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WELCOME BACK FROM SPRING BREAK!

Message - From Dr. Zak Palsha, School Superintendent

Dear ACST Community,

Welcome back from Spring Break! As we return to school, we are excited for the many activities and events ahead.

In this issue of the newsletter, you will find important information about: Board Elections, 2026–2027 new faculty biographies, financial aid updates, our Strategic Plan progress report, upcoming dates to remember, and highlights of all the great things ACST has accomplished since our last newsletter, which was sent out just after Winter Break.

Additionally, we want families to know that we continue to monitor the geopolitical situation across the globe and its potential impacts on our community. This is done in partnership with the Embassy, as the safety of our students and community remains my highest priority.

We hope you enjoy the newsletter and look forward to continuing our partnership as we move into the final stretch of the school year.

Wishing you all a wonderful start to your week.

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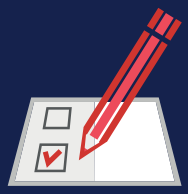
YOUR CHANCE TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE: ACST BOARD ELECTIONS

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

Elections are scheduled to commence on **April 17, 2026**, 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:

TUESDAY, APRIL 7	Board Meeting
FRIDAY, APRIL 17	Association General Meeting
TUESDAY, MAY 05	Board Meeting
TUESDAY, JUNE 02	Board Meeting

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STRATEGIC PLAN PROGRESS REPORT FEBRUARY 2026

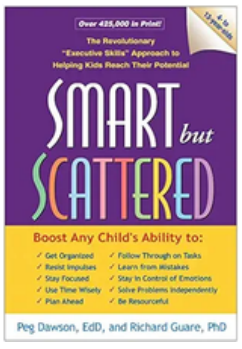
We're excited to share our latest Strategic Plan Progress Report, highlighting the meaningful strides ACST has made across our four strategic priorities.

See how we are bringing our vision and mission to life, and creating impactful opportunities for every student.



Click here to read the report

Empowering Young Minds: Boosting Executive Skills for Success



A Workshop Series for SS Parents

March 25, 2026 8:00–10:00 AM

We'll start with a quick review of key learnings from Part 1, then dive deeper into practical home strategies to support executive skills challenges, including organization, impulse control, attention, time management, planning, task completion, and emotional regulation. Participants will have more time for hands-on activities, collaboration, and idea sharing, and will develop personalized action plans based on presented case studies.

Facilitator: Zeina Abourousse, Educational Psychologist

Please use this link to reserve your spot

All parents are welcome—attendance at the first session is not required!

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Join us for a

Creative Arts Morning

The JUNGLE That Sang

Thursday, April 30 08:15 am ACST Theater

A narrated story

written especially for this event

Musical performances

by our young stars

A special showcase

of student artwork



American Cooperative School of Tunis

SINCE 1959

Join us for a

Creative Arts Night



MUSIC AROUND THE WORLD

📅 Thursday, May 07:00 🕘 06:00 pm 📍 ACST Theater

Featuring:

🎶 Xylophone performances

🎤 Choral works

🖼️ Student artwork on display

Color • Creativity • Culture • Music

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UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER

MARCH 25	Parent Workshop: Executive Functioning SS
MARCH 26	IBDP Visual Arts Exhibition
APRIL 2	Student Led Conferences | No School
APRIL 9	Martyr's Day | No School
APRIL 10	School Holiday | No School
APRIL 15	Faculty In-Service | 12:30 pm Student Dismissal
APRIL 24	MS/HS Drama Performance
APRIL 27	IB Exams Begin
APRIL 30	K-2 Daytime Concert
MAY 1	Labor Day | No School
MAY 6	PTO Staff Appreciation Lunch
MAY 7	3-5 Evening Concert
MAY 8	Spring Sports End
MAY 13	Faculty In-Service | 12:30 pm Student Dismissal
MAY 18	Spring & EOY Team Awards Night
MAY 20	IB Exams End SS Spring Concert and Artshow
MAY 21	Session 3 ASAs end Grade 11 EOY Exams
MAY 22	Grade 11 EOY Exams
MAY 23	Prom

MAY 25	Grade 11 EOY Exams
MAY 26	Grade 11 EOY Exams
MAY 27	Eid Al Adhha* | Possible No School
MAY 28	Eid Al Adhha*
MAY 29	Eid Al Adhha*
JUNE 2	Senior Walkthrough
JUNE 3	Graduation
JUNE 5	ES Field Day
JUNE 9	MS Field Day
JUNE 10	HS Field Day
JUNE 12	S2 Report Cards go home | Last day of School/Dismissal 12:30

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 **between April 14 and April 25**.

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

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STEPPING THROUGH THE BLUE DOOR

Check the 2026-2027 New Faculty Biographies Here



Anuja Ahuja
Science & Chemistry
Indian



Christina Anders
Grade 2 Teacher
American



Jason Anders
SS Learning Support
American



Sandra Galvan
Grade 4 Teacher
Colombian



Charles Gumba
IBDP Physics
and Mathematics
Kenyan



Laura Loran
HS English Language Arts
& MS & HS Drama
American



David Nystrom
SS Social Studies
American



Tim Schlosser
SS Assistant Principal
American



Alyssa Wakely
ES Assistant Principal
American



Rosana Zarza-Canova
SS English as an
Additional Language
American

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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.

VARSITY BASKETBALL SENIOR NIGHT

On January 30, 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!









AMIS AFRICAN MS/HS HONOR BAND - RABAT, MOROCCO

Our students had the incredible opportunity to participate in the AMIS African MS/HS Honor Band in Rabat, Morocco, from February 4 to 7. They joined talented young musicians from across Africa, learned from expert instructors, and performed in inspiring concerts that celebrated both musical skill and cultural exchange.









HIGH SCHOOL VALENTINE BONFIRE

On February 6, the High School Youth Club hosted its annual bonfire on Falcon Field. 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.









FUN RUN

On February 7, our school organized a Fun Run, bringing the community together. Participants of all ages ran, walked, and cheered each other on while celebrating a healthy and active lifestyle.















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100 DAYS OF LEARNING

On February 9, our kindergarten students celebrated 100 Days of Learning, marking a fun milestone in their school year.









GRADE 4 TRADE SIMULATION FAIR

On February 11, our 4th graders participated in a Trade Simulation in E101, where students took on roles as importers, exporters, and accountants representing different countries. Adult “UN Representatives” were invited to support the simulation by guiding student groups, helping manage resources, and prompting critical thinking with questions about trade priorities, product needs, and problem-solving during challenges like natural disasters or port closures.



SS SWIM END OF SEASON COMPETITION - ATHENS, GREECE

Our students participated in the SS Swim End of Season Competition in Athens, Greece, from February 11 to 15. They competed with determination and skill, representing our school while celebrating their achievements and gaining valuable experience in an international swimming event.







VARSITY BASKETBALL - PARIS, FRANCE

Our Varsity Basketball team competed in Paris, France, from February 12 to 15, showcasing teamwork, skill, and enthusiasm. The players represented our school with determination, creating memorable moments both on and off the court.









GRADE 2 UPCYCLING MARKETPLACE

On February 13, our 2nd graders hosted an Upcycling Marketplace as part of their Social Studies unit, “Caring Communities.” Students learned about making responsible, sustainable choices and created products using recycled and upcycled materials.









100 DAYS BEFORE GRADUATION

Our seniors celebrated 100 days until the graduation ceremony on February 20. 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.



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MS BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT - BUCHAREST, ROMANIA

Our MS Basketball team competed in the Middle School Basketball Tournament in Bucharest, Romania, from February 25 to March 1, 2026. The team showcased their skills, teamwork, and determination while representing our school in this exciting international event.





PTO IFTAR DINNER

On February 28, the PTO organized a special Iftar, bringing together students, families, and staff to celebrate the spirit of Ramadan. The event was a wonderful opportunity to share food, stories, and community connections.






ACST MUN CONFERENCE II

The ACST MUN II Conference was a great success, bringing together passionate students for insightful debates, teamwork, and unforgettable experiences!

CHECK THE MUN WEBPAGES



