



FALCON PRIDE

LAJES ELEMENTARY/HIGH SCHOOL

Lajes, Azores

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Saturday	October 10	SAT Exam Administered
Monday	October 12	Columbus Day (Federal Holiday)
Tuesday	October 13	Lajes VS Praia Juniors at 1900 in the HS Gym
Wednesday	October 14	Preliminary SAT / National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test
Thursday	October 15	Falcon Yearbooks on Sale in Lobby at 0745
Friday	October 16	Lajes VS Praia Seniors at 1830 in the HS Gym
Monday-Wednesday	October 19-21	School Pictures

2009 DoDEA EUROPEAN CUSTOMER SATISFACTION SURVEY - The CSI Communication Intervention Committee gives kudos to Lajes E/H School for their survey results. The Lajes School scored well in all areas, but two areas were of particular note:

OVER ALL GRADE FOR THE SCHOOL: Of the Lajes parents who took the survey, over 80% "graded" our school A or B.

SAFETY: 90% of parents surveyed stated that their child feels safe at school.

These are the highest percentage of any school in the Mediterranean district and are also higher than the average for all of DoDDS Europe schools.

SCHOOL PICTURES - School pictures will be taken October 19-21. We could use volunteers to help with picture taking, for a few hours. Those who volunteer will receive a free photo package. Please e-mail the lajespto@yahoo.com to sign up for volunteering. More information will be forthcoming.

THE FALCON YEARBOOK - of Lajes Middle School / High School will go on sale Thursday, October 15, at 0745 in the lobby. This year's book will be filled with memories, activities, academics, superlatives, and so much more to get

middle and high school students "in the picture." The initial cost to reserve a book is \$45.00. However, the price will increase as the year goes on. Be one of the first to reserve your copy at the lowest price available!

INTERMEDIATE CHORUS - We will begin regular rehearsals Tuesday, October 13 for Sopranos and Thursday, October 15 for Altos. Rehearsals are in the Elementary Music Room from 1435-1545. Contact the Music Educator if you have any questions.

MIDDLE SCHOOL CORNER - The Lajes Middle School Student Council elections are coming up on Friday, October 16. This is a great opportunity for students to become involved in school and their community. Class officers play an important role as leaders, role models, and organizers of events. Student leaders will also work to help all students become involved. Activities could range from service projects, academic events, school spirit activities, and more. The Student council officers are also assisted by seminar class representatives, allowing all students an opportunity to be represented. For questions, ask the Lajes Middle School Student Council Advisory at 295-57-4151.

MATH TIPS - Parents: You can help your children learn their multiplication facts at www.multiplication.com. Click on the middle box "New!...", then click on the left box "Self Correcting Quiz." Your children can type in the answers, click "Finished" and find out which ones were missed! The site also has flashcards and more.

ODYSSEY OF THE MIND - is an international educational program that provides creative problem-solving opportunities in which students participate in a range of activities from building mechanical devices to presenting their own interpretation of literary classics. Odyssey of the Mind is a competitive program, but it's nothing like your typical sporting event. The competitive element encourages kids to be the best that they can be, but it's a friendly competition. It's all about creativity; kids are rewarded more for how they apply their knowledge, skills and talents. They work in teams so they learn cooperation and respect for the ideas of others. They evaluate ideas and make decisions on their own, gaining greater self-confidence and increased self-esteem. They see that there is often more than one way to solve a problem, and that sometimes the process is more important than the end result. We are currently in the process of forming teams. We would like to have several teams this year at all levels: K-2, 3-5, and 6-8. If you are interested but weren't able to make it to the meeting on October 6, please fill out the permission slip which was attached to this email and return it to the office by Thursday, October 15. We'd like to begin practices the week of October 19.

ECO-ISLAND CLUB - will begin its session on Tuesday, October 13. Participants, with the assistance of the Energy Management 65 CES/CEAO, will audit the school for energy common sense. The Energy Management, 65 CES/CEAO will also sponsor an Eco-Island Club study trip to the geothermic site in Aqualva and the wind farm on Serra do Cume Mountain on Tuesday, October 20. This is part of an October Energy Awareness program for Lajes E/H School.

GRADESPEED - DoDEA is using an online gradebook application which helps parents and students' access assignments and grades online. Go to <http://www.eu.dodea.edu/gradespeed/> to find out further information or go to <https://dodea.gradespeed.net/gs/> to request a password. Please note: The "Notes to Teachers" feature does not notify teachers about incoming messages. Therefore, to contact your child's teacher please send a written note, call or use their DoDEA email address.

COUNSELOR NEWS - All students in grades 11 and 12 will be taking the required PSAT Exam on Wednesday, October 14. A detailed letter was mailed home to parents providing them with detailed information about the PSAT Exam.

1. Parents of students in grades 8 and 9 who would want their son or daughter to take the PSAT Exam should contact the counselor at 295-57-4228.
2. The Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB) Exam will be administered to interested juniors and seniors on Friday, November 6. Students will not be in attendance this day, as it is the end-of-quarter Teacher Records Keeping Day. Parents interested in having their son/daughter take the ASVAB should contact the counselor at 295-57-4228.
3. College Night for all juniors, seniors and their parents is scheduled for Thursday, October 15 in the Lajes Education Center Auditorium from 1800-2000. Invitation letters with pertinent information will be mailed to the sponsors of all students in grades 11 and 12.
4. The annual Military Career Day event will be scheduled for mid-November. The Air Force Recruiter from Mildenhall AFB, TSgt. Joyce, will visit Lajes during this time to meet with interested students and parents.

SAT/ACT - if parents have questions concerning any of the testing items listed below, please contact the counselor at 295-57-4228.

1. The SAT Exam will be administered on Saturday, October 10.
2. The ACT Exam will be administered on Saturday, October 24.
3. Students wanting to take the December 5 SAT Exam must register online by October 30. Students wanting to take the December 12 ACT Exam must register online by November 6. Specific information about online registration for either the SAT and/or the ACT can be obtained by contacting the counselor at 295-57-4228