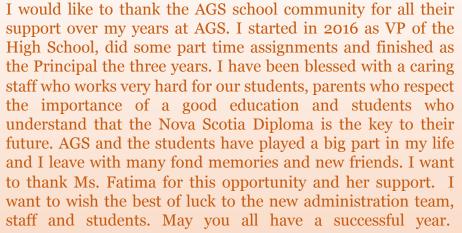
I am both honored and excited to introduce myself as the new Vice Principal for Grades 5-8. For the past 7 years, I've been privileged to teach science as Mr. Manny at this wonderful school, and throughout that time, I've grown to love not just teaching, but truly taking care of the students, staff, and families who make up our vibrant community.

My journey here has given me a deep sense of commitment to the well-being and success of every child. I believe that when students feel supported and valued, they thrive academically and personally. As Vice Principal, my mission is to ensure that every student feels heard, cared for, and motivated to achieve their best. I am dedicated to fostering an environment where students not only grow in their studies but also develop confidence, empathy, and resilience. We draw strength from each other, and gently support one another.

Our Abu Dhabi Grammar School community is one I cherish deeply. Whether it's through collaborating with parents or supporting my colleagues, I am committed to continuing our school's tradition of excellence, care, and community spirit. I look forward to partnering with you to ensure our students are happy, healthy, and equipped for success in both school and life. Please call me anytime to come in and share a cup of coffee with me, and let me know how I can help, any way I can. Thank you for trusting me with this role, and I am excited to continue our journey together!

## Mr. Manhal Younes- Grades 5 - 8 Vice Principal

AGS is happy to announce that Mr. Jeff Green, former student counselor has been appointed to become our Senior High Vice Principal and Ms. Laura Cepek, our former junior high teacher is now the Student Counselor.



Mr. Danny Berry- Former AGS Principal



Pat Savage is joining Abu Dhabi Grammar School as Principal. Mr. Pat was a teacher for 16 years- Grades 7-12 and Vice Principal and Principal for 16 years. Mr. Pat was a Middle School and High School Principal , and helped oversee the construction of a new High School in Nova Scotia. Mr. Pat was also seconded to the Department of Education to help write the Film and Video 12 Curriculum. In retirement Mr. Pat taught in the Bachelor of Education Program at Mount Saint Vincent University and has taught instructional leadership for three years to Principals in Nova Scotia. He is very excited to be at AGS this year.

September 2024



Swimming is back at AGS School. Our PE department attended the swimming course and is ready to teach our students. Also, our school is starting to participate in ADDISA tournaments. This year we registered the following teams:

Boys Football teams under 13, 15, and 19 in the first term, Girls' Football teams under 13 and 15 in the second term, and Boy's Basketball team under 19 in the second term. This year, for the first time in AGS we will participate in a Junior NBA tournament for girls and boys under 14 years old. So much good and exciting news for our students. Please stay tuned for the next update about our team's results.

Ms. Dragana Martinov-Head of PE Department



Grade 12 and grade 11 students in collaboration with Wolfi's Cycling Academy and Goals run a weekly inclusive Cycling Session for POD athletes aged 7 and upwards. Our AGS students are very eager and thrilled to volunteer and be part of the community.

Please join us for the next event, on 26th of October at Zayed Sport City. Registration fee and transportation to the event are NOT supported by school. This is a charitable run/walk organized by Golf Multi Sport. Students, parents, teachers form AGS will join forces to help when needed. See registration link bellow:

https://gulfmultisport.inphota.com/en/event/adcb-pink-run-2024/

Ms. Dani Bartossek- PE Teacher





The Student Annual Screening and School-age Vaccination program are crucial health initiatives for students in Grades 1, 8, and 11. These programs aim to monitor student health and provide protection against preventable diseases, ensuring a healthier school community.

The Annual Screening includes checks for vision, hearing, height, and weight. Early detection of any issues can prevent long-term complications, helping students perform better academically and socially.

In addition to screenings, students receive age-appropriate vaccinations. Grade 1 students typically get vaccinated for measles, mumps, rubella, and chickenpox. Grade 8 students receive the HPV vaccine, protecting against future cancers, and any necessary booster shots. Grade 11 students receive booster doses of the Tdap vaccine (tetanus, diphtheria, and pertussis) and the meningococcal vaccine to prevent serious infections.

Parental consent is essential for both screenings and vaccinations, as these programs are vital for safeguarding student health. By participating, parents ensure their children grow in a safe, healthy environment, equipped for learning and development.

## **AGS Nurses**

## AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Afterschool activities -TERM 1 for this academic year started on September 23 and will last until November 29. All activities were on a 'FIRST COME FIRST SERVED BASIS.' All students were encouraged to participate. Activities took place from 2:15 - 3:15 p.m. for KG-GR.2 and from 3:15-4:15, 3:15-5:00 p.m. for Gr.3 -Gr.12. Below are examples of the activities are currently running; Nova Scotia Step- Dance, 3D CAD Vector modeling, Yoga, Hama Beads club, STEM Club, Chess Club, Ballet and much more.

Transforming a classroom through gamification, using activities like "Picture of the Day" and "Mastery Questions" will engage students in learning. Mr. Eric, a senior high teacher at AGS uses a token system that rewards academic success, positive behavior, and creativity, fostering an inclusive and dynamic environment. Recognized for his innovative approach, he will present at the GESS Conference and is developing a gamification module to share with over 50,000 teachers, promoting fun and effective learning strategies worldwide.



Congratulations to all students across grades levels 3 - 12 who scored 90% and above in the academic year 2023 - 2024We hope to see more students on the list this year.

