



The Crane

The newsletter of Hiroshima International School

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Dates to note

Please make a note of the forthcoming events.

Tuesday 24th August – First day of the new school year
Monday 30th August – Announced Fire Drill
Tuesday 7th September – Open Evening

Welcome!

It is once again my pleasure to offer a warm welcome to families whose children will be arriving next week for the start of a new school year. Many of you are old friends, returning after what I hope was an enjoyable summer break. Others are new to HIS and perhaps to Japan. Let me wish you all a successful and productive year.

First Day Schedule

Our opening day of school is **Tuesday, 24th August**. I would like to invite parents to join us for the start of this day. Here's the schedule:

09:00	Assembly for students, parents and staff;
09:20	Students leave with teachers for classrooms; parents remain with the Principal for further questions and answers;
10:45	Normal classes begin (Secondary School);
11:00	Normal classes begin (Primary School);
15:30	Buses depart.

The staff, teachers and I look forward to greeting you and your child(ren) as we begin a brand new school year. Please note that the buses will have room for students only, so we encourage parents to arrange other transportation for themselves to HIS for this morning. You are certainly welcome to transport your child, but please let the School Office know if they will not be on the bus by calling or e-mailing before Tuesday.

Bus Schedule

Along with this newsletter you will also receive details of the new bus schedules. Please note that this year we are again running three buses. Students and their families come and go and new ones do not always live where the old ones were. Bus routes have to be altered accordingly. So please check carefully to see which bus your child is on and the time of pick-up. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact the school.



Contact Details

Every year we ask all parents to fill in a sheet giving us their contact details. People move. They change mobile phone companies. They get new e-mail addresses. They change their jobs. So, in order to ensure that our school records are fully up-to-date, we respectfully ask you to return one sheet per family. You will find it enclosed along with this newsletter.

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The school's newsletter – **The Crane** – is issued every Friday. We do not usually distribute paper copies (today's is an exception) but we will notify you of each issue via your preferred e-mail address. This will include a simple link to give you access to the current and previous issues.

Please take a few minutes each week to read the newsletter. It usually contains important dates and information for parents as well as news of what is going on in school and within the PTA. Thank you.

New Teacher

An annual pleasure each August is to welcome new staff to the school. This year there will be just one new face in our classrooms. **Stuart Trivino** joins us to teach IB Biology and High School science. He has previously taught in schools in Spain and Peru and is no stranger to Japan, having taught English here for seven years.

At the time of writing we have 18 new students enrolled for the coming school year. I look forward to welcoming each and every one of them and, of course, to welcoming back another hundred or so familiar faces.

Let's make this a successful and thoroughly enjoyable school year!

With very best wishes

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