	7/9/2017	Thursday			
	8/9/2017	Friday	Store will be closed		
Kg to Grade 2	9/9/2017	Saturday	Part Sale	8:00 am to 3.30 pm	Al Ain Juniors School Premises (AJS)
Grade 3 to 6	10/9/2017	Sunday		5:00 pm to 8.00 pm	
Grade 7 & 8	11/9/2017	Monday			
Grade 9 & 10	12/9/2017	Tuesday			
Grade 11 to 12	13/09/17	Wednesday			

**During vacation please contact: Ms. Diana, Focal Point Management Consultancy (FPMC), Al Ain
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Soliciting, your continued support and co-operation in carrying forward the great responsibility of your children's education. We look forward to meet and interact with you in the **New Academic Year. We pray for our country to continue to have stability, peace and success.**

Eid – Ul – Fitr Mubarak In Advance!

AJB Administration