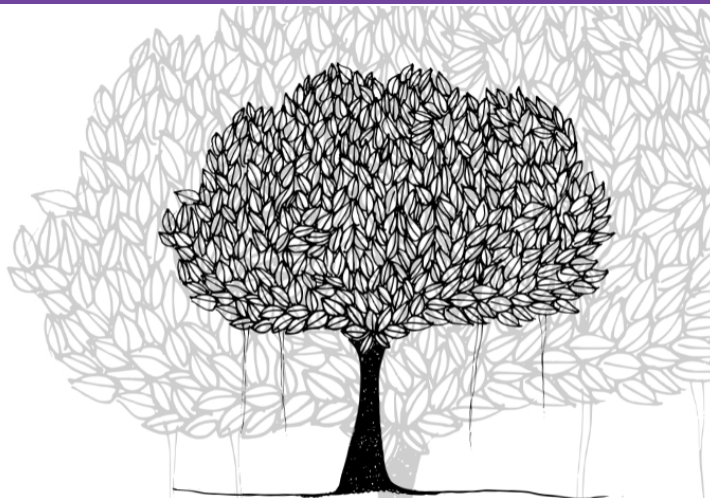


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ZIS: an IB World School

From the First Floor

Dear ZIS Community

I wish all of our students and families a wonderful Mid-Autumn Festival, enjoy your time together and see you back on campus on Tuesday next week.

This week saw the start of our after school activities - thank you to our providers and volunteers for offering a wide variety of options for our students. It is not too late to sign up - call the school office or write Ms. Gina Li at ginal@zischina.com to register:

Mondays:

Football (Y4-6), Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu (Y2-4), Yoga (Y7+)

Tuesdays:

Jaguars (Y7+), Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu (Y5+), Tennis

Wednesdays:

Football (Y2-3), Tennis

Thursdays:

Jaguars (Y7+), Lyre Lessons (Y4-6), Tennis

Fridays:

Tennis

The **ZIS Jaguars Team Sports** training begins after the Mid-Autumn Festival with volleyball, basketball, and football tournaments coming in October and November. Separate permission forms will be shared with home for these teams.

Our annual **Sundowner** is coming soon - and it is a very special event as we celebrate 15 years of ZIS. I hope you will join us for great music, food, and social time on Saturday, September 17 from 6-8:30pm here on campus. Please park in the designated spaces along the street and show a 48 hour green code at security. A survey to indicate your food preferences will be shared shortly - this will help us to reduce food waste and plan for the number of guests. Thank you!

Next on the calendar is our first ever **Terry Fox Run**. Inspired by the courageous actions of this young athlete who lost his battle with cancer, our students are raising awareness and funds to support cancer research and treatment here in Guangdong. The event begins at 9:30am on Friday, September 23 and you are invited to join. Support the cause by purchasing a charm, a t-shirt, or by sending a donation to the school account with the note "Terry Fox Run".

Next month we host the **CIS Accreditation Visit** as we enter the final stage of this process. In preparation of their virtual evaluation a series of videos will be recorded on campus next week to show off student learning, daily life, facilities, and more. During the visit from October 17-21 classes and activities will be live streamed for the evaluation team. If you wish to exclude your child from any video or photography, please inform the school office.

Health, safety and wellbeing are important topics for us. How successfully our procedures and systems operate allow us to minimize risk and to take prompt action when needed. Part of our system is to make it as easy as possible for parents to share their concerns and their ideas, so I encourage you to write to us or to book an appointment when there is a question.

Child protection and safeguarding are essential elements of student safety and

ZIS policies do well to stress their importance. If you have any child protection or other safeguarding issues, please reach out to me at andrewv@zischina.com or by calling the school.

Thank you to all of our parents for their close attention to safety surrounding transport and the arrival and departure from school. Thank you to all parents for their prompt collection of students at the school security gate each day. Please remember that our regular school day concludes at 3:35 with a 2:45 departure on Fridays. After school activities conclude at 4:45pm.

Safety receives heightened attention at the start of the school year, and we are committed to year-round vigilance and review. With this, our staff and students can be fully focused on learning and growing safely together.

Thank you parents for your incredible support as we pursue our school mission for every ZIS student!

Warm Regards,

Andrew VanderMeulen

Head of School

A stylized illustration of a tree with dark blue branches and leaves on the left side of the image. On the right side, there is a large, bright white full moon with a textured, cratered surface. The background is a solid purple color.

海上升明月，
天涯共此时

Wishing you a happy
Mid-Autumn Festival!





ZHUHAI
INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

Celebrating 15 years together!

Sundowner 黄昏小聚 2022

September 17th from 6:00-8:30



Enjoy music, food, and drink
with family and friends



Upcoming Events

September 17: ZIS Sundowner

September 19: Couch to 2k begins

September 23: Terry Fox Run

September 24: Saturday Sports begin

October 17-21: CIS Accreditation Virtual Visit

...view the school calendar online at <http://zischina.com/calendars/>



HOW
FAR
CAN
YOU
GO?

I'M NOT A QUITTER

TERRY FOX RUN at ZIS

OUR GOALS:

- Can we run **1,000 KM**?
- Can we raise **25,000 RMB**?

Start Time

9:30 am

Finish Time

11:00 am

FRIDAY

SEPT

23

Perfectly Primary

Primary School STUDENT COUNCIL

This Friday, we will have confirmed our student council members for this semester. But what does the Student Council do?

Student Council is an opportunity for students to have their voices heard by the school leadership. It creates opportunities for students to develop their leadership/management skills by participating in the organisation of school events and other activities throughout the year.

The student council comprises two students from every year group from Years 2 and up. This year they will meet with Mr Michael to discuss and share issues and be involved in designing solutions to these issues. In addition, the student council will be asked to help design some activities that could happen during some of the larger whole-school events, e.g., Winter Carnival.

The student council is a great opportunity for our students, and we are excited to see how they can impact our school culture and day-to-day life.

Kind Regards,

Michael Lattimore

Head of EY and Primary



Dear ZIS community,

My name is Mr. Nick Atwater, the new Diploma Programme Coordinator at ZIS. I'd like to take a moment to briefly introduce myself:

Many of you may already know me from the past school year, which was my first year at ZIS and in the IB program, where I served as DP Biology and MYP Sciences teacher.

Before coming to Zhuhai, I taught in Shenzhen for 5 years in the US based Advanced Placement program, where I was an AP Chemistry teacher and the Science Department Chair. Previous to teaching, I also worked as a Biology researcher both in academia and industry for many years.

I have already gotten to know many of the current and incoming DP students. I look forward to working closely with them to make sure they are on track and working towards achieving the standards that the IB, ZIS, and they have set for themselves.

I've also learned the many important policies and procedures regarding the Diploma Programme and about the rigorous and exciting courses that we offer here at ZIS. I am confident that together with the help of the excellent DP teaching staff, the students are in good hands for the 2022-23 school year.

Kind Regards,

Nick Atwater

DP Coordinator

WHAT'S COOKING?

SCHOOL
LUNCH



Lunch Menus,
our food safety guidelines,
and past editions of
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