



2022



THE RAPTOR REPORT



The must-read newsletter serving GAAQ families since 2019



MESSAGE FROM OUR HEAD OF SCHOOL

Hello Amazing GAAQ Raptors,

Thanks for following our weekly Raptor Report. For those of you who are new GAAQ parents, our Raptor Report is designed to be a one-stop location for everything you need to know about our school. The hope is that we aren't flooding your email inbox! That said, there will be times when we need to send important reminders or inform you about MOE circulars that might require additional emails and/or text messages. For our GAAQ returning parents, we've heard your suggestions and we realize that our Raptor Report can have so much information that you aren't always sure where to start. Our awesome Parent Relations Executive (PRE), Mr. Justin Tyler, has been working hard on a new Raptor Report format based on your feedback and we hope you like it.

I'll keep this message brief as I've just finished two amazing back-to-back professional development (PD) sessions for our teachers and I am anxious to see my family and start the weekend. I believe I've mentioned this previously, but I can honestly say that we are off to the best start of the school year I've ever seen. In fact, I think we might be off to one of the best starts I've ever seen at any of my previous schools, as well; today's PDs were a great example. After a busy first full week, our teachers were very engaged in learning new ways to improve their daily lesson plans for your students. More importantly, they were happy and excited to do so. Our leadership team has received many compliments from our new staff about how supportive we've been and how our team is helping them learn and adapt to GAAQ as quickly as possible. There is a buzz of positive energy in the air and, even with our masks still on, I can see and hear the smiles and laughter in our classes and halls as we make learning fun and engaging every day. I'm very excited to share this year ahead with you and your students. Thanks for choosing GAAQ!

Have a great week ahead. Go Raptors!

Mark Lentz

The Head of School/CEO, GEMS American Academy Qatar
Country Lead, GEMS Education Qatar



WEEK OF 28 AUGUST - 1 SEPTEMBER 2022

SUNDAY, 28 AUGUST

2:20 - 3:15 | U12 & U14 BASKETBALL (GIRLS)
U12 & U14 VOLLEYBALL (BOYS)
U12 & U14 SOCCER (BOYS)
3:20 - 4:20 | U16 & U19 BASKETBALL (GIRLS)
U16 & U19 VOLLEYBALL (BOYS)
U16 & U19 SOCCER (BOYS)

MONDAY, 29 AUGUST

2:20 - 3:15 | U12 & U14 BASKETBALL (BOYS)
U12 & U14 VOLLEYBALL (GIRLS)
U12 & U14 SOCCER (GIRLS)
3:20 - 4:20 | U16 & U19 BASKETBALL (BOYS)
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TUESDAY, 30 AUGUST

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WEDNESDAY, 31 AUGUST

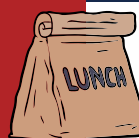
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THURSDAY, 1 SEPTEMBER

SCHOOL SPIRIT DAY - Wear your RAPTOR PRIDE! Wear Red, White and/or Blue colors to school and show your school spirit!

IMPORTANT REMINDER!

Don't forget that both our Cashier and Uniform Store are **OPEN** this upcoming SATURDAY, 3 September 2022 from 9am - 1pm!



LUNCH MENU

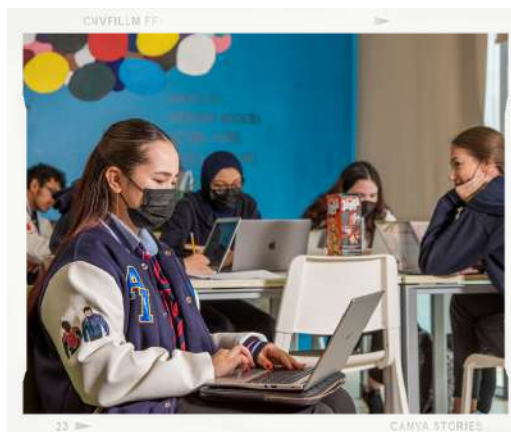
28 August - 1 September 2022

Click [HERE](#) | Hot Meals: 15 QAR each

ATTENTION



WEEKLY PARENT UPDATES



LOWER SCHOOL (PK - GRADE 5)

UPPER SCHOOL (GRADES 6 - 12)

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MUST READ SCHOOL-WIDE UPDATES



BACK-TO-SCHOOL NIGHT

Please Save-the-Date for our upcoming Back-to-School Night on **Wednesday, 14 September 2022, 5:00 - 7:00pm** at GAAQ.

A Back-to-School-Night is an event that allows parents and students to view the classroom/facilities, meet teachers and administration and learn more information about the schedule, events and plans of the upcoming school year.



Take advantage of your 4% tuition discount through our Refer-a-Friend program (for each time you successfully refer a prospective student to our school)!

Please ensure that the referred family writes your name down on the registration/enrollment paperwork.



SPORTS TEAMS & AFTERSCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Sports are finally back! The long-awaited arrival for competitive sports between Qatar schools is here.

SPORTS

Next week (**28 August - 31 August**), we will hold **Upper School** sports tryouts - **u12, u14, u16 and u19** - for the following sports: **basketball, volleyball and soccer**. Sports seasons will begin the following week on **Sunday, 4 September**. Please click [HERE](#) for the schedule for sports tryouts.

ASAs

Afterschool activities (ASAs) are designed for KG2 - Grade 12 students and are scheduled to start on **Sunday, 4 August**. Please note that the **Upper School ASA form is only designed for students to sign-up!**



Please click the links below to register
Lower School: Click [HERE](#) to sign-up!
Upper School: Click [HERE](#) to sign-up!



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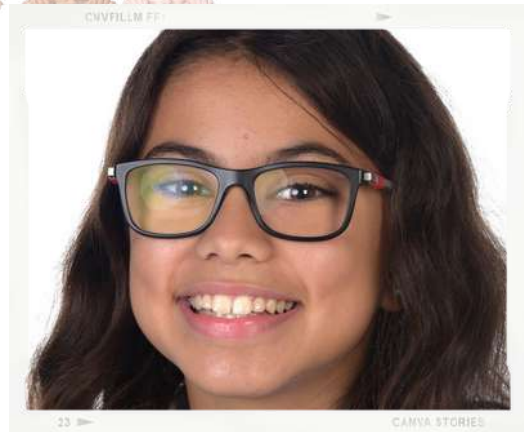


PARENT COFFEE MORNING

We are happy to announce that our first Parent Coffee Morning of the year will happen on **Tuesday, 6 September at 8:00am.**

Coffee mornings are an opportunity to meet other parents in your child's class or grade, share experiences, voice opinions and engage in dialogue with our Senior Leadership Team.

We will provide free tea, coffee and biscuits for parents and guardians.



PRET-A-PORTRAIT PHOTOS

It may seem early but due to the World Cup, we will hold student photos with Pret-a-Portrait from **2 - 6 October 2022.**

If you are a returning GAAQ parent, it's not too late to order your child's photos from last school year! To do so, please email customerservice@pret-a-portrait.ga to retrieve your unique Sitting ID and receive instructions on how to purchase photos.



GAAQ UNITED NATIONS DAY

In preparation for our United Nations (UN) Day, we are asking families to bring back items of your nationality or ethnicity to use for this year's event.

At GAAQ, UN Day is arguably the biggest school event of the year. This festive day provides an opportunity for the 70+ nationalities in our school community to set-up a booth/area to showcase country pride through food, clothes, flags, dance, music, art and other items. This year's event will be held on **Thursday, 1 November 2022.**

To view pre-COVID UN Day pictures, please see below:
2019: Click [HERE](#) | 2018: Click [HERE](#)

HOW TO PARTICIPATE: Do you want to represent your country on UN Day? Soon, you will receive an email to register for this event; please respond **no later than Sunday, 25 September 2022.**



ACADEMIC HONORS

Taking time to acknowledge our high academic achievers is a must. This achievement is the outcome of hours of learning, studying and applying knowledge, but we celebrate the effort of ALL of our students because this is the common denominator that every teacher wants.

There are several benefits to celebrating student success. When delivered effectively, praise gives our students the drive and motivation to continue doing great work. Next, celebrating accomplishments build confidence to achieve more. Additionally, the celebration of reaching milestones can build a strong classroom culture of learning, accountability and progress; there's power in a shared goal.

Click [HERE](#) to view our students with academic distinction from Spring 2022.



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GAAQ JEWELS OF KINDNESS

At GEMS, we care about values education and seek to encourage our students to grow and develop their personal and interpersonal qualities. Of particular importance is the development of values in the home, a number of which fall under the core value of Kindness.

To submit photos or videos of your child(ren) demonstrating Kindness, please email our friendly neighborhood PRE, Mr. Justin Tyler, at j.tyler_aaq@gemsedu.com.

GAAQ OPEN HOUSE DAY

Yup, you read it right! We still have a few spaces available in most grades (and waiting lists in other grades), so we will be hosting prospective families for an Open House Day on **Tuesday, 13 September** from **9am - 1pm**.

How does this impact you? Take advantage of your **4% tuition discount** through our Refer-a-Friend program (for each time you successfully refer a prospective student to our school). Share the word with your family, friends and co-workers!

#WeAreGAAQ

GAAQ SOCIAL MEDIA

Follow us, subscribe and set a reminder to be notified when we go live!



FREQUENTLY USED LINKS

LOWER SCHOOL

[Academic Guides: KG1 - Grade 5](#)

SCHOOL - WIDE LINKS

[School Calendar](#)

[GEMS Parent Portal](#)

[GAAQ Parent Guide](#)

[MOPH Parent/Guardian Declaration Form](#)

[Video: ALMA - Login](#)

[Video: ALMA - Create Your Account](#)

UPPER SCHOOL

[Course Syllabi](#)

