



Coming Events

- Apr 2 End of 3rd quarter
- Apr 5-9 Spring Break
- Apr 17 Science Fair & new campus tours
- Apr 19 Staff Development/half day
- Apr 22-23 ACAMIS Soccer
- Apr 28-29 Parent-Teacher Conferences (afternoon)

Frequently Asked Questions Regarding QISS's New Campus

Jeffrey Fischmann, Director

There are many questions regarding the new campus. Below are answers to the most frequently asked questions. One thing is for certain, QISS will occupy the new campus from the beginning of the next school year (August, 2010). The move to the new facility will be completed during the summer months.

Staffing for the new campus has been completed except for one final position (middle school general science/high school biology). Several candidates are currently under consideration for this final position.

Why was the new campus built?

- The modern campus was built primarily to meet the ex-

panding needs of Qingdao No.1 International School of Shandong Province, known also as QISS, which serves the educational needs of the Qingdao expatriate community.

Who is the primary tenant for the new campus?

- The large complex was built specifically for the continued expansion of QISS.

Will others occupy the site of the new campus?

- Yes, currently Oxford University Training Center is operating out of one of the rear buildings. This school is on a short-term lease. As QISS becomes large enough to occupy the entire site, only QISS will utilize the campus.



When will QISS officially move to the new campus?

- The move will take place during the summer of 2010 and students will attend classes at the new campus on the first day of the school year, August 18, 2010.

Who is the owner of the new campus?

- The developing company, Chen Tou, is the owner of the new campus. However, it has been clearly stated by Chen Tou that it will not interfere whatsoever with the educational program at QISS.

Will the QISS school logo change in the future?

- QISS will need to adopt the new logo for QISS to be developed by Chen Tou for reasons that are related to legal registration of the school.

What is the future student enrollment for QISS?

- Currently, QISS has a little

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Science Fair

Saturday 17 April is the QISS Science Fair! This year's Fair will take place at the new QISS campus from **9:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.** This year's theme is "Reduce, Reuse, Recycle". All projects will be related to this theme. The week before the Science Fair is Earth Week (12-16 April), and students and teachers will be participating in various earth-friendly activities throughout the week.

On the day of the Science Fair, a plethora of activities will be available including: project judging, science activity stations, a guest speaker lecture, a special science demonstration by Mr. Dunwoody, an awards ceremony and more!

All parents and friends are welcome to attend the Science Fair. Come and watch QISS' young scientists in action!



Ryuta, G5

FAQ Regarding QISS's New Campus (continued)

over two hundred students. However, the campus has a capacity of two thousand students. There will be plenty of space for a gradual and controlled student population increase.

How many buildings will be used when QISS moves to the new campus?

- The first three floors of the front administration building, all five floors of the connecting high school building, portions of the connecting middle school building, three floors of the cafeteria, the gymnasium, the theater, and the swimming pool complex.

What modern technologies will be available for enhancing student learning?

- Each classroom will be equipped with Smart Boards, computer projectors, and three computers. In addition there will be two computer labs like in our present facility.

Will the QISS library expand?

- Yes, the library collection continues expanding and the new facilities will accommodate

several libraries. After the library collection increases adequately, QISS will open a high school library and an elementary school library. Currently, the thought is to house them together for better use of library materials by the entire student population.

Will the new facilities be used before QISS officially moves into the new campus?

- Yes, the theater was used for the China Day performance, the visiting Princeton High School Orchestra, and the Qingdao community's pantomime presentation to name a few activities so far. The gymnasium was used to host a basketball game with MTI, and the gym is used regularly by our PE department. The field will be used to host the ACAMIS soccer tournament later in 2010.

When will the community begin tours of the new facilities?

- Tours are being planned for April 17 during the Science Fair. More information will become available in the near future about additional tours of the new campus.

Does the city provide public bus service to the new campus?

- There are three city bus lines that currently serve the new campus. Bus 382 and Bus 110 stop near the new campus and Bus 125 stops just a bit further off.

Is it easy to get a taxi from the new campus?

- Due to the opening of Ocean University adjacent to QISS, there seems to be a good supply of taxis in the vicinity.

Will student fees increase to pay for the new campus?

- The new owners have indicated that there will not be an increase in student fees for QISS students next year.

Who will pay for the maintenance of the new campus?

- The new owners have indicated that they will maintain the facilities to high standards without impacting the budget for QISS.

Will student safety be adequate at the new campus?

- Security has been given high priority by the developing company. There will be many closed circuit video cameras throughout the campus on every floor and main building. The guards will be in charge of the monitors. Each person will need an identification card while on campus.

Will the campus be available for the QISS community?

- The new owners will need to determine the use of the campus by the community. Currently, events are decided on a case by case base by the new owners.

Will there be more activities for students at the new facility?

- Student after school activities will increase at the new QISS facilities.

Will the new campus have a swimming pool?

- Yes, the new facility has a heated indoor swimming pool that is chemical free. There will be opportunities to teach students swimming in PE and after school during the school year.



PAC News

Marcela Lickova

Dear parents,

The QISS PAC committee would like to apologize for not displaying the pictures which you have given us for the China Photo Contest during the China Day. The photographs are displayed in the hallways in the current school building since 9.March.

Also the tiger drawings of the Tiger Drawing Contest from our lower school students are displayed in the corridor in 1st floor, beside the office.

Please come and vote for the photograph/s you like the most and the drawing you like the most anytime or take an opportunity to vote when you come for the parent-teacher conference.

Photographs and drawings will be displayed till the end of April. The winner's photograph/s and drawing will be published in the May issue of the school newsletter.

On 28-29 April is planned time for parent-teacher conferences. We would like to ask every parent who will come for the conference to have a look in the school office for LOST AND FOUND items. There are a lot of clothes, bottles, plastic boxes, glasses and other things which might be missed in your family.

Thank you everybody who shared your ideas and opinion in our PAC survey – announced in December issue of the school magazine. From all the topics in the survey the food and the library are the topics which came out as needing to be discussed most urgently. We will inform you about progress of the discussion.

We wish you a nice time with your kids during spring break.

New Campus Tours

David Addicott, Admissions

In conjunction with the QISS Science Fair on April 17, parents will have an opportunity to be taken on a tour of the new QISS campus. The 30 minute tours will depart every 20 minutes from the cafeteria and enable parents to see classrooms to be occupied in August along with other facilities like pool, gymnasium, and science labs. The tours are available to QISS parents as well as others in the Qingdao community from 10:00am to 2:00 pm.



After School Activities

Alberto Gutierrez

The second session of our after school activities engage students in multiple learning opportunities such as cooking Chinese food, playing tennis, working with Adobe Photo Shop and learning ballet to name a few activities.

During these activities participants apply social skills purposefully as they work in groups outside their normal classroom settings. The after school activities allow many learning opportunities as students must practice language skills as they interact with others. Likewise, students learn new skills or new knowledge participating with others in a common activity of interest.

Thus, students enjoy the activities and acquire new skills, apply acquired skills and obtain new knowledge as they socialize with others.



Gr.11 Field Trip

Peter Burnside, U.S. Principal



Grade 11 visited the Rijk Zwaan seed company this week as part of their unit on Genetics. Rijk Zwaan is a Dutch seed company which develops new varieties of fruits and vegetables through selective breeding techniques. Students learned about the history of the company, the China market for seeds and vegetables, and got to tour the greenhouses and taste some of the produce.

What did they learn?

Sabrina: I learned that one vegetable, like a cucumber, can have many different varieties.

Onnika: One tomato plant can be 10m long.

Kevin: Even some big companies don't like genetically engineered crops.

Marc: We can develop many new and improved varieties of vegetables by selective breeding.



Anny: The Chinese-style greenhouse has a wall on the north side.

Following the field trip, grade 11 students debated whether or not genetically modified foods should be banned. Grade 4 attended the debate to further their own learning about genetics. Grade 11 students also shared pictures of the field trip with grade 4 students.

[Jan Doldersum at Rijk Zwaan seeds shows students a tomato plant in the greenhouse.](#)

Festival of Words

Alexis Yachechak

Coming this **May 10-14th**,
QISS will celebrate its 7th annual **Festival of Words**.

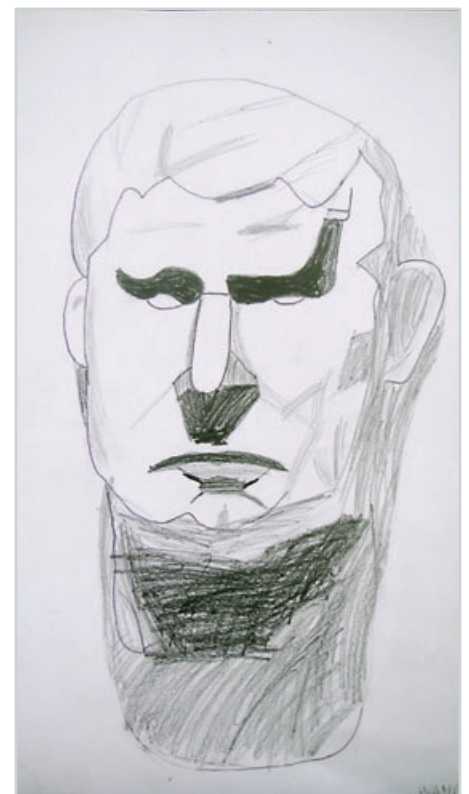
This is an opportunity for students to showcase their achievements in English and other languages.

There are many different formats represented: creative writing, poetry readings, satirical essays, plays, readings, games, and spelling bees.

All parents are encouraged to come and see the activities that will be going on throughout the week.

A detailed schedule will be sent home as Festival of Words draws closer.

Come join the fun!



Sara, G4

Survival Chinese

Jenny Fang, Chinese Teacher

New Words

啤酒	pí jiǔ	beer	有名	yǒu míng	famous
过	guò	(verbal suffix)	极	jí	extremely
味道	wèi dào	taste	冰	bīng	ice
咖啡	kā fēi	coffee	茶	chá	tea
加	jiā	add, with	奶油	nǎi yóu	cream
名酒	míng jiǔ	well-known liquor	辣	là	hot, spicy
杯	bēi	cup, (measure word)	瓶	píng	bottle, (measure word)
可乐	kě lè	coke	茅台	máo tái	(name of an alcohol)
青岛	Qīngdǎo	(place name)			

Key Sentences

- 青(qīng)岛(dǎo)啤(pí)酒(jiǔ)很(hěn)有(yǒu)名(míng), 是(shì)吗(ma)?
Qingdao beer is very famous, isn' t it?
- 你(nǐ)喝(hē)过(guò)青(qīng)岛(dǎo)啤(pí)酒(jiǔ)吗(ma)?
Have you ever drunk Qingdao beer?
- 好(hǎo)喝(hē)吗(ma)?
Does it taste nice?
- 好(hǎo)喝(hē)极(jí)了(le)。
Yes, it is extremely good.
- 你(nǐ)喝(hē)没(méi)喝(hē)过(guò)茅(máo)台(tái)?
Have you ever drunk Maotai before?
- 味(wèi)道(dào)怎(zěn)么(me)样(yàng)?
What does it taste like?
- 您(nín)喝(hē)点(diǎn)儿(ér)什(shén)么(me)?
What would you like to drink?
- 冰(bīng)咖(kā)啡(fēi)加(jiā)奶(nǎi)油(yóu)吗(ma)?
Would you like cream in the iced coffee?

Situational Dialogues

(1) (In the pub)

- A: 青(qīng)岛(dǎo)啤(pí)酒(jiǔ)很(hěn)有(yǒu)名(míng), 是(shì)吗(ma)
Qingdao beer is very famous, isn' t it?
- B: 是(shì)啊(ā), 很(hěn)有(yǒu)名(míng)。
Yes, it is very famous.
- A: 你(nǐ)喝(hē)过(guò)青(qīng)岛(dǎo)啤(pí)酒(jiǔ)吗(ma)?
Have you ever drunk Qingdao beer?
- B: 喝(hē)过(guò)。
Yes, I have drunk some (before).
- A: 好(hǎo)喝(hē)吗(ma)?
Does it taste nice?
- B: 好(hǎo)喝(hē)极(jí)了(le)。
Yes, it is extremely good.

(2) (In a restaurant)

- A: 你(nǐ)喝(hē)没(méi)喝(hē)过(guò)茅(máo)台(tái)?
Have you ever tried Maotai before?
- B: 没(méi)喝(hē)过(guò)。什(shén)么(me)是(shì)茅(máo)台(tái)?
No, What is Maotai?
- A: 茅(máo)台(tái)是(shì)中(zhōng)国(guó)名(míng)酒(jiǔ)。
Maotai is a famous brand of Chinese liquor.

Survival Chinese (Continued)

B: 你(nǐ)喝(hē)过(guò)吗(ma)?

Have you ever drunk it before?

A: 我(wǒ)喝(hē)过(guò)。

Yes, I have.

B: 味(wèi)道(dào)怎(zěn)么(me)样(yàng)?

What does it taste like?

A: 不(bù)好(hǎo)喝(hē), 辣(là)极(jí)了(le)。

It is not that good. It is too sharp!

(3) (In a cafe)

A: 您(nín)喝(hē)点(diǎn)儿(ér)什(shén)么(me)?

What would you like to drink?

B: 来(lái)两(liǎng)杯(bēi)冰(bīng)咖(kā)啡(fēi),
一(yī)杯(bēi)茶(chá)和(hé)一(yī)瓶(píng)可(kě)乐(lè)。

Two iced coffees, a coke and a cup of tea please.

A: 冰(bīng)咖(kā)啡(fēi)加(jiā)奶(nǎi)油(yóu)吗(ma)?

Would you like cream in the iced coffee?

B: 不(bù)加(jiā), 谢(xiè)谢(xiè)。

No, thank you.

Entrepreneur's Day
scheduled for
May 29th.

Updates to follow.



Harry, G4



April 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Day 1	2 End of Quarter 2 Day 2	3
4	5	6	7 Spring Vacation	8	9	10
11	12 Day 3	13 Day 4	14 Day 5	15 Day 6	16 Day 1	17 Science Fair
18	19 Day 2 Staff Development/ Students dismissed at 1:00 p.m.	20 Day 3	21 Day 4	22 Day 5	23 Day 6 ACAMIS Soccer Tournament at the new campus	24
25	26 Day 1	27 Day 2	28 Day 3	29 Day 3	30 Day 4	
			Parents Teacher Conference/ Students dismissed at 1:00 p.m.			