



**Girls Take 2nd Place!  
TASOK Basketball  
Tournament 2023**



## The American School of Kinshasa TASOK TALK – FEBRUARY 2023

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### Message from the Director - Bruno Mawete!



The TASOK Talk allows us to share some of the great things taking place at school involving our students and staff in and out of the classroom. Each month, we also showcase two members of our staff that you may not regularly interact with in the '**Meet Our TASOK Team!**' section below.

January was especially important as we celebrated the retirement of Bruno Mawete, who has worked at TASOK for the past 21 years. You may have met Bruno in his most recent role as Atelier

Supervisor, keeping our students safe in the mornings with the traffic team. During his time at TASOK, Bruno has contributed in a range of roles over the years supporting the success of TASOK and our students, and is very well respected by all.

At the retirement celebration colleagues shared that "Bruno will go out of his way each morning to say hi and check-in to see how you are doing," and another shared "When I was having medical issues, Bruno called me every day to see how I was doing and is a true friend."

While it is sad to see Bruno leave, he assured me that he will regularly come back to visit us!

*Have a wonderful February,*

**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: **Tamakueno Luwawu Antoine**



TASOK Atelier Team



Interview with: **Qhrystyahnn Tshibangu**



TASOK Admin Assistant



What do you do at TASOK?

I am part of the Tasok gardening Team. Starting early in the morning, clearing the leaves and sand on the roads before the students arrive at Tasok, then mowing the grass and cleaning up the flower beds, keeping Tasok Campus looking beautiful.

What do you do at TASOK?

I am the administrative assistant.

How long have you worked at TASOK?

I have been working for 15 years at Tasok.

How long have you worked at TASOK?

I have been at TASOK for 5 years now, since January 2018.

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

I am originally from Kongo Central. I now live with my wife and 6 children, 2 girls and 4 boys in Kinshasa at Benga Street number 3 in the area called Camp Munganga Ngaliema Commune.

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

I am from the province of Kasai Central, and I currently live in the commune of Mont Ngafula.

What do you appreciate about TASOK?

I appreciate how Tasok takes care of the Environment on the Tasok Campus. I enjoy harvesting the mushrooms and palm nuts and caterpillars. Where I live there are no trees and flowers like Tasok which is a bit sad.

What do you appreciate about TASOK?

TASOK has such a tight knit community that it's easy to fall in love with it and simply feel welcomed by everyone. I have been in TASOK for quite a few years now and there has never been a day where I didn't look forward to coming to work. Our job in the admin office is pretty much giving a hand to everybody on campus. And being the community person that I am, it always feels fulfilling helping someone out.

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

One year we had a huge storm that caused a lot of damage. A galvanized roof with its wooden structure was picked by the strong winds and deposited into the Tasok Campus damaging a Avo Tree including many other trees in front of Admin all the way up to the top of the Campus where the Atelier is situated. The storm started in the morning and the same day we cleaned it up using two axes. It was a big job.

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

We had an office party recently and I won a bottle opener during the raffle ticket that was held there. As far as I can remember, that is the only thing I can recall in terms of accomplishments when it comes to working here. But Like I said previously, helping the TASOK community is forever fulfilling. And I believe that is an accomplishment in itself that I will be forever proud of.

What are you most proud of in the DRC?

I am most proud of our music heritage, the Rumba. It has surpassed the test of time by influencing music worldwide. Most recently with Shakira's Waka Waka song for the FIFA World Cup 2010.

What are you most proud of in the DRC?

I am very proud of the Democratic Republic of Congo's National Soccer Team the Leopards.

What do you do as a hobby?

My hobby is playing soccer in the area that I live in. I used to play number 7 or 9 or 10 for a local soccer team called OPIKA. I played for OPIKA at the Stadium Tata Raphael, the stadium where the Rumble in the Jungle fight took place. I stopped playing soccer for the club when my eye got injured during a soccer game for OPIKA. OPIKA team does not exist anymore.

What do you do as a hobby?

I don't think that I have a hobby per se, but I do love SciFis and Animés. Some of of my all time favorites are:

- That Time I Got Reincarnated As A Slime (Animé)
- Grimm (SciFi)
- Black Clover (Animé)
- One Punch Man (Animé)
- One Piece (Animé)
- Naruto (Animé)

Out of all six, Naruto really stands out for me because of its origin story. What really marked me about this Animé was the origin story. A man who happened to be the chief of a village has to go face an adversary (that happens to be a spirit) in a mortal fight on behalf of his village. Right before the mortal fight, the man's wife lost her life during labor, and the person responsible for her death was the one that released the spirit. Knowing that he will never return to the village after the fight, the man left his newborn with his successor. During the fight, the man quickly realized that in order to vanquish the spirit, it will have to be imprisoned in a human body. So he proceeded to split the spirit into two, imprisoning it in him while taking his own life and his newborn son. The new born son ended up growing up like an outcast because his whole village hated him for the wreckage the aftermath of the spirit's passage caused, when he had nothing to do with it. Long story short he will end up becoming a hero by saving his village on numerous occasions and will eventually become the chief of his village. The lesson that I took away from Naruto (the orphan son) is his selflessness, and the fact that he never let his environment affect him negatively when he had several opportunities to do so. He always helped his village against all odds and enemies and in return, they ended up making him the village chief.

What do you appreciate in your current position?

I appreciate being on the Tasok Campus with all the Trees,

What do you appreciate in your current position?

The variety of tasks we at time have to take care of in the

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Flowers and insects and birds. It is good for me.

admin office. Some of these tasks are covering the reception every morning and answering the security radio, doing English-French/French-English/English-Lingala/... translations when needed, taking care of the supply deliveries, and organizing refreshments for routine meetings and sometimes for very important ones.

## Why are administrators always talking about attendance?

### *Sarah Clover -Secondary Principal*

I love that Mr. Michael-Ashley starts Music Fridays with a simple message of appreciation and acknowledgment for those who are present, those who have shown up to be “there” for themselves and others in our community. This is the fourth school I’ve had the privilege to be a part of and while there are differences in each school the role that attendance, simply being present, plays in both a student’s success and a school’s success remains a constant.

What we know from research and what I have personally experienced in my roles as teacher, coordinator and administrator is that there is a strong correlation between consistent attendance and a student meeting their academic and social/emotional growth potential. Most students miss a few days throughout the school year without long-term consequences. But, when they miss many days the consequence is inevitably negative. Students who are “chronically absent” those missing more than 10% of the school year (that’s less than 2 days a month) end up missing nearly a semester of their education across just 4 years. Most conversations I have with parents about a student being behind academically or in their social/emotional development almost always includes an element of attendance as an issue. Every single class missed is a lost opportunity for learning and making connections.

But, it’s not just about individual students. A community that has many “chronically absent” students can impact the entire group. In IB schools especially learning is constructed and strengthened through connection with others. It’s harder for everyone to learn when others aren’t there to contribute their knowledge, beliefs and understanding to the collective group of learners. It can also impact staff morale, as professional educators see first hand the lost opportunities when students miss out.

The Secondary Semester 1 Report Cards include information about attendance (present, late and absent) from individual classes and homeroom. Please take a moment to review this with your family and share some thoughts with your student(s) about the positive impact making a commitment to being at school every day, for every class can have on their learning and personal development.

# MUN - Trip to THIMUN in the Hague

The THIMUN (The Hague International Model United Nations) conference is a four-day simulation of the United Nations for secondary school students, which takes place at the end of January each year in the World Forum Convention Center in The Hague. THIMUN attracts students and teachers from around 200 schools all over the world. The students themselves originate from more than 100 different countries. This year, TASOK sent a delegation of nine students representing Malaysia (in the simulation). Each member discussed, debated, and negotiated on a wide variety of issues, including:

- Strengthening of security and cooperation in the Black Sea region
- Repatriation of arts and cultural artifacts in the post-colonial age
- Land grabbing in Less Economically Developed Countries [LEDCs]

And many more! Check out the pictures of the conference and the excursions around the Hague and Amsterdam!





## ES Math Family Fun Night

 The American School of Kinshasa

Presents

**Math Family Fun Night**

FOOD AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE

MATH ACTIVITIES FOR PARENTS AND STUDENTS OF ALL AGES

OPEN PLAYGROUND FROM 15:15 - 16:20

VOLUNTEERS CAN CONTACT MR. BAILEY AT [MBAILEY@TASOK.NET](mailto:mbailey@tasok.net)

**Date: 10 February 2023**  
**Time: 16:30 - 19:30**  
**Place: ES Library**



Come join us at the ES Math Family Fun Night! It will be a fun, family-friendly night filled with excitement, joy, and laughter. Students and families will explore different concepts, participate in fun games, solve riddles and problems all related to math! It's also a great chance to connect with other families and build a stronger community.

The ES playground will be open from 3:15 to 4:20 for the students who are staying on campus to participate in the Math Family Fun Night but do not have ASA. Food will be available for purchase as well.

If you'd like to volunteer to help us run different stations, please contact Mr. Bailey at [mbailey@tasok.net](mailto:mbailey@tasok.net)

We look forward to seeing you at the ES Math Family Fun Night!

# Coffee with Counselors

Julie Mullen & TaShawndra Govan

The TCC was hopping with parents last Friday when Ms. Mullen and Ms. TaShawndra held a " **Coffee with the Counselors**" session on Social and Emotional Learning for Parents and Caregivers. There were parents with children from both ES and SS in attendance. The group discussions were both helpful and thoughtful, leaving parents asking for more. Special thanks to the PTC for their involvement.

If you would like to attend the next one, please be on the lookout in Managebac and the PTC/classroom WhatsApp groups.

**A BIG THANK YOU** to all those that joined us!







# PYP Exhibition

Vitna Bailey - PYP coordinator



**Save the day!** PYP Exhibition: Thursday, April 27, 2023

The 2022-2023 PYP Exhibition (PYPX) is on the way! PYP exhibition is the culminating, collaborative experience in the final year of the IB Primary Years Programme. Students will explore, document, and share their understanding of an issue or opportunity of personal significance. This year's exhibition unit transdisciplinary theme is ***Who We Are; An inquiry into the nature of the self; beliefs and values; personal, physical, mental, social and spiritual health; human relationships including families, friends, communities and cultures; rights and responsibilities; what it means to be human.***

Grade 5 students are working hard to consolidate their understanding of how key concepts are driving their inquiry and to develop their approaches to learning skills (ATLs). The exhibition unit 'Who We Are' starts on Feb. 20 and ends on Apr. 28. They will need your encouragement and support throughout this exciting learning journey. It is imperative that students are present at school throughout the process collaborating with their group members. *If you plan to travel during the March break, please support your child by making sure that they are back at school ready to continue their learning on Monday, April 3.*

We will be inviting **Grade 5 parents** to school on **Mar. 10** to talk about the PYP exhibition in detail and how they can support students. Please stay tuned for more information.

## Purpose of PYP Exhibition

- For students to engage in an in-depth, collaborative inquiry
- To provide students an opportunity to demonstrate independence and responsibility for their own learning
- To provide students with an opportunity to explore multiple perspectives
- For students to synthesize and apply learning of previous years and to reflect upon their journey through the PYP
- To provide an authentic process for assessing student understanding
- To demonstrate how students can take action as a result of their learning
- To unite the students, teachers, parents and other members of the school community in a collaborative experience that incorporates the essential elements of the PYP
- To celebrate the transition of learners in the PYP to the MYP

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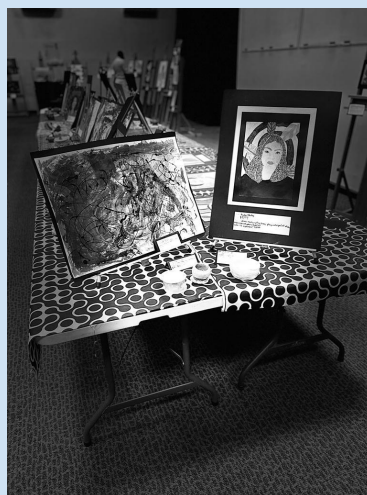
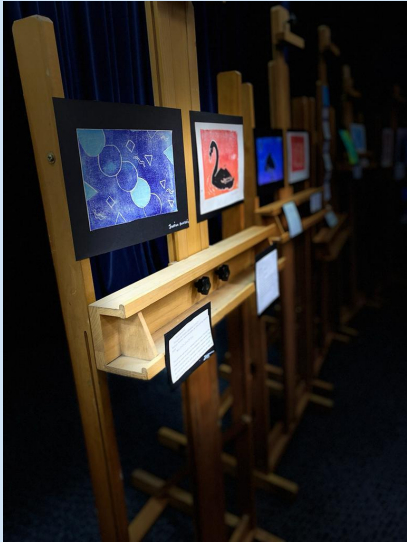
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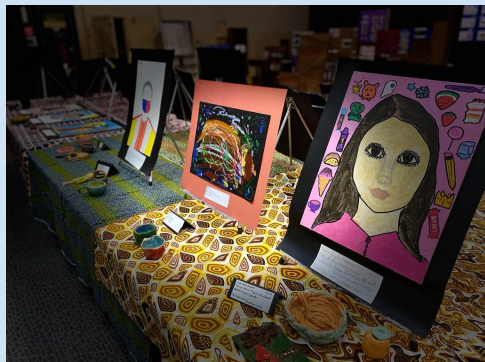
# MYP Coordinator Update

*Kelley Marchant - MYP Coordinator*

## Premiere MYP Arts & Design Exposition - January 12 & 13

We had a wonderful first Expo for our Grades 6-10 students, giving them the opportunity to exhibit some of their Art and Design work over the last semester. We plan to make this a regular experience for our community at the end of each semester. Mark your calendar now to attend our Spring Arts & Design Expo on Thursday and Friday, May 25th and 26th in the CAC.





## MYP POETRY - French Language and Literature

During Semester 1 our Grade 6 students engaged in writing poetry in the French Language and Literature classes. We hope you enjoy this selection of work from the students in the class.

[Grade 6 Poetry](#)

## Diploma Programme Coordinator Update

*Garrett Austin - DP Coordinator*

Mock exams are coming up next month from March 10-17 for grade 12 DP students. Mock exams are an important experience for both students and teachers in the DP journey. It is the first time for students to experience a full IB-style examination session, covering all papers and content from each subject. Students and teachers are able to assess areas of strength and weakness in content and skill knowledge in order to focus their revision during April. It is also an important piece of evidence for teachers to make their final Predicted Grades for each student. Finally, it helps students understand and appreciate the importance of planning and preparation for IB exams, and how to manage their time in order to be successful.



For the full schedule of the mock exams, you can see them here: [M23 Mock Exam Schedule](#)

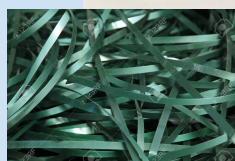
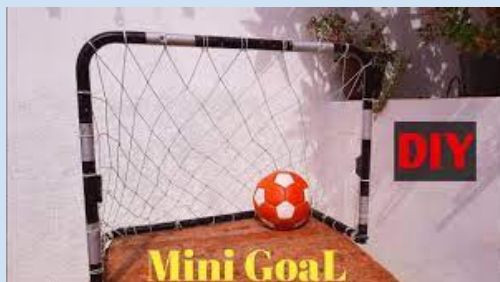
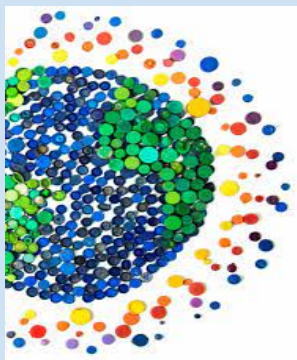


# The TASOK Green Team News!

Phil Marchant - MYP Science & IB Biology



The 2nd trimester ASAs have begun! We are very excited to continue our environmental tasks and focus on **ReUsing** and **RePurposing** materials for a greener world. Utilizing bottle caps for an art project, salvaging glass bottles and transforming them into vases, glasses and candle accessories. Plus attempting to use nylon box straps to make soccer nets! If you have any of these items, we'd love to ReUse them, simply send them with your student!!! Thanks



Thanks **Green Team**,  
It's going to be a great  
2nd trimester!!!

Please join The **Green Team**  
in assisting **TASOK** stay 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*

Trimester 2 ASAs began on Monday, January 23 and continue until March 17 (8 weeks). See all the amazing activities on offer in the calendars below.

\*\*Please note that Trimester 2 has been reduced to 7 weeks due to the online week of the Papal visit\*\*

### Elementary

Monday	Tuesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Soccer</b> ES Soccer Field 2-3	<b>Basketball</b> Bask. Court K-1	<b>Football</b> ES Soccer Field K-1	<b>Jewelry Club</b> K/1 screen 1-2
<b>Basketball</b> Bask. Court 2-3	<b>Jewelry Club</b> K/1 screen 3-5	<b>Badminton</b> Grass Area 4-5	<b>Dance</b> G1 Classroom(ES 6) K-1
<b>Football</b> ES Soccer Field 4-5	<b>Cross Country</b> Bask. Court 4-5	<b>Basketball (\$50)</b> ES Court 4-5	<b>Football</b> ES Soccer Field 2-3
<b>Swimming</b> Pool 3-5	<b>Badminton</b> Grass Area 2-3	<b>Handball</b> ES Soccer Field 3-5	<b>Dance</b> ES Gym 3-5
<b>Nature Walks and Crafts</b> 3-5 Grade 4 Class	<b>Pop/Karaoke Singing</b> 3-5 Grade 4 Class	<b>Outdoor Games</b> SS Court 2	
<b>Taekwondo</b> ES Cafeteria 4-MS			

### Secondary

Monday	Tuesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Yearbook Club</b> MS6 6-12	<b>MUN Secretariat</b> HS10 9-12	<b>Volleyball</b> Vball Courts 6-12	<b>Swimming</b> Pool 6-10
<b>Ceramics</b> HS12 6-7	<b>MUN Club</b> HS11 6-8	<b>Ceramics</b> HS12 6-7	<b>RC Airplanes(\$50)</b> MS4 6-12
<b>Movie Club</b> HS3 6-9	<b>Art Studio</b> HS12 8-12	<b>X-Country Running</b> HS2 6-12	<b>Basketball Club</b> Court 6-8
<b>Chess Club</b> MS2 6-10	<b>Green Team</b> HS14 6-12	<b>Green Team</b> HS14 6-12	
<b>Basketball</b> Court 9-12 Girls	<b>Math Help</b> Library 6-7	<b>Weight Training</b> Court 9-12	
<b>Math Tutoring</b> HS5 8-12	<b>Adv. Swimming</b> Pool 6-12		

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<b>Weight Training</b> 9-12	Court			
<b>Taekwondo</b> 6-8	ES Cafeteria			
<b>D &amp; D</b> 9-12	HS10			
<b>Writing and Homework Support</b> Drop-in or Appointment	Library	<b>Get It Done (Homework)</b> Library Drop-in or Appointment	<b>Get It Done (Homework)</b> Library Drop-in or Appointment	<b>I &amp; S and Homework Support</b> Library Drop-in or Appointment

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

*Stefan Bergh*

### Basketball:

Both teams improved dramatically throughout the season as they mastered the basics and learned how to play as a team. Their skills and strategies were put to the test at the TASOK Invitational Tournament, which was held on Friday, January 20 and Saturday, January 21. Boys and girls played hard and represented TASOK well with hard work and sportsmanship. The boys played with heart and determination as competition was fierce, but were unfortunately eliminated in the first round of the playoffs. Although the girls had tough competitors and had many close games, they were able to compete with tenacity and commitment and secure themselves a spot in the finals, bringing home an impressive 2nd place. Congratulations to both teams on an excellent season!!

Thank you Coach Garrison, Coach Ben, Coach Nicole, and Coach Rocky!



A fun Students vs. Staff game was held on Tuesday, January 24. The students fought hard, but TASOK staff were able to establish a lead early in the game and held off the student's attack.



### Swimming:

After waiting for the pool modifications to be completed, the swimmers were excited to get into the water and practice their skills. Under the guidance of Olympic swimmer, Coach Kaburu and with the help of Mrs. Mullen, a group of dedicated swimmers has been training and having fun in the pool three times a week. With an upgraded pool and new coaches this young and talented team improved their strokes throughout the season. This group of student-athletes has reenergized the swim team and we are excited to see what they will do and how they will grow the team in future years.

Thank you Coach Kaburu and Coach Mullen!

### MS Soccer:

The MS Soccer teams have been practicing hard and testing their skills for their upcoming tournaments. First a group of selected student-athletes will travel to Johannesburg and represent TASOK in a tournament on Feb. 11 at AISJ. Then TASOK will host our annual MS Tournament on Feb. 24-25 where the teams will play against local schools.

Good luck to all teams as they compete to bring home the gold!

### SEASON 3

Jr Varsity and Varsity Soccer/Football teams will have try-outs Feb. 6 to 17. A sign-up sheet will be in the rotunda outside the library for all students interested in trying out for the teams.

**LET'S GO CONDORS!**



# TASOK SECONDARY VALENTINE'S DANCE



## 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](mailto:rdeholton@tasok.net)**

## TASOK YEARBOOK News

### TASOK Yearbook Photos

The TASOK Yearbook Club is off to a great start and the students are excited about putting together this school year's ultimate memory book. Now we need the TASOK Community's help! Please send us all your favorite snapshots of the events you have attended this year! The links to the Google Drive with folders for each event have been previously posted on the TASOK PTC WhatsApp chat group, but you can also click on the link below to access the TASOK Community Pictures folder to add your best 2022-2023 TASOK memories!



## TASOK Community Pictures - Google Drive Folder

If you have any questions about accessing this folder, or if you are just interested in helping out with the Yearbook - you can contact Amanda Dago ( [adago@tasok.net](mailto:adago@tasok.net)) or Kimberly Hall ( [khall@tasok.net](mailto:khall@tasok.net))!

## TASOK 2021-2022 Yearbook “Special Edition”

*Don't forget! 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 quite a few senior university acceptances!! 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 getting ready for IB Exams and starting to plan life after TASOK!

#### 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.

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DID YOU KNOW?

### Historical Note:

TASOK's first website was launched on April 30 2002, as [www.tasok.cd](http://www.tasok.cd). The project was run by juniors and seniors of Mr Ilunga's computer class.

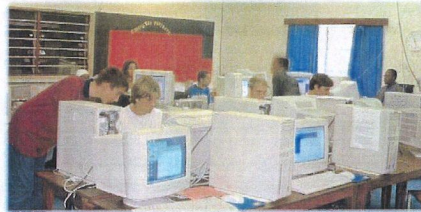
## TASOK Website

Launched on April 30th, 2002, [www.tasok.cd](http://www.tasok.cd) was the first student run website by *current* TASOK students. TASOK students felt the need of developing their own website, which would both be beneficial for prospective students as well as a means of communicating information to TASOK students and alumni. The Junior and Senior Computer class, with the immense help and knowledge of Mr. Ilunga, took on the task of developing this much-needed site. At first this task seemed quite overwhelming, but it all paid off in the end, with a job well done. TASOK alumni sites include [www.tasok.com](http://www.tasok.com) and [www.tasok.org](http://www.tasok.org). Wishing it popularity and deserved success!

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da hard werkin' bunch



working hard to get the site published on time...

**TASOK**  
The American School Of Kinshasa

*The School of Many Friends*

Home  
General info & Academic  
News & Information  
After School Activities  
Photo Gallery  
Alumni & Friends  
Non School  
Contact Us

**Welcome**

Mon. May 6, 2002

You are our visitor N° **00281**

Once a month, TASOK holds a Spirit Assembly. This gathering brings all the grades of the school together ...

**TASOK.CD**

Excerpt from the TASOK 2002 Yearbook.

# TASOK Canteen Services 2022/23!

*EkonzoFoods - by Ekonzo Admin*



We continue to offer our cafeteria services in both elementary & secondary with more than **210 accounts** created since September 2022.

An **average of 80-90 students and staff** use the canteen services daily, with the EkonzoFood online ordering system.

**New menu items available** since January (check them out):

1. [Boneless Chicken, Rice & Ponde](#)
2. [Cantonese Rice, Chicken & Vegetables](#)
3. [Mixed Plate of Beef Sausage, Samosas, French Fries & Salad](#)
4. [Mixed Plate of Samosas, Chicken, Meatballs, French Fries & Salad](#)
5. [Beef, Rice & Ratatouille](#)
6. [Boneless Chicken, Plantains & Salad](#)
7. [Spaghetti & Beef Meatballs](#)
8. [Macaroni, Chicken in Cream Sauce & Mushrooms](#)
9. [Sautéed Potatoes, Chicken & Vegetables](#)
10. [Sweet Corn & Avocado Salad](#)
11. [Egg & Avocado Salad](#)
12. [Grilled Cheese Sandwich](#)
13. [Tuna & Egg Sandwich](#)



Reminder on how to sign-up and set-up your Canteen account:

- **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-Pocket 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 5:59 p.m. for the following day. From 6:00 p.m. the following day becomes unavailable for orders.

For [questions/comments/issues](#) with your orders, please contact Ekonzo directly at:

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



Website:

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



Contact:

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Email:

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Save the Date! - The PTC Gala Planning Committee has Started Planning!



Save the date

TASOK GALA 2023

Field of  
Dreams

Saturday  
20th May  
2023

# Business Office Info

*Kareen Laplanche - Finance & Operations Manager*

## TASOK multiple Payment Options

TASOK offers families and companies the convenience of making tuition payments as well as 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©

*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, **Sports Trip**, etc...)



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- 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 |

# The TASOK Board Corner

## Upcoming Board Meeting

The next TASOK Board meeting is February 15, 2023, from 4:30-6 pm in the secondary school library. All Association members may attend as observers, and propose topics for future board agendas. For any questions, contact [board@tasok.net](mailto:board@tasok.net)



## Strengthening Communications

Thank you to the parents and staff who responded to the surveys sent out just before the holidays. Now that the surveys have closed we are reviewing the results and will be communicating more soon. We really appreciate your feedback and input.

## Board Elections

As we prepare for elections of new Board members in May, we are finalizing the election committee and preparing to send more information regarding elections for positions that will need to be filled this year. If you have any questions about the elections, please contact [elections@tasok.net](mailto:elections@tasok.net)

The following TASOK Board position terms will be up for election/re-election at the May 13, 2023 AGM:

- Board Chair
- Board Vice President
- Board Secretary
- Board Treasurer
- Board Missionary Representative
- Board Member at Large

For more information about the election process, descriptions, or responsibilities for each positions, please see the following link to the TASOK Policy Manual:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/144zURUTxsEYkrVpv0MHgR5SsjTi5199s/view>

## 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 is required to take medicine daily at school or if your child has a temporary prescription to take during the school hours.

Send your child to the Nurse first thing in the morning after 2 days of sickness absence.

Should your 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 AND 2023/24 Academic Calendars are Here!

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

 2022-2023 TASOK Approved Academic Calendar

August							September							October							November						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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April							May							June							July						
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August	September	October	November
1 New Faculty First Day	5 Labor Day	10-14 School Break	23 International Day (1/2)
8 Returning Faculty First Day			24 Thanksgiving Day
12 New Family Orientation			
15 Student First Day			

December	January	February	March
16-Jan. 6 School Break	1 New Year's Day		20-31 School Break
	4 Mary's Day		
	16-17 Heroes Day (No Students)		
	Faculty PD Days		

April	May	June	July
7 Good Friday	1 International Labor Day	1 High School Graduation	4 US Independence Day
		9 Final Day of Classes	
		10 Faculty Final Day	

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03/17/2022

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  
 Campus Closed  
 Important Date  
 Staff Days

TASOK CALENDAR OF EVENTS ALSO FOUND AT:  
<https://tasok.net/events-calendar/>

## Upcoming Events:

- February 9-12 - MS Soccer Tournament (JoBurg)
- February 13 - French Visiting Author
- February 15 - Picture Retakes
- February 24 - CAS Jazz Festival
- March 3 - Grade 3 Celebration of Learning
- March 4 - Grade 12 Visual Arts Exhibition
- March 11 - Digital SAT
- March 20 - 31 - Spring Break

*“Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world.” Nelson Mandela*