



# The American School of Kinshasa TASOK TALK – SEPTEMBER 2022

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First Day of School!

## Message from the Director -Surviving to Thriving!

The start of the 2022/23 school year brings great opportunities for our entire community to start anew, focusing on a year of belonging, wellbeing, and transformation. Our TASOK team is excited to put this in motion, planning parent information sessions and community events and activities at TASOK throughout the year. These are designed to engage the entire TASOK Family and we all look forward to the year ahead!

Thank you to all the new and returning families that joined us for 'New Family Orientation', 'Meet Your Teacher' morning, MYP Parent Sessions, Music Friday & Coffee Chat with the Principals, and last night's 'ES Back-2-School Night'! Tonight we have another opportunity for you to get a glimpse of life in the secondary school at 'SS Back-2-School Night'.

With an action-packed year, full of planned activities, sports, parent sessions, and community events, please check the 'TASOK Events Calendar' regularly up to date info. Thank you for working together in making 2022/23 a fabulous year!

Yours in Education,

**Dan Mullen - TASOK Director**



**Our Mission for Excellence:** *The American School of Kinshasa provides dynamic and individualized educational challenges and opportunities that promote diversity and empower each of its students to develop into independent global community leaders.*

## MEET OUR TASOK TEAM!

We dedicate this space to celebrating all the amazing people at TASOK, supporting the school and TASOK Mission, making TASOK a great place to live, work, and learn! Each month we will share information about our team, some of whom work behind the scenes. Make sure to say 'hi' next time you see them on campus, and a quick 'thanks' for all they do for our community!

Interview with: **Joseph Malonda**



**TASOK Atelier Team**



Interview with: **Bruno Mambu**



**Teaching Assistant - Kindergarten**



What do you do at TASOK?

I am the Lead person of the Welding department. Other responsibilities are installing cylinders and cutting new keys for the buildings. Constructing metal structures like the Walkways and helping assemble office furniture that has arrived from overseas. Doing regular checks and replacing Razor Wire on the Security Wall when needed.

What do you do at TASOK?

I am the Kindergarten Teaching Assistant.

How long have you worked at TASOK?

I started at Tasok in 2008. That is 14 years of service.

How long have you worked at TASOK?

I started at TASOK in 2009. So that makes 13 years already.

What province are you from/which Kinshasa commune do you live in?

I am originally from Kongo Central. I currently live in Selembao Commune in Cite Verte, Iyoma Street 21 Kinshasa. I am married with one son and three girls.

What province are you from/which Kinshasa commune do you live in?

I am from Kenge. I live in the Ngaliema commune, in Binza Cite Baudouin. I am happily married with five kids, one boy and four girls. I have been married for 18 years.

What do you appreciate about TASOK?

I appreciate the diverse community of people from all over the world and the different cultures they bring to Tasok. I really appreciate the natural environment of Tasok with the many different trees and flowers. My favorite is the Palm Tree with its many uses. Eating the fruit, plant decorations from the leaves and using the leaves to sweep the walkways. The dead palm tree stumps are a good breeding place for the edible white larvae of the Green Scarab Beetle which we cook and then eat.

What do you appreciate about TASOK?

I like the work environment and the opportunity I have to work with folks from all around the world. I like to learn from students, not only teach them. I like to greet them in the morning when they show up.

What job accomplishment are you most proud of during your time at TASOK?

I am very proud of the Tractor Trailer I made. It was made

What job accomplishment are you most proud of during your time at TASOK?

I have been working as a TA for 13 years now. I worked in 5th

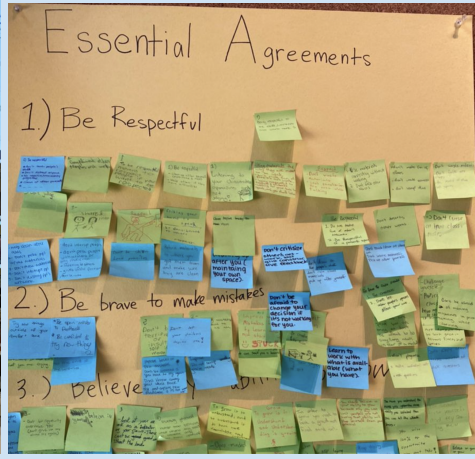
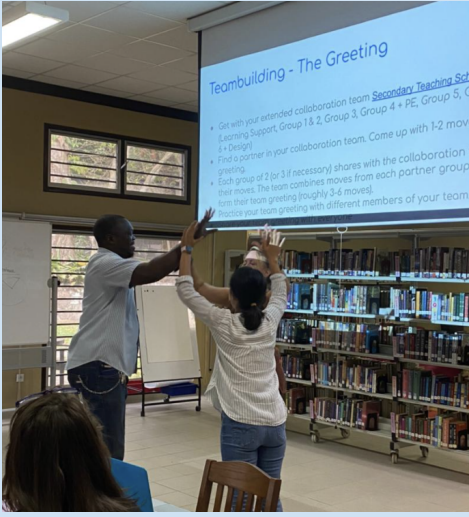
<p>using the rear axle including the differential from an old Pickup and an old container that was donated by the US Embassy in 2009. I also made 8 soccer goals, metal walkways and metal roofs for all the school generators. I also solved the overheating problem of the Admin generator by constructing a big chimney above the generator room to help remove the hot air which often caused a high temperature alarm stopping the Cummins generator from running. Then lastly I constructed the Classroom in the Upper botanical Garden. I have enjoyed contributing to Tasok with my welding skills.</p>	<p>grade for 11 years, in both 5th and 4th grade for a year, another year in 4th grade and now in KG. I moved from Upper Elementary to Lower Elementary.</p> <p>What are you most proud of in the DRC? I like the fact that this country hosts the equatorial forest, the oldest national park in Africa which is the DRC's Virunga National Park.</p>
<p>What are you most proud of in the DRC? I am proud of the diverse cultures and rich mineral wealth of the DRC.</p> <p>What do you do as a hobby? I really enjoy spending time with my wife and children. Singing in the Church Choir is also a great hobby of mine.</p>	<p>What do you do as a hobby? During my free time, I like to read and to walk. I enjoy watching tennis. Tennis is my number one sport, then soccer, especially DRC games like the Africa Cup of Nations and the World Cup in Qatar that is happening in a few months.</p>
<p>What do you appreciate in your current position? I appreciate the opportunity to contribute to the growth of Tasok with my skills. Sharing my knowledge of welding with the students at Tasok is a rewarding feeling.</p>	<p>What do you appreciate in your current position? I appreciate being with 5-6 year olds in KG. What I appreciated the most is the way I was welcomed by Ms. V, the KG teacher at Tasok. I am excited to be part of integrating young kids into the world of learning by teaching them social skills, personal hygiene and basic reading and writing...</p>

## Building Community

### *Sarah Clover -Secondary Principal*

From our family's first moments at TASOK it became clear in the actions and words of leaders, teachers, parents and students that a sense of community is at the heart of the history of this school and its focus for the future. Our initial weeks together as a staff and with our students in Secondary has been to lay the foundations to build a strong community. This included games & activities to get to know each other better and collectively writing Essential Agreements to create positive environments for learning in classrooms. We've also strengthened our community by returning to what we hope to be the regular activities of enjoying lunch, sport, play and after school activities together. Our community includes parents as partners too, we've had some opening events with new families, PTC and workshops. We plan to include you more throughout the year as we strengthen our community.





# Jumping right into action!

*Vitna Bailey - PYP coordinator*

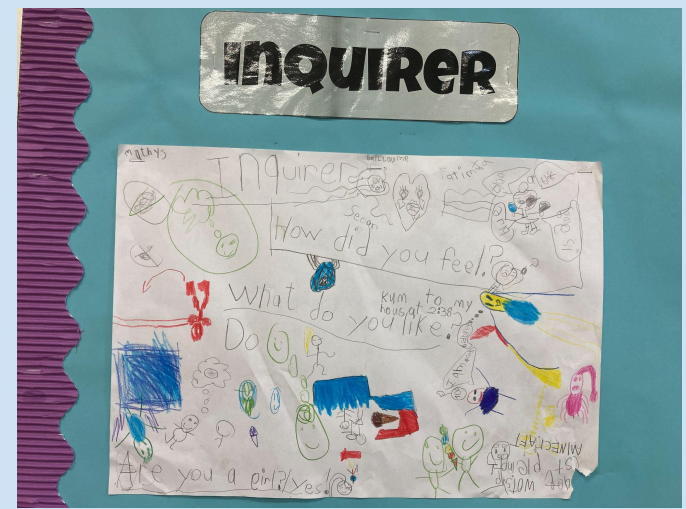
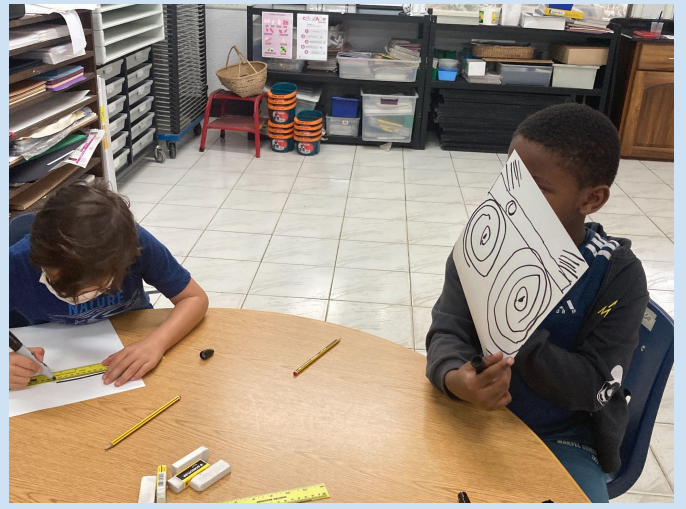
We are back! From day one of the 2022-2023 school year, students jumped right into engaging with each other, developing essential agreements, getting to know their teachers and new friends.

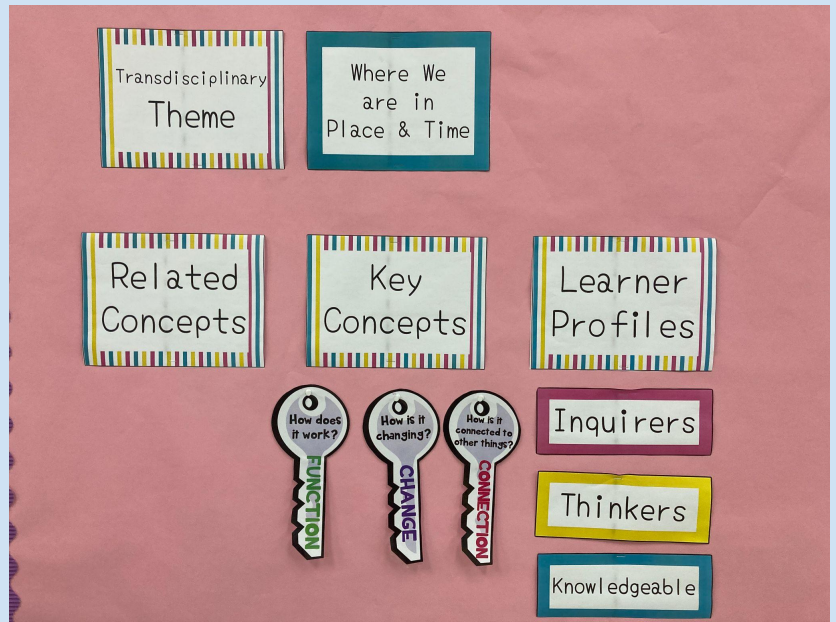
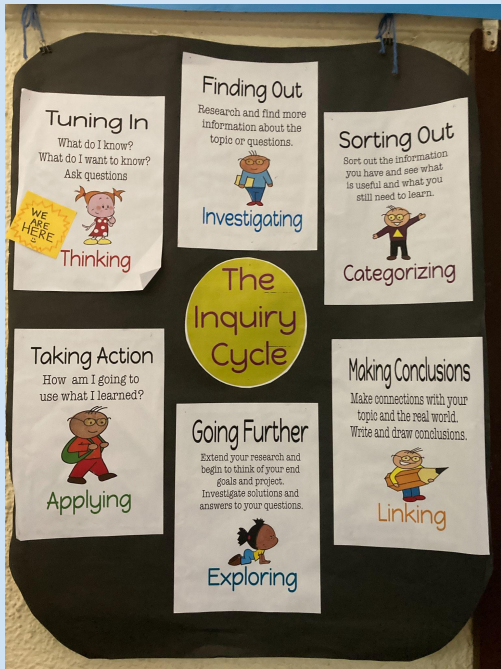
Each classroom and every area of the school is filled with the joy of learning, curiosity, and growing friendships. Students were seen deeply engaged in discussions about the TASOK mission, student agency, learner profile, and their first unit of inquiry. For more information about our Programme of Inquiry, please visit the TASOK website.

We will have our first PYP parent workshop on Friday, Sept. 23. During the workshop you will have the opportunity to learn more about the PYP (Primary Years Programme).

With so much positive energy and enthusiasm, our students are going to have an excellent year!







## MYP Coordinator Update

*Kelley Marchant - MYP Coordinator*

In MYP we are excited about the 2022-2023 school year. There are so many new families and we want to welcome each and every new student and parent to TASOK. With many families transferring in from other academic programs, we are offering a couple Parent Workshops to help parents get to know us, our curriculum and how grading works in the MYP.

### ***Assessment in the MYP/ManageBac for Parents***

September 13, 2022

7:45am and 3:15pm

**(We've chosen these times to coincide with transportation for your student(s). Students are welcome at the afternoon session if that works best for you!)**

If you missed our August Workshop: *Introduction to the MYP (Middle Years Program)*, please contact me at [kmarchant@tasok.net](mailto:kmarchant@tasok.net) and I'd be happy to pass along the information!

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# Diploma Programme Coordinator Update

*Garrett Austin - DP Coordinator*

## 2022-2023 DP Kick-Off

DP students and teachers gathered for a day dedicated to building community among DP students and teachers, learning from one another about the programme and what it means to be in the DP, and to start the year strong with tips and strategies for success. We all had a great time, and our grade 11 and 12 students are excited to be back at TASOK learning together.



## DP Parent Sessions

Please join us on Friday, September 16, 2022 at 7:45am for DP parent information sessions in the Secondary School library. The event will be broken down into two sessions

1. Introduction to the DP: What is the programme, what are passing requirements, and what are the expectations of DP students at TASOK (7:45 - 8:15)
2. May 2023 Examination Session: registration, fees, deadlines, and results services (8:15 - 8:30)
3. Further Q&A: Anyone looking for more information about the programme at TASOK (8:30-8:45)

Please contact Garrett Austin ([gaustin@tasok.net](mailto:gaustin@tasok.net)) with any questions about the DP, or about the parent sessions.



# The TASOK Green Team Needs Your Help!

Phil Marchant - IB Biology



Please join the **Green Team** in assisting to keep **TASOK** beautiful & free of trash!

Last year, the students of the **Green Team** ASA collected over 60 kg of trash on TASOK's amazing campus! That's way too much! We need everyone to do their part and be responsible. Thank you!

New **ASA** starts **Sept. 19th** . . . Join Us!!  
This year we look forward to taking our passion outside the TASOK Walls!

Thanks **Green Team!!!**



For your questions, any suggestions, solutions, interested in volunteering, or concerns . . . please contact Phil Marchant, Green Team ASA Supervisor – [pmarchant@tasok.net](mailto:pmarchant@tasok.net)

## EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

### 2022-2023

Stefan Bergh & Gilbert Kaburu

This year, we are very excited to be offering a full range of extracurricular activities, as we will offer three distinct extracurricular programs: After School Activities, Play Productions and Athletics.

TASOK believes that participation in extracurricular activities is an integral component of holistic student development. Participation in extracurriculars allows TASOK students the freedom to go beyond the classroom, to discover new and unique activities that interest them, and offers faculty and staff the opportunity to impart skills and expertise to our students in a variety of activities.

#### AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES (K - Gr. 12):

After School Activities are offered at TASOK on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays after school from 3:20 – 4:30 PM. TASOK community members volunteer their time, and TASOK teachers are contracted to sponsor one club, activity, and/or varsity sport each year in hopes that all students will find something that interests them. Most activities are free, however on occasion an organization will run an ASA and may charge a fee to students.



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ASAs are usually divided into grade levels in order to best suit student abilities and needs (ie: K-1, 2-3, 4-5, 6-8, 9-10, 11-12).

### ASA Schedule 2022 - 2023

**ASA Trimester 1:** September 19 – December 2 (9 weeks)

**ASA Trimester 2:** January 23 – March 17 (8 weeks)

**ASA Trimester 3:** April 10 – June 2 (8 weeks)

Even though we will be offering many great activities and clubs, we would always like to offer more. Therefore, we are asking if any of you have a special interest or talent that you would like to share with the students. No prior teaching experience is necessary and we are open to all ideas, as we have had activities such as Chess club, coding, story making, games .... We will provide the space, you just need to bring your knowledge and enthusiasm. If you are interested or have any questions, please contact:

Elementary: Gilbert Kaburu ([gkaburu@tasok.net](mailto:gkaburu@tasok.net))

Secondary: Stefan Bergh([sbergh@tasok.net](mailto:sbergh@tasok.net)).

### **ATHLETICS (Gr. 6-12):**

The Athletics program is designed to provide an authentic sports experience for every athlete. Students will be able to join a team which will be well-equipped, well coached, and that challenges students to improve their skills in appropriate ways. TASOK believes that offering a wide range of competitive sports adds value to the educational experience of the participants. Emphasis is placed on participation, sportsmanship, and development of skills. Coaches are both role-models and teachers for athletes, fostering positive attitudes, teamwork, and respect for rules. Student-athletes have the opportunity to compete in both local and international tournaments and competitions.

Practices take place after school from 3:20 - 5:30 and on Saturday mornings. Teams will have at least two weekday practices and one Saturday practice in which all student-athletes must participate.

### Sport Seasons 2022-2023

**Season 1** (August 22 – November 4): Volleyball, Cross-Country, Swimming

**Season 2** (November 7 – February 3): Basketball, Swimming, MS Soccer

**Season 3** (February 6 – April 28): Jr. Varsity and Varsity Soccer

### **PLAY PRODUCTIONS (Gr. 6-12):**

We are planning to do 3 different productions this year. Information for each one will be provided about a week before auditions. Auditions are open to all students 6-12th grade. Our Winter production will have some roles for 4th/5th grade also. Rehearsals for these productions will follow the times of the 3 Sports Seasons and be 3-4 days a week after school from 3:20-5:30 pm. We will not rehearse during any school breaks.

For specific questions, please contact: Kelley Marchant, [kmarchant@tasok.net](mailto:kmarchant@tasok.net).

### **Performing Arts Production Season (MS/HS) (Dates subject to change)**

**Fall Play:** Auditions - August 25 & 26

Rehearsals -August 30-October 25

Performances - October 26-30

**Winter Play:** Auditions - December 1,2

Rehearsals - December 5-9, January 9-February 22

Performances - February 23-25

**Spring Musical:** Auditions - March 2,3

Rehearsals - March 7-17, May 3

Performances - May 4-6

# TASOK Wildlife

*Mike Mulligan - Environmental Sciences*

In the time that I have been teaching at TASOK, I have been continuously amazed at the diversity of life this campus sustains. From birds to insects, genets to orchids, this campus has been a refuge for complex ecosystems of rare and fascinating species. This rich environment has provided frequent opportunities for students in Science classes to observe systems at work in nature and pursue research questions through authentic data collection outside.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Robert van der Merwe, TASOK Facilities Manager, Jules Kayembe, the Supervisor with G4S and the Staff for not only their work ensuring a safe learning environment everyday for the students, but also their dedication to supporting a healthy community of diverse species the students enjoy studying.

Marius Akwelo (pictured to the right) holds one of two species of harmless snakes found on the TASOK campus. These shy animals are not often seen, but when an opportunity to observe a snake in a Science class takes place, the students are intrigued and enthusiastic. As a teacher, I have enjoyed seeing misconceptions replaced with wonder and knowledge about snakes and other species found on the school's campus. If you are patient, look, and listen there is always something new and beautiful to observe.



## YEARBOOKS ARE STILL AVAILABLE!

*Get last year's 21/22 'Special Edition' in the Cashier's Office - now only \$30*

*You can also purchase the 2019/2020 and 2020/2021 editions for \$20 each!*



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# COLLEGE CORNER – Preparing our Class of 2023!

Julie Mullen – College Counselor



## The 2022-2023 International SAT Dates are HERE!

TASOK is the only SAT (*Scholastic Aptitude Test*) center for students in the DRC. As such, we see students from all over Kinshasa (and sometimes other parts of Africa), join us for the SAT. This optional test is typically taken by students that may be looking for university options in the United States.

For more information about dates, how to register, and requirements prior to the test, please visit the College Board website at:

[COLLEGE BOARD SAT REGISTRATION LINK](#)

### 2022–23 School Year Test Dates

SAT Test Date*	Deadline for Registration Changes, and Regular Cancellation
Aug 27, 2022	Jul 29, 2022
Oct 1, 2022	Sep 2 2022
Dec 3, 2022	Nov 3, 2022
Mar 11, 2023 (Digital)**	Feb 24, 2023
May 6, 2023 (Digital)**	Apr 21, 2023

\*Your registration options will be limited if you aren't [taking the SAT for one of its main purposes](#).

\*\*Students taking the digital SAT who need to borrow a device from College Board will need to register and request their device earlier than the registration deadline, to allow time for international shipping.

## What's Next?

The grade 12's are starting to plan life after TASOK!

### **Grade 11's & 12's:**

Please continue to have great discussions with your parents and share information about your Bridge-U planning and resources with your parents. The summer months are a great time to narrow down some criteria that will play a role in your decisions next year.

## TASOK ELEMENTARY STUDENT COUNCIL (ES StuCo)

Mike Bailey- Elementary Principal

### About ES STuCo

Grade 1-5 classes are in the process of selecting our ES StuCO for the 2022-23 school year. The ES StuCo serves as an action group dedicated to leading the change and development of the TASOK school and community. We will explore what aspects of our school and community the council wants to engage with and identify student projects to lead opportunities for building community and belonging, service, and taking action. Past StuCo projects included exploring the community we were developing at recess

and how we interacted, developing school celebrations, and creation of special events to showcase our work and promote positive interactions.

**The ES StuCo will consist of three different councils.**

Group 1 - Sept. 16- Dec. 6

Group 2 - Jan. 10-Mar. 14

Group 3 - Apr. 4-May 30

\*Students may continue to support the StuCo after their term completes

**StuCo this year will be supported by Ms. Meritaton and Mr. Mike.**

**Meeting Times-** in Rm. 11 (Mr. Mike's office)

Tuesday mornings 7:45-8:30

Fridays 11:30-12:30

\*Students who join StuCo are expected to attend all meetings

**If Students are interested in joining StuCo**

Students who are interested should let their homeroom teachers know. Classes will start their selection process this week. Students are expected to attend both meetings each week and have the option of continuing after their term is over.

## **TASOK Secondary Student Council**

*Kelley Marchant - Advisor*

Applications for our new Student Council are due by September 2nd! We had a great introductory meeting on Friday, August 19th with many new faces. Elections for our 2022-23 Student Council will take place on Monday & Tuesday September 12th and 13th through a Google Form sent in ManageBac!

Students should do their part in voting the students they think will best represent them in our student leadership offices and committees this year.

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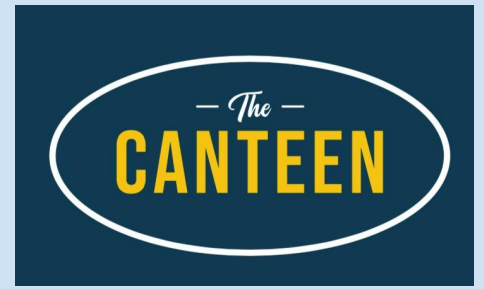


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# First Day of Canteen Services 2022/23!

## EkonzoFoods



Off to a great start with today's first run of cafeteria services in both elementary & secondary. We had students in nearly all grade levels order a variety of selections using EkonzoFood's online ordering system. As with the first day of any new system, we identified ways to continue to improve for tomorrow. This is something very aligned with the IB's reflective process.

A big thanks goes out to our TASOK teachers and teaching assistants for making sure the day was a success.

- **REGISTRATION** on the website [www.ekonzofood.com](http://www.ekonzofood.com)
- **LOGIN** to your family space:
- **ADD** your child(ren) to the Canteen:
- **ADD MONEY** to your E-Wallet with the available payment gateways (VISA, MasterCard, Mpesa, Orange Money, Airtel Money). No cash payment is allowed.
- **PLACE** your weekly order for each member of your family registered in the canteen

**DAY-TO-DAY ORDER.** Orders are placed at least the day before no later than 1:59 p.m. for the following day. From 2:00 p.m. the following day becomes unavailable for orders.



Yummy and Tasty!

The logo for 'Connected Canteen' features the text 'Connected Canteen' in a blue and orange font, with a red smiley face below it. The logo is set against a white circular background with a fork and spoon on either side.

Subscribe to TASOK Canteen on all your devices

A QR code for subscribing to the TASOK Canteen.

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For any questions, comments, or issues with your orders, please contact Ekonzo directly at:

[orders@ekonzofood.com](mailto:orders@ekonzofood.com) or +243 851 315 465

# The PTC Place



What a great start to the 2022/23 school year! It was great to see new and returning families at the New Family Orientation and Meet the Principals coffee hour.

The Parent Teacher Committee's focus is to build a strong connection between school and home. We believe school is more than academics, it is a community. We strive to cultivate a strong and supportive community for parents and students so we can all thrive at TASOK and in Kinshasa.

## PTC WhatsApp Groups

Thank you to all the parents/guardians who have joined the TASOK PTC 22/23 WhatsApp group. This is a platform for us to share information about PTC projects and events and also a place to ask questions and discuss issues. If you are not in it, please click on the following link to join:

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/FmPzHx60BQG0YN8ajFEcEQ>

We also have grade level WhatsApp groups this year. If you are not in your children's grade-specific groups, please request the appropriate link on school-wide chat above.

## Please Join Us!

We are grateful for our new and returning PTC volunteers this year! With your help we can organize fun family and parent events throughout the year. We do not ask for a lot of your time and you can choose which events and projects are right for you. We want our PTC to be as diverse as our student body! English fluency is not required. If you would like to join our PTC volunteer group, please email [ptctasok@gmail.com](mailto:ptctasok@gmail.com) with your name, WhatsApp phone number and your children's grade levels.

## Communication is Key

The PTC is in the process of restructuring and rebuilding. Please be patient with us as we get organized and find our direction after the last couple of years.

If you need to contact the PTC or have ideas that you would like to share, please contact us at our email: [ptctasok@gmail.com](mailto:ptctasok@gmail.com).

If we work together our TASOK community can soar! Go Condors!

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# Business Office Info

## Kareen Laplanche - Finance & Operations Manager

Thank you families for contributing to a great start of the 2022-2023 school year! We thank all who already returned their tuition agreements and paid the school fees according to the selected plans: A, B or C.

We urge those who have not yet completed their payments to do so as soon as possible. Penalties will start to apply this month. Payment methods are listed below for your convenience.

### Payment Options

TASOK offers families and companies the convenience of making tuition payments online. To provide this method of payment, we partner with Diamond Mind/Community Brands, an independent school payment service provider. All payment information is completely secure using the highest security standards in the industry.

#### WEBSITE OPTION

Go to the school website's "Payment Portal" link, or enter it directly clicking here: [PAYMENT PORTAL](#)

- Sign-up to set up an online account;
- Enter student first name, last name and ID with payment information; the student ID # is on the invoice;
- Submit payment. Payment acceptance methods and any fees associated with an electronic payment are outlined in the payment portal.
- You can find common answers to online tuition payment questions at <http://diamondmindinc.com/parentFAQ/>.

#### MOBILE OPTION

You can also pay using our mobile payment app: MySchoolWallet©

*Signing into the MySchoolWallet App for the first time?*

- Go to the App Store on your phone.
- Search for MySchoolWallet and install.
- Complete your profile and select The American School of Kinshasa as your school and hit PAY.
- You will see various events and departments, listed as payment types. Select one of the payment types and follow the onscreen directions. Be sure to complete the student's name and fill out the NOTE with what the payment is for (for example, Tuition or Student Store, Event, etc...)
- Please check the box "I would like to absorb processing costs so that the school receives my whole payment." Each transaction incurs a processing cost from the bank.
- Once your transaction has gone through, you will receive an email confirmation and receipt.





Note that payments can be made via credit card (worldwide), debit card or echeck (for US accounts only). For online payments, receipts are automatically generated after each transaction. Note TASOK systems do not accept payments for the canteen orders. All must use the EKONZOFOOD platform to replenish their account and order lunch. See the details posted in this TASOK TALK edition and on our website.

### BANKING OPTION

- Direct deposits (cash or check) at bank counters into TASOK's account are accepted.
- Wire or ACH transfers are accepted.
- Online banking from your bank DRC or US bank to ours is possible. Check with your institution for options available to you.
- Most US transfer options work: wire, ACH, e-check, BillPay, Zelle, etc... These options are only available for US transactions, not international.
- Once the transaction is complete, send the confirmation to us.

### ON CAMPUS OPTION

- TASOK Cashier Office accepts cash up to 1,000 USD.
- TASOK Cashier Office accepts debit and credit cards for payments via POS. Both ATM & POS accept VISA® & Mastercard®.
- TASOK Cashier Office accepts paper checks issued to The American School of Kinshasa. Checks from a local DRC or US bank are accepted.

Help is available at the office to help you navigate the TASOK website and experiment with the tuition portal or the mobile app! If you need copies of invoices/agreements or would like a receipt for your payment(s), please email [accounts@tasok.net](mailto:accounts@tasok.net).



#### Stay informed

Visit the Business Office page [link](#) for details on Tuition Rates, Payment Plans and Educational Loans at Local Banks.

For questions/comments, contact us at [business@tasok.net](mailto:business@tasok.net) | +(243) 81-880-1330 |

## The TASOK Board Corner

### *What does the Board Do?*

The primary purpose of the School Board is to govern the school by setting, monitoring, and funding, strategic goals to ensure continuous development of the school in line with its Mission and Beliefs.



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The School Board should be aware, to the fullest extent possible, of all matters that pertain to the philosophy, strategic management plan, Mission and Beliefs of the School and to assure that decisions of the School Board conform to TASOK's stated objectives. The Board does not involve itself in the actual operation of the school, which is the purview of the Director.

### How Does it Work?

As is common in most international schools, the Board of Directors does experience turnover and vacancies in this volunteer position, as families move on each year. At the conclusion of the 2022/2023 school year, we will have vacancies opening up on the current TASOK Board which will be advertised later in the year.

### How Can I Get Involved?

To find out more about the current *Board Secretary* vacancy, please visit the **TASOK Association and Board Info** Page on our website, or the Association notice that was sent out in late August:

<https://tasok.net/about-us/tasok-association-and-board/>

Voting will take place during the October 1, 2022 Association General Meeting (AGM) held in the Cultural Activities Center (CAC) at 10:00 am. The list of potential Board candidates will be shared by September 9, 2022.

## Nurse's Station Cell +243 817 252 011

Nathalie Katalayi– TASOK Nurse: [nurse@tasok.net](mailto:nurse@tasok.net)

At TASOK, we continue to reinforce the following at school, are you doing the same at home?



**3 W's to reduce risk of COVID-19**

<b>Wear a mask</b> 	<b>Wash your hands</b> 	<b>Watch your distance</b> 6 ft (~2 meters) 
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COVID-19 RESOLVE Vital Strategies More info at PreventEpidemics.org #KnowCOVID #PreventEpidemics

**Les 3 M pour réduire les risques de COVID-19**

<b>Masque mis</b> 	<b>Mains bien lavées</b> 	<b>Maintenir la distance</b> 6 pieds ou 2 mètres 
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Teach

your kids about the 3W's or 3M's.

Make sure to let the nurse know as your child has an allergy or a chronic medical condition that required to take medicine daily at school.

# The 2022/23 Academic Calendar is Here!

Also found on our TASOK website [LINK!](#)



## 2022-2023 TASOK Approved Academic Calendar

August							September							October							November						
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August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June	July
1 New Faculty First Day 8 Returning Faculty First Day 12 New Family Orientation 15 Student First Day	5 Labor Day	10-14 School Break	23 International Day (1/2) 24 Thanksgiving Day	16-Jan. 6 School Break	1 New Year's Day 4 Martyr's Day 16-17 Heroes Day (No Students) Faculty PD Days	20-31 School Break		7 Good Friday	1 International Labor Day	1 High School Graduation 9 Final Day of Classes 10 Faculty Final Day	4 US Independence Day

**Q1:** August 12 – October 21  
**Q2:** October 24 – January 13  
**Q3:** January 18 – April 6  
**Q4:** April 10 – June 9

**Total student days: 178**

**Quarters**  
**Early Dismissal** (Light Blue)  
**Campus Closed** (Yellow)  
**Important Date** (Dark Blue)  
**Staff Days** (Grey)

*APPROVED BY THE BOARD  
03/17/2022*

TASOK CALENDAR OF EVENTS ALSO FOUND AT:

<https://tasok.net/events-calendar/>



# SST Q&A Parent Session

**When:** September 9, 2022

**Where:** Secondary School Library

**Time:** 8-9am

All Parents & Guardians, please join us for an SST Q&A!

The SST is composed of English as an Additional Language (EAL), Learning Support, and Counseling Services (including College Counseling). It's your chance to find out what services are provided, how we support your child(ren) and if your child may be eligible for our services. We hope to see you there!

## Séance parentale de questions-réponses SST

**Quand :** 9 septembre 2022

**Où :** Bibliothèque de l'école secondaire

**Heure :** 8h-9h

Tous les parents et tuteurs, rejoignez-nous pour une séance de questions et réponses SST. Le SST comprend l'Anglais comme langue supplémentaire, le soutien à l'apprentissage et les services de conseil.

C'est votre chance de découvrir quels services sont fournis, comment nous soutenons votre enfant/ vos enfants et si votre enfant/vos enfants peut/peuvent être admissible à nos services. Nous espérons vous voir très bientôt.



## Upcoming Events:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Aug. 31 - ES Back-to-School Night</li><li>• Sept. 1 - SS Back-to-School Night</li><li>• Sept. 5- Labor Day Holiday</li><li>• Sept. 9- SST Q&amp;A for Parents</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Sept. 10 - PTC Welcome Picnic</li><li>• Sept. 19 - ASA Trimester 1 Begins</li><li>• Sept. 24 - Dodgeball Tournament</li><li>• Oct. 1 - AGM</li></ul> |
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*"Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world."* Nelson Mandela