

AISN'S WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Wednesday, August 19th, 2020

Dates to Remember:

Wednesday, August 19th: Parent Support Group Meeting - 5:00 PM (GMT - NCT time)

Thursday, August 20th - Sunday, August 23rd: Orientation Meetings for Online Platform

Monday, August 24th: First Day of School - 9:00 AM - 1:15PM (GMT - NCT time)

— WELCOME — BACK TO SCHOOL

AISN's first day of school is set for Monday, August 24th at 9:00 AM!

Students should have already received their log-in credentials to Edmentum Learning. Be sure to log in on time to be ready for class! Important orientation meetings to our new online platform have been scheduled for various times from August 20th - 23rd. Elementary students and families will be meeting with their homeroom teachers, while middle and high school students will be meeting with Ms. Meghan. Check your email for details!



WELCOME BACK
—
ONLINE

Welcome back! We are excited to once again welcome our students, families, faculty and staff back for what is sure to be a unique year of learning, growing, and fun! We plan to be online until at least September 21st when we will access the situation with input from the World Health Organization based in Nouakchott to determine if it is appropriate to open up for face-to-face classes at AISN. More information about this decision will be provided as the date approaches.

AISN's new online curriculum is set to launch! This school year we will be following a brand new online American accredited curriculum. It will provide continuous, rigorous and challenging instruction for all students - whether we are online or face-to-face. Recently, our teachers received three weeks of intensive training focusing on this new educational initiative. As the school year starts and progresses, teachers, students, and families will learn to navigate our online learning platform. Keep in mind that with all new things, it will take time to master this new way of learning. Remember to stay positive and ask questions when you are confused. *We are all in this together!*



AISN Parent Support Group's first meeting is tonight at 5PM! The idea of forming a Parent Support Group was developed to provide an opportunity for AISN parents to come together to discuss topics of concern and challenges that we as parents may face. All AISN parents are invited to attend. The agenda topics for our first meeting will include: online learning at AISN, setting routines, and providing support to our children. If you are interested in attending, please feel free to reach out beforehand to Ms. Meghan at meghan@aisnmauritania.com for the link to her Zoom Room. Translation in French will be available if needed.



Get your goodie bag! AISN teachers have prepared school supplies students will need at the start of the school year. Be sure to come collect yours from our guard at the entrance of school this week! Students who are not yet back in Nouakchott will be able to collect their supplies upon their arrival in the country. *There will be no access to campus.*

WE NEED YOUR AISN LIBRARY AND TEXTBOOKS BACK FROM LAST SCHOOL YEAR! We do NOT need any workbooks you were writing in; however we do need all our library books and any textbooks including reading books from English class. **Please put all AISN books in a bag, label the bag with your name or put a paper with your name on it, and drop it into the *Books to Drop Off Box* at the school's gate.** *There will be no personal contact and no access to campus.*



Check Out a Library Book

New Check Out Book Procedure:

1. Make sure you have returned all your outstanding library books to the ***Books to Drop Off Box*** at the school's gate.
2. Send our librarian, Ms. May, an email telling her the type of books you like. You can request specific books, and if you are reading a series, let Ms. May know what book you need next. Ms. May will do her best to pick up books that she thinks you'd like. Ms. May's email is may.linn@aisnmauritania.com.
3. Ms. May will email you back to let you know that your

books are ready for pick up. You will find your books at the school gate in the ***Books To Pick Up Box*** in a bag labeled with your name. *There will be no personal contact and no access to campus.* Please let Ms. MaryAnn or Ms. May know if you have any questions.