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Zhu Hai International School weekly newsletter



From the First Floor

Dear ZIS Community,

We are all set to welcome you to Santa's Winter Carnival tomorrow from 10am-4pm. Please park in the designated spots on the street and prepare your green code upon entry. It is going to be a beautiful day!

It was our great honor to welcome Dr. Steve Chen to speak with our Secondary students this week. Walking the students through a career in computer engineering that spans over five decades, Dr. Chen shared the impact of supercomputing on our modern world and his vision for where these technologies will take us next.

Dr. Chen first came to the world's attention in the mid-1980s with the innovative design of supercomputer technologies. His development of a 128 blade parallel vector supercomputer was widely adopted across automotive, air travel, energy, and other industries, driving their research and development ahead at speeds the world could barely imagine.

Today, Dr. Chen is the founder and President of the Third Brain Research Institute which explores the relationship between the human brain and the capacity of technology the algorithms of artificial intelligence. Dr. Chen shared how science is progressing in the field of brain research and how each month brings new insights into diseases such as Alzheimer's and Parkinson's.

This was a rare opportunity and an incredible session that triggered every student's curiosity, giving rise to new questions, new directions, and new thinking. And now it's the students turn to take these big ideas and challenges and shape the innovations of the coming decades!

Don't forget, you are invited to a special Saturday Sports event on December 11. Registration has already started online (see the QR code on the poster below) - we hope you will join us for the annual Family Fun Run and BBQ.

Warm Regards,

Andrew VanderMeulen

Head of School



Upcoming Events

ZIS WINTER CARNIVAL

SANTA COMES TO QI'AO



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**ZHUHAI
INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL**

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 4TH: 10AM - 4PM



**GAMES, FUN, & FESTIVE CHEER!
A SPECIAL EVENT FOR ZIS FAMILIES
FOOD AND DRINKS WILL BE AVAILABLE**





Thank you to Friends of ZIS for their wonderful decoration of the foyer and entrances!

December 4: Winter Carnival

December 9: Parent Workshop "Approaches to Learning and Personal Project" 2pm Parent Lounge

December 10: Early Dismissal 12:45pm

December 11: Family Fun Run

Perfectly Primary

FOOTBALL and WINTER CARNIVAL

Wednesday, Dec 1, was a very special day for ZIS. We invited another school on Qi'ao Island to play a game of football with our Primary School.

Even though the score was 1-1, it was great to see both teams playing so well and showing excellent sportsmanship. We saw some stand-out performances. Charles (Year 5b) was an excellent goalkeeper and Zandermine (Year 6) scored the goal for ZIS; however, the whole team played fantastically and

worked together well. I was also impressed by the support from all of the ZIS Primary School students and their Year 8 Coaches. It was great to see the whole school out supporting and cheering for the team. It showed our ZIS Jaguar Spirit.

This Saturday, 4th, is an exciting day as we will have our ZIS Winter Carnival. At 10:30, we will have all of our primary students singing a Christmas song, and then we will have lots of activities and games and even an opportunity to meet with Santa.

Kind Regards,

Michael Lattimore

Head of EY and Primary





Secondary Segment

Business Simulation in Guangzhou

About 320 students coming from 20 schools in the Guangzhou region, competed to be in the top 60% to enter the All-star Competition. The event kicked off with an **auction** that required students to respond quickly and have a clear strategic target. The transactions that followed asked students to negotiate with other companies efficiently and reasonably.

The operations offered students many business indicators to consider, and students calculated based on designed rules to make the maximum profits. The first presentation (**Business Plan**) focused on the product design and business strategy, and the second presentation (**Business Battle**) was more about the corporate culture, with Gender Equality as the theme.

The Business Battle, in which students only had one night to prepare, contained Q&A activities which required students to develop good questions

and deliver fast answers. In this part, both ZIS teams won 1st prize in their category and received 3 million RMB as a virtual bonus for operations.

This competition gave students a chance to practice their collaborative skills, challenge their personalities, manage time, and work efficiently. Grasping the key information, exhibiting strong analytical ability and finishing tasks in a timely manner led to success in the competition. Our students showed their advantage in critical thinking, communication, and collaboration. Information literacy, creative thinking, and reflection are what they learn in class and contribute to students' lifelong learning in the future, not only for students in business but for all majors.

Stella Tang
College Counsellor







ZHUHAI
INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

FAMILY - FUN RUN -

ZIS Families & Friends
BBQ & FUN!



SAT DEC 11 @ ZIS
9:00 Register/Warm Up
10:00 START
BBQ LUNCH & GAMES to 2pm



Scan to Register >



Join us for the Family
Fun Run 2021.

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pre-register.

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SCHOOL
LUNCH



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