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WELCOME BACK FROM WINTER BREAK!

Message - From Dr. Zak Palsha, School Director

Dear ACST Community,

Happy New Year! We wanted to take a moment and welcome you back to school. I cannot believe it is already 2025! Please take time to read the newsletter which highlights some upcoming events, important information and also a snapshot of some of the activities that we have engaged with since the beginning of the academic year.

School and home being on the same page is one of my continuous goals, when we can keep open lines of communication then we are able to support our students on their educational journey. As always, should you have any questions or wish to get in touch with us, please feel free to reach out.

We look forward to an exciting year ahead and again Happy New Year from all at ACST.

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UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER

JANUARY 8	📚 Back to School 🏫 ASA Session 2 resumes
JANUARY 9	☕ Board and Superintendent Coffee Morning 🕗 8 AM 📍 E101
JANUARY 14	🗓️ Board Meeting 🕔 5:00 PM 📍 E101
JANUARY 23-26	🎶🎺 AMIS MS Band And Choir Music Festival 🎤🎵
JANUARY 30 - FEBRUARY 2	🏀 ACST hosting Varsity Basketball Hoops Classic
JANUARY 31	ES Assembly 🕗 8:15 PM 📍 Theater
FEBRUARY 4	✉️ Semester 1 report cards go home 🗓️ Board Meeting 🕔 5:00 PM 📍 E101
FEBRUARY 10	🏀⚽🤸‍♂️ SS Season 3 Sports Start
FEBRUARY 12	👩‍🎨 PTO Pottery Class
FEBRUARY 14	Faculty in service 🚫 No school for students
FEBRUARY 21-27	📚 IB Mock Exams
FEBRUARY 21	ES Assembly 🕗 8:15 PM 📍 Theater
FEBRUARY 22	🥾 PTO Hike and Picnic
FEBRUARY 28	🌙 Ramadan Begins*

The MS Drama Production scheduled for January 17 has been postponed.

* Movable Date - Actual date may vary

We were awarded the opportunity to host the The AMIS (Association for Music in International Schools) Music Festival this school year - January 23-26.
We will be welcoming and hosting nearly 200 musicians and chaperones during this festive weekend.
This is an honor for ACST and also provides us an opportunity to showcase our campus and boast about our programming.

UPCOMING BOARD ELECTIONS: NOMINATIONS OPENING IN FEBRUARY

In February, the Board of Governors will be opening nominations for the upcoming Board elections. This is an important opportunity for members of our community to get involved and help shape the future of the school.
Please be sure to keep an eye on your email for detailed information on how to submit nominations and the election process.

ARE YOU IN OUR WHATSAPP CHANNEL YET?

Join us for daily updates on 'What's Happening Next Week', school lunch menus, and reminders.

CHECK THE ACST PARENT PORTAL

YOUR MAIN SOURCE FOR ALL SCHOOL UPDATES AND EVENTS!

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A RECAP OF OUR SCHOOL YEAR SO FAR

We've learned, grown, and celebrated as a community—here's a snapshot of the first part of our school year.

📸 HIGHLIGHTS FROM OUR MEET & GREET & FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL! 🤝✨

It was a pleasure connecting with everyone at our Meet & Greet on August 20 and welcoming both new and returning students to ACST. Your energy set the tone for a great start to the year, and we're grateful for the strong partnerships we've built between school and home. The excitement continued on our first day of school, August 21, where students and staff alike were filled with enthusiasm for the year ahead.









🍦 PTO ICE CREAM SOCIAL

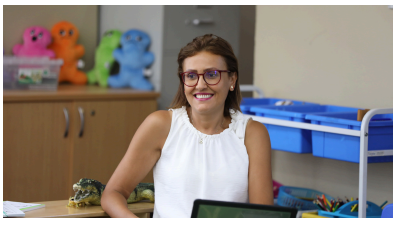
Our awesome PTO treated us to a fun and refreshing Ice Cream Social on August 30! It was a wonderful event for the whole community, bringing together students, families, and staff for a sweet time of connection and celebration





🏫 HIGHLIGHTS FROM OUR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE! 💫

Our ES Open House on September 5 was a wonderful opportunity to meet the parents who entrust us with their children's education and share our vision for a brighter future.





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🏫 HIGHLIGHTS FROM OUR SECONDARY SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE! 💫

Our Secondary School Open House on September 12 was a fantastic opportunity to connect with parents and engage in meaningful conversations about our students' academic journeys. We were excited to share our plans for the year ahead and discuss how we can collaborate to support each student's success.







PTO HAPPY HOUR

The PTO Happy Hour on September 19 was a success, providing parents and teachers with the opportunity to connect and unwind outside of the school environment. It was a great chance for the community to socialize and build stronger relationships in a relaxed setting.







🏅💪 SS SPORTS DAY

On September 21, we had an incredible SS Sports Day! A huge shoutout to the Youth Club for organizing so many fun and exciting games throughout the day. A special thanks to the US Marines for joining us and adding even more energy to the event. It was a fantastic day of teamwork, friendly competition, and community spirit that truly brought everyone together.







PTO TOUR DOWNTOWN

The PTO organized a food and architectural stroll through downtown Tunis on September 30. The tour featured stops at iconic buildings and delicious food spots offering a taste of the city's rich culinary and cultural heritage.





TUNISIAN STUDY TRIPS

Between September 30 and October 4, our students had the incredible opportunity to embark on Tunisian Study Trips. These trips allowed them to explore Tunisia's rich history and vibrant culture.





ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM)

On October 11, we held our Annual General Meeting (AGM), bringing together our school community for an important update on the year's progress. It was a great opportunity to reflect on our achievements, discuss future plans, and engage with parents and staff about how we can continue to work together to support our students.




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🌍🎉 INTERNATIONAL DAY

On October 26, we celebrated International Day. The event featured a colorful parade, showcasing the diversity of our school community. Students and families also enjoyed delicious food from around the world, along with fun games and activities that brought everyone together. It was a wonderful celebration of cultures, fostering a deeper appreciation for global traditions and creating lasting memories for all.







SENIOR NIGHT

On October 25, we celebrated Senior Night, honoring our amazing seniors for their dedication and unforgettable moments both on and off the field. It was a heartfelt evening filled with pride as we recognized their hard work, commitment, and the lasting impact they've had on our school community. A night to remember, filled with gratitude and celebration!







⚽ VARSITY SOCCER TOURNAMENT @ CAIRO, EGYPT

Our varsity soccer teams had an amazing experience in Cairo between October 31 and November 3, Egypt for a two-day tournament at Cairo American College! Both teams played with heart and determination, and the results speak for themselves. The girls earned 2nd place and the boys secured 3rd place. Coaches are proud of the incredible effort and teamwork from all our players!



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🎃👻 ES HALLOWEEN

On November 1, our Elementary School students dazzled us with their creative costumes during the Halloween Parade! Everyone enjoyed delicious treats and were treated to a surprise flashmob performance by our teachers.







🍿🎬 PTO MOVIE NIGHT

On November 8, our PTO organized a fantastic Movie Night featuring the heartwarming film COCO! Families gathered for a fun evening of popcorn, laughter, and a beautiful story that celebrated culture, family, and memories. A big thank you to the PTO for bringing our community together for such a memorable night!







PTO BARDO SALAMBO EXHIBITION TOUR

The PTO organized a trip to the Salambo Exhibition at the Bardo Museum on November 19, offering parents a unique opportunity to explore Tunisia's rich history and culture.







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MODEL UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE (MUN) @ CAIRO, EGYPT

Twenty-two students traveled to Cairo, Egypt, between November 20 and November 24 for the Cairo American College Model United Nations Conference. Over the course of three days, they engaged in an educational simulation of the United Nations, where they role-played as delegates from different countries to debate and address pressing global issues. Two ACST students were recognized as Outstanding Delegates in their committees: Maite B. (China, Economic & Social Council) and Mateo A. (Russia, Social, Cultural, and Humanitarian Committee). In their downtime, students explored Egypt's history and culture and ended their trip with a tour of the new Grand Egyptian Museum.





PTO FAMILY HIKE

The PTO organized a hike in Bizerte on November 23, giving parents and teachers the chance to enjoy the natural beauty of the region while bonding outside of the school setting. It was a refreshing and enjoyable way to connect with one another in a scenic environment.





PTO GIVING TREE

On December 2, the PTO decorated ACST with Christmas trees around campus to support the Monji Slim Children's Hospital. The trees had tags listing various items needed, and everyone was encouraged to take a tag, purchase the item, or make a cash donation. The collection drive took place on December 11.





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PRESCHOOL OPEN HOUSE





K-2 TALENT SHOW






GRADE 3-5 TALENT SHOW





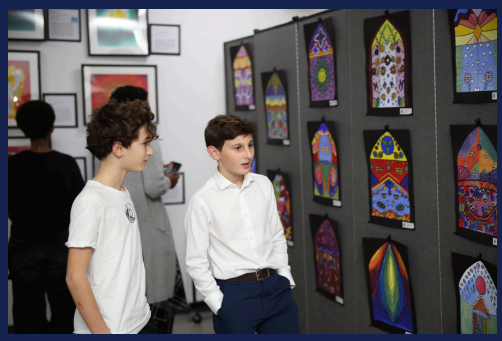

SWIM TEAM @ RABAT, MOROCCO

As part of our commitment to the North African Activities Alliance, we took 13 students to Rabat American School for the Lion's Den Swim Invitational. It provided a valuable opportunity for our younger swimmers to build confidence and improve their skills. All of our swimmers achieved new personal bests, with several reducing their times by more than 5 seconds. In addition to the competition, Rabat American School organized social and cultural activities. This event strongly supported our strategic goal of cultivating a diverse and culturally aware student community through global and local connections.






SS ART SHOW





SS CONCERT






SS TALENT SHOW



