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STAR INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL ALTWAR 2

12th September 2017

Dear Star Parents and Community

Week One - Day Three

As Principal of Star International School it is my pleasure to welcome everyone back for another great year in Star. It is my Number One priority to make sure that every student receives a well- rounded education.

The beginning of the school year is one of my favorite times, when all the teachers and TAs are excited to have the children back. The school is buzzing with happy sounds. Our Starlights have filled up the school with energy and enthusiasm for learning. It is our mission to help every child feel welcomed, connected; and a part of our Star Family.

I am very pleased that Phase One of our Expansion Project is now complete. Our Starlights will now be able to have the advantage of a large Library and a Happiness Room.

At Star Altwar, we have great teachers who spend hours planning and creating classroom activities and they challenge each student to grow in their academic abilities. Our teachers utilize research based best practices and they analyze academic data, to determine current skill levels and to set goals/ targets for growth and improvement. For this purpose, we have started our Baseline assessments today.

We hope the Orientation Day information that we sent to you via email has been helpful. Our weekly newsletters are emailed to parents on Thursday. The class teacher will also send you a note on class Dojo. Your child's class teacher will already have sent you the student and parents log in details for Dojo. Please sign up and get connected with the teacher.

A well rounded education means outstanding instructions from teachers, as well as extra curricular opportunities that will enable our Starlights to develop character, cultivate passions and explore the world outside the classroom. We will soon send you the list of extra curricular activities that your child can avail of. We will also be starting our Booster sessions, based on the Baseline assessments.

We have planned a variety of events and activities for Sept and October. I will soon be sending you the Events Calendar, so you can mark the important dates.
Here's a quick look at some events for September.

Int'l Literacy Day - DIGITAL VERSION - 11th to 14th Sept.
Baseline Assessments from Tues. 12th sept;
Thurs. 14th Sept: Targets (hard copy) will be sent to parents
Sun & Mon.17th and 18th Sept: CAT4 assessments for Years 4, 5,7 & 9 only. Compulsory by KHDA.
Tues. 19th Sept: Everybody Reads;
Wed.20th Sept: Full School Assembly (7.40 am sharp) for Islamic new Year. Parents are most welcome.
Thurs. 21st Sept: Public holiday (Enjoy the looong weekend! ☺);
Tues. 26th Sept: Investiture Ceremony (Upper KS 2 and KS 3 & 4 to attend). (Parents are welcome)
Thurs.28th Sept: First Curriculum Workshop for FS, KS1 & 2 - Parents. (During School hours by KS leaders). The timings are:
Key Stage 1: 8 am to 9 am
Foundation Stage: 9.15 to 10.15 am
Key Stage 2: 10.30 to 11.30 am

World Heart Day on 29th Sept. Mr. Jack, Mr. Rory, Ms. Laura and Ms. Lyn have planned a lot of activities for the week beginning24th Sept.

I am immensely proud of Star Altwar and of the community feeling we all share. This year, along with Parents' Evening, I will be holding Strategic Plan Meetings with parents. This is an opportunity for you to identify the things you love about Star as well as areas you would like to see improved. Your input is extremely important as we look to establish goals for this year and the future. You will receive additional details soon.

Finally, September is Attendance Awareness Month. Research has shown that Attendance has a regular impact on student learning. Our goal this year is to have an overall student attendance average of 98%. We understand that students will get sick and will need to stay home occasionally; but an absence means 'lost learning time'! I look forward to seeing each student engaged in the classroom each day.

Have a great September.

Let's work together to have a
great school year!

With Best Regards from
Ma'am Dolly

"Your mind is a garden, your thoughts are seeds…
You can grow flowers or you can grow weeds"