



Up Coming Events

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| June 12 | Senior Graduation |
| June 15 | Sports Day |
| June 16 | Kindergarten Graduation |
| June 16 | U.S. Concert |
| June 17 | Entrepreneur Day |
| June 17 | Talent Show |

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Looking Backward and Forward

Looking backwards, the 2008-2009 school has been an eventful one. Last year we began under duress as the old QIS was replaced by the new QISS. This year, we established a firm foundation and developed many aspects of the curricular and extracurricular programs. Never before have we sent so many students on athletic and cultural trips, from Hong Kong to Beijing, Wei Hai to Mengshan, Suzhou to Mongolia.

As a "candidate school" we completed much of the developmental work that is required for the IB Primary Years Program and we intend to receive authorization in June, 2010. We began a German

language program this year and we will expand that program next year. Construction of the new campus was begun in earnest.

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You are invited to the QISS Class of 2009 Graduation. This year ceremony will be held on June 13th from 3pm to 5pm at the Sea View Gardens Hotel.

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Professional Development for Teachers

Why do teachers have professional development days?

Master teachers never stop learning. As a result, teachers improve lesson design, keep up with current research for best practices and learn how to apply new strategies for the benefit of students' learning. Consequently, QISS teachers are



Teacher: Alberto Gutierrez

devoted in improving the learning environment for all children, and professional development days provide time for teachers in collaboration activities for sharing lessons and strategies. Each teacher has the opportunity in becoming a student and continues his or her learning.

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Looking Backward and Forward (Continued)

Staffing for the next school year has been completed.

Looking forwards, the Board of Trustees mandated the adoption of the IB Middle Years Program and IB Diploma Program within the next five years. Task groups will prepare the ground for adopting these programs in future years. We will be working on developing "learning communities with a very strong virtual component". This means we will be exploring ways to harness the new, emerging technologies to enrich our program and bring

collaboration to a higher level.

We will continue to develop our outreach, community service and other extracurricular programs. We will move to our new campus once the facility is safe to occupy. Our new campus will open up many other possibilities for our program and for community-wide events.

A hearty thanks to all the students, teachers, parents and staff members who worked so hard this year on behalf of the school. To those who will be leav-

ing, we wish you well in your future endeavors. To those who are returning, we look forward to working together again. We wish all a restful, fun summer break.



Thank You

This year's Science Fair was a great success! The students did a phenomenal job of demonstrating the Scientific Method through their projects and experiments.

Thank you to all students, parents, teachers and staff who made this event possible. Congratulations to this year's Science Fair winners!

Grade 3: Alex Park

Grade 4: Sara Kim, Lucy Lee and Joe Park

Grade 5: Catherine Chen, Amy Choi, Julia Kuttig and Klara Halivoka

Grade 6: Livia van Oosterbosch

Grade 7: Jennifer Lee and Jessica Lee

Grade 8: Jessica Kang and Celina Choi

High School

First Place: Jill Yang and Linda Kim (G9)

Sabrina Jian and Vivan Hou (G9 & 10)

Second Place: Lara Krieg and Victoria Gaulin (G11)

Third Place: Jane Choi and Ted Son (G11)

Professional Development for Teachers (continued)

What are teachers doing and learning on professional development days?

Teachers are sharing their effective techniques with others or getting ideas and strategies from experts who train teachers. For example, in August 2008, Virginia Rojas, an expert on language acquisition, was invited to QISS for two days of language acquisition training for all QISS teachers. Her strategies have helped guide teaching instruction for our ESL student population. At the same time, our teachers familiar with strong ESL strategies shared their knowledge during Virginia Rojas's training. Thus, professional days enable teachers with learning opportunities and time to share areas of their expertise with peers.

How often do teachers need professional development?

QISS is committed toward improving all areas of student learning for the best delivery of a challenging academic program to all students. As a result, all teachers must continue learning. The more teachers learn about effective teach-

ing techniques, learning strategies and current research about best practices, the better all students will be prepared for the challenges of our ever changing world. Students will acquire and apply effective thinking skills that will prepare them for future leadership roles toward making our world more peaceful through the understanding of others' values and beliefs, and they will help build a better environment for the benefit of everyone.

QISS Professional Development Days make us the best learning place in Qingdao.

Striving for teaching excellence through the effective use of professional development days is the motivator for teacher learning at QISS. We thank



Entrepreneur Day!

When: June 17, 2009

Where: QISS Campus

What can YOU do?

To begin with, please send in your donations for raffles.

Kindly hand them in to the office staff.

Please donate Raffle Prizes, It doesn't matter what the size or amount is!

Suggestions: Clothes, books, household goods, electronic goods, sports goods etc.

Stay tuned for updates!!

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Talent Show

Don't forget the QISS Talent Show is going to be held on Wednesday, 17th June, at 1pm in the afternoon...right after Entrepreneur's Day. This event is a chance for students and staff to showcase their many talents, and perform their own choice for the staff, students, parents and supporters of QISS.

17th June 2009
Starting @ 1pm – Outside the Dining Room.

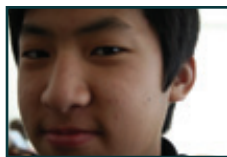
Students and staff wishing to enter this event will need to complete a simple form to register their act.

More details will be coming soon...

ACAMIS Soccer Tournament

On April 23 to 25 the QISS varsity soccer team which includes 12 players, Andy Kim, Naoki Oyama, John Han, Daniel Lee, Ted Son, Hee Jun Hwang, Marc Flurter, Jack Choi, Steve Park, Bruce Lee, Harry Kim and Robin Park, went to BCIS (Beijing City International School) to participate in the ACAMIS division 5 soccer tournament. HIS, BCIS, and ISU also joined the tournament.

We played a total of five games in two days on the field at BCIS. Although, we lost all our games at ACAMIS, we tried our best to win. During the tournament, we showed an outstanding performance, however we lost the games by making small mistakes. As a result, we placed in fourth overall. Even though we were in the fourth place, we all did a very good job.



Robin, G9

My first experience playing in an ACAMIS tournament was a lot of fun. If I have the chance next year I would like to go to the volleyball, basketball and soccer tournaments.

Personally, I think the ACAMIS soccer tournament was a good experience to meet new people and learn new things from other schools.



Dragon Boat Festival

端午节 (du ā n w ŭ j i é)

Boat Festival, also called Double Fifth Festival, is celebrated on the fifth day of the fifth moon of the lunar calendar. It is one of the most important Chinese festivals, the other two being the Autumn Moon Festival and Chinese New Year.



Chinese Teacher:
Jenny Fang

The origin of this summer festival centers around a scholarly government official named Chu Yuan. He was a good and respected man, but because of the misdeeds of jealous rivals he eventually fell into disfavor in the emperor's court.

Unable to regain the respect of the emperor, in his sorrow Chu Yuan threw himself into the Mi Lo river. Because of their admiration for Chu Yuan, the local people living adjacent to the Mi Lo River rushed into their boats to search for him while throwing rice into the waters to appease the river dragons.

Although they were unable to find Chu Yuan, their efforts are still commemorated today during the Dragon Boat Festival.

■ Traditions

Dragon Boat race 赛龙舟 (s à i l ó n g z h ō u)

Traditions At the center of this festival are the dragon boat races. Competing teams drive their colorful dragon boats forward to the rhythm of beating drums. These exciting races were inspired by the villager's valiant attempts to rescue Chu Yuan from the Mi Lo river. This tradition has remained unbroken for centuries.

Tzung Tzu 粽子(z ò n g z i)

A very popular dish during the Dragon Boat festival is tzung tzu. This tasty dish consists of rice dumplings with meat, peanut, egg yolk, or other fillings wrapped in bamboo leaves. The tradition of tzung tzu is meant to remind us of the village fishermen scattering rice across the water of the Mi Low river in order to appease the river drag-

ons so that they would not devour Chu Yuan.

Ay Taso 艾草(à i c ā o)

The time of year of the Dragon Boat Festival, the fifth lunar moon, has more significance than just the story of Chu Yuan. Many Chinese consider this time of year an especially dangerous time when extra efforts must be made to protect their family from illness. Families will hang various herbs, called Ay Taso, on their door for protection.

The drinking of realgar wine is thought to remove poisons from the body. Hsiang Bao are also worn. These sachets contain various fragrant medicinal herbs thought to protect the wearer from illness.



Sports Day

*Sports day will be on
Monday June 15, if weather
permitting.*

*Lower school will compete
during the morning from*

9a.m. to 11:15a.m.

*High school will compete in
various sports all day from*

9a.m. to 3p.m.