



Xi'an Hi-Tech International School

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Principal's Newsletter Week 12

What a fantastic night on Friday –some real talent on show. A big thanks to all students, WOW – incredible. I think all parents and teachers would agree that it was a fantastic night.

We are now ready to move onto the school Christmas production. This will be held on the 17th December at the Holiday Inn, so we all know where to go –no excuses for getting lost.

There is a dinner after the Christmas show. To attend the dinner you will need to pre-pay at the school. A form and menu will be sent home by Tuesday of next week. This will allow the Holiday Inn enough time to prepare for the number of families interested in staying for the meal. The cost will be 230 RMB per adult (over 12 years old) students 7 – 12 years old are 120RMB and below children six years old are free.

Holiday Sing –along: Holiday Inn; Tuesday, December 8th

A letter was sent out early this week including information about a sing-along at the Holiday Inn this Tuesday 8th December. If you would like your child to be involved in singing Christmas songs, please indicate this by returning the letter sent out on Monday by Mr. Van. I have attached an extra copy of the signup form to this newsletter.

After School Clubs

After school clubs will resume after Christmas holidays. Please remember, as of next week, buses will run at the normal time on Tuesdays (3:35) until after school clubs resume on January 12th. A letter will be sent home the first week back from Christmas holidays with more information.

Pizza making

Tomorrow (Friday, December 4th) all interested PYP students will be going to Papa John's for a pizza making activity. Please ensure your child's money and permission forms are returned to school. This will be a fun event and a great chance for parents to come and be involved with their children.

Assemblies:

- Dec 4th:** MYP/DP Math with Mr. Rhandy
Dec. 11th Chinese: Xu Lao Shi and the Chinese classes

Upcoming events:

- Dec. 8th:** Christmas Sing-Along at the Holiday Inn
Dec 11th: XFBB and Shangri-La Christmas Dinner featuring an XHIS performance
Dec. 17th: "How the Grinch Stole Christmas" at the Holiday Inn
Dec. 18th: School closes at 1:30/Christmas Holidays begin
Jan. 4th Classes resume

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Parent Help

Library: We are really busy trying to re-establish the school library. We would like to say a BIG thank you to those mothers that have been coming in to help out. I would like to continue to move this along. If you have some spare time, please contact me. The more hands, the faster we will have a library up and running for your children.

Notice Boards: We are trying to cover the notice boards around school. We want all notice boards to have a background and border. All teachers are then required to mount work on notice boards; we want the school to look like an international school.

If you can help with either of the above, please contact me (alasdair.maclean@etonhouse-xian.com).

Art: Charlotte has ordered a lot of frames to place children's art work around the school. I know Charlotte would love a hand framing and mounting the art work. Again, if you can help, please email me or contact Charlotte directly (charlottemaclean@etonhouse-xian.com)

Parents' help is invaluable and I am aware of the amount of help that has already gone into the library and is going into the Christmas production. Thank you from the staff at XHIS.

School Renovations

Next week we will begin the renovations of the school toilets. We will be refurbishing the fourth and second floor first. This will allow the Nursery/Reception/Year One to use their toilets and the following week when we refurbish the first and third floor, it will allow Nursery/Reception/Year easy access to the second floor toilets. The stairwell on the far end of the building will be closed off for the last two weeks of term.

During the holidays decorative banners will go up in the hallway, the doors will be painted and the facade around the office will be completed. All building changes should be completed by the end of December.

Sincerely,
Alasdair Maclean

Christmas Sing-along at the Holiday Inn: SIGN UP FORM Tuesday, December 8th (6pm start)

Any families that are interested in participating are more than welcome to come along. Students will be sent home at the regular time (3:35) that day as there will be no clubs.

If you would like to bring you child(ren) along to the hotel for the sing-along, please return the following form to the school as soon as possible. This will allow us to inform Jim Khoo and the Holiday Inn as to how many people to expect.

YES, I would like to bring my child(ren) to the Holiday Inn Christmas Sing-along on Tuesday, Dec. 8th at 6pm.

Name of child or children: _____

XHIS International Department Lunch Orders			
Date 2009/12/7--2009/12/11			
Total RMB _____			
Student Name _____		Price	NO.
Monday (Subway)	Meatball Marinara (with salad)		15
	Meatball Marinara (No salad)		15
	Vegetarian subway		12
Tuesday (Dolce)	Pork cutlet		15
	Fettuccini Fungi		24
Wednesday (Village café)	Spaghetti Bolognese		15
	Quesadilla (Vegetarian)		20
Thursday (Bacchus)	Vegetarian Pizza		15
	Cannelloni (Baked Pasta with cheese, bacon and vegetable)		24
Friday (Local food)	Chinese bread with meat		4
	Fried noodle (not spicy Vegetarian)		5

Snack Order: Dec.7 - Dec.11

Student: _____ Yes(√) No(×)

	Dec.7		Dec.8		Dec.9		Dec.10		Dec.11	
Morning	Banana		Cookies		Apple		Orange		Cucumber and dry Persimmon cake	
Afternoon	Yogurt		Juice		Yogurt		Juice		Yogurt	

Math is FUN!

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"It is not because there is no number there will be NO math. And it is not because there is number, there is Math. Math is both abstract and logical in nature". Rhandy Jermia

It is a misconception to all of us to think that math is purely numbers and that it requires good understanding of numbers. The logical part of math could not technically defined by just numbers.

The logical part of math requires everyone to think outside the box. It requires critical analysis and thinking skills. Consider the mathematical logic problem below...

" A man buys rice at \$1 a pound from American growers and sells them at \$0.05 a pound in the poorest nation in ASIA. As a result of this he becomes a millionaire. How come?"

The problem DOES not require you to have a good understanding of any equation and function but requires you to think about possibilities why it happened. One of the possible answers is, he started as a billionaire, and because of this he ended up a millionaire.

Another one...

"A police officer saw a truck driver clearly going the wrong way down a one-way street, but did not try to stop him. Why not?"

Possible logical answer...he is just WALKING!

So here's the abstract part of math...

Think of a number

Add 25

Double it

Add the original number

Add 1

Divide by 3

Subtract the original number

The answer will always be 17.



In our class, students are taught to think logically, to look at given situations from different points of view and perspectives and to consider millions of possibilities in finding the answer. They are encouraged to think outside the box.