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# THE BANYAN



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Zhu Hai International School weekly newsletter



## From the First Floor

Dear ZIS Community,

I am thankful for the minimal impact this week's typhoon had on campus and the city, I trust you were all safe and sound while the wind and rain passed through. We're all very pleased to be back on campus today, browsing the Book Fair, and wrapping up the week's studies, week 10 of the first semester.

You may have heard of the prominent educator, author, and founder of Harvard's Change Leadership Group, Tony Wagner. You don't need to be a teacher to enjoy his 2012 book 'Creating Innovators' where he shares the need for young people to be prepared for an innovation-driven economy. Gaining an understanding of young innovators, their families, and their schools, he discovers a pattern in their lives where a childhood of creative play leads to deep-seated interests which then evolve into a sense of deep purpose and career and life goals.

What Wagner learns about the school experiences of these innovators encourages reflection on our own practices. Time and time again these young

people describe learning environments where collaboration, interdisciplinary problem solving, and intrinsic motivation are given prominence. As an IB school that prizes student agency, real-world problem solving, service learning, and collaborative learning spaces, we want to ask how we can further advance how students see themselves as innovators where they are agents of change, transforming either society or technology, or both.

When designing learning experiences for ZIS students, our teachers ask themselves key questions:

- How will students be led to wonder, question, or experience awe and amazement?
- Where is there opportunity for students to express themselves, to flex their creativity, and to test ideas?
- In what ways is there space to shift initiative toward the student, where is there room for choice, how can they drive this investigation?
- How can I facilitate and guide the learning, opening as many doors as possible, while also ensuring student growth?

These types of questions engage students in the inquiry cycle of learning. Answering these questions successfully sets our students on the pathway to being lifelong learners, equipped to be innovators today and tomorrow.

I encourage you to locate a copy of Wagner's book. A parent can gain as much as a teacher from his stories and his findings. He has an engaging voice and shares a number of interesting case studies where young people followed their passions to make change happen.

Warm regards,

**Andrew VanderMeulen**  
**Head of School**

Thank you to **Friends of ZIS** for a wonderful Hallowe'en celebration this week.  
The decorations, scavenger hunt, haunted house...  
...the entire day was full of fun and surprises!



## Upcoming Events

*MAP Growth Results are arriving home soon...  
visit <http://zischina.com/resources/> to learn more!*

**November 10:** Friends of ZIS Meeting 10am @ ZIS Parent Lounge

**November 16:** Parent Teacher Conferences (no classes) - postponed  
from November 1st.

**November 22:** Outdoor Ed: Banzhang Mountain

**December 14:** Outdoor Ed: Phoenix Mountain

**December 23:** Final day of classes in 2022

## Perfectly Primary



## HALLOWEEN brought by Friends of ZIS!

On Monday we had our Halloween celebration! This celebration was fantastic. Students participated in a costume parade, trick or treating with Secondary Students, Scavenger Hunts, and explored a Haunted House. What made this year so successful was the participation from the parents/Friends of ZIS. Parents came to school many days before the event to set up the haunted house and decorated the school. A huge Thank you to all the parents who helped set up the haunted house and decorate the school, it was an amazing day and one to remember!

Kind Regards

**Michael Lattimore**

**Head of EY and Primary**









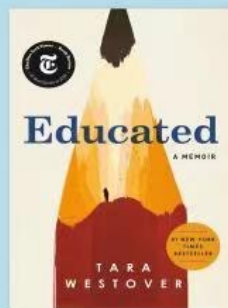
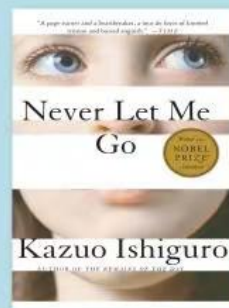
## BATTLE Of the BOOKS!

We are gearing up for another great BOB year. Please find below the wonderful books chosen by our regional librarians for this year's battles! Have a look at the excellent options available for your child.

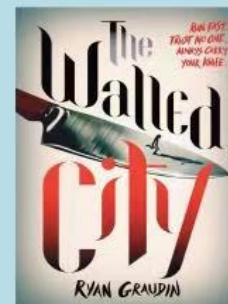
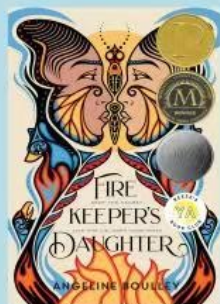




**PEARL RIVER DELTA  
BATTLE OF THE BOOKS  
(MIDDLE SCHOOL)  
2022-2023**



**PEARL RIVER DELTA  
BATTLE OF THE BOOKS  
(HIGH SCHOOL)  
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# Secondary Segment

## STUDENT COUNCIL INTRODUCTIONS

Hello! I'm Chloé in Year 12, this year's student council president. As I'm slowly approaching the end of high school, I want to take advantage of the last few years of high school to the fullest. This is why I decided to run for president, because while I'm going to enjoy my year, why not make everyone else's fun too? I take it that since the majority of MYP students decided to vote for me, they have faith in my ability to change this school for the better. I take this responsibility seriously as you'll see throughout the year.

Hello, everyone! I am Andy in Year 12. As a vice president, I will try my best to alter the school into a better place based on communication with students' opinions. I will set history in ZIS as the best vice president. As a student that has been on ZIS for more than 6 years, I understand the feelings, pain and scars of my fellow students. I will fix these problems faced and make the school a better place. Thank you.

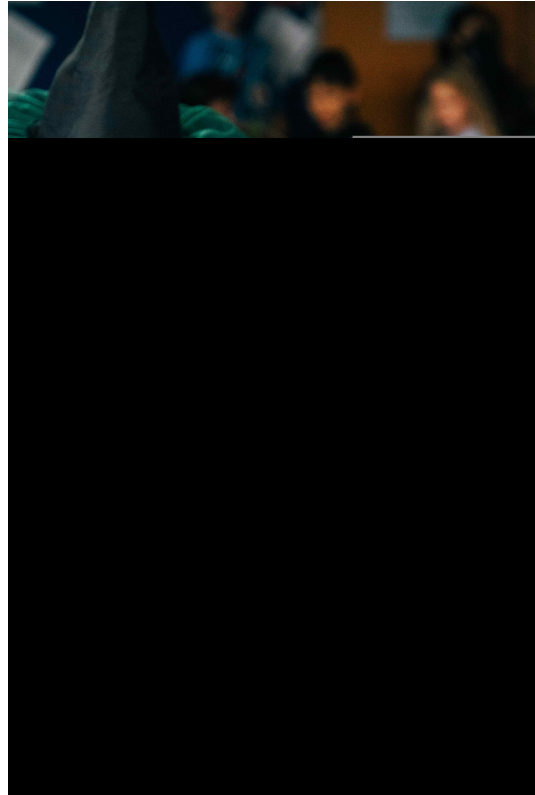
My name is Jenny from Year 12, and I am the Treasurer this year. My role is to operate the finances, which means keeping track of the budget and recording all the expenses. My goal this year is to return the favor to students by effectively using the student government budget and providing the best quality events. Lots and different activities, and many prizes will be part of it. I am happy to help and support our school community. As part of the student council, I will spare no effort.

Hello! My name is Josephine from Year 12, and I am the secretary for this school year. This role is all about recording ideas and topics in general that were being expressed from within the council and also outside the council. One of my goals is to have more communication between the council and people who aren't in the council, so for that issue, we all have decided to put an Idea/suggestion box in the hallway, beside the elevators, in 3<sup>rd</sup> floor, where you all can have a chance to share your ideas with us in your stressful daily lives. I will also be assisting the other student council members in their goals as much as I can.

Kind regards,

**Your Secondary Student Council**





Lunch Menus,  
our food safety guidelines,  
and past editions of  
"The Banyan" Newsletter  
are available  
at [zischina.com](https://zischina.com)

# WHAT'S COOKING?

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LUNCH



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