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WELCOME BACK FROM SPRING BREAK!

Message - From Dr. Zak Palsha, School Superintendent

Dear ACST Community,

Welcome back from Spring Break! I wanted to take a moment to welcome you all back from the break as we gear into the final stretch of our school year.

Included in this issue of the newsletter, you will find some important information about: Board Elections, the 2025-2026 New Faculty biographies, Financial Aid information, upcoming dates to remember and highlights about all the great things ACST has been doing since our last newsletter that was sent out just after the Winter Break.

I am equally excited to welcome everyone to the upcoming Association General Meeting (AGM) this Friday, April 18 in the Theater, following the Kindergarten and Grade 2 Concert (which starts at 8:10 am). You will learn more about the Board candidates that are running for the Board and also progress towards the goals set forth by the Board and my Board approved goals for this academic year. Additionally, we will be sharing the draft calendar for SY 26-27. I hope to see you there! I continue to remain available to the community and want to continue to build on the positive two-way communication and culture here at ACST.

Have a wonderful start to your week.

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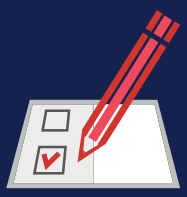
YOUR CHANCE TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE: ACST BOARD ELECTIONS

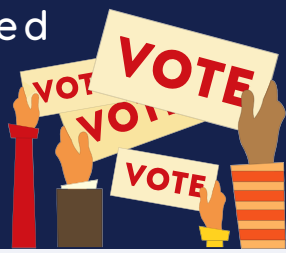
The Board of Governors invites interested parents to consider candidacy in the upcoming Board Elections.

Elections are scheduled to commence on **April 18, 2025**, at the **Annual Association General Meeting**.

If interested in joining the ACST Board of Governors, complete **this survey**.

For any questions about serving on the Board, refer to the detailed job description provided or contact us at **vote@acst.net.**







MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

FRIDAY, APRIL 18	Association General Meeting
TUESDAY, MAY 06	Board Meeting
THURSDAY, MAY 29	Superintendent & Parent Coffee
TUESDAY, JUNE 03	Board Meeting

PTO EVENT

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Disney Dreams, Little Stars Shine!

Kindergarten, First and Second Grade Concert

Friday,
April 18
at 8:15 AM

Please stay for the AGM right after the concert. Your presence matters!



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UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER

APRIL 14	📚 School Resumes
APRIL 15	🏔️ Season 3 Sports Pep Rally
APRIL 16-20	🏐 MASAC Varsity Volleyball 2 Tangier
APRIL 18	Elementary Assembly 🕒 8-9 am 📍 Theater Association General Meeting🕒 9:30-10:30 am 📍 Theater - Board Elections Kick-Off 🎶 Kindergarten to Grade 2 Concert
APRIL 19	🏭 PTO Event - Toy Factory Visit
APRIL 26	🌸 PTO Spring Fair
APRIL 28	📚 IB Exams Begin
MAY 1	🚫 No School
MAY 2	🚫 No School
MAY 7	🍽️ PTO Staff Appreciation Lunch
MAY 9	🎭 HS Drama Production
MAY 21	📚 IB exams end
MAY 22	🎶 Grade 3-5 Evening Concert 📚 Grade 11 EOY Exams
MAY 24	💃 HS Prom
MAY 26	📚 Grade 11 EOY Exams
MAY 27	🎶 SS Music Spring Concert & Spring Artshow 📚 Grade 11 EOY Exams
MAY 28	🏆 Athletics Awards 📚 Grade 11 EOY Exams

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UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER

MAY 29	🏁 ASA Session 3 ends
MAY 30	🎓 Senior Walkthrough
MAY 31	🎓 Graduation
JUNE 5	🌞 ES Field Day*
JUNE 6	🌙 Eid Al Adhha*
JUNE 7	🌙 Eid Al Adhha*
JUNE 10	🌞 MS Field Day
JUNE 11	🌞 HS Field Day
JUNE 12	S2 Report Cards go home - Last day of School/Dismissal 12:30
JUNE 13	Faculty in service 🚫 No school for students

FINANCIAL AID

Dear ACST Parents,

Each year, the Board of Governors designates a portion of the school's budget to provide financial aid for families experiencing temporary financial challenges.

If you are interested in applying for financial aid, please contact Hadil Rzaigui at hrzaigui@acst.net to request the Financial Aid Application.

Please be aware that the application process requires detailed paperwork and supporting documents. We strongly encourage families to begin the process early to ensure timely completion.

Completed financial aid applications must be submitted to the Admissions Office no later than Friday, April 25, 2025, at 3:00 PM for consideration.

Should you have any questions or require further assistance, please do not hesitate to reach out



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🗓️ Save the date!

Join us for the second Spring into Wellness event 🌸, featuring individual group wellness sessions 🧘‍♀️, inspiring talks 🎤, and a fun little fair 🎉 for the ACST community and friends!



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STEPPING THROUGH THE BLUE DOOR

Check the 2025-2026 New Faculty biographies here



Tiffany Bai
Permanent Substitute
China



Heather Battjes
SS Computer Science and Design Technology
USA



Chris Boyle
Secondary Principal
USA



Bridget Coughlin
Secondary School Counselor
USA



Augusto Gubert
Elementary School Counselor
Brazil



Brian Hunt
Secondary Maths & Science
Canada



Natasha Hunt
HS Learning Support
Canada



Mariana Larralde
SS/IB Visual Arts Teacher
Peru



Andrea Lemonidou
Secondary School Business Teacher
Czech



Kostas Lemonidis
SS Mathematics
Greece



Hannah Raaflaub
Elementary Art
Canada



Ali Williamson
Elementary Physical Education
Canada

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A RECAP SINCE THE WINTER BREAK

We've learned, grown, and celebrated together as a community. Here's a glimpse of the second part of the school year.

🎶 HIGHLIGHTS OF THE AMIS FESTIVAL AT ACST 🎶

The AMIS festival, hosted at ACST from January 23 to 25, was a huge success, with 170 students and 36 adults from 16 international schools across 14 countries. Highlights included a mini-concert, a cultural tour of Sidi Bou Said, a Music or's dinner, and a joint performance of Samra Ya Samra at the gala, where students wore traditional chechia hats. The feedback was overwhelmingly positive, praising Tunisia's beauty and our community's hospitality.

Both AMIS and the participants agreed that our festival was among the best they've attended, and many expressed interest in returning to ACST in the future. We hope this success strengthens our relationships with international schools in the Middle East and Africa, paving the way for future collaborative opportunities.











🏀 VARSITY BASKETBALL HOOPS CLASSIC 🏆

ACST hosted its 2nd Hoops Classic Basketball tournament on January 30 and 31, featuring four local schools and Cairo American College from Egypt. A special thank you to the Parks, Hutton, Kohlmus, and Steeves families for opening their doors to accommodate homestays for the visiting students from Cairo.









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MIDDLE SCHOOL DRAMA PRODUCTION

On February 7, 16 middle school drama students presented their production of Circus Olympus, a one-act play that offered a modern take on Greek mythology. The community showed great support, and the students thoroughly enjoyed sharing their talents.









DENTAL HEALTH SESSIONS

Our dedicated school nurse led informative and engaging sessions on dental health for our students from February 17 to February 21. She covered essential topics such as proper brushing techniques and the importance of maintaining healthy habits, offering valuable guidance to help students improve their oral care routines.









CAMBRIDGE DEBATE

There is a growing interest in the high school to engage in debate opportunities. Eight students in Grades 11 and 12 competed in a Cambridge Debate Union international qualifier at Pierre Mendes France (PMF) high school.



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100 DAYS OF LEARNING

The 100th day of learning was officially celebrated on February 12 by our Kindergarten and Grade 1 students. Over the past few months, these young learners have made remarkable strides, engaging in new discoveries and building important skills.









100 DAYS BEFORE GRADUATION

Our seniors celebrated 100 days until the graduation ceremony on February 18. The event featured photos of the seniors in professional dress and cap and gown. These photos will be used to celebrate their success and graduation later in the year.



HIGH SCHOOL BONFIRE

On February 13, the High School Youth Club hosted its annual bonfire on Falcon Field. High school students enjoyed playing games and eating BBQ prepared on a large grill. A special thanks to Ms. Jessica for her efforts in supporting our students in planning this event, and to the facilities team for ensuring a safe experience for everyone.





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MARCH INTO READING CHALLENGE

March Into Reading Month in the ELC library was a time to ignite a love for books! Throughout March, we explored exciting stories, fun activities, and themed events to inspire young readers.





IBDP CORE CELEBRATION

The ACST community was invited on March 13 to view the work of Grade 11 and 12 students and ask questions about Theory of Knowledge, Creativity, Activity, Service, and the Extended Essay. This was a valuable opportunity to hear about the challenges and rewards of these components before students begin their own DP journey.









IB ART SHOW OPENING NIGHT

The IB Art Show Opening Night was a successful event that featured a variety of artworks. Students gave speeches explaining their work, sharing their inspiration and creative processes. Parents, teachers, and community members attended to support the students and engage with the art. The event was a great opportunity for students to showcase their hard work and for the community to connect with the school's art program.





