

## FEATURED ARTIST

Ezekiel Michael Morley, Grade 10 Art Class



### Exam Week

December 6-13, 2019



**Don't Cheat,  
It's Cheap!**

## Student Feedback

### New School Year, New Challenges

By: Edgar Walemba

#### Jason Jesada ( Grade 9 )

"I feel normal, excited to see friends but not that excited"

"The transition to high school is really hard, there are more teachers and harder subjects"

"I'm looking forward to learning more, but not business, geometry, and biology"

#### Darien Golden ( Grade 12 )

"A lot of mixed feelings go through my head as a senior. dreams for the future as well as responsibilities now. It's scary but hopeful, not something explainable, really. I'm figuring it out as I go, I mean, don't we all?"

"The road is long, but the journey, not so much. so just remember to drive slow enough so you can at least look out the window every once in a while."

"After high school, I want to do what I've always wanted, which is play music for people, no matter how many listen. Up or down? I don't know, but I guarantee it's with music."

A poem written by: Sirasit Siroung (Ton Toey), Grade 10

## School

School to me is a living nightmare,  
From Monday to Friday, 40 hours a week,  
The never ending quizzes cause my body to wear,  
And by the end of the day all my limbs feel weak.

Some people think clowns are scary, some  
witches, or even a doll,  
But no one really thinks that school is  
frightening.  
They say school's not scary, not scary at all,  
Well to all those who say that, we offer to you  
an enlightening.

The anxiety you might have, the emotional  
turmoil you gain,  
The constant assignments that pile up every  
hour, day and night,  
The overwhelming stress makes it difficult  
stay sane,  
Just to get to class next day and find out your  
work's not done right.

"Words—so innocent and powerless as they are, as standing in a dictionary, how potent for good and evil they become in the hands of one who knows how to combine them."

—Nathaniel Hawthorne



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we build character"



## Editorial

### Words Matter!

Jadequin Watthanachai  
Editor, Footprints



It has been three months since our school began. I assume that every AIMS student is more laid back, since our first quarter exam has finally come to an end. I hope everyone did well in their exams, and received a desirable grade.

Although it has been a tough week for all of us, we FOOTPRINTS are still working hard to distribute quality news to the AIMS community. Before I get into further details I would like to disseminate a quick announcement. I have been observing that our students recently are speaking bad words at a tremendously unmanageable amount.

I would like to use this editorial as a source to distribute this important message to each and every AIMS student with concern. I believe we can work on it, and be more mindful of our words.

Focusing on our issues this month. We are featuring King Rama 9 Memorial Day, Muse Club orphanage visit, and the star readers of AIMS. As manifested, it has been a busy week for all the AIMS students including the FOOTPRINTS. I, as the editor appreciate everyone who finds joy reading our issues each month, and will always accept any comments from you readers for future improvements.

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## His Majesty Will Live in our Hearts

by Jadequin Watthanachai

King Bhumibol Adulyadej, the father of all Thai citizens passed away on October 23, 2016 at Siriraj Hospital. King Bhumibol's death had caused Thailand to be submerged under the tears of tragedy. People now may question, why King Bhumibol's death has caused such a tremendous impact in the country, and why each and every Thai individual does love His Majesty so much.

After all of his hard-work, dedication and setting the best example for his people, His Majesty said goodbye to the subjects. Although, King Bhumibol has left this world, his legacy and examples he set for the people will forever live in the hearts of Thais forever.

At AIMS, King Bhumibol Adulyadej Memorial Day was held on the 12<sup>th</sup> of October at the basketball court. All the students of AIMS and a number of parents attended the event. Every student was provided the lyrics of the song "The King of the Land." The song was written in order to illustrate how much work he did for the people, and how He formed plain land into the country of Thailand. First, the program started with an opening prayer from Mrs. Foster. Then, poems were rendered by Fah and Piano. Lastly, Teacher Aey ended the program with a short remark and a closing prayer.

King Bhumibol Adulyadej is the king who ruled the country with compassion, and loved His people as His very own children. A king can just relax in his luxurious facility using up His wealth as much as He wants to. However, King Bhumibol was different! He worked extremely hard to provide for His people. He contributed 70 years of sacrificial work with more than 4000 royal projects, more than 40 royal song compositions, and countless drops of sweat for the Thai citizens. He went to extreme places, no matter how difficult it was to get to his people he got there. A common saying to describe how much King Bhumibol worked is that he is a king with hands of a carpenter. The common image he portrayed to the Thai citizens is Him with an old camera, an old watch, a walkie-talkie, and a huge map. It is obviously noticeable that with the wealth of the royal family king Bhumibol could have bought a new camera or replaced his old watch. However, he never did but set a good example to all the Thais so that we should live a sufficient life.



**Upcoming Events:** Christmas Program, November 28, 2019



Second Quarter Exam



Christmas Holidays



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## Muse Club Visits Girls' Orphanage By Panuwat Hemthong & by Jadequin Watthanachai

On October 23, the Muse Club went to a girls' orphanage to set up activities for the girls to enjoy. During the lunch break, the Club members presented a mini concert for the girls to listen and enjoy while having their meals. The girls enjoyed and loved the activities and the mini-concert the Muse Club prepared for them. The Muse Club is extremely grateful for the opportunity to go and be of service to the orphanage.

Photos by: Aims Student Council



Shammi is introducing the Muse Club members to the children at the orphanage.



Gun is leading out an activity.



Muse Club members after their mission.

**Pure and undefiled religion before God and the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their trouble, and to keep oneself unspotted from the world (James 2:17, NKJV, Bible).**

## Less Trees, Bigger Field?

By Joash N. Naag II

In October, nine large trees beside the AIMS soccer field were cut down. Many viewed that those trees played a significant role in the environment. At first, many criticized that it was a poor decision and it will negatively affect the environment. However, Teacher Glenn along with other teachers had a reason why they should be cut down. Since the trees were the cause of the wrong alignment of the soccer field, taking them out will rectify the measurement of the touchlines and goal lines by equalizing both sides, said T. Glenn. Teacher also further said that it will improve the safety measures by placing metal poles on where the trees previously were with connecting nets around the field to prevent any accidents and injuries. Lastly, the field will be leveled; with a better sports facility, and it will help each student's development in physical activities.



Tree stumps remain after the trees were cut.

Photos by Joash N. Naag II

## IT Dept. Adds New Technology in the Classrooms By Edgar Walemba

One of the many things AIMS has upgraded is the technology in the classrooms. Recently AIMS installed the 360° cameras with mics in each classroom and now they have also installed a CPU in each classroom to be used by the teachers. This installation has greatly benefited the learning of the students and allowed the teachers to present PowerPoints and better visual aids for the students. We would like to thank the school for this new addition to the school.



Photo by: Panuwat Hemthong

## 'Personal Approach is the Key to Impart Values' Teacher Ajay is the High School Level Leader and Head of Bible & Values



Teacher Ajay Paul Nakka, the high school level leader and AIMS' Bible and Values teacher, has been serving at AIMS for 10 years. Teacher described this school as the best in his career, and a dream job. He even rejected a three year contract at Saint John Mary for AIMS.

The high school head believes that AIMS is an extremely unique school, and it is where God wants him to be. According to him, AIMS focuses on morals rather than academics alone. This is what caught his attention and helped him make significant decision in his career to leave Saint John for AIMS.

Teacher Ajay graduated from Theology Faculty which supports him in what he does. In addition, he also holds an MPhil in Archaeology from one of Asia's premier archaeology institutes. In addition, Teacher Ajay also shared that teachers who are open to listen to an individual's problem have a tendency to create a better bond with their students, which in turn will result them into performing better in classes. Moreover, the teachers who approach students personally will make students feel relaxed, happy, and perhaps make them speak out more often. This approach can be crucial to understanding each individual more deeply as a teacher, says Teacher Ajay.

AIMS' STARS ★

## Reading is fun for these Elementary Kids

By Joash

For the month of October, the AIMS library collected data of the top three students who borrowed the most books. These elementary students willingly came and borrowed books to read as their source of learning and excitement. Their decisions will certainly help increase their development in imagination and visualization.

As Stephen King says, "Books are uniquely portable magic". Every time they pick up a book to read, they feel as if they are on an adventure full of thrill and excitement. Reading may seem tiresome and boring, but these students show everyone that reading can be fun. The students are from Grade 1: Hongsappinyo, Nmon with 21 books; Grade 5: Cortes, Anna Brielle with 20 books, Grade 1: Intima, Maetaporn with 11 books. Kudos to all of them!



Nmon Hongsappinyo



Anna Brielle Cortes



Maetaporn Intima

## Grade 11 Students visit the National Museum

Grade 11 students visited the National Museum in Bangkok as part of a field trip organized jointly by the English and the Thai departments. The Bangkok National Museum is the main branch of the National Museums in Thailand and also one of the largest museums in Southeast Asia. It features exhibits of Thai art and history. It occupies the former palace of the vice king (or Front Palace), set between Thammasat University, and the National Theater, facing Sanam Luang.

