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Highlighting Hangzhou Community Events

Over the last week we've seen the demonstration of the great Hangzhou Community atmosphere represented at HIS. From the Student Council Fright Fest to the first 2016 House Event, students have been involved and organizing the events for the year. Special thanks goes to the HIS Student Council team advised by Ms. Cantrell and Ms. Bowers for their work putting on the Fright Fest on Friday. Students prepared the Haunted House, the games, and the movie night. We look forward to further events taking place over the remainder of the year.

Monday's HIS Spirit day was a spirited event full of a variety of costumes and fun. Please see the website for photos and celebrations of the events over the last week.

Living and Learning with the Adolescent Brain

Feedback from the Upper School Coffee Morning event last week has been positive. Special thanks to Ms. Long, Ms. Cantrell, and Ms. Rioux-Bailey for sharing their insight and understanding with those who attended. If you wanted access to the Power Point shared during the event, please find it here: [Living and Learning with the Adolescent Brain Session](#). The next Coffee Morning will take place November 25, 2016 from 10:00 - 11:00 am.

Quarter 1 reports were posted to Managebac by Friday, October 28. If you have any further questions regarding the reports, the comments, or marks, please contact Ms. Koenig for insight. If you would like to access a printed report, please contact Ms. Alice Zhang and pick up the document from the Upper School Office (azhang@his-china.org).

This Week:

The Varsity Volleyball teams are heading to the ACAMIS tournament on Wednesday, November 2 after school. As a school community, we want to support not only the ACAMIS players in their tournament, by providing a rousing send off, but also to recognize the students who are involved in sports and activities after school. If you are available on Wednesday afternoon and want to join the event, please come to the gym between 2:30 pm and 3:00 pm to support our HIS Golden Dragons.

December SAT Exam Registration

Please register for the December 3 exam session by November 3, 2016. If students miss the deadline, they may not be able to attend the exam at HIS. Please contact Ms. Cantrell for more information.

Upcoming Events

October 31

- HIS Spirit Day - Halloween Costumes

November 2

- Fall Sports Recognition Assembly

November 3 - 5

- ACAMIS Volleyball Tournament

November 11-13

- Westlake MUN Conference
- Speaker Ross Jennings presenting to the Upper School



School Lunch

Information

Please find the lunch menu for the coming week at:

[HIS Cafeteria Menu November, 2016](#)

Upper School Sports

High School Varsity Volleyball

Practices:

- Monday / Friday: 3:15 - 4:30
- Wednesday: 4:30 - 5:45

Calendar: <http://hz.scis-his.net/node/6184>



Middle School Soccer

Practices

- Tuesday/ Thursday: 3:15 - 4:30

Boys' Coach: Mr. Sanchez

Girls' Coach: Ms. Casillas

Calendar: <https://hz.scis-his.net/node/6258>

HIS Swim Team

- Practices: Monday and Wednesday 3:10 - 5:00
- Coaches: Mr. Brooks, Mrs. Jenner, Ms. Keppler



Upcoming Events

Model United Nations Conference

The HIS students are preparing for the 10th Anniversary of the West Lake MUN Conference, happening at HIS from November 11-13. Over 200 students and teams from around the Asia region will be attending the popular event, so there is plenty to do in preparation. This year's theme is, "Action. Empower. Change." We welcome parent involvement and attendance at the event, to provide real-world experiences for the students. The Secretariat is looking for potential speakers who could share their experiences with the attendees. For more information, please contact the event organizer, Sophie Chen (CHES57877@his-student.org).

Green Team Information

The Green Team is an upper school club that strives for positive environmental action. They have a website sharing more information about their activities @ <http://his-greenteam.weebly.com/>. Please visit the website for further information.

Halloween Scary Story Contest

Mr Jem would like to congratulate all thirty-eight entrants for their nightmare-worthy Scary Stories. You traumatized me all weekend, well done! You also pushed your passion for writing by taking this challenge, and should be proud (as I know your teachers and parents are) of your frightening compositions.

It was very hard trying to select the "best" scary story, this is testament to your dedicated efforts. But ... the winners are:

- Naomi Xia (Milepost 1) with "The Land of the Underground",
- Brandon Jeon (Milepost 2) with "The Mysterious House",
- Eric Ji (Milepost 3) with "Who?", and
- Shirley Dai (Grade 7) with "The Real Story".

Special mentions go to Xinyu (Lisa) Wu from Kindergarten (the youngest entrant) for her short but terrifying, "I'm Thirsty", and Sanyukta Shewakramani from grade 3 for her twenty-three-page chapter story (!), "Lilly's Halloween Fortune". Thank you all for entering (for a full list of students who entered, or to read any of the winning stories, go to <http://his-g4.weebly.com/writing-contest.html>), and I thank all the teachers who helped collect and forward these stories on to me.



Movember @ HIS

The ugliest month of the year is upon us ... Movember! All students, teachers, parents and families of HIS are invited to join the HIS Movember team, "Mr HIS". Grow a moustache OR commit to the "Move" challenge (30+ minutes of daily exercise) for the month of November and raise money for men's health campaigns around the world. If you wish to join the team, go to: <http://moteam.co/mr-his>

Book Drive

Please donate your Mandarin books and English picture books in the box at the Front Office. These donations will be going to 4 schools in Guizhou. These books are intended for children in primary school. Your donation will truly transform the lives of children. You can make a difference.

Contact Information

Please note the following contacts for the Upper School staff.

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Sports and activities

Athletics Tabs

The school website has a host of information regarding athletics. Under the *Extra Curricular* tab, you can find individual sport schedule information, days of practice, and information about the coaches. The HIS Athletics page can be found here: <https://hz.scis-his.net/node/6266>

Middle School CISSA Soccer Teams

This season the middle school girls' and boys' soccer teams have seen a large turnout. Head coaches have reported 19 girls and 15 boys out for the sport this year. Teams are practicing every Tuesday and Thursday on the large field in preparation for the CISSA tournament, on November 19.

Please see the schedule for practices and events on the website: <https://hz.scis-his.net/node/6258>

Swimming

Mr. Brooks, Ms. Kappler, and Mrs. Jenner are excited about the turnout for the swim team this year. Close to 50 students are registered for the team and ready to compete in our first swim meet of the year hosted by Dulwich College Suzhou on November 26. Swim parents, in preparation, please make sure your son/daughter has a gold practice suit and a blue competition suit. You can find an order form on the swim website. <http://hiswimteam.weebly.com/>

Please submit the swim suit order form by October 28.

Upcoming Sports

Table Tennis

Middle School table tennis begins Oct. 24 and lasts until Dec. 3. We have 14 students signed up and ready to start the season. Coach Eda Go is excited to join the team this year and is looking forward to the year-end tournament is on December 3 hosted by YCIS, Shanghai.

High School table tennis begins Oct. 25 and lasts until November 26. This year there will be two tournaments. One of which is the SISAC tournament in Shanghai on November 19 and the other is ACAMIS on November 24-26 hosted by YCIS, Beijing. Coach Jenner is excited to begin the season with 11 students looking to make the highly selective ACAMIS team.

Ultimate Frisbee

Middle School Ultimate Frisbee begins November 1. Registration deadline is October 28. The season runs from October 28 - December 10. Mr. Deerwester is the coach. Practices will take place on Monday and Friday from 3:15 - 4:15 pm on the main field.

High School Varsity Basketball

For students interested in trying out for the Varsity Basketball team, tryouts will take place on Monday, November 7. Registrations are due to Mr. Brooks by Friday, November 4.

Middle School Floor Hockey

For middle school students interested in playing floor hockey, please contact Mr. Brooks. The registration documents are due by Friday, November 11. The first practice will take place on Tuesday, November 15.

ASA Quarter 2 Dates and Deadlines

After School Activities offered for Upper School Quarter Two

Mondays

- US Art - [Ms. Jamie](#) - US Art Room
- Cricket - [Dr. Jenner](#) - Large Field
- Community Garden - [Ms. Long](#) - B002
- Philosophy Club - [Mr. Riege](#) - A301
- Skills Booster - [Ms. Carmen](#) - B209



Tuesdays

- MUN - [Ms. du Plooy](#) - B015
- Musical - [Ms. Darden & Ms. Wong](#) - Performance Space

Thursdays

- Green Team - [Mr. Jem & Ms. Maxwell](#) - B310
- Skills Booster - [Ms. Carmen](#) - B209
- Musical - [Ms. Darden & Ms. Wong](#) - Performance Space

Fridays

- Ultimate Frisbee- [Mr. Deerwester](#) - Large Field
- Rollerblading - [Ms. Koenig](#) - Front Gate
- Clues - [Ms. Go](#) - B212
- Robotics - [Mr. Suits](#) - Maker Space

Middle School Corner

Monday last week saw the introduction of the new unit's Big Ideas in the second Entry Point of the year.

Grade 6 students were introduced to the theme of Structures with a task that required them to use newspapers to build a structure big enough to cover the whole grade, while their teachers raced to build their own.

In Grade 7, after a lesson in proper make-up application, students created and directed plays that involved misunderstandings because of language errors. The big idea, Communication was evident throughout the whole morning!

Grade 8 students focused on Identity with talks about self-perception and a fashion show.

We are already looking forward to the next Exit Point, to be held in early December. As this second unit gets underway, it is natural for there to be a short lull in homework assignments, which will soon pick up pace again.



Captions from left to Right:
Grade 6 Entry Point, Grade 7 Entry Point, Grade 8 Entry point



Grade 6-9 NWEA Results

The grade 6-9 students took the Northwest Education Association Measure of Academic Progress (NWEA-MAP) assessment in September, 2016. The student results provide diagnostic information for teachers to use when developing, adapting, and providing feedback for student progress. These reports can be found on the Managebac Student Profile under the Portfolio Tab within the Personal Files section.

**IBDP Information**

Thank you to the grade 12 parents for the submission of exam fees and updated documents. If there are any further changes to names or subjects for IBDP coursework, please let Ms. Koenig know immediately. The Power Point shared during the [parent session in October](#) can be found at the following link. The [Grade 12 Calendar](#) can also be found here.

For students interested in attending US Universities, please check the link from the College Board regarding fees and financial aid questions. [BigFuture for Parents](#)

Grade 12 students will be taking on a Group 4 science project in the coming weeks that will allow them to collaborate with their peers. They are also working on their Internal Assessments in each class.

Grade 11 students should continue adding activities and reflections to their CAS portfolio. They can input their current activities and write reflections related to the various sports teams, clubs, projects, and events they have already joined. Students with questions related to CAS should check with Ms. Andrea (astubbs@his-china.org) for more information.

University Corner**Upcoming University Visits**

HIS Students have the opportunity to visit with representatives from universities over the coming weeks. Parents are welcome to attend the sessions from 11:00 – 12:00 on the dates indicated below.

- University of British Columbia – November 9
- Sioux Falls University – November 22

University Entrance Exams

HIS students will have several University Admissions Exam opportunities on our campus this academic year. The dates of the exams held at HIS for 2016-2017 are as follows:

- SAT/SAT Subject November 5, 2016 (deadline for registration is October 7)
- SAT/SAT Subject December 3, 2016 (deadline for registration is November 3)
- SAT/SAT Subject May 6, 2017 (deadline for registration is April 7)
- ACT June 10, 2017 (deadline for registration is May 5)

HIS Faculty Spotlight

In the upper school, we have several new faculty members who have joined the HIS staff. We will have introductions of each member of our faculty in the HIS Faculty Spotlight in coming weekly bulletins

Mr. Terry Strombeck – Upper School Social Studies / Economics Teacher

I hold a US passport although I have lived outside US for many years. My family lived in Peru and Costa Rica before moving on to Honduras, and as many of our students, I grew up attending international schools and graduated from the American School of Tegucigalpa. Before arriving at Hangzhou, I taught at SCIS in Shanghai, and in the US in Utah and Oklahoma. I first came to China in 2004 as part of an exchange between US and Chinese schools and then returned to China as a member of the National Committee on US-China Relations. I have taught a range of subjects including IBDP History, Theory of Knowledge, AP European History, World History, US History, East Asian History, Sociology and Psychology. In addition to teaching, I coached soccer (football) for many years in the US. While I have passion for the subjects I teach, my interests also include travel, photography, and interaction with cultures from around the world. These interest has led me to hosting groups from China, France, Russia, Japan, Costa Rica and Nigeria. I enjoy bringing all my life experiences to my history and TOK classes. One of my goals in my classes is to help students realise that history is not a subject of the past but rather it is a subject about who and what we are now and where we are headed in the future.

**Uniform Information**

As the days grows cooler, it is helpful to remember some uniform guidelines. If students wear an outer jacket or sweatshirt, it should be of a solid color, not reflecting a logo or brand. It is preferred that winter outerwear be navy blue,



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grey or tan in color, and these garments should be removed when indoors. The use of light sweatshirts or hoodies (i.e. GAP or Abercrombie and Fitch sweatshirts) or sweaters that are not distributed by the uniform office are not acceptable during school hours. School sweatshirts are available for purchase in the uniform office near the Upper School lockers.

Absence or Illness

If your child is ill or will not be at school due to an appointment, please contact the Upper School secretary to indicate the excused absence each day. (hz-us-secretary@his-china.org or 86571-8669-0045)

PAFA News

PAFA Spanish fundraiser lunch at La Pedrera (see attached flyer)

Wednesday 9 November @ 11:30am - 2:00pm

Register via <http://whoozin.com/HCR-YUR-GFA4>

PAFA bake sale

Friday 11 November @ 10:30am - 2:30pm

Please help with the bake sale by donating treats for the children to buy. Further details on how you can help will be communicated next week. If you would like to offer help please contact - Anumehta@his-parent.org or mildrose@gmail.com

HIS Winter Fair in the school gym

Saturday 3 December @ 2:00pm - 5:00pm

A time for the HIS community to come together, they'll be something for everyone to enjoy...Gift stalls, delicious food, activities for the kids, photographer for your family photo, Christmas carols and a visit from Santa. If you are interested in renting a booth for your products, services or delicious food, please email winterfair@his-parent.org for more information.

PAFA Year-end luncheon at Hyatt Regency Hangzhou

Wednesday 7 December @ 11:30am - 2:30pm

Enjoy time with friends before the year-end holidays at our annual festive buffet and gift exchange. Registration will commence in November.



Join or donate to team "Mr HIS" and support men's health campaigns around the world! Grow a moustache OR commit to the "Move" challenge (30+ minutes of exercise each day for the month of November).



Go to: <http://moteam.co/mr-his>, or QR-code scan this HIS logo to join or donate.



Taste of Spain - A PAFA FUNDRAISER



WHEN: Wednesday 9th November.
WHERE: La Pedrera
Address: The Dragon Hotel,
2, Hangda Road.
TIME: 11:30am - 2pm
PRICE: RMB 150/person
(Payable in cash on the day)
Parking: RMB 5/hr.
Last Date: Friday 4th November.



PAFA 募款午餐-西班牙风味
时间: 星期三, 11月9号 11.30-2.00
地点: 黄龙饭店西门杭大路2号 巴特洛西班牙餐厅
费用: 150元每人--当天现金支付
停车费: 每小时
报名时间截至: 星期五 11月4号
欢迎大家来品尝美味的传统西班牙风味午餐!
希望大家积极参加, 到时候见!

REGISTRATION: <http://whoozin.com/HCR-YUR-GFA4>