



Dragons Domination II

By: Jasper

The Basketball ACAMIS tournament of 2012, the first of many to follow in these next few months of school, was held in Western Academy Beijing (WAB) this past weekend from February 10-12. Having begun their intensive training back in 2011 for this ultimate showdown, our Dragons (QSI) were pitted against other ferocious beasts of sport -Tigers (WAB), Wolves (UISGZ), Lions (DCB), Panthers (DCS), and eventually, even other Dragons (SCIS)! Before catching the plane ride to Beijing, boy's captain, Stefan Riemens, had made it a part of his New Year's Resolution to win every single ACAMIS tour-



Amanda Fraistat dribbles the ball with fury on a fast break.

namment until his graduation. "Coming into this year, one of my goals was to win every ACAMIS that I will participate in, and I expected us as a team to make it happen." The girl's captain, Felicity Sedmak, realized the



Ron Israeli cuts down the net upon winning the championship game against our ACAMIS rivals, DCB.

pool of high-caliber competitors and told a teammate "I would be extremely happy if we are able to place third." The boy's and the girl's teams kicked off

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ANNOUNCEMENTS:

February

- 17~Valentine Dance
- 22~NHS Induction Ceremony
- 24~HS Boys Soccer SCIE @ QSI
- 24~Status Reports
- 27~HS Soccer CIS @ QSI

March

- 1~End of 3rd Quintile
- 1~HS Soccer @CDNIS
- 7~HS Soccer QSI @ UISGZ
- 8~HS Soccer @SIS
- 15~HS Soccer @CIS
- 17~Professional Development
- 21~2012-2013 Course Selections
- 21~Parent Course Selection Info 6:00 PM
- 21-23~Parent Teacher Student Conf.
- 22~HS Soccer SIS @ QSI
- 22-24~ACAMIS Badminton @ NIS
- 23~No School
- 26~Track and Field Practice Starts
- 30~HS & MS MUN in Xiamen
- 30~End of Term 2
- 30-4~Sea Turtles 911

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to a magnificent start, defeating the Tigers at home 33-29 and 22-18, respectively. Having been the underdog of basketball in previous years, this was the kick start that QSI needed. Both QSI teams were seeded second after the round robin, and the only teams that stood between the Dragons and the final matchup were WAB (for the boys) and DCS (for the girls). Surpassing the Tigers 44-28, and the Panthers 23-19, both teams advanced to face the DCB Lions. The teams were primed for back-to-back finals for the championship. Because both teams had been defeated by the Lions in the round robin, the pressure was running high for QSI. The high-tension matches that followed

Welcome New Teachers!

QSI Shekou is excited to announce that **Ms. Theresa Ehrlich** has joined the Science Department at the Secondary Campus. Mr. Clowers had to return to the United States, so she will take over his classes while he is gone. Many of you may already recognize Ms. Ehrlich, as she taught last year at the Main Campus, and this year has been one of our regular substitutes. We are extremely fortunate to have such talented resources within our community.



Earlier this year, Mr. Surface from the PE Department had to also return to the U.S., but QSI Veteran **Roy Mason** was available to pick up where he left off. Again when such unfortunate situations arise, the community is able to rally in support of the students, and continue to deliver quality instruction as seamlessly as possible.



Stefani Riems tips the rebound over an opponent.

had the crowds cheering wildly. QSI boys defeated their opponents 57-49, taking first. For the girls, they pooled in their efforts and though it was a hard-fought battle, they came up short 19-35, and brought home second, equaling their success last season. The QSI teams displayed fantastic sportsmanship all throughout ACAMIS, both on-court and off-court,

earning both QSI teams the Sportsmanship Award. Having never won a single basketball tournament in QSI history, this gold-silver tournament followed up the double championship in volleyball magnificently. Improve-

ments like these are the ones that change lives- girls' Coach Clowers said, "The team that I got at the start of the season improved every day. They did everything that I asked of them, and it worked! I was truly blessed to work with this group. As a first year coach, their attitude and demeanor made me want to coach again." And the year of the Dragon has only just begun!

Get Your Badminton On

By: Shogun

On January 30, the QSI badminton season began. This year's QSI badminton team consists of thirty-one students with



Candy sets up to serve.

coaches Mrs. Dewitt and Mrs. Wilson. Players practice every Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 4:30 to 5:30 pm and have scrimmages with SIS every

Thursday.

During practices, QSI players have matches against each other as well as do some serving and hitting. "I didn't realize there were so many good players this year," Mrs. DeWitt stated. There are no scheduled games yet except for an

ACAMIS tournament in Nanjing from March 23-25 and a PRC tournament at Clifford in Guang Zhou on April 14. The players are practicing really hard to prepare for their upcoming tournaments.

Positive Data

By. Spiro



Tatiana killed that headache.

Yesterday was a big day for QSI.

After months of hard work, experimentation, successes, and failures, student finally had the chance to present their projects to peers and judges at the 2nd Annual QSI Science Fair.

The event started at 2:40p.m. when participants went into separate areas corresponding to their grade level to set up their display boards. They then moved from poster to poster, judging each project on different aspects such as most aesthetic, most creative, etc... The peer review process prolonged until 4:00p.m.

For 40 students, the day was not over yet. The top ten projects from each grade level were asked to stay after school to present to judges, starting from Secondary I. The judging spanned until 8:00, with the winners announced at 8:15 p.m.

From Secondary I, Catherine Li won the title for best project with her study on the effect of washing solutions on UV protective material. The

Secondary II winners are Siya Kul-karni and Tina Guo with their study on the effect of temperature change and viscosity of honey. For Secondary III, Cherry Pu got 1st place for her project on concentration of orthophosphate in various water samples. Tatiana Reiter won the Secondary IV competition with her project, "Kill that Headache"; "I didn't expect to win, but it was a nice surprise." she says.

This year's fair was an enjoyable process for students like Sydney Hemphill, Sec IV, who received 2nd place for her research on correlation between gender and attention to detail; "It was a good experience, I especially had fun interacting with one particular judge, he was so interested! I also really wanted to know the answer to my hypothesis, so preparation of the experiment was fun."

Friends and Mentors

By. Air

The middle school tutoring program helps struggling middle school students with their classes and is going



Daniel helps his young protégé excel in math.

on for a while now. The program gets high school students involved with the middle school students and helps them perform better in class and create a basic preparation for high school life. Over 15 middle school students get help with their homework on every Monday and Thursday. "I started a tutoring project at the high school last year,"

Tatiana Reiter tells us, "Mrs. Varney contacted me asking if I could get students to tutor at the Middle School." She tells us that the program originally only consisted of math but

that they've expanded to other courses too. The middle school students get help mainly in math and English, but students can also come in for cultural studies, science and other classes they need help with. Middle school student Hana comes in for Writing class mainly but sometimes takes other homework too; "we can finish homework more quickly",

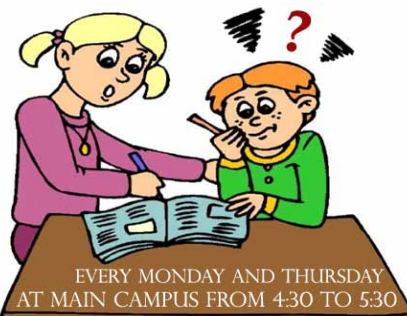
"it's really helpful!"

The project is still looking for high school tutors and tutors get community service hours for their help. Tatiana adds that it "[might not be] an exciting way to earn those hours," but do realize, that you are helping out with a good cause.

Talk to Tatiana if you are inter-

BECOME A TUTOR AT MIDDLE SCHOOL

GOOD FOR COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS



EVERY MONDAY AND THURSDAY AT MAIN CAMPUS FROM 4:30 TO 5:30
SIGN UP SHEET IS POSTED ON COMMUNITY SERVICE BOARD

Take a Stand Against Modern Day Slavery



By. Moxie

Humans are not products.

Human trafficking is the modern term for slavery. People, most often women and children, are bought and sold for child and forced labor, child soldiers, and sex trafficking. These are all horrific things to hear and think about, so it is quite a touchy issue. In recent years, human trafficking has gotten more and more attention. Many people have realized how important it is to let the rest of the world in on this issue and begin to bring it to a stop. Two of our students, Tatiana

Reiter and Mira Roberts, have begun a project at our school and in our community to raise money and awareness for human trafficking. "Human trafficking is an important issue because it is one of the worst things one person can do to another. When someone is sold they are deprived of all emotions and respect a human being deserves. They are treated like products," says Tatiana. Much of what we, as consumers, buy is supporting trafficking: a sickening fact. The production of clothing, shoes,

chocolate, bananas, electronics and many other things, is more often than not aided by forced labor. Why doesn't the government get involved? In most places, it turns a blind eye, trafficking is much "too big and scandalous to get out", so it is just ignored.

We need to work together to stop this from happening. There will be a walkathon in March to raise money and several other events throughout the year. The biggest part of this is to learn about it, listen to what people have to say about it, and repeat the information to others. We need to be able to say, "The shoes you are wearing were made by a child's hands." "The picture is not pretty, but we need to get the information out there, and that might make people uncomfortable," say Mira and Tatiana, "but if we can do that, it may help put an end to human trafficking."

If you have any questions or wish to make a donation, please email qsinotforsale@yahoo.com.



Singing Valentines

By: Christmas

On Valentine's Day 2012, groups of QSI Shekou secondary students got together to perform Singing

Valentines for fellow students. A total of five groups performed; the first was Tora, Charlie, Siya, Ashley, Meredith and Addie singing "I Love You" and "Once Upon a Dream." Says Addie, "They're really sweet love songs, and they have good harmonies." Group 2 - Ori, William and Flo, sang "Cinema" and read



Looks like QSI has its own Casanova...

love poems to those on the receiving end. The third group was made up of Daniel,

Ji Su, Kimberly, and Dae Yeong, who sang "L.O.V.E." accompanied by a drum and a guitar. The choir class also joined together to form a group, and decided to sing "It Had to be You" and "That's How You Know." Finally, Mr. King and Mr. Kenealy teamed up and performed "Cupid" for students and teachers alike.

Organizers Rachael and Ji Su were very excited about this year's Singing Valentines. "We are very proud of the groups" they agreed. The excitement of Valentine's Day spread throughout the school like a virus. People were giddy and anxious. With almost 100 sold, not a single person was disappointed with the outcome of the day's event, "It was a great idea. Props to student council," remarked Mr. Kenealy, who couldn't have been happier to be performing with Mr. King. Group members were excited to be singing for their fellow classmates, and Valentines were glad to be sung to. "It was cute," says Fiona Lewis. "Singing Valentines are a fun tradition that we hope someone will do next year too!"

fisch & Chips

Dear Fisch,

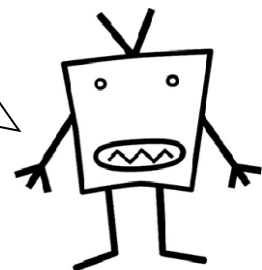
My teacher is really smart, but sometimes when I need help they are looking at their computer.

What should I do?



My teachers used to ignore me in class every time I raised my fin. Is my fin too short or what? Anyway, what are we talking about? Well, maybe calling your teacher once is not enough. You can keep calling your teacher's name and see if that works. Or maybe you can try the attraction plan. Bring them some chocolates and reward them for answering your questions. If all that doesn't work, it's time to call Mr. Hemphill! Do you have a better plan Chips?

Go to: Google.com/Wikipedia for more information. Internet = 2 ≤ x ≤ 5 seconds faster than the teachers in response. Or sending virus to teachers is required for the full attention. 60% of rate of success and detention are waiting for you. <End advice >.



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“If you could take any celebrity to the Valentine Dance, who would it be and why?”



“Will Smith, cause he’s awesome.”

– Rachel, Sec IV

“Lady Gaga. We would look awesome together... a Russian and a diva.”

– Sasha, Sec II



“George Bush?! Totally.”

– Kevin, Sec III

“You know the guy from The Proposal? Not Taylor Lautner! Liam Hemsworth? Nope. Josh Hutcherson!”

– Audrey, Sec I

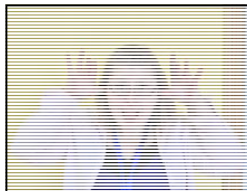


“Jackie Chan. Since we are both Asian, it’s a good fit!”

– Eric Chou, Sec II

“Angelababy. Her face is hot. Wait, don’t put that!”

– Alejandro, Sec II

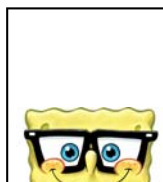


“Leonardo Di Caprio. He got more attractive with age.”

– Ms. Lyons

“Patrick. He’s the only star I know!”

– Spongebob, Pineapple



Texan Melody



Mrs. Hemphill soothing an audience with her hymn of harmony.

By: Fire Egg

From Houston, Texas the biggest state in the United States, Mrs. Hemphill became a member of the QSI Shekou High School this year. In college, she majored in Music Education. Before coming to Shekou, she had taught music and IE classes, as well as worked as a librarian at QSI Albania, QSI Armenia, and QSI Ukraine.

So, what reasons led her to come to china? The answer is simple, like every parent, Mrs. Hemphill wanted to provide the best environment and opportunities for her kids, thus coming to China. When she came to QSI, she was amazed by every student, “I think students are my favorite part of QSI, because every student is able to speak more than two languages.” She seemed very interested. Now she is one of the most important members of our school. During the school day, Mrs. Hemphill teaches band and orchestra classes with her inherent musical talent, and she also manages the school library with her experiences and know-how.

Mrs. Hemphill has lived in China for a year and a half, and has visited Guilin and Young Zhou. She is currently looking forward to a visit Beijing too. Even though she has been in China for a year and half, she still has an unsolved problem: “Chinese is still one of the most difficult assignments for me, because of this; I’m still struggling when I shop,” she said.

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During her spare time, she enjoys reading books, watching movies, or getting together with her friends; she enjoys cooking too. This year, Mrs. Hemphill is planning to carry out some great events. First, she is preparing for her QSI curriculum writing for music. Furthermore, she is getting ready for some musical performances such as Band and Orchestra, who will be performing for the musical "You're a Good Man Charlie Brown," the solo contest, and Secondary Graduation, that will be held May 17-18, April, and in June, respectively. If you are really interested in playing instruments and participating one of these performances, please ask Mrs. Hemphill, she will be happy to answer any of your questions.



Don't You Just Love Writing?

By. Mouthman

Valentine's Day didn't begin with hugs and kisses. Instead, students were presented with a stack of paper and writing prompts. Perhaps some students hugged and kissed their papers, but this will be kept on the down low. It was the first day of ERB's Writing Assessment Program (WrAP). All high school students pulled out their pencils and began planning their essays according to their prompts. Maartje vd. Woude of Secondary I was quite satisfied with the topic she was given. "We had to write about downloading illegal music and what our views were concerning copyrights, and I love music." Dexter Kan of Secondary III seemed a little less excited by the prospect of having to write on Valentine's Day. "They should've given us a Valen-



Leo ponders hard

tine's Day prompt, who would ruin such a day?" Secondary III and IV students were given the same prompt regarding the taking of credit. There are always people in the world who want to take credit for something they haven't done. People are far less competitive when it comes to actually doing the work. QSI students were ready

to share their views.

Soon after the first fifty minutes of writing were complete, the school was filled with Singing Valentines and an air of love and friendship flowed through the halls. The very next day would start off with students pulling out their pencils, hugging their papers, and finishing their essays with hearts of delight.



The Puzzle Department StuCo. Jukebox.

Fill out the below logic puzzle, write your name, rip off this page, and hand into Jukebox during lunch. First student to submit a correct puzzle will receive a 50 RMB punch card. Brought to you by StuCo.

Young love... It's what everyone wants, isn't it? Sometimes it can be tricky. Match each couple and what they will do as a date. You may use X's and O's to represent connections on the grid.

	Dustin	Samuel	Ben	Dmitri	Ian	Cinema	Ice Rink	Laser Tag	Walk on the Beach	Picnic
Loretta										
Hannah										
Bridget										
Friday										
Charlotte										
Cinema										
Ice Rink										
Laser Tag										
Walk on the Beach										
Picnic										

Answers



- 1) Dustin is going to the beach.
- 2) Loretta is going with the guy who likes Laser Tag.
- 3) The person who is going to the ice Rink is not with Friday or Bridget.
- 4) The Cinema is closed on Tuesday, Ian and Dmitri's day off.
- 5) "So Friday, you hear about *Phantom Menace 3D* being out?"
- 6) Of Charlotte and Hannah, one is going to the Ice Rink and the other with Samuel.
- 7) Ben is not going to the Ice Rink or to a Picnic.
- 8) Ben and Friday are a couple.
- 9) Dmitri is kind of violent, and Charlotte likes picnics.

Boy

Girl

Type of Date

1) _____
 2) _____
 3) _____
 4) _____
 5) _____
