



PSI Weekly



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Important Dates

Tue, 20 Jan @ 8:45: PTA Meeting (Cafeteria)

Tue, 20 Jan @ 10:00: Coffee with the Primary Principal (Primary Library)

Wed, 21 Jan: End of Semester 1 - Secondary

Thu 22 Jan @ 6:00 pm: Dads and Reading (Rescheduled Session)

Fri, 23 Jan @ 08:35: Primary Assembly (Cafeteria, Gr. 3-5)

Fri, 23 Jan @ 09:15: Primary Assembly (Cafeteria, Gr. K-2)

Fri, 23 Jan @14:15: MYP Monthly Assembly (Gym)

Sat, 24 Jan: ASA Season 2 Ends

Mon, 26 Jan: Primary Report Cards go home

Wed, 28 Jan: Primary Parent-Teacher Conferences

Thu, 29 Jan @16:00: Primary School Production "Shrek" (Children's Performing Art Center)

Fri, 30 Jan @08:35: Primary Assembly (Cafeteria, Gr. 3-5)

No ASA and SSS during the week 26-31 Jan!

Director's Message



Dear Students, Parents and Community Members,

Welcome back and Happy New Year to the PSI community!

This coming Tuesday morning (20/1/2015) at 8:45 am is the first PTA Meeting for 2015. We encourage parents to attend and catch up on 'all things PSI'. Meetings contain a great deal of information about school programmes, changes and upcoming events. They are also a great opportunity to connect with other parents, the school Principals and myself and to ask questions about the school in general.

Hope to see you at this meeting as we will be talking about Veracross, reports, parent / teacher conferences and much more.

Farewell - Olga Rusnak (in Reception). Olga has left PSI this week. We would like to thank her for her wonderful work in Reception and also with communications / marketing projects. Olga has been a motivated and dedicated staff member and so we wish her the 'best of luck' for the future.

Welcome - Gary Post began work this week as our new Math teacher. Gary is from New Zealand and arrived just a few days ago. He is a very experienced Math teacher also having taught with the International Baccalaureate previously. We welcome Gary to PSI and ask families to 'reach out' and connect with him as needed.

Welcome - We would also like to welcome Anna Solopova as our new cashier. We welcome Anna to PSI and are very excited to have someone so experienced in this important position. Please feel free to visit Anna on the second floor of the Primary building as required.

Welcome - We would like to welcome our new Security Manager, Rostislav Shloma. A very important area for ongoing school development. Families will meet him at the gate each morning and afternoon as he monitors our security and entry / exit card procedures.

By John Burns, PSI Director



From the Primary Principal



Congratulations on finishing the first academic week of 2015. The children returned full of energy and happy to see friends. We have a few very important events coming up that I wanted to highlight.

1. **On Tuesday**, after the PTA Meeting, Mr. Palmer and myself are hosting our **next Coffee with the Principal**. This month's topic will be about report cards in Primary school. We will also share information about upcoming Parent-Student-Teacher conferences. This event will take place in the Primary Library. We look forward to seeing you there.
2. **On Monday, Jan 28th** you **will receive your child's first report card of the year**. They will be sent to you electronically using our new Veracross system.
3. **On Wednesday, Jan 28** we will have our next conferences. This time these will be following the format known as '3-way' conferences. These conferences will include three key components to your child's education: the teacher, the parents and the student. Three way conferences help focus on the child's work. The approach also encourages children to take responsibility for their learning. A final benefit of three-way conferences is the collaboration that emerges; all are part of a team—a team focused on working together to help the child. Sign ups for these meetings will be done electronically. Please be on the look out for an email.
4. It's hard to believe we are already planning for the 2015-2016 school year. This is recruiting season. Finding teachers for PSI, in my opinion, is the most important job I do all year. We work hard to find only the best teachers. As a result, **I will be away Jan 21-26 and Jan 28- Feb 3** at recruiting fairs. I will check email while away but for any urgent issues please see Mr. Palmer who will be in charge.
5. Next week is the last week for ASA Session #2. Like before, we will be hosting House activities during the week of no ASA (Jan 26-30). Please be on the look out for more information and sign ups.
6. Last, on Veracross class websites (in the section Frequently Asked Questions) **you can now find a video called Learning to Read and Reading To Learn At**

PSI. This explains the science behind how we support literacy at PSI, along with some handouts you might find helpful.

By Tatiana Lopukhin, Primary Principal

From the Secondary Principal

Dear Parents:

I hope you and your children have had a good first week back! Happily, we've had a quiet week, but as the month progresses, we are – as always! – gearing up for more activity.

On Friday, **23 January** we will hold our monthly **MYP assembly at 2:15 in the gym**. As always, the theme is celebration, so we'll be looking at teams, ASAs and fundraisers that made December and January so successful for our students.

Next week also marks the official end of the first semester, with report cards going home on 3 February. Please remember that these will be summative reports, with number grades only and not teacher comments. Please feel free to contact any of your child's teachers before then if you have questions or concerns.

Please mark **10 February at 8:45 am for our annual Semester 1 Honours Assembly in the gym**. We'll recognise all students who demonstrated exemplary scholarship, attitude and attendance.

We hope to see you soon!

Regards, Patricia Puia




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January 31
7:30pm until late

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Veracross Update

Veracross (Parent Educational Portal) is Coming to the Secondary School

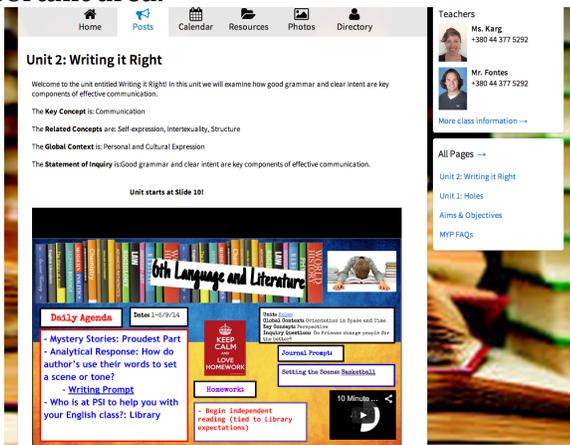
Over the coming weeks we are introducing 'Veracross' to the Secondary School. Veracross is a 'one stop' secure website for every PSI family that will provide families with contact information, daily attendance data, school timetables, calendars, classroom websites, homework information, photo libraries and much more.

Veracross was successfully released in the Primary School last November. The Veracross release for the Secondary School is to begin February 2015.

Our aim is to communicate well and work closely with families through these steps. Please see the document

attached LINK for the Veracross Secondary School Induction Plan and all key dates, information, meetings and workshops to get involved.

Stay tuned for more information every week in this important area.



A New Video Featuring the PSI IT Director - Rex Santos!

Dear Students, Parents and Community Members:

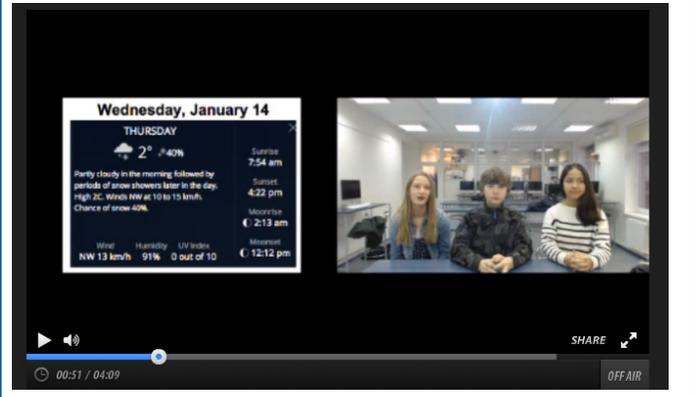
We are excited to share our latest video featuring Rex Santos, PSI IT Director. As always, you are invited to comment on the video and to also make a guess as to 'who will be starring in the next video'.



PSI Morning Show

The PSI Morning Show is a student run news programme. Each week the show runs live at 8:25 am on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Show archives are on our PSI Ustream page. [Check the Secondary School news](#)

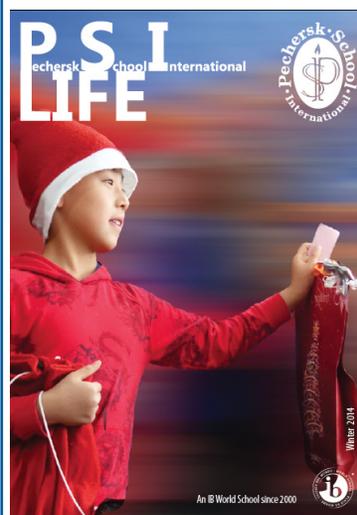
A link to the PSI Morning Show can be found on the PSI Start Page.



PSI Life, Winter Edition 2014 - Our Quarterly Magazine

PSI publishes our second magazine for the school year. We very much hope that you enjoy reading about the many teaching and learning programmes, student successes, school events and news. Our theme for this winter edition is 'Positive Action' at PSI. Action is a very important part of the IB

programmes that we offer and is a deeply valued part of the PSI ethos. HERE is the link.



Hard copies of the magazine are available from PSI Reception and will be distributed throughout the Kyiv business community.

If you are interested in advertising in the next edition of PSI Life,

please contact emmaz@psi.kiev.ua at your earliest convenience.

Click [HERE](#) to read PSI Life.

News and Updates

PSI Welcomes New Students:

PSI welcomes families back to school this week. We are also pleased to

welcome 9 new students this week in Primary and Secondary Schools from: Australia, Canada, Ukraine, UK, and Ireland. Welcome and best wishes!

Here is the Next Week in Sports:

Monday 19th

HSB Basketball vs #100 @ PSI 4.15
HSG Basketball Practice @ Olimpiiskiy Sports University 3-5.30pm

Tuesday 20th

MSB Basketball Practice @ Olimpiiskiy Sports University 3-5.30pm
MSG vs #70 @ PSI 4.15pm

Wednesday 21st

HSB Basketball Practice @ Olimpiiskiy Sports University 3-5.30pm
HSG Basketball Practice @ PSI 4-5.30pm

Thursday 22nd

MSB (1) Basketball vs KCA @ PSI 4.15pm
MSB (2) Basketball vs #16 @ PSI 5.15pm
MSG Basketball Practice @ Olimpiiskiy Sports University 3-5.30pm

Friday 23rd

HSG Basketball vs #70 @ PSI 4.15pm
HSB Basketball vs KIS (venue to be determined)

Dads and Reading (our Rescheduled Session)

Dads have a huge role to play in children's educational growth. One of those high impact areas is the development of reading. Research shows that strong readers perform well in many areas of the curriculum. A meeting / training for dads on the specific skills of listening to children read and the important 'do's and don'ts' involved through the Pause, Prompt Praise reading system.

This dads training (plus international cheese and wine) will be held **on Thursday, January 22nd at 6:00 pm** at PSI.

The attached **LINK** is a whole magazine written for dads about this important role.



House Points Totals

Khoriv - 696

Kyi - 620

Lybid - 639

Scbek - 562

PSI in Brief

Parent Russian Lessons

We offer Russian language lessons to parents free of charge. Classes will be held from 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm. Please confirm your participation with our ASA Coordinator, Natasha (natashag@psi.kiev.ua).

Beginners

Tuesday & Thursday afternoon.

Intermediate

Wednesday & Friday afternoon

(people with some experience).

Gate Security Cards

To issue security cards for your family, we kindly ask you to fill out this **Parental Security Form**

Secondary School Smart Cards

All Secondary School students are reminded to use their gate security as a 'cash smartcard' in the cafeteria. Money can be charged to your cards before and after school and then used daily for all purchasing. As from Monday, 12th January, smartcards must be used

at all times in the Cafeteria. This change will help our waiting lines to move more quickly.



PTA News

 A very happy New Year to you all! We hope that the year is off to a good start for everyone.

In the past year the PTA organised many activities such as bake sales for different causes, a great first book fair in March with almost 1000 books raised for our libraries. Last May we held the annual Summer Fair, in November a well attended International Night and just recently a Winter Bazaar with great art.



We are looking forward to planning great activities these coming months. Please save the dates for the upcoming Bake Sales on 13 February and 2 April. We have also started organising an adult only party! We are planning cocktails, food and dancing! We will be fundraising for our school's arts department and the newly established scholarship program. The "Spring Fling" will be held near the end of April. So watch this space for more info!

It is time to pass on the baton. **So we are looking for YOU!!** **The PTA year runs from 1 January - 31 December.** It is time to have some new people and ideas to keep the PTA vibrant and working. Without you we cannot do all the activities we would like to do, for children, staff and parents. Interested in joining the PTA? Want to know more about it? Let us know ptapresident@psi.kiev.ua or come to the next PTA meeting **Tuesday 20 January 8.45 in the cafeteria.**

Upcoming PTA Events:



Next PTA meeting will be held **on January 20**. The meeting is followed by coffee with Ms. Tatz, primary principal about report cards and Parent/Teacher and Student-led conferences.



February 3: PTA Steering Committee Meeting: 9 am Home Cafe. Join us for a warm drink and get an idea of what the PTA does and how events come together.



February 10: PTA meeting, followed by coffee with Ms. Puia, secondary principal.



February 13: Valentines Bake Sale



March 3: PTA Steering Committee Meeting: 9 am Home Cafe. Join us for a warm drink and get an idea of what the PTA does and how events come together.



March 10: PTA meeting, followed by coffee with Ms. Tatz, primary principal



April 2: Easter Bake Sale

PSI Reminders

2015 / 2016 School Calendar
- We are pleased to release **the new Academic School Year Calendar 2015 / 2016**. [LINK](#)

PSI Glossary - A whole school glossary of educational terms used in the school and in documents. [Glossary LINK](#)

School / Home Communication
Whom to contact about your questions, feedback and issues at PSI [LINK](#)

Community Emergency Communication Policy - Please follow the [LINK](#) to this important information.

PSI Facebook - We use Facebook every day at PSI. Please visit our site to '[Like Us](#)' and join in.

Feedback - PSI welcomes feedback, questions and concerns. Please email communication@psi.kiev.ua at any time.

Menu for next week

Please **click HERE**

PSI Social Media Links



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