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MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

DAIS/Huamei Academy (long-term & short-term future)

PSP will host a community meeting at 2:00pm on Friday, February 21st, in the 2nd floor commons area of the school. Lisa Liang, CEO of the Honor Roll Company and founding member of DAIS, Dr. Kurt Nordness, Head of School, and incoming head, Terry Wolfson, will present and answer questions on the new construction facilities, the impact on DAIS given a growing Huamei program, and our plans to maintain high standards & quality academic programming.

20-22 FEB ACAMIS Basketball Tournament - Hong Kong Academy

21 FEB 2:00 Community Meeting/2nd Floor Commons

27 FEB Early Release - Student/Parent Conferences

28 FEB No Classes - Student/Parent Conferences

BASKETBALL TEAMS SET TO TRAVEL

Our boys and girls basketball teams will travel to Hong Kong on Wednesday, February 19 to participate in the ACAMIS Gold Division basketball Tournament hosted by Hong Kong Academy. The teams will return to campus on Sunday, February 23.



STUDENT-PARENT CONFERENCES

Communication between teachers, students, and parents is an essential component to a successful DAIS academic experience. Next Thursday and Friday, DAIS will host Student-Parent-Teacher conferences. Thursday will be an early departure day for DAIS as students will be excused at 1:30pm. There will be no classes on Friday - only conferences. Students attend the conferences with their parents because, in fact, we task them with leading the conference--communicating their learning successes along with areas where improvement might be called for.

These important conferences are designed to help each of our students grow and achieve personal excellence, and to allow parents to better understand and participate in that growth and achievement.



SWIMMING AT DAIS

This year is the second year that DAIS students have been participating in swimming classes as part of the DAIS physical education program. For 8-12 weeks per year, grades 2-12 are swimming in the pool. The swimming units are designed and supervised by our PE teachers and an additional pool supervisor. For those younger students new to the water, the school purchased PVC “platforms” that instructors and students utilize for added safety. Additional water fitness units and equipment are also being planned for this semester.

MR. RAY'S PE CLASS



THE HUAMEI ACADEMY



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ADMISSIONS UPDATE

We recognize that families arrive in Dalian/DDA throughout the year and DAIS will accept applications on a “rolling” basis. Please contact our Admissions Office for more information and to schedule a tour of our school. 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. We look forward to meeting you!

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DAIS AND ACAMIS

The Association of China and Mongolia International Schools (ACAMIS) “was conceived in 1999 by a few schools in China and Mongolia that were searching for a way to have their athletic teams participate in post-season tournament play. Today, ACAMIS has a membership of 66 independent schools, ranging in size from less than 300 pupils to over 2500 in Mongolia, China, Hong Kong, Macau and Taiwan.” DAIS is an ACAMIS member and our Head of School, Dr. Nordness, currently serves on its board. The mission of ACAMIS is “linking students and schools, broadening the dimensions of education at all ACAMIS schools, advancing the professional growth of individuals within ACAMIS, and supporting national and regional networking to link ACAMIS schools.”

ACAMIS also provides professional development opportunities for teachers and school administrators. Its member schools are divided into six divisions for athletic tournaments. Additionally, the schools take part in “band, orchestral, choir, drama and visual arts events.” Thousands of ACAMIS students and teachers currently participate in Model United Nations (MUN) debates. Our DAIS volleyball, basketball, and soccer teams all participate in ACAMIS Gold Division tournament play, and this year DAIS will host the soccer tournament in April right here on campus. We are fortunate to be a member of this highly regarded and growing professional organization. (Source: Independent Education Magazine)



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.