

CEDARS INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL OF ANGOLA







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Reflecting on February: Let's journey back through the highlights of this past month at our school! From exciting events to academic achievements, February was a month filled with memorable moments. As we look back on the experiences and lessons learned, we're grateful for the community spirit and dedication of our students and staff.

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DID YOU KNOW ?



When a CISA bracelet is recharged, the whole corresponding Family account is recharged, meaning, every member of the family gets access to the amount recharged.

Then to ensure responsible spending, make sure to set appropriate limits for each students using the SPARE app according to your preferences.



DIRECTOR'S WORD

WHY THE "5 NO'S" OF CISA?

CISA's approach to prioritizing certain "NOs" in various aspects of its operations is rooted in a deliberate educational philosophy aimed at nurturing holistic development, embracing technological advancement, and fostering a student-centered learning environment.

Let's delve into why each of these choices may offer significant benefits:

1 NO UNIFORMS. BUILDING PERSONALITY AND CHARACTER INSTEAD

By excluding uniforms and allowing students to express their individuality through clothing choices, CISA promotes self-confidence, self-expression, and respect for diversity. This approach nurtures students' personalities and character by encouraging authentic self-expression.

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Continuation of Director's word...

- 2 NO PHYSICAL BOOKS. DIGITAL ONES INSTEAD**
 Opting for digital textbooks aligns with the modernization of education and prepares students for a digital-driven world. Digital resources offer interactive features, multimedia content, and real-time updates, enhancing engagement and adaptability while also promoting sustainability by reducing paper consumption.
- 3 NO SEASON EXAMS (PYP). CONTINUOUS EVALUATION INSTEAD**
 Continuous evaluation prioritizes ongoing feedback, personalized learning, and skill development over exam performance. This approach enables teachers to identify and address individual student strengths and weaknesses in real-time, fostering deeper subject understanding and promoting lifelong learning.
- 4 NO HOMEWORKS (PYP). CLASS-WORKS INSTEAD**
 Prioritizing classwork over homework ensures that students are free from educational responsibilities at home. This acknowledges the diverse living situations of students, especially in households where families frequently relocate. Eliminating homework allows students to focus on academic tasks during school hours, reducing stress and fostering a healthier balance between school and home life.
- 5 NO CASH TRANSACTIONS ON CAMPUS. CISA BRACELETS INSTEAD**
 Implementing digital NFC bracelets not only simplifies transactions but also empowers parents to monitor and manage their children's spending habits. Parents can set spending limits, block certain purchases, and receive notifications when their children arrive at school. This promotes responsible financial management and reinforces parental involvement in their children's education and well-being.

CISA's strategic choices reflect a commitment to innovative and student-centered approaches that prioritize holistic development, technological integration, and parental engagement in the educational process.

Sincerely,
 IMAD L. TAHA
 Head of Cedars International School of Angola



MILANK CATERING: CHICKEN LASAGNA

Experience the ultimate comfort with our Chicken Lasagna! one of our students favorite meals made with tender chicken, pasta sheets, creamy béchamel sauce, fresh tomatoes, and aromatic onions topped with a layer of cheese. Our chicken Lasagna is a delicious option packed with protein and essential nutrients, the perfect choice to keep our students satisfied and energized throughout the day!

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ORIENTATION MEETING: SCIENCE VS. ECONOMY CAREER PATHS

Cedars International School of Angola (CISA) hosted an orientation meeting aimed at guiding students from 9th to 12th classes in choosing between career paths in Science and Economy. The meeting aimed to provide students with valuable insights into the respective fields, helping them make informed decisions about their future careers.

Presentation on Science Careers: The orientation began with a presentation highlighting various career opportunities in the field of Science. Students interested in pursuing a future career in the sciences were reminded of the importance of math, physics, chemistry, and biology, and how their performance in these subjects significantly impacts their prospects.

Exploration of Economy Career Paths: Following the presentation on Science careers, the focus shifted to exploring career paths in the field of Economy. Students interested in careers in economics were informed about the diverse range of opportunities available in the economy sector, including banking, entrepreneurship, investment management, and consulting.

Empowering Students to Make Informed Decisions: Throughout the orientation meeting, emphasis was placed on the importance of students' interests, abilities, and aspirations in choosing their future career paths. The difference between personal preferences and aptitude was stressed upon, highlighting that while it's essential to pursue what one enjoys, it's equally important to consider one's skills and abilities. Ultimately, the final decision regarding career paths must be made collaboratively by the students, the school, and their parents, taking into account the students' qualifications, interests, and future goals.





CELEBRATING THE CARNIVAL AT CISA

February marked a vibrant celebration at CISA with our much-anticipated carnival! It was a joyous occasion where parents and students came together to revel in the spirit of festivity. The evening was filled with an array of delightful performances, including captivating dance routines by our talented students and mesmerizing displays by traditional Angolan dancers, much to the enjoyment of our parents.





Following the spectacular shows, everyone joined in on the excitement with games that brought both laughter and friendly competition. Amidst the festivities, the aroma of delicious food filled the air, complemented by the rhythmic beats of music that kept the energy high. It was truly a magnificent and colorful party, embodying the spirit of unity and joy that defines our CISA community.

Thank you to all who contributed to making this carnival a memorable success!





KG1 ACTIVITY: PLANTING ADVENTURE DAY

In a recent engaging and educational activity, our KG1 students delved into the world of planting with enthusiasm and curiosity. Gathering in a circle, they embarked on a hands-on journey to learn about the wonders of planting seeds. Each student eagerly took their own cup, filling it with soil, carefully planting a seed, and providing just the right amount of water to kickstart the growth process. Through these practical activities, our young learners not only gained valuable knowledge about the life cycle of plants but also experienced the joy of nurturing and witnessing growth firsthand. This interactive approach made learning about planting a truly enjoyable and memorable experience for all involved.



Moreover, this initiative aligns with Sustainable **Development Goal (SDG) 15: Life on Land**, which aims to protect, restore, and promote the sustainable use of terrestrial ecosystems. By instilling a love for nature and fostering an understanding of the importance of plant life at such a formative age, we are sowing the seeds for a future generation that values environmental conservation and care-taking.



We are proud of our KG1 students' enthusiasm and dedication to learning, and we look forward to witnessing the fruits of their labor as they continue to explore and grow throughout their educational journey at CISA!



GRADE 5A: CLIMATE INITIATIVES



In a remarkable showcase of environmental awareness, Grade 5A recently took the stage to present their strategies for combating climate change. With enthusiasm and creativity, students proposed various measures, from reducing carbon footprints to advocating for sustainable living practices.

Their presentations resonate deeply with **Sustainable Development Goal 13: Climate Action**, reflecting our school's commitment to fostering global citizenship. By actively engaging in discussions and proposing practical solutions, Grade 5A demonstrates the power of youth in driving positive change.



We applaud their dedication and look forward to seeing their impact ripple beyond our school walls. Together, we can make a difference in safeguarding our planet for future generations. Their passion and dedication inspire us all to take action and work towards a greener, more sustainable world. Their initiative exemplifies the spirit of leadership and responsibility we strive to instill in all our students.





KG1: BALANCE EXERCISE!

Our KG1 students recently embarked on an exciting journey to explore balance and coordination through a delightful outdoor activity. Under the open skies of the CISA playground, students eagerly gathered to test their equilibrium on colorful stands, with the guiding hand of their teachers. With laughter filling the air, each child took turns mastering the art of balance, honing their physical skills in a fun and supportive environment. This hands-on experience promoted physical development and fostered a sense of confidence and determination in our young learners.



This engaging exercise correlates with **Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 3: Good Health and Well-being**, which aims to ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages. By encouraging physical activity and providing opportunities for children to develop essential motor skills, we are laying the foundation for a healthier and more active generation. Moreover, by conducting this activity outdoors, we are also fostering a connection with nature, which is vital for mental and emotional well-being.

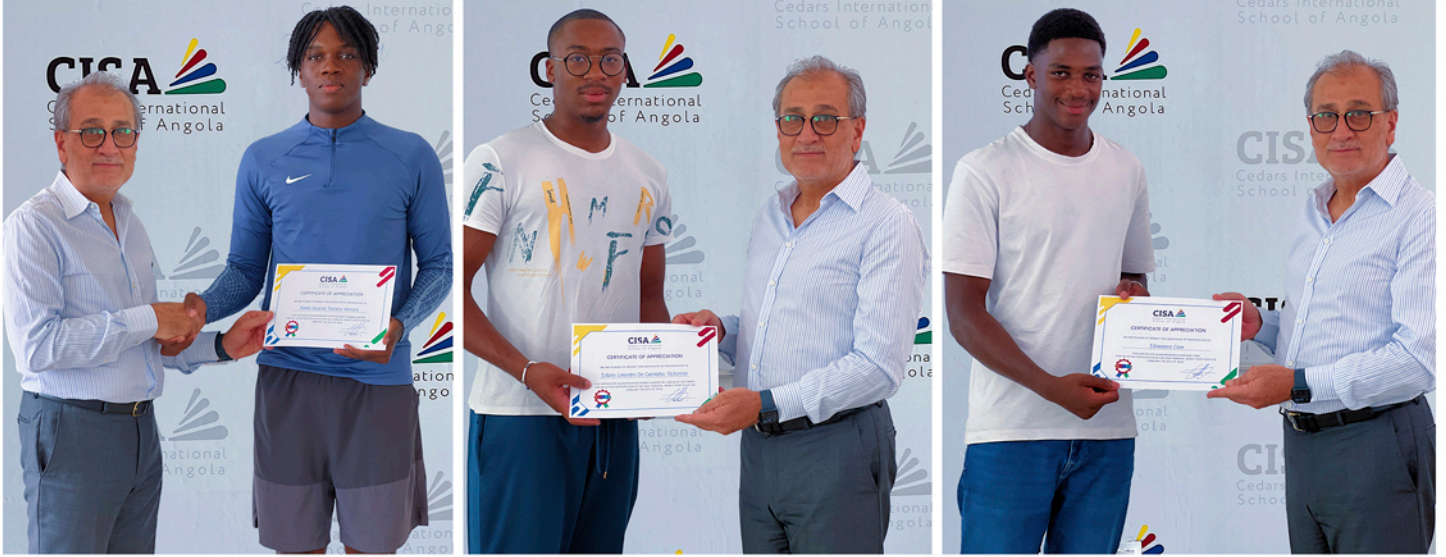


We applaud our KG1 students for their enthusiasm and resilience as they continue to explore and grow, both physically and intellectually.



PARTICIPATION & ACHIEVEMENT CERTIFICATES

We extend our sincerest gratitude to **Keven Ventura**, **Edwin Victorino**, and **Elhassane Cisse** for not only participating in the festivities but also for their contributions in hosting the games and organizing alongside our dedicated school team during the CISA Carnival. Your hard work and positive attitude were instrumental in making the event a fun-filled experience for everyone involved!



Math Masters Celebrating Excellence!

We are thrilled to offer our heartfelt congratulations to the exceptional students who have achieved the highest grades in Mathematics!



Your dedication, hard work, and passion for learning have truly paid off, and we are incredibly proud of your outstanding achievements which serve as an inspiration to your peers and a shining example of what can be accomplished through determination and focus.

Joel Da Silva - Grade 6A

Mohammad Hamdan - Grade 6B

Adam Kshour - Grade 7

Ali Al-Hadi - Grade 7

Kevin El-Jurdi - Grade 8





FRAMES OF FEBRUARY





F E B R U A R Y B R O A D C A S T S

CISA's Carnival Announcement

Dear Parents,

Get ready for a spectacular event! We are thrilled to announce the CISA Carnaval on: **Saturday, 10th February**. It is going to be a costume extravaganza filled with food, a colorful parade, and loads of fun! Save the date and prepare your costumes for an unforgettable day of joy and celebration. We can't wait to see you there!

Best regards,

Birthday Celebrations Guidelines

Dear Parents,

To ensure smooth coordination for your child's birthday celebration at school, please note the following guidelines:

Notification in Advance: Kindly inform the administration of your plan to celebrate your child's birthday by calling at least one week ahead to book the date.

Timing: Birthday celebrations are scheduled at 13:30 for optimal coordination.

Classmates Only: For the enjoyment of all and to minimize disruptions, only classmates are allowed to participate. We kindly request that no other students or relatives from different grades attend. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated, and we look forward to creating joyful and memorable moments for your child and their classmates. Best regards.

Carnival Holiday Notice

Dear Parents/Guardians,

In celebration of the carnival we wanted to inform you that Monday 12th and Tuesday 13th, of February, will be holidays. There will be no classes on these days. Thank you for your attention. Best regards,

Weather-Related Protocol

Dear Parents/Guardians,

During heavy rainfalls in Luanda, some students struggle to leave their homes, causing absences or delays in their arrival at school due to traffic congestion and flooded streets.

We understand the challenges this poses and prioritize the safety and well-being of our students. To address this issue, we have decided to take a proactive approach. On days when fewer than 50% of students are present in class due to bad weather or post-vacation attendance, our teachers will adjust their lesson plans. Instead of introducing new material, they will review the previous lesson and provide extra practice exercises. Our analysis shows that around 10 days per academic year are significantly affected by weather-related disruptions or post-vacation attendance. We have already accounted for these days in our curriculum planning to minimize any disruptions to the learning process.

We believe this proactive measure will help minimize the impact of bad weather on our students' education and ensure they receive quality instruction even during challenging times.

Best regards,

Banco Keve Account now Available for Payments

Dear Parents,

Our Banco Keve account is now at your disposal. You may use this account for fee payments, activities, and reinforcement classes starting today.

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Attendance

IMPORTANT: Punctuality for Teacher-Parents Meetings

Dear Parents with Scheduled Meetings,

When you schedule, or are requested to attend a meeting with the teacher(s), we kindly request your prompt attendance on the designated time. Any lateness may result in delaying or canceling the meeting. Tuesdays and Thursdays are designated for on-request teacher-parent meetings, and the schedule is tightly organized, your punctuality is greatly appreciated.

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

Best regards,

Temporary Suspension of Extracurricular Sports Activities

Dear Parents/Guardians,

We wanted to inform you that our school's football field is currently undergoing maintenance to ensure the safety and quality of the playing surface.

As a result, all extracurricular sports activities will be temporarily halted until further notice. The maintenance work is necessary to provide our students with the best possible facilities for their sports activities. We kindly ask that you make arrangements to pick up your child promptly after school hours, as there will be no sports practices or activities taking place on the field. We apologize for any inconvenience. We will inform you as soon as extracurricular sports activities can resume.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Best regards,