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WELCOME BACK FROM WINTER BREAK!

Message - From Dr. Zak Palsha, Superintendent

Dear ACST Community,

Happy New Year and welcome back from the Winter Break! Please take time to read the newsletter which highlights some upcoming events, important information and a snapshot of some of the activities that we have engaged with since the October Fall Break.

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 hope you had a great break and are looking forward to welcoming you back on campus at one of our upcoming events.

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



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.






























UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER

JANUARY 5	■ 📅 Back to School
JANUARY 13	■ 📅 Board meeting
JANUARY 21	■ 📅 Faculty In-Service 12:30 pm Student Dismissal
JANUARY 22	■ ☕ Board Coffee
JANUARY 23	■ 🏁 End of Semester 1
JANUARY 26	■ ☕ Parent Coffee: Health Curriculum Review
FEBRUARY 3	■ 📅 Board meeting
FEBRUARY 9	■ 🏆 Winter Team Awards Night
FEBRUARY 11	■ 📷 School Pictures Retakes



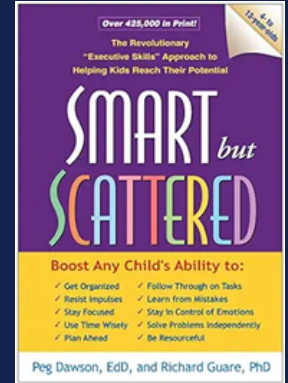
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FEBRUARY 12	  Session 2 ASAs End
FEBRUARY 13	  Winter Athletics End
FEBRUARY 16	 School Holiday  No school
FEBRUARY 17	 Parent Coffee: Health Curriculum Review
FEBRUARY 18	  *Ramadan Begins
FEBRUARY 23	  Session Three ASAs Begin   Spring Athletics Begin
FEBRUARY 25	  IBDP Mock Exams
FEBRUARY 26	  IBDP Mock Exams
FEBRUARY 27	  IBDP Mock Exams
FEBRUARY 28	  PTO Iftar Dinner
MARCH 2	  IBDP Mock Exams
MARCH 3	  IBDP Mock Exams   Board Meeting

Empowering Young Minds: Boosting Executive Skills for Success

A Workshop Series for SS Parents

January 26, 2026 - 8:00 AM - 10:00 AM



Do you want to help your child get organized, resist impulses, stay focused, use time effectively, plan ahead, and follow through on tasks? Join us for a practical, interactive workshop series based on the acclaimed executive skills approach from Smart but Scattered by Peg Dawson & Richard Guare.

Facilitator: Zeina Abourousse, Educational Psychologist

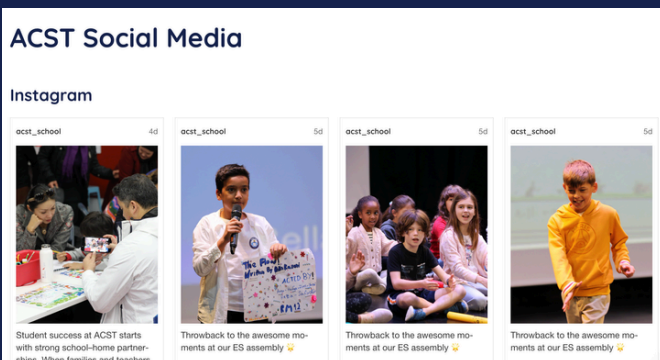
Please use [this link](#) to reserve your spot



ARE YOU IN [OUR WHATSAPP CHANNEL](#) YET?

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

DON'T HAVE A SOCIAL MEDIA ACCOUNT?



You can still see all the fun and exciting moments happening at school by visiting the [Feed page](#) on our website.

A RECAP OF OUR SCHOOL SINCE FALL BREAK

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

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM)

On October 24, 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.



INTERNATIONAL DAY

On October 25, 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.



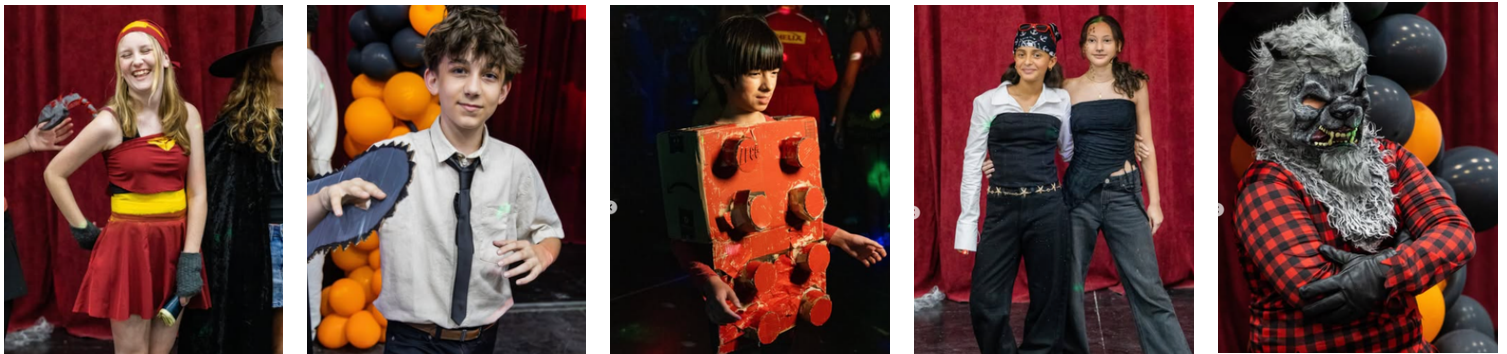
 ES HALLOWEEN

On October 31, 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.



 SS HALLOWEEN

On November 1, the Youth Club organized a fun Halloween celebration for our Secondary School students. Everyone showed off their creative costumes, explored a spooky haunted house, and enjoyed exciting Halloween activities.



 SENIOR NIGHT

On November 7, we celebrated Senior Night, honoring our amazing seniors for their dedication and unforgettable moments both on and off the field.



HIGH SCHOOL SOCCER @ MARRAKESH, MOROCCO

The Varsity Soccer team traveled to Marrakesh, Morocco, for the MASAC soccer tournament. Our teams competed against seven other Moroccan-American schools in a two-day tournament. Special recognition to Emma, Marta, and Keziah for being selected to the all-tournament teams.



AMIS EUROPEAN JUNIOR (ES) HONOR CHOIR @ ZAGREB, CROATIA

Between November 19 and 22, our Elementary students experienced an exciting milestone with our very first international trip. Seven of our fourth and fifth grade students traveled to Croatia to take part in the AMIS Junior Choir Festival. Ms. Hannah Music prepared the students beautifully, and they joined singers from nine other international schools across Europe, Asia, and Africa. It was an inspiring experience for our young musicians and a proud moment for our elementary program.



MIDDLE SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL @ TANGIER, MOROCCO

The Middle School boys and girls volleyball teams traveled to Tangier, Morocco, for the MASAC Middle School volleyball tournament. This was our first time attending the event. Our teams competed against six other Moroccan-American schools, and our girls finished second in the DII category, while our boys finished fourth in the D1 category.



FALL TEAM AWARDS NIGHT

On November 25, we held our Fall Team Awards Night to recognize and celebrate our team's accomplishments.



MODEL UNITED NATIONS @ BARCELONA, SPAIN

Eleven students from ACST represented the organization at the Barcelona Model United Nations Conference. With more than 400 students from 15 different international schools in attendance, our students spent three days debating and seeking resolutions to some of the world's most pressing problems. Congratulations to Sherine and Meriem for being recognized as honorable mention delegates, and to Mateo for receiving the best delegate.



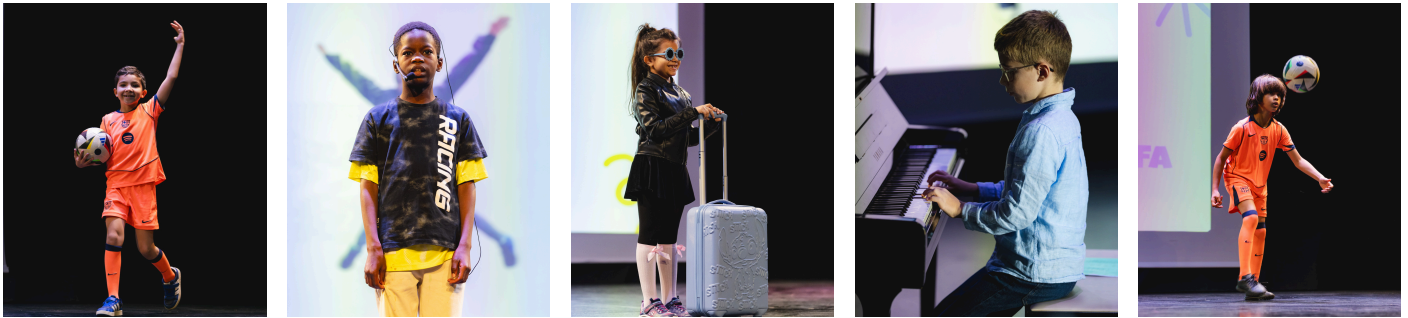
PRESCHOOL OPEN HOUSE



On December 2, we welcomed families to our preschool open house and were delighted to see our students share songs and showcase their growing talents.

ES TALENT SHOW

We proudly hosted the ES Talent Show, where students showcased their incredible talents through singing, dancing, comedy, and creative performances, celebrating confidence, creativity, and school spirit.



NAAA SWIM MEET @ACST



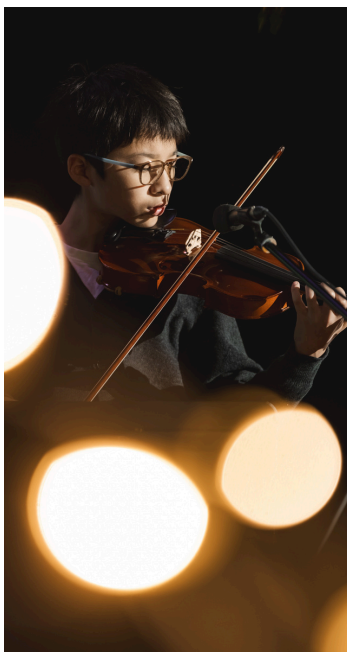
We hosted Rabat American School from Morocco, Lycée Gustave Flaubert, and Avenir Sportif de La Marsa for the NAAA swim meet on Friday, December 5, and Saturday, December 6.

SS ARTSHOW & WINTER CONCERT



On December 9, we celebrated student creativity by hosting the SS Art Show and Winter Music Concert, showcasing a wonderful display of visual artwork and musical performances by our talented students.

SS ACST'S GOT TALENT



The SS ACST's Got Talent event highlighted the remarkable skills and creativity of our Secondary students, featuring an exciting lineup of performances that entertained and inspired the school community.