



INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL ALTDORF

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Editorial

Dear Parents, Dear Students

In this latest edition of our periodic newsletter, we continue to update you on our efforts to support our students effectively.

We have already informed you of several initiatives we are undertaking to deepen the connections between the school and the community. These relationships will be strengthened through further measures within our academic programs and overall educational philosophy, all taken with an eye to our primary aim: to ensure our students can fulfil their academic and social potential and continue their studies at excellent universities.

Our teachers already devote significant attention to students, providing help and supervision for the various academic lessons, tasks and projects required to progress in our programs. However, given the International Baccalaureate's challenging nature, International School Aldorf is planning more presence and opportunities, during and after class, for academic support and non-academic activities. More details on these initiatives will be given in forthcoming newsletters and communications.

This is the last newsletter before the winter holidays. I am grateful to all students, parents, teachers, supervisors, administrators, and school management members who have worked hard during this first semester to make our school's and, most importantly, our students' progress possible.

On behalf of the entire school, I would like to extend our best wishes for the holidays as we look forward to the New Year.

Thank you again for your continuing support.

Sincerely yours,

Francesco Masetti Placci, PhD

Executive Dean



Academic

Exams

From 11th to 20th December our MYP 4 and 5 and DP1 students are having their end of semester exams. They have a special schedule which allows them to properly sit for these exams. The DP2 students are having lessons as normal while also having their Mock orals for languages.

The Academic team wish them all the best for these exams.

All students

Semester 1 will close on January 15th. We encourage students to use the time during their break to study and revise for the last assessments taking place during the week of January 8th.

Please take note of the following dates for the Winter Holiday Break:

- Wednesday, 21st December: Last day of School in 2023 (Half Day)
- Monday, 8th January: First day of School in 2024 (Full Day)

DP2 students

December 15th is the last deadline for the submission of the final Extended Essay. This is an Academic Essay mandatory for all full diploma students to achieve their IB diploma. The students have been working on it since March 2023. We are sure they will excel in our expectations.

CP 2 students

Their final deadline for the Reflective Project is fast approaching. This is a Core component mandatory for their completion of the CP. We encourage the students to work on it during their break so they will be able to meet this important deadline while also focusing on the other subjects.

University Counseling

Some of our students have already started receiving offers and acceptances from universities in the UK and USA. We would like to use the opportunity to congratulate them on their achievements.

Nicoletta Scalabrin and John Blake wish you



Health, Resilience and Well-being

Christmas Market Excursion

"On Saturday, we visited Christmas market in Zurich where more than 100 market stalls were assembled together to form a lively Christmas village next to the spectacular Opera House. I am afraid the weather has gotten in our way, but the beautiful set ups, especially the lights in dark, and the Christmas vibes compensated everything".

Author: Csaba Szasz

Our News Campus-Fitness Partner

A student's overall well-being is of course linked to their mental and physical health. In our ongoing commitment to elevate, improve, and inspire our students toward an enhanced state of well-being, we are excited to introduce a new dimension to our fitness offerings.

While we already offer excellent outdoor facilities and a dedicated dance room on campus, we are taking a significant step forward by partnering with fitness experts. Starting January 2024, we proudly present 'update Fitness Altdorf' as our official Campus Fitness Club, extending a complimentary one-month full membership to both students and staff. This introductory period will allow us to carefully monitor the participation levels and pave the way for long-term promotion of overall fitness activities.

Collaborating with update Fitness instructors and our own specialists, students can also enjoy up to one PE class per week in their state-of-the-art facilities conveniently located within our higher education Campus in Altdorf. This initiative ensures our students are introduced to the world of fitness under the careful guidance of experienced professionals.

As we venture into 2024, our aim is to enrich every level of the global well-being of our students and team alike.

Author: R. Max Behesht

Admissions

Farewell, Adieu and Uf Wiederluege

Dear students, parents and colleagues,

It is with a heavy heart to inform you that I am leaving our school. The past four years at the school have given me the opportunity to meet students and families from all over the world and be a part of their amazing journey! What a privilege it has been! I have learned so much from all of you, and I feel incredibly fortunate and thankful for the experience. I would like to give special thanks to Luke, who has always been supportive and whose guidance over the years has been invaluable, and to the rest of the school team for their commitment and special care for our students and parents.

To all my students: focus on your studies (there is a time for everything in life). You have been given this opportunity by your parents and it is not to be taken for granted. Work hard and work towards your goals. Stay resilient, persevere, and have grit grit grit!! You all rock!

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My last day is Friday, December 15th. I wish you all happy upcoming holidays and all the best for 2024!

Big hug

/ Maria

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