

“Dragon Tales”



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

Upcomig Events

- 10 November – Coffee with Mr. Page – 8:30 a.m. – Main 5th flr MPR (Note time change, please!)
- 10 November – PSG Meeting – immediately following Coffee with Mr. Page
- 15 and 16 November – Professional Development for Teachers – **NO SCHOOL!**
- 22 – 24 November – Age Level Information Nights – ECC/Monday, 22 Nov.; LE/Tuesday, 23 Nov.; Main Campus/Wednesday, 24 Nov. (Specific time TBA)
Secondary College Night was a great success last week!
- 23 – 26 November – Book Fair – Lower Elementary and Main Campus – during the day (see advertisement below)

Director’s Message: International Baccalaureate and Advanced Placement at QSI Shekou

Dear Parents,

QSI Shekou offers two advanced study programs for our older secondary students. These programs, **International Baccalaureate (IB)** and **Advanced Placement (AP)** are both highly recognized programs of study and authorized by international accrediting organizations.

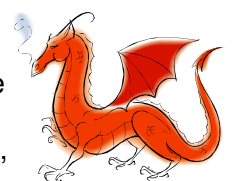
The IB Diploma program, designed for students 16 years old and above, began in the late nineteenth century and is the oldest, most widely recognized instructional program for secondary students on the globe. It is now offered in schools on every continent where colleges and universities are located. Students who complete the two-year program have an opportunity to earn college credit while still in high school depending on the level of achievement attained.
(For more go to www.ibo.com)



Our AP program is also recognized around the globe, but is most beneficial to students who wish to continue their education in North America. However, it is gaining popularity in Europe and Asia with many Universities world-wide accepting college level course credit from student completing AP courses and scoring at a high level on AP exams. (For more go to collegeboard.com)

Currently, QSI Shekou offers a wide variety of AP course offerings including courses in mathematics, science, literature and world languages with plans to add more in the future. Our IB Diploma program, now in its second year, is becoming more popular and we plan to expand course offerings in hopes of attracting more students.

While the AP and IB Diploma programs are gaining popularity, don’t forget that QSI offers a total four diplomas that are recognized around the world by most universities. The most popular diploma is the **QSI Academic Diploma** which represents the level of achievement we want all of our students to attain. This diploma requires students to earn a minimum of 240 credits with rigorous required course work offered in the core subjects of mathematics, writing, literature, science, and cultural studies and elective courses tailored to individualized talents



and interests of the student. The **QSI Academic Diploma with Honors** is awarded to students who complete the same course work as the QSI Academic Diploma and, in addition, successfully completes a minimum of two AP courses. The **IB Diploma** is awarded to students who complete the course work in the IB program and attains both standard and high level achievement in core subjects. Finally the **QSI Practical Diploma** is a diploma reserved for student who complete a minimum of 220 credits and have, for whatever reason, been unable to complete the full battery of course work for the Academic Diploma or the IB Diploma. Students transitioning from the Intensive English program in their Secondary 1 or 2 year may be eligible for this diploma. However, in nearly all cases, students are expected to attain the Academic, Academic with Honors or IB Diploma during their educational experience at QSI Shekou.

Respectfully, Mr. Page – Director

ATTENTION ALL PATRONS!

QSI Shekou has changed the school calendar!

Occasionally the Chinese Government establishes its government holidays late in the year which poses problems for our school calendar.

With this in mind we are changing some of our school holidays to more closely align with the Chinese government holiday.

We are not able to match perfectly with the government's holiday schedule, but it is better than before. This effects only the holidays from January through June of 2011.

PLEASE NOTE AND RECORD THE FOLLOWING!

■ *Second Term* ■

- * First Day: 4 January (Tuesday)
- * Last Day: 25 March (Friday)
- * Holidays: 31 January – 4 February (Monday – Friday) Chinese New Year
26 February (Saturday) Professional Development

Quintile 3: 8 December - 24 February

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◆ **Number of school days: 54**

■ *Third Term* ■

- * First Day 28 March (Monday)
- * Last Day: 10 June (Friday)
- * Holidays: 4 April – 5 April (Monday – Tuesday) Ching Ming Festival
2 May – 3 May (Monday - Tuesday) May Day Holiday

Quintile 5: 20 April – 10 June

◆ **Number of School Days: 51**

◆ **Total Number of School Days – 180**

Note: We will do our best to communicate further changes, if necessary as quickly as possible. We apologize for any inconveniences this may create.

Coffee with Mr. Page

WEDNESDAY, 10 November 2010

8:30 – 9:30 am, 5th floor MPR (like before)

Topic: *The Intensive English Student at QSI*

Attend to learn how we manage this major sub-group among our student body.

PSG Meeting

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

Lower Elementary Needs a Special Volunteer

PSG is looking for Parent Liaisons for the Age 5 through Age 13 Classrooms. The primary responsibility of the Parent Liaison is to facilitate communication between the teacher and parents. Please email Peggy Morrison at peggymorrison123@gmail.com if you are interested. Also, plan to attend our meeting at 9:30 a.m., Wed., Nov.10, 2010 in the Multi-purpose room right after Coffee with Mr. Page.

THE OFFICE NEEDS YOUR HELP!!!!

QSI Shekou is working hard to update family information in our school database. To do this properly we need the most current family information possible from every QSI Shekou family. Please make sure to contact the school whenever you have a new cell-phone number, home phone number, work phone number or email address. In addition, the office staff is asking that you **provide the office with copies of current family member passports and visa information.** Thanks for your cooperation! QSI Office Staff

Have you changed your cell phone number?

If so, please, please, please let us know right away. Soon, very soon, we will be using a new cell phone emergency contact program that will alert all QSI staff and families about school closures or other emergency information.

Don't wait, call Stella Lee at 2667-6031 or email her at stella-lee@shk.qsi.org

THANK YOU, SO MUCH!!!

(More coming about this new communication method soon.)

BOOK FAIR IS COMING!

Main Campus *and*

Lower Elementary Campus!

Tuesday-Friday, November 23 to 26, 8:30 to 4:30

The selections will be tailored to the ages of the students on each campus, so feel free to visit both places!
Vendors are selling books at a discount.



Our Middle School Students of the Quintile!



Congratulations to the 6 students who were selected as Student of the Quintile! **Yukki Lam, Lara Linder, Cindy Tsou, Ana Mitkiewicz, Audrey Paugh and Jackie O'Connell** were all presented with this highest of QSI awards for excellence in academics, Success Orientations and extra-curricular activities. Students are nominated by one or more teachers and approved by all.



Congratulations Yukki, Lara, Audrey, Jacki, Ana and Cindy!

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 13724359384 IF YOU NEED TO UPDATE IT OR ANY NEW FAMILY INFORMATION.)
Going Green!!

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