



PSI Inquirer

26th August 2011



Students arriving to school on their first day back!

Important dates for your diary:

30th August: PTA meeting 8:45 a.m. in the cafeteria

31st August: Secondary Fall Trip & Back to School meeting 3:00 p.m. in the Gym

3rd September: PTA Back to School Picnic, Newcomers' Information Fair 12:00 p.m. in the school garden

6th September: PTA Newcomers' Coffee Morning 10:00 a.m.

7th September: Kg - Gr 5 Back to School meeting 3:00 p.m.

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From the Director

Welcome

A very warm welcome to the 2011-12 school year! Yesterday the school opened its doors to all new and returning students and I am pleased to report that the day went remarkably smoothly, thanks largely to the terrific preparation work of our teaching and administrative staff as well as the enthusiasm brought to us by our children. I was genuinely touched by the friendliness and the obvious happiness of our families to be back at PSI.

This week we welcome 98 new students from 58 new families to the school. We will start the new academic year with over 440 students, which is the highest enrollment figure in PSI's history. We are working hard to ensure that new students and families feel welcomed and settled into their new school environment through the support and care provided by the teaching staff, admissions office and administration. As the "IB school of choice" in Kyiv, we aim to ensure that we make a positive impact in the life of every student through our community approach and challenging academic programmes.

Parents as Partners

The best education involves a strong partnership between school and parents. We encourage you to become actively involved with your child's education this year. Parents have a key role through being aware of their child's programme, teacher expectations, homework requirements and volunteering for class or school activities at every grade level. You will also find a very helpful table in this week's newsletter which provides information on how to contact the relevant member of staff on any school issue. Please check all dates in the newsletter and website as well as the programme guides being sent home through your child later today. We also expect to meet all parents at the Back to School Meetings being held during the next two weeks. This will be an excellent chance to talk with our teachers and find out more on the learning programmes for the year ahead.

We also urge parents to get involved with our Parent Teacher Association and its activities, beginning with next week's PTA meeting on Tuesday morning. Don't forget to mark your diaries for our PTA Back to School Picnic, combined with the Newcomers' Fair, which will take place next Saturday 3rd September. This is an informal picnic to renew or make new friendships with members of the wider PSI family. Our soccer field and play facilities will be open for games and fun!

New Bus System

One important change that we have introduced for 2011-12 is the improved bus system for students. Our new transport contractor will provide a high level of safety, comfort and reliability, operating with high quality Mercedes vehicles at a lower price compared to last year's service. The transport service is managed by our school Bus Programme Coordinator, Lilia Gotvyanska, and bus monitors have been trained to ensure that students are safely managed whilst riding the busses and during drop off and collection times. Please contact Lilia if you are interested in joining the PSI bus service or have any issue you would like to discuss concerning your child's arrangements. Her email address is lilya@psi.kiev.ua.

IB Exam Success

Finally, I am delighted to report that last year's senior class continued our fine record of recent IB examination success with a 93% pass rate in the IB Diploma. Twelve of the thirteen candidates entered for the IB Diploma achieved the passing mark of at least 24 points. This compares more than favorably with the pass rate of all IB schools worldwide, generally around 80%, and seems to confirm a continuing trend at our school. The average Diploma passing score for PSI students was 32 compared to the IB average of 29 points.

Worldwide comparison with all IB schools show that approximately 45% of the total number of candidates examined in all IB schools took the IB Diploma. In contrast, 92% of PSI Grade 12 students took the full Diploma, a clear indicator of the higher level of Diploma entries for this centre.

As our new IB Coordinator, Ms Maria Muniz, has written in her report to the PSI Board of Governors, "Last year's students and teachers must be congratulated on this hard-earned success and the considerable work that has gone into achieving key improvements over the past few years. The DP is the ultimate goal of all the IB programmes offered at PSI. Given the possibility it offers, of access to top class universities worldwide, advanced placement and scholarships by its very nature it has to be most rigorous and demanding. With this set of results, the entire community can be exceptionally proud of our achievements in the May 2011 session". In next week's newsletter we will be sharing the university destinations of last year's graduating class.

On behalf of the PSI staff and administration, we look forward to another positive and successful year of educating your children.

Sincerely,

Steven Calland-Scoble
Director

Home – School Communication 2011-12

If you have a question related to:	Person responsible:	Method of contact:
Classroom issues: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - progress of your child - class routines - schedule - homework 	Class teacher/Homeroom teacher	1. Email or call for appointment 2. Email Primary school office at: natashag@psi.kiev.ua 3. Email Secondary school office at: deborah@psi.kiev.ua
Whole school issues, policy and development, safety and security	Steven Scoble, Director	Phone Director's assistant for appointment or email: petah@psi.kiev.ua
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Primary School Teachers Email List 2011-12

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Grade	Class	Homeroom Teacher
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	6W	Karen Whitenack
Grade 7	7K	Stephanie Kilminster
	7P	Alexandra Pisniachevska
Grade 8	8F	Heath Fontes
	8C	James Cuthbert
Grade 9	9H	Daniel Holmstrom
	9K	Tony Knox
Grade 10	10K	Dorothy Knox
	10M	Wayne Mockett
Grade 11	11E	Ryan Evans
	11C	Martin Caruso
Grade 12	12D	Scott Depooter
	12F	Tricia Friedman

Secondary School Teaching Staff

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Learning Support Teaching Staff

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From the Primary School

After a summer of resting, travelling, playing and learning the PSI community is back in action! We have spent the last few weeks helping new teachers orient themselves to Kiev and our school. Mr. A, Mrs. A., Mr. Nonato, Ms. Rikki and Ms. Jenn are names you are going to be hearing a lot of this year – they are the Primary’s new teachers and they will be playing a vital role as we move the school forward. Mr. and Mrs. A (Rodger and Andrea Armistead) will be teaching fourth grade and kindergarten. Mr. Nonato, an experienced PYP teacher, will be working with students and teachers alike to enhance our units of inquiry with technology. Ms. Rikki joins us as the grade 4 and 5 EAL teacher and Ms. Jenn is the new librarian. I join you in welcoming them to our community!

One of the benefits of my long summer holiday is a chance to reconnect with family and friends from home, but it also gives me a chance to reflect on school without having to juggle many tasks and thoughts at the same time. What stood out in my mind throughout the summer was something a student said at the 5th grade moving up ceremony in June. This student, Tom, asked to speak (which is impressive enough) but what he said was amazing. He said the most powerful memory he takes from the Primary School is the importance of friendship.

The word “friendship” has many layers and in so many ways represents what we strive for at the Primary School. Of course, friendship means we have people who know us best and we enjoy being with. However, it also means we get along, we work well together and understand that learning from and with each other is a vital skill. The understanding of friendship also expands to being open-minded and appreciative of the diversity of the world around us. To accept all for who they are. This powerful word, “friendship”, is reflected in the internationally minded focus of the PYP and PSI. It permeates all our learning and playing, allowing PSI to be a place where we all belong!

Tatiana Lopukhin (Miss Tatz)
Primary Principal

From the Secondary School

Dear Parents:

Welcome back! I hope that you and your family had a restful and enjoyable summer holiday. On behalf of the teachers and support staff, let me say that we're happy to see your children again and to begin another great school year at PSI.

As always, some things have changed over the summer. We welcome new teachers in Art, Drama, English, EAL and Science, as well as a new IB Diploma Programme Coordinator. We have more than 30 new students from all over the world. The building has undergone some renovation – the reception area in the Principal's Office, a kiosk for the Student Store, new furniture in many of the classrooms, and a renovated cafeteria, among other changes.

We're making some changes to the school programme as well. We're introducing on-line learning in the IB Diploma Spanish ab initio programme. The IB has introduced new Grade 11 syllabus changes in both Language A and Language B. The Grade 9 Science programme has moved to a semester system. And our school day is now 8 periods instead of 9, with some breaks built throughout the day to give students a chance to catch their breath a little between classes. I'll also be sending home a letter regarding some procedural changes, including a greater focus on student attendance, punctuality and late or missing work.

Despite those changes, the heart of PSI remains the same. We're still committed to educational excellence and to setting high academic and behavioural standards. We're still committed to helping every student succeed. PSI is still 'a place where we belong'.

To learn more about the year ahead, I encourage you to attend our **Back to School Night on Wednesday, August 31 from 3:00 – 5:30**. You'll hear about the upcoming Fall Trips and then have an opportunity to meet each of your children's teachers for this school year. As always, please also feel free to contact any teacher at any time that you have questions or concerns about your child or the school programme.

I look forward to another great year at PSI and to the continuing strong partnership between the school and the parent community. I look forward to seeing you soon.

Regards,

Patricia Puia
Secondary Principal

After School Activities Primary and Secondary Registration

After School Activities online registration begins at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, August 29, and ends at 12:00 a.m. on Wednesday August 31. The link to the ASA website will be available from the PSI website, or you can get there directly by typing in the following URL:

<https://sites.google.com/a/psi.kiev.ua/psi-after-school-activities/>

Visit the site anytime before Monday to see what we are offering this season, and on Monday, look for the sign-up graphic on the ASA website.

If you have any questions, please email Primary/Secondary Activities at activitiesk5@psi.kiev.ua and activities@psi.kiev.ua correspondingly. You can also sign-up with Olga at Reception if your Internet is not working but not until Monday 7:00 p.m.

Marika Depooter, Athletic Director/Secondary After School Activities Coordinator;
Melissa Vogel and Natasha Griboyedova, Primary After School Activities Coordinators.





Secondary Back to School Night

Annual Parents Back to School Night

Please take this opportunity to learn about the Fall Trips at each grade and meet all of your child's teachers. It's a great opportunity to learn more about what and how your child will learn this year in school. Please join us!

Wednesday, 31 August 2011

3:00 – 5:30 p.m.

PSI: A place where we belong!

PTA News

Week Ending 26 August 2011

Welcome Back to PSII!

We hope you all had a wonderful summer and are ready for a fun-filled year.

For all our new families, we understand that it is always difficult to move to a new country, to have to start all over again, to learn a new language and culture. By getting involved in the PTA you will quickly meet new friends and your transition to your new life here will be much easier.

Important Dates for your Diary

- **PTA MEETING**
Tuesday, 30 August 2011 at 0845 hours in Cafeteria
Please come along and find out how to support our school, meet new friends - everybody welcome!
- **BACK TO SCHOOL PICNIC & INFORMATION FAIR**
Saturday, 3 September 2011 at 1200 hours in PSI school garden
This is an opportunity to welcome new families, get together with old friends and for the children to play together. Bring a picnic, find out information about services in Kyiv and meet other families and friends.
- **NEWCOMERS' COFFEE**
Tuesday, 6 September 2011 at 1000 hours at Michelle Robson's
10 Kropyvnytskogo Street, Apartment 24, 8th floor, 01004 Kyiv
(near Bessarabska Market, Planeta Fitness gym)
- **IWCK MEETING** ~ (International Women's Club of Kiev)
Monday, 19 September at 1000 hours.
Teacher's House, Volodymyrska 57

Please remember to check the PTA website each week:
www.psi.kiev.ua/community/pta/

Contact our PTA President, Amal Barmoro at:

ptapresident@psi.kiev.ua

Kiev Neighbours is a useful website for information about Kyiv. Used by local and expatriate families - <http://groups.google.com/group/kyivneighbours>

PTA Steering Committee
"Active Parents Make the Difference"

PSI Staff and Parents:

In order to help kick start the grade 9 Literature class's exploration of "How do stories develop our understanding of human nature?" we are looking for those in the PSI community who would be willing to spend 20 minutes with a small group of grade 9 students. Specifically, we need you to share a story which helped you gain insight into who you are, and/or what it means to be human. Your anecdote can be brief, or detailed. These student groups will be using your story as a resource and will be retelling it in a podcast form. Please let me know if you are willing to assist. Thanks in advance!

Tricia Friedman
Secondary School English Dept.
MYP Community and Service Coordinator

triciaf@psi.kiev.ua

Are you a (female) singer and you'd like to do backing vocals (and lead too) with a band? Stop looking! We need you! We - The Counterfeits - are 'the' P.S.I./K.I.S Parents cover band, engaged into rock, disco, funk, soul... Come and try out together with us on Joe Cocker, Santana, Talking Heads, Prince, Tina Turner, Christina Aguilera, Jennifer Lopez... Don't miss the unique opportunity to experience the vibes of a real stage.
Contact us (Joris) joristeir@hotmail.com or 0669200389.

The Counterfeits are also looking for a drummer (our current one is leaving the country). If you can keep up a beat and you'd like to play (again) in a good rock band, this is your chance. Big fun when we are on stage and during rehearsals. Join us for a session to try. You'll love it (drums available).
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Physical Education Clothing Grades 1 to 5, 2011-2012

Dear Parents/Guardians,

As a student at PSI your son/daughter is required to have the following items for Physical Education classes. **This year, Primary School students have the choice between the sweatshirt/sweatpants combination and the tracksuit, made of a lighter material.**

Please fill in the following table indicating the quantities you would like to order and return the form to school reception in an envelope with your payment **by Friday June 10th 2011.**

Item	Unit price (UAH)	Quantity ordered	Total
Short sleeve T-shirt	95		
Shorts	120		
Sweatshirt	240		
Sweatpants	180		
Long sleeve T-shirt (optional)	100		
Tracksuit (jacket with zipper and trousers) as worn in Senior School	400		
Sports bag	270		
TOTAL DUE:			

Please ensure all items are clearly labeled, as lost items will have to be repurchased. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Kind Regards

Christelle Caudron

Merchandize coordinator

Caud6@hotmail.com

Please complete the following information:

Student's full name: _____ (please print)

Grade in August 2011: _____

Student's height: _____ (in centimeters)

To be completed by Admissions

Student's House (for the color of the shorts): _____ (Kyiv, Lybid, Khoriv or Schek)





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Physical Education Clothing Grades 6 to 10 (optional for Grades 11 and 12) 2011-2012

Dear Parents/Guardians,

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Kind Regards

Christelle Caudron

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The IB World School in Kyiv, Ukraine

MENU

Catering Cafe



Week 2

29/08

30/08

31/08

1/09

2/09

Starter Option 1	Fresh Vegetables (Sticks)	Fresh Vegetables (Sticks)	Fresh Vegetables (Sticks)	Fresh Vegetables (Sticks)	Fresh Vegetables (Sticks)
Starter Option 2	Borsch	Green Borsch	Vegetables Soup	Pea Soup	Cauliflower Soup
MAIN COURSE	Meat dish & garnish Option 1	Pasta with Pesto & Roast Chicken	Veal Paprika Stew with Rice	Chicken Nuggets & Pasta	Shepherd's Pie
	Vegetarian Option 2	Cheese Macaroni Bake	Potato, Celeriac and Parmesan Gratin	Steamed Vegetables	Country Vegetable Pies
Dessert	Yoghurt or Fresh fruits or Cake	Yoghurt or Fresh fruits or Cake	Yoghurt or Fresh fruits or Cake	Yoghurt or Fresh fruits or Cake	Yoghurt or Fresh fruits or Cake
	Juice	Juice	Juice or Plum Compote	Juice	Juice



Bread and drink water will be available daily
* Portions depend on the age group

