

AINN'S WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Tuesday, August 20th, 2019

First Week of School Dates to Remember:

Monday, August 26th - First Day of School (8:00 am - 3:05 pm)

Tuesday, August 27th - Second Day of School (8:00 am - 3:05 pm)

Wednesday, August 28th - Third Day of School (8:00 am - 3:05 pm)

Thursday, August 29th - Fourth Day of School - Half Day - No Lunch at School (8:00 am - 12:00 pm)

Friday, August 30th - No School (Teacher Professional Development)

Monday, September 2nd - School Resumes at 8:00 am



Welcome to the start of the 2019-2020 school year! Welcome back to all returning families and a warm welcome to new families at AINSN this year. We look forward to meeting and getting to know you during the coming days and weeks. If you have any questions or concerns about the start of the school year, feel free to contact our school director, Mrs. MaryAnn Przekurat at director@ainnmauritania.com or our Curriculum Coordinator, Ms. Meghan Anderton at meghan@ainnmauritania.com. Ms. Aicha, is also available at aicha.fall@ainnmauritania.com or at 32 17 86 23/ 45 25 29 67.

Welcome to our new staff! For our returning students, there are a couple new faces around AINSN. Ms. Sally Spellman, an American teacher and reading specialist with an extensive background in elementary education in the US and various countries around the world, will be teaching grades 2-3, while Ms. Fatimatou Moctar, a graduate from the top of her class at the City University of London, is our new PreK teacher. For more information about all our teaching staff, check out their bios on our school website at www.ainnmauritania.com.

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First Week of School Reminders:

- AINSN's first day of school is Monday, August 26th. It is a full day of school; the day begins sharply at 8:00 am and ends at 3:05 pm.
- Thursday, August 29th is a half day for students with dismissal at 12:00 pm due to AINSN faculty professional development. Lunch will not be eaten at school this day.
- There is no school for students on Friday, August 30th due to AINSN faculty professional development. School will resume on Monday, September 2nd at 8:00

am.

- Students have a morning break/snack time and an afternoon break/lunch time scheduled daily.
- The normal school day (Monday - Thursday) ends at 3:05 pm. On Fridays, school ends at 12:36 pm with no lunch.
- The optional hot lunch program will not begin until Monday, September 2nd. Please plan to provide your child(ren) with lunch for the first week of school. Information about the hot lunch program will be shared with families next week.
- Optional after-school activities will begin on Monday, September 9th with dismissal on these days being at 3:50 pm. Information about our first session of after-school activities will be shared with families next week.



- Each middle and high school student (Grades 6-12) is required to have his/her own laptop or Chromebook for use at school each day by Monday, September 2nd. If needed, chromebooks are available for purchase at the school for \$325.
- AISN provides writing utensils, notebooks, binders, pencils, scissors, crayons, etc. However, if your child has special material from home they wish to use, they can bring it in.
- Students should bring a school bag to transport school material, a snack, lunch and their own water bottles.
- Each Wednesday, the school sends home a Wednesday Folder to each family to help maintain communication with our community. Our first Wednesday Folder will be sent home on Wednesday, August 28th with the youngest child in each family. Be sure to review the contents in it as it will provide important information concerning the start of the school year, including lunch menus/order forms and after-school activity sign up sheets.
- Students will receive their class schedules from their homeroom teachers on the first day of school.
- To gain entrance to school grounds, each parent/guardian/driver is reminded to bring his/her school-issued badge whenever coming to AISN.
- To receive their school-issued badge, new parents are requested to scan a copy of formal piece of identification (passport, driver's license, residency card, etc) as well as an ID picture to Ms. Aicha at aicha.fall@aisnmauritania.com. Please direct any questions concerning school badges to her.
- To ensure safety during morning drop-off and afternoon pick-up of students, we encourage you to enter from one of the roads around the school entrance. Please see the attached map showing two suggested routes into school that will have drivers entering in the proper direction for a safe drop-off/pick-up. We will have staff positioned outside to help with drop-off and pick up.



This year's teacher assignments are listed below:

- ❖ **PreK:** Ms. Fatimatou Moctar
- ❖ **Kindergarten:** Ms. Amal Kheloui
- ❖ **Grade 1:** Ms. Cookie Icarangal
- ❖ **Grades 2-3:** Ms. Sally Spellman
- ❖ **Grades 4-5:** Mr. Dave Przekurat
- ❖ **Middle/High School Humanities:** Mr. Andrew Gac
- ❖ **Middle/High School Language Arts:** Ms. Barbara Schmidt
- ❖ **Middle/High School Math:** Ms. Ines Mourino
- ❖ **Middle School Science/Robotics:** Mr. Alex Datsiuk/Ms. Meghan Anderton
- ❖ **High School Science/Robotics:** Mr. Alex Datsiuk
- ❖ **French:** Mr. Sidi Ali/Ms. Jamila Aissaoui
- ❖ **Art:** Mr. Sidi Yahya
- ❖ **Music:** Mr. Papis Diarra
- ❖ **Physical Education:** Ms. Basma Najjar
- ❖ **Library:** Ms. May Linn
- ❖ **College Readiness/Study Skills:** Ms. Meghan Anderton