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Mission

Through the promotion of academic excellence, CISB strives to develop individuals for our society who, through understanding, tolerance, and respect, will help to create a better world community. We aim to create a safe place where children become lifelong learners, where excellence is tempered with compassion, and where success is moderated by spiritual understanding.

Vision

“Betterment of Self for Society”



Hello again. November has passed us by, and for me it went by like a rocket. This month featured our inspection by the Nova Scotia Department of Education, and while it was virtual, it still took considerable time to prepare all the documentation they needed to ensure we are providing their curriculum properly. We are all happy to announce that yes, our teachers are doing a fine job of introducing these new studies to our High School.

It helps for both teachers and students that the Nova Scotia courses are not very different in style or content. The main difference is in the provincial recordkeeping, in that all our systems are directly linked to the computer network in Canada rather than within our own systems.

This provides additional security for student records and provides additional credibility when our students apply to universities.

Along with your report, you received a “credit check” at mid-term. This gives a clear picture of how many courses are covered and how many more are required to graduation. Unlike Manitoba, the Nova Scotia system requires only 18 credits to graduate, and all courses except Grade 10 Math are valued at 1 credit each. This one Math course is given two points towards Diploma completion. Generally, we provide 7 credits in Grade 10, 6 credits in Grade 11, and 5 Credits in Grade 12. However students are encouraged to go for 20 credits as a way of enhancing their university applications.

Nova Scotia also has different requirements for Graduation. Rather than Provincial Exams in Grade 12, they have English and Math Provincial Exams in Grade 10. As well, all students are required to take a Grade 10 Art course and Grade 11 Social Studies, which is a history of Canada. And, according to the two Inspectors from Nova Scotia who talked to parents, teachers, administration and students, who checked our plans and our records and watched our classes all last week, we’re doing pretty good job as a Nova Scotian school.

And now we begin our journey towards introducing the International Baccalaureate Diploma Program. These courses lead to the world renowned “IB” graduation, a degree that is almost guaranteed to provide access to the world’s finest universities, and more importantly, will provide the skills for the student to succeed once there. Upon approval by the IB Organization, we hope to begin this program in August, 2021. It is a 2-year course for exceptional students covering the last two years of High School. More details next month!!

Nova Scotia Dept. Educ. Inspection Meeting



For 4 days in November, the Inspection Team of Heather Foote, the Coordinator of School Records and Dr. Vera Grayson Kocay, the Director of International Programs, visited our school virtually. Prior to the visit, we had provided them with documentation they required, things such as the titles of our Library Books, the texts our Teachers were using, the university qualifications of our Teachers, and even a walk-through video of the new school campus. During these four days, the two inspectors held meetings with our Teachers, our parent groups, and our students. As well, they went into the classes virtually and silently watched the teaching going on. At the end of the week, they provided the school administration with a summary of their findings.

And the results were very positive! As a Nova Scotia School, we are good. As a brand-new Nova Scotia school, only 4 months into their system, we are excellent. We are on our way to becoming one of the best schools in the Province and will continue our efforts daily towards this goal. Thank you to our kids and their parents for your inputs into the process.



Message from Janice Smales

Greetings from Winnipeg, Manitoba. I was walking with a friend the other day and she described one of the best reasons for living in Canada, and probably more specific Manitoba. We have four very distinct seasons and they each have their own merits to making Canada such a wonderful country to live in. That said, not every province has the same degree of change that is common to Manitoba, allowing it to probably be the best place to live if one likes to experience dramatic change about every four months. As I write this we are heading into what is traditionally the coldest season of the year—it feels more like spring than winter these days. As a child growing up many hours were spent bundled up and building snowmen, snow forts, tobogganing down hills and skating. The temperature may have been -35 but the sun continued to shine and the fun kept us warm. It is still the same depending on where you live in Canada, winter can mean many different things. If you like skiing there are many provinces that have Ski Hills – some of the best of course are in the Rockies. If you enjoy skating, the river systems, lakes and special designated rinks are always enjoyable. When the weather is great and the river is properly frozen the Forks area in Winnipeg allows for some great skating and/or walking on the trails kept clear.

If you survive the winter, the thaw usually brings another entirely different type of weather and look to the country. As the temperature begins to warm the snowy landscape gives way to yet another dynamic – a paradigm of new and less cumbersome clothing when venturing outdoors. Although at times walks can end up with muddy shoes or wet pants from splashing in the puddles, the spring means that warmer temperatures and outside barbeques are in the very near future.



Summer, which is probably one of my favorite seasons is beautiful wherever you are in Canada. The temperature is always hot and there is never a loss for things to do and places to visit. With the vast number of rivers, lakes, woodlands and mountain trails to explore, being outside is the best part of this season. The trees and flowers are brilliant and cast a beautiful scene wherever you turn. Again in Winnipeg, the Forks is a busy place to spend time relaxing and enjoying the outdoors, from boating on the river, meandering on the river walkway, to exploring the shops and museums or just sitting on the various patios

available it is a great place to spend some family time or meet up with friends. During the summer many places in Canada have festivals and cultural activities that provide a true understanding of the multicultural atmosphere of this country. Particularly in Winnipeg we have Folkklarama which celebrates all the various ethnic peoples who make Winnipeg a diverse an place to live.



But probably one of the best times of year to visit anywhere in Canada is the Fall. All over the country trees, begin to change color and the vibrant green that has been visible throughout, turns to oranges, yellows and reds creating once again a unique landscape to enjoy. With the evenings being



cooler, many people will spend the last of the nice evenings having bonfires and barbeques with family and friends in their backyards. And as always, the Forks in Winnipeg allows for the spectacular roughout the year. The distinct seasons allows its inhabitants to feel a sense of new beginnings with each one and a variety of activities to do. All in all it is a pretty great place to live.

Important Dates :

Dec 16	: Independence Day	25 Dec to 2 Jan	: Winter break for grade 3 to grade 12
15 Dec to 9 Jan	: Winter Break for EC to KG	12 to 14 Jan	: Grade 10-12, Semester 1 Final Exams
22 Dec to 9 Jan	: Winter break for grade 1 to grade 2	18 Jan	: Semester 2 Starts

The Land of the Future

Canada is a huge country, yet there are few people who can call themselves Canadians. Only 37 million live in what is the second largest country in the world. While its land form touches on 3 different oceans, the vast majority of people live in a narrow belt along the southern border that is shared with the United States of America. Its land forms vary from region to region, moving from the Arctic Ocean and Northern Tundra where little can grow due to the fierce climate, and where human habitations are few and far between. This highlights the reality that most of this huge country is basically empty of humans. From the lush greenery of the Pacific coastline across the heights of the Rocky Mountains, then across the fertile flat prairies, there are enough differences to make you wonder how this could all be one country. Into the industrial heartland of Ontario, then stopping in the French language enclave of Quebec, there is much to see and experience. And again, touching on the East Coast and the Atlantic Ocean, another kind of geography, with its own accents and early history.

Dotted across this great expanse are communities where German or French or Ukrainian or Cree is the language of home, and English is the common factor that allows us all to get along. The great cities such as Toronto, Vancouver, and Montreal offer the amenities of any modern metropolis, but do so at significant cost. In the far east of Canada there lies the Province of Nova Scotia. Almost surrounded by the Atlantic, it offers the usual amenities of city life without the extreme costs of one of its larger siblings. As well, there is the added benefit that foreign students can work while they attend school, and their parents can join them and eventually become Canadian citizens over time. In more ways than one, Canada offers a new life to students and their families.

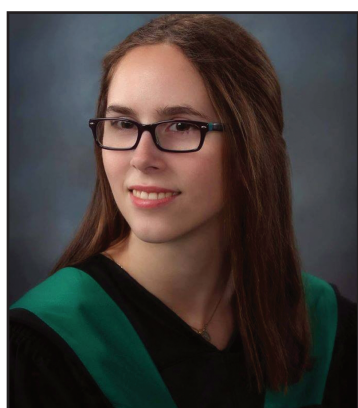
On the West Coast, the cities of Vancouver and Victoria offer a significantly warmer climate, world class universities, and a lifestyle is frequently ranked as among the best of the world. Here you will find the University of British Columbia, Simon Fraser University, and the University of Victoria, each with their own specialties. Across those soaring mountains lies the Province of Alberta; in the capital city of Edmonton you will find the University of Alberta while in Calgary you'll find the University of Calgary. Both are located within a short drive of the busy ski resorts and solitude of the snow-capped peaks. In the centre of the country you will find the broad farmlands of the prairies, and along the way you will see the city of Winnipeg, home of the University of Manitoba. Here, a series of tunnels allow students to move from class to class and building to building without braving the cold winter winds outside.

Central Canada is the manufacturing centre of the country. The Province of Ontario is home to several excellent schools, including the University of Toronto, Waterloo



University, Queens University, McMaster University. Next door is the French Province of Quebec, and the joie de vivre of its inhabitants in the city of Montreal. Like most of the Province, this city is largely French-speaking, yet is home to two of the best universities. McGill University is English-speaking, and famous for Medicine and the Université de Montreal, which is famous for Law and Engineering.

Next door are the 4 'Maritime' Provinces, all of which touch the sea. Nova Scotia, the home of our education curriculum, offers universities and colleges to choose from. This feature is tied to one of the most economical places to live as both living costs and real estate are significantly less than in areas further West. Of the schools, Dalhousie University is highly reputed, whereas St. Mary's University, Acadia University, and Mount Saint Vincent University each offer specializations that meet the interests of many students.



Nova Scotia

Nova Scotia has many cultures and traditions that predate Europeans and the Scottish heritage which now give the province its name (Nova Scotia is Latin for New Scotland). The Mi'kmaq are estimated to have lived in the area 5.000 - 10.000 years before John Cabot became the first documented European to the shores. There is some evidence that the Norse sailors arrived even before Cabot, but the French were actually the

first Europeans to build a permanent settlement in the province.

Although Nova Scotia is small in size, it has much to offer. It is home to many archeological sites such as the UNESCO Joggins Fossil Cliffs and the Cabot Trail in Cape Breton, one of the most scenic drives anywhere. Joggins is not the only UNESCO site in the province as Lunenburg, Grand Pré, & Bras d'Or share this designation.

Nova Scotia remains a place of tradition. Both Gaelic and Mi'kmaq are still widely spoken in some parts of the province, bagpipes are a common sound, and children still learn the highland dance.

Although the primary language is English, French and Arabic represent the second and third most represented languages in the province. Aside from Scotland, Nova Scotia has the highest number of Gaelic speakers in the world.

Random facts about Nova Scotia include:

50.000 tonnes of lobster are fished in provincial waters every year.

Nova Scotia has more lighthouses than any other province with over 150 remaining today. Twelve species of whales (including the right whale) swim in the surrounding waters at different times in the year.

Nova Scotia is home to thirteen universities and colleges.

It's a great place to visit. Come check it out!!

Macayla Howe



Message from Elementary Coordinator

Greetings everyone! I hope everyone is well and making their way through these unprecedented times.

I would like to congratulate our students, parents and teachers on the successful completion of 1st Term! I express my warm gratitude towards the students and the staff of CISB who have switched to the Virtual School in this academic session. We have been fortunate enough to have such dedicated staff and supportive parents.

As Elementary Coordinator, my aim is to ensure that each child can achieve and progress to their full potential, in their academic, creative, personal, physical, moral and spiritual development. CISB provides a holistic education. We help our students learn to develop problem-solving and critical-thinking skills, provide regular opportunities for group work and the development of social skills. We emphasize collaboration and cooperation rather than competition. This way we create life-long learners.

Even in the Online mode we have celebrated various events, conducted activities and enhanced a student friendly approach. We celebrated Virtual Hallowe'en Party. The students got dressed in their chosen character role and enjoyed the party with their friends and teachers.

The students have learned and actively participated in the extra-curricular activities namely Art, Music, Physical Education in the online mode. This has helped them to keep their mind active and calm during this tough situation.

The students along with the teachers have done tremendous efforts in adapting with this "new normal" and I am hopeful that in near future we all will be return to the sense of normalcy.

CISB appreciate the support and grace of everyone involved including families, students, and staff members in embracing the new learning models wherein our students can fully participate in an engaging learning experienceduring this pandemic.

In order to be updated of the latest news and activities at CISB, kindly ensure that your contact information with the school is current and updated. We are just a step away via phone, email and text. We encourage you all to keep a close eye on our school website. Please do not hesitate to contact or book an appointment to see the School Principal/Teaching staff, if you wish to discuss any issues or challenges regarding your child. An appointment can be arranged at a mutually convenient date and time.

We look forward to serving you for another student-learner oriented term, for your child, for you and for the whole community at CISB.

Yours Sincerely,

Jaya Saboo

Magic of the Maple Leaves by Andrianna Bashar

“Autumn – what makes life and nature harmonize” – George Eliot

If you’ve ever gazed in awe at a forested hillside overflowing in vivid Autumn colors, you know the sense of being overwhelmed and humbled by a breathtaking sight. The maple leaf is an important symbol of Canadian identity. I think every Canadian has a story to share about what the maple leaf means to them. Though I am not from Canada, I too have

always been fascinated with the maple leaf and the magical season that represents it – autumn.

Ever since I was a kid I used to be in awe of the palette of colors that autumn offered; and gathering maple leaves – my lifelong hobby. For me the maple leaf represents something truly special. It symbolizes the smell of the dampened soil as I took my first steps and my mother’s smile as she

welcomed my 11 month self into her arms, congratulating me with a warm hug. It represents the puddle season when the kids are splashing and playing on their way from school. My dear town Donetsk becomes a canvas on which Van Gogh and Kim Britov have left strokes of juicy orange and golden hues. The time people begin cuddling on benches and diving into longer embraces as they greet their loved ones, or bid farewell. Growing up and falling in love with literature, as I ran my fingers along the lines of John Keat’s poetry, sitting on a park bench in late October, taking in the views of golden carpets and red trees surrounding me; In awe of just how spectacular nature is. It embodies love, warmth and unity.

Working at CISB for just a month I do not feel like an outsider, but rather, instantly made a part of the team. The warm, diverse and welcoming atmosphere of fellow teachers sharing a similar passion for teaching immediately made me feel like I belong and have found a piece of my autumn in Dhaka.



Pre School



My Life at CISB by Allqa Ashna Ali

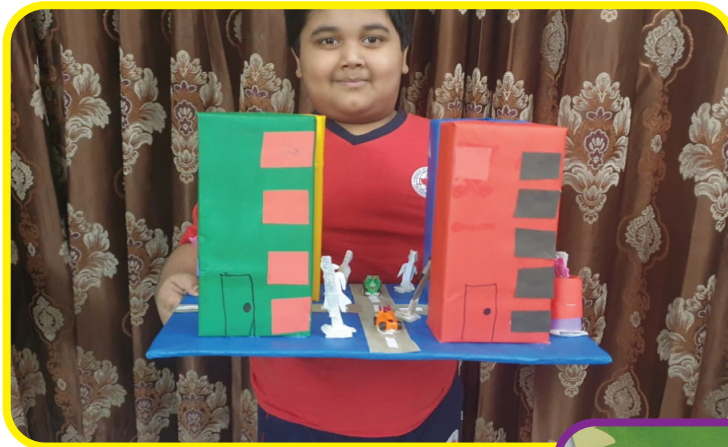
I feel honored to contribute to my school's newsletter this month. For almost 15 years, I have been a part of the Canadian International School's community, through which I have also made countless, precious memories. As a soon-to-be graduate student of the 2020-2021 academic year, I would like to reflect on some of my accomplishments, classroom experiences, and extracurricular activities over the years.

My journey in CISB began as a preschooler and will end as a senior. Throughout this time, the opportunities made available to me, such as sports, cultural events, class debates and presentations, art, dance, I.T., have taught me the importance of teamwork, perseverance, sincerity, discipline, and more. Each year, I formed meaningful connections with new students and teachers from different parts of the world. On the first day of a new year, as the gates of our school opened, I was eager to learn, make new friends, greet new teachers, and, of course, prepare for a round of assignments and tests coming my way. I recall sitting in the hallway, during lunch hours, as all my classmates and I sat together, procrastinating about our next test, and thinking about joining the next girls soccer or badminton tournament. The excitement that each one of us had as we prepared for a tournament two months before the actual game is indescribable. When we won a medal or trophy, the bright smile on our coach and the players were always worthwhile. Moreover, in our annual concerts, the creative efforts into making a dance routine, choosing clothes, and decorating props were unforgettable. My friends and I would always be excited to attend the event, along with our parents who would watch what we had in store for a particular theme and all the performances for the day. One of my biggest accomplishments was the time I got chosen as the Master of Ceremony. The girl who was incredibly enthusiastic but nervous to speak was chosen as a public speaker for United Nations Day to represent the entire school in the presence of all the parents and teachers. When I tell you I was terrified to see about a hundred people watching me talk on stage, I mean it. However, the experience was amazing. I owe a tremendous amount to all my teachers and friends for helping me get through the tough and good times. The reason why I mentioned this experience, specifically, because I did something out of my comfort zone. As scary as it may be, this goes for all students, push yourself to try something new. Who knows, you might discover something you never knew you liked. Find your passion. Even if you fail, get back up, and learn from your mistakes to be better than who you were yesterday. Some of these very lessons have helped me learn that it is a bumpy ride to success. If you want to achieve your goals, then go for it! Our school's community and myself will be cheering for you always.

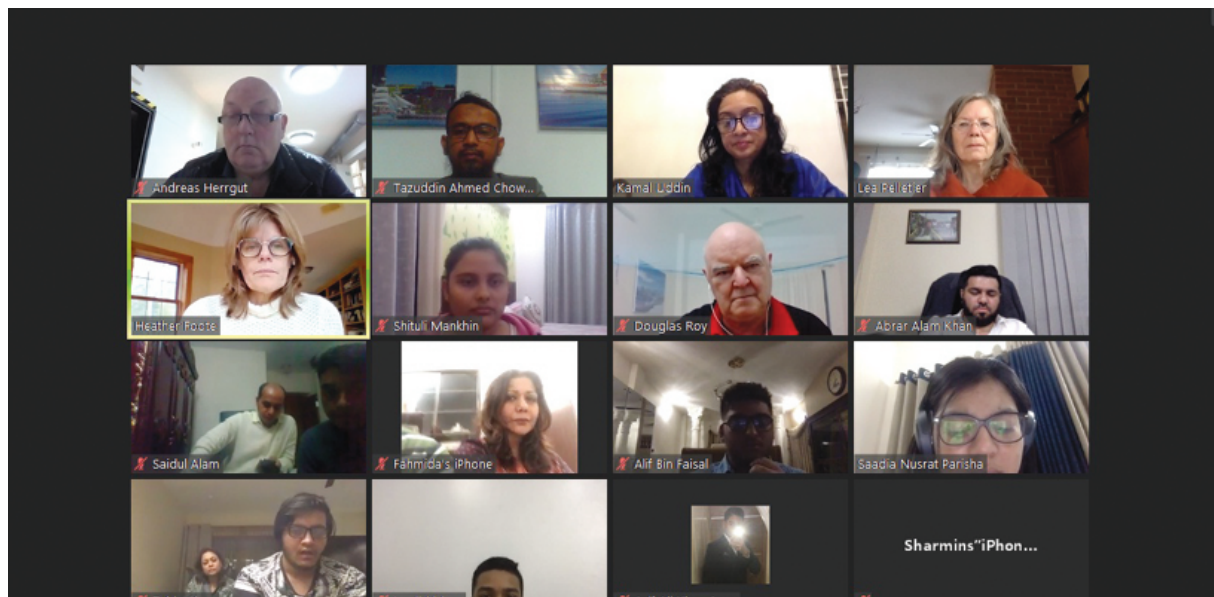
We are still learning and growing together. Even in these unprecedented times, these are little 'pockets of joy' that remind us of all the great things we CAN do from what we have learned from our school life. I wish you all the best in your journey to change the world in your own way. Stay safe.



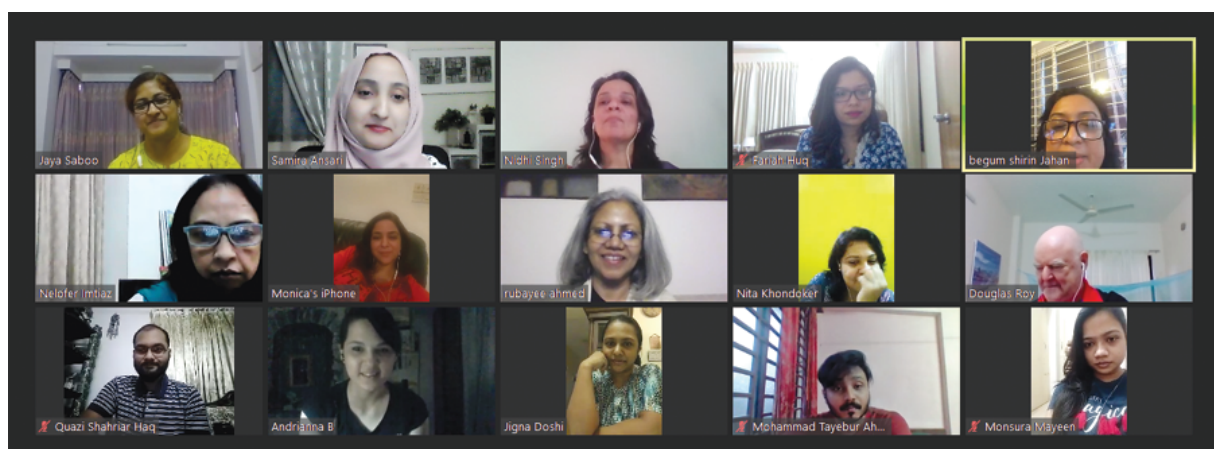
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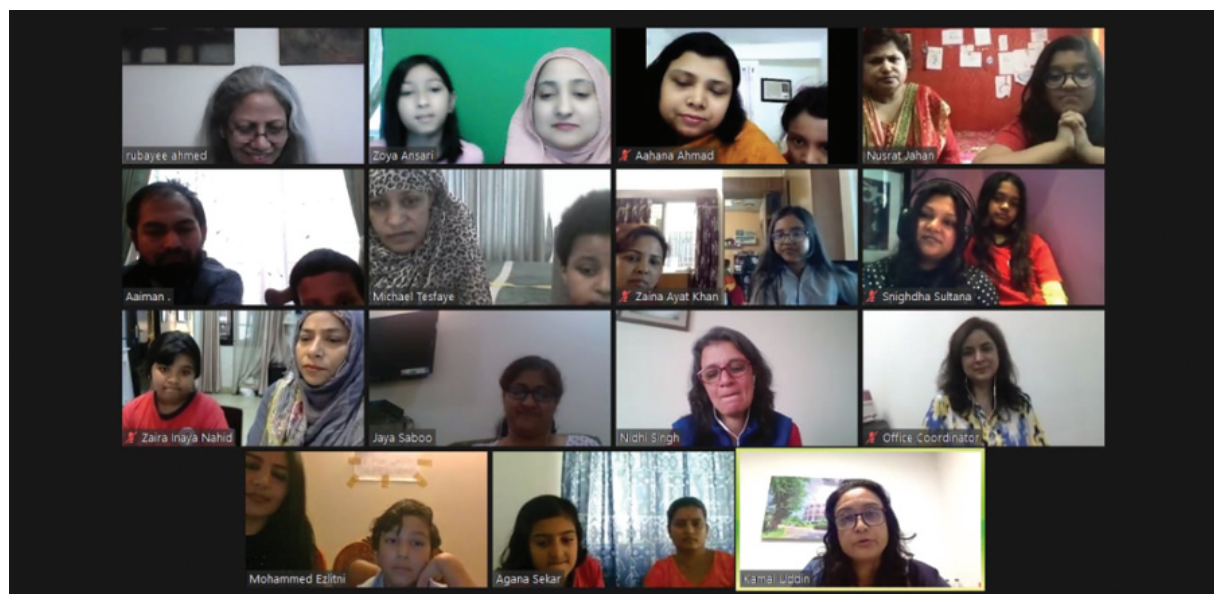
Parents and Students meeting with Nova Scotian Inspectors



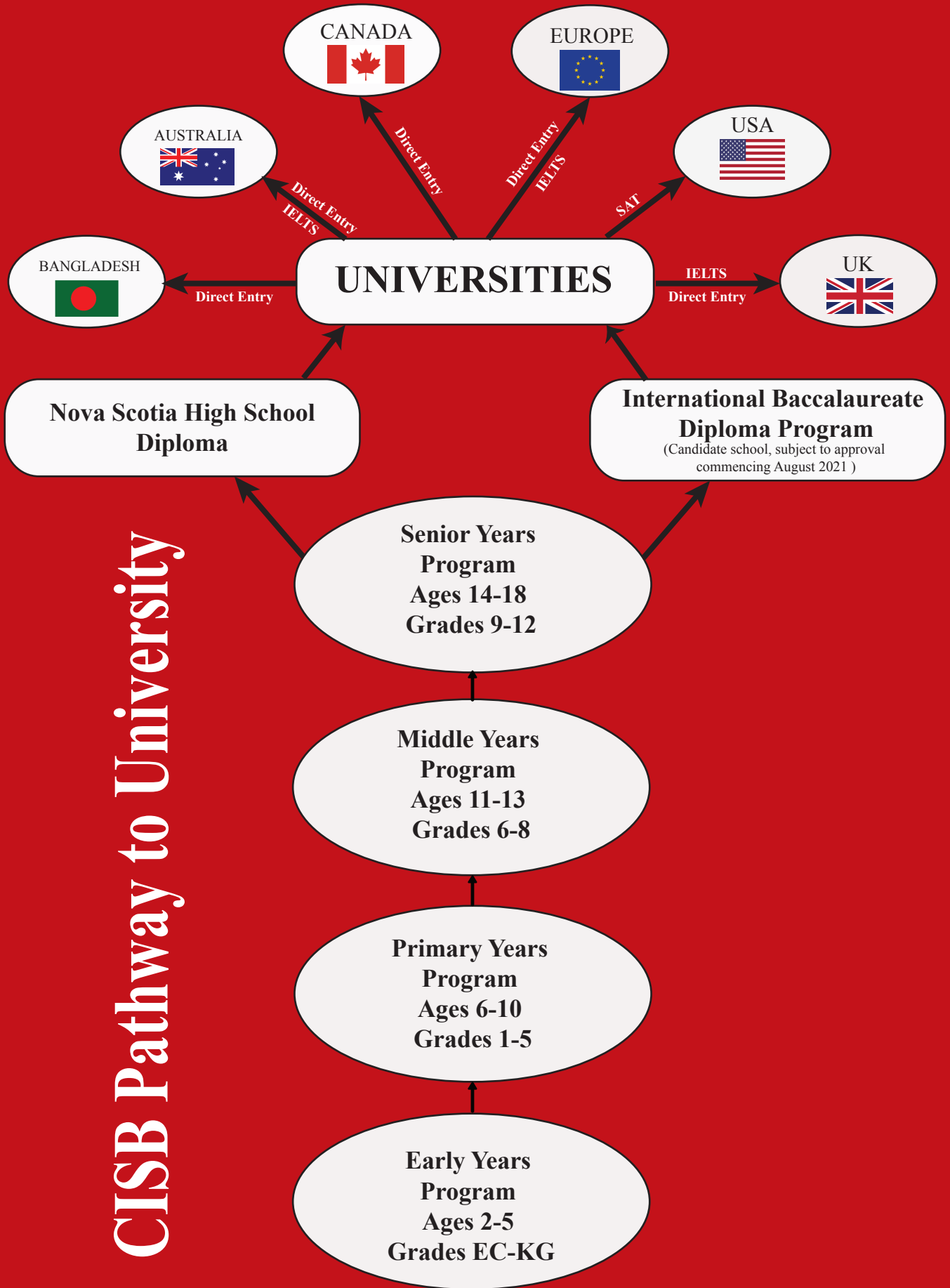
Regular admin and Teachers Meeting



CISB curriculum-day session with parents and students



CISB Pathway to University



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