

HONORING PROGRESS

CELEBRATING THE END OF A REMARKABLE YEAR

Message - From Dr. Zak Palsha, Superintendent

Dear ACST Community,

As we conclude the end of the school year at ACST, I want to extend my heartfelt gratitude to each and every one of you for your incredible contributions to our school community. It's been a year filled with growth, learning, and countless moments of joy, and I am immensely proud of what we have accomplished as a school community. This end of the year newsletter highlights the work we have accomplished collectively towards our strategic plan and focus areas and also highlights activities that the community has been engaged with since our last newsletter in April of 2025.

To our incredible students: Thank you for being who you are, coming to school with enthusiasm, curiosity, and persistence. You have embraced new challenges with courage and determination, and your eagerness to learn and grow has been truly inspiring. Your achievements inspire us all.

To our inspirational teachers and instructional team: Thank you for your focus, dedication, commitment to high-quality teaching and learning, creativity, and tireless efforts. They have shaped the minds and hearts of our students, laying the foundation for their future success. Thank you for your focus on ensuring that students receive the best educational experience.

To our dedicated administrative and support team: Thank you for your dedication and can-do attitude to work behind-the-scenes, which ensures that our school runs efficiently. Your collective efforts are the foundation of an institution that cares deeply about our students, families and community.

To our supportive parents: Thank you for entrusting us with your most prized possession - your children. Your partnership and involvement in our school community have been invaluable, and your unwavering support has played a significant role in the success of our students.

To our passionate PTO: Thank you for being so supportive and complimentary to our vision - opening doors, hearts and minds. Your contributions continue to make a positive impact on the lives of our students and staff, and I am grateful for your dedication and creativity.

And to our esteemed Board of Governors: Your support, partnership, and service have been instrumental in guiding our school toward excellence. Thank you for your dedication to our mission and vision.

As we celebrate the end of this remarkable year, let's carry forward the spirit of collaboration, growth, and excellence that defines us.

In Service,
Dr. Zak Palsha





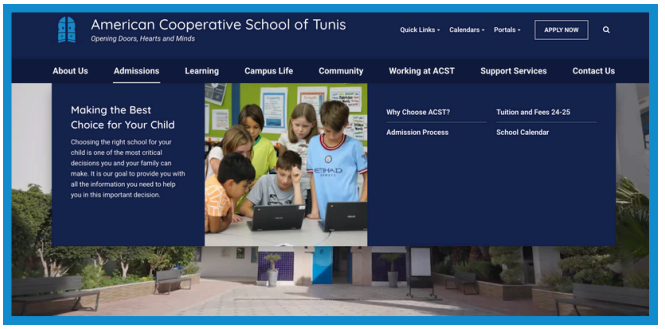


Get Ready

Our New Website is Going Live in a Few Hours!

Please note that the current site will be
temporarily unavailable this morning but will be fully live by midday.

WHAT TO EXPECT?



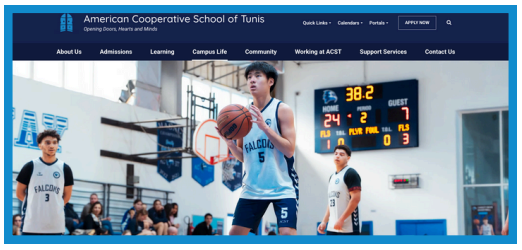
A visual refresh. It reflects our ongoing commitment to clear communication, accessibility, and meaningful engagement with our school community.



Detailed information for each school level, including curriculum overviews, student experiences, and stories that provide a closer look at life and learning at our school.

Experience our school like never before with three **exclusive mini documentaries**, one spotlighting each school level, capturing “A Day at ACST” and bringing our vibrant community to life.

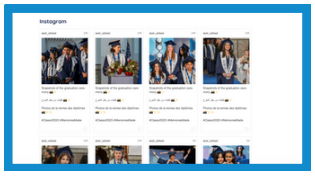




A comprehensive Student Life section featuring detailed info on athletics, afterschool activities, and more, enhanced with interviews, statistics, blog posts, and much more.

Need support or don’t know who to contact? Find a **dedicated Support Services section** listing all managers, their email addresses, and the services they provide.





No social media account? No problem! Our **Feed Page** lets you stay connected without needing Instagram or Facebook.

We warmly welcome suggestions from parents, faculty, and staff. Your input helps us continually improve the website and better serve our community. Please feel free to email Nawras at nboumiza@acst.net.
We look forward to welcoming you to our new digital home!

End-of-School-Year Reminders

JUNE 9, 2025

🗓️ Thursday, June 12 is the last day of the school year.
⏰ Dismissal is at 12:30 pm.

📄 As the end of the academic year approaches, we wanted to remind you that report cards for the current semester will be available on June 12.

However, we must emphasize that report cards will only be issued to families who have settled all outstanding invoices and charges. This includes any balances on tuition and fees owed, outstanding canteen charges, library fines, and any other unpaid balances.

Our finance department has been diligently notifying families with outstanding charges or unpaid balances. If you have received such notifications, it is imperative that you address these outstanding payments promptly to ensure timely receipt of your child's report card.

We understand the importance of receiving academic progress updates, and we want to ensure that every student's achievements are recognized. Therefore, we kindly urge you to settle any outstanding invoices as soon as possible to avoid any delays in receiving your child's report card.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding outstanding charges or payment arrangements, please don't hesitate to reach out to our finance department at finance@acst.net.

Thank you for your attention to this matter, and your cooperation in ensuring a smooth end-of-year process for everyone.



LAUNCHING THIS WEDNESDAY

THE FIRST ISSUE OF OUR ANNUAL ALUMNI MAGAZINE

Featuring inspiring stories from graduates across the years. Don't miss this special edition!

Progress Toward Strategic Goals

Promote Sustainability at all Levels:

- Investing in our Human Capital - Benchmarking Exercise
- Board Policy Updates

Click here to access the full document.

Priority 1: Teaching and Learning

- Created Curriculum Review Cycle Document.
- Aligned instructional resources and digital guides.
- Developed and implemented PK–12 Unit Planner.
- Set up collaborative teacher planning.
- Added new courses: Tech, Media Literacy, Media Production, Graphic Design.
- Next steps: finish curriculum alignment, improve assessments, complete unit planner migration.



Priority 2: Learning Environment

- Collected baseline paper usage data with PaperCut to guide waste reduction.
- Developed systems to monitor collaborative and outdoor space use.
- Next steps: implement paperless practices, expand recycling and composting, upgrade energy systems, finalize Campus Master Plan.



Progress Toward Strategic Goals

Priority 3: Inclusion and Diversity

- Hired DEIB consultant and began staff training.
- Created common interview questions, reference forms to further enhance merit-based hiring decisions.
- Boosted community events (International Day, Iftar).
- Board confirmed DEIB remains a core priority.
- Next steps: DEIB task force to grow in 2025–26.



Priority 4: Student Life, Health and Wellbeing

- Improved after-school access with transport and schedule changes.
- Added health coverage at all athletic events.
- Created K–12 Activities Handbook.
- Provided local and international student experiences.
- Expanded wellness programs, tracking fitness, and launched Student Life webpage.
- Next steps: continue to explore local partnerships within Tunisia



Farewell to Our Departing Colleagues

As the academic year draws to a close, we bid farewell to our esteemed colleagues. Your unwavering dedication has made a lasting impact on our school community.
We extend our heartfelt wishes for your continued success in all your future endeavors.

IN GRATITUDE FOR 27 YEARS OF DEDICATION AND SERVICE



Sonia Attia

Payroll Officer

27 Years

Many parents may not know her, as she works quietly behind the scenes. But to the faculty and staff, she has been a steady and trusted presence for 27 years.

She is known for her kindness, reliability, and constant willingness to help. No one ever leaves her office without an answer, and payroll is always handled flawlessly.

One moment that truly reflects her character: during the chaos of the 2012 school attack, while everything felt uncertain, she ensured every staff member received their pay without delay. She remained dependable, just as she always has.

That's just who she is—calm in crisis, deeply committed, and always there when it matters most.

Sonia, thank you for your service, your heart,
and the countless ways you've held this school together.
We see you, we appreciate you, and we are forever grateful.

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Lori Newman
ES Principal
7 YEARS



Kevin Thomas
SS Principal
7 YEARS



Pascale Thomas
SS Counselor
7 YEARS



Carl Knudsen
ES Art teacher
7 YEARS



Joshua Richardt
SS Counselor
5 YEARS



Alex Wood
Facilities Manager
5 YEARS



Lauren Walter
Secondary Visual Arts
IB Visual Arts Teacher
4 YEARS



Lynn Terman
ES Assistant Principal
3 YEARS



Alex Fettner
ES PE Teacher
3 YEARS



Erin Fettner
Kindergarten Teacher
3 YEARS



Kevin Leinbach
HS Social Studies
IB Business Teacher
3 YEARS



Justin Sheehan
Secondary DesignTechnology
Computer Science Teacher
3 YEARS



Adam Jaouad
SS Science Teacher
2 YEARS



Jacob Wagner
SS and DP Mathematics
2 YEARS

A RECAP SINCE THE SPRING BREAK

MASAC VARSITY VOLLEYBALL - TANGIER, MOROCCO

The varsity boys' and girls' volleyball teams journeyed to Tangier, Morocco, from April 16 to 20 for the MASAC Volleyball Tournament. The girls' team concluded their season with grit and perseverance, narrowly losing two matches and securing 6th place overall. Meanwhile, the boys' team demonstrated their continued excellence, seizing the MASAC championship for the second straight year with decisive 2-0 wins in four of their five matches. We extend our congratulations to Meriem Tayeb, Mahmoud Derouiche, Sami Ben Youssef, and Hedi Chebil on their well-deserved selection to the all-tournament team.











KINDERGARTEN TO GRADE 2 CONCERT

On Friday, April 18, students from Kindergarten to Grade 2 delighted families and friends with a joyful concert showcasing their musical talents.

Families and friends enjoyed a heartwarming performance as the young learners shared songs, movement, and joyful moments on stage.

It was an uplifting celebration of creativity and growth, highlighting the hard work and spirit of our youngest learners.









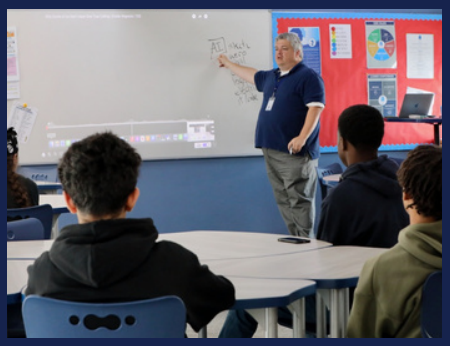
COOL CAREER DAY

On April 22, ACST hosted a successful Cool Career Day, welcoming both current and former professionals to share insights about their career journeys with our middle and high school students. The day began with a mini career fair for middle schoolers, followed by in-depth sessions for students in Grades 9–12. Each presenter led two 30-minute sessions, offering valuable guidance and answering student questions. We thank all our participants and look forward to welcoming both new and returning presenters in the future!











PTO WELLNESS EVENT

The PTO wellness event was a great success, bringing together the school and local community for a day focused on healing, mindfulness, and connection.

Highlights included a peaceful Vipassana Meditation session offered by the Embassy of India, sound healing, marma therapy massage, and a relaxing yoga sound bath. Kids enjoyed high-energy FitFam activities, while attendees of all ages explored wellness services, health products, and tasty treats. The event showcased ACST's ongoing commitment to well-being and community.











MS SOCCER - VERONA, ITALY

Fresh off an impressive showing at the U14 Mediterranean Cup soccer tournament in Verona, Italy, ACST's Middle School soccer teams delivered strong performances. From May 1 to 5, they competed against schools from 20 nations over three days of intense matches.

The boys' football team secured 4th place in the Champions Gold Division, while the girls' team finished 3rd in the Champions Silver Division. Adding to their success, 7th-grader Emma earned recognition as the outstanding goalkeeper in the female tournament. Congratulations to the entire Middle School soccer program for a remarkable season.











SS TRACK & FIELD - ATHENS, GREECE

Returning to the birthplace of athletics, the Track & Field team competed against international schools from Bulgaria, Greece, and Romania. From May 7 to 10, over two days of competition, the Falcons achieved numerous personal bests and top-three finishes.

A special congratulations to Emiliana for breaking the High School girls' triple jump record, which had stood since 2008! Congratulations to all of our track and field athletes and coaches for a successful season.











HS DRAMA PRODUCTION

Our talented high school drama students brought the stage to life on May 9 with their gripping performance of The Murder Was Staged. The suspenseful play had the audience on the edge of their seats and showcased the incredible creativity and dedication of our student performers.

A huge round of applause goes to Ms. Buchan for her outstanding direction and to every student who helped bring the mystery to life, whether on stage or behind-the-scenes.









GRADES 3-5 EVENING CONCERT

On May 22, our Grades 3–5 students lit up the stage with their vibrant Evening Concert centered around the theme of positivity.

Through uplifting songs, joyful performances, and heartfelt messages, the students reminded us all of the power of kindness, optimism, and community.

Their enthusiasm was contagious, and the theater was filled with smiles, applause, and a genuine sense of togetherness.

A big thank you to Ms. Hannah and all the students who shared their talents and bright spirits with us.











SS SPRING CONCERT & ART SHOW

On May 27, the Spring Art Show & Concert showcased the incredible creativity and talent of our students. The art exhibition featured vibrant paintings, detailed sketches, and expressive sculptures, transforming the space into a student-curated gallery.

The evening continued with a joyful concert, where choirs, bands, and soloists delivered powerful performances that filled the room with energy and emotion.











ATHLETIC AWARDS

On May 28, we celebrated the hard work, dedication, and sportsmanship of our student-athletes at the annual Athletic Awards Ceremony. The evening recognized outstanding achievements across a variety of sports, robotics and Model United Nations, highlighting individual excellence, team spirit, and the perseverance that defines our athletic community.

Congratulations to all of our athletes, coaches, and supporters for an incredible season.









SENIOR WALK THROUGH

On May 31, our seniors proudly wore their caps and gowns for the annual Senior Walk-Through, a heartwarming tradition that celebrates their journey and accomplishments. As they toured the school halls, students, faculty, staff, and parents gathered to cheer them on with smiles and applause.



The celebration continued in the theater, where the seniors were treated to a special surprise, words of wisdom and life advice from their Grade 1 buddies. Their heartfelt and often humorous messages reminded everyone of the joy, innocence, and hope that mark both the beginning and end of a school journey.







COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY

On May 31, we proudly celebrated the Commencement Ceremony for the Class of 2025. Surrounded by family, friends, faculty, and staff, our graduating seniors crossed the stage with pride, marking the end of one chapter and the beginning of another.



Congratulations to our graduates! We are so proud of all you've accomplished and can't wait to see the incredible things you'll do next.





