

Winter 2022

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MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Allow me to end this year with a heartfelt “Thank you.” Without the generous dedication of our Board of Trustees, the hard work and unwavering commitment of our faculty and staff, the ingenuity and capability of our students, and the support and participation of our parents, this semester would not have been as successful as it was.

This year we have strengthened our relationships, supported each other as a community, improved our campus, and begun to look ahead to build our future. It has been remarkable to feel our campus come back to life and how we have been able to deliver a robust semester of rigorous academics, life-changing experiences, and unique opportunities.

In the following pages, you will read about some of the incredible learning opportunities and experiences that our students have profoundly benefited from that were made possible by our unique, close relationship with the United Nations. The Deputy Permanent Representative of the United Arab Emirates shared his time and wisdom with our students during our World Arabic Language Day celebrations. The Permanent Representative of Latvia shared his unique insight into the war in Ukraine with our Model UN students. Our MS Honors Choir sang alongside the legendary Dionne Warwick in the UN Ambassadors’ Ball in a once-in-a-lifetime experience for this talented group. Our Junior School Principal, Pascal Valet, was invited to the White House as a UNIS representative, during French President Macron’s official state visit. Pascal was able to live stream the event from the White House Garden for our JS students to witness. And finally, two of our students served as Ambassadors of the United States at a leadership conference in Qatar and were able to experience the World Cup firsthand along with students from each of the World Cup countries.

As we look forward to the new year, we will build on this momentum to continue our mission to inspire our students to become an active force in shaping a better world: peaceful, compassionate, and sustainable.

I wish everyone a holiday break filled with family, friends, happiness, and hope.

Best,
Dan

UN DAY

UN Day is an exciting celebration unique to UNIS. Our students, faculty, and staff wear national attire representing their heritage to celebrate the entry into force of the UN Charter. A beloved tradition of the day is the mandala. All our junior school students make a wish for peace as they place a flower around the UN Flag, and parents take the 'wishes of peace' with them out into the community as they leave the school.



**WATCH THE
UN DAY VIDEO**

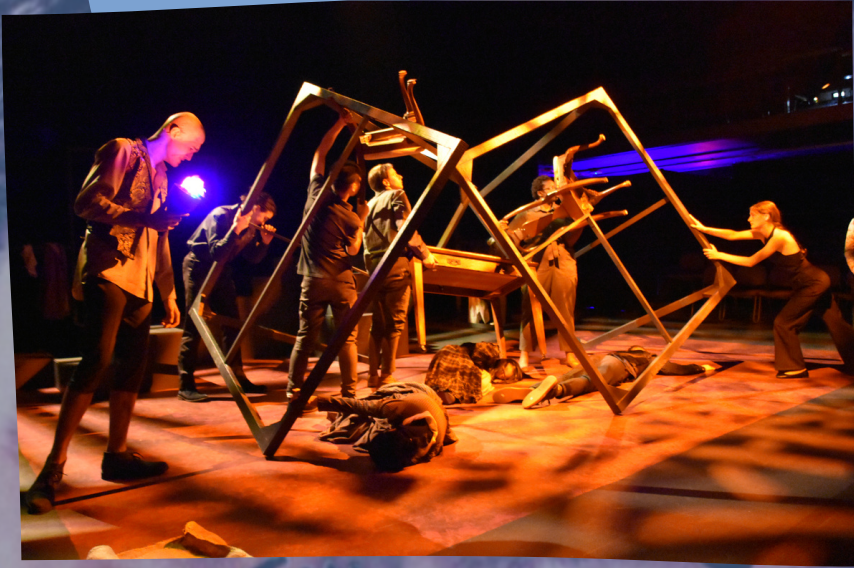


UN DAY

Our Junior School UN Day parade had an amazing turnout. Our community came together to watch our youngest students and enjoy our Tut House band. After the parade, our students broke off into different educational sessions throughout the day. At each level, they hold global citizenship discussions and lessons and think of ways to shape a better world. This UN Day marked 75 years of celebration at UNIS.



FRANKENSTEIN



Bravo to the cast of Frankenstein! The play had an amazing run with a sold-out show and a packed house for their second performance. Our students persevered through last-minute changes due to illness and put on a great performance. Congrats to all for being an example of "the show must go on!"



FRANKENSTEIN

THE CREATURE

"My favorite moment in the play is the final scene where the Creature and Frankenstein speak for the last time. Whenever Matias says his line "Close your eyes, do you dream" I feel myself fully in character, which only accentuates the sadness when the creature opens his eyes and sees Frankenstein dead. I know it sounds corny but every time I open my eyes and look at Frankenstein's body in that scene, I feel a shiver go up my spine, I empathize with the creature as if I'm living the experience with him."

Matias Corona



Luca Fleschler



DR. FRANKENSTEIN

"Mr. Bell gave us the opportunity to explore the characters and contribute even more to the final product. What I loved about the role of Frankenstein was the challenge of conveying all the emotions he experiences and his change in characterization in the story, something no previous role I've done has presented. Frankenstein's cast was amazing! Being a small cast and working together in every scene just made the experience much more fun."

THE NARRATOR

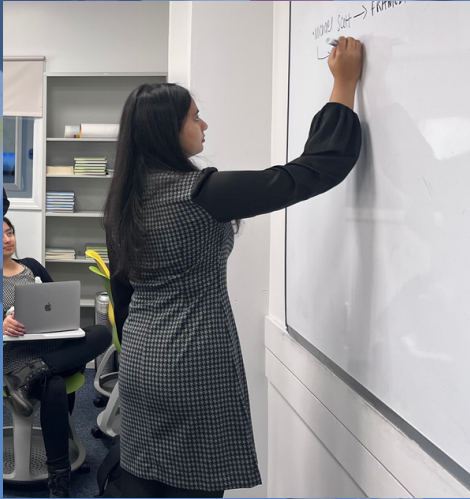
"Everyone had such an important role, especially everyone who was moving the blocks and changing the scenes from one place to another which truly brought this show to life. Something I loved about playing Mary was that I didn't actually interact with anyone except the Creature. It was such an interesting experience being, physically, in every scene but not actually being a part of most of them. Although, everyone performing made it quite easy to get lost in the story and made having to focus on the show all the time so much easier."

Micaela Blanco



UNIS MODEL UN

The 2022 UNIS MUN in-person conference was a success! All participants attended a master class on the war in Ukraine from the Permanent Representative of Latvia to the United Nations, Andrejs Pildegovičs, who provided them with a unique perspective. They also were able to debate important issues like Free Speech and Internet Censorship, Education and Protection of Youth Affected by Armed Conflict, and Equality in the Workplace. They ran some creative crisis scenarios that were set inspired by Star Wars and The Office



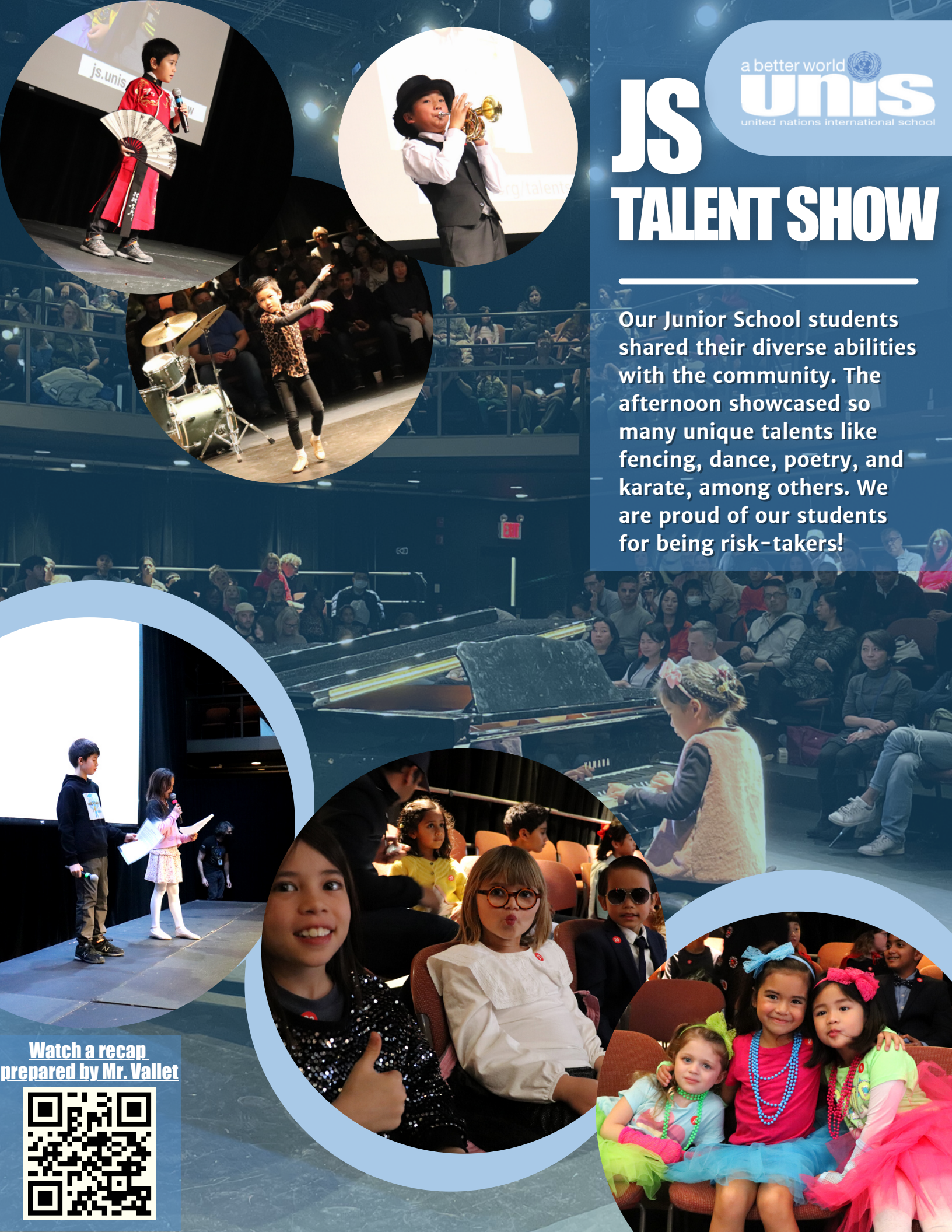


UNIS MODEL UN



JS TALENT SHOW

Our Junior School students shared their diverse abilities with the community. The afternoon showcased so many unique talents like fencing, dance, poetry, and karate, among others. We are proud of our students for being risk-takers!



Watch a recap
prepared by Mr. Vallet

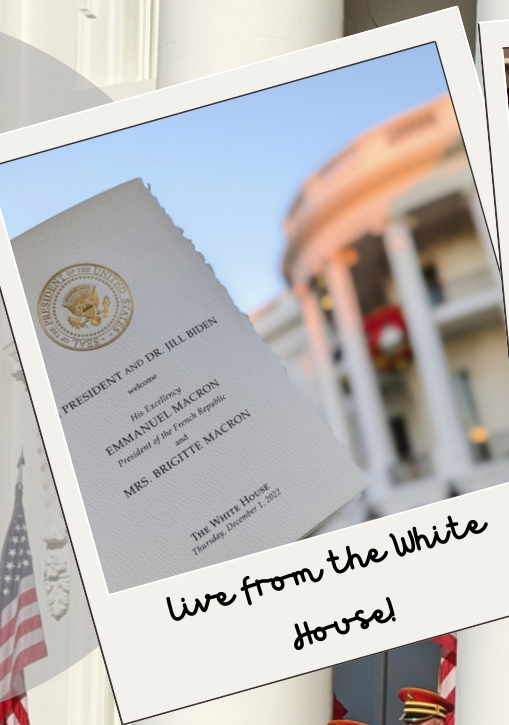


WORLD ARABIC LANGUAGE DAY

Our community had an exciting World Arabic Language Day thanks to our Modern Languages Department! Our students and parents were greeted in the morning with Arabic cuisine and music to kick off the day's celebration. Arabic language students had the honor of meeting with H.E. Ambassador Mohamed Abushahab, United Arab Emirates Deputy Permanent Representative and Chargé d'Affaires, to discuss his country's role in the Security Council and the steps they are taking to address climate change. Throughout the afternoon our entire school enjoyed Arabic calligraphy and traditional Arabic music.



MR. VALET'S VISIT TO THE WHITE HOUSE



Live from the White House!



French President Macron



Letters from js

Our Junior School Principal was invited by the French Embassy in Washington D.C. to attend two different events celebrating French President Macron's State Visit to the White House. He took advantage of the opportunity to hand President Macron letters from UNIS J3 students and an invitation to come to UNIS and participate in major events like the UNIS-UN conference in March 2023. He also live-streamed from the White House lawn so that the entire community could be part of the event. Students, staff, and teachers tuned in and went on the virtual field trip.

Read about the experience from Mr. Valet himself.



MS HONORS CHOIR PERFORMED WITH LEGENDARY DIONNE WARWICK

In honor of the UN's 77th Anniversary, the UNIS MS Honors Choir was invited to perform at the UN's 22 Ambassadors' Ball on December 10th at Cipriani Dolci. The event is organized by UCUND and honored the legendary performer, Miss Dionne Warwick. The Honors Choir performed two musical selections with Ms. Warwick: Stand Up For Something and We Are The World.



UNIS TEACHER FEATURE

MARC SMITH

T1-T4 ART



Q: What's a fun fact about you?

A: I'm obsessed with surfing and surf the Rockaways lots. I speak French and Italian fluently and can have a nice chat in Cantonese and Mandarin.

Q: What is unique about the art world in New York City?

A: Contemporary art spaces are ever evolving so you can go back to the same Chelsea, Bowery, or Bushwick galleries and there will be a completely different set of unique spaces for you to explore and it's the most inspiring thing.

Q: How do UNIS students get to experience the art scene in NYC?

A: I love taking the IB students to galleries that are sometimes run by students' parents and sometimes curators have done and understand the IB curriculum.



NAIS STUDENT DIVERSITY LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE



Five students traveled to San Antonio, Texas to participate in the NAIS Student Diversity Leadership Conference. UNIS students joined in numerous conversations, workshops, and activities revolving around the topics of identity, diversity, leadership, and more. They gained new skills and honed pre-existing skills in facilitating group sessions.

Let's look to them to help guide us through courageous conversations, listening to each other, and making deeper connections throughout our community. Students were chaperoned by Mr. Karumba, Mr. Leyva, and Dr. King-Calnek.



While students enjoyed the SDLC, Mr. Leyva and Dr. King-Calnek presented at the companion NAIS People of Color Conference (POCC) which Mr. Karumba also attended. Many thanks to Zak Baha and the OSA for helping make this wonderful experience possible!



Students who attended:

Enkhdari Gereltogtokh (T2)

Ria Minnam (T2)

Izabele Sunelaityte (T2)

Saya Scott (T2)

Helena Rocha (T3)

VOLLEYBALL FUN NIGHT

Volleyball fun night was a hit! Our community came together for a day of fun and some friendly competition. Our volleyball parents and Athletics office organized the tournament where students played alongside staff and faculty as well as their families! The players enjoyed pizza and music which made the event all the more fun in between games. Win or lose, everyone had a great time with friends and family.

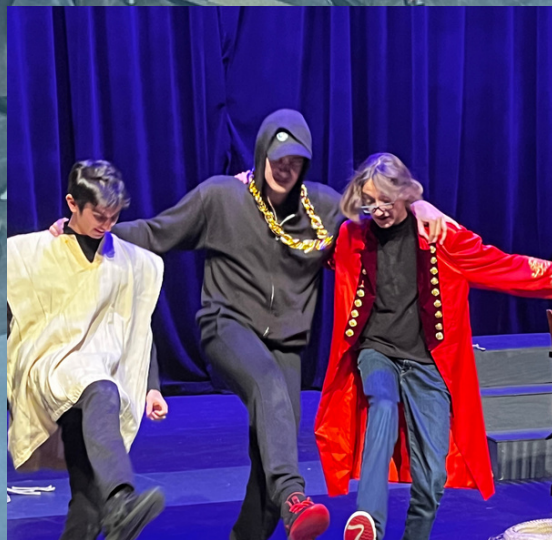


ON THE STAGE

Our IB Theatre students held their annual showcase and our community was able to see the product of their hard work in action.

Our Tut House wind ensemble also performed at a winter concert with TH Jazz and MS Jazz.

Bravo all on great performances this semester!





PA BOOK AND TOY SALE

Our PA held its annual Book and Toy Sale during the last week of classes. Community donations were collected for 2 weeks, and our JS students had the opportunity to buy gently used toys and books and put their Math skills to the test. All proceeds go towards PA activities for children and all unsold items were donated.



SPIRIT WEEK

Our TH students had fun with spirit week! The Student Council hosted the event which featured Halloween, Twin Day, Pajama Day, and Anything but a Backpack Day. It wasn't all fun and games, Tut House classes battled it out each day for who had the most creative looks, and the T4s were victorious!

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UNIS AT THE WORLD CUP

Two of our Tut House students had the incredible opportunity to travel to Qatar for the Generation Amazing conference for youth leaders in soccer around the world. Hahnah Hochman and Matt Hare were starstruck as they met David Beckham, U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken, and trained with the Saudi Arabia team before their big win over Argentina. They watched the U.S. play Wales in an exciting match and made memories that will last a lifetime!



FIFA WORLD CUP
Qatar 2022



"I'm pretty sure I had chills for 90 minutes. I don't think I could put into words how exciting it was." Matt Hare describes his experience seeing the USA in a World Cup match.



"I'm just so grateful for UNIS and to Mr. O'Connor for bringing this to the Tut House," said Hahnah Hochman.

UNIS AT THE WORLD CUP



Hear about the experience
from Hahnah, Matt and Daniel



MLD PODCAST

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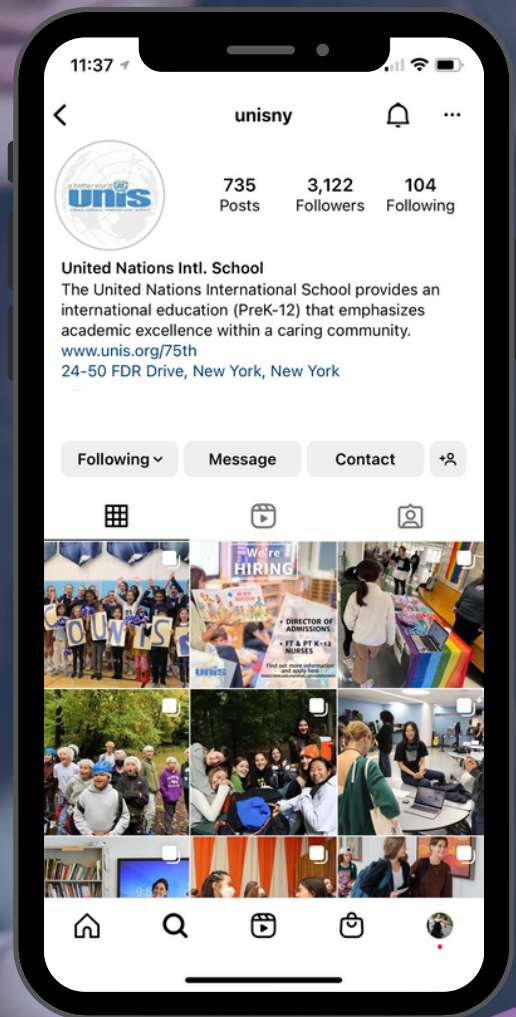
OUR MODERN LANGUAGES DEPARTMENT HAS
CREATED A NEW PODCAST TO SHOWCASE OUR
UNIQUE LANGUAGE PROGRAM, OUR STUDENTS'
INCREDIBLE WORK AND AUTHENTIC MULTI-
LANGUAGE CONVERSATION.

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at UNIS

a UNISPA event

Lion Dance | Live performances

Food | Crafts for kids

4 February 2023, 4-7 PM

\$25 per person

(free for children 4 and under)



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*Wishing you a warm and
merry holiday season.*

Please consider making a gift to The UNIS Fund, if you have not already done so this school year. Your gift supports our mission to inspire our students to become an active force in shaping a better world: peaceful, compassionate, and sustainable.

*Thank you for all you do
for our community.*



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UPCOMING EVENTS

Classes Resume:
Tuesday, 3 January

MLK Day Observed:
Monday, January 16 (School Closed)

October Break:
Tuesday October 25 -
Friday, October 28 (No Classes)

Winter String and Choral Concert:
Monday January 23,
6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Black History Month Opening
Celebration:
Wednesday February 1
7:30 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.

UNIS PA Lunar New Year Event:
Saturday, February 4,
4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

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