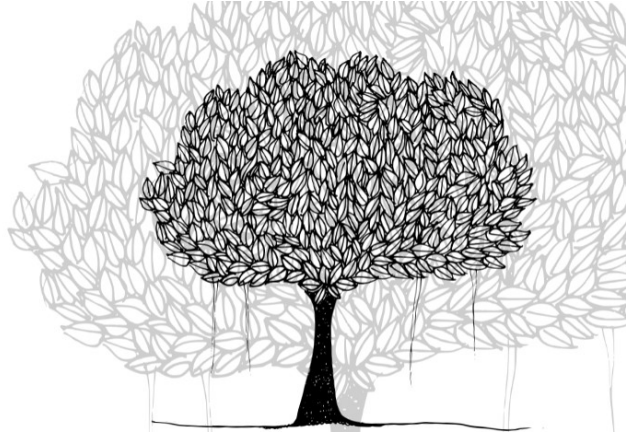


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From the First Floor

Dear ZIS Community,

We have returned from the Mid-Autumn Festival break with a short week, and it was an event filled three days. I trust the break gave you all the chance to enjoy some quiet time and the opportunity to take in some of the magnificent night skies.

The main event on campus was certainly the visit from the photographers of Pret-a-Portrait who captured our individual and class photos on Thursday and Friday. Students would have arrived home with a card identifying what is called their "sitting ID", a unique code that will allow you to order prints online. We have these IDs on file in case the card has been misplaced. We will send you a notice when the photos are ready for viewing.

The best part of the annual photography visit is the experience of whole school photo. You can find these posted along the hallway of the main school office where these have been displayed since 2009. Each and every one of our campus community gathers together for this once-a-year moment, and it is the greatest reminder of the spirit and teamwork that makes our school the fantastic place it is. The strength of our school is collectively on display and so it acts as a powerful reminder of how every individual has a contributing role in making campus life healthy, inspirational, innovative, and secure. They say it takes a village to raise a child, but it takes a dedicated community to raise dynamic, principled, and compassionate global citizens who will be life-long learners.

What is next on the horizon for our students?

Soon we will share plans for the annual excursion week we fondly call "Week Without Walls" which is calendared for the week of November 22-26. At the moment we are keeping a close eye on our ability to travel beyond the city and beyond the province - we want to be adventurous, but we will also be prudent in our planning.

Earlier on the calendar we have our first round of MAP Growth testing for our students in Years 3-10. This takes place the week of October 18-22. For families new to MAP testing (and to remind everyone else!) more information will be shared on this helpful diagnostic assessment series.

If you have any questions on the above items, or anything else about our work on Qi'ao, please do feel free to get in touch!

Warm Regards,

Andrew VanderMeulen

Head of School

Upcoming Events

October 1-10: National Day / October Holiday

October 11: Couch to 2k begins!

October 16: Weekend Warrior Songwriter Camp begins!

October 18-22: MAP Growth Testing

Perfectly Primary

ZIS PRIMARY SCHOOL SPORTS

Our ZIS Primary School has a new addition to the Friday afternoon sessions. In addition to class assemblies, buddies, and house challenges, we now have Friday Afternoon Sports. Friday Afternoon Sports is a method to get students moving and working together and promote the benefits of team games and healthy living.

This year, we will have a house football tournament, and last Friday was the first round of games. The students are separated by Lower Primary (Years 1-2-3) and Upper Primary (Years 4-5-6) and then divided into houses. Each house will play each house, and at the end of the year, we will have a winner.

There are many benefits to this, for example, students will become fitter by doing more exercise. Additionally, students will develop their social skills by working with people they may not know and strengthen their communication skills. The students appeared to really

enjoy the activity and look forward to the next round of games.

The final scores from last Friday are:

Upper Primary:

Green vs Blue: 5-0

Red vs Yellow: 1-1

Lower Primary:

Green vs Blue: 0-5

Red vs Yellow: 4:0

Kind Regards,

Michael Lattimore

Head of Primary



Secondary Segment

Dear parents and students,

Hello, my name is Anthony Kietzmann.

This year, I will help support the growth and development of our senior students as the Diploma Program Coordinator. I have been teaching and working in China for almost 20 years and have been involved in the International Baccalaureate Program for more than 10 years.

During this time, I have been DP Coordinator, TOK/EE teacher and Head of Year and Head of Department while developing MYP/DP Visual Arts and Design programs in four IB schools.

This knowledge and my experiences will allow me to support ZIS diploma students in a positive and constructive manner. My intention is to help them to remain focused while achieving the goals they have set for themselves for all aspects of their DP studies. With the support of an experienced and caring staff, I am confident the students will have a successful and rewarding year.

Regards,

Anthony Kietzmann
Diploma Programme Coordinator



MONDAYS after school.
See you on the track!



WEEKEND WARRIOR

Facilitated by Mr. John Emery Miller



Songwriter Camp

6 Saturdays

October 16 -

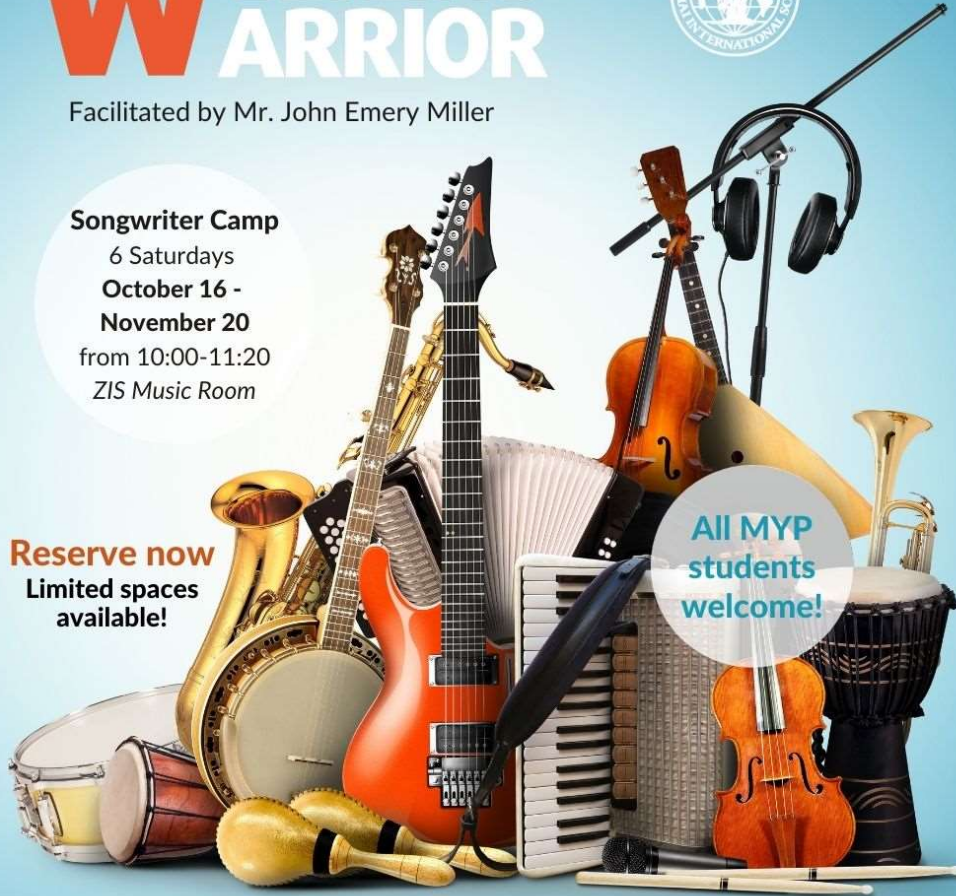
November 20

from 10:00-11:20

ZIS Music Room

Reserve now
Limited spaces
available!

All MYP
students
welcome!



WHAT'S COOKING?

SCHOOL
LUNCH



Lunch Menus,
our food safety guidelines,
and past editions of
"The Banyan" Newsletter
are available
at zischina.com

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Scan the second QR code to join our Parent/Teacher group, FRIENDS Of ZIS.

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