

Celebrating our host Country!  
CONGO WEEK 2022/2023



## The American School of Kinshasa TASOK TALK – NOVEMBER 2022

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### **Message from the Director -Congo Week!**

One of my favorite weeks during October is Congo Week where we dedicate an entire week to learning more about the Democratic Republic of Congo; the people, culture, art, music, and history!

This year we were able to bring in various artists and performers from around Congo to share their passion with our students and staff. In individual classes, students researched and planned activities that tied to their units of inquiry. They learned Rhumba through different eras of Congolese music, played traditional drums with Papy Pemba, cooked *Mikate (beignets)* with Madeleine, and discussed the different provinces of Congo with our own Atelier staff. Aïcha and Pagne contests took place throughout the week with the winners recognized at the Friday 'Congo Week Assembly' hosted by the TASOK Student Council. Thank you to the students, staff, parents, and community members that joined us in celebrating Congo!

3-Way Conferences are coming up this Friday and principals have sent home information via ManageBac. The purpose of Three-way conferences is **to celebrate students' learning and identify goals that will improve their progress**. The 3- Way conference is an internationally accepted method of giving students responsibility for their learning and strengthening the partnership between parents, teachers, and students. **Thank you in advance for attending this important event!**

Yours in Education,

*Dan Mullen - TASOK Director*

### Learning about Congolese Traditional Art



**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: Bruno Mawete



TASOK Atelier Team



Interview with: **Evelyne Lukeni**



Senior Admin Assistant



What do you do at TASOK?

I am the Maintenance Supervisor and also help with the traffic when the students are dropped off and collected in the afternoon as well as for special events.

What do you do at TASOK?

I am the senior administrative assistant, the registrar, and the head of the school office team.

How long have you worked at TASOK?

I have been working at Tasok since 2001, which is now 21 years.

How long have you worked at TASOK?

I started working at TASOK in 2007, which makes 15 years.

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

I am from Kongo Central and I now live in Mont Ngafula.

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

I am from Kongo Central and I live in Ngaliema.

What do you appreciate about TASOK?

In the DRC, Tasok is a leader in education. I also appreciate being paid on time.

What do you appreciate about TASOK?

I appreciate the people and the campus. It is a privilege to work in such a beautiful environment. I also enjoy interacting with so many different individuals from all over the world. I realize every day how diversity can be an asset in a community.

<p>What job accomplishment are you most proud of during your time at TASOK? Supervising the construction of the Covered Basketball Court at the end of 2005 when Mr Bedford was the Superintendent. In 2006 I also Supervised the conversion of the two rooms into one which is now a single ES Cafeteria.</p>	<p>What job accomplishment are you most proud of during your time at TASOK? I am proud of having played my part in school life over the years. My contribution may not be obvious, but much was achieved at TASOK thanks to the behind-the-scenes work my team and I have been performing on a daily basis.</p> <p>What are you most proud of in the DRC? I am especially proud of the powerful Congo River and, in general, of all the natural resources my country has: not just minerals and environment, but also people.</p>
<p>What are you most proud of in the DRC? I am proud of the mineral wealth as well as the land that is available for farming which sadly is just being utilized properly.</p> <p>What do you do as a hobby? I enjoy spending my time teaching people Lingala, French and some English as well.</p>	<p>What do you do as a hobby? I like reading, listening to music, gardening, watching documentaries and spending time with my family and friends.</p>
<p>What do you appreciate in your current position? I enjoy being part of the A Team and how it is organized.</p>	<p>What do you appreciate in your current position? I appreciate being part of a great team, in a dynamic work environment, and the opportunity to learn new things every day.</p>

## Celebrating the MSA Reflective Process!

Thank you to everyone that participated in the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools re-accreditation process for TASOK! The MSA Accreditation process takes place every 7 years and verifies TASOK's ability to provide a U.S. authorized high school diploma.



This reflective accreditation process involved feedback from all TASOK stakeholder groups over the past year, evaluating everything we do at TASOK in fulfilling our Mission of Excellence for our students. The culminating visit by the MSA Accreditation Team took place last week, with conversations with students, staff, parents, and the Board.

If you joined for the oral report last Friday, the team had very positive feedback on TASOK meeting the requirements of all 12 MSA Standards!

We will receive the initial report in 2-4 weeks, and have opportunities to share the findings with the community. Thanks again for your involvement!

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# Self-Management : The role of conferences

*Sarah Clover -Secondary Principal*

In an IB School, conferences should focus on the **process** of learning, rather than making products of learning the focal point. This is a small, but significant change from traditional educational systems. Conferences allow teachers, parents, and students to discuss this process of learning. In the MYP and DP we ask students to become increasingly responsible for reflecting on their learning and managing themselves as learners. Conferences play a vital role in this growth, allowing students to share their own experiences and thoughts on their learning. You may find that much of the conference consists of questions posed to the student:

- What have you enjoyed most about what we have studied/learned so far this semester in class?
- What areas/skills are your strengths in this class?
- What areas/skills are you working on to improve? How are you doing that?
- In what ways do you contribute to learning in the class with others?
- How can I (the teacher) support you in doing well in this class?
- How might your parents or other adults support you in learning in this class?

We hope the conference experience will provide you with an opportunity to hear about your child's experiences, their strengths, and areas they are working to develop and grow. Most importantly, we hope to continue to build a stronger school-home relationship. Conferences will be held in individual teacher's rooms. We also welcome you to meet with our EAL Coordinator, Learning Support Coordinator & Staff, and Secondary Counselor during this time in their rooms.

## 3-Way Conference

*Vitna Bailey - PYP coordinator* Three-way conferences are on the way!

Three-way conferences are scheduled on Friday, November 4. Students, parents, and teachers will meet together to celebrate students' learning and share goals that will improve their progress. These conferences are designed to give parents and teachers, with the student, an opportunity to discuss information about the student's progress, development, and needs and to review their goals. It is a part of the reporting process at TASOK. As students move up through the grades they will be expected to take on greater responsibilities during this conference. If you are new to the three-way conference, please note that students are active participants at the conference. At TASOK we develop and nurture student agency by providing opportunities for them to share their voice, make choices, and show ownership of their learning and school life.

It is important to recognize and celebrate what the student is doing well and to build on their strengths. Parents can listen to their child, ask questions, encourage the student to expand and explain information further, and share what they see as strengths and goals for their child.

Listen carefully and ask to find out how they are developing

- As a learner
- Learner profile attributes
- Agency

Each conference with the homeroom teacher is scheduled for 15 min. Please stop by the single-subject classes before and/or after the meeting with the homeroom teacher. Meetings with single-subject teachers are on a drop in basis. You can stop by and speak with them without an appointment. If you have specific questions or concerns, reach out to your child's teacher and share your questions or concerns ahead of time. It will help save time and use the conference time more effectively.

Please take advantage of the learning share space that is set up for each grade level on the conference day. Your child will be a great guide to walk you through the learning that's been going on in the class. We look forward to having you on the conference day!

## Save the Date!

November 11, 2022

8:00-8:45 am (Right after Music Friday)

**ES Parent Session: French in the PYP at TASOK**

## MYP Coordinator Update

*Kelley Marchant - MYP Coordinator*

### Service as Action - 10th Grade/MYP Yr. 5

For the past month our 10th grade students have been raising funds, gathering donations, and planning a visit to the La Cris du Orphelins orphanage. On October 28th they took the donations and spent a couple hours visiting with the children there and doing activities.

Many commented that it was an eye-opening and fulfilling experience. The children were very excited to interact with our students and sad to see them go. We look forward to creating more of these experiences for our students and continuing to partner with local organizations to help those in need in our community.



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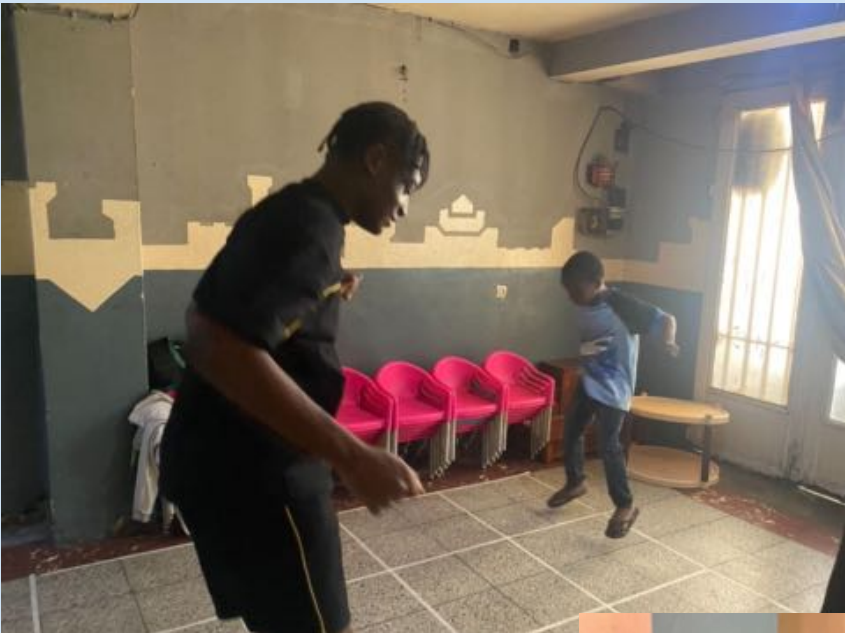
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# Diploma Programme Coordinator Update

Garrett Austin - DP Coordinator



## Academic Integrity

Academic integrity is a key principle of the IB programmes, and a requirement for successfully completing the Diploma Programme. It involves acting in a responsible way to ensure that students are giving credit where credit is due, and to be honest and transparent about how others' work has influenced and supported their own. Here are some tips to help ensure that students are acting with integrity during this busy, and stressful, time of the DP.

- Understand the rules - familiarize yourself with the schools [academic integrity policy](#)
- Always act with honesty - you have an influence on those around you and should be a role model of integrity.
- Stand up for what is right - if you know or suspect someone has participated in academic misconduct, speak out. It is a shared responsibility to develop and maintain integrity.
- Don't try to gain unfair advantages - your work should reflect what you know and what you are capable of.
- Take responsibility - you are in charge of your education, take responsibility for your actions and their consequences
- References - always reference and cite other people's work that you have used. Seek help if you are struggling or don't understand when and how to do so.
- Safely collaborate - be mindful of academic integrity when working collaboratively to ensure all due credit is given.
- Overcome procrastination - the most common cause of academic misconduct is when students fall behind and make poor choices to catch up. Manage your time wisely, and use Get it Done as a tool!

Sincerely,  
Garrett Austin  
DP Coordinator  
TASOK

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# TASOK ELEMENTARY STUDENT COUNCIL (ES StuCo)

*Meritaton Kirigha- French Teacher*

Prior to Congo Week, the ES StuCo members proposed a number of great ideas and things they wanted to see happen during Congo Week. One of these activities was documenting the various events that took place in class, during Congo Week workshops and at recess times. Therefore, StuCo representatives from each grade level (Grade 1-5) paired up to take these pictures. Furthermore, ES StuCo members wanted to connect better with the HS students and they came up with the idea of pairing up each ES grade level with another HS class during the Congo week parade walk and other activities.



*G.5, G.1 & KG students playing Aisha game - pic by G.5 StuCo reps*

In addition to that, the student volunteers project was launched and it was open to both StuCo members and other ES students. Students who took part in this initiative wore yellow vests and a name tag that had the Kelso's Choice Wheel drawn on it. During recess times, they helped their peers solve small problems while reminding them of the options that the Kelso's Choice Wheel offered. When they encountered more difficult issues, teacher supervisors were always available to take charge of the situation. The idea was to give students agency and provide a platform for them to spread the message



of kindness to each other.



*Mwamba and Ethan - StuCo Grade 1 reps*

Finally, the StuCo members are planning to launch a clean-up campaign during recess times. The goal is to spread awareness to their peers about keeping the environment clean and having the habit of throwing trash in the bins or designated areas.

### **Social Volleyball Opportunity for all Association members (parents, teachers, alumni):**

Come on out and play volleyball on our sand courts!

Every Sunday afternoon, 4 to 6p, informal family volleyball for adults and teens. (Bring your whole family! The others can play on the basketball court or the soccer field.) Just show up; these are pick-up volleyball games and we'll form teams with whoever shows up. Bring a volleyball if you have one; we'll also have one from school.



**Contact: Ruthy DeHolton, 0816032067 or WhatsApp +15129152384 or rdeholton@tasok.net"**

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# The **TASOK Green Team News!**

Phil Marchant - MYP Science & IB Biology



Our ASA started September 19th and we are super excited to have the largest ASA on campus! We took our first trip outside the TASOK Walls with just 8 students and in 20 minutes collected **11kg** of plastic bottles and **8kg** trash!!! Amazing Job! Sadly, that was picked up in just 20m of wall-line from the main gate entrance. Every storm brings in more waste and we on the GreenTeam pledge to make difference! I was fortunate enough to go to Muwanda over the October break and see 1st hand the unfortunate truth, **ALMOST ALL PLASTIC DOES LEAD TO THE OCEAN!**



Thanks **Green Team!!!**



We are collecting plastic bottle caps for an art project! Please help us and send your bottle caps to school with your amazing student!  
{Green Team members will collect from Homeroom! Thanks for your support}



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

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

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

*Gilbert Kaburu & Stefan Bergh*

The Trimester 1 ASAs are at their midpoint and we are glad to report that so far, we have over 200 of our students in the Elementary and Secondary sections participating in sports, arts and service activities. A big thank you to our student ASA leaders, teaching staff as well as our outside providers for a smooth season so far. This first of three trimesters ends on December 2nd, and so, we are in the process of planning for the next season which starts on January 23rd and ends on March 14th.



At TASOK, we believe that ASAs provide our students with holistic, authentic and transferable learning experiences. If you are interested in leading an activity for the next trimester, please send us an email [sbergh@tasok.net](mailto:sbergh@tasok.net) or [gkaburu@tasok.net](mailto:gkaburu@tasok.net).

Thank you for your support.

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

*Stefan Bergh*

Season one sports are ending as the Volleyball tournament was held on Saturday, October 29, and the Cross-Country meet will take place on November 11.

Season two sports will begin soon, with practices and tryouts beginning on the week of November 7. Sign-up sheets have been posted on the bulletin board in the Rotunda outside the library. If interested in participating in a sport, please register before Friday, November 4.

### MS Soccer - Practices

Boys: Tuesday, Thursday (3:20-5:30), Saturday (8:00-10:00 am)

Girls: Monday, Thursday (3:20-5:30), Saturday (10:00 am-12:00)

### Swimming - Tryouts/Practices (must have adequate swimming skills)

Boys and Girls: Tuesday, Thursday (3:20-5:30), Saturday (9:00 am-11:00 am)

### Basketball - Tryouts/Practices

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Boys: Tuesday, Friday (3:20-5:30), Saturday (8:00 am-10:00 am)

Girls: Monday, Thursday (3:20-5:30) (10:00 am-12:00)

### **Volleyball Tournament:**

Five male teams and five female teams competed in some hard fought matches throughout the day. It was great to see not only the friendly spirit of competition return to the TASOK campus, but also the level of Volleyball that is now being played throughout Kinshasa. Not long ago, we had difficulty finding enough teams to participate and compete against, and now we are having to turn away teams requesting to attend the tournament. Not only was their great play on the courts, but also much action off the courts as spectators from many schools were present to cheer on their teams and intensity levels were high, cheers could be heard across campus. Although competition was strong, camaraderie, fair play and sportsmanship were the main focus as new friendships were formed on and off the court. Excitement for the next sports season was evident among schools and student-athletes.

Both our male and female teams represented TASOK with great pride and fiery determination. The two teams improved immensely during the season and were able to demonstrate their skills and strategies as they played hard and strong throughout the competition. After a long day of competition both teams made it to the finals in their respective divisions and each team earned Silver medals. A huge CONGRATULATIONS to all members of the Volleyball teams.

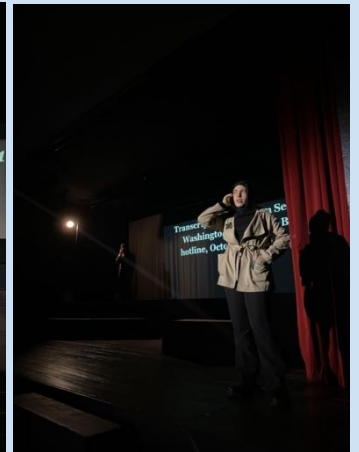




## **PLAY PRODUCTIONS (Gr. 6-12):**

*Kelley Marchant - Director*

The cast and crew of TRAP would like to thank you for your support! For our first play in 3 years, it was a great success! Congratulations to our 6-12 grade students who took a risk and had a great time learning new skills, making new friends, and entertaining (and scaring!) audiences!





# Night Run 2022-2023

*Stefan Bergh*

Due to rain and safety concerns, the Night Run has been postponed to Saturday, November 12. Please come out and join us for this great event!

All funds raised from ticket sales will go towards Mr. G and Mr. Serge's recovery.

## NIGHT RUN REGISTRATION FORM

A poster for the 6th Annual Night Run. The background is dark blue with silhouettes of palm trees and birds flying against a night sky with yellow stars. A large yellow sun is in the center, with silhouettes of five runners in front of it. A yellow starburst in the top left corner contains the text 'November 12'. The text on the poster is as follows:

**6th Annual**  
**NIGHT RUN**  
★  
2km Fun Run/Walk - 6:00pm  
5km Competitive Run: 6:30pm  
**Early Registration - \$5/person (family of 4 - \$15)**  
**Day of Event - \$10/person (family of 4 - \$30)**  
**Please pay Cashier**  
Available for purchase: - Headlight  
- Glow Sticks  
- Food and Drinks  
HEADLIGHT OR FLASHLIGHT MANDATORY TO PARTICIPATE  
**All proceeds from the ticket sales will go towards Mr. G and Mr. Serge's families to help in their recovery.**

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# YEARBOOKS COVER ART CONTEST!

## Announcing the TASOK YEARBOOK COVER ART CONTEST 2022-2023

**THE YEARBOOK COMMITTEE INVITES ALL STUDENTS TO  
SUBMIT ARTWORK  
FOR THE FRONT AND BACK COVER OF OUR  
2022-2023 YEARBOOK!**

### Contest Rules:

1. Digital or PDF versions be submitted by EMAIL by Friday, December 30th at Midnight  
---Must be emailed to BOTH Mrs. Dago AND Ms. Hall  
--Mrs. Dago: adago@tasok.net  
--Ms. Hall: khall@tasok.net
2. Non-Digital versions (Handdrawn, Painted, etc.) must be submitted by Wednesday, December 14th at Noon.  
---Bring Secondary artwork to Mrs. Dago in MS6 or Elementary artwork to Ms. Hall in HS8.
3. Artwork must be the size of A4 paper  
--A4 = 8 1/2 X 11 3/4 INCHES, or 210 X 297 mm, or 21.0 X 29.7 cm
5. Must include both a FRONT cover art and BACK cover art
6. Must not include plagiarized or stolen images from the internet. All images must be purchased legally from a site like Canva, OR you may use royalty-free images from websites such as Pixabay or Unsplash.

### Need some inspiration as you create your design?

#### Ask yourself:

- What do you love about TASOK?
- What TASOK Core Value do you like best?  
(EXCELLENCE - INTEGRITY - INCLUSION)
- What represents us as a community?
- What makes TASOK unique?
- What will you always remember about TASOK?

Keep in mind that it should reflect TASOK's culture, heritage, and people!

## LET YOUR IMAGINATION SOAR!

If you want more information or have any questions, please contact  
Mrs. Dago or Ms. Hall



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!



# COLLEGE CORNER – Preparing our Class of 2023!

Julie Mullen – College Counselor



Yay!! Early Action is currently underway and we already have one senior university acceptance!! More to come during this exciting part of the year for our grade 12's!!!!

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

[COLLEGE BOARD SAT REGISTRATION LINK](#)

## 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.

### 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.



# INTERNATIONAL DAY 2022



NOV 23

LET'S MAKE THIS ONE THE BEST ONE  
YET!!

## HOW CAN YOU HELP?

**We are looking within our diverse  
community for cultural-based  
performances for the Grand  
Finale!**

Interested?? Contact

Ms. Hall

([khall@tasok.net](mailto:khall@tasok.net))

AND

Mr. MA

([mjones@tasok.net](mailto:mjones@tasok.net))

Please let  
us know by

OCT 21

# TASOK Canteen Services 2022/23!

*EkonzoFoods*



Off to a great start with our cafeteria services in both elementary & secondary! We have an average of 80-90 students and staff using new canteen services each day, using EkonzoFood's online ordering system.

- **REGISTRATION** on the website [www.ekonzo.com](http://www.ekonzo.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.



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

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



# The PTC Place



## **Thank you!**

Thank you to everyone who helped make the Halloween Costume Parade a spooky good time! It was fun to see all the students, teachers and parents in their costumes. Your donations of candy, small prizes, decorations and most importantly, your time to help set up and take down made the event possible.

## **International Day November 23, 2022**

Our next big event will be International Day. Students and parents are asked to either wear their traditional national dress or the colors of their flag. For families that have multiple nationalities, you can pick whichever one you would like to highlight.

The school has a parade in which different nationalities walk with their flags and we celebrate our diversity. Parents are welcome to join their children walking or to watch from the sidelines.

After the parade we are asking parents and older students to bring in national dishes and food to share. Each country will have a table to decorate and place their food. Please sign up via this link:

[https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1EinOBvJohZR35wbXsAC6-kA1O7cabR\\_jC2lPU5Sl73M/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1EinOBvJohZR35wbXsAC6-kA1O7cabR_jC2lPU5Sl73M/edit?usp=sharing)

Please help us celebrate TASOK's strength in diversity and have some fun!

## **Holiday Market**

We have received a couple requests to organize a holiday market or celebration before the December Break. Because the PTC is understaffed we are unable to organize one at this time. We are looking for parent volunteers who could lead this event. Email us at [ptctasok@gmail.com](mailto:ptctasok@gmail.com) if you are interested.

## **Please Join Us!**

The PTC has two officer positions that remain vacant for this school year. Please consider joining us as our Interior Relations Rep or Treasurer. No experience required, just enthusiasm! Email us at [ptctasok@gmail.com](mailto:ptctasok@gmail.com) if you are interested.

## **October PTC/Admin Meeting Minutes**

The following is the link to the October PTC/Administration Meeting Minutes:

[https://drive.google.com/file/d/1SqhWHsiO8s5ntV2z6KqxKjvCMrb-IMW\\_/view?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1SqhWHsiO8s5ntV2z6KqxKjvCMrb-IMW_/view?usp=sharing)

# Business Office Info

*Kareen Laplanche - Finance & Operations Manager*

## Important dates

Thank you all for a great start of the year and your cooperation to ensure that all students' accounts are in good standing. Kindly make sure that you return the tuition agreements and are up-to-date with payments. Our office will send follow up emails to prompt you on what is still missing, if any.

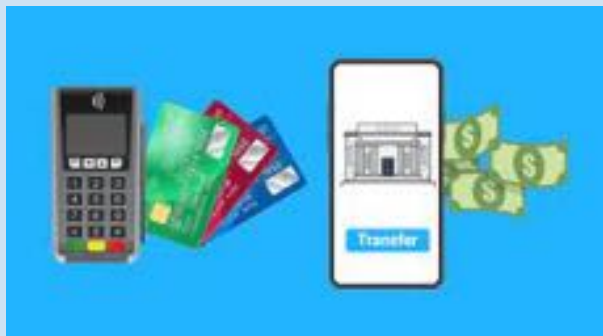
Take note of a few important dates for this semester and next:

- Continued Enrollment Confirmation for Semester 2 - Respond by **November 25** (survey questions to come from our admissions department this week)
- Financial Aid Application for Semester 2 - Apply by **December 1** (for more information, request details at [business@tasok.net](mailto:business@tasok.net) )
- Semester 2 Payment - Pay by **January 9**

## Reminder regarding our multiple Payment Options

TASOK offers families and companies the convenience of making tuition payments as we miscellaneous purchases/bill settlements online.

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©



Website:

[www.tasok.net](http://www.tasok.net)



Contact:

+243 818 846 619



Email:

[info@tasok.net](mailto:info@tasok.net)



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### *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, **Student Play, Night Run**, 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 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 |



**Interesting Fact:** Prior to 2008, local staff were paid in congolese francs (CDF) and in cash. Payrolls literally took an entire work day and beyond! Today, in 2022, all contracted staff regardless of categories, are paid in USD via bank transfer on the same day. It's all electronic and seamless. Staff have access to the ATM on campus and elsewhere to withdraw funds. Thanks to technology and the school's partnership with ISS &

Equity/BCDC.

## The TASOK Board Corner

*Thank you to the Association for your active participation in the Fall AGM Board election.*



## 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 healthy practices.

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.

Should you child be sick or absent for any reason, please share the information via: [attendance@tasok.net](mailto:attendance@tasok.net)

Website:

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# 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	Quarters
1 New Faculty First Day 8 Returning Faculty First Day 11 New Family Orientation 15 Student First Day	5 Labor Day	10-14 School Break	23 International Day (1/2) 24 Thanksgiving Day	Q1: August 12 - October 21 Q2: October 24 - January 11 Q3: January 18 - April 6 Q4: April 10 - June 9
December	January	February	March	<b>Total student days: 178</b>  <b>Quarters</b> <span style="display: inline-block; width: 10px; height: 10px; background-color: #f8d7da; border: 1px solid #c6c8ca;"></span> Early Dismissal <span style="display: inline-block; width: 10px; height: 10px; background-color: #fff3cd; border: 1px solid #ffee58;"></span> Campus Closed <span style="display: inline-block; width: 10px; height: 10px; background-color: #d1ecf1; border: 1px solid #bee5eb;"></span> Important Date <span style="display: inline-block; width: 10px; height: 10px; background-color: #d4edda; border: 1px solid #c3e6cb;"></span> Staff Days
16-Jan 6 School Break	1 New Year's Day 4 Martyr's Day 16-17 Heroes Day (No Student) Faculty PD Days		20-31 School Break	
April	May	June	July	
7 Good Friday	1 International Labor Day	1 High School Graduation 8 Final Day of Classes 10 Faculty Final Day	4 US Independence Day	

APPROVED BY THE BOARD  
05/17/2022

TASOK CALENDAR OF EVENTS ALSO FOUND AT:

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

## Upcoming Events:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Oct. 31 - Nov. 4 - School Photos (and family photos)</li> <li>Nov. 4 - 3-Way Conferences (7:30 am - 3:30 pm)</li> <li>Nov. 8 - Swim Team Begins</li> <li>Nov. 11 - Cross Country Meet</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Nov. 11 - PYP Parent Session (8:00 am)</li> <li>Nov. 23 - International Day (dismissal at 11:30 am)</li> <li>Nov. 24-25 - Thanksgiving Break</li> <li>Dec. 15 - Winter Festival (dismissal at 11:30 am)</li> </ul> |
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*“Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world.” Nelson Mandela*