

# Eye of the Dragon



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## No Video Games at School

As of Monday, December 5, students will not be allowed to play video games at school. It goes without saying that video games are a permanent part of our modern lives, and that students love playing them. However, educators find that kids who are focused on playing games on their PSPs, phones, computers or tablet devices while at school are missing out on the vital social interactions that their peers have to offer. Because of this, we ask that students reserve their video gaming time to after school. Students who play games during school will have their devices taken away the first time it happens. They may then collect these from Mr. Jackson at the end of the day. However, students who repeatedly play games will have their device confiscated and returned only when a parent comes to school to collect it.



## Winter Concert

**Tuesday, December 6 from 5:00-6:30 p.m.**

This Year's winter concert will be a festival style event with three stages and lots of great performances. Parents and students will be able to pick and choose which performances they wish to see. We want you to see your children and friends close up.

The concert will take place at the Main Campus on Tuesday, December 6. Performances will begin at 5:00 and are scheduled to last until 6:30.

Student attendance at the performance is mandatory and is part of the music grade. Students will not be allowed to leave the campus unless parents communicate directly with Mr. Jackson saying that the student will not participate in the event. Otherwise, they should plan on staying at school.

Please see the email sent out earlier in the week for a schedule or contact the front office with questions.

## Ask the Director

*Question: What do we do if my child is missing school due to an extended vacation?*

Answer: One of the hard facts about studying in an international school is that travel schedules will sometimes require parents to pull their children out of school for a few days. This is never encouraged since it does put students behind their peers in the class and often leads to small gaps in learning. If however it is unavoidable, we ask that you inform your child's teachers right away so that they might

prepare some extra work that will align with our classroom learnings. Remember that teachers can be reached through our moodle site or by email if there are questions about the work.



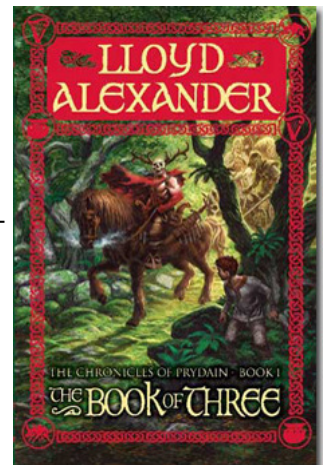
## Life Science

Mrs. Lamwers's Life Science class began their first round of dissection this week as they studied invertebrates. These future doctors and scientists prepared for days before the dissection by studying photos and sketching out what their projects should look like.



## Book of the Week

This week's book is Lloyd Alexander's *The Book of Three*. It follows the story of Taran, a boy in the care of an enchanter. As the story progresses, he fights several battles, faces capture and wields a powerful sword. But will his wits be enough to stop the evil plaguing the land?



## Calendar

### December

6—Winter Concert 5:00-6:30  
17—Winter Holiday begins

### January

9—Second Term begins  
23-27—Chinese New Year (no school)