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INTERNATIONAL DAY IS SATURDAY

DAIS's 3rd annual International Day will be celebrated this Saturday beginning at 11:00 right here on campus. Our gymnasium will serve as the main setting for our "China Pavillion" while the school hallways will offer visitors a country by country cultural tour. Teachers, students, parents and others from the community have joined forces to ensure this celebration of diversity will be fun and long remembered. There will be exiting opening ceremonies, a concert, soccer matches, a talent show, international parade and fireworks! So come on out and join in the fun this Saturday, April 13th, from 11:00 until 2:30.

SOCER GAMES AT DAIS

Shenyang International School's boys soccer team traveled to DAIS this past Saturday for an afternoon of competition. Our DAIS girls team also played against a faculty/parent squad. Both scrimmages will help prepare our teams for their upcoming ACAMIS tournament play in Beijing. Thanks to all those who came out to play and root on the teams.

09
APR

Science Fair Night

12
APR

3rd Quarter Ends

13
APR

ACT Examination

18-20
APR

ACAMIS Soccer Tournament in Beijing





NEW PRINCIPAL VISITS DAIS

Terry Wolfson, currently serving as the principal at the American International School in Cyprus, visited DAIS last week to spend time with students, faculty, administrators and parents. Terry will be joining DAIS as the new secondary principal later this summer when Dr. Rosevear departs for his new position in Bahrain. She brings a wealth of distinguished educational experience in both international and American public school settings. Terry is a native of Los Angeles, California, receiving her undergraduate degree from UCLA and her graduate degree from The University of Minnesota. We look forward to welcoming Terry permanently this summer.

MODEL UNITED NATIONS 2012-2013



DAIS students recently returned from the BEIMUN conference in Beijing. They will complete the year attending a smaller conference hosted at nearby Maple Leaf School. They also attended the CISSMUN conference in Shanghai and hosted a conference right here at DAIS earlier this year. Students in this applied studies course assume the role of ambassadors and seek compromise and solutions to world problems. This research-intensive experience introduces them to the complex geopolitical issues in a fast changing inter-connected world. Faculty member John Fowler has guided DAIS MUN for the last

two years. "This has shown me that kids don't need to know everything about the world in order to begin to solve its problems. They just need the capacity to empathize and realize there are problems beyond our horizons that impact all our futures. Students practice public speaking, collaborating, and defending ideas in a public forum of their peers. It's not for everybody, but for those who get involved it engenders a curiosity about the world. They soon realize there are layers and layers of complexity to problems and that collaborative solutions can be found."

Ms. BALDWIN'S SMILE



THE HUAMEI ACADEMY



LOCAL EDUCATIONAL INFORMATION CONFERENCE HELD

On Saturday, March 23, DAIS organized and hosted an educational information conference for Chinese students and their parents at the Xinghai Exhibition Center, Section 1, in Xinghai Square. The panel of respected educators included the former high school principal of Jinzhou School, Mr. Ma, who offered direction to Chinese middle school students/parents regarding entry and placement into the best Chinese high schools. Lisa Liang, CEO of The Honor Roll Company and founder of DAIS and The Huamei Academy at DAIS, discussed how and why she established DAIS/Huamei in DDA--to offer the children of multi-national company employees (grades preK-12) and Chinese nationals (grades 9-12) an American school experience. Kurt Nordness, Head of School at DAIS, spoke to the audience about what parents should look for in a quality school and what skills students will need to acquire to succeed in the 21st Century.

Huamei students and parents also spoke to more than 100 guests about their experiences transitioning from a Chinese school setting to the Huamei Academy at DAIS, contrasting the learning styles of both. The students noted that the research and inquiry-driven nature of our curriculum proved challenging at first, but with teacher guidance their self-study skills gradually improved to the point where they have now become stronger and more confident independent learners. Huamei parents commented positively on the excellent level of communication that keeps them informed and updated about their children's Huamei experience.

The one-day conference was an important step for DAIS to further our community outreach efforts and to inform a wider audience about our unique school community and experience.



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Please call to arrange a tour of our school, or to ask any questions you might have. We look forward to meeting you!

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COLLEGE PREPARATION TESTING EXPLAINED

Completing the college application process includes satisfying college and university standardized testing requirements. These requirements often include test completion and submission of official score results directly to the college or university. Here is a description of the most common:

The PSAT/NMSQT -- stands for Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test. It's a test that measures the skills you've developed in reading, math and writing and can qualify you for scholarships and other honors. It can also help you start thinking about and planning for college, see which academic skills you need to work on, and get ready for college entrance exams, such as the SAT.

Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) -- As the most widely used college admission test in the U.S., the SAT is the first step toward higher education for students of all backgrounds. It's taken by more than two million students every year and is accepted by virtually all colleges and universities. The SAT tests the reading, writing and math skills that you learn in school and that are critical for success in college and beyond.

SAT Subject Tests -- Many colleges and universities use the SAT Subject Tests for admission, for course placement, and to advise students about course selection. Some colleges specify the SAT Subject Tests that they require for admission or placement; others allow applicants to choose which tests to take.

ACT -- Consists of four multiple-choice tests: English, Mathematics, Reading, and Science. The optional ACT Plus Writing includes the four multiple-choice tests and a Writing Test.
(Sources: ACT, CollegeBoard)

If you have questions on these tests, please contact DAIS Counselor Ann Nordness or e-mail her at ann.nordness@daischina.org. To date, DAIS seniors have been accepted at the following colleges & universities:

- University of London School of Oriental & African Science
- Fordham University
- University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
- University of Colorado at Boulder
- Brown University
- Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
- Florida State University
- Georgetown University
- American University
- Claremont McKenna College



Mission Statement

Dalian American International School provides challenging, collaborative and responsive experiences that engage learners in developing intellect, character, and health. At DAIS, every learner achieves personal excellence and contributes to the global community.

