

KYIV INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

KOZAK KORNER

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Director's Message

Dear KIS families,

About a year ago we, sent out a similar message concerning a revision to the government mandate to close school campuses. It is difficult to take this step now and not think about that time.

Even though it brings back some memories, we also don't expect that we will be in the same circumstances as last year and hope that we will be back in a situation to have students return to

campus, April 19th.

Updated City Lockdown

These new restrictions will begin on **Monday, April 5th and last through Friday, April 16th.**

The new guidelines state that we will need to shift **ALL LEVELS** to online learning. This now includes Preschool and Elementary classes. As such, Preschool and Elementary teachers will prepare to make this shift. For parents of students now making this shift to online learning, please look for more specific instructions and information from the homeroom teacher.

We ask families to continue to report any COVID-19 cases to the school health team at health@kyiv.qsi.org.

New Format for Kozak Korner

We have shifted our Kozak Korner to be more web-based. The main purpose for this has been to better integrate our communication with the school's website. This also means that you will be able to click on videos, forms, and links directly from the Kozak Korner publication.

However, you will also notice that it requires more interaction from the user. If you want to read more concerning some topics, you just need to click on some articles to see more. You will continue to receive notices via a KIS Informer, and we plan to publish on Saturday, each week.

We hope you enjoy the new layout and format of the KK.

Sincerely,



Luke Woodruff
Director
Kyiv International School

Distance Learning

Preschool

Students meet online in short 15 - 30 minute blocks for Literacy and Mathematic activities. The rest of the day is dedicated to Home Enrichment activities.

Elementary School

Students meet online in the morning for Reading, Writing, Mathematics, Cultural Studies and Science. The afternoon schedule includes Languages Other than English, Technology, Art, Music and Physical Education.

Middle & Secondary School

The schedule for Middle School and Secondary School students is a combination of synchronous and asynchronous learning. The mornings will be dedicated synchronous online classes; the entire class meets to receive instruction, discuss material, and work through a variety of assignments or projects in their class. The afternoon will be flexible asynchronous time. Students can drop-in to office hours and work on assignments as needed.

Please visit [COVID-19 - Kyiv International School \(qsi.org\)](https://www.qsi.org) for more details.

Upcoming Events

The community calendar highlights learning, co-curricular, student life, and campus wide events happening at Kyiv International School.

The calendar also lists International Days and National Holidays that are reflective of the diverse community at KIS.

View full [calendar](#).

2 MAY 2022
Quintile 5 Begins

7 MAY 2022
SAT

8 MAY 2022
AP/IB Exams Week
2

9 MAY 2022
KSSL MS Volleyball
Tournaments

Educator Profile

Mr. Mike Herndon



Mr. Herndon has been an educator for almost twenty years. Before bringing his own special brand of passion and energy to Kyiv International School - Mr. Herndon taught at Stratton Meadows Elementary School in Colorado Springs, Colorado and at QSI Bishkek in Kyrgyzstan.

With a Masters of Science Degree in International Education, Mr. Herndon is very much an advocate of Mastery Learning - "All students can learn and progress toward mastery of any subject, given the proper motivation and guidance. When I am teaching students, I strive to engage with them on a personal level in order to help them make real life connections between the work we do in class and the world they live in."

As one of our Elementary Physical Education teachers - Mr. Herndon is always (seriously... always) on the go and he takes on the challenge of teaching with the same zeal he has for mountain climbing (he has summited 16 peaks with altitude of over 14,000 ft.). His classes are physically challenging, fun and as you can imagine... very popular.

Learning Stories

How has quarantine affected your life?

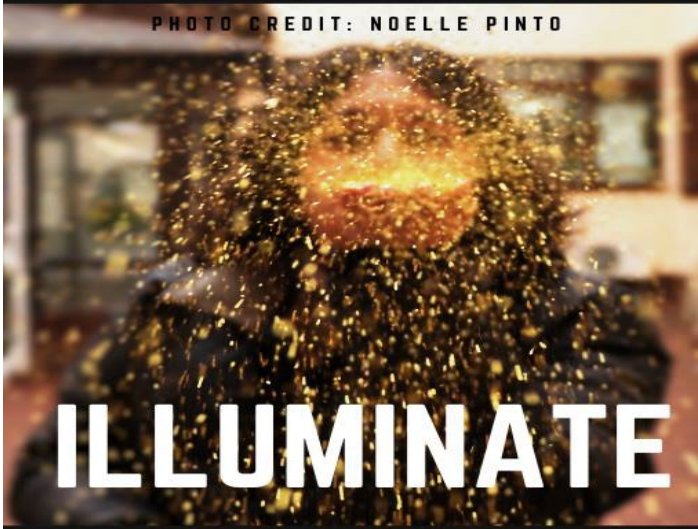
Secondary STUCO students recently interviewed members of our campus community about quarantines, distance learning and life since COVID-19. This is what they discovered.



Yearbook

BE DAZZLED BY THE 2021
YEARBOOK

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ILLUMINATE

ORDER ON YOUR PARENT MOODLE ACCOUNT

EARLY ORDER
(BEFORE APRIL VACATION)

USD 65!

Learning Support

Student Spotlight



TUTORING

Parents,

Does your student need extra support for homework?
Is your student struggling with certain subjects?

The benefits of tutoring can include: one-on-one instruction, improved academic performance, improved self-esteem, encourages students to ask questions, facilitates discussions, improves ability to manage time, and more!



We have a tutor list available for you!

Please email corene-anderson@kyiv.qsi.org for more information!



PIETRO

Secondary Student

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

Pietro talks:

About online learning:
To be fairly honest, I enjoy spending more time at home because I get to spend more time with my brother. Last year he went to college and it was the first time in my life where I physically missed his presence. We get along really well and find ourselves working and studying, watching basketball games, and playing on our play station. The only adjustment I made was to maximize my time management. By adding multiple hours of workbooks per week, I was able to find time to do my homework ahead and overall make more use of my time.

About best JIS experience and classes:
Being able to travel to Chicago and watch college basketball in real life during my freshman year was probably the best time of my life at KIS. Thanks again to Mr. Edwards and Mr. Drabik for making it happen.

My favorite class would have to be Economics with Mr. Edwards. But I also really enjoyed Geography class with Mr. Byers.

About his future:
In 20 years, I will be living in Spain going to work as a manager for Barcelona.

ONE WORD TO DESCRIBE YOURSELF
RESILIENT
THIS YEAR WAS PROBABLY THE MOST CHALLENGING YEAR OF MY LIFE. I RECEIVED A LOT OF FRUSTRATION, SOME LOST MOMENTS BECAUSE OF MY OWN LIMITED RESILIENCE. HOWEVER, I WAS ABLE TO MOVE FORWARD AND REACH THE GOALS OF MY LIFE.

HOBBIES, INTERESTS, BELIEFS, FUN
BASKETBALL, BASKETBALL PRACTICE, WATCHING BASKETBALL, COACHING.

FAVORITE QUOTE
"IT'S NOT THE SIZE OF THE DOG IN THE FIGHT, IT'S THE SIZE OF THE FIGHT IN THE DOG". MY GOOD FRIEND, BO, ONCE TOLD ME THIS QUOTE AND IT STUCK TO ME SINCE THEN.



Social Media @KIS



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Student Life



MIDDLE SCHOOL DRAMA

MIDDLE SCHOOL DRAMA WILL START ON APRIL 5TH AND STUDENTS WILL WORK VIRTUALLY. DRAMA STUDENTS WILL BE PREPARING SOLO/SMALL GROUP ACTS/SKITS TO PRESENT AT THE END OF MAY

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MS CULTURAL ARTS FEST - PHOTOGRAPHY


APRIL 15 - 16

The Pandemic: Life-Through a Middle School Lens
Open to Middle School Students throughout CEESA
Students! We would like to invite all photographers in the Middle School to participate in this CEESA event. It's easy to do! Take your camera and wander around the city of Kyiv, or head out into nature and use your camera to capture things that relate to these categories:


- 1) That's Fun
- 2) COVID and your Country
- 3) Is it Art?

We will share a folder on OneDrive where you can put your photos and we will submit them to the website.

For more information, contact:
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KOZAK COACHING STAFF




"Because we can!"

LEE FEEKINS
LUTON, ENGLAND
Kozak Coach since 2012
HSG, HSB, MSG, MSG
FOOTBALL




"To dare is to do"

SCOTT LEGAN
CLEVELAND, OH, USA
Kozak Coach since 2014
MSB, MSG, HSB
FOOTBALL



"Let that sink in."

ABBEY BUCKMAN
KENTUCKY - U.S.A.
Kozak Coach since 2019
Secondary Speech and Debate



"Things turn out best for the people who make the best of the way things turn out." John Wooden

JOHN SEMENIUK
WATERLOO, ONTARIO, CANADA
Kozak Coach since 2009
VARSITY BOYS BASKETBALL



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"Find the simplest way to make it work"

ARTEM SYDORENKO
KORSUN-SHEVCHENKIVSKY, UKRAINE
Kozak Coach since 2018
MS ROBOTICS



"Run the code again."

BILLY RECH
EARTH, USA
Kozak Coach since 2020
MS ROBOTICS



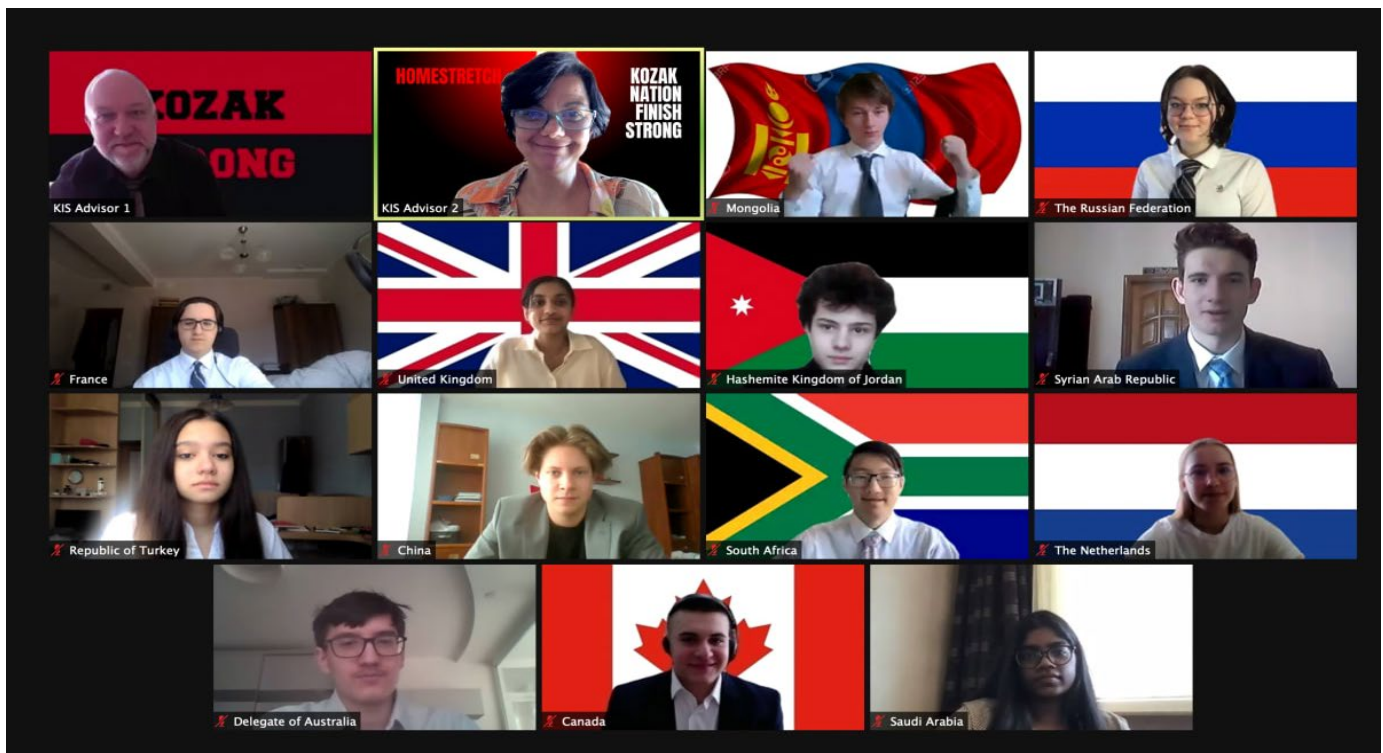
"Work together as a team"

CHELSEY ZOROMSKI
STEVENS POINT, WI, USA
Kozak Coach since 2019
MSB
FOOTBALL



"Let your dreams be your wings!"

GABRIELA TOMPSON
STOVO, SLOVAKIA
Kozak Coach since 2018
MSG, MSB
CROSS COUNTRY



Model United Nations

KIS took part in QSI Malta's MUN 2021, and it was a fantastic experience for all concerned.

By the end of the two-day event, many new skills had been mastered, and many new friendships were formed. KIS, with 14 participants, was by far the largest delegation, and the Kozak team was decisively shaped the way things unfolded.

For those not familiar with MUN, the goal of the event is to learn enough about a particular issue of global significance, and about the country each delegate is tasked with representing as accurately as possible on one of the 'organs' (standing committees) of the UN, then work to get resolutions passed by a 2/3 majority of all attendees. Needless to say, this requires an entire toolbox of skills, and, not surprisingly, our Secondary Diplozaks excelled across the board in research, role play, public speaking, debate, negotiation, consensus building and all-around politicking.

After much vigorous and spirited discussion on the many facets of the topic (Supporting Immigrant Integration), the Economic and Social Council passed two resolutions.

- The first, related to acculturation within countries, was put forward by Anna L (Netherlands), Saakshi G(UK), and Vik H (Russian Federation)
- The second, related to terrorism, sovereignty, and border control, was put forward by Sofiiia L (India), and Yegor R (China)

The organizers and ECOSOC Council Chairs gave out three delegate awards -- Best Delegate, Outstanding Delegate, and three Honorable Mentions. KIS delegates brought home four of them!

- QSI Baku's Anissa Tam (representing the USA) was awarded Best Delegate.
- Sophiia Limakova (India) was awarded Outstanding Delegate.
- Three Honorable Mention Awards were given to KIS Delegates.

- Evan Forrest (Mongolia)
- Saakshi Gummaraju (The United Kingdom)
- Ty Ohlinger (South Africa)

Mr. and Mrs. Hume want to thank every one of the participants from KIS for putting in an incredible amount of work, and for representing KIS so very, very well.

They'd also like to acknowledge Ms. Geary and Ms. Law from the AD's office for making the team's participation arrangements, as well as Ms. Yana from the Director's office for material support.

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