

# THE DAIS CURRENT

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## NEW EARLY RELEASE DATE

Thursday, March 14, will be an early dismissal day with the afternoon devoted to professional development training for our DAIS teachers. Students will be dismissed at 1:30 pm. The next issue of the DAIS Current will include an article detailing the specific training our teachers will receive and how that training will enhance student learning.

## International Day Planning Continues...

Mark your calendar! On Saturday, April 13, DAIS will be hosting our 3rd annual International Day here on campus. Parents, students, and teachers are actively planning and coordinating this event. Meetings are being held and volunteers are working hard. Together they will work to ensure that all of our nationalities are included in the festivities. International Day is a celebration of our diversity and the unique heritages that comprise our school's population.

## Happy Chinese New Year

20-24  
FEB International School  
Music Festival in South Korea

22-23  
FEB DAIS Hosts Knowledge Bowl  
Competition

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FEB Student-led Parent/Teacher  
Conferences

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Parent/Teacher Conferences



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### INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL TRENDS

In 2000 there were 2,584 international schools serving close to 1 million students. Today there are 6,424 international schools serving 3, 227,921 students. And did you know that 52% of those international schools worldwide are now located in Asia? ISC Research, who provided these statistics, predicts that over the next ten years the number of international schools will increase to 10,000 worldwide. Changing demographics, growing economies, company expansion and rising incomes are fueling the demand for a premier, English-based education that prepares students for college and university study.



### DAIS SPORTS ROUND-UP

DAIS Boys and Girls basketball teams recently traveled to Macau to participate in the ACAMIS Gold Division Basketball Tournament. In three days of round-robin and playoff competition between six teams, the boys managed three wins and secured a fourth place finish. The girls also played competitive games, coming within a few points of an upset victory. Head coaches Mike Fowler (boys) and Ray Ackenbon (girls) worked diligently preparing their teams for the

competition. Making on-the-spot offensive and defensive adjustments to counter other teams strengths proved critical to securing the victories. Mia Seissinger and Kevin Liang were selected as the Most Valuable Player on their respective teams. Our boys were also chosen by the ACAMIS coaches to receive the “Sportsmanship Trophy” awarded in recognition of exemplary effort, behavior, and consideration of others during the tournament. Well done teams!



### MS. SHAKE'S ART



### THE HUAMEI ACADEMY



## CHINESE NEW YEAR CELEBRATION



## ADMISSIONS OFFICE NEWS

Like most international schools, DAIS and The Huamei Academy welcome applications throughout the academic year. This “rolling” admissions policy recognizes that families often arrive in the Dalian area during the academic year and we are happy to arrange school visits, schedule required admission testing, and answer any questions you have. If your child is leaving our school, a minimum of 30 calendar days written notice is required. This information is vital to our enrollment planning.

For more information, please contact our admissions department. We look forward to meeting you!

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## DAIS COUNSELING CORNER



Our counseling office is busy gathering information for students (and parents) who are interested in attending a summer study program, or getting a jump-start on their college selection process with a summer college tour. There are an array of choices. Counselors Ann Nordness and Veronica Fowler have placed materials describing these programs on their bulletin boards outside of their offices on the 3rd floor. The North American college tours are geographically organized and include colleges and university visits (like Harvard and MIT) to the Northeast, the Midwest, California and Canada.

Summer study programs are also available. These programs allow students to explore and pursue academic interests in a college atmosphere. One program specifically caters to international students. Creative writing, interactive/graphic design, EAL, architecture, engineering, computer programming and entrepreneurship programs are only some of the summer study programs offered. Juniors and sophomores are encouraged to learn more about these unique learning opportunities.

### DAIS Boys & Girls Basketball Teams Compete in Macau



**“Exemplary Effort, Behavior & Consideration of Others”**



## 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.