

## "Dragon Tales"



*"QSI Shekou maintains a rigorous academic program, in a warm and nurturing environment - the preferred school for expatriates in Shenzhen" – QSI parents*

*Please note: Each of our campuses (ECC, Lower Elementary, Main and Fenghua) also publish weekly newsletters with additional information relevant to their operations and schedules.*



### Upcoming Events

- **2 March** – Coffee with Mr. Page (see below – note correction of date and start time)
- **3, 4, 5 March** – SDRC Volleyball Championships – hosted by QSI Shekou
- **7 – 8 March** – Class Photos (see below)
- **7 March** – MS Boys and Girls Basketball practice begins – sign up now!
- **12 March** – MS/Sec PRC Cross Country – Co-hosted by SIS and QSI Shekou
- **19 March** – Sec PRC Badminton – @ Clifford Intl. School
- **23 – 24 March** – Student, Parent, Teacher Conferences (Students are asked to accompany their parents and be involved in the conferences.)
- **25 March** – NO SCHOOL
- **24 – 26 March** – ACAMIS Badminton Tournament
- **29 March** – MS and Sec Swim Meet – SIS vs. QSI

#### Director's Message: AP and IB Programs at QSI Shekou – What is best for my child?

Dear Parents,

QSI Shekou has an opportunity for your secondary child that no other school in Shekou has. Our secondary instructional program offers two advanced study programs, Advanced Placement (AP) and International Baccalaureate (IB). Both of these programs provides students an opportunity to study in areas they excel in and to possibly earn college course credit even before entering a university program.

All secondary students at QSI Shekou may earn one of four (4) QSI diplomas. The first is the **QSI Practical Diploma** which requires 220 credits. The **QSI Academic Diploma**, the most popular of all four requires 240 credits. Both of these diplomas are accepted at most universities around the world. There are two higher level diplomas that students can earn if they successfully complete specially identified college level courses. The **QSI Academic Diploma with Honors** carries with it the same number of required course credits (240) as the QSI Academic Diploma, but indicates that the student has successfully completed at least two AP college level courses sometime during his/her secondary experience. College level credit is awarded to students who choose to pay for and sit for the AP course exam in May and score a high enough score to earn the college credit. (All AP exams have a cost attached to them and the parent is responsible to cover the cost.) An **IB Diploma** is a diploma that also can include college level credit. If a student successfully completes all IB requirements and passes the exit exams at a high level, he/she may earn college credit for certain courses, called High Level IB courses. (Like the AP exams, there is a cost attached to each exam and the parent is responsible to cover the cost.)

The QSI Practical Diploma and the QSI Academic Diploma each contain a rigorous curriculum, demand full time attendance in the QSI program. All QSI students must minimally earn one of these diplomas to officially graduate from QSI. The QSI Academic Diploma with Honors and the IB Diploma are not required for graduation and are diplomas available for attainment if the student and parent choose to participate. This is the reason why additional fees are assessed parents when a student chooses to enter AP course work or the IB Diploma program.

If you have any questions or concerns about any of the diploma programs offered by QSI, please don't hesitate to talk with Mr. Mark Hemphill, Secondary Director of Instruction or Mr. David Lewis, Secondary Counselor or myself.

Respectfully, Mr. Russell Page – Director

## *More About Flu Season...*

Dear Parents,

Thank you for your cooperation as we take the necessary steps to prevent the spread of illness in our schools.

The office staff / nurses will request a doctor's note from you, if your child has been ill with:

- An elevated temperature (over 37.5C) **WITH**
- A cough and / or sore throat **WITH**
- Extreme fatigue and body aches

We ask that you remind your child to stop by the office with the doctor's note before returning to their classroom.

Please encourage all members of your family to:

- Wash hands frequently and thoroughly
- Use tissues to cover nose / mouth if sneeze or cough
- Stay home if not feeling well

Does my child have the Flu or the Common Cold? Refer to chart below:

QUESTION?	FLU	COMMON COLD
ONSET OF ILLNESS	SUDDEN	SLOW
DO YOU HAVE A	HIGH FEVER (37.5+)	NO/MILD FEVER
EXHAUSION LEVEL?	SEVERE	MILD
IS YOUR HEAD?	ACHY	HEADACHE-FREE
IS YOUR APPETITE	DECREASED	NORMAL
ARE YOUR MUSCLES	ACHY	FINE
DO YOU HAVE	CHILLS	NO CHILLS

If your answers fall under the first category, chances are you are dealing with the flu. If they fall under the second category you probably have a cold. Either one-take care of yourself! Lots of rest, fluids, medicate as needed and see your doctor if symptoms progress.

Thank you – QSI Shekou Administration

## **SDRC Volleyball Championships**

March 3,4 & 5, 2011 – Hosted here at QSI Shekou

Opening ceremonies will be held for on athletes on Thursday morning, March 3, at the Main Campus  
Competition to follow over the next 3 days at the Fenghua Sports Center (Secondary Campus)

### **Coffee with Mr. Page**

**WEDNESDAY, 2 March 2011 (CORRECTION FROM LAST WEEK'S NOTICE!)  
9:00 am, 5th flr PSG Room (Note time change!)**

**Topic: QSI Summer School Program**

### **PSG Meeting**

...to follow immediately after Coffee with Mr. Page  
Please plan to attend both meetings!

**PSG President: Peggy Morrison** [peggymorrison123@gmail.com](mailto:peggymorrison123@gmail.com)

### **Class Photos**

**Monday, March 7 – 9 a.m. – 12 noon – Ages 5 – 13**

**Tuesday, March 8 – 10 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. – Ages 2 - 4**

**Tuesday, March 8 – 12 noon – 3 p.m. – Ages 14 - 18**

### **Third Term Tuition Fees due to Accounting Office**

It is time to start thinking about paying third term fees if you haven't done so already.

The due date is 4 March 2011!

Please make sure to contact the Accounting Office (2667-6031) or [maggie-lagura@shk.qsi.org](mailto:maggie-lagura@shk.qsi.org)  
if you have any questions or concerns regarding your invoice.

We appreciate your attention to this important matter.

### **First Annual QSI Science Fair coming this spring!**

Middle School and Secondary students are currently being instructed on the requirements.

Projects will be judged and displayed in April.

**STAY TUNED FOR DETAILS** from your child's science teachers.

#### **PARENTS!!!**

Please note that this newsletter is published weekly on our website (<http://shekou.qsischool.org/index.htm>) by clicking on "Friday Letter" when you see the home page, or you can view it each Friday afternoon when it is emailed to you. (DO YOU HAVE YOUR CURRENT EMAIL ADDRESS REGISTERED WITH US? CALL STELLA LEE AT 26029896 IF YOU NEED TO UPDATE IT OR ANY NEW FAMILY INFORMATION.)  
Going Green!!

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