

Thursday, January 9, 2020

## Important Dates / Upcoming Events

### Monday, January 13

- New School Campus

Information Session @ 6:00 PM

-School Advisory Council Meeting @ 6:30 PM

### Tuesday, January 21

- Last day of Term 1 classes for Grades 7-12

### Sunday, February 2

- First day of Term 2, report cards go home

### Tuesday, February 4

- Parent/Teacher Interviews

### BAQ Uniform Policy Reminder

Please note that black jackets or sweaters are not part of the BAQ uniform, only navy can be worn. No hoodies are permitted.

### New Campus Information Session & School Advisory Council Meeting

Mr. Ashok Kumar, Managing Director of Globeducate Asia will be holding an information session at BAQ on Monday, January 13 @ 6:00 PM. Depending on the number of attendees, this meeting may be held outside, so please dress accordingly.

This session will allow Parents the opportunity to ask questions regarding the new facility. Following this session, there will be a School Advisory Council meeting in which we encourage all parents to attend as new Executive (Chair & Secretary) will be elected and there may also be other agenda items to discuss. If you have any items you would like added to the agenda, please forward to email [admin@blythacademyqatar.com](mailto:admin@blythacademyqatar.com) as soon as possible.

### Upcoming Important Exam Information (Please refer to email sent Wednesday, January 9)

- All exams start at 8:00 am sharp. Please arrive at school by 7:30 am.
- Please provide written permission for your child(ren) to leave the campus when they finish writing their exam.

JANUARY 2020 EXAM SCHEDULE				
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
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5	6	7	8 Grade 12 marks due	9
12	13	14 ELA 30-1 Part A	15 SOC 30-1 Part A	16
19	20	21	22 Grades 7-9: Social Studies Math 20-1/20-2 ELA 20-1 Part A	23 Grades 7-9: ELA ELA 10-1 Part A Social Studies 20-1 Math 30-1
26 Grades 7-9: Science Science 10 Chemistry 20 ELA 30-1 Part B	27 Grades 7-9: Math Social Studies 10-1 Math 10 Biology 20 Social 30-1 Part B	28 ELA 10-1 Part B ELA 20-1 Part B BIO 30	29 CHEM 30	30 PHY 30  Grades 7-11 marks due

## Debate Madness is December (Grade 5)

Who says madness is only in March! Grade 5 hosted a social studies debate using the March Madness elimination system. Pairs of 5th grade students debated until a winner was eventually determined. The issue - If all the national parks in Canada were going to be closed except one, argue the reasons to keep your chosen park open. Judges came from upper level class volunteers. Shout out to all the judges.

5th grade students have learned many lessons in ELA and Social studies leading up to this event including, land-forms and bodies of water, elements of a good argument, Canadian regions and national parks. Round after round you could see students honing their techniques and exercising their passion. Judges on several occasions had a hard time determining a winner. One debater even convinced her parents to postpone their winter break travel plans by a day so she would definitely be in school for the event. Now that's good arguing.

The winner was Amir Alkhateeb of 5B in a nail biting debate viewed by at least 30 people. But really, all participants, and even spectators, were winners that day.



## Fifth Grade Indian Culture Fair

Global Read Aloud is an initiative where students all around the world take six weeks to read the same book. Classes communicate about their experience with the book and what they are learning. This year's book was Bridge Home by T.V. Padma. A book set in Chennai India, the story is about two girls that run away from an abusive home. Grade 5 participated in GRA and to celebrate their enjoyment, at the conclusion of the read aloud they had an Indian Culture afternoon with traditional Indian food, sari wrapping, and book related games. "It was an amazingly popular experience for both classes and it was good to see the level of interest the students had." said Ms. Riggins, the 5B teacher. "We will definitely participate again."

### 5A student wrapped in a sari



### Senior Kindergarten Field Trip to the Museum of Islamic Art

The two SK classes had an enjoyable time at the Museum of Islamic Art. They were coached by a very knowledgeable Art teacher in copying a figure of a mouse. Later they enjoyed a meal at MIA park and posed in front of a rainbow.

