Dear Parents and Guardians-

I’d like to invite you to consider having your student take part in ISM’s Summer Enrichment Program. Our four-week long program for Upper School students runs from June 27-July 21, and we’re once again offering a nice variety of courses designed to meet many different needs and interests. These classes will be offered Monday-Thursday and will mostly take place in the mornings. The availability of these classes depends on how many students register.

While working during the summer, I can say the experience is a relaxed, enjoyable one. The school is quieter, the interactions with the students are more casual, and we can focus efforts on a single project or set of concepts for a longer time during our sessions together. For those reasons, I’m excited to get this year’s program off the ground!

Registration itself is easy. Just email me at sbianucci@sabis.net and let me know which class(es) you’d like to sign up for. I’ll add your student(s) to our lists and put you in touch with our business office staff to handle the tuition fees. Applications are due on or before Friday, May 6th.

One last note – registration for summer courses is open to any student, whether they go to ISM or not. If your child is on the fence about taking a class, maybe they can talk a friend from outside ISM into joining them to make it a more memorable experience!

All the best,

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Upper School Academic Quality Controller (Grades 8-12)
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COMPUTERS
Video Production
Mr. Pobloske
June 27-July 23; Mon-Thurs, 9-10:30
Grades 10-12
.5 Computers credits; Tuition: $275.00
This is a course covering the principles of video and film production. Students will understand the stages of production, the terminology and technology of the field, and the fundamentals of shot composition and aesthetics. They will be given guided instruction on the latest and best non-linear video editing software while also learning how to become dynamic visual storytellers themselves. This course will fulfill half of the ISM graduation requirement of one credit for Computers.

“I took two classes last year and was able to complete my computer credits in one summer versus two years.”

-Natalie Faber
class of 2016

Photoshop
Mr. Compton
June 27-July 23; Mon-Thurs, 10:30-12:00
Grades 9-12
.5 Computers credits; Tuition: $275.00
In this class, students will use Adobe Photoshop to create professional quality graphics for web and print. Students will be familiarized with the basic tools of the Adobe program in a project-based environment. Students will also experience the fun of fixing and enhancing digital photos, and use their own creativity in creating original images. This course will fulfill half the ISM graduation requirement of one credit for Computers.

“It’s a fun and constructive way to spend a few weeks of your summer.”

-Tommy Campion
class of 2016

Visit ISM’s Video Production page on YouTube to see past projects.
ADVISING
College Application Boot Camp
Mrs. Haagenson
August 1-4; Mon-Thurs, 9-11:30AM
Grade 12
0 Credits; Tuition: $275
Get a jump start on college applications! This program will guide students through the ins and outs of the process. Students will receive small group instruction and one-on-one support in completing their college applications. The new Common Application will have just been released on August 1st, so this course will allow for students to get a the earliest start possible. We will work intensely on the Common Application essay, writing supplements, the application, showcasing extracurricular and leadership activities, and also be guided through the different variations of applications. Our main focus will be a thorough evaluation of all aspects of the application and ensuring that your application is completed accurately and effectively.

Please note the unique dates for this course!

Email sbianucci@sabis.net by May 1st to register

ACT/SAT Test Prep
Mrs. Haagenson
August 1-4; Mon-Thurs, 1 – 3PM
Grade 10 & 11
0 Credits; Tuition: $175
Experience a comprehensive test preparation seminar at ISM! This program will involve group instruction and individualized coaching to increase student confidence and competence on these college entrance exams. We will address test format, test taking strategies, common barriers to success, and much more to help every student reach their full potential.

SOCIAL STUDIES
Explore American History
Mr. Dibley
June 27-July 21; Mon-Thurs, 9-10:30
Middle School students/ELL Students
0 Credits; Tuition: $225
Explore American History during summer enrichment! We will cover topics from the Age of Discovery through World War II that will be emphasized in the required U.S. History class at ISM. This class will be great for middle schoolers or ELL students looking to get a head start on their graduation requirement, or anyone looking for a deeper historical understanding of the United States. We will emphasize study skills that will be applicable to any social studies class going forward.
ENGLISH
AP English Preparatory Course
Ms. Lewandowski
July 5-21, 8:30-11:30am ;Mon-Thur
grades 9-12
0 credits, Tuition: $275
This course is designed for students entering grades 9-12 interested in pursuing the AP English courses offered in 11th and 12th grade. The goal of the course is to lay the groundwork for the terms and techniques needed to be successful in the AP English courses while simultaneously exposing students to the wide variety of reading and writing they will encounter. Students will be provided with the necessary tools and vocabulary they will need in order to clearly and concisely express their understanding of the ways writers use language. Throughout the course, students will be taught how to become active readers by “talking with the text” and applying key terms and strategies to various texts. In-class writing activities will range from analyzing images for argument to creative writing assignments.

Week One: (Non) Fiction: Poetry and prose versus essays and speeches.
Poem vs. speech, short story vs. video games. Delve into topics such as author’s purpose and tone.

Week Two: Finding meaning:
An introduction to TPCASTT and SOAPStone.

Week Three: Putting it all together:
Write, write, write.
Annotating, and/or using graphic organizers and mnemonic devices are a great way for students to become close readers. In order to really impress their future AP English teachers, however, they’ll have to know how to put their ideas all together. Close attention will be paid to creating thesis statements, effectively organizing their essays, and how and why you should always proofread before handing in something.

FRENCH
Pourquoi pas learn French?
Mme. Vende
June 27-July 10; Mon-Thurs
Middle School 9:00-10:30AM
High School 10:45-12:15PM
0 credits, Tuition: $275
Learn about French language, culture and history through various forms of arts (music, visual arts, writing...) A great way to expand your general knowledge and language skills in a creative way!

The class will be conducted in French/English.
ISM’s ELL Summer Camp is designed for English Language Learners to learn English or improve their English as they enjoy everything Minnesota has to offer. Students will participate in exercises and activities that will stretch and solidify their written and spoken English beginning with classroom activities in the morning followed by afternoon cultural activities organized to practice emerging English skills.

ISM’s beautiful 55-acre campus is a short distance to many of Minnesota’s beautiful lakes and beaches for warm weather enjoyment. The city of Eden Prairie offers the conveniences of any major city for shopping, restaurants, access to major freeways, theaters, and more.

ISM’s three-story, 20,000-square-foot residence hall provides housing for up to 32 students and includes a theater, recreation center, laundry, study areas, and fitness center.

Register online at internationalschoolmn.com/summer-camps
SUMMER CAMP

Two week option - $1,995
Three week option - $2,895
Four week option - $3,795

Session 1: July 2-15
Session 2: July 17-30

- Room and board (3 meals/day)
- 4 hours of ELL classes and cultural activities, 5 days per week
- Afternoon cultural exploration

For students entering 6th - 12th grade

COUNSELORS IN TRAINING (CIT)
Entering grades 7 – 8

The Counselor in Training (CIT) program gives our most mature campers a feel for what it takes to be a counselor, while still having the opportunity to participate in all that Summer Adventure Camp has to offer, including the option to add Adventure Afternoon activities. These campers take a leadership role in the group, assisting camp counselors and teachers with activities and programs. As a CIT they will have the opportunity to develop skills and confidence that will help them to become effective leaders and positive role models. Successful participants will come away from this program with valuable experience that will serve them well at home, in school, and in their community and will be awarded a certificate at the end of summer. To learn more and register, go to internationalschoolmn.com/summer-camps