



## Our Mission

Providing a balanced and innovative international education that enables students to achieve their individual potential while preparing them to be successful citizens who make positive contributions to society and the world.



## Today's Content:

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- Cambridge sounds the retreat - Victory for ISZ students!
- PTA School Beautification Day tomorrow, August 22
- What's New This Year
- A few more pictures

## Head of School Notes

Dear Students and Parents,

WELCOME BACK ON CAMPUS! It gives me the utmost pleasure to finally be able to say these words. It has been 5 long months since we welcomed students on campus, and finally laughter and squeals fills our campus again. Our younger students come to school with so much energy and joy, and they the undergo the temperature screening and hand sanitizing routine like old pros. Our older students remind us that it is hard to get out of bed early again, but they too are happy to be back with their friends and teachers again. We had our first

secondary jamii today with social distancing measure in place (see below). Mr. Sam shared some news, and we all sang happy birthday to students and staff who turned a year older these past 2 months.

Students also received health training on how to protect yourself from Covid-19 from Mrs. Naifsa Jiddawi today. (Staff was trained last Wednesday.) Pictures will follow.

The newsletter will go out every Friday. It will contain various bits of information from different classes, announcements from the PTA, our Board or administration, and other school and community news. If you have something you would like to contribute, please feel free to send me your ideas at [j.pilton@isz.co.tz](mailto:j.pilton@isz.co.tz)

I wish everyone a peaceful and relaxing weekend and remain,

Yours Sincerely,

Dr. James W. Pilton

## Cambridge Sounds the Retreat

In a complete reversal of their previous stance to determine student grades using an algorithm, Cambridge finally acknowledged the errors of their way and is now saying that students will be awarded the teacher predicted grades after all. We are all relieved and pleased that this farce has come to an end with a positive conclusion for our students.

As someone who occupies a leadership role, I am reminded of the credo to 'always assume the best in people and assume the worst in organizations'. It is evident that Cambridge put concerns over its reputation above the needs of students - with disastrous consequences. ISZ is a community of learners, and as such I invite all of us to reflect on our mission to provide the best possible education for our children. At ISZ students always come first!

## PTA School Beautification Day, August 22

Our wonderful PTA is ready to kick off the year with a great initiative. We are inviting you to join us tomorrow, Saturday, August 22, for a school beautification event.

## Beautification Day



**SATURDAY**  
AUGUST 22, 2020 | 10 AM  
ISZ CAMPUS

Join us for a morning of family fun this Saturday!

WOULD YOU LIKE TO CONTRIBUTE?  
CONTACT PTA@ISZ.CO.TZ OR  
WHATSAPP +255778822300 (JUTTA)

### What we are planning to do

We would like the area next to the gate (designated parents waiting zone) to receive a facelift. The idea is to add some plants and prepare for a seating area.

### What to contribute

Do you have gardening or landscaping skills you would like to contribute?  
Do you have plants we could use?  
Do you have some rocks we could incorporate?  
Would you have soil we could add?

### What to expect

ISZ will provide ground staff plus tools for the morning's activity. Together we will be planning the layout & concept. Expect to do a little digging and planting so plan for appropriate attire.

### What to bring

Beside some gardening gloves - please bring your kids, snacks, swimming clothes as the pool will be open.  
You can also bring outgrown school uniforms and PE clothes to put on the swap&give away table.

### What to be mindful of

Please remember that as adults, ISZ is asking us to practice social distancing. As we are working outside - masks may not be necessary.



ISZ Secondary Hold Its First Jamii of the Year



## A Few Things That Are New This Year

We would like to call your attention to a few things that are new this year. We are happy to receive your questions and feedback.

- More outdoor seating and learning spaces - we have created several more outdoor areas where students can sit and learn or mix and mingle; maximizing the time our students spend outdoors is part of our strategy to combat the spread of the corona virus.
- Late arrivals for Early years (8:00am) to avoid crowding at the gate - family with older siblings may drop off at the usual time.
- Computers in the Early Years Classroom - rather than travel to the computer lab, students can now work regularly using technology in the classroom.
- ICT for middle years is now more integrated into all classes/subjects - this is in holding with best practice at innovative international schools around the world.
- Swimming for middle years - students in Years 7-9 will see Mr. Ali once a week for 90 minutes.
- PE for IGCSE and A level students - we are introducing mandatory fitness classes for our high school students in line with our mission to provide a "balanced and innovative international education"

- Wednesday Early Dismissal - the Board approved an early dismissal time on Wednesdays; we will run activities from 2:15 until 4:00pm; all students who are not participating in an activity should be picked up no later than 2:30pm
- Individual school supplies - the school will supply each student with their own pencil case or pouch on the back of their chair (Early Years - Year2) to minimize sharing of materials and supplies.
- Ms. Lynda Smith will head up our new college counseling services for high school students - we subscribe to Bridge U services.

Watch our for more innovations throughout the year.

## An Auspicious Beginning: Rainbow graces our Campus

Unfortunately, the leprechauns escaped with their pot of gold before we could find it. It is rumored that they used unicorns to get away.





## UPCOMING EVENTS

- OFFICE HOURS FROM 8AM TO 3:30PM MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY
- PTA School Beautification Day this Saturday

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