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Zhu Hai International School weekly newsletter



From the First Floor

Dear ZIS Community,

These coming weeks are full of activity and I hope you will find an opportunity to join us for one or many events this Spring. Next Saturday we host the second round of the Qi'ao Running League, a good warm up for the ZIS Sports Day when we will enjoy the challenges of sport together. Your invitation to the DP Visual Arts Exhibition will arrive soon, so please save some time in the final week of March. The entire ZIS staff will descend on the buffet and dance floor at Jida's Harbourview Hotel for a staff social this month as well - a much deserved event with the many accomplishments of our wonderful team here.

Earlier this week the Board shared the announcement of the appointment of Paul McKenzie as the incoming Head of School. I spoke with him this morning about the big picture items that make up the school's strategic plan as well as the many other things he has to look forward to joining the ZIS community. With the new academic year in sight, we share thanks and farewell with Mr. Michael Lattimore, our Head of Early Years and Primary, as he departs having served the ZIS community so capably these past three years. We wish him all the best as he continues his IB Leadership nearby in Shenzhen. It's my pleasure to

announce the appointment of Ms. Charlotte Aucamp to the role of Head of EY and Primary for the coming year. The students are in excellent hands with Ms. Charlotte's experience in South Africa and China together with her IB knowledge, her dedication to excellence in teaching and learning, and her commitment to international mindedness.

ZIS Senior Leadership Team 2023-24

Head of School: Mr. Paul McKenzie

Chinese Principal: Ms. Jessy Yin

Head of Secondary: Ms. Danielle Tucker

Head of EY & Primary: Ms. Charlotte Aucamp

Thank you to all who attended the Friends of ZIS meeting this week. Planning is underway for International Day 2023, always one of our favorite times of the school year. A letter will arrive soon outlining how you can get involved. We hope to see you then! The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 23 at 10am in the Parent Lounge. Parents are always welcome to join these meetings at any time.

We publish many articles on our WeChat account, but I do hope you will find this week's story on your phone sharing how members of our administration and logistics team celebrated International Women's Day. Led by Ms. Jenny who heads our Finance Office, the team visited the nearby Qi'ao Community Centre to share lessons in fitness, beauty, and wellbeing. It was a great initiative and a wonderful example of how we can be uplifted and inspired by our neighbours and community. Every year we discover new ways to build relationships and celebrate our special location, and thank you to Ms. Jenny and the team for sharing their talents.

Warm regards,

Andrew VanderMeulen

Head of School

The CIS Accreditation Steering Committee took a moment to celebrate the school's CIS achievement this week.



Upcoming Events

March 18: Qi'ao Running League @ ZIS - Run #2

March 24: Open Day for Prospective Families

March 31: ZIS Sports Day (Primary & Secondary)

April 3-7: Spring Break Holiday

April 10-14: Spring MAP Growth Testing (Years 3-10)

April 12: TEDx Youth @ ZIS - BOLD

April 15: Math Kangaroo Competition (Primary and Secondary)

April 22: ZIS International Day (TBC)

May 1: Labor Day Holiday

Perfectly Primary

SPORTS DAY IS COMING!

Can you feel the excitement in the air? Sports Day is coming! It's bigger, better, more fun, and for everyone!

PYP, MYP, and DP have combined their sports day to make one, all-inclusive day of fun and sports for students and parents. The main idea of this Sports Day is to encourage children to have fun, get active, and work together in various fun physical activities and challenges.

Instead of going with the traditional activities like 100m sprint and shot put, we focused on more fun activities such as an egg and spoon race, ball in the bucket, tug of war, and water balloon toss to make sure everyone has a chance to be competitive. And as it is warmer, we decided that to cool off; there will be some water sports, so it is recommended that the students bring a spare set of clothes.

Parents are invited to join their children on this day and take part in our "long" distance running, show their children how strong they are with a tug of war, maintain a healthy balance with a 3-legged race and soak their children in a water balloon toss!

According to research, the real importance of Sports Day in school is what it does for the spirits and camaraderie of the school community. Team sports are known to encourage a healthy level of competition and bonding in teams as they work together to achieve a goal. It is a great time for students to practice supporting each other through both successes and failures.

The importance of Sports Day in school cannot really be overstated since it is a moment in the calendar to foreground extra-curricular activities and to demonstrate

that school is about more than just academic achievement; it is also about being part of a supportive and productive community. There are major benefits to Sports Day; not only does it encourage students to be healthy, but also promotes team building and leadership skills, helps with social skills, and develops discipline and respect for oneself and one's peers. Physical exercise is something that teachers should ensure they encourage. Indeed, they should teach students to take up healthy habits that will last them through their lives.

Our Sports Day will be on the 31st of March 2023, and we heartily invite all parents and students to join us on this eventful day. There will be food stalls available, and the canteen will provide lunch as normal, but feel free to bring your camping chairs, picnic blanket, and cooler boxes! Let's make this a day to remember!

Johan Molier

Primary PE Teacher

Secondary Segment

SEND US YOUR SUBMISSIONS!

Our student-led magazine club, "The Twelve," is accepting artistic contributions for 2022-2023.

Main Topics:

- Natural Scenery (landscapes, starry sky, universe, starry moon, bamboo forest, etc.)
- Local Customs (customs of local people, of people from your homeland, etc.)
- Fantasy (science fiction, eschatology, sci-fi world, suspense novel, etc.)
- Aspects of Life (diary, travel notes, essays, etc.)

Given these subjects, you can write any type of literature you want, or you could submit other media (such as pictures, videos, paintings, etc.)

Articles can be written in either Chinese, English, or both.

****We would prefer to receive electronic copies of your works, but if you would like, you can also send us high-definition pictures of handwritten works.**

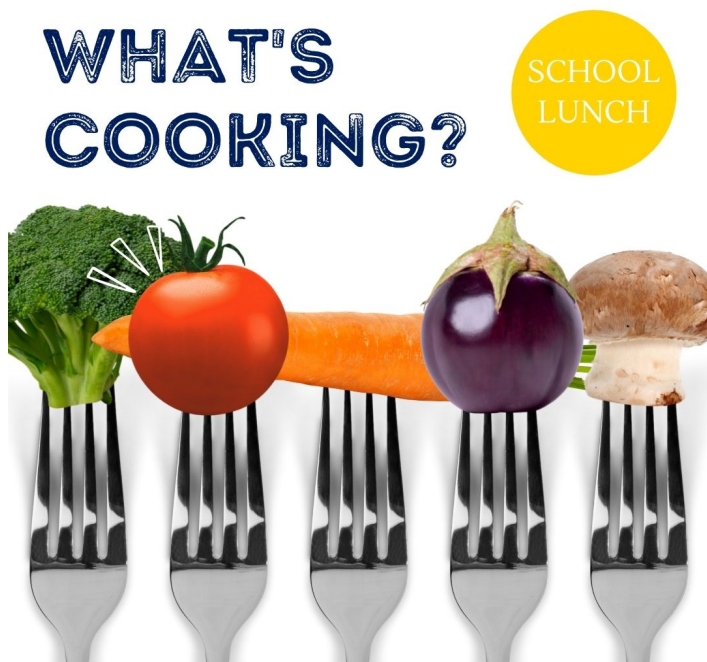
If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

WHERE TO SUBMIT?

Submissions can be sent via this e-mail address: thetwelve@zischina.com

Warm Regards,

The Twelve



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our food safety guidelines,
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"The Banyan" Newsletter
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at zischina.com



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learn about BOARDING at ZIS

learn about our ACTIVITIES



As a CIS Internationally Accredited School, ZIS meets and exceeds the standards in the nine domains listed in the diagram.

Being both an IB and a CIS school means upholding the highest standards in:

- excellence in teaching and learning
- advancing global citizenship
- commitment to student well-being



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