



Xi'an Hi-Tech International School

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Principal's Newsletter

Week 23

Dear Parents

It was great to see you all at the Three-Way Conferences. The meetings are a great opportunity to catch up with the progress your child(ren) are making at school and to meet the classroom teacher. I was pleased to see the large number of positive comments in the school reports. It is a strong indication that we have a strong school climate and the children are happy, and learning.

As I wrote last week, parents are welcome into school at any time. Please feel free to come and visit the school, or your children's classroom teachers. If you would like to see me, either knock on my door, or see Jessica to make an appointment. I operate an open door policy. We are a small school, and very accommodating. I look forward to seeing you around the school - please come and say hello.

Afterschool Clubs: Block 3

A sign up form for the new list of choices for BLOCK 3 **was sent home on Tuesday, March 16th**. Please complete the form with your child (ren) and return it to the school by **Friday, March 19th**. After school clubs will resume on **Tuesday, March 23rd**.

Parent Help

We would love to have parent help around the school by coaching a sport, or help in the class, assisting in the library, or getting involved in numerous other school activities. Now that parents are allowed back into school, we look forward to having more parental involvement and seeing more faces around the school.

If you are unsure of what you could do, come and see me - I have a few ideas. We have two special events coming up, International Day, and Spring festival. We need a lot of support for these events. Mr Van is running International Day, and Mr Gallerno is running Spring festival. We want these events to have "wow" factor and we will need your support to make them great events for all. Please contact me, Alasdair Maclean, for more information.

Assemblies

March 19 MYP/DP English with Mr. G
March 26 Numeracy Week Assembly
April 2 Year 4

Upcoming events

March 12 Term Reports sent home
March 17 3-Way Conferences
March 22 -26 Numeracy Week

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Numeracy Week: March 22 - 26

Welcome to XHIS – International Department Numeracy Week 2010 with our theme; Mathematics: A FUN Way of Life. This is a whole week celebration starting on March 22, 2010, with a series of events across the school. The main idea of the week is for all students and teachers to appreciate the usefulness of mathematics around them everyday and everywhere.

The numeracy committee will be running games, role plays and other activities to promote the fun side of maths. There will be a strong focus on creativity, imagination, arts, skills development, cooperation among peers, and solidarity. In most events, students will be able to see how math is used in practical situations in everyday life, as well as how it can be used artistically.

Events during Numeracy Week include:

- Monday** -Math Slogan Contest
- Tuesday** -Parent's Talk
-Math Treasure Hunt
- Wednesday** -Math Poster Competition
-Math Quiz Bowl
- Thursday** -Math Role Play
- Friday** -Award Ceremony

Daily Activities Include:

- Math Trail
- Math Collection 2010

To make it more fun, interesting, and challenging, most of the contests are organised by houses. We are inviting parents to participate and serve as supervisors for the house your children are in. We do believe that parents are the backbone of student success in education and that your presence means a lot to us and especially to your child.

- The Numeracy Committee

Sunday Sport (repeat notice)

If you would like to participate in Sunday sport, please fill in the form below. On the occasion it is cancelled, an email will be sent out to all parents before 9am on Sunday. We hope this form will help cut back on confusion.

Name:

Email address:

Emergency contact number:



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Coffee Morning

Friday March 26th at 10am: I will hold a coffee and discussion morning. It will be held in the school staffroom from 10am until 11am. All are welcome to attend. This is a time to meet and discuss ideas, issues, and share success in an open forum. I hope to see you there.

MYP Workshop for Students/Parents

Wednesday, March 31st: I will run a one-day workshop for students and parents on the MYP. The focus will be on assessment, reporting, and initial stages of the unit planner. As well, any other burning issues that may arise will be discussed.

I feel that this is such a big discussion point, it is easier if we work through this together, students and parents. The workshop will start at 9am and run through until 3:35.

Parents please attend; it will help you understand the MYP, and in turn help your children –nothing like being back at school for the day.

The workshop will be on Wednesday 31st March. I hope to see you all there.

Sincerely,

Alasdair Maclean



Welcome to the Xi'an Foreign Business Forum (XFBF)

What is the XFBF

XFBF is a non-profit organisation and exists as a stage for bringing the Xi'an foreign community together – both expats and foreign enterprises - socially, providing a support mechanism to its members and as a vehicle to be able to voice opinions and plans to local government.

The forum was established by expats in 2006. XFBF has now grown to encompass a wide group of expats and foreign enterprises in Xi'an and Shaanxi Province – with affiliations to other Associations and Chambers of Commerce within the province and around China. A wide range of social, business networking and informational events are organised and facilitated through the XFBF. These include regular social gatherings and family events.

XFBF Business Networking Group – The Mo Ma Da Club

The Mo Ma Da Club is a business networking group and is part of the XFBF.

In local Shaanxi dialect *Mo Ma Da* literally means “no problems” - an appropriate name for the XFBF Business Networking Group.

Legend has it that an expats club existed more than 20 years ago in Xi'an consisting of a dozen or so foreigners who were at that time based here. It's fair to say the city at the time bore little resemblance to the city we see today with dirt main streets and a lone taxi. The name of their gathering ... the “Mo Ma Da Club”.

The very first XFBF gathering of the Mo Ma Da Club was held in December 2008 at the Shangri La Hotel with the New Zealand Ambassador to China Mr. Tony Browne attending as the guest speaker.

These are very informative events and a great opportunity for business networking, building relationships or simply an excuse to get out and socialise and meet people in the foreign business community in Xi'an. Members and non-members are encouraged to attend and bring along staff, guests, colleagues, and customers.

Who can be a member & how do I join?

Membership of XFBF is open to any foreigner working in Xi'an or any Chinese National employed in a senior management position of a foreign enterprise in Xi'an. Members can join up at any XFBF event or you can download our application form from our website and send it in to the XFBF Secretary.

Membership prices and contact information are available on our website: www.xianfbf.com.

Members enjoy discounted entry to all XFBF events and by showing their members cards at some establishments around Xi'an can also enjoy discounts on products and services. A growing list of these is also available on our website.

Visit us at www.xianfbf.com

Our website is loaded with information about Xi'an and the XFBF. All upcoming functions, communications and photos from recent events are updated regularly to our website.

With links to other foreign enterprises, affiliate associations and chambers of commerce, hotels, travel companies and venues the XFBF website will help you navigate your way around Xi'an and stay in touch with what's going on.

If you are moving to Xi'an or just in town for a short period we welcome you to the XFBF.



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XHIS International Department Lunch Orders

Date 2010/3/22--2010/3/26

Total RMB _____

Student Name _____

Price

NO.

Monday (Local food)	Chinese bread with meat	4	
	Fried noodle (Vegetarian)	5	
Tuesday (Dolce)	Pork cutlet	15	
	Wild mushroom rice (Vegetarian)	18	
Wednesday (Village café)	Spaghetti	15	
	Quesadilla (Vegetarian)	20	
Thursday (Bacchus)	Vegetarian Pizza	15	
	Fried chicken wings with vegetable and rice	24	
Friday (Subway)	Roasted Chicken (with salad)	15	
	Roasted Chicken(no salad)	15	
	Vegetarian Subway	12	

Snack: Mar.22-- Mar .26

Student: _____

Yes(√)

No(×)

	Mar.22	Mar.23	Mar.24	Mar.25	Mar.26
Morning	Orange	Bread	Apple	Banana	Cake
Afternoon	Yogurt	Juice	Yogurt	Juice	Yogurt