

Middle School



Drum Roll Please! We have a new Middle School Principal Advisory Board!

All scholars were given the time to apply for the 1st Inaugural Principal Advisory Board. This is a huge leadership opportunity for scholars to stretch themselves as they become leaders among their peers, and to serve as role models for all our younger scholars. My vision is scholars will be empowered to not only share ideas and devise a plan to make their Middle School Experience fun, engaging, and one that sets the tone of a positive school climate. My overall Vision for MS and HS is that all scholars graduate LIFE Ready and LITERATE. Building Leadership skills is critical at this juncture, so scholars can rise to the challenge when called upon later when they are more independent and making responsible decisions that have impact on others.

Please congratulate and Welcome these Middle School scholars who will serve a one-year term on the Principal Advisory Board:

Dana Al Hasani	Amirah Al Ansari	Ali Mohammed
Talya Abu Hasna	Rahaf Mirie	Shaikha AlBlooshi
Reeha Ramjeed	Ghazi Kauod	Maxim Saeid
Muhammad Irfan Rozi		

Teachers reviewed applications anonymously and rank ordered to select in a democratic fashion the leaders above.



Some things we can look forward to with their leadership include:

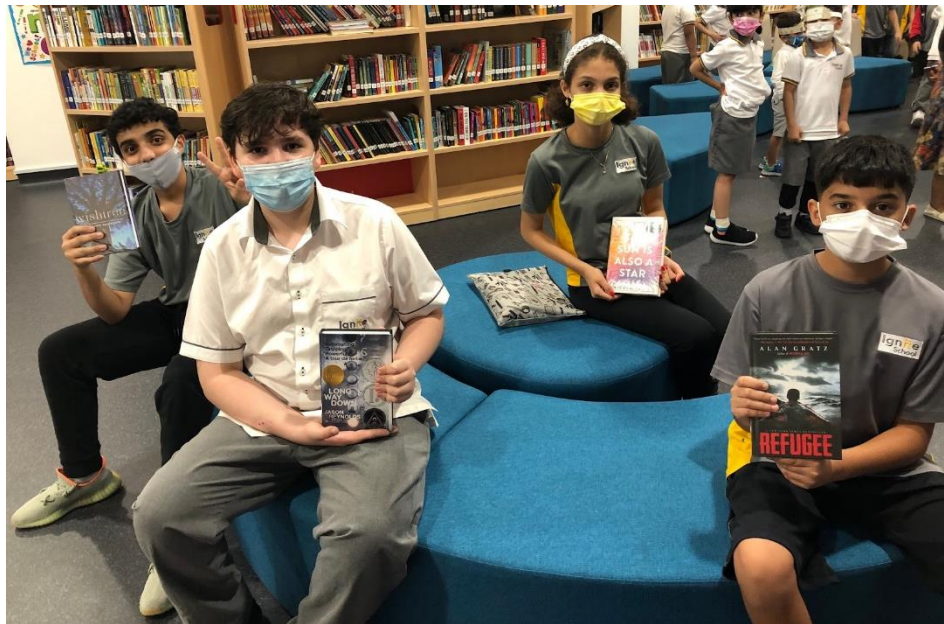
- Grade level/team competitions with incentives to continue and sustain a strong family culture,
- School spirit and genuine pride, and a positive, safe climate for their peers
- Academically, these leaders will bring ideas to build the love for reading.

Grade Level Assemblies:

Coming back after the break, everyone struggles getting back into the groove. We will host grade level assemblies to review and reteach expectations. In fact, this is the first task for our newly elected Principal Advisory Board to demonstrate their leadership skills in front of their peers. I have already met with them today for introductions, welcoming and why they applied. I then gave them an idea of the kinds of things that they may be working on, and encouraged them to be empowered to speak up with ideas. Then, I helped them plan how they would like to facilitate the grade level assemblies. They honestly have better ideas than I do, as is always the case.

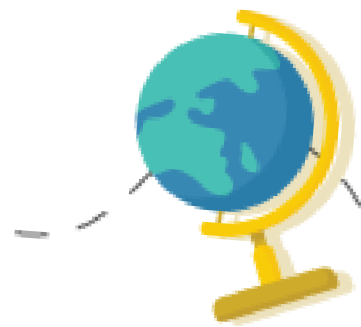
#ILoveReading in the Middle School

Huge shout out to our brand new ELA teachers, Mr. Bilal, Mr. Ced, Miss Elizabeth and other homerooms teachers who made time in their busy schedules to get our scholars into our fabulous Library. HUGE shout out to Ms. Regina, our new school librarian for welcoming our Middle School Scholars. The best part of my way was getting excited alongside our 8A who were selecting choice reads to take home over the October break. I have been wishing for this for some time now. I cannot WAIT to hear about their reading. Today, getting to meet with our Principal Advisory Board members and being a part of the book check out before dismissal was truly moving and powerful for me as their Middle School Principal!



Parent / Teacher Conferences for planning ahead...

- November 4th 1:00-4:30pm (no After School Activities)
- November 7th 1:00-4:40pm



- **First come, first-served:** In the Middle School, it is first come, first-served. If you cannot make it, you are most welcome to set up individual appointments with your child's teachers.

New Parents:

- What if I am **new**? What can I expect?
- **Progress Report:** You will receive the progress report and a copy of your child's MAP student profile before heading to classrooms, so long as your fees are paid.
- **MAP Data:** Teachers can talk a bit about the MAP data (English, Math, Science) and how they will use tools such as IXL to help meet individual needs with practice and how they can plan using this data.
- You know your child the best--please use this time to share a bit about what your child needs from their teacher to help them succeed. However, MAP is not the focus of the two-way dialogue.
- **Student's Progress:** Teachers should identify a couple items about the progress of your child to share for a strong finish of the semester in January.
- **Notepad:** Bring a notepad to take some notes to review with your child.
- **Duration:** On average, these conferences will be limited to 15 minutes, as teachers in Middle School teach over 100 scholars.
- **Parent / Teacher Conferences:** This is a partnership and an opportunity to further connect. Learning goes both ways with a goal for each to know how best to help the scholar learn and reach their potential *for their tomorrow*.

Thank you: We need to make the positive so loud that we barely hear the negative. These things happen step by step. Thank you for your support and all the feedback.

Please take time to rejuvenate, relax and to breathe. Take stock in all that IS GOOD. There is plenty when we just stop, look around, and observe in the moment. This is also something I will be working on during the Fall Break, and I want the same for our teachers.

